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OUR TWENTY-NINTH VOLUME.

ONCE more the pleasure devolves upon us of addressing a few words to our readers at the commencement of a new Volume—to mark, as it were, the completion of another mile on our course, and to record our start on a TWENTY-NINTH STAGE. We have now been so long associated with the Craft Universal in a journalistic capacity that we regard its members as intimate personal friends, whose good wishes and encouragement it is our especial desire to secure. Our past career is the best guarantee we can offer for our future behaviour, and our fondest hope is that we may deserve, year by year, increased support from those for whom we cater, and that what we do may result for the benefit of the Craft and the advancement of its members. Once more we tender thanks for the encouragement that has been accorded us, and once again we promise to do all that lies in our power to merit an even greater share of the suffrages of Freemasons, both at home and abroad. Such are the sentiments with which we launch our TWENTY-NINTH VOLUME, which, we trust, will be brought to a successful termination in regular course, and will be followed by many more in years to come.

BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

(Continued from Vol. XXVIII., page 405.)

FOR reasons given in my article of the 15th December, I must beg to be excused entering into a discussion as to the truth or falsity of Dermott's account of Sir Christopher Wren's Grand Mastership; possibly Brother Norton may be right; if so Dermott, of course, must have been wrong, as many other historians have been who have had better opportunities for ascertaining the truth than a journeyman painter could have had in the middle of the last century. For my own part I am not disposed to accept either Anderson's or Dermott's account of the origin and formation of the Grand Lodge of 1717 as perfectly reliable; and, moreover, I do not expect to find any man infallible, not even Bro. Norton, who, in my opinion, is unjust to himself in stating that he disbelieves "anything and everything that was written by Dermott, and even his Grand Lodge records are, in my opinion, utterly unworthy of credence." I am not quite sure that we agree as to what should come under the definition of "records," but I think the term ought certainly to include the Minute Books and Registers of the Grand Lodge; if these are what Bro. Norton deems "unworthy of credence" I am fairly puzzled to know what, in his opinion, *is* worthy of credence. I know he has seen some of the Registers, but am not sure that he has examined the Minute Books. If he has not, his expression of opinion ought not to influence any one, and if he has, I am quite certain it will not affect the views of those brethren who are personally familiar with them, and are quite as capable of forming an opinion as to their credibility as he is. I always like to give honour where honour is due, and shall, therefore, without hesitation, assign to Bro. Jacob Norton the merit of having been the very first to give expression to an opinion that the Grand Lodge records of the Ancients are "unworthy of credence." It is just possible, however, that there *may* be some few inquisitive people scattered about the world who would like to know something more about the said "records" before coming to a conclusion. It is but fair therefore that I should state that they are not *printed books*, but the veritable written transactions of the various meetings, in the handwriting of the different Grand Secretaries, recorded at the time of occurrence; those written by Dermott himself, which I assume that Bro. Norton considers as *most* "unworthy of credence," embracing a period when in their wildest dreams of future power and prosperity the Ancients could never have imagined such an event would ever come to pass as an union on more than equitable terms with their formidable opponents, who affected to hold them in so much contempt. These books were handed over, with the other property of the "Ancients," to the custody of the officials of the United Grand Lodge some twenty-four years after the death of Dermott, and I can safely say that they have never been tampered with from the time they were written to the present day.

With regard to the incident which first raised Bro. Norton's suspicions of Dermott's natural propensity for forging documents; we all know how easy it is to discover faults if we set out in search of them, and this, it appears, is what Brother Norton has done all through his investigation of this question of the "Ancients." Hence his frequent mistakes. I will readily admit that he is very much at a disadvantage in the matter of obtaining information, whereas I have every facility of daily and hourly access to original records and documents such as no other person has ever had, or, at all events, no one of this generation has ever availed himself of. The great difference between us may be accounted for by the fact that in approaching an historical subject I do so with strict impartiality. I look for *truth* and reliable evidence, and have met with a fair amount of success; hence I can see nothing inconsistent or extraordinary in the incident which first awakened Bro. Norton's suspicions, of course bearing in mind the great difference betweeen the years 1757 and 1888, and the *fact* that the second letter, which he refers to as having been read in the Grand Lodge in 1762 was not read until exactly *ten years after that date*, viz., on the 2nd September 1772.

In dealing with this very difficult subject, it must be admitted that Bro. Gould has treated it most carefully and most exhaustively, according to the information at his command; and if Bro. Norton will again refer to p 446 of the fourth volume of his very valuable work he will, I make no doubt, readily admit that *he* has made the mistake and not Bro. Gould. That a Deputy Grand Secretary in 1772 should not be well posted in everything that was said and done by a Grand Secretary in the name of his Grand Lodge fifteen years previously is not a matter of surprise to me. In all

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probability he was not even a Mason in 1757, and was not appointed to the office of D.G.S. until 1763. Bro. Calder, who held the office of Grand Secretary of Ireland in 1757, was superseded in 1767, for negligence, and so far as I can learn he had no connection with the Grand Lodge in 1772. The very fact of this and other correspondence being mentioned in the Transactions is, in my opinion, strong presumptive evidence, not of Dermott's duplicity, but of his honesty. The letter of 1772 is apparently copied *verbatim* into the minute book, and I am almost certain that if Bro. Norton were to read it the recollection of his having expressed an opinion that it was forged or concocted by Dermott would bring a blush of shame to his good-natured and expressive countenance. Dermott was undoubtedly by far the best and most painstaking Grand Secretary the "Ancients" ever had, hence his practice of recording apparently trivial matters, which a less scrupulous person would have omitted as of no importance. Having, I think, in previous articles, conclusively disposed of the assertion that "all the Warrants given by the Ancients during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Blessington have somehow disappeared," I need not dilate at any great length on the statement as to there being a Warrant as well as a Deputation in Nova Scotia, which although headed *Blesinton* are not signed by the Grand Master, but by "Lau. Dermott G. Sec." At present I have only Bro. Norton's unsupported assertion on the one side; and on the other, the Transactions of "Grand Lodge at the Five Bells Tavern, 7th Decr. 1757," one of the items reading thus:—"Heard petitions from His Excellency Charles Laurence Governor of Nova Scotia, Major Erasmus James Phillips, Esq, William Nisbett, Esq., Alexander Murray, Esq., and 57 others praying to be warranted, viz., one Provincial Grand Warrant and two private Warrants for the Province of Nova Scotia." "Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall immediately prepare the said Warrants, &c." Now, to my thinking this business seems all fair and above board, and unless Bro. Norton can produce reliable evidence to the contrary I shall prefer to believe that there was as little forgery in this as in the case of Warrants issued in England.

To Bro. Norton's next question, "What kind of a Grand Master did Lord Blessington make?" I answer, unhesitatingly, as good an one as any other of that period, and better than many on either side, notwithstanding that he did not attend a single meeting of the Grand Lodge, "and was installed in his own library in Margaret-street." The correspondence relating to Lord Blessington's first election as Grand Master of the "Ancients" is given in extenso on pp 84, 85, 86 of *Masonic Facts and Fictions*, and it will be observed that his Lordship says, "As I shall be out of Town St. John's Day, I must beg leave to act by Deputy." This letter was read in Grand Lodge on the 27th December (St. John's Day) 1756, and afterwards "the Grand Lodge proceeded to the Instalment of Grand Master, which was done by proxy in the person of the Honourable Edward Vaughan, Esq., who Rec'd all the Honours, &c., &c., &c." And then the Grand Secretary proclaimed the new Grand Master, so that as a matter of fact he was installed in the same way as several of the Grand Masters on the "Modern" side. I find, on referring to the Grand Lodge minutes that Bro. Norton is mistaken in saying that "the evidence of Lord Blessington's private installation rests solely on Dermott's testimony," for the statement in question was *not made* by Dermott, but by the Deputy Grand Master (William Dickey), at a meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 25th November 1767, in the presence of the Grand Master and several other distinguished Masons, as well as the members of the Grand Lodge.

It appears that a Bro. Thomas Forsyth had a grievance, and nothing would satisfy him but to air it in Grand Lodge; the complaint from which he suffered was caused by his having been left out in the cold when the Grand Master (the Hon. Thomas Mathew) was installed privately in 1767. In his own words "he did deem the Grand Master smuggled into the Grand Lodge, by which means the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers had absolutely trampled upon the good laws of Masons, &c." To which the D.G.M. replied, "That the Transaction complained of was not contrary to custom nor General Regulations. That Grand Masters in England and *Ireland* have been (at their own request) Installed in private, and that such Installations were never disputed, particularly the late Grand Master Earl of Blesinton, who was privately Install'd by the G[d] Officers & Secretary in his Lordship's *Liberary* in Margret Street."

"The Grand Master arose and acquainted the Brethren that he stood up to confirm what the Deputy had said. That he was privately Install'd by the Grand Officers and Secretary; that being Unanimously chosen he did not see where the objection could be made, &c." I should rather like to give the whole of the minutes of this meeting, for they are amusing as well as interesting, but as Bro. Norton thinks the records of the Ancients "utterly unworthy of credence" it would be useless to do so. I may, however, remark that this statement was made during the lifetime of Lord Blessington, and it has never been disputed before that I am aware of.

Since commencing my reply to Bro. Norton I have restricted myself to the very agreeable task of disproving his assertions and upsetting his conclusions. I will now venture to express an opinion on my own account, which is:—That it is utterly impossible and absurd for any one to hope to arrive at a just appreciation of the value and authenticity of these old records without a minute examination of the originals, and that any expression of opinion as to their credibility, which is based on abbreviated extracts, is not worth the paper it is printed on. I find I must take exception to the assertion that since the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Montague the regular Grand Lodge of England had no great difficulty in finding a nobleman who would cheerfully accept the Grand Master's office. Bro. Norton says this "is an undoubted *fact*;" I say it "is an undoubted *fiction*." In my last article I quote from the Grand Lodge minutes that the installation in 1725 was postponed for six months because they were "unprovided with a new noble Grand Master," and several other instances of a similar character are on record; indeed, this was the real origin of the abrogation of the Saints' days for the Installation of Grand Master; it was also the reason of the departure from the old custom of having a new Grand Master every year.

"It is an undoubted fact" that they were "unprovided with a new noble Grand Master in 1743, 1745, 1748, 1749, and 1750." Personally I attach no importance to this matter, for it was simply a question of "supply and demand," but, as Bro. Norton chose to make the assertion in order to support his charges against Dermott, and I knew it to be not strictly in accordance with the truth, I felt bound to show him that he was historically wrong. Considering the very great disparity between the "Ancients" and the "Moderns" at the time the former were trying to "hook" a noble Grand Master, and the prejudice which then existed against the lower class of Irish, of which this body was chiefly composed, the wonder to me is, not that they had some *difficulty* in getting one, but that they ever got one at all; and it is quite evident that Dermott must have used some potent and convincing arguments, or he would never have succeeded either with Lord Blessington or the other noblemen who followed him; more especially with the Duke of Athole, who was certainly no soft-hearted greenhorn such as Bro. Norton would have us believe was the case with Lord Blessington, but which I must beg leave to doubt, for when elected Grand Master he was 47 years old, already a Past Grand Master of Ireland, and was *created* a *peer* in 1745.

I was under the impression that I had effectually disposed of the unfounded and malicious partizan concoctions of Heseltine and Preston, but I was evidently mistaken, for Bro. Norton appears to have swallowed these slanders as certain small animals are said to devour the compounds artfully prepared for their destruction, *i.e.*, "with avidity," although he will not believe a single word of the other side of the story.

But, stop! I find I had nearly made a mistake myself, for he *has* condescended to admit the *possibility* that Lord Blessington "was induced, *more or less reluctantly*, to yield to Dermott's solicitation, *which he soon after regretted. Any how, he seems to have been ashamed of his new connections, for he never went near them, and was anxious to cast himself loose from Dermott and Co.*" "That such was the case may be inferred from the following extract from a letter of Brother Heseltine, Grand Secretary of England, dated 1769."* Here again Bro. Norton has allowed his imagination far too much play, and, as on previous oc-

* The letter here referred to is given in Chap. VII. of *Masonic Facts and Fictions*.

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casions, it has prompted him to make assertions for which he has no authority, and which are directly opposed to evidence. There cannot be, in my opinion, the shadow of a doubt that Lord Blessington *was* Grand Master of the "Ancients" from 1756 to 1760, for the "Transactions" of the Grand Lodge show that he was regularly elected and proclaimed every year, with his own permission, until the 24th December 1760, when, at a Grand Lodge of Emergency, the Deputy Grand Master announced that "his Lordship had signified his desire of quitting the Chair." The Earl of Kelly, who had intimated his willingness to accept the Grand Mastership, was nominated and elected at the same meeting, and installed on the following St. John's Day. There is no evidence, so far as I am aware, of any "*reluctance*" on the part of Lord Blessington to take the Chair, that he ever "regretted" that step, that he was "ashamed of his new connection," or that he "was anxious to cast himself loose from Dermott and Co." The simple fact that he performed the functions of Grand Master *longer than any* of his predecessors (with one exception), either in England, Scotland or Ireland, should suffice to dispose of each and all of these assertions. And as for his not going "near them;" that does not amount to much, for they evidently went near enough to *him* to enable him to sign the Warrants and do anything else that was required. Bro. Norton is probably not aware that some of the Grand Masters on the other side only attended Grand Lodge once during their term of office, and it may be a matter of surprise to him to learn that the present M.W.G. Master of England has not attended Grand Lodge for several years, but we do not infer thereby that His Royal Highness is ashamed of his connection, or that he wishes "to cast himself loose" from us. We know perfectly well that although our Royal Grand Master does not often preside in person over our assemblies, he takes a warm interest in the affairs of the Craft; he signs our Warrants and other documents, and indeed does everything that we can reasonably expect him to do. We also know that if H.R.H. had a desire to vacate his office he would not hesitate to give effect to such desire, in the same way as the Earl of Blessington might have done had he been so disposed. The exception to which I have alluded was Lord Byron, who was elected Grand Master of the "Moderns" on the 3rd of April 1747, and his successor was elected on the 16th March 1752. This nobleman attended Grand Lodge three times during his Grand Mastership, viz., when he was elected, when he proposed his successor, and at the ensuing Grand Feast. *

I think I have now dealt with nearly all Bro. Norton's objections; with what success I will leave to the judgment of the candid and impartial reader. I can only say that my task has been a most agreeable one, for corresponding with him, either privately or publicly, is second only to the pleasure of meeting and conversing with him, and if I have not succeeded in knocking over *all* his fads and fancies I can only express my regret, for I assure him I meant to do so, and I have done my best. He must therefore "take the will for the deed." Still, if there should be any particular subject or question which he thinks is not quite clear and satisfactory, he has only to mention it, and I shall be most happy to give it every attention. In looking over Bro. Norton's "Comments" to see whether I had left undone anything I ought to have done I stumbled against his "*whopper*," on page 242 of the CHRONICLE. Now I am not quite sure that Bro. Norton understands the meaning of the answer to which he has applied this significant phrase, and if *he* does, probably there are others who do not. I will therefore mention that the key to it may be found on the base of the pedestal which forms the frontispiece of *Masonic Facts and Fictions*, and the following explanation is given in the third and all subsequent editions of *Ahiman Rezon*:—"In the queries relative to Ancient and Modern Masonry (page xxvi.) the author of Ahiman Rezon has said that he could convey his mind to an Ancient Mason in the presence of a Modern Mason without the latter knowing whether either of them were Masons. He now positively asserts that he is able, with a few Masonic implements, *i.e*, two squares and a common gavil or hammer, to convey any word or sentence of his own, or the immediate dictations of a stranger, to a skilful or intelligent Freemason of the Ancient Order, without speaking, writing or noise; and that to any distance where the parties can see each other, and at the same time be able to distinguish squares from circles. But, as Mr. Locke observed, this is not the case with all Masons (there were no Modern Masons in his time): few of them are acquainted with this secret. The writer of this note has known it for upwards of thirty years, and has never taught it to more than six persons, of which number our Right Worshipful and very worthy Deputy Grand Master, William Dickey Esq., is one, and Brother Shatwell, the publisher of this book, another."

Doubtless some of my readers are aware that Dermott alludes to what is known as "the Old Masonic Alphabet" (probably a relic of the Operative Masons), the knowledge of which he appears to have been not a little proud of, for he has used it occasionally in his Registers and Minute Books, but the best specimen of his handiwork of this kind is that previously mentioned on the frontispiece of *Masonic Facts and Fictions*. I am inclined to think that it was not so much a mystery to the Moderns as he imagined; probably it may have gone out of fashion in London and have been comparatively lost sight of in that neighbourhood: hence he fancied it was almost restricted to the Society to which he belonged; I have certainly never met with it in either books or documents appertaining to the Moderns, but I have on those belonging to their rivals. This explanation will probably render the "*whopper*" less formidable than it appears at first sight.

Hitherto my efforts have been chiefly directed towards defending the character of Laurence Dermott, and I venture to think I have at all events succeeded in proving that he was not quite "so black as he is painted;" next week I hope to be able to ask Bro. Norton's opinion on certain features of my theory as set forth in the book which he evidently imagines he has so minutely examined and so fairly and exhaustively criticised.

(To be continued.)

* My Note book tells me that William, fifth Lord Byron, killed William Chaworth, Esq., in a duel, 26th Jan. 1765; was tried by his peers in Westminster Hall and found guilty of Manslaughter; but, claiming the benefit of the statute of Edward VI., he was discharged upon simply paying his fees. He was great-uncle of the celebrated poet, who succeeded him as sixth Lord Byron.

MASONIC FREEDOM.

THE true conception of Masonry is a grand and sublime one. It is at once an inductive and deductive philosophy of man as a social being. As a man is free so is Masonry—free. But true freedom is circumscribed by duties. The freedom of the individual man or organisation implies the freedom of other men and organisations, and is incompatible with conflict; hence the local Lodge prescribes the limit of the freedom of the individual, and the Grand Lodge defines the liberty of the offshoot. These governmental prescriptions recognise the individual as a part of a large whole. They aim at the harmony of symphony—"To see that none go away dissatisfied, harmony being the strength and support of all organisations, more especially of ours."

The most virtuous and philosophical limitation of human conduct is a positive prescription of duties. A law which forbids without defining a duty is of no benefit to any one but imbeciles and criminals in whom the last vestige of humanity is obliterated by abasement.

Freedom does not imply unlimited power on the part of the individual. My freedom is as sacred as yours and yours as mine. You have no right to curtail my liberty; nor I yours. If my lust and avarice crave wealth, it is not my privilege to wrong you by base advantage of my superiority of power, if, perchance, my wealth admits of my curtailing your ability by heavily mortgaging your property, or otherwise plunging you into difficulties from which you cannot extricate yourself. Such a principle of action would not exercise itself in "seeing that none go away dissatisfied," and would be very distantly removed from the production of harmony. Unbridled exercise of power is a strong mark of slavery—slavery to a principle of avarice and lust.

The great Napoleon of warlike fame was as great a slave to his ambition in the exercise of his power and peculiarly skilful military tactics as the lone negro weighed down by the chains of his bondage in a central African jungle.

Unbridled ambition is the offspring of selfishness, and

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selfishness, with its attendant evils, is as inconsistent with Freemasonry as hatred is to love, darkness to light. The contrast is invidious. Ideal freedom and harmony are almost synonymous. All the sublime precepts of this institution of ours are based upon the positive and acknowledged facts of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. God, Grand Architect and Master Mason, and each individual and component part in the association of Masons, unitedly work out their designs of the ultimate conception of his mind in the consummation of all things. Each man has his individual work to do, and he must not encroach on the domain of his fellow Craftsman or the edifice must lack beauty and symmetry, and be insecure.

Masonry recognises man as a moral and responsible being, endowed with all the responsibilities of progression. Nor is an active being and permanency of condition possible. He must act either in the line of duty, progress and ennoblement of character, or in sad deterioration of those characteristics which make him the lord of the creation of an invisible God. There is nothing stationary in this vastly complex universe. Every created atom and molecule in restless procession advances in one vast phalanx towards the realisation of the inscrutable conception of a Master mind, the Grand Master Mason of mind and matter. We observe the progression of matter in the growth of plants, animals and the stature of man, the formation of rocks, coal and gems and the development of low animal life to a higher state of life and instinct. Yet the material creation is only the expression of the spiritual and invisible. The existence of the outward and tangible is conditional and limited by time, they flourish and die. Shall man alone with his keen insight into the laws of cause and effect be a dwarf incapable of further growth midst the development of creation? Shall his servant, matter, which everywhere is subservient to his will, grow while his growth is stunted by the perversity of his inclinations? Shall she which he tramples under his foot, with which he builds his house, clothes his body, allays his hunger, "teach men knowledge?" While she advances in the growth of development shall man alone retrograde in the backward path of declination from virtue to vice? Should such be the contemptuous ambition of any one, by the very desire of his heart he has outlawed himself from the benefit of any society or organisation which has for its object the moral elevation of man, for by the terms of our obligation we are bound to support only worthy brother Masons.

Methinks it is one of the gross evils of the day for men to fly into the precincts of noble institutions to hide their sins and crimes. One man clothes himself in the unsullied garments of the Prince of Peace to serve the devil. He hopes by outside appearance to hide the guilt of his soul, but the contrast between the immaculate livery he wears and his own inconsistent conduct brings the just contempt of less assuming men (for by common consent all detest inconsistency), and with derision they point at him the finger of scorn and call him a hypocrite. Another enters into the fraternal courts of Freemasonry, and with mock humility binds himself under the most solemn vows to uphold its dignity by consistency in life and growth in virtue, but gives the lie to his solemn oath in his daily conduct of life. He boasts of the pure principles of Masonry with loud gusto, but by the profanity of his lips, sincerity of purpose contradicts the words of his mouth. It is no wonder that men entertain misconceived ideas about our laudable assembly. They form their estimation of our conclave from the life-representation of its individual members.—*Freemason's Repository.*

Among the special features of the new volume of *Little Folks* Magazine, commencing with the January number, are:—A new serial story by Mrs. Molesworth, called "Little Mother Bunch;" another serial entitled "Red Feather: a tale of the American Frontier," by Edward S. Ellis; a special series of papers describing "Child Life at the Courts of Europe," with full-page illustrations of royal children, from authentic photographs;" "Legends and Rhymes of the Birds;" "From Seed to Blossom," a series of chats by Maggie Symington; full-page fanciful illustrations by Walter Crane, with verses appropriate to the various months, &c., &c. In the January number full particulars are also printed of several new special prize competitions for 1889, in which a large number of valuable prizes and medals are offered.

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THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The excellent articles which appeared in your issues of 7th September and 27th October ought to be regarded as timely words of warning, not as "arousing fears of despondency and distrust." This is a progressive age: to stand still is to be left behind, but our glorious Masonic Charities have nothing to fear if salutary suggestions are received in a proper spirit, and endeavours made to correct flagrant defects.

It is well known that one or two antiquated Masons—unduly impressed with Metropolitan importance—think they could get on very well without the help of the Provinces. But, surely, these are only insignificant units compared with the great multitude of London brethren who (to use your own words) would regard with regret and alarm "the withdrawal of Provincial support from the London Institutions."

There can be no doubt that several of the larger Provinces are establishing their own Educational and Benevolent Institutions, and as a natural consequence that part of the contributions which have hitherto gone to support the three Royal Masonic Institutions will be diverted to found and enrich several smaller local Charities. But it must be remembered that whilst a portion of the funds are thus diverted, the London Institutions are at the same time relieved of a number of candidates. The benefits afforded by the great central Institutions being much greater than our local Charities can bestow, it would seem advisable that we, in the Provinces, should regard the Royal Educational Institutions as a higher school for eligible boys and girls, and our rich Benevolent Institution as an asylum for brethren whose needs our local funds are insufficient to supply satisfactorily.

Certainly it would not tend to the credit of the Order if our glorious Institutions—those temples built by Freemasons of former ages—were allowed to suffer penury or decay. But to my mind there is no fear of this if the management be judicious and the administration not extravagant. Provincial brethren ought to be regarded as partners in these great concerns. Let all feelings of opposition or estrangement between London and Provincial Brethren be banished, and rest assured there is sufficient opulence and benevolence in our antient and honourable Order to support both local institutions and the three glorious Charities which justifiably evoke the pride of Freemasons.

It seems difficult to understand why the Educational Institutions should be constantly attacked whilst the Benevolent is allowed to escape the notice of censorious critics. It should always be borne in mind that the Educational Institutions have large establishments to support, as well as an expensive tutorial staff, and the recent attack upon the Boys' School proves that anything like parsimony, or anything that can be construed into harshness in the application of knowledge, will subject them to vilification and angry abuse. Again, the benefits derived from these Institutions are to a great extent developed in the future, whilst the benefits derived from the Benevolent are present and palpable. It may be that, with regard to benefits distributed in coin of the realm and immediately realisable, recipients and their friends do not scrutinise too carefully the expenses of conveyance or the filterings of the precious metal between the donors and the recipients. Yet if the accounts presented to the Court of Governors on 18th May 1888 are critically examined, no one can wonder that there exists a feeling of discontent in the Provinces.

The Benevolent Institution being divided into two Branches the accounts are also divided, but for the purpose of our examination they are given together, as on top of next page.

The Report of the Committee of Management says:—"The audited statement of accounts for the year ended 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."

Let us pass over the item, Jubilee Gratuities £335, for the Audit Committee do not tell us who received the gratuities, although I see in your article of 27th October you call attention to the fact that the General Committee of the Institution for Girls decided to expend the sum of one hundred guineas in order to present the staff and pupils with a medal or badge to celebrate the Centenary. Moreover, as Jubilees do not come every year, one may regard this as exceptional, not annual, expenditure. But we cannot so readily admit the "due regard to economy," when we find that the Collector received £639 15s 8d for commission on the amount contributed to the funds of this Institution. Neither of the other Institutions pays anything to a Collector. Last year the amount contributed to the Institution for Girls amounted to £50,000, yet no Collector was employed, and not one penny was paid for commission. It would seem that there can be little need for the services of a Collector to the Benevolent, because the returns are more solid, and substantial contributions will be more readily subscribed to this than to either of the other Institutions. Experience proves that an eloquent and efficient Secretary makes the best Collector. It is not supposed that the efforts of the

* Query:—Why does the year end 31st March?

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Widows' Fund.	Male Fund.	Disbursements.	Male Fund.	Widows' Fund.
		Collector's Commission	271 18 6	367 17 8
		Messenger	5 0 0	5 0 0
		Postages and petty expenses	251 14 2	251 14 2
		Provincial and other expenses	80 0 1	80 0 1
		Printing	215 15 9	222 10 10
		Assistance in office	13 0 0	13 0 0
77 14 6	77 14 5	Rates and taxes, Asylum		
181 0 0	154 0 0	Jubilee gratuities		
		Salaries, office	417 10 0	417 10 0
	20 0 0	Warden		
62 0 0		Matron		
28 12 0	54 12 0	Pension, and gardener's salary		
		Hire of Hall on day of election	2 12 6	2 12 6
		Rent, &c., office	45 0 0	45 0 0
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Collector in the Provinces have added anything to the funds of the Institution. It is quite certain that the Collector did not influence to the smallest extent the contribution of £2670 received during this year from East Lancashire, the amounts having been remitted direct from the Lodges to the office. Let subscribers consider that Collector's commission £639 15s 8d, and £7 10s paid for guarantee, would be sufficient to make provision for

9 old men, each £40, £360; 9 widows, each £32, £288. Total £648.

and yet a Collector is allowed to allocate this amount, whilst every year we are exhorted to subscribe more because so many poor and distressed Masons and bereaved widows are knocking at the door for admission.

The amounts charged for postages seem to be very heavy—£251 14s 2d for each branch of the Institution—total, £503 8s 4d. But as the Auditors enter these as "postages and petty expenses," it is not easy to say how much has been paid for postages and how much for that convenient item in accounts "sundries."

The last published accounts of the much-abused Institution for Boys give this item—"petty expenses, including postages, £205 5s," which is probably a very reasonable amount, considering that this Institution transmits balloting papers twice during each year, whilst the Benevolent only has one issue of papers. Again, the charge for printing, £438 6s 7d, seems high compared with a similar charge in the 1887 account of the Girls' Institution, which is for stationery, books of subscribers, postage, balloting papers, printing, &c., &c. £473 2s 11d, always bearing in mind that this Institution also has two elections during each year.

It seems rather anomalous that the Educational Institutions, which are intended for the young who are beginning life, which may possibly be extended for many years, should afford two opportunities for entrance during each year, whilst the Benevolent, which is for the aged who, nearing the end of their days have little time to spare, and unless admitted speedily may never realise the kind hearted sympathy of their brethren, only opens its doors once during the year. The election of last May affords melancholy evidence of this, as several brethren had shuffled off this mortal coil in the short space of time between the making up of the list of candidates and the day of election. We may well imagine our aged and infirm brethren with their last breath uttering those pathetic words, "Too late, too late." Surely this is a case where the old Latin axiom applies, *bis dat qui cito dat.*

In the Provinces it is generally supposed that the Stewards' fees cover all the costs of the Festival and refreshments, yet we find in this account "Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants £74 13s 9d," which seems to require some explanation. Altogether it appears from this statement of accounts that without taking into consideration the items on the left of our statement, amounting to £876 3s 7d, which perhaps it would not be right to charge as expenses of administration, it has cost £279 14s to dispense £14,387 in annuities, which is as nearly as possible 20 per cent. upon the amount distributed, so that every £1000 paid away in annuities has contributed £200 towards expenses. We are forcibly reminded of the cynic's contribution to the offertory, namely, one penny and one sovereign, placed very carefully on the plate. When asked to explain the meaning of this very eccentric almsgiving, he informed his interrogator that the sovereign was intended to carry the penny to its ultimate destination.

Perhaps the auditors in their next statement of accounts will enter a little further into particulars, so that the subscribers may be enabled better to judge how far the Committee of Management are justified in claiming credit for the administration of the funds "with a due regard to economy."

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES A. BIRCH,

Chairman of Charity Committee East Lancashire.

[We insert the above letter, as requested, but much can be said on both sides of the questions raised, and we think it desirable to warn our readers not to form any independent opinion until the other side has had an opportunity for reply.—ED. F.C.]

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE members held their annual meeting on the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Bro. W. T. Hocking, the W.M., presided, and the W.M.-elect, Bro. William King, was installed. Bros. W. T. Hocking the retiring W.M., J. B. Gover P.P.G. Sec., J. Griffin P.P.G.S.D., and W. F. Westcott were the Installing Officers. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. W. T. Hooking I.P.M., Wreford S.W., Evans J.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, Pengelly Treasurer, Gover Secretary, Colling S.D., Hicks J.D., Symons D.C., Carr A.D.C., Jacob O., Goad I.G., Griffin, Brock, Sercombe, and Burton Stewards, and Phillips Tyler. Bro. Lemon presented to the Lodge an old tracing board of the Athole Masons framed, which he said he thought would be of much interest to the members, as that was an Athole Lodge. He also presented a photograph of an engraving of the Temple of Solomon, with sections of the Council Chamber, Sanctum Sanctorum, belonging to the Yarborough Lodge 554. Both presents were very cordially accepted, with hearty thanks to the donor. Twenty guineas were unanimously voted by the Lodge to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. In the evening the brethren held their annual banquet. Bro. W. King presided. During the evening an excellent entertainment of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was furnished by brethren. Among those who assisted were Bros. Bishopschwerder, Macey, Kennedy, Elford and Lavers. A handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to the immediate Past Master. It bore the inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. W. T. Hocking, by the members of Lodge St. John, No 70, as a mark of esteem and of their appreciation of his services as Master, on his retirement from office, December 27th A.L. 5888."

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE annual meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the Hall, Granby-street, Devonport. The W.M.-elect Bro. Richard Carter was installed. Bros. J. Leonard the retiring W.M., E. J. Knight, J. B. Price, J. Viggers, and H. Welch were the installing Officers. The Officers invested were:—Bros. J. Leonard I.P.M., Bray S.W., Oldfield J.W., Axworthy Chaplain, Welch Treasurer, Sandy Secretary, Holman S.D., Hancock J.D., Verdi D.C., Martin A.D.C., Maunder O., Corry and Collins Stewards, Lark and Tilley Assistant Stewards, Shears Tyler. Five guineas were voted to constitute Bro. J. Leonard a governor of the Devon Masonic Education Fund. Three guineas were voted between Devonport Coal, Blanket and Soup Societies. At the close of the Lodge the brethren supped together, and a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, was presented to the retiring Past Master, with the inscription:—

"Presented to Worshipful Brother John Leonard I.P.M. by the brethren of Lodge Friendship, 202, as a mark of their high esteem and regard, 1888. R. Carter W.M., A. Verdi Hon. Treas.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 2021.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, 18th ult., when Bro. Alexander Jones was installed by Bro. Delevante P.M. Organist, in the presence of a board of 36 Installed Masters. The other brethren having been readmitted, Bro. Bellerby I.P.M. delivered the addresses, and the W.M. having invested his Officers, the Lodge was closed. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to the banqueting room where covers were laid for 111, the largest number to which this Lodge has as yet attained. Grace having been sung by a musical party, kindly provided by Bro. Delevanto, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the Queen and the Craft. He had no hesitation in coupling the name of the Craft with that of Her Most Gracious Majesty, as he was convinced that there was no more loyal body of men under her sway than the Freemasons. In proposing the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the W.M. said it was a great honour to be presided over by the "First Gentleman in the Land," and one who had made himself so popular with every class in the community. He thought the brethren would agree with him in saying that if the G.A.O.T.U. should in his own good time, see fit to call upon the Prince of Wales

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to rule us, he would become the most popular monarch that had ever ruled the destinies of this mighty empire. The toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, was most ably responded to by Bro. Fenn, and in a few words by Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, who said that he was amazed at the rapid strides the Lodge had made since he had the pleasure of consecrating it some five years ago. He trusted it would continue in its career of prosperity. Bro. Charles Bellerby I.P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Alexander Jones, whom he had been intimately acquainted with for many years, and who was his Father in Masonry. The W.M. having thanked the brethren for the exceeding cordiality with which they had received the toast, said that now he had the felicity of placing on the breast of the I.P.M. the gold jewel of the Lodge, awarded to him unanimously by the brethren for the excellent manner in which he had presided over them both in the Lodge and at the banquet table during the last twelve months. Bro. Geo. Lambert P.M. P.G.S B. then said the W.M. had entrusted him with the gavel for the purpose of proposing the toast of the Visitors. It would probably be within the memory of most of the brethren that a Masonic Rifle Match, consisting of ten members from each of the Volunteer Lodges of the Metropolis, viz., the Queen's, the London Rifle Brigade, the 1st Surrey Rifles, and the South Middlesex, had taken place at Caterham during the Autumn, and was won, after an exciting match, by the Queen's, with a few points only to the good. A wish having been generally expressed to make the match an annual event he had great pleasure in offering for their acceptance the gavel he now held in his hand (which was a very handsome and useful present, being mounted in silver, with the four Coats of Arms of the competing regiments in silver around it). The same to be held by the W.M. of the winning Lodge for twelve months, and to be called by general desire "The Lambert Challenge Gavel." He greeted and welcomed the whole of the Visitors present, and coupled with the toast the names of the Worshipful Masters of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, the 1st Surrey Rifles Lodge, and La France Lodge, also Brother Alderman Williamson of the Province and loyal City of Worcester. These brethren suitably responded on behalf of the Visitors. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Initiate, which was replied to by Bro. Hone in a most effective and telling manner, fairly rousing the brethren to enthusiasm. The toast of the Past Masters was given, including Bro. Bellerby I.P.M., Geo. Lambert P.G.S.B., Clifford Probyn, Payne, whose year of office, the W.M. said, was signalled by such perfection of working as few could equal and none excel. Also Bros. Herbert Lambert, George Coop Secretary, and Delevante Organist, the latter being desired by the W.M. to step forward to enable him to be invested with the P.M.'s collar and the gold jewel of the Lodge, unanimously voted by the brethren in recognition of his valuable and talented services since the formation of the Lodge. Bro. Delevante suitably responded in one of his usual characteristic and eloquent speeches. Bro. George Coop, in responding to the toast of the Secretary, made a strong appeal to the brethren to support his List for the "Old People," of which Institution he is a Steward for the forthcoming Festival. The Officers of the Lodge having each responded to the toast of their Health, the Tyler brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close. The musical arrangements were of a very high order, the overture to "Zampa," led by Bro. F. Delevante, being received with loud and prolonged applause. Among the visitors were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Sec., Thos. Fenn P.B.G.P., Wm. Bywater P.G.S.B., J. Terry P.G.S.B., W. Wilson P.G.P., W. B. Williamson P.G.W. Worcestershire, J. Zacharie D.G.M. California, Dickinson W.M. 164, Ansbacher P.M. 73, Gawith P.M. and Sec. 2045, Padmore 528, Saunders P.M. and Treasurer 1503, J. Bladen J.D. 1839, Gross W.M. 1314, Wetzlar J.W. 141, St. Clair W.M. La France, Blumden P.M. 865, Cranch W.M. 1216, Turner S.W. 1216, Roach S.W. 85, Harvey J.W. 1216, Carter P.G.J.D. Kent, Gardner P.M. Sec. 2012, Walker W.M. 1962, Newton J.W. 569, Pellatt 1194, Woodward P.M. 1920, Isaacson S.W. 1321, Head 1791, Corner 312, Lambert J.W. 198, Montennis P.M. 2060, Harnell S.D. 511, Lee W.M. 198, Cornise 1319, Owen P.M. 1287, McDougall P.M. 1962, Tayton 1962. Beason P.M. 1321, Shiell 34, Wedge 749, Groves 55, Williams S.W. 198, Rees 799, Nearden 171, Rowbotham 1624, Hambleton 1319, Collens P.M. 766, Tyler 219, Watkin I.G. 1257, Birkett 569, Harris 533, Robinson 860, Goffin G.D.C. Surrey, Bullock P.M. 101, and Cleghorn P.M. 1287.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. Moss Preceptor, R. J. Chillingworth W.M., Ansell S.W., Dodd J.W., Saqui Secretary, Pege P.M. S.D., Davis J.D., Phillips I.G.; Bros. Botibol, Marks, Poppmacher, Carrociero. Visitor—Bro. Da Costa. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the first lecture. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Da Costa candidate. It was resolved that the annual dinner of the Lodge of Instruction take place on the 15th instant, at the Manchester Hotel.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual New Year's Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon took place on Wednesday, when a number of friends of the Institution assembled, and assisted in providing an evening's amusement for the residents. Among those present were Bros. James Terry (Secretary), Mrs. and the Misses Terry, C. F. Hogard, T. Hastings Miller and the Misses Miller, Thomas Cubitt, H. Cotter, J. J. Berry, W. J. Crutch, Robert Halford, Mrs. and Miss Halford, R. W. Stewart, John Newton, Mrs. and Miss Newton, Alex. Mullord and Mrs. Mullord, J. G. Tongue, Mrs. and the Misses Tongue, J. Cooper, H. Cox, C. Kempton and Mrs. Kempton, C. G. Hill and Mrs. Hill, J. W. Sacon and Mrs. Sacon, W. W. Morgan, C. J. Dury and Miss Dury, H. Massey and the Misses Massey, E. G. Smith and Mrs. Smith, the Misses Crutch, Clara Miller, M. J. and L. Raikes, J. E. Terry, Charles Lacey, &c. The dinner was presided over by Bro. Dr. Strong, and at its conclusion the customary toast of Success to the Institution was given; with it being coupled the names of Bro. James Terry the Secretary, and Miss Norris the Matron. In the course of his reply, Bro. Terry gave a brief sketch of the work being done by the Institution, which now provides annuities for 430 old people—a striking contrast to what was being done some twenty years ago, when the Charity was scarcely known. He spoke of the great improvements that had taken place in the building of the Institution; the hall in which they were then assembled—for instance—being a modern improvement, and one which was generally appreciated. Here they were enabled once a week to have a little gathering, and the piano, which had so kindly been provided by friends, was frequently requisitioned. Speaking of the future of the Institution he said their prospects were encouraging, and he hoped that their Anniversary Festival, shortly to be held, would be a great success; at the same time the best efforts of their friends would be necessary in order to secure all that was needed for the year's work. Later in the evening a musical entertainment was provided, Bros. De Lacy, Schartau, and Kenningham, with lady assistants, giving their services. In the course of the proceedings fraternal greetings passed between those assembled at Croydon and the Lancashire annuitants, who hold a similar gathering on the same day each year. Reference was also made to the fact that the funds of the Institution are not taxed for these entertainments, the necessary charges being defrayed by a special fund provided for the purpose. The residents received the customary gifts of tea and tobacco.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Grand.—The success that Mr. Charles Wilmot deserves, after his plucky attempt to tide over his misfortune of last Christmas, is likely to be achieved from his latest pantomime. Once more he has entrusted our old friend Geoffrey Thorn with the task of preparing the book, and this gentleman entitles the pantomime "Sweet Cinderella, or Harlequin the Prince and the Lass, and the Slipper of Glass." Mr. Thorn has written a pantomime that may at once be said to be witty and amusing, both to young and old. Funny sayings, comical songs, and plenty of go, are embraced in the work, and while the author has followed closely the fairy tale, he has left plenty of scope for the display of good scenery and pretty dresses. These are seen to most advantage in the scene where a picnic is presented; a ballet, described as taking place in the Silver Moonbeams. Here there are some pretty and artistic dresses, capitally displayed by the grouping of the dancers. Later on the grand hall of the Prince's Palace is shown, and once more a ballet takes place, with equally good result; this is described as the Sappho ballet. Then follows some amusing scenes leading up to the Throne room of the Palace, where, after a fine procession, Cinderella comes forward to own the lost slipper. This is the signal for general rejoicings in the shape of the grand fête of Santa Claus and arrival of the Seven Champions. After this the principals pair off, and all ends happily with a grand transformation scene representing the "Triumph of True Love." This was most artistically arranged, and called forth loud applause. The songs are excellent, while frequent use is made of the popular topics of the day. The artistes engaged are an excellent troupe, and well fitted for their respective tasks. Miss Dot Mario gives us an ideal Cinderella, singing and dancing in excellent style, while Miss Julia Warden is vivacious and interesting as the Prince. Messrs. Fred Williams and Mark Kinghorne have plenty of scope for showing their abilities, and as the two ugly sisters they certainly avail themselves of their opportunity, while Mr. Joe Burgess is most amusing as the father of the girls. Miss Laura Maxwell is interesting as the good fairy, and Mr. L. C. Dunbar sings in most agreeable style as the Prince's Prime Minister. The Paragon Quartette, the Sisters Wallis, Miss Dora Douglas, all add to the enjoyment of the piece. A special word of praise is due to the scene allotted to the little children, who sing and dance to well-known nursery rhymes in most effective style. Mr. J. M. Jones has arranged the ballets and trained the children, and certainly he has done his work well. The Harlequinade that follows is above the average, and with Mr. Jones as Clown causes plenty of fun for all present. Mr. Wilmot is to be congratulated on his 1888 pantomime, which will rank among the most complete he has produced, and one of the best to be seen in London this year.

Mohawk Minstrels.—After a vacation during the Cattle Show Week these Minstrels returned to their favourite home at Islington with an entirely new and varied programme for the holiday season. Messrs. Campbell, Gordon, Oliver and Elsworth—the most popular of the ballad singers—gave some telling selections, whilst the comic songs were entrusted to Messrs. Johnny Danvers, Walter Howard, and Little Thomas. The first part concludes with a new comicality, produced by Mr. Campbell, entitled the "Dinner at the Mohawks' Club." The second part opens with the antics of the two Armstrongs, the latest of the tribe of knock-about comedians. To our mind they are equal to the "Macs." There is a characteristic plantation sketch, written by Mr. E. Forman, called "Will the Boys Come Back?" Little Thomas sings "Who Killed Cock Warren?" on truly comic lines, for which he is loudly encored. Mr. Schofield contributes to the grotesque element in the shape of a burlesque ballet scena. The programme concludes with the ever popular sketch "The Black Mummy." These Minstrels deserve the patronage with which their new programme has been favoured; it equals, if it does not excel, all their previous efforts.

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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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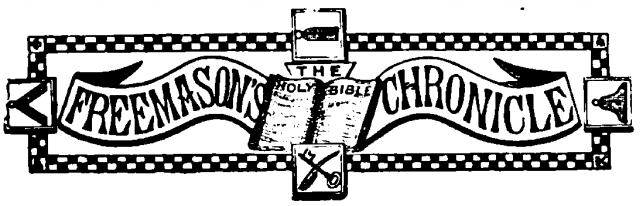
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THE MASONIC CHARITIES IN 1888.

THE year which has just closed has been an eventful one in connection with the central Charities of English Freemasonry—it has produced a splendid success, and, at the same time, what we may describe as a series of failures. The income of the three Institutions during the twelve months amounted to £82,914, a sum which is £21,855 more than the highest total of any previous year, and yet we are forced to describe the returns as disappointing—disappointing to the friends of the three Institutions alike, for in each case the figures are short of what they were expected to be. In connection with two of the Charities the totals display a heavy falling off as compared with previous returns; in the other—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—there is a splendid increase, but not nearly so much as many supposed would be the case after the announcements which were made in connection with its Centenary Festival. However, the Craft has very much to be proud of in connection with that celebration, which was the means of placing the Girls' School first in the returns of 1888, with an amount but little short of fifty thousand pounds.

The actual sum received by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the year 1888 was £49,259 4s 4d, made up as shown elsewhere in our present issue. Too much cannot be said in praise of this splendid return, and yet—we hope we shall not be misunderstood in thus complaining—it is not what has long been expected would be the total for the year. It will be remembered that the result of the Centenary Festival—held in June last—was announced as an addition of £50,500 to the coffers of the Institution, besides which there were the usual items of permanent income to be taken into account, together with the special £2000 voted by Grand Lodge in connection with Her Majesty's Jubilee Celebration. Taking these matters into consideration £55,000 would not have been an extravagant estimate of the year's income, and even then nothing would have been reckoned on account of Annual Subscriptions, which should make a further substantial increase. We find then that the returns are some £6000 short of what might fairly have been expected, and the question naturally arises—Why should this be? We believe that a large portion of this apparent deficiency could be traced in the receipts of 1887, as several of the amounts which were included in the Centenary Festival returns were paid into the Institution during the preceding year, the object of the donors being to secure votes as early as possible when once they had decided to support the Centenary. Besides this it is probable that the large amount promised at the One Hundredth Anniversary has not yet been all paid in, so that what at first blush may appear a heavy deficiency is nothing to create actual alarm or distrust, and no doubt the Institution will ultimately enjoy the full benefit of the splendid gathering which took place at the Albert Hall, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

Second on the list comes the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with a return of £21,361 15s 1d, as compared with £28,968 4s 4d the previous year—a falling off of £7606 9s 3d. This will be a sore disappointment to many, even though the total we now have to deal with shows a substantial increase of upwards of £3000 as compared with the returns of 1886. During 1887 the Benevolent Institution was particularly fortunate, and it is perhaps expecting too much to even hope that its increased income that year, of nearly £10,800, as compared with 1886, could be maintained; but there are many among us who are apt to hope against hope, and who are at once despondent when a falling off occurs, and to such the returns of 1888 will appear particularly discouraging. We cannot say that we are surprised at this heavy falling off as compared with the total of the preceding year, because we look upon such a return as was shown in 1887 as an exceptional one. We rather regard the increase of £3000 over 1886 as evidence of a steady progress—a progress, too, in face of severe opposition, for it must be borne in mind that the exceptional success of the Girls' School Festival must have had a most damaging effect on the receipts of the other two Institutions, and such being the case, it is cheering to be able to point out a clear case of advanced prosperity, such as we consider the 1888 income of the Benevolent Institution presents.

Last on the list comes the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with a total for the year of £12,293 2s 5d, an amount £3368 13s 8d below its total of the previous year. This is disappointing, it is true; but, on the other hand, the falling off is so small as compared with what has been generally expected as to lead us to regard the return more in the form of a triumph. It is not necessary for us to recapitulate the many reasons we have previously assigned for the lack of support given to this Institution during 1888; there are the facts that its Festival occurred within a few days of that of the Sister Institution, and that its friends had to secure their support at the same time as the energetic band of 1500 Stewards were working for the Girls' Centenary. These should be sufficient to account for anything, and, as we have previously said, the surprise should rather be that so much has been done in face of such obstacles. We regard the three Institutions of Freemasonry much in the same light as we regard other mundane affairs—they are all subject to the caprices of fashion. At one time it is fashionable to support one of the Charities; at another the star of a different one appears to be in the ascendant, and later on the most neglected of the three comes to the front, while the others show a corresponding falling off. Just now the Girls' School takes the first place, but who shall say which is to be the favourite of the present year, or to which shall be awarded the first place when the returns of 1889 come to be made up?

As usual, we conclude our remarks under this head with a reference to the work of the Board of Benevolence, the total expenditure of which, during 1888, amounted to £11,468, an increase of nearly one thousand pounds over its grants of 1887. This magnificent display of generosity has one great drawback—it has been made at the expense of a heavy withdrawal of invested funds, and, as we have previously pointed out, something will have to be done ere long to keep the expenditure of the Board more nearly within the limits of its income, or the income will have to be increased so as to keep pace with the outlay. We wish we could add to this most gratifying return a mere outline of the good work which has been performed throughout the country by Masonic Funds beyond those already referred to, but such is impossible, and we are at present only able to point to the £82,914 contributed to the three Institutions, and the £11,468 spent by the Board of Benevolence, and which give a total of £94,382 as the tribute of Freemasonry—under four heads only—to the cause of charity during 1888. Our best wish is that this sum may never be decreased, so long as there remains the necessity for its expenditure in the relief of misfortune and distress among our brethren and their families, but rather that it may go on increasing year by year until such an amount is received as will

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enable the Craft to provide for all the claimants found deserving of assistance.

The following are details of the several amounts as given above :—

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions (including £1050 from Province of Kent for Perpetual Presentation, and £105 Special Donation from Supreme Grand Chapter)	44660	14	11
Grand Lodge Special Jubilee donation	2000	0	0
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends	1978	13	5
Interest on Deposit	112	1	0
Three Admissions by Annual Payment, under Law 63	150	0	0
Musical Instruction	177	9	0
Sale of Old Piano	12	0	0
Sale of Old Stores	5	14	0
Sale of Books of Subscribers	2	2	0
	49259	4	4

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14982	8	9
Dividends	2253	8	9
Grand Lodge	1600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Grand Lodge Special Jubilee donation	2000	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	175	17	7
Legacy	200	0	0
	21361	15	1

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	9384	3	6
Music Fees	87	3	0
United Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Special Grant United Grand Lodge	2000	0	0
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	3	6	0
Dividends	657	19	11
	12293	2	5

The Board of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	£	s	d
January	27	792	0	0
February	46	1205	0	0
March	36	885	0	0
April	43	1075	0	0
May	42	1015	0	0
June	35	990	0	0
July	32	1000	0	0
August	26	637	0	0
September	26	740	0	0
October	45	1182	0	0
November	36	980	0	0
December	42	967	0	0
	436	11468	0	0

In *The Quiver* for January the Bishop of Moosonee writes on Christian Work among the Cree Indians, the article being illustrated by a series of illustrations by Mr. Patterson, a member of the Royal Canadian Academy. The Bishop of Derry, Dr. Allon, Prof. Blaikie, and the Rev. P. B. Power, are amongst the contributors, whilst complete stories by Miss Evelyn Everett Green and others appear in the Part.

To the *Magazine of Art* for January Mr. Wemyss Reid contributes an article on Mr. Gladstone's portraits, the paper being illustrated by a photogravure of Sir John Millais' Portrait of Mr. Gladstone in the robes of his degree, and engravings of pictures by Mr. Watts, R.A., Mr. Richmond, A.R.A., and others. Mr. Swinburne furnishes a poem, whilst Mr. Watts, R.A., and Mr. Frith, R.A., also contribute.

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MASONIC LOYALTY.

LOYALTY is a beautiful and suggestive word. It means stedfast devotion to law and order, to lawful government, to a lover, friend or brother under trying circumstances; true to a cause or to one's word. A man may be wanting in many respects, but this virtue hides a multitude of evil. Of all the pitiable elements of human nature, none is more pitiable, more despicable than baseness, dishonesty and deceitfulness of character. How sad and humiliating it is to note the many instances of bad faith, treachery, disloyalty in business relations, politics, in friendship, in domestic life. How fragrant and refreshing it is to come into the atmosphere of loyal souls, that are ever stedfast in their attachments, who will not abandon friends in trouble, or cast aside their convictions when unpopular. The patriot is loyal to his country, the lover is loyal to his wife, child or friend, the Christian is loyal to God.

This virtue is the greatest charm of Masonic character. It warms the heart with love for the Fraternity and seeks to make it a blessing to society and the world. It stimulates devotion and makes one vigilant in his duties. It saves a brother from apathy, from neglect of his Lodge, from indifference to charitable work. It makes earnest workers. It inspires one with obedience to that grand body that has a rightful claim on his allegiance. The loyal Mason is no obstructionist, is not given to fault-finding, to censoriousness, to quibbling over little things. He has the wide charity that hopeth all things, endureth all things for the good of the Order. He is not easily offended, is not fertile in inventing excuses for neglecting the meetings of the Lodge. What we need is loyal Masons, men who love the Institution and are ready to lend a hand.—*Pacific States.*

We learn that the 14th and concluding volume of Messrs. Cassell and Company's "Encyclopædic Dictionary" is ready for publication. This work, which has been in preparation for nearly 17 years, will contain about 50,000 more words than any other existing dictionary. Whilst "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary" fills 1,538 pages, and the "Imperial Dictionary" 2,222, the "Encyclopædic Dictionary" extends to no less than 5,629 pages.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In).
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1383—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Nova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 7th JANUARY.

22—Loughborough, Garden 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)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
963—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Garden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1324—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1698—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Pave Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1934—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
261—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
383—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
462—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
823—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1232—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1708—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 8th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
58—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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)
843—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
864—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)
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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1591—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1611—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, 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.
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.)
465—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, Cheltenham
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
905—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Cronbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stukey, Greenhill Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1465—Cowden, Talbot Hotel, Battle, Sussex
1509—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, Beach 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. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.A. 860—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 163—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
11—Knoch, 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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdett Road, S.
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, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1534—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.)
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 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. 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. 1506—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C
R.A. 1624—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
453—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
667—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
765—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Ramsden, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
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—Lewisce, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1396—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Bennington, Grantham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
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, Wellington, Kent
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
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. 1346—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 10th 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, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, S., 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)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1698—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1699—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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.)
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, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2168—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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheaf Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
332—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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1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1147—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
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1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Stretford, Manchester
1369—Bala, Pinegoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Tarbet
1588—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1667—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—Greystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 230—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. 813—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 807—Caldwell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 814—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 869—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
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, 11th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—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)
768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
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, Builders Arms, 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, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
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. 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., Lambeth Hill 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. 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, Otley Street, Goole
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
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
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Brighton Street
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Keighley
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 963—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY.

176—Cavenac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Fitzroy Square, at 8. (In)
195—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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
1869—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2042—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Stuart Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
2088—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

AT the present moment there is much to attract the attention of the Craft in regard to the Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry, which it must be admitted are passing through a most severe ordeal; one which promises to have a marked effect on their future, and the actions of those who support them. We shall be much surprised if the spirit of inquiry that now appears to be so much in favour does not continue for a lengthy period, and that before quietness is again restored radical changes will have to be made, both in the management and the distribution of the Funds provided by the Craft for charitable purposes. It is not, however, our present intention to refer to the several matters of complaint which are before the Craft—unpleasant as it is to us to speak of them it is none the less necessary that we should review them from time to time, and later on it will be our duty to say something in regard to the latest phase of the subject, but to-day a more gratifying task devolves upon us, one which, we are convinced, will give as much pleasure to our readers as it does to ourselves, inasmuch as it is to record a noble example of true Masonic Benevolence practised outside the Craft, on behalf of a most deserving section of our fellow creatures.

From the last issue of the *Clevedon Mercury* we learn that at the invitation of the Officers and members of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, about 350 of the aged and deserving poor of the town of Weston-Super-Mare were recently entertained to a meat tea and subsequent entertainment, the whole of the proceedings being most enjoyable to all who took part in them—both those who gave and those who received. As may well be imagined many of those who most needed the help thus afforded were unable, through age or infirmity, to personally attend the meeting which was arranged for their comfort, but they were in no way neglected in consequence, for we learn that those who were unable to be present were presented with a good sized packet of tea, in addition to fare from the general board, at their own homes, and thus the work of Brotherly Love was faithfully completed. The meeting was held in the Victoria Hall, Weston-super-Mare, and the duties of the tea tables were discharged by the following ladies,—for the most part wives of the brethren of the Mystic Tie,—who wore prettily designed badges of Masonic pattern, whilst their "lords and masters" officiated as waiters, attired in evening dress and wearing jewels representing the several offices they have filled:—Mrs. G. H. Perret, Mrs. E. S. Nunn, Mrs. W. M. Forty, Mrs. F. W. S. Wicksteed, Mrs. G. Frazer, Mrs. G. E. Alford, Mrs. W. H. Wooller, Mrs. S. Lewis, Mrs. W. E. Perret sen., Mrs. Tytherleigh, Mrs. W. E. Perret jun., Mrs. G. Glossop, Mrs. T. Sellick, Mrs. F. Blackmore, Mrs. W. B. Frampton, Mrs. E. S. Cole, Mrs. J. P. Curtis, Mrs. H. Butt, Mrs. A. J. Young, Mrs. W. H. Grey, Mrs. Bartley and Miss Wickham. The repast was of a bountiful character, and having been thoroughly enjoyed, was followed by a capital vocal and instrumental entertainment; most of those who gave their services being members of the Lodge or personal friends. The evening was not allowed to pass without further consideration for the comfort of the guests, who were regaled with refreshments of varied kinds, while the "fragrant weed" was provided for such as desired to smoke; so that, even from the brief details we can gather of the meeting, we feel convinced that everything was done which was likely to ensure success—and success was achieved. In conclusion we are told that the whole cost of the entertainment was defrayed by the members of St. Kew Lodge, who we consider are entitled to the thanks of the Craft generally for thus practically demonstrating the sincerity of our profession to assist those who cannot help themselves.

We are aware that such gatherings as we here refer to take place from time to time in other parts of the country, but it is not always that we are able to place an account of such proceedings among our records of the doings of the Craft, as the good that is done is not paraded to the world, but rather performed, with the best of motives, on the principle of not letting the left hand know what the right hand is doing. This is matter for regret, not because we think it would be any greater satisfaction for the brethren concerned to have their virtues known far and wide, but because by keeping the matter quiet they offer no inducement for others to copy their example, and we are of opinion that in such matters it is only necessary for one to make a start to ensure that others will follow in a similar course. This is one of our principal reasons for making the record of the meeting as public as we now do. We consider it is due to the brethren of St. Kew that their good deeds should be known, and we also consider that the example they have set is worthy of imitation far and near.

It may be urged that in thus advocating the practice of Masonic Benevolence outside the Craft we are diverting a portion of the Funds which some regard as rightfully belonging to the Masonic Institutions, but we do not think any apology is needed on that score, even if a little more such diverting would not prove a salutory lesson to the Institutions affected. The Brethren of Weston-Super-Mare have, as here shown, been able to help 350 of their fellow townsfolk, and that, too, at a cost which would no doubt appear very trifling when compared with the thousands annually contributed to the Craft Charities. It is true they only rendered the help for a few hours, whereas the work of the Institutions goes on day after day and year after year, but all the same we do not consider that the brethren of St. Kew Lodge could have reaped so much satisfaction by contributing to one of the Masonic Funds as they have done by their

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gathering at home. Rightly or wrongly, we shall not now attempt to decide, there is no gainsaying the fact that, under the plea of doing everything as well as it is possible to do it, the Masonic Institutions spend an enormous amount per head on those they assist. We have often expressed the opinion that, so long as there are so many deserving applicants as at present offer themselves, it would be well to consider the advisability of adopting some different plans to those at present in vogue, so as to help a much greater number even at the cost of reducing the amount of each individual's relief. Gatherings such as we are this week enabled to record an example of convince us that our views are shared by others, and that some prefer to afford moderate assistance in their own district rather than devote all their energies to keeping up the grander, but at the same time—in the minds of many—most expensive luxuries of the Central Institutions.

We have often expressed the wish that it was possible to discover the amount annually expended by Freemasons in England—under all heads—in the practice of Benevolence, and as often have we regretted the impossibility of forming even an approximate estimate of the amount, which we are sure would be a surprise, not only to the outside world but to those within the Masonic Order. With such Lodges as the St. Kew to be considered, and happily there are many others on the Register of England who do as much, but perhaps adopt other ways of doing it, we are convinced that even the most enthusiastic guesses which we have heard of would fall short of the actual total; while the amount of indirect assistance afforded by Freemasonry, both to those within its ranks and those outside of it, is simply incalculable.

We cannot do better in concluding our present remarks than tender our fraternal greetings to the members of St. Kew Lodge, and again offer them the hearty thanks of the Craft for the happy manner in which they have proved to the outside world the beneficial effects of our noble Institution.

REFRESHMENT AFTER LABOUR.

IN no matter was the wisdom of the founders of our Fraternity better displayed than by their inclusion of Refreshment and Labour in the regular curriculum of the Craft. We must have had Labour, but we might not have had Refreshment. It might have been supposed that sufficient social enjoyment could be obtained in the Lodge, between the intervals of Labour; but we know it could not. During Labour no proper opportunity is afforded for this enjoyment, the intervals referred to being too fragmentary to allow fit occasion for its exercise. The customary law of the Craft, in this regard, is simply perfect. It was so at the beginning, and it has been so maintained in its integrity to the present day. The conservative power of Freemasonry is wonderful: what has been is, and will be.

One of the famous Pharaohs of Egypt, who was distinguished by common sense no less than by royal titles and honours, was Amasis. It was the custom of Amasis to transact all the business which was brought before him in the morning of each day, and to devote the remainder of the day and evening to entertaining and feasting with his guests. When expostulated with, by one of his intimate friends, on account of what the latter styled a waste of time, Amasis replied (according to Herodotus): "Bowmen bend their bows when they wish to shoot, and unbrace them when the shooting is over. Where they kept always bent they would break, and fail the archer in time of need. So it is with men. If they give themselves to serious work, and never indulge a while in pastime or sport, they lose their senses, and become mad or moody. Knowing this, I divide my life between business and pastime." It is not surprising that this Pharaoh flourished, and Egypt prospered under his rule. He is interesting to us, also, as a patron of the Ancient Mysteries, having erected a Temple to Isis at Memphis, and a sepulchral altar to Osiris at Sais—the latter of which is now preserved in the Egyptian Gallery of the British Museum, London.

Imagine a Freemasonry without Refreshment (for you will have to imagine it, since it has never existed in fact), and you will have a work-a-day fraternity which would wear out as certainly as a human body, or a wagon. The globe we inhabit could not endure, were it not for the fact that the several seasons regularly succeed and supplement each other. Winter is the period for the earth's rest and recreation, while summer is its time for labour. Men can never go astray in following the example of nature. What is best for nature is best for man. Did it never occur to you how very human nature is? Ordinarily it is regular and commendable in its processes—sunshine and shadow, heat and cold, rain and snow following each other in the best possible order. But, occasionally, there comes a superheated term, or a drowning rain-fall, or a blinding, wounding, killing blizzard, and then we look upon nature with awe. But these are extraordinary proceedings. In human phrase, we should say, nature is then beside herself with passion, or forgetful of her training, or regardless of the feelings of her neighbour—man. We do not wonder that certain ancient philosophers asserted that there is a soul in nature, that it is a sentient entity, that it fell from its high estate, as did man, but will rise again and become regenerate in the future. We believe it will. We believe the "new earth" will be all that the old earth ought to have been, and a fitting place for the exemplification of the ancient and conservative Mystery of Freemasonry.

But we are not left to conjecture as to what Freemasonry is—it is before us—"a thing of beauty and a joy for ever." It is better than the globe we inhabit, or man that inhabits it. It does not appear to contain the seeds of its own destruction. Certainly the nobility of its principles and the beauty and propriety of its customary everyday life are calculated to maintain it in perpetual existence. With Refreshment after Labour as the law of its being, it is destined to hold its place in the affections of all of its initiates. It is very well to say that philosophers and moralists could exist without refreshment, but we doubt it. Philosophers and moralists have hearts as well as minds, stomachs as well as craniums, affections as well as wills, and can enjoy amusement and partake of a banquet in a manner that is truly unaffected, Freemasons are all-round men. Besides, there is room in the Fraternity for all of us. Whether we be devotees to religion, morality, charity, philosophy, the gospel of common sense, or the enjoyment of those creature-comforts which tickle the palate, gratify the ear, and please the eye, we find them all in Freemasonry. If we chose, we may select for our personal enjoyment any one of the many sided features of the Craft, but the most of us choose to enjoy all. We would not only not dispense with either Labour or Refreshment, but we would not have either of them deprived of any marked characteristic. We have no amendment to propose to "Refreshment after Labour," as we have none to the Landmarks of Freemasonry—nothing to add, nothing to substract. We have only to desire that the spirit of fraternity shall continue to permeate the brotherhood, and bind it together with a power more lasting than hooks of steel.—*Keystone.*

A Masonic ball (under the patronage of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, and Henley Lodge, No. 1472) will take place at Bro. Buxton's, The Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, S.E., on Wednesday, 16th inst. Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock p.m. Brethren to wear Masonic Craft clothing. The proceeds (after deducting expenses) will be devoted to the Masonic Charities. Double ticket (to admit lady and gentleman), including supper, 15s; single ditto (lady), 7s 6d; ditto (gentleman), 10s 6d. Tickets may be obtained of the Stewards or Committee, or of Bro. Geo. Hughes, Secretary 2184, 11 Argyle Road, Leytonstone Road, Stratford, London, E.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Wounds, Sores and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over all opposition for more than forty years, viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, bad breasts, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all maladies where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as 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 had failed in giving adequate relief.

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SINCERITY AND ST. GEORGE'S LODGES.

A SPECIAL emergency meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, was held at the Sincerity Lodge Rooms, St George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 8th instant, to present Bro. R. H. Rae with a testimonial in appreciation of his services as Secretary for over twenty-five years. The W.M. Bro. Frank R. Thomas presided, and was numerously supported. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, Bro. Lord Mount Edgcumbe, was received with Masonic honours. The W.M. having explained that he had received letters of apology from Bros. Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. of Devonshire, Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., Major M. Tracey, M.A., W. Derry P.M. 156, Captain Strode Lowe, and others, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, in replying, said that it was with somewhat mixed feelings that he found himself in the chair of Lodge Sincerity. It was something over thirty years since he had passed through the chair of the Lodge, and during that time many events of joy and sorrow had occurred. Not long after the time at which he passed through the chair he was placed at the head of the Province of Cornwall, and was not able to attend the meetings of the Lodge as he should have wished. The brethren in Devonshire and Cornwall had been most hospitable in inviting him to their meetings, but it was very seldom that he could accept their invitation. As a continuous subscribing member of the Lodge for many years he felt they were paying a well-merited compliment to Bro. Rae. The Society of Masonry was one in which he thought that personal influence and personal example carried more moral weight and more moral power than in any other society he knew; it seemed to bind them more together in principles. Any brother who had exercised his influence and example for the good of Masonry had shown a Masonic and honourable spirit. He had also an opportunity of showing another quality especially, as Secretary of the Lodge, which, though last not least, was the most important in the management of the Lodge, the convenience of the Province, and the special management of the Masonic business. He knew by experience how much trouble Secretaries who did not do their work properly gave to the Provincial Grand Lodge. He had watched the progress of Sincerity with interest and sometimes with anxiety, knowing that it had passed through troubled waters. He hoped that it had now got upon a current of smooth water, which would carry it successfully in the future. He had heard that the Lodge had had many proposals for initiates, and he was delighted to hear of the fact, but he hoped that they would remember that it was not numbers but quality they should look to in joining that Lodge. The Earl then presented Bro. Rae with a porcelain portrait of himself, in a handsome frame, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. R. H. Rae P.M. P.P.G.J.W., P.P. 3rd G.P., and P.M.W.S. 18, by Masonic friends, on his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Lodge Sincerity, 189."

He had to thank Bro. Rae on behalf of the Lodge for his services, and trusted that his influence and example would induce other brethren to follow in his footsteps. It was a pleasing feature in Freemasonry that long services were always recognised heartily and sincerely by the brethren, and it was the greatest happiness of the Lodge of Sincerity to show their appreciation and respect and esteem in presenting Bro. Rae with his portrait as a mark of his Masonic worth. His lordship regretted that he knew nothing of the testimonial, but expressed his willingness not only to subscribe but to place his portrait in the album which accompanied it—(loud applause.) Bro. R. H. Rae, who was much affected, explained that he had been thirty years a Mason, and was initiated while Lord Mount Edgcumbe was W.M. He was placed in the chair of Secretary earlier than usual because he never liked to be idle, but after over twenty-five years' work he felt that it would not become him to attend the Lodge meetings month after month from Stoke. He therefore resigned his position, but could not accuse himself of being guilty of anything, however trifling, which would jar upon his feelings when reflecting upon it. He thanked the brethren from his heart for the presentation, which he considered more than he deserved—and much more than he anticipated. He appreciated the presentation and the method much more than the intrinsic value of the gift. It would remain in his home as long as he lived, and would pass as a heirloom to his family as a mark of the appreciation and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Croydon then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall for making the presentation, and referred in graceful terms to the excellent way in which his Lordship had carried out the work. The Rev. Bro. T. W. Lemon seconded the resolution, and the W.M., Bro. Frank R. Thomas, in supporting the resolution, referred to the lengthy correspondence which he had had with his Lordship in arranging that gathering. The Earl had been only too anxious to be present, and as a proof of his Masonic regard and feeling, not only for Lodge Sincerity but for Brother Rae, he had, after attending two meetings, at great personal inconvenience to himself attended that Lodge, although he had a special county meeting to address afterwards. The resolution having been unanimously carried, his Lordship, in reply said his sympathies were with the Lodge, the progress of which he had watched with feelings of pleasure and anxiety. He was pleased to know that Lodge Sincerity, after having passed through a crisis, was now on the high road to prosperity and that it was in a fair way to take its place as the premier Lodge of the Province. The Lodge was then duly closed, the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall being saluted with grand honours. At the close of the Lodge business, Lodges Sincerity, No. 189, and St. George's, No. 2025, held a banquet to inaugurate the room adjoining the Lodge, which Lodge Sincerity has taken over for the convenience of its members and those of Lodge St. George, who meet under its banner. The room was specially decorated for the occasion, under the direction of Bro. W. J. Tangelly, Mr. William Brown, R.N., and Bro. F. R. Thomas W.M. 189, who are to be complimented on the excellent results of their efforts. Flags were kindly lent by Bro. F. R. Goodyear, Mr. J. Cumming, and others. Bro. H. Graves sent magnificent Oriental and Indian curtains for the windows, in addition to two grand bracketed oak mirrors and pretty Chinese lanterns. Messrs. W. Harding and Sons contributed the handsome Majolica, St ffordshire, and Derby vases, which were much admired; Mr. McBryde a number of Badoura lanterns, which added in a great measure to the attractiveness of the room, while the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe sent no less than seventy choice palms, ferns, and plants in addition to foliage. With fairy lamps and a well-laid table the room never looked so attractive before. Some members of the Marine Band were engaged, but it was a great disappointment to the members of the joint Lodges to learn that the band had had, on account of military duties, to go to Bristol. However, a most enjoyable evening was spent, this being in great measure due to Bro. G. Sylvester (Hants), who contributed in no small degree by his excellent singing and capital accompaniments to the success of the evening. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall being especially well received. Bro. Frank R. Thomas then stated that many letters of apology had been received, and that the following inscription, which was to be inserted inside the album, had been sent to the Lodge since the presentation:

"This album (containing the photos of subscribers), together with his portrait, is presented to W. Bro. Robert H. Rae P.M. P.P.J.G.W., P.P. 3rd Grand Principal, and P.M.W.S. 18th deg., on his retirement from the Secretaryship of Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by Masonic friends, as a token of their esteem, 8th January 1889."

Bro. Thomas spoke of Bro. Rae's Masonic zeal and ability, his interest in the Lodge, and his many excellent qualities as a man and a Mason. The Rev. T. W. Lemon, who was called upon to propose the toast on behalf of 189, claimed Bro. Rae as the Father of Lodge Sincerity, and the right-hand supporter and counsellor of the W.M. for the time being. He wished long life and prosperity to Bro. Rae. Bro. Barrett, in supporting, referred to the help and support they had received in the formation of Lodge St. George. The toast was received with loud cheering, and "For he is a hearty good Mason" was heartily sung by the brethren. Bro. Rae feelingly responded, and trusted that at the age of seventy-five they would be able to say "thank God I have become a Mason, for its good principles have done me good." "Auld Lang Syne" was then sung, and as Bro. Rae left the room he was accorded three hearty cheers. The health of the W.M.'s of 189 and 2025 was favourably received, and Bro. F. Thomas, in reply, explained that Lodge Sincerity had taken over that room for refreshment purposes. The sites of the two rooms were given freehold by Lord Mount Edgcumbe to the St. George's Hall Company, on condition that they would build Lodge rooms for Sincerity. These rooms were built, but the original Lodge room was not occupied. The brethren now proposed to launch out and take over the two rooms and make that room the Lodge room. They would have the finest working Lodge room west of London. Their furniture and plant were not to be equalled in the West of England, and with the assistance of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as the oldest Past Master, they proposed to make Lodge Sincerity what it was—the premier Lodge in the Province. Bro. Thomas hoped that the good feeling and brotherhood which had existed between Lodges St. George and Sincerity would ever continue, and that the joint banquet would become an annual affair at Christmas, the Worshipful Masters of Sincerity and St. George's presiding alternately. Bro. C. G. Withell W.M. St. George, in a neat speech, endorsed the remarks of Bro. Thomas, and the Treasurers and Secretaries of 189 and 2025 followed in the same strain. Bros. Leonard and Rendle responded for the visiting brethren, the latter making a most amusing and characteristic speech. Bro. Pengelly and Bro. Thomas were complimented by the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall on their admirable arrangements and the excellence of the decorations, with which all were highly pleased. Bro. Sylvester presided at the piano. Bro. T. McRendle gave some original comic songs, which were well received; Bro. A. R. Debnam a good Irish song; Bro. W. J. Hearder a clever whistling solo; Bro. Kennedy P.M. 1205 two amusing comic songs; and among others who assisted were Bros. J. Leonard, F. R. Goodyear, G. Payne, W. Blight, A. Honey. A most pleasant evening was passed, and the brethren of both Lodges agreed that they could not do better than make the Christmas banquet of the two Lodges an annual affair in future.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, 5th inst., Bro. Roebuck P.G.S.B. (Trustee) in the chair; there were also present Bros. Richardson, Maple, Moon, Miller, Venn, Hunt, Ebsworth, Scurrah, Britten, Cook, Cumberland, Kentish, Morgan, Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., Smith, Gladwell, Richards, Williams, Cooper, Rayner, Hogard, Cohen, Mickley, Mather, Richardson, Lambert, Glass, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the Committee considered the new petitions, 19 in number, and accepted 17, while two were deferred. Eight applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and two notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman. There are now 72 candidates on the list, and this may be increased at the Quarterly Court to 74, whilst the number of vacancies is only 17.

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BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

(Continued from page 3.)

IN the concluding portion of Bro. Norton's "Comments" he has alluded to my "good-natured effort of transforming Dermott and his seventy or more associates of 1751 and 1752 into Masonic saints." Now, I am not going to quarrel with him over his little flutter of imagination, but I take this opportunity of assuring him that good nature had nothing whatever to do with my endeavours to put a new complexion on the question of the "Origin of the Ancient Grand Lodge," and, between ourselves, I am inclined to think he has paid me an undeserved compliment, for I very much fear that good nature is not one of my strong points. It is not an easy task to identify motives for one's own actions, but if I have been at all influenced by sentiment, I think it not unlikely that a love of truth and justice had something to do with my undertaking.

From the very beginning of my Masonic studies I could never quite reconcile myself to the popular and accepted version of the "Origin of the Ancients." The whole story bristles with inconsistencies, which no previous writer has explained away, at any rate not to my satisfaction. For the first ray of light I am indebted to my much-esteemed friend and brother Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A. May I indulge in the hope that henceforth he will remember this fact, and that it will be the means of inducing him to view with a more favourable eye the theory for which, although unintentionally, he is in some degree responsible. Doubtless this will be *news* to him, but with his wonderful memory I shall have no difficulty in making him understand my meaning. Some years ago, when Bro. Norton was engaged in a controversy with Bro. Hughan or some other Masonic writer, he requested me to search the Grand Lodge records for information bearing on the subject then under discussion, and in so doing I came across the following item in the Minutes of 11th December 1735:—"Notice being given to the Grand Lodge that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge from Ireland attended without, desiring to be admitted by virtue of a Deputation from the Lord Kingston, present Grand Master of Ireland. But it appearing there was no particular Recommendation from his Lordship in this affair, their Request could not be complied with unless they would accept of a new Constitution here."

I copied this item and sent it in my next letter to Bro. Norton, with an intimation that I thought it possible that this incident had something to do with the origin of the "Ancients." My correspondent probably did not see anything in it, for he made no reply to my suggestion; however, he will know from the lapse of time since the correspondence I have alluded to that this theory of mine is not simply an idea of rapid and recent growth; and I am perfectly satisfied that had Bro. Norton or any other of our historians the same facilities for acquiring information, and had given as much consideration to this particular subject as I have, he would have been as convinced as I am of the Irish origin of the Ancients, that no secession worthy of the name ever occurred in the history of English Masonry, and that the only branch of the fraternity to whom the term "Schismatics" can with propriety be applied is the body of malcontents who associated with Preston in his abortive attempt to establish a schismatic Grand Lodge in the latter part of the last century.

Now, although Bro. Norton is absolutely silent on this non-secession theory, which really occupies about three-fourths of the book he has been criticising, he has said that he believes Heseltine's description of the Ancients, notwithstanding the evidence I have adduced as to its incredibility, and the indisputable fact that the letter he refers to was written with no other object than to depreciate a successful rival Society; hence, I may assume that he does not accept my theory, for if he believes Heseltine and Preston's version it is quite evident he cannot believe mine. I wish particularly to have Bro. Norton's opinion on the Irish evidence contained in Chapter V. of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," but before he gives it it is only fair that I should mention that I do not imagine there is nothing more to be said, either for or against my views and the evidence set forth in the chapter indicated. The more I learn, and the more I think about this matter, the more firmly convinced am I that the theory I have offered is the only feasible solution of a question which has puzzled all our most thoughtful writers. I have never met with this incident of the refusal to admit the Irish Masons to Grand Lodge in print until it was mentioned in *Gould's History*, and although the author does not appear to attach particular importance to it, he says—"It is a little singular that in 1735, whilst this nobleman was at the head of the Craft in Ireland, the Master and Wardens of an *Irish* Lodge were refused admission to the Grand Lodge of *England* 'unless'—to quote from the records—'they would accept of a new Constitution here.'"* It will be seen that there exists a slight verbal difference between Bro. Gould's description and my extract from the records, for the former reads thus—"the Master and Wardens of an *Irish* Lodge," while the latter reads—"The Master and Wardens of a Lodge *from* Ireland." Now, I always thought this very singular, and I thus refer to it on page 127 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," "bearing in mind the fact that the nobleman mentioned had only a few years before (1728-9) presided over their own Grand Lodge with much *éclat*, and had also made them several valuable presents; this proceeding seems as churlish, as it was certainly short-sighted, on the part of the 'regulars.' Private Lodges would, of course, take their cue from the Grand Lodge, and refuse to open their doors to these strangers whose working was different to theirs."

"Does any one at all familiar with the characteristics of an Irishman imagine that 'Pat' would meekly submit to such treatment? If he does, I most decidedly do not. It seems to me much more likely that he would call some of his countrymen about him and open a Lodge on his own account, or 'by virtue' of the before mentioned Deputation or Warrant, for we must remember that '*exclusive Masonic jurisdiction*' was unknown at this period. One Lodge would, of course, beget others, and so it probably went on until unconstituted Masonic Lodges became the rallying points or centres of union of nearly all the Irish mechanics and labourers that came over to seek employment in the English metropolis." "The migratory character of this class will, I think, sufficiently account for the comparatively small number to be found on the register at the formation of their Grand Lodge, also for the rapid growth of their provincial and military Lodges." This was my opinion in 1887; since then I have read something which has induced me to review this subject, and although it has not led to any material alteration of opinion it has opened up fresh ground and furnished additional food for reflection. In *The Cabinet History of England*, written by Charles Macfarlane and published by Blackie and Son, on p 31, Vol. 16, will be found the following paragraph—"The gin mobs were not yet tranquilized, *and other riots were caused in London by the employment in the Spitalfields looms of a number of poor Irish who had come over to mow and reap, but who had engaged to help to weave silk at two-thirds of the ordinary wages.*" I may observe that the writer of the foregoing paragraph is describing the condition of London and the difficulties of the Government in the year 1736; and when viewed in conjunction with the incident of the 11th December of the previous year, it appears to me to furnish a very probable explanation of the action of the Grand Lodge; that is supposing these strangers to have been merely travelling Masons, or "sojourners" as they would then be called; *popular prejudice* would doubtless not be without its effect on the officials, but even this does not satisfactorily account for the alternative, "unless they would accept of a *new* Constitution here."

In referring to the early records of the Grand Lodge of England, on page 22 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions" I have said—"every line is worthy of careful consideration, and that there is evidently more in these transactions than appears upon the surface," and it seems to me that these words are especially applicable to the record I have just quoted. At first sight the impression left on my mind was that the passage referred to the Master and Wardens of an *Irish Lodge*, i.e., a Lodge *in* Ireland, but further consideration has resulted in my putting another construction upon it, viz.: that these brethren were officers of a Lodge then actually meeting in London "by virtue of a Deputation (or Dispensation) from the Lord Kingston," who, as before stated, was a Past Grand Master of England, and I should say deservedly popular during his Grand Master-

* Lord Kingston is the nobleman referred to.

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ship. On page 33 I have given one instance of a Past Grand Master of England constituting a Lodge some years after he had ceased his connection with the Grand Lodge, and although it is possible that this particular "Deputation" *may* have been issued for a Lodge to meet in Ireland, I think it much more likely that it was a sort of a "roving Commission," authorising the holders to meet as a Lodge wherever they thought proper. This appears to me the most reasonable construction that can be put upon the description of the incident, for it will account for the officers of "a Lodge *from* Ireland" being together in attendance at the very same meeting of the Grand Lodge, their being denied admission, the alternative offered them, and the reference to the "Deputation."

Bro. Norton appears to have but a poor opinion of my method of arriving at conclusions, viz.: "by reading something here and something there"—and I admit that it is sometimes rather a tedious process, yet I think it preferable to the acrobatic performance known as "*jumping* at conclusions," which although possibly more expeditious, occasionally results in the discomfiture of the jumper; I shall therefore go on in my old way of "putting this and that together," and trust to his intelligence and good nature to do the best he can with the whole.

I would first ask him to bear in mind the quotation from the History of England, and then turn to page 82 of *Masonic Facts*, &c., where he may find mention of a complaint made in the Grand Committee of the "Ancients" by "John Robinson, of No. 9, against Moses Willoughby, of the same Lodge, for defrauding him of nine shillings in a bargain in the exchanging of a *loomb*." This matter had been referred to a Committee of *weavers*, "who had decided against the defendant, and he was ordered to refund the money on pain of expulsion, but Moses was a hardened sinner; 'he declared they might expell him, for he would not conform to the Rules of any Society upon Earth by which he should lose nine shillings. Therefore he was Unanimously Expelled, and deem'd unworthy of this or any other good Society.'"

This important matter had probably been in dispute for some time, for the minutes of the Grand Committee of 3rd June 1752 contain "*a formal* Complaint, by Bro. John Robinson," to the above purport, and the committee of investigation was then appointed, consisting of "Thomas Kane, Thomas O'hara, and John Morris, all Weavers, and of the said Lodge, No. 9."

The first-named brother appears in Morgan's Register as "Thomas Kaan, Weaver, residing in Brick Lane" (Spitalfields), he is No. 117 on the list. Thomas O'Harah (O'hara) is No. 50 on the list, and his residence is "Opposite ye Two Brewers, Brick Lane, Spitalfields." When this brother joined, or was *made*, I have no means of ascertaining, for he was one of the original members, *i.e.*, one of those who belonged to the Society on the 17th July 1751, when it was decided to start a Grand Lodge on their own account, and John Morris is No. 58 on the list, same address as the last named brother. While on the subject of this old register, which I consider the most valuable of all the records of the "Ancients" for my present purpose, I may mention that out of the first 200 names only about 140 have the "place of abode and occupation" appended. As may be imagined, nearly every trade and calling is represented, but I notice that the weaving class predominates, there being out of the 140 about twenty-one that come under this designation, and about 35 of the 140 are said to reside in Spitalfields and the immediate neighbourhood. Doubtless Bro. Norton will consider these *facts* deserving of attention although there is a lapse of fifteen or sixteen years between the period at which I place the commencement of Ancient régime (about 1735) and the date of their consolidation as an organized Society, but only about four or five between Preston's earliest date (1739) and mine. That I quite concur with Bro. Norton in his estimate of the character of James Heseltine will be seen by a reference to page 182 of *Facts and Fictions*, but that he "had good reason to despise Dermott," or even that he *did* despise him, I may be permitted to doubt. I think, as a general rule, people are not disposed to write long letters about those whom they despise, although they sometimes do so when *fear* is the motive power. My old friend seems to have lost sight of the fact that Heseltine was a lawyer, and that he "held a brief for the other side," and also that the greater part of the letter of which he thinks so highly was of the "some one told me somebody said" character, for the writer of it had only been a Mason about four years, and Grand Secretary *not as many months*. He says the late Bro. Revis told him that Lord Blessington had forbidden the Ancients to use his name as their Grand Master, and Bro. Norton believes that Revis *did* give him this information; so do I, but that Revis "told the truth" is, to say the least of it, doubtful. What I want to know is—Why this brother, who was Grand Secretary from 1734 to 1756, did not at the same time tell him how and when the people he was reviling seceded? That he did not do so is quite evident, for "the words *seceders* or *schismatics* are not to be found in this long and carefully written document, nor does the writer even insinuate that these terms might with propriety be applied to them.

"He says they '*first made their appearance about the year* 1746.'" Do these words indicate secession? I think not. In my opinion their meaning is clear and conclusive, viz., that these people "*made their appearance*" from some other quarter. Heseltine was not the man to have neglected this most effective of weapons had he known, or even thought of, its existence; it was reserved for the more clever but less scrupulous Preston to concoct and propagate this stigma. I have shown that in 1766 a member of the "Ancient" fraternity was described in a Minute Book of the rival Society as an "*Irish York Mason*"—in 1776 the "Ancients" were described by a distinguished Masonic author as "*the Irish Faction*, ye A.M.'s as they call themselves;" in 1786 their Warrants were referred to as "*Irish* Warrants;" in 1793 their Lodges were designated "*Irish*," and in a pamphlet printed in 1806 they are called "*Irishmen*." I will now add that since my book was published I have seen their Lodges mentioned in another pamphlet, printed in 1766, as "*Irish Lodges*." And these terms have all been applied by different persons, totally unconnected, and uninfluenced by any sinister motive. I shall be very much obliged if Bro. Norton will give me his opinion on the foregoing points. If not troubling him too much, I should also like to know his explanation of the reason of a large majority of the "Ancients" on their first register being Irishmen, and, without going into further details, how he can account for the numerous points of resemblance between the Irish fraternity and the "Ancients" in England to which I have drawn attention. How it was that the customs, ceremonial and otherwise, of the latter were totally different to those of the body from which they are said to have seceded, and how he accounts for the persistent ignoring of the "Moderns" by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland; those bodies having been from the first in close alliance with the *despised* and *so-called* "Schismatics."

(To be continued).

ROYAL ARCH.

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ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 673.

THE annual Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 12th ult., at the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was a good assembly. The Chapter, under the presidency of its late Chief Companion H. H. Smith, has been successful during the past year, and a satisfactory statement of finances was given at the meeting. There were present—Companions H. H. Smith M.E.Z., G. Musker P.Z., T. Roberts P.Z., D. Jackson P.Z., G. Godfrey P.Z., C. Marsh P.Z., Dr. Clarke, H. P. Hocken P.Z. Treasurer, W. Sweetman N., J. P. Parker P.S., &c. Among the Visitors were Companions J. C. Robinson, T. Vernon, J. H. Tyson, Dr. A. Samuels, Dr. F. J. Bailey, J. P. Bryan, &c. The installation ceremony was very effectively performed by Companion C. Marsh. The following are now the Officers:—Dr. T. Clarke M.E.Z., Godfrey H., Barker J., Caldwell S.E., Foulkes S.N., Hocken P.Z. Treasurer, Rawlinson P.S., Morton 1st Assist., Barrow 2nd Assist. During the proceedings, in which a handsome donation was voted to the Charities, a valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Companion Smith, on behalf of the Chapter. The Companions afterwards dined, under the efficient supervision of Companion Casey.

RYBURN CHAPTER, No. 1283.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The members of the Chapter took tea together at the Bull's Head Hotel, Sowerby Bridge, after which the following Officers were installed and invested:—Comps Smithies Z., Dyson H., William Haigh J., Hallas E., Bell N., Thorp P.S. The ceremony of installing the Principals was performed by Comp. Holdsworth and Comp. Walker.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Mr. Augustus Harris has again produced a pantomime that can only be described as gorgeous in the extreme. Scenery, dresses, and effects are of the best, while the book supplied by Mr. Harris in collaboration with Messrs. E. Blanchard and Harry Nicholls is vastly amusing; but as every one knows by this time, Mr. Harris goes in for show, and this year he has realised this to perfection. Every scene is good, while the processions, groupings, and dances are of the highest order. Where we look to the outlying theatres for old-fashioned pantomime, we may be said to go to Drury Lane for effects, and we say it without fear of contradiction, we could not find anything more elaborate and pretty than that supplied by Mr. Harris. Not that the "Babes in the Wood" is not funny, far from this; how could it be otherwise with such amusing favourites as Harry Nicholls and Herbert Campbell disporting themselves as the Babes. These gentlemen cause roars of laughter by their antics; moreover, they are supported by a company who seem to have their hearts in their work; the result is essentially a happy one. While the authors have chosen the well-known story of the Babes, they have also introduced the killing of Cock Robin, and the doings of Robin Hood and his Merry Men. It will thus be seen there is ample material to work upon, and the authors have availed themselves of the opportunity. With the Palace of Games, where a procession and ballet of toys takes place; a glade in Sherwood Forest and a Foresters' Fete, a Nursery Scene, a grand panorama of the Wood, a Paradise of Birds illustrated by a procession and ballet, and finally the transformation—"Hail! Smiling Morn"—everything is done to perfection. We have only mentioned the principal scenes in the gorgeous production, but be it understood that Mr. Harris has not forgotten minor details; everything is of the best quality. All through the pantomime the chief theme is not lost sight of, but it is worked out in such a way that the youngest of the audience can readily follow it. The music and songs are mainly made up of popular airs and tunes, but new ditties have been let in here and there, with advantage. The scenery, by Messrs. Kantsky, Julian Hicks, F. Taylor, Perkins, Carey, Ryan, and Emden, is most appropriate and pretty, and lends not a little to the success of the pantomime. As heretofore, Madame Katti Lanner has charge of the ballets, and the way she has arranged them does her infinite credit. Messrs. Harry Nicholls and Herbert Campbell as the Babes are an amusing couple. They run the fun fast and furious whenever they are on the stage, and that is frequently. The most comical scene is where they dance a *pas seul*, followed by a *pas de deux*. Miss Harriet Vernon makes a bold Robin Hood, while Miss Florence Dysart is an interesting Maid Marian. Messrs. Victor Stevens, Dan Leno, and Walter Andrews are all well suited, and cause plenty of amusement, while Mr. Charles Lauri jun. has a great deal to achieve as a pug dog. Mdlle. Æneas as Cock Robin, the Brothers Griffiths, the Misses Maggie Duggan, Sybil Grey, all render service. Mr. John Stedman's choir boys sing in capital form at different periods of the entertainment, and lend a pleasant effect to the scenes where they are heard. An amusing harlequinade follows, with Mr. Harry Payne as Clown.

Owing to the serious illness of Miss Grace Hawthorne, the matinées of "Oliver Twist" at the Princess's have been abandoned. Should Miss Hawthorne recover her health in time, she will appear during Mr. Wilson Barrett's engagement in "Now-a-days," at daily matinées with that gentleman.

The 300th performance of "Sweet Lavender" was given at Terry's Theatre on Friday evening.

Deptford has been—Masonically—en fête this week. On Tuesday the members of the Wellington Lodge, No. 543, celebrated its installation meeting, at the White Swan Hotel. On Wednesday the Justice Lodge, No. 147, met at the same place, when Bro. George Emblin was installed W.M. Full reports of both meetings shall be given in our next.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its first meeting of the year at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. presided, and there were present Bros. Cottebrune, Belchamber, Kempton, Cox, Hill, West, Dixon, Cotter, Blasby, Cubitt, Hilton, Lacey, Newton, Tattershall, Berry, Murlis, Brooks, Hobbs, Forsyth, Stean, Larkin, Mickley, Hogard, Webb, and Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two male and one widow annuitant, and one male candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a deceased brother, for half her late husband's annuity, was acceded to. The report of Bro. Stewart as to the purchase of roadway in front of the Institution and the question of a boundary fence was received. The Committee considered the various petitions, which were eighteen in number—six men and twelve widows—the result being that five of the men's petitions and eleven widow's petitions were accepted, while one of the former was deferred. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, when Bro. W. E. Abrahams S.W. was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. having appointed his Officers, a ballot was taken for Mr. G. Wright, which proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated. A banquet followed, to which nearly one hundred members and visiting brethren sat down. Among the visitors present were:—Bros. Stacey P.M. 1897, Howe 1196, Sweeting 700, Anderson 976, Faux 77, Holland P.M. 869, Coben W.M. 1668, Adams 1706, Humfris 733, Partridge P.M. 1686, Valentine S.D. 548, Harrington S.W. 1686, Diller P.M. 1164, Kitchen 1732, Griffin J.W. 975, E. Grimwood, Herron 206, Walker P.M. 733, Woodthorpe 957, Lynn 217, Vizitelly 1297, Saunders 624, De Fiece 205, and Wyld 72.

PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

FOLLOWING the Provincial Grand Lodge, the most important Masonic gathering which has occurred in the province of Herefordshire this season took place at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Thursday, 27th ult., when the members celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist. The mother lodge of the Province has pursued an apparently uneventful existence for some years, but is at last showing signs of again asserting its dignity and usefulness in a prominent and considerable degree. Since the last annual meeting a flourishing Lodge has been consecrated at Kington, and whenever a Lodge comes to be founded at Bromyard the Province will be completed with a Lodge at every town and the city or mother Lodge will naturally attain still greater *prestige*. The Provincial Grand Master, Sir Joseph Bailey, has already uttered words of encouragement towards the promotion of a Lodge at Bromyard, and it is to be hoped that some public spirited gentlemen in the neighbourhood will carry out his suggestion and thereby extend the great charitable works of Freemasonry. The Right Worshipful P.G.M. spoke at the same time of the desirability of more of our leading county men taking an active participation in Freemasonry, the same as in nearly all other Provinces, and thus qualifying for the honour of appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Provincial Chair. It is pleasing to observe that the Palladian Lodge is endeavouring for its own part to bring about such a consummation, and the importance of this proceeding will at once be seen when it is mentioned that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England has promised, if possible, to attend the Welsh Eisteddfod at Brecon as President. In such a contingency it is impossible to estimate what distinguished duties may fall to the brethren of this Province, of which the Right Worshipful Master happens to be the genial host of His Royal Highness. The Lodge having been opened in the usual manner by W.M. Caldwell, his successor was installed with the customary honours. Bro. T. Smith carried out the duties of Installing Officer with his well-known ability, and was ably supported by the other Past Masters. Bro. Wm. Earle recited the charges with impressive earnestness. The newly-installed Master then appointed Officers for the ensuing year, investing all those that were present, Bro. Shellard and one or two others acting as deputies for those who were absent: and the following list shows the constitution of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—James S. Norton W.M., G. J. Caldwell I.P.M., B. Colwick S.W., C. Caldicott J.W., H. C. Beddoe Treasurer, Wm. Parlby Secretary, Ed. George S.D., T. G. Chance J.D., O. Shellard P.M. D.C., G. J. Caldwell I.P.M. Organist, E. Stephens I.G., W. C. Gethen and W. A. Gurney Stewards, C. A. Stephens Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. Caldwell with a Past Master's jewel for his efficient services during the year, this reward of merit having been authorised by a meeting of Past Masters. Bro. Caldwell suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, and expressed a hope that his successor would find his term of office as pleasant as his had been. Hearty good wishes were received from the Visiting Lodges, and the business shortly terminated. A banquet followed.

RICHMOND LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated by the members on Thursday, the 27th ult. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, and was conducted by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, P.G.W. of England. Bro. John Gibson was installed W.M., and he afterwards appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Denham I.P.M., Scholes S.W., Torbett Chaplain, Spence J.W., Westgarth Smith P.M. Treasurer, Close Secretary, Pearson S.D., Murray J.D., Procter P.M. D.C., Schofield Organist, Tennett I.G., Close Steward, and Grieves Tyler. A banquet afterwards took place at the King's Head Hotel.

MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 128.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, for the purpose of installing Bro. Thos. Dunn Worshipful Master. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Coxon. The Worshipful Master appointed the following Officers:—T. Bell I.P.M., Rev. Thomas Randall S.W., John Smith J.W., Rev. J. Haworth Chaplain, Matthew Fowler Treasurer, Thomas Sarsfield Secretary, Henry Palmer S.D., W. H. Patterson J.D., Samuel Fenny Almoner, T. L. Campion Organist, W. Logan Dir. of Cers., W. Goodenough I.G., M. F. Holliday Senior Steward, H. A. Bywater Junior Steward, S. B. Grant Tyler.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

WITH the installation of the new Worshipful Master, on Monday last, this Lodge entered upon the 100th year of its existence, and a large number of the members and other brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., to take part in so interesting a ceremony. The retiring Master Bro. G. M. Lion

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presided, and was supported by Brothers Jas. Terry P.G.S.B., Lazarus Past Prov. S.W. Wiltshire, Isaac Botibol S.W., W. J. Gardner J.W., J. S. Lyons Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus Secretary, J. Myers S.D., H. Lazarus J.D., Horatio Saqui I.G., S. J. Rocco Chaplain; Past Masters Bros. Dewsnap, A. G. Dodson, Myers, I. Abrahams, S. M. Lazarus. There were also present Bros. H. Garrard, W. L. Phillips, C. Carrociero, E. Ansell, A. Botibol, A. C. Cohen, Alexander Jones, C. H. Cox, J. Joseph, E. A. Smith, George Pinckrose, H. S. Ocken, T. Barnes, B. Weigel, S. Mitchell, M. Siegenberg, H. S. Lyons, Wynman, H. Massey, J. Speller, A. J. Paton, B. Field, D. McNish, G. P. Nightingale, J. J. Pickering, and Orlton Cooper. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Carrociero was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Lion. The report of the Audit Committee was next received, the accounts showing a highly satisfactory balance. The installation of the W.M. was then proceeded with, Bro. A. G. Dodson acting as Installing Master. Bro. Botibol subsequently invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Brothers W. J. Gardner S.W., A. Botibol J.W., S. J. Rocco Chaplain, Lewis Lazarus Secretary, J. S. Lyons Treasurer, H. Lazarus S.D., H. Garrard J.D., E. Ansell I.G., Dodson P.M. D.C., Arthur Cohen Assistant D.C., Ockin Steward, Siegenberg Assistant Steward, and Bro. J. Gaskell P.M. Tyler. The Secretary announced that as the Lodge had now entered its hundredth year it was proposed to memorialise the Grand Lodge to grant a Centenary Warrant and permission to the members to wear the Centenary jewel. The motion was adopted, and many of the brethren signed the memorial. The business of the evening having terminated, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was served in the ball room under the superintendence of Bro. Joseph Josephs. The toasts were few and the speeches short, but to the purpose, and were agreeably interspersed by songs, rendered by Miss L. Brown, Miss C. Page, Mr. Henry Thorn, and Mr. John Harvey. Bro. Abrahams, in responding for "The Benevolent Fund," said that charity was true Masonry, and the Fund was established to assist brethren in time of need; they had now upwards of £815 in hand, and he trusted that it would go on increasing till they could record four figures for it. Bro. G. M. Lion having been invested with the I.P.M.'s jewel, said he was proud when he became W.M., but felt infinitely more pride as P.M.; he returned his thanks to the Secretary and Officers who had so well assisted him during his year. Bro. Dewsnap replied for the Past Masters, and promised their hearty support to the new Master, who all hoped would emulate those who had gone before. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, responded to by most of those present, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, concluding with the Tyler's toast.

HARMONIC LODGE, No. 252.

THE installation festival took place on the 1st instant, at the Freemasons' Arms, Dudley. The W.M. Elect, Bro. James Warham, was installed by Brother Robert Stevenson P.M. P.P.S.B. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Septimus Bagott I.P.M., Matthew Smith S.W., Thomas Chambers J.W., E. J. Chambers S.D., W. P. Hanson J.D., Rev. J. W. Down Chaplain, R. Preece and J. Sidway Stewards, Samuel Smith Secretary, W. E. Walker Treasurer, J. Stansfield Organist, Robert Stevenson D.C., E Pewkess Assistant D.C., James Jones I.G., F. Garner Tyler, and Samuel Spittle Assistant Tyler. The members and several visiting brethren afterwards dined together at the Freemasons' Arms.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, 3rd inst., the installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Beverley, when Bro. W. Richardson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Tom Turner. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Sydney Smith I.P.M., Foley S.W., Shaw J.W., Cooper Treasurer, Parks Chaplain, Edgar Secretary, Morley S.D., Robshaw J.D., Blackman Orator, Kemp Almoner, Westerby Charity Representative, Goulding Organist, Dixon D.C., Lane I.G., Sugdon and Pape Stewards, and Westoby Tyler. There were visiting brethren from several Lodges in the district. At the banquet, held at the Beverley Arms Hotel, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450.

THE annual festival took place on the 27th ult., when Bro. F. W. Thomas the J.W. was installed W.M. for the coming year. The ceremony was impressively carried out, the major part by the retiring W.M. Bro. Wagner. Bros. G. B. Pearce and Tops assisted. The newly-installed W.M. presented the Lodge with a set of new collars to mark his year of office, and afterwards appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wagner I.P.M., Richards S.W., Rowe J.W., Harvey Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Rev. C. R. D. Carter Chaplain, Mudge S.D., James J.D., Mills D.C., Bickle I.G. Vincent S.S., Pope J.S., Bray Tyler. Bro. G. B. Pearce was appointed Steward for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. J. Baxeley Steward to the C.M.A.B. Fund. Bro. Pearce was also re-elected librarian to the Coombe Library. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, Hayle, where a capital banquet was supplied.

CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

AT the annual banquet, held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. Bosworthick's Rooms, Marlborough-street, Devonport, over sixty brethren were present. Bro. T. B. Treise, the W.M. of the Lodge, presided, supported by his Officers—Bros. Wood S.W., Jeffery J.W., E. Poor Treasurer, Cassell Secretary, Akenhead S.D., Davis J.D., George I.G., Williams D.C., Trotman Organist, Wootten, Ball, Watts, Gribbell Stewards, Lewis Tyler. There were also present several Past Masters of the Lodge, and a good number of visitors. After dinner an entertainment of music and recitations was provided by the brethren, and a pleasant evening was passed.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1125.

ON the 27th ultimo a meeting was held at Tiverton, at which Bro. G. Hall was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. F. Elerton I.P.M., Webb S.W., Munday J.W., Barrons S.D., Down J.D., Haydon Treasurer, Parkhouse Secretary, French Chaplain, Pyle I.G., Snooks and Wheeler Stewards, Moyle D.C., Andrews Organist, Viney Tyler. The installation banquet was held at the Palmerston Hotel in the evening.

ANCHOLME LODGE, No. 1282

THE brethren held their annual meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Cary-court, Brigg, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Joseph Frankish was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Fryer. The Officers were invested as follow:—Bros. Tilson S.W., Henry Spring J.W., Marrows S.D., Cooper J.D., Clough jun. Secretary, Spring jun. Treasurer and Almoner, Cross I.G., Rev. A. W. Savory Chaplain. A banquet was given by Bro. Henry Spring, Steward of the Lodge, in honour of Bro. G. Todd the retiring W.M.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE January meeting was held on the 4th inst., present (members)—Bros. William Simpson W.M., R. F. Gould I.P.M., Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt S.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., Rev. C. J. Ball I.G., E. Macbean Steward, W. H. Rylands, C. Kupperschmidt, and J. F. Finlayson; (Correspondence Circle)—D. P. Cama P.G.T., Dr. W. R. Woodman P.G.S.B., F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, John Wood, P. S. Simonds, R. A. Gowan, F. Driver, J. B. Mackey, S. R. Baskett, and A. Rowley. Visitors—Dr. A. Borns Gibson 2015, C. W. Pinco 257, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Max Mendelssohn 212, and C. W. Muter. Bros. C. Kupperschmidt, J. F. Finlayson, and C. P. Purdon were ballotted for as joining members and elected. 15 Lodges and 55 brethren were admitted into the Correspondence Circle, thus raising the total membership to five hundred and seventeen. The Report of the Permanent and Audit Committee, which had been duly circulated among the members of both Circles, was taken as read, and adopted. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the "Gould Testimonial Fund," and, in consequence of the vast labour devolving upon Bro. G. W. Speth, owing to the expansion of the Correspondence Circle, it was moved and carried, that a minimum salary of £100 a year be attached to the office of Secretary. A vote of condolence was next passed, and ordered to be transmitted to the S.W., Bro. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer (who was prevented, by a domestic affliction, from being present), expressing the hearty sympathy of the Lodge in the loss he had so recently sustained. The routine business being concluded the W.M. read a paper on "The Worship of Death," and this was succeeded by a discussion, in which the following brethren participated: Rev. C. J. Ball, W. R. Woodman, W. H. Rylands, R. F. Gould, and F. Binckes. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—The annual dinner was held at the White Hart Tavern, Aldgate-church-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 20th December. There was a large number of brethren present. Previous to the dinner the annual audit of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association took place, of which Bro. H. M. Hobbs is Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. Gordon Smith Honorary Secretary. Bros. F. Knight and C. W. Mapleton being the Auditors. Since the formation of the Association, in 1885, over £1000 has been collected for the benefit of the Masonic Charities. It is one of the largest of these Associations in existence, there being over 130 subscribing members. The present Association comes to an end in November 1889, when there is every reason to hope that a new one will be formed to carry on the good work with as much success as its predecessor. After an excellent repast, provided by Brother Anderson, the usual toasts for such an occasion were heartily given and responded to. Bro. Edward Terry gave an amusing sketch, and harmony, both musical and Masonic, completed the enjoyment of the evening.

Obituary.

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BROTHER WALTER COULTHARD.

A VERY sad case of sudden death has occurred at Barnstaple, the deceased being Bro. Walter Coulthard, auctioneer, of High-street. The deceased attended a meeting of his Lodge on Thursday, the 3rd instant, and was promoted to the Office of Senior Deacon. In the evening he dined at the Golden Lion Hotel, where he replied to a toast. He, being a teetotaller, did not drink any intoxicants, and according to evidence at the inquest he ate but little. He was, however, a delicate man, and on arriving home he was taken ill and died. An inquest was held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, on Friday, when it was given in evidence that the deceased was suffering from indigestion, and the little he ate brought on sickness which produced failure of the heart's action. The jury at once returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes," and expressed their sympathy with the widow.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

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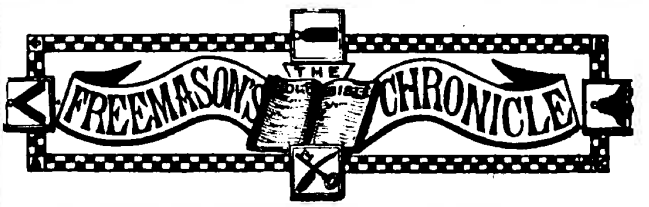
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DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT PLYMOUTH.

THE new Freemasons' Hall which has been erected in connection with the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Club, Princes-square, Plymouth, was consecrated on the 2nd inst. A Provincial Grand Lodge was held for the purpose in the afternoon, and the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Provincial Grand Master (Viscount Ebrington, M.P.,) in the presence of about three hundred brethren. The site of the new premises is known as No. 1 Princess-square, together with a large piece of land at the back, upon which the new hall is erected. The exterior of the new building is of classic style, with some rich mouldings filled with Masonic emblems. The entrance is through folding doors, with stained glass panels, bearing the arms of the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall. A long corridor rises to the level of the principal Lodge rooms by three, five, and seven steps, past the main staircase to lobby and ante-rooms. Here two large Lodge-rooms are built, and one large room has yet to be built. They are 20ft. wide and 20ft. high, one being 28ft. and the other 30ft. long. They are lighted by five stained glass windows, representing in their centre picture St. John, Fortitude, Harmony, Prudence, and Charity. These windows, and the other stained glass in the building, are by Swaine Bourne, of Birmingham, and are very good. The rooms also have a very fine cornice and frieze. Ascending the winding staircase at the end of the entrance corridor we enter between columns the provincial Lodge-room, which is 70ft. by 30ft. and 29ft. high, having a gallery for orchestra and organ, and ante and retiring-rooms. It also has a good deal of ornamentation, and this and all the other rooms are fitted with inlet and exhaust ventilations, connected by pipes in the walls to the air pumps in the roof (supplied by Boyle and Co., Limited). Descending to the basement, there is a fine dining-hall, 68ft. by 28ft., and 14ft. high, with an oak parquet floor, laid by the Wood Block Flooring Company, of Charing Cross. Rolled iron girders carry the upper floors. Mr. J. H. Keats was architect, and Messrs. Lapthorn and Goad the contractors. The directors of the club are Bros. William Derry chairman, William Allsford, Daniel Cross, John B. Gover, James Griffin, J. M. Hifley, Samuel Jew, John Russell Lord, Job Maton, Henry Rogers, John Wallis, and E. Littleton. Solicitor, Bro. J. T. Bond (Square, Bridgman, Bond, and Pearce), auditor, Bro. J. W. Cornish, and secretary, Bro. T. Goodall. At the Provincial Grand Lodge there were present the Provincial Grand Master Vicount Ebrington, M.P., who was supported by his officers and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Davis, said it was within the knowledge of the Provincial Grand Master that the brethren of the Three Towns had built themselves a habitation in which to carry on Masonry. Twelve months ago the Provincial Grand Master laid the foundation stone. The building was completed physically, and now only required its moral completion—that was its consecration—and he was deputed as Provincial Grand Secretary to ask the Provincial Grand Master to consecrate the building, and to give it a moral claim to be the head-quarters of Masonry in the town. The Provincial Grand Master replied that it would afford him very great pleasure to comply with this request, and as a first step towards doing so called upon the musical brethren to sing a dedication ode, which had been specially composed and written by Bro. Fred J. W. Crowe, Lic. Mus., Organist of Lodge 2189. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with in due Masonic form, and the Provincial Grand Master solemnly declared the building consecrated and dedicated to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence. The music for the odes was specially composed for the occasion by Bro. W. S. Hearder, Provincial Grand Organist.

Bro. John Brewer, 282, acted as Senior Warden in the place of Major Tracey. Bro. J. Gifford was Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Master announced that he had received a letter from Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General, saying he had fully intended to have been there, but was prevented at the last moment by some official papers being sent down to him which required immediate attention. Some business having been transacted the Grand Lodge was closed.

In the evening there was a banquet in the dining-room, which is a fine room upon the basement, capable of seating nearly two hundred at dinner. The Provincial Grand Master again presided, and had upon his right Sir Edward Clarke, M.P. About a hundred and twenty brethren were present. Grace was said by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon. An excellent dinner was provided from the club kitchen, and was served under the direction of Bro. Symons, the late steward. Music was provided by some members of the Royal Marine band under Mr. Elford, who played a cornet solo.

The Provincial Grand Master gave Her Majesty the Queen, and afterwards His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, and the Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master observed that His Royal Highness had entered into Freemasonry with his accustomed energy and *bonhommie*, and under his supervision and that of the other officers the Grand Lodge had flourished abundantly, and their relations with the Masonic bodies of the colonies—especially in Australia, where her Majesty was shortly to be represented by two distinguished Masons—were more cordial than ever. Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., rose to propose

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the next toast, and was received with applause. He said he had been asked to discharge the very easy and pleasant duty of proposing the next toast, which was the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire and Provincial Officers present and past. This toast he said had a double aspect. In one respect it had the character of a loyal toast there, because in Devonshire it was the Provincial Grand Lodge and its Officers who had worthily conducted and distinguished that Lodge, and there was a feeling of loyalty on the part of the brethren towards them. Although he was not a Devonshire Mason, and it was fifteen years since he had passed the chair in a London Lodge, still he could sympathise with his Devonshire brethren in the good work that had been done by their Provincial Grand Lodge during the last few years. During the last ten years great progress had been made in Devonshire, and that was in a great degree owing to the good fortune of Devonshire Masons in getting distinguished and capable brethren to fill the offices of the Grand Lodge. The compiler of the toast list had appended to this toast a line which very fitly represented the feelings of all Masons—

'Tis only noble to be good.

And the true ability of the Masonic Craft had, he thought, been shown in Devonshire in the work done by the brethren of the different Lodges. But if he turned to the personal aspect of the toast he was inclined to quote the next two lines of the poem from which that line was taken. "'Tis only noble to be good" was a phrase applicable to the Masonic body, and represented their principle, but the next two lines were—

"Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

And no lines could more aptly be applied to Lord Ebrington, whose name he coupled with this toast. But while in due time, he hoped Lord Ebrington might inherit an unstained coronet—a coronet which bore a name which had never suffered reproach; and while he would inherit a coronet which would carry with it the traditions of a long line of illustrious and worthy ancestors—he (Sir Edward) was sure that with Lord Ebrington the kind heart was more than the coronet, and that although he could boast of Norman blood—for the name of Fortescue spoke to us of Norman story—he was sure that with Lord Ebrington the simple faith which had been the lesson of his race would always be a higher claim on the affection and esteem of his Masonic brethren and fellow-countrymen than even the honours he inherited. The Provincial Grand Master (Lord Ebrington) said he felt all the less able adequately to respond to the toast after the very eloquent and kind speech just made by his friend Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, but he heartily thanked them for the compliment they had paid to the Grand Lodge and to himself. He was very glad to have the opportunity of coming there to attend that meeting, and to take part in the interesting and important ceremony which had that day been performed. He would have fixed an earlier day for the event but for the stress of his parliamentary engagements. Before sitting down he proposed the next toast, the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Lord Mount Edgcumbe was as well known and liked in the Three Towns as in Cornwall, and though they were not under his jurisdiction as Masons, they knew him well as a kind friend and a good neighbour, and also as the exceedingly efficient commander of an exceedingly efficient corps of volunteers. He had received a letter from his lordship regretting that a number of important engagements prevented him from attending, and wishing every success to their undertaking. Bro. F. B. Williams, as one of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, responded. The Provincial Grand Master next gave what he called the toast of the day, the health of the Chairman and Directors of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company. He said it was a little more than twelve months since he laid the foundation stone of that great building, and that day they had officially opened it. He thought the building and club was calculated to meet a considerable want. Any one who had gone, as he had, on a visit to the different Lodges in that town must have been struck by the poverty of the surroundings of some of the Lodge rooms. But in their new building they would have suitable accommodation of every sort, and a building which might be the envy and admiration of any community. The credit of that was due to the energy and public spirit of the brethren who took it in hand, and who would not rest until they had brought it to a successful issue. He much regretted that the Chairman of Directors, Bro. Derry, who was so prominent in all works of utility in Plymouth, was prevented by indisposition from attending that night; but, in his absence, he could not couple with the toast a better name than that of Bro. Lord, the chairman of the executive committee, who had made the arrangements for that day. Bro. J. R. Lord, in reply, also regretted the absence of Bro. Derry, who, he said, had been most zealous in promoting everything connected with the hall and club and was one of the founders of the institution. Two years ago a committee was formed of brethren meeting in the Hoyahe Temple to go over the Old Hospital buildings to see whether the whole, or any portion of them, could be utilised for the purpose. Those premises, however, were found altogether beyond their requirements, and not at all adapted to their purpose. Some time after that an opportunity to acquire the present premises offered itself, Bro. Parkhouse being instrumental in bringing the premises under their notice, and it was mainly through Bro. Parkhouse that they were able to acquire that property on what they considered very reasonable terms. Having acquired it, they had to search for an architect who thoroughly understood the requirements of the Masonic body, and they were not long in arriving at the decision that Bro. J. H. Keats should be the architect. The plans were drawn, committees were formed, and the result was the magnificent building in which they were now assembled. Thanks were more especially due to Bro. Goodall, who had acted as Secretary all through, and they owed very much to him for the energy and ability he had thrown into it. They believed that a club of that kind had been required for many years, and he was proud that their labour had thus far met with success. Some years ago their present architect, Bro. Keats, and their late Bro. Elliot Square, endeavoured to acquire property on the site of the present St. Andrews Hall for the purpose. But Freemasonry was not so strong in the Three Towns then as now, and their efforts were futile. He was thankful to say the present effort had been more successful, and he hoped the shareholders and brethren would do all they could to bring the scheme to a successful issue. The Provincial Grand Master then gave the health of the Architect, and congratulated him upon the result of his labour and skill. Bro. Keats suitably replied, and said they were greatly indebted to the contractor, Bro. Goad, for a good building at a very moderate cost. Bro. Davie gave the last toast, the Visitors, coupling with it the name of Sir Edward Clarke, who, he remarked, was known not only to every Mason, but to almost every Englishman. Sir Edward Clarke, M.P., again rising, said he did not think he should have been called upon again to take part in the speaking of that evening, and he could only suppose he had been called upon twice because the Grand Master felt sure he could only make a short speech. In proposing the toast his friend and brother had spoken of him as having been a working Mason in past time, when he (Sir Edward) was able to give much more time to Masonry than now. It was fifteen years ago since he passed through the chair. He had had the great pleasure of serving on the General Purposes Committee of Grand Lodge, and on the memorable occasion when the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master at the Albert Hall he had the privilege of being one of the Stewards, and of seeing that remarkable ceremony. He had done less for the last twelve years in Masonry than he could have wished. It would be well understood that other occupations had prevented him from associating much in Masonic work, but he did trust that the lessons he had learned from Masonry had not been lost, and that he would be able, both in private and public life, to carry out the high teaching which was given to them all when they joined the Craft. He congratulated them most heartily on being gathered together in that place. There was nothing so clubable as Masonry, because there was nothing that tended more thoroughly to efface differences which naturally existed between them, and which enabled them to meet in such thorough good fellowship as was found in every Masonic Lodge. He was sure that the great charm of a Masonic Lodge to all of them was that whenever they met there they never discussed their differences, but only those matters on which they were agreed, and those were matters which affected the happiness of their own lives and of the lives of all about them. The visitors congratulated the brethren on being assembled in that place, and on there being a good prospect for the prosperity of the club there. He was very glad it had been allowed to him to join them and to listen to such a kindly welcome as had been given him on the part of his Masonic brethren.

The day's proceedings concluded with a ball, for which the premises were beautifully furnished by Messrs. Parkhouse. The corridor was ornamented with shrubs by Mr. J. R. Williams, who also constructed a fairy grotto opposite the staircase. Plants for table decoration were supplied by Mr. W. G. Hodge. The tasteful little programmes, supplied by Mr. Westcott, were gratuitously perfumed by Mr. C. Meshenuic. The refreshments were contracted for by Mr. Boswarthick. Dancing was led off to the music of members of the Royal Marine Band, under Sergeant Lidiard, by the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Ebrington), Sir Edward Clarke, and Major Davie. About 200 were present.

Bro. R. Henri Goddard will give his Fourth Annual Dramatic Recital at Myddelton Hall, Upper-street, N., on Monday evening, 14th January 1889, when he will be assisted by Miss Amy Florence (Prima Donna Italian Opera and Carl Rosa Company) and Madame Annie Williams. Accompanist—Mr. G. C. Richardson. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) can be obtained at King's, Highbury-corner; Lancaster's, 82 Mildmay Park; Miles's Library, 95 Upper-street; or of Bro. R. H. Goddard, 61 Packington-street, N.

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DEVON AND CORNWALL.

THE *Western Morning News* invariably gives prominence in its columns to any important Masonic meeting that takes place in the district it so capably represents. We often, with advantage, call from it interesting items of news. No apology is therefore needed for our insertion of the following summary :—

The Craft in Devon and Cornwall has not made any very brilliant strides during 1888, but has done much good work, which will be to its credit as the years roll onward. The new Masonic Hall at Plymouth, the first stone of which was laid with due ceremony by Lord Ebrington, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master, on 28th December 1887, was completed a few months since; Harmony Lodge, No. 156, having been the first to use it, on 1st October 1888. It will generally be used by the Lodges and other Masonic bodies, the building also being fitted up as a club. The company bids fair to be very successful, financially and Masonically. The large hall was dedicated to the purposes of the Craft on the 2nd January 1889, by the Provincial Grand Master, a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting being convened for that object, and likewise to confirm an alteration in one of the bye-laws. The banquet was served in the new buildings on that occasion, the arrangements of the club portion, at Princess-square, being such as to provide for all festive occasions, as well as the ordinary assemblies. The music for the odes at the dedication was specially composed by Bro. W. S. Hearder Provincial Grand Organist, the appropriate "dedication ode" being composed and written by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, Organist of No. 2189, Ashburton.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for Devon was held at Ilfracombe on the 13th June, and went off most satisfactorily, all the reports being of a favourable character, and the arrangements for the central Masonic Charities being such as to lead all to look forward (now that all the debts are paid) to many candidates being elected as eligible opportunities offer.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for Cornwall was held at Camborne, on the 23rd August, and was one of the most successful ever held in the county. The reception tendered to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the members of the Province was most enthusiastic, and so lavish in character were all the arrangements that the meeting will long be remembered most gratefully by the large number who attended.

Many of the halls in the Three Towns have been considerably beautified by the presentations of pictures by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The hall for the use of the two Lodges in Torquay has also been decorated and much improved. The new Masonic Hall at Ilfracombe has been occupied from July last, and is an ornament to the town.

The annual assembly of the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge for Devon was held at Rose Ash, Southmolton, the selection being due to the decision of Bro. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., to lay the corner-stone of Rose Ash Church, on its being restored. This was the first ceremony of the kind in England. The committee appointed to provide a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Colonel J. Tanner-Davy, Provincial Grand Mark Master, had decided in favour of a mural tablet being erected in this church, and but for the delay in the restoration the loving tribute would ere then have been put in position.

No. 383, St. George's Lodge, Stonehouse, and No. 372, De la Pole Lodge, Seaton, have been consecrated by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, and also the Jordan Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 319, at Torquay.

Mark Masonry is very popular in both counties, and the membership is still on the increase. On the whole, Royal Arch Masonry has also been well sustained, but as respects the "higher degrees" they remain as before, with but few adherents.

In the Charities there has been no lack of interest exhibited, but nothing like the material support requisite for the great amount being received from such sources. Locally, the educational institutions in Devon and Cornwall are liberally patronised, and as all the moneys thus contributed are spent in the neighbourhood, this system of aid is becoming increasingly popular. The Cornwall Masonic Association in aid of the central Charities is still pursuing its most useful work, and has been the means of raising large sums on behalf of the Institutions.

The great event of the year, Masonically, for Devon, was the fact that the esteemed Provincial Grand Master (Lord Ebrington, M.P.) presided at the Boys' Festival, the Province subscribing over £800 in honour of the occasion. The anniversary, however, was the lowest in amount of the three, owing to the 100th Festival of the Girls, which produced over £50,000, and the Benevolent was first in the field for 1888, with over £15,000. The Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge during the year has distributed upwards of £10,000 in grants to needy brethren and widows, so that with Provincial Charities the total sum devoted to benevolence in England for 1888 will far exceed £100,000.

The annual ball, under the auspices of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 37 (Maryport), was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, 28th ult. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and there were about 100 guests. Mr. H. Thompson's band supplied the music. Messrs. Stoddart and J. Reed officiated as M.C.'s, and Mrs. Kendall supplied the refreshments.

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court R., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
1436—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
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.
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th JANUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Ganden 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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1257—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, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—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.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shie
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carleon-street, Chesterford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1866—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Mattra.
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—Tyrite, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 435—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1255—Kenyard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

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TUESDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Radford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, 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)
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)
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)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst).
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, 34 Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 35—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 45—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
215—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
534—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction).
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1063—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1437—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
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
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. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romao Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst
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 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.)
967—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
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1607—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1473—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair, at 8 (Inst.)
1932—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1965—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. 193—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Grand Masters, 33 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Herb, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Merthyr, near Cardiff
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, 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, Walsall
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Watson, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1306—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1318—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1346—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
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horwich, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1092—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
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R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Ratcliffe
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R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 663—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY.

23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
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.
196—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
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)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

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1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1615—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1679—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7 (Inst.)
1738—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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)
1962—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
1986—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith
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. 186—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

48—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne

208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
308—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
908—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
285—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastings
287—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, Cleveleys-Dale, near Blackpool
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonesclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
625—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
640—Cecil, San Hotel, Hitchin
646—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
662—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
833—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
890—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
906—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
956—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
959—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
1400—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1124—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1184—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1189—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1532—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1452—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1513—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1692—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Hastingden
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 646—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 913—Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

FRIDAY, 18th JANUARY.

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,
148—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.
847—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)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1284—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1329—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1339—Royal Standard, Builders 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)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—K. 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. 176—Era, 34 Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 255—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 46—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
142—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staindrop
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.15. (Instruction)
469—Sunderland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Bowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
563—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Ecclesehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesehill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1903—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
R.A. 713—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street Hall
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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—Rockston, 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
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

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Waltham
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 69—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stonehaven, Aberdeen

Mr. W. H. Symons, manager of the new Masonic Club, in Princess-square, Plymouth, was on the 31st ultimo, the recipient of an illuminated address on vellum, subscribed for by a large number of members. A gold bracelet was also presented to Miss Symons.

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THE EQUALITY AND UNIVERSALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

ONE of the earliest impressions which the ritual of Freemasonry seeks to make on the mind of an initiate is that a spirit of equality exists within its ranks. All who are admitted within its portals are received in the same manner, without favour or distinction of any kind, the only qualifications being a desire for knowledge and a good reputation. To impress this on the mind of the novice one of the most forcible portions of the ceremony of initiation has been arranged, and we can hardly imagine that any man who has passed through the ordeal to which we refer could ever forget the peculiar feelings he experienced when, poor and penniless, he was appealed to on behalf of those who, from unforeseen calamity or misfortune, were reduced to the lowest ebbs of poverty and distress. Undoubtedly the lesson is a good one, and it is taught in such a manner as to ensure the most beneficial results. Yet there are some who cannot appreciate the full extent of this spirit of equality. Both within the ranks of the Order and outside of it are to be found men who argue that the equality of Freemasonry is a myth, and that there is as much clanism inside the Masonic Lodge, or among Masons, as anywhere else, and it seems nothing will induce them to alter this opinion. Of course the equality of Freemasonry exists only in Freemasonry, and this is the peculiar feature of the case which appears to cause so much misunderstanding and doubt. It would be quite inconsistent with the teachings of the Craft to even imagine that the equality that exists inside a Lodge should be extended outside of it, or that a casual meeting at a Masonic Lodge should confer privileges outside the limits of every-day custom or the dictates of common sense. A brief consideration of the results which would follow a departure from this limit will at once prove the impossibility of any other result, and yet, as we have said, men are to be found who complain that the brethren who meet them in Lodge, and work side by side with them in the affairs of Masonry, hardly vouchsafe them a recognition when they meet in the ordinary course of their private or public avocations. What a splendid opening it would be to the adventurer or the schemer if by associating himself with Freemasonry he could approach all its members on terms of equality outside the Lodge, and what abuses would result were such a system of general equality, as many desire, to become popular. Happily there is no fear of this happening, but on the other hand the every-day actions of Freemasons in Masonry prove that a grand system of equality does exist, and that it forms no insignificant unit in contributing to the success of the Order, which without equality would speedily lose its best characteristics even if it did not wholly fade away.

This spirit of equality may also be regarded as the prime factor of the conditions which have given to Freemasonry its Universality, for without equality it would be impossible for all classes, all creeds, and all nationalities to meet under one common banner. There must be something in common to attract so many and such widely different natures, and that something is found in the equality which exists as a primary qualification for Freemasonry, and examples of which are frequently to be met with on all sides.

The present week has given us an example of this equality; an event of considerable importance to English Freemasonry was celebrated on Monday, when the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, one of the most brilliant assemblies ever witnessed in a private Lodge being gathered together to do honour to the occasion. The long association of Lord George Hamilton's family with the Masonic Order—particularly in Ireland, where his brother, the Duke of Abercorn, at present holds the high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master—attaches considerable weight to any Masonic actions of his lordship, apart from the high position he occupies in the councils of the nation, and both serve to illustrate what is possible of being accomplished through the equality of Freemasonry. In what other sphere should we find men of such widely different surroundings as those who assembled on the occasion of the Chiswick Lodge installation gathered together as they were; or how would it have been possible for such a gathering to have taken place unless there was good foundation for the boast of the Masonic Order to which we have already referred? We accordingly think that the members of the English Craft have reason to congratulate themselves on the event of the week, especially as it affords still further proof of the popularity of the Order in the highest circles, and the desire of those in the foremost social positions to fulfil their Masonic obligations as readily and as thoroughly as do those of less exalted position.

Freemasonry may be said to have lived down the oppositions which have from time to time threatened it, and at the present time may be described as firmly established, as it enjoys the support of all classes. Still, it is gratifying to refer from time to time to such acts from the leaders of the nation as the one we are this week able to record, as they are the tangible and visible proofs of that devotion to the Craft of which its members are so proud, and which, without actual proof from time to time, might be regarded by the outside world merely as matters of tradition.

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by their actions in their respective Lodges prove that they are sincere in their professions and take as much interest in practising the ritual and ceremonies of Freemasonry as any member of the Order; indeed, considering the multifarious calls on the time of our public men they show an even greater enthusiasm than ordinary members when they perform their share of the work of Freemasonry, and we should on that account be more ready to accord them the recognition which is their due.

We shall not attempt to give any details here of the actual working of the Lodge on the occasion of Lord Hamilton's installation; a report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere in our columns, but we cannot omit a word of thanks to his lordship for having devoted sufficient attention to the subject as to allow him to perform his own share of the work of the Lodge. In doing so he was, of course, only doing his duty as a Master in the Craft, but how easy it would have been to depute some one else to perform the routine portions of the ritual, and how much labour he might have saved himself by such a course. But, like many who have gone before him, and no doubt as an example to some of those who will follow, he comes down from the eminence of his outside position and, on terms of equality, takes his place in his Lodge and works side by side with those whom Freemasonry has made his brother workers. It is such actions as these which are the natural outcome of the teachings of Freemasonry, and it is such actions which lead to the success and universality of Freemasonry, which, we sincerely hope, will never lack exponents of its grandest principles, and above all its characteristic of consistent Equality.

DOES FREEMASONRY ADVANCE OR RETROGRADE?

THE close of the year 1888 disposes all thoughtful Craftsmen to consider what the Masonic Institution has gained or lost during this period of twelve months. Has the organisation made advances, or has it lost ground? We think the former can be shown to be the fact. Freemasonry never flourished more abundantly in the things of outward manifestation than during the year now ending. It was never established on so firm a foundation as now. Its influence was never so great before. Surely we have cause for congratulation as we consider the progress and prosperity of the Craft during this period, and for what has been done in the strengthening of the Masonic Institution, and in the carrying forward of enterprises of benevolence and social good.

During the year 1888 a vast sum of money has been collected and paid out under Masonic auspices. It is difficult to even approximate the aggregate of expenditures in all branches of the Craft, but the figures given in published Proceedings and Reports show the outlay to have been large—probably in excess of any previous year. Many costly edifices have been dedicated to Masonic uses during the last year, and other spacious and expensive structures are now building. There have been many removals of Lodges and other Masonic organisations from small and poorly furnished apartments to better quarters, and such new departures have been the occasions for refurnishings, refittings, &c., involving a very considerable expense. There have been heavy outlays in this direction, not in one section only, but all over the country wherever Freemasonry has been established. An expenditure of this sort indicates the growing numerical strength of the Craft and a still greater increase of means and liberality.

We think, too, that more money has been expended, during the last year, on the Masonic Institutions of benevolence, the Homes, organised Charities, &c., than in any other like period. Our English brethren have given generously to the support of their three most prominent institutions, while they have by no means neglected other lesser establishments that minister help to the poor and the afflicted. Very large sums have also been raised and contributed to Lodge charities, while offerings have been made to help forward the work of various philanthropic enterprises not distinctly connected with our Fraternity.

In this country there has been a considerable expenditure of means in the way of establishing Masonic Homes, helping them to an enlargement of their good work by means of an increased endowment, and in providing better facilities for the doing of other charitable work. The prevalence of the yellow fever in Florida called out generous contributions from Masonic organisations in aid of the stricken communities. Large sums have also been raised and distributed in some localities to sustain the ministries of benevolence that have been kept from the observation of the public. In other jurisdictions collections have been made to pay debts, thereby lifting heavy burdens that have rested upon the Craft and interfered with the usefulness of the Fraternity. Under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of New York, a work of such debt-paying, began two or three years ago, has been carried forward successfully, and the hour of complete deliverance is close at hand. With the removing of the heavy indebtedness there has also been gathering a fund for "Asylum" purposes, and the seventy-five thousand Masons of New York will no doubt rejoice together at an early date in the establishment of a large and well appointed Home which shall minister to the relief of human needs and be a notable sign of Masonic benevolence. The recently organised home in Philadelphia has increased its accommodations during the year 1888, and is now prepared to gather a larger family within its hospitable doors than ever before.

In all these respects, and in others, the Masonic organisation has evinced its strength, and shown its faithfulness to the principle and precepts that are fundamental to its system. Speaking in a general sense we may say that Freemasonry was never expressed in a better way than now, and its distinctive objects and aims were never more clearly manifested. Its requisitions upon the intellectual and moral life of its members have not been reduced, and the character of the Masonic membership is such as to be a cause of justifiable pride. A look backward discloses many lines of glowing illumination, in the light of which we can trace the advances of Freemasonry during the year 1888, and see the promise there is for better work and results in 1889.

Of course there are some things not so pleasant to consider in the retrospective view. The Craft has suffered losses by the death of those prominent in its ranks, who have rendered an excellent service of teaching and leadership. By reason of the taking away of the honoured and great, and by the influence of other forces and conditions, clouds may have gathered in some portions of the Masonic firmament where before the sky was clear. Thus our German brethren no longer enjoy the full sympathetic favour of their Sovereign, the present Emperor being disinclined to look upon Freemasonry as did his father and grandfather who were identified with its interests.

In this country there are "some spots on our feasts of charity"—some stumbling blocks in the way—growing out of unseemly rivalries and strife regarding the so-called "higher degrees," whose relation to the Craft degrees and work has often brought confusion and divisions. In some jurisdictions the situation is far from pleasant, and in the strife which exists between organisations and brethren there is much to deprecate, however we may regard the questions at issue, or with whichever party we may judge the right to be. Surveying the whole field, however, and taking all things into account, we have great cause to be thankful for the advancement of Freemasonry in 1888, and to look hopefully to the future, which will most surely give it broader and better opportunities to fulfil the great mission with which it is charged.—*Freemason's Repository.*

Messrs. Dean and Son (160a Fleet-street, London, E.C.) are about to issue the 1889 edition of "Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage, and Companionage." From this old-established reference book, which has reached its 176th year, we gather that 17 Peers, 12 Peeresses, 37 Baronets, 34 Knights, and 47 Companions, died in 1888; also that the oldest Peer of the realm is Baron Cottesloe, aged 90, while the youngest is H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, aged 4; that Sir Henry Chudleigh Oxenden, aged 93, is the oldest Baronet, the youngest being Sir Stewkley Frederick Draycott Shuckburgh, aged 8; and that Admiral of the Fleet Sir Provo William Parry Wallis, G.C.B. (cr. K.C.B. 1860, G.C.B. 1873), aged 97, is the oldest, while Sir Edgar Vincent, K.C.M.G. (cr. 1887), aged 31, is the youngest Knight.

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BROTHER SADLER'S ANSWER TO BRO. JACOB NORTON'S

"COMMENTS ON FACTS AND FICTIONS."

(Continued from page 21).

IN my last contribution I expressed a wish for Bro. Norton's opinion on certain points relative to the no-secession theory propounded in "Masonic Facts and Fictions," and as I have no desire to overcrowd him with work, I will reserve a few others until he has had time to "consider and report" on those already mentioned; indeed it will in some measure depend upon the nature of his reply whether I trouble him again on this subject. It may be, and I hope it will, that on the main question we agree, and if so I have very little more to say, for if it be any satisfaction to him I will readily concede that the "so-called Ancients" were not entitled to that distinctive appellation according to the general acceptation of the term in the present day. In my opinion this phase of the subject is hardly worth serious discussion, for after all it must be admitted that the word "ancient" is not arbitrary and was often used to denote something old, *i.e.*, not *new* or *modern*, as

"A very *ancient* and fish-like smell."

"I will feed fat the *ancient* grudge I bear him."

Surely my old friend will not deny that Dermott and his party were perfectly justified in adhering to the description given of them by the highest authority in the ranks of their opponents, no other than Dr. Anderson to whom I have already given credit for having first used the words "antient" and "modern" in relation to Freemasonry. On page 96 of the Constitutions of 1738 will be found the paragraph quoted by Bro. Norton in his article of the 20th October, commencing "At last the antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in *Ireland*" which he has attributed to "the editor of the Dublin Constitutions of 1751," but which really emanated from *our own* learned historian, and was simply copied verbatim by Bro. Spratt, as was nearly the whole of his book. I do think therefore that the anger of my friendly critic is misplaced in saying "they had no right to pretend to antiquity or to the name of Ancients," and that he is unnecessarily severe upon the "seventy or eighty members" who in 1751 decided to organise and consolidate for their mutual benefit; and as this great and learned authority saw no impropriety in applying the term "modern" to his own party in the same book in 1738, I fail to see any reason why we of the present day should be either surprised or annoyed with others for so describing it a few years later. I have already noted several instances of the application of the term "modern" to their own Society by the adherents of the Grand Lodge of 1717, and I *could* mention others if necessary; the fact is they were so designated in printed books as well as in written letters, and in my opinion no objection would ever have been raised to it had not the authorities discovered that it was a source of weakness to them, and that their rivals were getting the best of the battle for supremacy.

I sincerely hope Bro. Norton has no fault to find with my method of replying to his "Comments"—that he has not taken offence where none was intended, for I assure him I have endeavoured to control as far as possible my natural propensity for saying things unpalatable; and if I have occasionally indulged in a little mild banter, or a small joke at his expense, I trust he will not bear malice on that score, but will permit me to plead in extenuation that "I really couldn't help it, and it was only a *very little* one after all." Besides, I may remind him that the book he has been finding fault with is my "first-born." Some little allowance, therefore, ought to be made for parental pride as well as for natural affection, and as Bro. Norton well knows a father's protection is of the highest value to his offspring in their early days, he but ill discharges the duties of a parent who sends them prematurely out to battle with this hard censorious world without being prepared to defend them should occasion demand it. Now I have every reason to be satisfied with this child of mine. He is doing very well at present, and although only a little over twelve months old he has got several teeth and takes quite naturally to the toughest of crusts. He will, I hope, shortly be able to run alone and even fight his own battles. Until he is able to do so I shall certainly do my best to protect him against all attacks from whatever quarter they may come. I am unaware of the actual number of brethren across the Atlantic who hold the same views as Bro. Norton with regard to "Masonic Facts and Fictions," but there is certainly as many as *one* besides himself. If, therefore, he thinks I have at any time hit him too hard, he has only to remember that a blow loses much of its force by expansion or distribution, and if he will share it with his colleague, and do so with his usual liberality in dealing out blows, he will scarcely feel its effects himself. I now allude to the editor of the *Keystone*, Philadelphia, who says, in that journal of the 3rd of November last: "Bro. Jacob Norton of Boston 'does not agree' with Bro. Sadler in his 'Facts and Fictions.' In other words he thinks his facts are fiction and his fiction facts. Bro. Norton, 'shake,' since for once we are agreed." I hope that "shake" has come off, and that it has been a source of mutual enjoyment to the parties concerned. If the writer intended this paragraph as a gratuitous advertisement I am extremely obliged to him, and if it was meant merely as a sample of Yankee smartness he is heartily welcome to all the credit he is likely to get by it. Some people have found Bro. Norton alone *quite* enough to tackle single-handed, and it would have been perhaps as *well* to have heard the other side before coming to a decision. However, as our brother has thought proper to rush uninvited to the fray, he will, I doubt not, readily divide the spoils of the battle with his companion in arms. Whenever I hear the words "Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion" I shall be reminded of the wonder worked by my little book in reconciling two distinguished members of our Order, who *never had* agreed before, and the picture of Bro. Norton and his life-long antagonist fraternising and shaking, *actually shaking*, over "Masonic Facts and Fictions" will amply repay me for all my toil and trouble in writing the book, and be a consolation in my darkest hours. Kicking a dead man is a comparatively safe and easy mode of fighting, but at best it can only result in an inglorious victory; now if these valiant champions of misrepresentation are not yet satisfied, I shall at any time be most happy to "run a tilt" with them, either in defence of the memory of Laurence Dermott, or of my own arguments in "Masonic Facts and Fictions." I am almost as much in the dark as to the number of unbelievers in my new theory to be found in this country, but I will take this opportunity for mentioning a few who did or do believe in it, and whose opinions should have some weight. Amongst the former I am happy in being able to include the late Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain of England, for many years editor of the *Freemason*, and every one who knew *him* must admit that he would not readily abandon an old tradition unless perfectly satisfied that it had no foundation, nor adopt a new theory unless convinced of its soundness. It affords me much pleasure to record the fact that a favourable view of my theory has been expressed by Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B., Garter, King at Arms, P.G.W., &c., who has held the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies for thirty years out of his forty as a Mason. In a letter (unsolicited) Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, says, "You have, I think, made out your case, you have put it very clearly and succinctly and have carried conviction to my mind. . . . . Your success is not only gratifying as showing a desire to get at the truth in the Craft, but also a testimony to the fairness and ability with which the work has been executed."

The opinion of Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, can be seen in the Preface of the book, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, has given me permission to say that he is fully satisfied that my theory is correct. The brethren I have named are not at all likely to have been influenced by merely personal considerations, and were it necessary or even deemed advisable I could mention a large number of others who are of the same opinion. I am sorry I cannot include amongst them my valued and highly esteemed friend, Brother W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon; however, I do not despair even in that quarter, for "*time* is on my side." Indeed, it would have been little short of a miracle if had I succeeded in one single effort in convincing every one of our historians that they have been wrong on this question all their lives. The difficulty of my task may be well illustrated by the following anecdote.

While the compilation of "Masonic Facts, &c." was in progress I accidentally met with one of our most cautious

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and experienced Masonic authors, and, wishing to ascertain his views on the subject, I mildly asked, "Did you ever hear of any other theory for the origin of the Ancients than that of secession from the regular Grand Lodge?" He was utterly astounded at the absurdity of the question, and when he had sufficiently recovered I found it necessary to explain; ultimately he *did* grasp my meaning, and his answer was, "of *course* not, why they *must* have seceded; where could they have come from if they did not?" For certain private reasons I did not deem it worth while to discuss the question contained in his answer, and I think from that time the subject has never been mentioned between us. But to return to Bro. Hughan, who, I find, has done me the honour of quoting one of my fictions in support of the secession theory in his introduction to the recently published History of the Royal Union Lodge, although I notice that he has totally ignored all my fresh evidence. I may say at once, and for all, that so long as I can hold a pen and find a paper willing to print what I write I shall continue to protest most emphatically against the stigma implied in the term "schismatics" being applied to the branch of our Order commonly called the "Ancients." And I challenge the talented and worthy author to show the evidence on which he founds his assertion that "a number of schismatics met in London" in 1751. In the first place I should like to be perfectly clear that we agree as to the definition of the word "schismatic." As I understand it, it implies one who having withdrawn or seceded from any particular class or body, assists in establishing a society of a similar character in the same neighbourhood, but without previous secession such society could not properly be styled "Schismatics." Whether this accords with Bro. Hughan's view I know not, but I contend that we are no longer justified in using this epithet in the way it has been used for upwards of a hundred years, there being no real evidence of a schism having occurred anywhere near the periods indicated by different writers; and that I have adduced abundant evidence to satisfy any but the most sceptical that the secession story was a combination of ignorance and malice and unworthy of credence. If, therefore, nothing more reliable than Dermott's record in December 1752, "*that so many* of them withdrew from Lodges (under the Modern sanction) to support the true Ancient System," can be advanced by Bro. Hughan, I am sorry to say I must describe it as I have described many of Bro. Norton's assertions, viz., "that it is contrary to evidence." We have no trace of Dermott's connection with the "Ancients" till a few days prior to his election as Grand Secretary on the 5th February 1752, and this date agrees with the entry of his name in their first register, in which the members' names appear in numerical order, his number being 114, so that it is clear he could not have been one of the original seventy or eighty who met in July 1751 and agreed to establish a Grand Lodge; indeed, the whole of the early records of this body tend to show that he had but recently come amongst them, consequently his actual knowledge of their antecedents is not likely to have been very extensive. The passage quoted by Bro. Hughan is simply a record by Dermott of what appears to have been an all-round gossip in the Grand Committee, indulged in by some of the old Masons present. I attach no importance to it, for this reason, "*many*" may have meant five or six, or a dozen or two, and is therefore too indefinite to be of any value. Now, what I consider *reliable* evidence is to be found in Morgan's Register, and this, I regret to say, Bro. Hughan has seen very little of; had he been better acquainted with it I think it extremely probable that there would have been very little difference between us as to the "origin and nationality of the 'Ancients.'"

In the column headed "From Whence" in this register, FIVE names only are recorded to December 1752, with the words "Modern" or "From y^e^ Moderns" appended to them. I think these people might properly be termed seceders, but that we should, on their account, apply this epithet to the whole body is, in my opinion, unreasonable. Brother Hughan's next assertion that 'Dermott was himself a seceder from the regular Grand Lodge, having become a joining member from the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1748, but retired soon afterwards" requires confirmation before I can accept it as an historical fact. At present I must beg leave to doubt its accuracy, as it is not supported by authentic evidence.

In the column before mentioned, "No. 26 Dublin," is written against his name; he is described in the first Minutes or "Transactions of the Grand Committee" as "Past Master of No. 26 Dublin," and this description was verified by two of the former members of that Lodge at a meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1757. So far as I know there is not a word in the records on either side to support the statement that he ever *joined* a "Modern" Lodge; not that it would affect my theory if he had, as the "Ancients" had organised before he joined them, as their *second* Grand Secretary, so that his coming amongst them could not have made them "Schismatics." I understand from Bro. Hughan that his authority for the statement is the following passage by Dermott himself in *Ahiman Rezon*:—"Several eminent Craftsmen residing in Scotland, Ireland, America, and other parts both abroad and at home, have greatly importuned me to give them some account of what is called Modern Masonry in London. I cannot be displeased with such importunities, because I had the like curiosity myself in 1748, when I was first introduced into that society."

Now, I cannot see my way to accept this statement as conclusive evidence of Dermott having *joined* a "Modern" Lodge, for several reasons. In the first place I think if he had *joined* one of those Lodges he would have said so explicitly, and we should have found some corroborative evidence in the records of his own Grand Lodge, or his detractors on the other side would have charged him with it; and from the absence of his name from the list of original members of the "Ancients" I should infer that he was not in London at the time of their organization or he would, doubtless, have taken a prominent part in it. In the absence of other evidence I think a reasonable construction of the passage quoted would be that wishing to gratify his curiosity he got some brother to *introduce* him as a *visitor* into one or more of the modern Lodges in the same way as we *introduce* visitors now, and by his using the words "*first introduced*" I am inclined to think that he was a visitor on more than *one* occasion. Bro. Hughan also mentions a letter which Dermott sent to somebody in America he *thinks*, in which he states that he joined a Modern Lodge. When I have some knowledge of the existence of this letter I shall be willing to give it due consideration, but until then I shall prefer the evidence at hand.

I see nothing new in Bro. Hughan's references to the York phase of the "Ancient" question, and having already discussed this part of the subject at considerable length with Bro. Norton I shall only say that if Bro. Hughan *will* prefer the unfounded assertion of the partizan Preston to the straightforward statement of Dermott I cannot help it, however much I may be disappointed. For my part I am content with the explanation given by this much abused, and, at present, little appreciated, brother in the second edition of *Ahiman Rezon*, viz., "They are called York Masons, because the first Grand Lodge in England was congregated at York A.D. 926, by prince Edwin, who (at the same time) purchased a free charter from king Athelstan for the use of the fraternity." This was always my view of the reason why the "Ancients" adopted the title of York Masons, although until a few days ago I was unaware of the existence of the paragraph just quoted. I see nothing unreasonable or inconsistent in it, and although it is in no way relevant to my theory of the origin of the "Ancients" I shall be most happy to discuss it more fully with *any brother* who objects to it, either publicly or privately.

I fear that I have severely taxed the patience of my venerable and respected opponent by the time I have occupied in responding to his criticisms, but he must remember that he gave me plenty to do, and it would have been of no use or advantage whatever had I been content with simply expressing dissent from his views. I had to *prove* that they were wrong, and this I could not do without producing evidence. Doubtless he has experienced no little difficulty in restraining his natural ardour and is impatient to resume the fight, and I must say that I shall be glad to hear from him as soon as it may be convenient. Still I should not have the least objection to a respite of a few weeks' duration, other matters requiring my attention just now. I trust it will not be deemed *very* presumptuous on my part if I appeal to him, and also to our mutual friend Bro. Hughan, to review this matter seriously, calmly and judiciously, by the light of the evidence I have adduced; to entirely discard the Prestonian spectacles as being worse than useless, tending rather to distort than make clear; but to depend on their own unbiassed judgment and

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natural goodness of heart; to unite with me in endeavouring to place this portion of our history on a firm and comprehensive basis, easily understood by those who follow us; and let us sweep away for all time the inappropriate, confusing and ridiculous appellations which have hitherto been applied to the two great branches of our Order. Let us in future give them their proper titles, neither "Ancients," "so-called Ancients," "Moderns," "Regulars," "Irregulars," "Schismatics," "Seceders," nor even "Athols," but let us call the elder Society the "The Grand Lodge of England," and the younger say, "The Anglo-Irish Grand Lodge." If my friends can suggest anything better I shall be glad, but in my opinion these designations would be most appropriate. Whether we agree or not on this particular point I am firmly convinced that sooner or later some such titles will be given them, for the real history of the so-called "Schismatics" has yet to be written, indeed I may venture to state that it is now in progress, and that the subject has been taken in hand by one who has both patience and ability to do it full justice, and who, I doubt not, will act upon the maxim that "Historians ought to be precise, truthful, and quite unprejudiced, and neither interest nor fear, hatred nor affection, should cause them to swerve from the path of truth, whose mother is history, the rival of time, the depository of great actions, the witness of what is past, the example and instruction to the present, and monitor to the future."*

*Cervantes.—"Masonic Facts and Fictions," page 188.

JUBILEE MEMORIAL AT PADSTOW.

A GRAND Masonic ceremonial was observed at the laying of the foundation stone of an obelisk at Dennishill, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The weather was exceptionally fine, and although there was a keen, biting wind, and the road to the site exceedingly mucky, there was a large attendance of Masonic brethren, Foresters, and the public, and the proceedings passed off very successfully. The Padstow Jubilee Committee placed as memorials several seats in the attractive walks around the town for the convenience and comfort of residents and visitors, and proposed to erect a small obelisk with seats around at Dennis-hill to specially mark the eventful year. They accordingly applied to the Rev. Samuel Paynter, of London, who owns the estate and a considerable amount of land adjoining, for the necessary permission to erect the obelisks and seats there. The Rev. Samuel Paynter not only gave his consent, but offered to place an obelisk on the site at his own cost. The Committee were, of course, delighted with this proposal, and as the result of negotiations which took place between the rev. gentleman and Mr. Joseph Hicks, the secretary of the committee, Messrs. Henry Hamilton and John Paynter Hamilton, architects, of London, were instructed to draw up plans for an obelisk. This having been done, tenders were invited, and that of Bro. Nicholas Robins, of Wadebridge, was accepted. The height of the obelisk will be fifty feet, and it will be built of grey Cornish granite. There are steps at the base, and then a large square block bearing the words "Victoria Jubilee, 1887," surmounted by a crown. When the Jubilee Committee learnt that the Rev. Samuel Paynter proposed to behave so nobly and generously, and erect so substantial a memorial, it was suggested that as Padstow had a young and flourishing Masonic Lodge—St. Petroc, No. 1785—the Masons should be given an opportunity of proving themselves practical and operative Masons. The donor of the site and structure acquiesced in the proposal, and accordingly the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, was asked to perform the ceremony. His lordship wrote saying he should only have only been too pleased to comply with their wishes, but his public engagements would not permit. He deputed Bro. Major C. R. Prideaux Brune, W.M. St. Petroc Lodge, to act in his absence, and who fully justified the choice made by the able way in which he carried out the ceremony. The Jubilee Committee, Mr. J. Hicks in particular, are to be congratulated on having brought the negotiations to a successful issue, and the W.M. and the consecrating Officers on their excellent work. The site is a most commanding one, about a mile from the town. It commands the Camel River, the mouth of the harbour, and the surrounding hills and tors for miles around. The total cost of the structure will be about £500.—*Lancaster Weekly News.*

The same publishers announce "The Dog-Owner's Kennel Companion and Referee," from the pen of Dr. Gordon Stables, as the next volume of Dean's Practical Guide Books." This will be profusely illustrated with portraits of the latest champion dogs.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Excellent Pills.—The resources of chemistry and medicine were long fruitlessly tried before they yielded a remedy, which could overcome disorders of the stomach and nerves, till Professor Holloway discovered his purifying and tonic pills. They are the surest and safest correctives of indigestion, heartburn, flatulency, torpidity of the liver, twitchings, nervous fancies, despondency, low spirits, and declining strength. Holloway's Pills supersede all irregular action on the body, and so strengthen and support the system that disease departs, and leaves the patient not at all shaken. This is the general aim and object of medical art, to regulate disordered functions, without damaging the constitution by the remedy; and admirably is the end attained by Holloway's Pills.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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INDEFATIGABLE LODGE, No. 237.

THE installation of Bro. John Williams as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Monday the 14th inst., and was followed by a banquet at the Royal Hotel. In the evening there were present at the ceremony about 70 brethren, including Bros. M. Tennant Deputy D.P.G.M., J. B. Wilson, N. Leitch, and other distinguished brethren.

LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when Bro. James Bosson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. C. Davis was the Installing Master. Bro. J. Bosson the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Roberts I.P.M., Sloley S.W., Seldon J.W., Chanter Chaplain, Brewer Treasurer, Roberts Secretary, Coulthard S.D., Codd J.D., Ebsworthy D.C., Pigot Org., Pearce I.G., Craig and Harper Stewards, Bater and Hancock Tylers. Bro. Seldon was appointed Almoner, and Bro. Brewer was appointed the Representative to Committee of Petitions. At the close of the regular business of the Lodge Bro. Roberts was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, where the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

AFFABILITY LODGE, No. 317.

THE installation of Bro. James Robinson took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, when a large number of brethren attended. It is most satisfactory to note that this old Lodge has flourished considerably during the past fifteen years, owing, in the first instance, to the energy and interest thrown into it by one of three then remaining members, viz., Bro. J. L. Hine P.P.G.J.W., who many years ago, when the question of returning the Warrant to Grand Lodge was discussed, refused to be a party to such a course, and with the assistance of his confreres succeeded in re-established the Lodge on something like its former footing. The brother alluded to is familiarly styled "Charity Hine," or or as the R.W.P.G. Master once stated, the gentleman who drives the Charity Coach. For upwards of forty years Bro. Hine has worked most strenuously and zealously for the cause of charity, and no brother is more highly esteemed or better known in East Lancashire. In addition to Bro. Hine others that have taken great interest in the welfare of the Lodge are Bros. James Dawson P.M., John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D. of C., John Smethurst P.M., Henry Walmsley P.M., W. J. Cunliffe P.M. and Treas. P.P.G.S.D., J. W. Edwards P.M., and James Wilson P.M. These brethren have undoubtedly been of late years so many pillars of the Lodge, and their constant attendance, unflagging interest, and ungrudging charity, has been the means of producing the present satisfactory condition of things. Emulating such examples our Bro. Robinson inaugurated his presidency by presenting the Lodge with a complete set of Officers' aprons, collars, and gauntlets, and thus gave unequivocal proof of his interest and zeal. Among those present on Thursday were Bros. W. B. Akerman W.M., James Robinson S.W., E. Chesworth J.W., W. J. Cunliffe P.M. Treas. P.P.G.S.D., Septimus Staton Secretary, V. M. Vultchoff S.D., J. Read I.G., F. Spence and James MacLeod Stewards, John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D. of C., James Dawson P.M., J. L. Hine P.M. P.P.G.J.W., John Smethurst P.M., J. H. Clark P.M. P.P.G.S.D., H. Walmsley P.M., W. Nicholl P.M. P.P.G.T., J. W. Edwards P.M., James Wilson P.M., R. R. Lisenden P.M. Prov. G. Steward, J. Garside P.M., W. Brooklehurst, J. H. Marsh, E. Wihl, J. Pearson, Lawrence Hall, A. Rottmeyer, Thomas Bushell P.M., Edward Smith, Wm. Garside, G. Jackson, Alfred Allen, and Swindells. Visitors: J. H. Sillitoe Past Grand Standard Bearer, H. L. Rocca P.M. 815 P.P.G.S.D., James Kershaw P.M. 300 P.P.G.D.C., D. G. Anderson P.M. 1664 P.P.G. Supt. Works, Northumberland, John Stovold P.M. 993, A. Wright P.M. 993, Christopher Wren W.M. 1147, C. Wallworth W.M. 1459, C. B. Clewlay W.M. 44, M. H. Dodd P.M. 48, W. D. Waddell P.M. 168, W. Marchington 1357, A. B. Outram P.M. 1052, B. Carr W.M. 1171, F. Shaw 1459, E. T. Everatt P.M. 1140 P.P.G.S.D. (West Lancashire), W. J. Chadwick P.M. late of 1345, J. W. Rattray S.W. 1993, J. Phythian W.M. 436, J. Fitton I.P.M. 269, J. H. Scott 654, T. H. Barnes 581, Joseph Chadderton W.M. and W.M. elect 2216. The Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In the second degree, Bro. John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., who had been selected to instal the W.M. elect, took the chair. Bro. James Robinson (W.M. elect) was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. W. B. Akerman W.M., and inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due ceremony. On the re-admission of all W.M.'s, F.C.'s, and E.A.'s, the fact of Bro. Robinson having been installed was proclaimed to them, seriatim, and he was saluted in the customary manner. Bro. James Dawson P.M. then addressed and invested the following brethren Officers for the year: E. G. Chesworth S.W., V. M. Vultchoff J.W., W. J. Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treas., S. Staton Secretary, John Read S.D., F. Spence J.D., John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. D.C., John R. Lever P.M. Organist, J. McLeod I.G., Wm. Garside, Geo. Jackson, and Thomas Bushell P.M. Stewards, James Sly Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. John Bladon P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. W. B. Akerman I.P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. James Dawson P.M. Prior to the Lodge being closed Bro. James Robinson W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. W. B. Akerman I.P.M. with a P.M.'s 18 carat gold jewel for his highly appreciated and valuable services during the past year. Bro. Akerman expressed his sincere thanks for the jewel, which he should highly prize. Bro. James Dawson P.M., on behalf of the W.M., presented the Lodge with the very handsome set of aprons (11), collars (13), and gauntlets (3 pairs), previously referred to, and proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Robinson for

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his great kindness. The proposition was seconded and carried amidst applause, and there being no further business hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a capital banquet prepared and served under the experienced and able supervision of Bro. and Mrs. Phillips, and which gave satisfaction to all. After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts, which were honoured in the customary manner. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe Past Grand Standard Bearer in response to the toast of the Grand Officers, said it gave him exceptional pleasure to reply inasmuch that he was initiated twenty-three years ago in the Lodge of Affability, and had taken considerable interest in its welfare ever since. Many of the brethren present were aware that he had devoted a great deal of time to the study and working of the ritual, both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and had travelled on an average 1200 miles per year for the purpose of performing ceremonies. He assured them that in so doing it had been a labour of love; at the same time he assumed his efforts had been noted by Provincial and Grand Lodge, who he was proud to say had conferred upon him very high honours. Such distinctions would naturally make any man feel proud, and he certainly thought his appointments reflected credit on old 317. No Lodge had done more for Charity, or possessed more earnest workers than his mother Lodge of Affability, and if they would receive him again amongst them as a re-joining member he should feel greatly pleased. He considered 317 had the first claim upon his affections and support, and wherever he might happen to be his sincere wishes were for its prosperity, and he would do all in his power to further its interests. It goes without saying that Bro. Sillitoe's remarks were listened to by the members with great satisfaction, and that his election is a foregone conclusion. Bros. H. L. Rocca P.P.G.S.D., James Kershaw P.P.G.D.C., and D. G. Anderson P.P.G. Supt. Works (Northumberland), replied on behalf of the P.G. Officers. Bro. J. H. Clark P.P.G.S.D. proposed the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. The toast was well received, and Bro. Robinson's health drank with enthusiasm, after which Bro. H. Walmsley P.M. sang "Here's to his health in a song." The W.M., in reply, said that Col. Clark had said a great many nice things about him which he scarcely thought he deserved, but if as it appeared from his unanimous election he had given the brethren satisfaction in the past, he trusted he should deserve well of them in the future. When he first became a joining member of the Lodge he certainly had no idea of becoming its Worshipful Master, but since the force of circumstances had propelled him along and gained him that honourable position he felt very proud of it, and would do his best, with the assistance of his P.M.'s (on whom he felt he could rely) to prove himself worthy of the brethren's confidence. It was to him a great pleasure to see so many of his old friends around him, and he should never forget or regret the day he was installed W.M. of so old and highly esteemed a Lodge as the Affability. Bro. James Dawson P.M. was entrusted with the gavel to propose the Visitors, and performed his pleasant task in that happy style so characteristic of him. The toast was very heartily received, and Bros. Campbell W.M. 1357, W. D. Waddell P.M. 163, C. Wallworth W.M. 1459, J. Chatterton W.M. and W.M. elect 2216, Wm. Rattray S.W., W. J. Chadwick late 1345, and J. H. Scott 654, replied. All expressed their satisfaction with the truly Masonic hospitality that had been extended to them. Several of the visitors were personal and intimate friends of the Worshipful Master, and gave him a character for straightforward dealing and integrity, augurring a highly successful year for the Lodge under his presidency. Bro. Wallworth W.M. 1459 said he and the W.M. had known each other from boyhood, had been in business together, and were now brethren in Masonry. The W.M. in proposing the health of Bro. W. B. Akerman I.P.M., spoke very highly of the satisfactory manner he had performed his duties during the past year, having journeyed from London, Newcastle, and other long distances especially to be present at his Lodge; the result being a very successful year and gaining him the highest respect and esteem of every member of the Lodge. The toast was well received, and Bro. Akerman's health heartily drank, after which he returned thanks in appropriate terms. The Installing Master Bro. John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. and the P.M.'s was next proposed, to which Bro. Bladon responded. The Masonic Charities was most ably given by Bro. Wm. Nicholls P.P.G.T., and as ably responded to by Bro. J. L. Hine P.P.G.J.W. The other toasts were the newly invested Officers, and To all poor and distressed Masons. A very enjoyable evening being brought to a close shortly before 11 o'clock. During the evening Bro. Stephen E. Jopp W.M. 1140 sang "Queen of my Heart," and "Tom Bowling," in excellent style; and Bro. H. R. Lisenden P.M. recited "Over the Hill to the Poor House," and played a selection on the English concertina.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, when there was a very large attendance of the members and their friends to do honour to the occasion. Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the outgoing W.M. Bro. G. H. Kitson, who was supported by the following Past Masters:—Bros. West (Treasurer), E. J. B. Bumstead (Secretary), Bagshawe, Wakefield, A. Holmes, Kitson, S. P. Catterson, W. Saegert, Catterson jun., Knowles, P. Magee. The Officers were in their respective places, and the Lodge was honoured by the presence of the following Visitors:—Brothers W. Youldon P.M. 1638 and 1981 P.P.G.D. Surrey, G. Moorman P.M. 1638, W.M. 1981 Prov. G.P. Surrey, G. M. Bond W.M. 850, J. G. Milbourne P.M 13, F. Morgan P.M. 1155, Thomas Grammant P.M. 1559, W. Kipps P.M. 1275, W. J. A. Gleaver 153, T. Poole 1539, D. J. Rowland 2157, A. Howlett 1929, W. A. Frost 2000, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. L. Fryer 1624, T. W. Hanson 2182, T. Kempton 1706. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was presented. This showed the Lodge to be in an eminently satisfactory condition, £100 standing on the credit side of the account. The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was flourishing, and the account here standing to credit side also amounted to a round £100. It is needless to add the statement was received with acclamation, and the report unanimously adopted. The next business was the installation of the W.M., Bro. W. T. Jones, who had received the unanimous suffrages of the brethren at the last meeting. Bro. G. H. Kitson, following the precedent that has held in this Lodge for several years past, had undertaken to instal his successor, and he performed the duty to the satisfaction of all assembled. In due course the Officers were appointed: Bros. J. Youldon S.W., F. W. Hancock J.W., West P.M. Treasurer, Bumstead P.M. Secretary, H. J. Smith S.D., E. W. Hatherich J.D., C. Atkins I.G., W. S. Fisher D.C., J. MacGregor Steward, R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler. The addresses were eloquently delivered by Bro. Kitson, who received the compliments and congratulations of all who had witnessed his work. Routine matters next received attention, and Lodge was formally closed. The banquet followed; Bros. Weston and Wiane, the proprietors of this popular hotel, had prepared an excellent menu, and taking into account that, consequent on the large attendance, their resources were taxed to the uttermost, the result was in every respect satisfactory. Everything was well cooked; hot plates were the rule, and the supply abundant. What wonder then that contentment and happiness prevailed. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were briefly introduced. With the health of Her Majesty was associated Prosperity to the Craft, the W.M. remarking that the Queen of England always displayed deep interest in the welfare of her subjects, while the members of the Craft always went hand in hand in the conduct of public events. In speaking of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Bro. Jones referred to the deep interest taken by the M.W. the Grand Master in Masonic doings, and how popular he had made himself in all public duties. His zeal was not only appreciated in this country, but all over the world. Bro. Kitson proposed the health of the W.M., and Bro. Jones in reply, assured the brethren that although he had often looked forward to the day when it would fall to his lot to respond to this toast, and though he fully realised the heavy responsibilities that devolved upon him, he scarcely knew what to say. However, he would strive all in his power to make his year a happy and prosperous one, and he felt he should have every assistance from the Past Masters, Officers, and members of his Lodge. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Officer. The W.M. stated that though it had been his good fortune to be present at some eight or ten installation meetings, he had never been present when the ceremony was conducted in a more perfect manner. In reply, Bro. Kitson stated that the members of the Lodge knew that for years past in the Wellington Lodge it had been the rule for the outgoing Master to instal his successor. Personally, he considered this as much a duty as the qualifying to work the ceremonies of the three degrees. He was gratified to know his efforts had met with the approval of the brethren, and he trusted he might be associated with the Lodge for many years yet to come. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors the W.M. said they had a long list, many brethren highly distinguished in Freemasonry. To all they extended a cordial greeting. Bros. Bond, Kipps, and Morgan responded. For the Past Masters Bro. Catterson jun. replied. In responding for the Treasurer and Secretary Bro. Bumstead (Secretary) gave some interesting details as to events that had occurred during the 28 years he had held the post of Secretary. It had been his good fortune to have to work with a Treasurer (the late Bro. Welsford) who had but one aim so far as their Lodge was concerned,—that was its success. The same remarks would apply to their present Treasurer, Bro. West, on whom Bro. Welsford's mantle had gracefully fallen. The Lodge was prospering, and he hoped it would long continue so to do. Bro. West also addressed the brethren in a few well-chosen sentences. Several other toasts followed and the Tyler closed the proceedings only just in time for the brethren to catch the last train. A capital musical programme had been provided, and it was efficiently carried out by Bros. W. A. Frost, Fryer, Kempton, and Hanson.

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THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

UNDOUBTEDLY the Masonic event of the present week has been the installation meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday last, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. The gathering in every way may be described as a Grand Success, and the members of the Lodge must ever be grateful to their popular Secretary Brother George Gardner P.M. for the immense exertions he used and the well considered arrangements he inaugurated by which this happy result was achieved. True, he was ably supported by the Past Masters and Officers, but to him first honours must be universally conceded. The members were summoned for two o'clock, and punctually to that time Bro. Gardner opened the Lodge. After the minutes of last regular meeting, and those of emergency meetings, had been read and confirmed, Bros. E. O. Fountain, W. Maskell, and Stuart were raised; the latter a visitor from Australia, the degree being conferred on him by request of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of English Freemasons. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Gardner up to the point of obligation, but now the W.M. of the Lodge Bro. Dr. F. Lawrance, who had been detained by an important matter in connection with his profession, took his position and proceeded with the business. Two brethren were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft—Bros. E. T. Spurr and James Clarke. Two candidates for initiation now presented themselves; Mr. George Callingham and Mr. Francis James Pemeller. The ballot was declared in their favour, and they were regularly received and enlightened in the mysteries of the first degree. A ballot was also taken for Bro. E. P. Delevanté, who was elected a joining member of the Lodge. At this stage of the proceedings routine work was considered; several letters regretting inability to attend were read, official intimation given that the esteemed Father of the Lodge, and its Treasurer, Bro. Geo. Everett, was unable to leave his bed through an acute and severe attack of his old "enemy." The auditors' report, which was unanimously adopted, showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition, a balance of nearly £133 standing to the credit side of the account. The brethren were now "called off," and opportunity was taken to inspect the arrangements made by Bro. John Brill. It is now pretty generally known to our readers that Bro. Brill has recently built a large Hall contiguous to his already vast establishment, and herein it had been settled the banquet should be served. As a consequence there was no lack of accommodation, and the result throughout gave unqualified satisfaction to the large body assembled (something like 200 in all). On resuming labour the Grand Secretary, who had been requested by the W.M. to act as Installing Master, took the chair, and Dr. Lawrance presented Bro. Lord George Francis Hamilton S.W. and W.M. elect, First Lord of the Admiralty, as W.M. elect. It is needless to say the ceremony was performed in a masterly way. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. Lawrance I.P.M., W. Dowling S.W., J. Brown J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer (by deputy), G. Gardner P.M. Sec., W. H. Wimpey S.D., F. W. Walden J.D., C. Hughes I.G., J. Rowling D.C., and B. Kenyon Steward. In complimentary terms the W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Dr. Lawrance, expressing his approval, as well as the admiration and satisfaction of the brethren, at the excellent way in which he had performed his duties as Master of the Lodge during the last twelve months; assuring the brethren, at the same time, that he would use his utmost endeavours while he occupied the chair to imitate the I.P.M. Bro. Dr. Lawrance acknowledged the gift, and the complimentary terms with which it was presented, and said that the interests of the Chiswick Lodge had always been his care and concern, and any labour he had been put to was amply rewarded by his seeing the great success which the Lodge had attained. This concluded the business and Lodge was closed. After the banquet, and grace had been sung, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft. Although Her Majesty ruled over millions of subjects who were swayed by loyalty and devotion to the Crown, none of those millions stood more prominent than the Masonic Brotherhood, who were famed for their loyalty and devotion. While drinking the health of Her Majesty he wished to point out that the Queen had a special claim on the brethren's attention. He could quite understand the Queen and the Craft being associated together from the great principles which underlie Freemasonry — unity, order, and co-operation. Was it not true that under the rule of Queen Victoria the nations of the British Empire had made greater progress than they had ever before made in half a century? It was by the enforcement of the laws of unity, order, and co-operation, that it had progressed so much in those great qualities of Charity and benevolence, which had ever been associated with the Craft. Was there a section of the Queen's multitudinous subjects who, in their hour of grief and affliction, did not elicit from Her Majesty words of condolence? He gave expression to those principles and qualities which formed the foundation of Masonry, and though she was not of the Craft, her name was well associated with it in the first Masonic toast. Of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Worshipful Master said he thought it a happy coincidence that Masonry, the oldest Craft in the civilised world, had at its head the heir apparent of the oldest monarchy in Europe. Recently a volume of the speeches of the Prince of Wales had been published; these dealt with every conceivable subject, social, religious, and political; but the particular quality that seemed to underlie them all was that spirit of Charity which was characteristic of Masonry, and which fitted so well with His Royal Highness's own ideas. He was proud to think that the Prince of Wales attached to none of the Institutions to which he belonged more importance than to the Masonic Craft. Long might he continue to be Grand Master, and might the Craft always have at its head one of the same exalted position to preside over and conduct its affairs. Bro. Dr. Lawrance I.P.M. proposed the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. He was pleased to see so many Grand Officers come forward to support the Chiswick Lodge, and honour the installation of Lord George Hamilton. Some of them had come at great personal inconvenience. Lord Halsbury, though he had been present, was obliged to leave early, because he lived at Heston. Several other Grand Officers would have come but for illness, which was now very prevalent, whilst others were in the country. As to the Grand Officers they were all great workers in Masonry, otherwise they would not be in their high position. They took a grand interest in Masonic affairs, and these had a great hold on the English people. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, in reply, said the last remark of Dr. Lawrance was true—Masonry had a great hold on the English people, and it had a hold for their benefit. It was one of those means by which the English people had been able best to show their great philanthropy and their true sense of Charity. He believed there was something greater and deeper even than the voice of philanthropy or Charity, if the terms were only accepted in the proposition of assisting those who were in distress. True Charity was not only to do good to those who were in want, but to have a charitable feeling to men, brotherly love, affection, and sympathy among all classes. If that were the great purpose and end of Masonry, truly they must have good Officers to carry it out. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, regretted Lord Halsbury's absence; he would undoubtedly have made an excellent reply. He (Bro. Fenn) assured the brethren that the Grand Officers endeavoured to discharge their duties to the best of their ability, and they were glad they gave satisfaction to the Craft. Personally he took a great interest in the working of Masonry, and regretted he was not present in Lodge to see what he was informed was beautiperformed. Bro. Dr. Lawrance, in proposing the health of the W.M., said this was no ordinary occasion. It was not every day that a Lodge like the Chiswick could boast of having the First Lord of the Admiralty at its head; and it was not every day so large a gathering of Masons was seen. When he first spoke to Lord George Hamilton about coming into the Lodge, he replied he was unwilling to do so because he could not attend regularly. But during the past year the W.M. had come among them and taken upon him his duties of S.W.; the W.M. was known to a great number of them, therefore he need say nothing of his geniality and kindness, but he would ask them to drink the health of the W.M. cordially and as it deserved, assuring them at the same time that Lord George Hamilton was gratified, and considerably gratified, at seeing so many of his friends around him. They must remember this was not a meeting at Freemasons' Tavern or Drury Lane, where they could get any number together. This hostelry was a long distance from town, but the brethren had come a long distance to do honour to the W.M., and all wished him long life and prosperity, and long might he live to take an interest in the Lodge. In reply, Lord George said the brethren had paid him a great honour that day by placing him in the chair of the Chiswick Lodge. They had consummated that kind work by the manner in which they had received the toast just proposed by Past Master Lawrance. It was an unexpected honour to find himself in his present position. What Bro. Lawrance said was perfectly true; when it was first proposed that he should occupy that high post, he felt he had not the necessary time to give to the discharge of its duties. He said frankly that in political or Masonic life he hated mere figureheads; whatever a man undertook he ought to be conscious he had either the capacity or the time to devote to it. He had felt he had not the time to give to the discharge of his duties, even to those of Senior Warden. He entered Masonry with no ambition, and no hope of advancing to the post he now occupied. When he was a boy there was a saying which took his fancy very much, and it had to a large extent been his guide through life. Many of the brethren might have heard it; it was "Vast is the mighty ocean, for drops have made it vast;" and he felt the sea had been made vast by every drop of rain and every river coming down into it and increasing it. So he felt that he, as one human unit added to the great Masonic world, might do something to add to the tide of benevolence and Charity throughout the world. He aspired no higher; but he was very much struck by the extraordinary willingness of prominent members to efface themselves provided that by so doing they could advance their Lodge or Masonry in general. He happened now to hold high political office, and no doubt it occurred to certain of his brethren that if, in the combination of the duties of W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge and First Lord of the Admiralty, he was to act it might be of benefit to the Lodge and to Masonry. There were some of the brethren who were much better qualified than himself to discharge the duties of the Lodge, but they deliberately sacrificed themselves, and asked him to take their place. Possibly there might be this idea in their minds that he might not long occupy his political post, and they took the opportunity while it occurred. At any rate, he thanked them most heartily for the reception they had accorded him, and the goodly muster, not only of the members of the Lodge, but of brethren outside. Without in any way infringing the rules of Masonry or disclosing the secrets of the Craft, he might say there was one duty a Master ought to perform, which he was afraid he should find somewhat difficult. The brethren had been told he ought to be easy of access, and he feared that during his year he should not be so easy of access as he could wish; but if that should be the case it would not be from any disregard of Masonic precepts. Masonry claimed a certain time for labour, a certain time for refreshment, and a certain time for meditation. He was sorry to say that in another assembly with which he was associated these rules did not prevail; there they had no time for refreshment, still less for meditation, because when they snatched a hasty meal they were constantly interrupted by divisions, which played mischief with the digestion of the brethren, and the labour was absolutely unlimited, and every year it became greater and greater. It was for these reasons that he should not be able to devote much time and attention to the Lodge He was chained to another place, though he hoped in course of time he would be in a position of greater freedom, and be able to give more time to his Masonic duties. In the Craft they were told there were certain things that were movable, and

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 25th day of January 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS, L.G.:—
"That Law No. 53 be suspended during the next April Election for the purpose of admitting Harold Gray as a candidate at such Election."

2. By W. Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, L.G.:—
"That the Laws of the Institution be referred for revision and correction to a Committee, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on 26th April next, or to a Special General Court, to be convened in accordance with Law No. 31."

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a Recommendation from the General Committee—
"That 17 Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, 26th April 1889, from an approved List of 72 Candidates, subject to the decision of the Court on two cases in addition, deferred for final consideration."

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

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

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
9th January 1889.

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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
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ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY 1889,
UPON WHICH OCCASION
The Right Hon. the EARL of EUSTON,
R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts.
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 £3,800.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 26th day of January 1889, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in April next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notices of Motion as under, viz.:—

NOTICES OF MOTION:—
By Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, V.-Pres.:

1. To amend Law 55 as follows: "That a Girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to some lodge for seven years, but should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some Lodge."

2. "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed, shall not be affected thereby."

F. B. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall,
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9th January 1889.

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MASONIC CRITICISM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is one great drawback in connection with Freemasonry which strikes me particularly at the present moment. No matter what may be the position of the brother who suggests an alteration, or an improvement, or who finds fault with anything associated with the Craft, he is sure to be pounced upon by some one, and described as a fool, or a rogue, or perhaps worse. I have had some little experience of the doings of the world, and I think I am justified in saying that in this respect Freemasonry enjoys an unenviable notoriety, and I am surprised that so much ill-feeling is engendered in this way among a class who pride themselves on their Brotherly Love and Truth. There are good men in the ranks of Freemasonry, who have peculiar ideas on many points in connection with the Order and its associations, and who would like to discuss their views with others, but they are really precluded from doing so by this absurd custom. They cannot address their companions in the Craft anonymously or they are accused of being ashamed of disclosing their names; and if they have the courage to append their regular signature they are accused of unworthiness, told they are seeking to make themselves popular, or are aiming at promotion or personal aggrandisement.

I admit that Freemasonry is a grand and noble institution, and that its lessons and everything connected with it are of a satisfactory character, but I cannot, and will not regard it as perfection. I consider it absurd, in these days of invention and improvement, to regard anything as absolutely perfect, and incapable of being benefitted by amendment, and on this account I again regret there are so many members of our Order ready to abuse any one who suggests a departure from established customs, or existing arrangements.

I have said that the drawback to which I refer strikes me particularly at the present moment, and my reason for saying so is that just now there are several matters of a controversial character before the Craft. Abuses have been alleged, improvements have been suggested in many quarters, and no doubt it would materially assist the attainment of the desired objects if a thorough and impartial discussion of the several points was carried on, through the pages of the Masonic papers and other available channels. But this is impossible. No brother with any regard for his feelings (who has had any experience) cares to put his views into writing, and subject himself to the insults and abuse of his—so-called—Brother Masons who do not happen to agree with him. One of the results is that some of the suggested alterations fall through because their promoters are not quite so proficient in abuse as their objectors, and, to my thinking, Freemasonry suffers.

In your issue of the 5th inst., in speaking of the "Masonic Charities in 1888," you refer to the difference between the amount actually received by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the amount that was promised. You are not the only one who has spoken of this deficiency—for deficiency it is, no matter what may be said to the contrary—and one of the results is that your contemporary comes to the rescue of the disappointed Institution, with a volley of abuse, which is not only uncalled for, but at the same time ungentlemanly, and hardly consistent with its former utterances.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls announced to the world that the Craft had *subscribed* £50,500 to its Centenary Festival, the actual receipts for the year under the heading of Donations and Subscriptions were 44,660 14s 11d—a deficiency, in round numbers, of £6000, or considerably over 10 per cent. on the total announced. Is it "uncomplimentary" or "silly criticism" to ask where this £6000 has gone to? Not only are there members of the Craft so devoid of common sense as to ask this question, but if I mistake not there are a few who will try and get a satisfactory answer.

Your contemporary has put a new light on this matter, which will surprise many of its readers just as much as it has surprised me. It has hitherto been the custom to recognise the close of the year as closing the record of that year's Festivals, and when once the 1st of January has been started upon the receipts for another year's Festivals have also commenced. But a change has been inaugurated, and I am anxious to see how it will work. I will confine myself to the case in point—the Girls' School. The Institution starts the present year (1889) with a deficiency of £6000 from 1888, and as I imagine the remarks of your contemporary are "inspired," there is a reasonable hope of this £6000 coming in. Very well. When the returns for 1889 come to be published it will be necessary to deduct this amount as "received on account of 1888 (Centenary) Festival." Query:—What will be the total for 1889? Some of the critics of the Masonic Institutions are no doubt "uncomplimentary," and not a few of them "somewhat silly," but in this case they deserve the reputation of looking a little further ahead than the apologists for the Institution. It would be better, unless I am very much mistaken, to let the Festival of 1888 close with the 31st of December of that year, to recognise that the returns are £6000 short, try to forget it, and—above all things—hope that others will do the same. The friends of the Institution, however, think otherwise, and it will be a matter of some interest to me to wait for the statement of 1889, and see, when it is published, who appears the most silly—the critics, or those who now maintain that the deficient £6000 is sure to come in.

I hope there are no brethren, readers of your paper, who "having no opinion of their own worth mentioning are silly enough to accept whatever the critics may choose to say," but if there are, I implore them to devote that small modicum of common sense your contemporary gives them credit for to the facts of this question as set out in various quarters. Perhaps even my "silly criticism" may help them to form an independent opinion, if, however, this is really too much for their capabilities then I suggest they try and remember what is going on now—at the beginning of 1889—and take it into consideration when they have the accounts for the year—at its close—before them.

Your contemporary thinks it "reflects great credit on the Girls' School Secretary and his staff that they should be able to record payment of so large a proportion of the Returns at the aforesaid Festival," and in answer to this I would ask what have they done to influence one penny of the £44,660 14s 11d that has been received? Has not that amount come into the Institution "of its own free will and accord," and would it not have been possible to secure the other £6000 if a proper system of collecting had been in vogue? I am of opinion that it would, and this brings me to a consideration of another matter just now before the Craft. I allude to the amount of commission paid to the collector of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and which is put down in the accounts as upwards of £600 for the last financial year. The question is, would a collector—even at the high salary of £600 per annum—have secured the whole or any part of that £6000 deficiency in the returns of the Girls' School? If so, and we may judge by comparisons, the £600 odd is well spent by the Benevolent Institution, and so far from its Committee abolishing the office (which I have no reason to suppose is even hinted at) it would be well for the other Charities to follow the example of the youngest Institution and employ a collector.

I am afraid I have already trespassed too far on your space, but as I give myself credit for knowing a little of what is going on in the Craft, and am not always of opinion that existing ideas are absolute perfection, I have addressed you—firstly with the hope of placing matters in a proper light, and secondly with the view of defending myself against the remarks of your contemporary, to whom I am indebted for the distinction of being regarded as

A SILLY CRITIC.

ROYAL ARCH.

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DOWNSHIRE CHAPTER, No. 594.

THE annual installation in connection with this Chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 9th inst. The retiring M.E.Z. Companion W. H. Veevers opened the Chapter, after which Companion J. L. Houghton performed the ceremonies of installing Companions A Pederson as Z., W. Evans as H., and J. L. Spurr as J., in a very effective manner. The M.E.Z. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Companions Latham S.E., Davidson S.N., Turner P.S., Dunkel A.S., Phelan A.S., Routledge S., Boswell D.C., Malcolm Janitor. Companion J. L. Houghton was re-elected Treasurer.

The Prince of Wales, on his visit to Middlesborough, on the 23rd inst., will be presented with an address from the Freemasons of the Northern Province, by a deputation headed by the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master.

The consecration of a new and important Lodge took place at the Stratford Town-hall on Thursday, the 18th instant. The Lodge is known as The Abbey Lodge. There was a very large and influential gathering of the brethren, including several representatives from India. A banquet was afterwards held; upwards of 150 were present.

At the monthly meeting of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on the 8th inst., Bros. G. E. Absell and G. J. Copley were raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Linfield S.W. was elected W.M., and Bro. Green was re-elected Treasurer. The installation will take place on the 12th proximo.

Three Prussian Lodges have sent an address to the Emperor William, praying that he would be pleased to follow the tradition of his predecessors in granting his protection to Freemasonry. An answer was returned, but the fact that the Masonic papers have not published it suggests that it was not precisely cordial.

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certain things that were immovable. The dignified post he now occupied, with its honours and insignia of office, would pass away in the course of twelve months, and be conferred on some one more worthy than himself; but that which was immovable, and which he should not forget as long as he lived, was gratitude for the kindness and sympathy which he had met with from all the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge, and if he should in the course of a short time, to use the saying of a distinguished man, be in a position of greater freedom and less responsibility, he hoped to make up for that deficiency of time and attention which owing to exceptional circumstances he had been unable to pay to his Masonic duties. The Installing Master was the next toast. The W.M. said of all the functions which were associated with Masonry, the most important was that of the yearly installation of the Master of a Lodge, and it no doubt conferred notoriety and dignity upon a Lodge that that duty should be performed by one who occupied a high position in the Masonic Order. The brethren had been specially favoured that day by the attendance of a large number of Grand Officers, and Col. Shadwell Clerke had been kind enough to undertake that most important duty; he cordially thanked him, and trusted he would find, not only during the next twelve months but in years to come, that this Lodge, by its growth and development, appreciated the attention which on this occasion had been bestowed on it by distinguished Masons, and that it would show itself in every way worthy of the duty which he had so kindly undertook on its behalf. Col. Shadwell Clerke said: As Grand Secretary of the Order he supposed he might call himself the Executive Officer of the Masonic Society. In addition to the light employment of his morning's work, of opening and answering one or two hundred letters, he had also to watch over and make himself acquainted with the affairs, the efforts, the working and history of the 2000 and more Lodges on the roll of the United Grand Lodge. The history of the Chiswick Lodge did not—even with this amount of work—escape his eye. It was as nearly as possible five years since that he had the pleasure and honour of consecrating the Lodge and of installing a good and worthy brother, whose absence that night they all much regretted, Bro. Everett, the first Master. Shortly after the consecration the Lodge was removed to the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, and this was a fortunate event. Since then he had been present at many of its meetings, and he had watched its progress and seen it ruled over by many good and worthy brethren—more especially he might mention Bros. Gardner, Harvey, and Dr. Lawrance. But he never contemplated that he should have so great an honour and distinction conferred upon him as to be asked to instal the noble Mason who now occupied the chair. That brother came of an illustrious Masonic stock. As an old Irish Mason of many degrees, he (Col. Clerke) had a strong recollection of the illustrious father of their W.M.—the late Duke of Abercorn—in Ireland, and they all knew with what acclamation his illustrious brother succeeded his father in the position of Grand Master of Ireland. The whole of the family had been Masons, good and keen Masons; and he was sure that the Chiswick Lodge must have a peculiar feeling of pride and gratification in receiving Lord George Hamilton as their Master. Lord George Hamilton, as an Irish Mason, had been well known, and he personally felt it a great pleasure to know that he had now extended his Masonic connection to the English jurisdiction. Lord George Hamilton was actuated by a strong Masonic feeling, and, as he had so eloquently put it, he felt he would add one more unit to the building up of a work for the good of Masonry and the amelioration of the condition of mankind. The Initiates, Bros. Pemeller and Callingham, briefly responded to the next toast, which was given in their honour. Then the Visitors were complimented. The W.M. regretted the absence of the Lord Chancellor, who had been obliged to catch an early train in order to get home; also of Bro. Philbrick. Lord Claud Hamilton represented Irish Masonry on this occasion. All his (the W.M.'s) family came from Irish Masonic stock; but the ideas and connection between the Masonry of the United Kingdom and that of Ireland were identical, the union of hearts so thorough, that no legislation would ever be able to separate them. He would call on Lord Claud Hamilton to reply, and also on Bro. Broadley Past District Grand Master of Malta. Lord Claud Hamilton said he was only a humble Irish M.P., but he trusted the company assembled would not think that for that reason he was an unworthy representative of the visitors to the Chiswick Lodge. The visitors had but one feeling with regard to what had taken place on this auspicious occasion—a feeling of intense satisfaction at the manner in which the ritual had been given, and at the hospitality they had received. The W.M. had said that in his opinion (from which he would not dissent), it was some advantage to a Lodge to be associated with a gentleman high in political position. In this country he cordially agreed with what had fallen from the W.M. in that respect; but the advantages of their being connected with the Navy was in some respects mutual. It had been said in this country that the Civil Lords were not altogether acquainted with the Service over which it was their duty, from time to time, to preside. But on this occasion the W.M. had learned some valuable information; he had been able to learn from Col. Shadwell Clerke the undoubted fact that the sun rose in the east; he had also learned from the S.W. that the same grand luminary set in the west, and that was a very important factor in naval administration. He would call that the practical side of the question. He would now go to the convivial. In Ireland they conducted the ritual with the self-same care as that which was accorded it in England. At all events, they believed they were fully equal to their English brethren in work; but when their labours were over they indulged in refreshment, and often spent very cheery evenings. Sometimes, in his own Lodge—not on such grand occasions as the present, but more homely ones—the W.M. and others favoured the Lodge with a song. Now, if there was one thing the members of the naval service believed they were more capable of than another it was the singing of a song, and he thought the W.M. might do worse than in moments of leisure cultivating that art, and he might learn from their old schoolfellow Lord Charles Beresford the tune and words of "Tom Bowling"—or possibly the somewhat more racy words of the long-forgotten song—"Lovely Sal." On behalf of the visitors, he wished the Chiswick Lodge success. It had had a short but very distinguished life; there was every indication that it would continue to progress, and become equal to any Masonic body in England. Bro. Broadley said he would not trespass very long on the attention of the brethren. It would doubtless be a great deal more entertaining if Lord Claud Hamilton would favour them with either of the ditties he had mentioned than to listen to their post-prandial oratory. But he could not forbear tendering his humble congratulations, as the representative of Freemasonry in the Mediterranean, and as Secretary of the Drury Lane Lodge, to the Chiswick Lodge—on possessing so illustrious a Worshipful Master, and, secondly, to Lord John Hamilton on arriving at the high position of a ruler in the Craft. There was a time when vehicles not so swift as trains existed, when royalty lived in the immediate district where they were now assembled, but he thought that this was the first occasion when two Cabinet Ministers had been present at a Masonic meeting at Kew. The ceremony of that night would doubtless to some extent restore the pristine fame of Kew; but, at the same time, he had not the slightest doubt it would mark an epoch in the history of that Lodge, which already had gained an enviable reputation among the Lodges in the suburbs of London. There was an affinity between the Drury Lane Lodge and the Chiswick Lodge in the present year; while the First Lord of the Admiralty held the helm of one, a veteran Admiral will rule over the other. Looking at the emblems which adorned the room wherein the brethren were assembled, the naval flags and trophies, and, remembering that Admiral Inglefield was to preside over Drury Lane Lodge this year, it was a subject of regret that he was not able to be then present. There was a very great and traditional affinity between the naval service and Freemasonry. There was a time, the Grand Secretary could tell them, when warrants were granted for holding Lodges on board Her Majesty's ships, and there was no place where Freemasonry was more popular than in seaboard places. In Malta, the naval half-way house of the Mediterranean, 32 years ago, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was initiated in one of the Lodges there. If there was one subject which must cause all of them great sorrow that evening it was that there was a vacant chair which betokened the absence of a respected and esteemed brother, and he would be doing injustice to the brethren's feelings if he did not say a word about their good Bro. Everett. The Chiswick Lodge, like every other Institution, was indebted to a great extent to individual energy, and he thought they would all agree with him that that energy was personified in that large-hearted brother, whose indisposition precluded his presence that evening. Bro. Everett had no doubt tortured himself with all manner of anxieties as to the success of the gathering. The year 1889 was doubtless destined to be a memorable one in the history of the Chiswick Lodge. In the month of January the First Lord of the Admiralty transferred his affections from those boards with which he was officially connected to the Masonic board, which perhaps after all he would find more convivial; but the month of March might have in store for the Chiswick Lodge not a greater, but an equally important honour, for the accession of Lord George Hamilton to the chair might—and he ventured to say very probably would—be supplemented by the accession to the office of Grand Treasurer of England of Bro. George Everett, their esteemed P.M. and Treasurer. The next toast was the Past Masters; the W.M. said if the Chiswick Lodge had in the course of its existence attained considerable prosperity, and if after its expenses had been paid, it had a considerable balance at its bankers, that was mainly due to the care of the Past Masters, and prominent among them were Bros. Lawrance, Gardner, and Everett. They had exercised every care, had discharged every duty—with one single exception. This, his brother, an Irish Mason, seemed to think was inseparable from the duties of a Mason—that of singing a good song. He would only point out to his brother that the English differed from his Irish friends in this, that here in England they always sang in harmony. With that single exception the Past Masters of this Lodge were capable of comparing with the Past Masters of any other. Dr. Lawrance, the I.P.M., said that one and all of the Past Masters took great interest in the Chiswick Lodge, and as long as they remained members would do all they could to promote its prosperity. He did not hesitate to say that good work had been done by the Lodge. It had always been a great point to have the work thoroughly well done. The brethren had been satisfied with what he had done, as was evidenced by the handsome jewel they had presented him, and for which he could not find words to thank them sufficiently. For his own part he should continue to take an interest in the Lodge, and he was sure Bro. Gardner would continue his exertions. He need say nothing to assure the brethren of Brother Everett's interest in the Lodge; it was patent to all. Bro. Everett was particularly sorry to be away that night, but there was no help for it; his medical man would not allow him to leave his bed. With regard to the working of the Lodge, the brethren all knew Lord George Hamilton would not be able to be with them at every meeting during his term, but the work would be done by some other P.M., and his lordship might rest comfortably on that point. Bro. Gardner P.M. and Sec., in proposing the Masonic Charities, said all the brethren were aware this was a pet toast of his. From the consecration of the Lodge it had always contributed yearly a certain sum from its funds towards one of the Masonic Charities, in turn. This year it fell to their lot to contribute to the Boys' School, which was more in want of subscriptions than either of the other Charities. Last year the Girls' School Centenary Festival was held, and the very large sum of over £50,000 was secured. That necessitated a falling off in the subscriptions to the Boys' School and to the Old People's Institution, because they could not find brethren to put their hands in their pockets every day to support all three Institutions. The Institution he was going to support this year he thought was the most deserving, or rather it had the most claims upon the attention of the brethren, inasmuch as it had educated

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more children than the Girls' School, had more at the present time to provide for, and has less funded capital than either of the other Institutions. Last year there was a sum of about £21,000 contributed to the Benevolent Institution, and only £11,000 to the Boys', and that was sufficient to show that Freemasons should this year use their best exertions to enhance the funds of the Boys' School; they needed it. That school had 258 boys educated there, and he invited the brethren to go down to Wood Green and see how those boys were clothed, educated and fed. The Institution had just passed through a somewhat severe ordeal, and the verdict had not yet been passed. When it was passed he trusted it would be given to the Masonic world, and that those who were connected with the management of the Institution would come out scatheless. The worthy Secretary of the Institution was present and would respond to the toast, and no doubt when the verdict he had referred to was pronounced it would relieve him and others who had the management and good government of the Institution at heart of any stigma that might have been cast upon them by brethren who had moved in the matter. At any rate, he hoped the investigation would be of some service to the Institution, and that in future the Boys' School would be looked upon as the one that they should give their best energies to support. He had caused five or six lists to be distributed about the table, and he hoped when they were returned the result would be satisfactory. When he was Master of the Lodge they sent him with the largest sum that was taken by any one Steward on that occasion. He trusted they would do the same this time, and return him again as the premier Steward. Bro. Binckes (Secretary of the Boys' School) esteemed himself extremely fortunate in having the honour, even at that very late hour (it was nearly 11 p.m.) to reply to the toast; he also esteemed himself fortunate inasmuch as the compliment which had been paid to him of associating his name with the toast, not by selection, which might carry with it perhaps something in the shape of invidious comparison, but by an accident of circumstances by which the Chiswick Lodge, taking—in the exercise of its discretion—the support of all the Institutions in rotation, in this auspicious year supported the Institution with which he was more particularly associated. There were many brethren present who knew very well that for a long number of years he had endeavoured to minister as successfully as possible on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, while never forgetting his obligations to the other two Institutions; they, fortunately, as Bro. Gardner had said, occupied a very substantial position of prosperity and success, the Benevolent Institution possessing something like £47,000 or £48,000 of funded property, and having achieved last year a successful Festival; the Girls' School having a funded property of over £50,000, and by the celebration of a magnificent Centenary, at which all were rejoiced to help, securing over £50,000 more. Now, the fact that the Festival was postponed to suit the convenience of the Prince of Wales, who presided, brought it within three weeks of the Festival of the Boys' School, and there could be no question—it went without saying—that the result of that postponement was, that whilst helping materially to improve the successful celebration of the Girls' Festival, it to a great extent interfered with the support which the Boys would otherwise have received. The Boys' School realised less than £9000 at its Festival, a smaller sum than for a great number of years, and consequently the year 1888 found them placed in a very depressed and deplorable condition. He was thankful their prospects for 1889 were largely improved, and he was bound to admit the year opened with every prospect of a more successful result. Towards that result he was perfectly confident the Chiswick Lodge would contribute most materially; fortunately they had again for their Steward a most energetic brother, and they would be much indebted for the success of his list to the magnificent result of the present meeting. Their distinguished W.M. was directing his best efforts in their direction, and he hoped the brethren of the Lodge and the visitors would support Bro. Gardner, and make him—what he so much desired—the most successful Steward of the year 1889. He had every reason to believe that Bro. Gardner was fostered in this by support rendered to him from the W.M. newly-installed down to the latest initiated member. It was not for him to deduce or draw any comparisons between the three Masonic Charitable Institutions; but if he could place before the brethren the position of one, he could say, without fear of contradiction, that the Boys' School in its present condition as much deserved the brethren's support as the others, and it was more in need of support, and had a clear case to go before the Craft with in asking that that support should be generous. It had 258 sons of Freemasons to board, clothe, and educate; it stood in great contrast in the sums it had invested to the other Institutions, having only £17,000; and on the 31st of December last it closed with a deficiency at the bankers on the current expenses of the year of £1600. If this was not enough to induce the brethren to do all they possibly could to be as liberal as in the past, he did not know what he could urge in addition. He was not one to make sentimental appeals; he was one who dealt practically with practical circumstances, and the figures of the Institution on whose behalf he pleaded. The W.M. was perfectly aware there was a certain amount of sentimental feeling that drew people to the support of those who were called the weaker sex, but they must bear in mind that the sons of their brother Masons who had been brought into distress were committed to the care of the Boys' School for their education and proper bringing up, and on them would depend to a great extent in future years the support and maintenance of the weaker sex. He was fond of muscular Masonry, and he asked the brethren not to be led away by sentiment, but to take into consideration the value of the sons of Freemasons—those who were to be the men of the future; and surely in precarious days like ours it ought to be every one's highest duty to bring them up in the best way they could, and to imbue them with those principles of Loyalty and Charity which the Most Worshipful Grand Master said were the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry. Perhaps he ought not to shirk the allusion made by Bro. Gardner that they had had an inquiry into the Boys' Institution. He had no fear himself of the result of that inquiry; he was perfectly prepared to admit that they were now waiting for the verdict, and in due time the brethren would be made acquainted with it. He was perfectly sure of this, whatever fault might be found with certain details of administration there could not by any possibility be any fault found with the liberality of the Institution, or with what they had spent or were spending to educate, clothe, and maintain those entrusted to their care. Many of the brethren had had the opportunity of watching his (Bro. Binckes's) career for the last thirty years, and he assured them that as he was at the beginning, so now—with less energy, perhaps — prepared to do the best he could for the Boys' Institution, which deserved the brethren's warmest sympathy and their most generous and liberal support. Brother Gardner responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. The W.M. had expressed himself pleased with the success of the Lodge. He was grieved that Bro. Everett was not present. He (Bro. Gardner) had been Secretary twelve months, and the W.M. had been pleased to re-invest him with the Secretary's collar. He should do all he could to further the interests of the Lodge. Since its foundation he had taken a great deal of interest in it. He considered he was the Father of the Lodge, although Bro. Everett was the first Master. It had been a pet scheme to get Lord George Hamilton to become its Master. If they would work with him and Bro. Everett, Bro. Lawrance and other Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge, they would make their position an enviable one. He looked forward to a quiet year; they had as many members as they required. It did not conduce to the welfare of a Lodge to be inundated with initiates and joining members. All they wanted was good men and true. He was pleased to inform them that his lists of subscriptions to the Boys' School now amounted to 200 guineas; 50 guineas from the W.M.; a personal friend from another Lodge had placed 50 guineas on his list, while another brother had promised 35 guineas.

Amongst the brethren of the Lodge, and those who received invitations to attend the proceedings, were Bros. Earl Limerick, Lord Halsbury, Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., Sir John Whittaker Ellis, M.P., Sir John Monckton, D. P. Cama, R. Eve, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Thomas Fenn, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, F. Richardson, R. Gooding, M.D., E. Letchworth, R. Harvey, H. Price, T. C. Walls, E. Ayling, Dr. Kiallmark, Parkhouse, Thomas, Von Joel, C. Bellerby, J. C. Parkinson, R. Clutton, Major Cook, R. H. Thrupp, J. L. Mather, Deputy Inspector General Purchase, Major Lambert, W. Roebuck, F. Binckes, J. Terry, J. H. Mathews, C. F. Hogard, J. Aird, M.P., G. S. Cox, H. Clark, W. J. Sanders, J. W. R. Stuart, Ackworth, J. J. Boswell, S. K. Page, A. Skinner, Bullen, D. Stroud, J. G. Clabburn, T. Brinkwell, Davis, E. W. Wheeler, N. Defries, Cavers, Jefferys, Ball, A. M. Broadley, Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B., Seager Hunt, M.P., G. H. Barber, E. White, James Willing, W. Lake, Dr. Hartshorne, Fritchie, J. Clarke, Cockburn, J. Inder, J. Hawes, C. Everitt, W. J. Ferguson, Wimpey, Augustus Harris, George Kenning, Letord, Haywood, Chapman, Anderson, Ball, Tabernacle, Cav'e, Dr. E. O. Fountain, Compton, Adamson, Thornton, W. Ritchie, George Towerzly, Oscar P. Boret, W. C. Dickey, Tucker, Westfield, Dale, Mooney, L. De Costa, Williams, W. Musto, C. Toghill, H. Tyrer, Captain De Vere Smith, W. Clowes, George Johnson, W. Innis, J. T. Wood, Ferriss, E. Terry, J. T. Benson, T. Coleman, Lyons, W. W. Moore R. Milbourne, D. Baird, Tidesley, Grover, Dr. Causton, While, Stollery, P. D. Jacobs, E. R. Baugh, Liddington, J. Rayner, Brooks, Hobbs, Sales, Bull, Maitland, R. P. Atkins, J. Barnett jun., S. Brooks, H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, J. L. Duckworth, A. W. Smith, Wavell, Crowe, T. Hoodless, Kenyon, Lansdown, Leaver, A. Arter, J. Ellis, John Mason, J. Stephens, R. Harvey, J. E. Spurrell, J. Hazell, H. Pouking, Captain Lee, Blake, Harwin, E. Phillips, Beach, Freemantle, W. H. Wilson, George Motion, E. Faux, Rev. — Hayden, G. Fisk, A. Toulmin, W. H. Ellis, H. Ellis, Andrew Pears, Hardy, Hunt, Rogeson, K. Montgomery, T. Brown, Youens, W. Fisher, W. Haylock, Hollingsworth, Hudson, Gregory, Moorman, Dorey, Saunders, Nye, E. Bird, Maskell, Stockwin, E. T. Spurr, F. Delevanté, E. P. Delevanté, R. Tyser, F. B. Cox, W. M. Stiles, A. Scarrah, H. Dickey, Lieut. Wright, J. Edwards, Pringle, B. Blasby, Page, F. Wheeler, A. Skinner, F. Harding, T. H. Johnson, Kirk, G. Collar, &c. &c., &c. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. E. P. Delevanté, who was assisted by Bros. W. Weston, H. Parkin, C. A. White, Henry Prenton, W. Foxon, E. T. Spurr, and A. G. Pritchard; the Misses Louise Desmonde and Helen Killick. A very capable band of instrumentalists played a popular selection of music during the service of the dinner.

On Monday, the 28th inst., Mr. Wilson Barrett commences his engagement at the Princess's, appearing in "Hamlet" for twelve nights, supported by Mr. Geo. Barrett, Miss Eastlake, and an exceptionally strong company. "Hamlet" will be followed, on the 11th February, by a new play, entitled "The Good Old Times," written by Mr. Wilson Barrett in collaboration with Mr. Hall Caine. During the run of "Hamlet," "The Lady of Lyons" will be produced at matinées on Wednesday's and Saturday's, and during the rest of Mr. Barrett's engagement, his new play, "Now-a-days," written by himself, will be played daily at matinées. In "Now-a-day" Miss Grace Hawthorne will, should her health permit, appear with Mr. Barrett, who will personate a rough Yorkshireman.

The heavy calls upon our space again compel us to ask the indulgence of our readers. Several important reports stand over, but we hope to be able to "clear up a bit" next week.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 19th 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Karl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Karl 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, 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
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

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
711—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 21st JANUARY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, 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.
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
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)
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

77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Dutfield
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, 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)
188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
206—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)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
859—Belgrave, 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, Arma 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—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, 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)
2108—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)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
252—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1809—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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. 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. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burlett-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, 516 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
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.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1822—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)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Glanee Fort Road, New Brompton, Kent
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Crowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY.

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.
66—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
69—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.
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—Burnett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1196—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1433—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1901—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)

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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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1735—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, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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EXCESSIVE ENTHUSIASM.

IT is the proud boast of the members of the Craft that Freemasonry occupies a grand position in the affairs of the world, and no doubt in the main they are quite right in saying so. But there are some among us who are beginning to doubt whether all the reputation the Order enjoys in this country is deserved; while, if we may judge from the actions of some of the more prominent members of the Craft during the last few months, there are a few who regard some of its surroundings in the light of delusions or snares. In many quarters questions have been asked—and they will have to be answered—as to whether Freemasonry is not existing at the present time more on what may be termed cheap popularity than on any firm or substantial basis, and, although it may take some considerable time for the effect of this questioning to make itself apparent, it is none the less certain of ultimately doing so, and it rests with the Craft itself to decide whether the result shall be for good or for evil.

It cannot be denied that much of what was regarded a few years back as among the secrets of Freemasonry is now paraded, in the most ostentatious fashion, to the world at large, and it is a little difficult to discover wherein the benefit lies, for it must be distinctly understood that in connection with Freemasonry numerical increase does not always signify greater prosperity. A few years back, as we have said, things were different; little was then known of the doings of Freemasonry outside the Lodges in which its work was carried on, but now we have Freemasonry paraded before us on all sides. It is almost a matter of impossibility to take up half a dozen issues of a daily or weekly newspaper without finding therein something in reference to Freemasonry—either a report of some Masonic gathering or a record of some Masonic action. In this respect the disbursement of Charity appears to be at all times regarded as the most important feature, and we ask—is this right and proper? Is it consistent with the teachings of the Craft, or in keeping with the grand principle of Masonic Relief? Is it not rather a pandering to the vanity of a few, who, whether they are among the donors or not, find a pleasure in seeing the Order with which they are associated glorified in the eyes of the public? Further, may we not regard this continued reference to the benevolence of Freemasonry as something in the form of a huge advertisement of the Order, which, as a consequence, is sought after by the adventurous and unfortunate of all classes, in the hope that some day it may pay a fair return for any sums that may be expended in fees or subscriptions.

We think it would astonish a considerable number of those who support Freemasonry if they could look behind the scenes, or know what was daily taking place in its midst. It has been urged time after time that Freemasonry is not a benefit society—so far as pecuniary benefit is concerned—but that all its efforts are devoted towards improving the moral and intellectual capabilities of its members. As, however, it is not possible for all men to guard against misfortune, it has wisely been ordained that one of its distinguishing characteristics shall be Benevolence, but this benevolence is an offshoot of Freemasonry, and must not be regarded as the be-all and end-all of the Order, such as some among us seem to imagine. We have heard members of the Craft—who for the time being were perhaps suffering from "excessive enthusiasm," and on that account are to be excused—urge that the members of a Lodge were not doing their duty as Masons when they allowed so many candidates for the Masonic Charities to appeal without any prospect of ultimately succeeding in winning an annuity or a scholarship. We have heard brethren say that those assembled around them were unworthy the name of Freemasons so long as they allowed this state of affairs to continue, and at the same time we have asked ourselves whether such arguments were not in direct opposition to the teachings of Freemasonry, which enjoins its members to help others so long as that may be done without detriment to themselves or their connections? How many of the brethren who have contributed to Masonic Charity have acted up to this teaching? and how many are there who have spent the money which by right belonged to their connections, in furtherance of Masonic Charity, while in a fit of "excessive enthusiasm." Freemasonry is not, perhaps, to be blamed for this, but when so much credit is taken for the thousands annually spent by the Masonic Order it is sometimes desirable to look on the other side of the picture, especially when, after such strong and continued appeals as are now made, so little information is obtainable or consideration shown to those who answer the appeals. It is not our present purpose to speak of specific complaints which have recently been made, but we cannot help referring to the indifference—we may say the silent contempt—with which any inquiry is treated by those who have the management of affairs. Is it likely men will continue to work for the Charities if they are treated in this manner whenever they think there is cause for inquiry or room for improvement? May we not rather expect them to conclude that their criticisms are justified, and their complaints necessary; for the natural inference is, that if a charge is disregarded or unanswered—when made by any one interested, or who has secured the right to a voice—it is true; or, at least, that there is some foundation for it, for we certainly cannot see any reason for supposing that in this respect Masonic matters are materially different to what they are outside of it.

We are by no means certain that the extensive system of parading Masonic acts of benevolence to the outside world is not the direct cause of so many distressed persons coming forward, and appealing for the help which is apparently distributed with so lavish

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a hand. It seems so very easy for a handsome sum to be secured from the Freemasons, that any one with the smallest possible claim on its members must feel disposed to face the trouble of trying to secure a prize. If they succeed, all well and good; if not, they are seldom worse off than when they started, as private benevolence frequently steps in when what may be termed public benevolence fails. What wonder then that there are so many candidates for our Charities, or such heavy claims on the Fund of Benevolence! We are sadly afraid that the more that is given the more will be required; for every case that is relieved is but the means of extending the knowledge of the good things provided, and in not a few instances the very people who reap the benefit are foremost in advising their friends to follow their example, and to have a try for a grant, such as they have secured,

We have spoken of Freemasonry as existing at the present time, in the minds of some, on anything but a firm and substantial basis, and in proof of such theory we are told that the annual expenditure of the Fund of Benevolence far exceeds its income; that the three Charities of the Order exist merely from hand to mouth, spending money as fast as they receive it, and entailing fearful responsibilities for the future; that private Lodges conduct their financial affairs in a most unbusinesslike and unsound manner; and that Grand Lodge exercises little or no control in connection with matters which ought to be carefully supervised, if the reputation of the Craft is to be maintained. All this and much more is urged against Freemasonry, and what can its best friends say in reply? Can they truthfully say that the accusations are groundless, or can they urge that the matters are of so trivial a nature as to be unworthy of consideration? It is no answer to criticism to say that all has turned out right in the past, and that the future may be left to take care of itself. Freemasons—or many of them—claim the highest position for the Order; they should do all that is possible to deserve the distinction, and maintain it for all time. If they neglect common precautions or disregard friendly criticism they may some day have to face a calamity which will tax all their energy to recover from. In short, Freemasons are too enthusiastic, in speaking of what has been done and what they regard as possible through the magic influence of the word Freemasonry. Let us hope that they may never be rudely awakened from their present dream of security, but that the Order will always prosper as it now appears to do. One of the surest means of guarding against misfortune is to be found in a desire on the part of all to do their fair share of the work which rightly and properly belongs to Freemasonry, to strive to improve the Order in its minor details, and, above all, to listen to the criticism of friends, rather than wait for the harsh sneers and jeers of enemies.

BENEVOLENT FUND OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAND LODGE.

UNDER the judicious management of the Board of General Purposes, this fund now amounts to about £1,000, including special subscriptions to the proposed Permanent Benevolent Fund, and at every meeting applications for relief are dealt with. Notwithstanding its multifarious duties the Board is careful to examine into the circumstances of each claim, so as to ensure that all money given shall, as far as possible, be worthily bestowed; and the Craft cannot be too grateful to the distinguished brethren who discharge the laborious duties of the Board. Of late the questions have been mooted whether the Order in imposing on the Board the administration of the Benevolent Fund has not exacted too much from brethren from whose willing devotion so much ought not to be required, and whether the fund itself would not increase more rapidly, and a wider interest be taken in it throughout the Order, if the duties in connection with the fund were confined to a body charged with the performance of these duties only, and if those who contribute the moneys—and this would be of special advantage to country brethren—could take a personal share in administering the fund? The administration of the fund by the Board of G.P. is a departure from the course pursued in England, where the Benevolent Fund is managed by a separate body, and the success which has attended this course is the most complete vindication of the wisdom of those who adopted it. Indeed, common sense points out that a fund is more likely to be administered to the best advantage, and to be increased, when managed by a Board whose undivided attention is concentrated on this single subject, than when the Board's attention is dissipated in considering many important subjects. These reasons, amongst others, have included the Masters' and Wardens' Association to recommend the adoption of a scheme of which a cardinal principle is the transfer of the Benevolent Fund from the Board of G.P. to a Board which shall be specially constituted to administer and augment it.

It is proposed that the fund shall be administered by a Board consisting of the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers, while subscribing members of any Lodge under the S.A.C., the Masters for the time being of Lodges under the S.A.C., the Trustees of the Fund, and all other brethren who shall subscribe to the fund (either annually or in one or more payments) such sums as shall be fixed. An annual subscription, it is suggested, of 10s 6d, shall entitle the subscribers to attend each meeting of the Board of Governors, take part in all business transacted, and vote as to the mode of applying the fund, and as to giving or withholding relief in each case. All contributors will then be satisfied that they have a full share in disposing of the moneys, and ample opportunity of obtaining an intimate knowledge of the practical administration of the fund will be afforded. Members who cannot attend in person will be permitted to give proxies, and this power will enable country brethren who subscribe to the fund to exercise their full share of influence. This part of the scheme may be briefly described thus: that all Masons, while subscribers to the fund, shall be members of the Board of Governors, and entitled to vote (personally or by proxy) at its meetings, in proportion to the amounts of their subscriptions.

Another principle embodied in the scheme is the endowment by Lodges of their chairs. If any Lodge pays a sum of £10 in respect of its Master, or of any other officer, the successive Masters or other officers for the time being, shall be during tenure of office members of the Board of Govenors. If instead of so large a sum being paid, the sum of £1 1s is paid by a Lodge in respect of any chair, the officer filling that chair shall be a member of the Board of Governors for the year in respect of which the subscription is paid. By this method Lodges can, in the course of time, endow all their chairs. Their contributions will add considerably to the fund, and the Lodges, voting by their officers, can acquire a voting power which will augment their influence and prestige in the Order, and may enable them to secure from time to time for former brethren of their own Lodges, or for the families of such brethren, much greater assistance in times of trouble than could be afforded from the private resources of the Lodges themselves.

The salient points only of the scheme recommended by the Masters' and Wardens' Associations have been indicated. There will be ample opportunity in future for discussing the scheme, as the sanction of Grand Lodge must of course be obtained; and Grand Lodge will probably be moved at its next Quarterly Communication to appoint a Committee to report upon a scheme embodying the principles we have mentioned. We understand that the Masters of the various Lodges will be provided with printed copies of the scheme prepared by the Masters' and Wardens' Association, and if the scheme is explained and discussed in the private Lodges, brethren will be better prepared to vote on the subject when brought before Grand Lodge.—*South Australian Freemason.*

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BROTHER ANDREW MIDDLEMASS P.M.

With regret we announce the death of this estimable brother, who passed away to his eternal rest on the 6th inst., after a somewhat prolonged illness, at Brunswick-terrace, Camberwell. Brother Middlemass for many years was connected with the press, for which he was a most assiduous writer. He was born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in 1827, and entered the ranks of journalism on the *News of the World*, with which newspaper he was connected for nearly 30 years. In 1868 he was elected a member of Camberwell Vestry, and until his death devoted his time and abilities to the discharge of parochial duties. In 1885 he was appointed representative of Camberwell at the Metropolitan Board of Works, and was also on the Committee of the Newspaper Press Fund. He was a hard working and useful man; moreover, a most able one. His place will not be easily filled up. As an evidence of his marvellous mental vigour and determined will, it may be mentioned that on Saturday, after his medical adviser had given up all hopes of his recovery, he dictated a column of paragraphs, under the heading of "Our Last Look Round," and which appeared in the paper on the day of his death. On Saturday last he was interred in the Forest Hill Cemetery, whither his remains were followed by a large number of the members of the Sphinx and other Lodges of which he had been a member. He will be long missed and wanted both by the Sphinx Lodge and Chapter.

BRO. JOHN J. CLAY.

We have this week to record the death of Bro. John J. Clay, of Sunderland; this took place late on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, whither he proceeded a short while ago on account of ill-health. The deceased was an enthusiastic member of the Masonic Order; and as an Officer of the Province of Durham he for some time rendered very valuable services, fulfilling for some years, and up to the time of last annual meeting, the duties of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and he also held high rank as one of the Grand Principals of the Royal Arch Chapter of Durham. In 1871 he became the W.M. of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, in which he had almost ever since fulfilled the duties of Director of Ceremonies. He was a Past First Principal of the De Lambton Chapter, No. 94, Sunderland, and was also a P.E.P. of the Royal Kent Preceptory, No. 20, of Knight Templars, meeting in Newcastle. He was a close companion of the late Bro. E. D. Davis, for so many years identified in a similar manner with Freemasonry in Northumberland, that Bro. Clay was in the Province of Durham. The news of his death will be learnt throughout the district with very deep regret, as Bro. Clay was very highly and deservedly esteemed by the brethren of Durham county and Newcastle, as well as by a wide circle of acquaintances. The Provincial Grand Master of Durham (Sir Hedworth Williamson), at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, in Gateshead, referred in high terms of praise to Bro. Clay's services, and expressed the hope that he might, by his sojourn in the south, be restored to health.

BRO. JOHN COBHAM.

The interment of the remains of the late Bro. John Cobham, whose decease occurred with painful suddenness on Thursday morning, the 10th instant, took place on Saturday afternoon, in the churchyard attached to the Parish Church, Sefton. A special train left the Central Station shortly after two o'clock, with a large number of friends of the deceased, and this contingent received a further augmentation at Sefton, making the total number of people present between 300 and 400. The funeral cortège left Bro. Cobham's late residence, Fearns House, Waterloo, at about one o'clock. Gathered in the churchyard and within the sacred edifice were several Officers and members of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, of which the deceased was an esteemed P.M. Bro. Cobham was also S.W., and one of the founders of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 359. Upwards of sixty of the employés of the deceased, at the Bear's Paw, were also amongst the mourners. When the coffin was borne into the church, Mr. J. Hammond, Organist, played "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and, afterwards, when a move was made for the graveside, the "Dead March in Saul." A number of boys from the choir of the Pro Cathedral, assisted by several other voices, sang "Brief life is here our portion." The officiating minister was the Rev. J. Brooke Richardson, of St. John's, Waterloo, who stated it was the wish of the deceased that all present should keep their heads covered at his graveside. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass fittings, and the inscription on the plate read "John Cobham, 10th Jan. 1889, aged 51 years." Numerous wreaths were sent, those from the Dramatic Lodge, Excelsior Mark Lodge, the employés at the Bear's Paw, and the Merchants' Lodge being particularly fine.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Gray P.G.D. President of the Board was in his chair, while Bro. Garrod P.G.P. acted as Vice President in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Brett; Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. was at his post. Among the brethren present were Colonel Clerke, Pendlebury, Dodd, and Lee, representing Grand Secretary's office; and amongst others were Bros. Mercer, Grieve, Dairy, Britten, Hopekirk, Cundy, Brown, Driver, Read, Perryman, Webb, Croydon, Burnett, H. J. Chapman, Kibble, G. B. Chapman, Higgs, Ridpath, Massey, H. E. Frances, Philip Morrison, C. J. Hill, Cox, Nimmo, Tilt, Claridge, Carter, Savage, Goldschmidt, Jackson, Berry, Voisey, Weeks, Bilby, Ray, Daniel, Bindon, Higham, Rymer, Parkhouse, Abbott, Eedle, Sadler (Grand Tyler). The President announced that a statement had been issued from Grand Secretary's Office, whereby the brethren might see the position of the Fund of Benevolence. This we propose to comment upon next week. Recommendations made at the last meeting, to the Grand Master, to the amount of £340 were confirmed. On the new list there were 44 cases. In the course of a four hours' sitting forty of these were relieved, with a total sum of £1180; three were deferred, and one was dismissed. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, three of £50; five recommendations to the Grand Master of £40, five of £30; eleven grants of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and one of £5.

An incident occurred at the last meeting of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, which may be deemed worthy of record. The three chairs were filled by Masons of the same name, and of the same family. Bro. Frederick Charles McQueen was W.M., Bro. William Frederick Bennington McQueen was the Senior Warden, while Bro. Charles Henry McQueen was the Junior Warden. The two last named are sons of the esteemed Worshipful Master. Long may this goodly trio be associated with the Enoch Lodge.

On Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., a concert was given in the Orange Hall, Carleton-street, Portadown, in aid of the Masonic Charities. When the concert commenced the hall was filled to overflowing by a large and appreciative audience. All the performers acquitted themselves in capital style, and the concert on the whole was a great success.

A grand concert and conversazione in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools was held, under the auspices of St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, on Saturday evening, the 19th instant. The concert was under distinguished patronage, and the list of vocalists and instrumentalists was as strong as the best local talent can make it. Dr. Joze conducted, and Sir Robert Stewart presided at the organ.

Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Friday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Hill W.M., J. Greenway S.W., F. Steer J.W., J. Edgar S.D., Jaques Wyman J.D., F. Osborne I.G., J. Paul Secretary (acting Preceptor), and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the first section was worked by Bro. Paul. Bro. Hill vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Edgar (the outgoing Master of the Mother Lodge), who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a most perfect and impressive manner, Bro. Hill as candidate. Lodge having been resumed to first degree and the three addresses delivered, Bro. Osborne offered himself as a candidate for passing; the Lodge was resumed and the ceremony ably rehearsed by Brother Hill. Bro. Jaques Wynman, of the Joppa Lodge 188, was elected a member. It was resolved unanimously that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this Lodge to Bro. J. Edgar for the efficient manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony. Bro. Edgar feelingly replied, and thanked the brethren for their good wishes, attendance, and attention. Lodge was then closed in due form.

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THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

ON the 21st inst. a complimentary dinner was given at Limmer's Hotel, Hanover-square, to the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., on his appointment as Governor of New Zealand. The dinner was given by the Onslow Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 361, of which Lodge he was the first Worshipful Master. His Lordship, who takes a great interest in Freemasonry, was appointed Grand Senior Warden in United Grand Lodge of England in 1880, Prince John of Glucksburg having that rank conferred upon him at the same time; and in other degrees the Earl of Onslow has always taken a prominent part. Previously to the dinner the Lodge held its regular January meeting at the Hall of the Supreme Council 33°, 33 Golden Square, at which the Earl of Euston the Master of the Lodge presided, and performed the ceremony of advancement to the Mark degree in admirable style, the candidate being Mr. W. R. Macauley. At the dinner also the Earl of Euston presided, having the Earl of Onslow on his right, and Mr. L. C. Gordon Robbins, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and Mr. A. Bott Cook on his left. The company comprised Sir Lionel Darrell, Mr. Hyde Clarke, Colonel A. H. Bircham, Major J.H. L. Craigie, the Rev. G. N. Palmer, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Mr. J. Inglis, Mr. R. Loveland Loveland, the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, Mr. S. Green, Mr. G. Farwell Jones, Mr. C. F. Matier, and Mr. Reginald J. Mure. The Earl of Lathom, Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Earl of Limerick, and several other noble lords were unable to attend, and sent apologies for their absence. The Earl of Euston, in giving the toast of the evening—the Earl of Onslow—said that as Lord Onslow had marked well in the past in everything he had taken up, in every office he had held, so, as Her Majesty's representative in New Zealand, he would leave his mark there, and God prosper him in everything he did! When he came back, after a brief absence, he would receive as hearty a welcome as he now received a God-speed and good wishes. The Earl of Onslow, in responding, said the Onslow Lodge had already paid him the greatest honour a Lodge could pay by calling it after his name. He could not say that in undertaking the duties he was about to assume he did it with unalloyed feelings of pleasure, for there were many ties to be severed and many matters to be uprooted, but it was only for a short period, and there was none he felt more deeply than his severance from Grand Lodge of England, Grand Mark Lodge, and the Onslow Lodge. He had undertaken something that was exceptionally interesting; he was going to see a great country, a young, strong, and prosperous country, which combined many diversified and conflicting elements; it was a country which was loyal to the backbone, which honoured and respected Freemasonry and Grand Lodge, and yet was more democratic even than democratic England; and with all those curious combinations it was, above all, a hater and abhorrer of the great principles of Free Trade. He was pleased to think that, as Governor of a great Australasian Colony, he should not be far separated from one who had honoured him with far greater distinction than he could pretend to in the Mastership of this Lodge, viz., Lord Kintore; but it was an augury for the future of the Empire that there were men who were willing to go away and leave the pleasures and comforts of a civilised land for a very few years for the sake of promoting the welfare of the great Empire. A great change had come over the spirit of Freemasonry in Australasia. It was not long ago that, for the first time, the Australasian Colonies proposed to establish a Grand Lodge and a Grand Master of their own, and he believed that it would be for the greatest usefulness of Freemasonry in Australasia that they should be self-sustained and cohesive. The Prince of Wales, who fully appreciated these matters, had not hesitated to declare that a closer union of hearts should be brought about by acknowledging such a Grand Lodge. After all, though many thousands of miles away, they were not so far separated. It was not only true that a girdle had been put around the world in forty minutes, but that those who wished to go to Australasia on a visit could do so in a very short time, and he hoped that those brethren he saw around him would come out to New Zealand, and he promised them a hearty reception at Government House. Wherever he might go he had this consolation, that he should always meet warm Masonic hearts who were willing to work with him, to set aside all distinctions and differences in the one bond of Freemasonry, and he should not easily forget those words he had heard pronounced by the Worshipful Master that wherever they might be they would always find among Mark Masons true friends. Mr. Wilhelm Ganz, in the course of the evening, played "Home, Sweet Home," and after the Tyler's toast the brethren sang "Auld Lang Syne."—*Daily Telegraph.*

A Lodge of Instruction, to work under the sanction and designation of the Montefiore, No. 1017, will in future meet every Thursday evening, at St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly. Bro. N. P. Vallentine, P.M. 1017, has undertaken the Preceptorship, and proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock precisely. Bro. F. N. Hardinge, 1017, will act as Secretary.

The anniversary of the Lodge of Repose was held at Derby, on Thursday, the 17th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. John Ryley was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, held a ball at the Town Hall, Rugby, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, in aid of the hospital of St. Cross.

On Tuesday evening, the 15th instant, at a meeting of the Handyside Lodge, No. 1618, held at Saltburn, Bro. Isaac Robinson S.W. was unanimously re-elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 14th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth. There was a large attendance, and the brethren adjourned, after the ordinary business, to the large hall for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. A. W. Spinney. Bros. Parson, Kitt, Jew, Horswill and Cooper were the Installing Officers. Bro. W. S. Hearder presided at the organ. The Officers invested were Bros. Parson I.P.M., Edgcumbe S.W., Sweet J.W., Jew Chaplain, Browning Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, McBryde S.D., Soper J.D., Gibbens Dir. of Cers., Rodd Asst. Dir. of Cers., Ivey Organist, Lidiard Asst. Organist, Luke I.G., Waterman and Taylor Stewards, Phillips Tyler. Bro. M. Emdon was re-elected the representative at the Committee on Petitions, and Bro. G. Horswill was elected the Charity Steward.

JUSTICE LODGE, No. 147.

THE members of this popular Lodge celebrated their installation meeting on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. As on the previous evening, at the same establishment, when the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, held high festival, there was a very large attendance, and it is clearly shown by these two meetings that the residents in the vicinity are most zealous in the exercise of their Masonic functions. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. B. Williams W.M., who was supported by Past Masters G. Bolton, H. Bartlett (Treasurer), S. R. Speight (Secretary), G. Dilley, J. Freeman, B. Banks, H. C. Freeman, J. J. Pitt, and H. G. Dilley. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S.B., J. Terry P.G.S.B., F. R. W. Hedges P.G.S.B., J. G. Dale W.M. 169, W. T. Hunt W.M. 1531, Spratling Prov. Grand Treasurer Middx., F. W. Dimsdale W.M. 1507, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. S. Miller P.M. 1668, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, H. Dickey P.M. 1744, E. Williams P.M. 1539, G. Ransford S.W. 1512, W. Neville J.W. 73, E. Bax J.W. 871, Mote 1732, Lewis 2206, Morgan 30, Gedney 1668, H. Greener 829, Talbot 65, Farman 1820, Hurl 1345, Fountain 879, Hide 1275, Saddington 1744, Anderson 1320, Webb 162. After the Lodge had been formally opened and preliminaries duly observed, Bro. George Emblin was presented as the W.M. elect. Bro. Emblin is but a young man, but since he entered the Craft—he was initiated in the Justice Lodge in 1880—he has devoted his best energies to the service of Freemasonry. In the first place, he has served all the offices in his mother Lodge, and has taken a deep interest in the Justice Lodge of Instruction, of which he may be said to have been one of the foremost, if not the foremost, in establishing. But it is in connection with the Masonic Institutions that Bro. Emblin has most prominently made his mark. In 1887, the year before its Centenary, he undertook a Stewardship on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when the amount recorded on his list reached the magnificent total of £420. Our readers will agree with us when we venture to express the opinion he had "Justice" with him. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Emblin was placed in the chair. After the Past Masters had done their special work, and cement had been duly administered, the brethren below the degree of Installed Master were readmitted, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. J. Dixon S.W., W. P. M. Penrose J.W., J. B. Williams I.P.M., H. Bartlett P.M. Treasurer, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, H. G. Pitt S.D., T. D. Leng J.D., C. W. C. Jones I.G., J. J. Hutchings P.M. D.C., H. Wilson Organist, R. W. Goddard Tyler. Bro. Williams gave the addresses, and was congratulated by all present on the admirable way in which he had carried out the ceremony. A candidate for initiation now presented himself; the ballot was declared in favour, and Mr. Campbell was introduced and took the benefit of Masonic light. The next feature was the formal presentation to the W.M. of an elegant banner, to be used by the Lodge in perpetuity. This gift was acknowledged by Bro. Emblin, who stated the members of the Lodge fully appreciated the kindness thus exhibited by the Immediate Past Master. The announcement was then made that the Worshipful Master had undertaken a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £10 10s was voted from Lodge Funds, the amount to be placed on his List on behalf of that Charity. An application from a member to be placed on the country list was favourably entertained, and a proposition for a gentleman to join the Order, in due form, was presented to the Secretary. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. A capital banquet followed; it was done full justice to, and while the cloth was being cleared the Charity Box was passed round, with very happy result. The W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts, which were heartily responded to. For the Grand Officers Bro. James Terry replied. Bro. Williams then rose to propose the health of the W.M. After referring to the good work Bro. Emblin had done in the several offices he had held in the Lodge, the I.P.M. spoke of what their W.M. had already done on behalf of the Charities. The Associations Bro. Emblin had exercised himself so well in had paid over to the three Masonic Institutions something like £800, and great things were anticipated from the W.M. in behalf of his appeal for the Boys. All anticipated that Bro. Emblin would make a good Master, and with the capable band of Officers that would support him the increased prosperity of the Lodge would be assured. In reply the W.M. said that since his initiation it ha l been his ambition to fill the chair of the Lodge of Justice, and no effort should be wanting so far as he was concerned to promote the happiness and harmony of the brethren. Bro. Emblin then referred to his proposed Stewardship for the Boys' School, and made an earnest appeal for support. In response to the toast given in his honour, Bro. Campbell said he appeared that night as an Entered Apprentice, but he trusted he might prove an efficient mechanic. The health of the Installing Officer was next given, and he was invested with the Past Master's

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jewel of the Lodge. Bro. Williams thanked the brethren for the reception they had given him. The presentation to him of the jewel of the Lodge had afforded him intense gratification. He assured them one and all he did not in the future intend to be an inactive member; he should continue to exert himself in the future as he felt he was justified in saying he had done in the past. In responding for the toast given on behalf of the Institutions, Bro. F. Binckes gracefully alluded to the excellent work done by the W.M. in their behalf, and the generous support given by the Lodge. He recounted the demands each of the Institutions had to be prepared for, and strongly appealed for help in the trying ordeal through which the Charity he was most intimately connected with was passing. Several other toasts followed. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs—Bros. Dimedale and Winne especially distinguishing themselves.

ONE AND ALL LODGE, No. 330.

AT the annual meeting at Bodmin, held on the 14th inst., the W.M. elect, Bro. Tom Whale, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. P. Edyvean, his brother, B. F. Edyvean, another expert in the ritual, helping him. There was a very large attendance. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. P. Edyvean I.P.M., Brewer S.W., Page J.W., Rowe Treas., Tonkin Sec., Randall S.D., Adams J.D., Rowe I.G., Dennis Tyler, Roscorla Organist, Sandoe D.C., and Goodfellow and Treverton Stewards, Rowe Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, Hicks Spear Steward of the Cornwall Charity Association. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, well served by Bro. Sandoe. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs by various brethren, who were accompanied by Bro. R. P. Edyvean, with good taste, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

THE installation meeting took place on the 15th inst., Bro. T. E. Harris being the installing Master. Bro. T. Mills was the new Master, and he appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Harris I.P.M. Dongall S.W., Evans J.W., Morgan Chaplain, Roberts Treas., Wynn Williams Sec., Thomas Organist, Langford Jones S.D., Williams J.D., Thornton Jones D.C., Griffith I.G., Davies S.S., Parry Thomas J.S., Stubbington Tyler.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 632.

THE annual festival was celebrated on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Silver Street, Trowbridge. The W.M., Bro. G. L. Palmer, presided, and was well supported by the Officers and members of the Lodge, while the visitors mustered in considerable strength. After the usual routine business, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Pocock, was duly presented, and the ceremony of installing him in the chair was ably carried out by Bro. G. L. Palmer, after which the W.M. was duly saluted by the brethren. Bro. Foley acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Millington presided at the organ. The new M.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Brown as S.W., Selfe J.W., White S.D., Mundy J.D., Hill Sec., Lansdown Organist, Albert Cox I.G., Gouldsmith Steward. During the subsequent proceedings, in response to an appeal from Bro. Burt, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which Charity he is Steward, a sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds. The W.M. also presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Palmer, as an acknowledgment of his services during his year of office. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, served at the Woolpack Hotel, by Bro. Barton. The usual Loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and Bros. Reed, Howse, Sparks, Hill, Selfe and others contributed vocally to the pleasures of the evening. An interesting event during the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. Hill, which was done by Bro. Brown in an impressive manner, as a personal token of the admiration he felt at Bro. Hill's work in the Lodge.

INDEPENDENCE LODGE, No. 721.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., the Festival of St. John was celebrated at Chester by the above Lodge, which is one of the strongest in the Province, and Bro. John Humphreys, who had been unanimously elected by his brethren at the December Lodge, was installed W.M. for the year. There was a considerable gathering of Past Masters and members of the Lodge, as well as of Past Provincial Officers and visiting brethren. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. W. Johnson and J. Dennis, the addresses being delivered by the retiring W.M., Bro. Felix Thomas, while the whole of the remainder of the ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. I. Matthews Jones. Bro. J. Humphreys invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Felix Thomas I.P.M., Finchett S.W., Rush J.W., Stevenson Treasurer, Knowles Secretary, Peers S.D., Adams J.D., Bennett I.G., Browne Steward, Ellis Organist, Edwards D.C., Richmond Almoner, and Hall Tyler. Bro. Thomas Knowles delivered the address to the Wardens. Letters of apology were read from Bro. his Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd Deputy Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, and from several other local Masons. After some ordinary business had been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where they dined together, under the presidency of the W.M.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 2216.

THE installation of Bro. Joseph Chadderton, for the second time, took place at the Bull Hotel, Swinton, on Wednesday, the 9th instant. This Lodge, which started under anything but favourable circumstances, twelve months ago, has progressed in a most wonderful and satisfactory manner, mainly owing to the indomitable pluck and courage of Bro. Chadderton, assisted by Bro. Wardle, the indefatigable Secretary, and Bro. J. Lee Wood P.M. 350. From our personal knowledge of Bro. Chadderton we are assured that Egerton Lodge possesses in him a zealous, conscientious, and untiring adherent, who has never, since the consecration, allowed inconvenience or fatigue to stand in his way. During the past year there have been innumerable meetings held, for the purpose of lessening the difficulties and responsibilities that naturally arise when a new Lodge has been established, and Bro. Chadderton has never failed to attend and give his assistance and advice. Added to this, there have been several emergency meetings, for the purpose of getting through the ceremonies, and in every instance our zealous Brother has proved himself the right man in the right place. The result of all this is that the young Lodge is now firmly established, and will undoubtedly make a name for itself in the Province of West Lancashire. No greater compliment as acknowledgment of valuable services rendered, could have been paid Bro. Chadderton than to re-elect him W.M. for another year, and we feel sure he thoroughly appreciates the confidence reposed in him. The following brethren were present at the meeting:—Bro. Joseph Chadderton W.M., R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 Prov. Grand Steward East Lancashire acting S.W., Ramsden P.M. P.G.S.D. Cheshire acting J.W., E. L. Littler P.M. 1780 P.P.G.P. acting I.G., W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Lee Wood P.M. 350, Bennett-Mountain, Wm. Knight, S. J. Hampson, R. J. W. Berry, W. Lambert, Dr. Martin, Bone, Dutton, C. Hey, G. H. Slack late 935, Adam Brown, George Lee, Howarth, G. P. Lloyd, Thornton, W. Ramsden P.G.D. Cheshire, James Booth 1213, Hugh Rowland 1948. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. In the second degree Bro. W. H. Dutton P.M. 11 P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire took the chair as installing Master. Bro. J. Lee Wood P.M. 350 duly presented the W.M. elect (Bro. Joseph Chadderton) to the Installing Master, who, after the usual formalaties, inducted him into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. Chadderton was subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.M.'s, F.C.'s, and E.A.'s, on their re-admission into the Lodge. Bro. Charles Heywood P.M. 1337 presented the working tools in the three degrees, after which Bro. Dr. Martin P.M. 1314 P.G.S.D. invested Bro. R. Wardle as S.W., and Bro. J. Lee Wood P.M. as J.W. The remaining Officers were invested by Bro. W. H. Dutton, as follows:—A. B. Worthington Treas., W. Pass (absent) Sec., J. Berry Organist, W. Bennett S.D., A. H. Mountain J.D., W. Knight I.G., J. Mills, N. Howarth and D. Grundy Stewards, and S. J. Hampson Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Dr. Martin P.G.D., and to the brethren by Bro. W. H. Dutton. Before the Lodge closed the W.M. thanked Bro. W. H. Dutton most heartily, and the other brethren who had assisted in the installation ceremony for their valuable services. The W.M. also proposed Bros. W. H. Dutton and Wm. Goodacre Prov. Grand Sec. as honorary members of the Lodge, which was seconded and carried unanimously. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast, the preparation and serving of which reflected great credit on Bro. and Mrs. Knight, the affable and obliging host and hostess. Later on the brethren assembled up stairs at the social board, when the usual toast list was proceeded with. Bro. J. J. Lambert P.M. 1337 P.P.G. Registrar replying on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M. was entrusted to Bro. W. H. Dutton, who considered it a great honour, and felt it a great pleasure to propose it. He felt quite certain that all appreciated the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Chadderton in endeavouring before and since the consecration to make the new Lodge the success which it undoubtedly was, and he augured would be still more so in the future. Such exertions had been rewarded, and as a proof of the brethren's appreciation they had unanimously re-elected him Worshipful Master for another year; and he (Bro. Dutton) felt sure they had acted wisely in so doing, and if the Officers rallied round their W.M. and did all in their power to second his efforts, the prosperity of the Lodge was assured. Bro. Chadderton's health was drank, after which he rose, and in reply said it certainly was an unusual thing for a man to be installed three times, as he had been, Worshipful Master. There had been a great many nice things said of him, which he naturally felt very pleased to hear, at the same time no one knew his failings better than he did himself, and he promised his brethren he would do his utmost to eradicate them before his second year of office expired. He had no doubt himself of the success of the Lodge, and it was very satisfactory to have three propositions to commence the year with. He was pleased so many installed Masters had been present to do him honour, and he thanked all who had been present that day for their kind and valuable assistance. He would ask his Officers to do all in their power to assist him during the forthcoming year, and attend the instruction meetings in order to properly perform the ceremonies. The toast of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. J. Lee Wood, who spoke in high terms of praise of the excellent manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. W. H. Dutton in reply said he was very glad he had given satisfaction and to have been of any service to the W.M. of the Egerton Lodge; the members might always rely upon him doing anything in his power to further the interests of the Lodge. He considered he had been ably assisted by Bros. Dr. Martin and Charles Heywood, and expressed his opinion the ceremony was always better performed when divided. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. Bro. E. L. Littler P.P.G.P. proposed the Officers, and expressed the pleasure he felt at having been asked to assist at the ceremony that day. The W.M. need have no doubt of being well supported by his Officers, as both the S.W. (Bro. Wardle) and the J. W. (Bro. J. Lee Wood) were well tried men who had already proved their ability to perform their duties. The S.W. especially had rendered valuable service to Bro. Chadderton during the past year as Secretary, and would no doubt prove himself equally valuable in his present position. Bro. Littler went on to say he was present at the consecration of the Lodge, and had assisted at its ceremonies during the year. It was at all times a pleasure to render any aid that was in his power for the benefit of Freemasonry, and he wished the Lodge every success. Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a

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very pleasant evening was spent. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with some capital songs, from Bros. Adam Brown, S. J. Hampson, and others. Bro. R. R. Lisenden gave his celebrated recitation, "Over the Hill to the Poor House," and played a selection on the English concertina.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

BROTHER T. CLIBBON was, on the 16th inst., installed as Worshipful Master, at the Sun Hotel, Chatham. The induction ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Naylor, and there was a large attendance, which included Bro. Binckes, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. R. Cobham S.W., W. T. Wiggins J.W., Humphey Wood P.M. Treasurer, C. R. Cookburn P.M. Secretary, F. H. Collins S.D., C. E. Skinner J.D., T. Robinson I G., E. Bacon D.C., J. J. Thompson Organist, Church and Leavey Stewards. The usual banquet followed the business meeting.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

THE installation of the Rev. J. Puttick W.M. took place at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms, on Monday afternoon, the 14th inst., the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Markwick, who had held that position two years; and for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the onerous duties the brethren, on the proposition of Bro. Norris, unanimously voted him a bar to the P.M. jewel presented him last year. The W.M. invested the following brethren with collars of office:—Markwick I.P.M., Allen S.W., Edwards J.W., Rossiter Treas., Pearce Sec., Randell S.D., Walmsley J.D., Duke D.C., Muscat Organist, Gage I.G., Ticehurst Steward. Bro. C. W. Duke was elected as Prov. Charity Steward. The D. Prov. G.M. wrote, stating that he was too unwell to be present, and expressing hearty wishes for the welfare of the Lodge under the guidance of the esteemed Bro. Puttick. The brethren, after transacting the business of the Lodge, adjourned to the banquet-room, where Bro. Boyce did credit to himself and won hearty expressions of approval for the excellent manner in which he had provided for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the capital singing of the Black Crown Glee Singers, and Bros. Russell, Markwick, and Rossiter.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street. Present:—Bros. Adam Pringle I.P.M. in the chair, G. O. Andrew P.M. as S.W., G. Greiner J.W., T. L. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Josiah Houle P.M. Sec., J. P. Murrough S.D., Sir Alfred Dent (K.C.M.G.) P.M., W. Ridner, J. A. Maitland, and J. P. Fearfield. After the transaction of the routine business, it was proposed by Sir Alfred Dent, seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds to the Testimonial which has been set on foot in recognition of the services rendered to the literature of Freemasonry by Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. and P.M. 92.

UNION LODGE, No. 127.

BRO. John Healing was installed Worshipful Master, on the 15th instant, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. Jones Lane. The Officers for the ensuing year are—Bros. Moor S.W., Stanley J.W., Brighurst S.D., Bamber J.D., Fagg I.G., Crosoer Dir. of Cers., Moor Assist. Dir. of Cers., Taylor-Jones Chaplain, Chexfield Organist, Wooton Secretary, Reeve Steward, Tookey Tyler. The annual banquet was held at the Elephant Hotel in the evening.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE 121st Anniversary Meeting of this Lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, London, E.C. There was scarcely so large an attendance as usual, but the proceedings throughout were of an agreeable character. Lodge was opened by the retiring Master, Bro. Dr. William Wiles, who was supported by Past Masters Charles Lacey (Treasurer), C. H. Webb (Secretary), John Newton, G. T. H. Seddon, A. H. Brown, G. Jones, J. S. Fraser, W. C. Barlow, and F. H. Dellow. Amongst those who signed the attendance book as Visitors were W. R. Bott 1949, E. G. Brewer W.M. 165, N. H. Turner W.M. 2000, J. Loftus W.M. 2000, J. Boulton W.M. 2291, J. D. Gray 55, J. Knight P.M. 95, G. Macallan 51, Henry Prenton 1319, C. Daniel P.M. 65, W. W. Morgan P M. 211. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. William James Higgs was then presented as the W.M. elect, and Bro. Dr. Wiles proceeded with the installation ceremony. After the obligation, Bro. John Newton took the chair vacated by Dr. Wiles in his favour, and conducted the ceremony through the Board of Installed Masters, who afterwards congratulated Bro. Higgs on his accession to supreme power in the Lodge. The new Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Dr. Wiles I.P.M., W. Richardson S.W., Henry Magee J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary, H. F. Jay S.D., T. A. Starnes J.D., R. Grout Organist, W. Phillips I.G., W. M. Butcher D.C., James Very Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by Past Master Brown, that to the Wardens by Past Master Jones, while Bro. Newton concluded the ceremony with the address to the Brethren. The resignation of three members was announced, and Bro. John Miller (in consequence of heavy domestic affliction) desired to be relieved from the responsibilities of the office he had so long held in the Sincerity Lodge. The next business was the consideration of an application that one of the members desired to make for relief from the Board of Benevolence. An exhaustive discussion as to the wants of the case ensued, but in the end the Petition was signed for presentation in due course. The Auditors' Report, which, with the Financial Statement, had been printed and circulated among the members, was taken as read and adopted. In the course of the evening a very handsome banner was presented by Past Master Jones, for the use of the Lodge, and this gift was gracefully accepted on behalf of the Lodge by the W.M. The banquet was served in the style that has so long characterised this establishment; the new proprietor was present, while Bro. John Marsham exerted himself as zealously as of yore to make all the guests comfortable. The speeches throughout were well to the point, and the charitable proclivities of the members were duly exercised,—the Benevolent Institution being the especial charity for which the appeal was made, and the W.M. announced that his list as Steward now amounted to £106 odd. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton, assisted by Bros. C. A. White, Emerson, Miss Emily Davies, and Miss Camelia Page.

THE ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Cannon Street Hotel, London. Lodge was opened at 4-30, by Bro. Robert James Paton, the W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters of the Lodge and visitors:—Past Masters Brothers H. J. Phillips, W. Bassington, A. J. Henochsberg, S. Jacobs, H. M. Harris, J. A. Gartley, M. J. Emanuel, I. P. Cohen, S. M. Harris, J. Da Silva, E. H. Norden, Abraham M. Cohen (Treasurer). Visitors: Bros. A. Greenham I.P.M. 70, &c., J. Barnett jun. S.D. 2205, James Chapman P.M. 194, W. Maple P.M. 675, Dr. J. Hogg P.G.D., H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928, Valentine P.M. 1017, A. Grant 619, W. Garrard 870, Thomas Harvey S.W. 1017, F. Larner P.M. 858, W. Andrews 1933, I. Botibol W.M. 188, Isaac White, Harding 1017, D. M. Davis P.M. 1017, Edward Terry P.G.S., J. W. Harvey P.M. 25, J. D. Frohlich 1207, E. J. Acworth P.M. 1612, &c., C. R. Williams W.M. 2262, C. Norrington P.M. 619, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Joel 2265, G. Goddard 733, B. Field W.M. 1668, M. J. Jessop P.M. 1261, W. G. Dickinson 1608, F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, M. Browning 172, J. Smith W.M. 933, Goodrich late 205, W. Wright Organist 1897, Heidmann 188, C. Belton V.P. Board of General Purposes, Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer, S. Joel 1017, Joseph Israel, M. Hyman 1880, F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar, M. Lyons 1155, W. Silverstone 1155, E. V. Page 834, M. B. Rosenberg 188, H. Cheetham 1017, S. B. Joel 1017, P. Harris 1658, H. Bromet 1155, J. N. Joseph 1017, J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., &c. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors presented their report, which was unanimously accepted, as also was that of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer was then presented for installation, the outgoing Master rendering the ceremony in a perfect manner. The following brethren were appointed, and invested with their respective collars:—Brothers Robert James Paton I.P.M., Marcus Bromet S.W., M. I. Emanuel P.M. J.W., Abraham Mark Cohen P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Da Silva P.M. Secretary, S. Daneyger S.D., J. W. Corrie J.D., H. M. Harris P.M. Dir. of Cers., R. J. Paton Organist, M. Bash I.G., J. Levy Asst. Dir. of Cers., I. H. Glackstein Senior Steward, B. Marcus Junior Steward, R. J. Morley Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered, a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. A grant was made from the Lodge funds to support Bro. Da Silva P.M., who will act this year as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £21 was voted to Bro. Hogard, in support of his Stewardship for the Boys. Other routine matters having received attention, Lodge was closed. After the banquet Bro. Hogard introduced the toast of the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty was the Patroness of our Order, the mother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and he (the Worshipful Master) thought this sufficient to commend the toast to the brethren. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was the next toast, and this received full honour. In speaking of the Pro G.M., the W.M. said the brethren knew the services that the Earl of Carnarvon had rendered to Freemasonry during the years he had been Pro G.M., especially they ought to thank him for the union he arranged in Australia between the Lodges holding sway there. Under his auspices the connection of the English, Scotch, and what he might call the two illegal Lodges in Australia, had been brought about, and that was sufficient to prove his interest. During his tour round the world he visited South Africa, and he wrote on the subject of the Colonies in the *Contemporary Review*, wherein he said that however strong the difference of race, colour, and religion were in Kimberley, still he found the brethren of the Mystic Tie sank all those differences. The W.M. next rose for the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. The services of the Earl of Lathom were recognised by all the brethren. He might have an extra claim on this Lodge because two members of it were honoured by him in West Lancashire with the Provincial purple. He coupled with the toast the the names of Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Philbrick the Grand Registrar. Bro. Philbrick had held the office of Grand Registrar for some years, and the decisions that Grand Lodge had given under his advice had never been challenged in the slightest degree. The brethren of the Lodge of Israel hailed his company with delight, and as he had not been very well lately, they wished him renewed health and strength. Bros. Dr. Hogg, J. Lewis Thomas, and Frederick Binckes were also with them, and they hoped it would not be the last time they were honoured with their presence. Brother Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer said that though the Past Grand Officers were supposed to have retired on their laurels, they upheld their positions, and still desired to further the great interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Eve continued with some interesting remarks as to the universality of Freemasonry. Bro. Philbrick next rose: It was the kindness and confidence of the Craft generally which had supported him in the labours referred to by the W.M.; in

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advising Grand Lodge he had endeavoured not to know A B or C D, but only to do what he thought right. If he had met with the approbation of the Craft, it was no more than he had striven for; he had endeavoured to do the best he could for the great cause they all had so much at heart. Referring to Bro. Eve's remarks as to the cosmopolitan character of the Lodge of Israel, and the universality of Masonry, this Lodge of Israel was a reminder of the antiquity of Masonry, and of the fidelity Masons bore to the traditions of the Order. Those who were not of the stock of Israel must always remember—certainly in Masonry—that they were grafted into the tree, and could not forget the stock from which they sprung; therefore, they must acknowledge the universality of Freemasonry, and do reverence to the antiquity of the Order and to its principles, whose attractions were so great that they brought together all those who recognised the G.A.O.T.U. Bro. Paton I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said that 15 or 16 years ago a Brother stood in the position he (Bro. Paton) now occupied, to propose the health of the then W.M.; he referred to Bro. Hogard, who now again occupied the chair. It was needless for him to say any words of recommendation on behalf of this toast, because Bro. Hogard was well known to the brethren. Bro. Hogard said that from his point of view it was an immense honour to occupy the chair of the Lodge of Israel for the second time, although he should have been very pleased to see either of the Wardens in his position. By their own right or the suffrages of the brethren they could have held it but for their own modesty. It was to him a very proud moment to be again installed as W.M. of the Lodge of Israel. After having vacated the chair, 16 or 17 years ago, he did not look to occupy it again, still he appreciated the brethren's kindness in electing him to fulfil the most important and highest office in their Lodge. In that position he should do his best, as he thought they all knew he had done in the past, to merit the approbation and esteem of the brethren. He could only ask them to look kindly on any failings he might exhibit. The Israel Lodge was his Mother Lodge, the Lodge in which he first saw the light, and he had never once regretted the step he then took. He trusted he should be spared many years to continue a member of the Lodge. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., replying to the toast of the Visitors said, when he received the invitation to the Lodge he accepted it with the greatest pleasure, because he felt it a very high honour. The visitors were not at all surprised to see Bro. Hogard again in the chair, knowing how many years he had worked for the harmony of the Lodge with which he was associated. The Provincial Grand Officers did not retire on their laurels, as the W.M. could testify. The W.M. and he (Dr. Hogg) met every month—no brother was more constant—at the Benevolent Institution, and assisted in a great deal of work on its behalf. They took the deepest interest in the Benevolent Institution, and he (Dr. Hogg) was pleased that the Lodge had that night subscribed to it through the list of a brother who represented another Lodge. He was not surprised that the Lodge of Israel took the lead in such a step for the benefit of the Craft, and he always expected to see the Lodge of Israel lead the way in adorning that great moral and social virtue which they all regarded with such great interest. Bro. Andrews, of Jamaica, also addressed the brethren. Abroad a great deal depended on the decisions of the Grand Registrar; they had continually to refer questions to him, and his judgment guided the brethren. He happened to be in Grand Lodge last time, and was pleased with the Grand Registrar's exposition of Masonic law. When he went back to Jamaica he should carry with him a pleasant memory of the welcome extended to strangers from abroad. After other Visitors, the Installing Master was complimented; the W.M. said he did not know an occasion on which the Master of the Israel Lodge had not installed his successor. They had for many years had Masters who had conferred honour on the Lodge by the masterly manner in which they had performed their duties. He had had the pleasure of pinning on Brother Paton's breast in Lodge the P.M.'s jewel, which was unanimously voted him; to this was added a P.M.'s collar and jewel. Bro. E. J. Paton acknowledged the kindness of the brethren; when he first entered the Lodge he resolved to attain, if he possibly could, the high position of W.M., and he hoped his exertions had been approved of. Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer responded for the Masonic Charities. The Lodge of Israel always took a prominent part in supporting them. The W.M. would support the Boys' School, and he would carry with him the sympathy of all the members, together with their most liberal, generous, and practical support. Last year the Girls' School Centenary Festival completely crushed the Boys' School, though no one grudged the Girls' School their success. In 1889 he hoped there would be something like compensation. The Boys' School had 268 lads, for whom the best was being done. The other toasts customary on these occasions received full recognition. The musical programme provided was a high class one; the artists who took part in it were the Misses Louisa White, Marian Forder, Bros. G. Goddard, H. J. Phillips, I. White, and Arthur Combes. Bro. Willy Wright presided at the piano.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 784.

THE installation meeting was held at the Lodge Room, St George's Hall, Deal, on Thursday, the 18th inst. Bro. E. Trevers was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. J. F. Solly P.M., after which the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Huntley S.W., Allen J.W., Rev. L. Griffith Chaplain, Browning P.M. Secretary, Marsh S.D., Cottew J.D., Chennel D.C., Webster Organist, Newton I.G., Ekins Steward, and Norris Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast had been provided by Bro. W. H. Collins, of the Clarendon Hotel, to whom great praise is due.

HANLEY LODGE, No. 797.

THE annual meeting was held at Dartmouth, on the 14th inst. Bro. R. H. Benson was installed W.M. by Bro. Chapple, assisted by Bros. Goodridge, Davson, Whittle, and Bovey. Bro. J. B. Husband was invested as Treasurer in the place of J. H. Harrell, who had resigned office on account of ill-health. The following Officers were invested by the W.M.:—Bros. Tolman I.P.M., Way S.W., Medway J.W., Goodridge Sec., Pack S.D., Elliott J.D., Evans I.G., Chapple D.C., Oldreive and Moxey Stewards, Putt Tyler. Bro. Davson was elected representative on the Committee of Petitions. Brethren of other Lodges present included Bros. Jewels, Mardon, Wheatoe, James, and Davies 248, Pratt 1402, Brooks and Trenaman 1358, Cove 1487, Hickey 954. After the meeting the brethren, to the number of about 35, then adjourned to Bro. Whittle's Hotel, where a capital banquet was served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the speeches being interspersed with songs, by Bros. Medway, Bovey, and others.

PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., the annual festival of this Lodge was held, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, when Bro. G. J. Glasscock 1817 P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer was installed as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. C. Floyd P.M. 1817 P.P.A.G.P., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Albert Lucking P.G.P. Prov. G.D.C., before a full assemblage of representative members of the Craft. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following as the Officers for the year:—Bros. W. E. Bridgland P.M. 933 S.W., Thomas Hood J.W., Rev. T. W. Herbert P.M. 313 1041 P.P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Wood P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, A. Lucking P.M. P.G.P. Prov. G.D.C. Secretary, B. Thomas S.D., A. Vanderverd J.D., Cyril W. Cooke I.G., T. F. Barrett P.M. P.P.G.R. Dir. of Cers., C. W. Barnard and H. Cogill Stewards, A. W. Martin Prov. G.T. Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Charles Floyd I.P.M., and upon the motion of Bro. A. Lucking, ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and ordered to be placed on the list of Bro. W. D. Merritt, who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival. Amongst those present were Bros. Rev. T. W. Herbert, A. Lucking, E. E. Phillips, W. D. Merritt, H. Luker, T. F. Barrett, J. F. Harrington, G. R. Dawson, C. Floyd, F. Wood, E. F. Wood, C. W. Cooke, James Heath, A. Vanderverd, B. Thomas, H. Cogill, A. G. Renninson, F. J. Cumine, H. Harper, G. F. Vanderverd, C. W. Barnard, W. Tyler, W. Trigg, F. Partridge, W. M. Burton, W. Carwarden. Visitors—Bros. F. Binckes (Secretary Royal Masonic Boys' School), W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. G. Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.G.S.W. Essex, A. Barritt W.M. 1024, H. Harper P.M. and Secretary 160, W. Langham W.M. 276, J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 Secretary 1817, J. T. Crawford 766, W. J. Bowes 834, A. Harrington, Dr. Cresswell J.D., 276, W. H. Scratton (E.A.), G. Walton 160, W. Hall. Later on the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. J. Pritchard, mine host of the Middleton, Bro. G. J. Glasscock (the newly-installed W.M.) presided, and the vice chairs were occupied by Bros. Bridgland and Hood. The evening was spent most harmoniously.

WALTON LODGE, No. 1086.

ON the 16th inst., the brethren of this Lodge met in strong force at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, to celebrate their annual festival, and instal the incoming W.M. This Lodge was formed over twenty years ago for the convenience of North-end Freemasons, and has admirably fulfilled its original purpose. At the present meeting there was a very numerous gathering of visitors, the chair being taken by Bro. Joseph Unsworth, who afterwards installed the W.M. elect (Bro. John Pennington) in a very praiseworthy manner. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. Lunt and J. Shield. Officers were also appointed and invested. After dinner, which was supplied by Bro. Eves, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a handsome P.M.'s jewel presented to the I.P.M. by the Lodge through the W.M., with a fine set of mounted cutlery on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction.

EARL OF SHREWSBURY LODGE, No. 1520.

ON the 19th instant the festival of St. John was celebrated at the Lodge-room, Local Board Offices, Cannock. There was a good attendance, and among the visiting brethren were the following:—Bros. Col. Foster Gough acting P.G.M., J. Ryder P.G.S.D., the Rev. R. M. Grier 1941, J. Whitworth P.M. 347, Joseph Collins W.M. 347, G. Faughan W.M. 419, F. T. Beck J.D. 419, W. F. Tolladay S.W. 1180, T. H. Simpson Secretary 1180, James Seddon 526, J. M. Daffarn 1180, W. Stamford 1941, John Tindall P.M. 539, George Gee W.M. 1941. The W.M.-elect (Bro. John J. Simpson) was duly installed by Bro. Thomas Evans W.M. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers during the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Evans I.P.M., T. M. Heape S.W., G. Stead J.W., Peter Sharp Treasurer, W. Blower Secretary, John Smith S.D., George J. Brownell J.D., Cope D.C., Wilson Organist, Ryle I.G., Broughall and Brookes Stewards, Coombes Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the Officers of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Evans a jewel bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. T. Evans by the Officers of the Earl of Shrewsbury Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1520, as a token of their esteem for his courtesy and ability as W.M. during the year 1888."

The banquet was afterwards served in the Lodge-room by Mrs. Bertram, under the direction of the Banqueting Committee, Bros. Sharp, Cope, Brownell, Heape, and Evans. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several of the brethren contributed songs during the evening.

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It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

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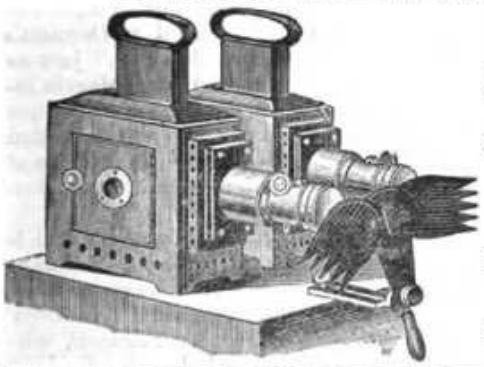
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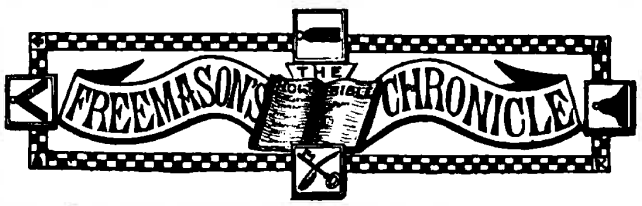
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ROYAL NAVAL LODGE OF INDEPENDENCE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

IN the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 2nd April 1887 will be found a paper under the above heading, wherein I described a very curiously arranged list of the members of the above-named Lodge, printed in London in 1795. The names of the members were put on the list under three headings, viz, "Quarterly members," "Land members," and "Sea members," and under last-named heading I counted no less than 741 names. With the aid of Bro. Lane's Masonic Records, I found that the Lodge was chartered in 1739. I also gave its successive numbers on the Grand Lodge list, its successive alterations or change of its name, and of its removals from place to place. The said Lodge removed from St. Giles, or St. James, to Wapping in 1791, and it naturally surprised me to find that in less than five years so many as 741 seamen should have joined it! or in other words, that on an average the Lodge initiated 150 seamen per annum during the five years or less.

Bro. Hughan immediately informed me that a "History of the Lodge of Felicity" had just been printed, which confirmed the fact of the extraordinary rush of seamen into the "Royal Naval Lodge" at the time I mentioned, and even later on. I soon after received the book, and though I found therein a solution of the *Seamen Puzzle*, I did not deem the rest of the information appertaining to the Royal Naval Lodge, which is scattered in the book, of sufficient interest to the general reader, and so I took no further notice of it. A few days ago, however, the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts called my attention to an old yellow printed document, which stirred me up for making further inquiry; and here is a copy of the said document:

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Boston, June 13, A.L. 5803.

The subsequent admonition of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain having been read, on motion, it was voted:—

That the Grand Corresponding Secretary communicate a copy thereof to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction, for their information and guidance.

A copy of record.

JOHN PROCTOR, *G.D. Rec. Sec'tary.*

GRAND LODGE.

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ACCORDING TO THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

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United with the Most Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodges of IRELAND, SCOTLAND, AMERICA, &c., &c.

Worshipful Sir and Brothers,

Beware of Certificates with the following words engraved under an Arch at the Top, viz. :—

Lodge 57, Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, Wapping, of the Most Ancient and Most Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England, according to Old Constitutions.

We have no such Lodge, nor ever had any under our Constitution.

The above Certificates are in other respects an imitation and piracy, taken from our Lodge Certificates—engraved with emblems of Masonry, the Armorial Bearings of our Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge Seal—Fabricated by an expelled Mason, and intended to pass and impose upon our Ancient Order, PARTICULARLY IN AMERICA.

It has become necessary to guard against Imposition, and the Designs of those who, to gratify the spleen of a disappointed individual and cover the nefarious practices of others, are most actively employed in vilifying and attempting to bring into disrepute the Ancient Craft in these Kingdoms.

Our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, supported by the most zealous protection of His Grace the Duke of Atholl, our Most Noble Grand Master, who defended the cause of Masonry in the late Parliament—Watchful to protect our Ancient Rights and Privileges, and to preserve our inestimable Resources and Charities :—I hope and trust, under the protection of Divine Providence, will long continue to us that increasing prosperity, so interesting and honorable to our most Ancient Fraternity.

I remain,

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Your Obedient Servant,

And faithful Brother in Masonry,

ROBERT LESLIE, G. Secretary.

CIRCULAR.

Remembering that the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, at Wapping, was originally chartered in 1739, I imagined that a seceder from the Ancients set up a rival Royal Naval Lodge at Wapping in 1803, in order to get ship captains to join it. However, I first hunted up my article in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 1887, and after perusing it, I took up the "History of the Lodge of Felicity" once more, which revealed some facts in relation to my new puzzle, occasioned by the above document, and here is what the author of the "Felicity" says :—

"Bro. Francis Columbine Daniel, afterwards Sir Francis C. Daniel, Knight, M.D., was born in April 1765, at King's Lynn, and was initiated into Masonry in No. 3 Lodge, in March 1788, and joined United Mariners (Atholl) in 1789. He soon afterwards served as Master of that Lodge, being described in 1791 as Past Master. In July 1791 Bro. Daniel, then 26 years of age, Surgeon, of Red Lion Street, was admitted a member of the Royal Naval Lodge, which, according to a memoir in possession of our Bro. Sumner Knyvett P.M., was then held at St. James, but afterwards removed to Burr Street, near the Tower of London. He served as Master for upwards of seventeen years, and during that period he initiated upwards of 600 American Captains, and nearly 400 British Naval Commanders."

We are further informed that Bro. Daniel arranged medicine chests for ships, and that he also invented a life preserver, for which he was knighted. His business naturally brought him into contact with sea captains, and this accounts for the rush of *seamen* into the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence. Bro. Daniel's secession from the Ancients naturally left a bad feeling towards him among his former Masonic associates, and here, on page 43, is a paragraph which explains in a measure the printed document above given, of 1803. Our author says :—

"Having joined the Royal Naval Lodge in 1791, we find in September 1801 the Atholl Grand Lodge issuing a circular letter warning the W.M.'s and Wardens of its subordinate Lodges against certificates issued by the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, Wapping, on the ground of their having been fabricated by an expelled Mason, Bro. F. Columbine Daniel, and intended to pass and impose upon our ancient Order, particularly in America. Bro. Daniel had been expelled by the Ancients early in that year.

I do not, however, believe that Bro. Daniel copied the Armorial Bearings from the Ancients for the purpose indicated in the Ancients Circular in 1801. I hope therefore that one of my English friends will publish Bro. Daniel's Certificate, if a copy is in existence. While writing about Dermott's "Armorial Bearings," I was reminded by Bro. J. R. Marvin, of Boston, in his book, viz., "The Medals of the Masonic Fraternity," alluded to Dermott's pretended knowledge about "Armorial Bearings," just as I did to his Masonic *Ancientness*. Indeed, Bro. Marvin intimates that Dermott's "Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leoni" was a mere "myth" of Dermott's creation, and was suggested by Patriarch Jacob's *talk* about the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah." This hint will, I hope, induce my friend Bro. Sadler to say something to Bro. Marvin.

The part Bro. Daniel played in the Masonic world is rather curious; he was an out and out secessionist, thus he took an active part in establishing the Masonic Boys' School, but in 1804 he seceded and organised a rival Boys' School. Brother Harper was a regular *Turncoat*, who left the Ancients and went over to the Moderns. In 1802 Bro. Daniel brought charges against Harper, and had him expelled, and so he went back to the Ancients. In 1808, when Bro. Daniel retired from the office of W.M., the Royal Naval Lodge presented him with a silver cup, value of £20; also an address, signed by Lord Kingston, his successor, and 125 members; and in 1810 he seceded with others from the said Lodge, and joined the Lodge of Felicity. For some unexplained reason the Royal Naval Lodge was bankrupt when Bro. Daniel left it. Its charter was suspended by the Grand Lodge for non-payment of dues, and charges were brought against Bro. Daniel for some irregularities, and he was suspended until the debts of the Royal Naval Lodge were paid. Bro. Daniel's membership must have been deemed very valuable to the Lodge of Felicity, for it undertook to discharge all the debts of the Royal Naval Lodge, which it eventually did. The Felicity Lodge, however, afterwards claimed from Bro. Daniel repayment of some of the money, but he refused. In 1815 he sent in his resignation to the Lodge, but the Lodge refused to accept it until he settled its claim; and finally, in 1816, his resignation was accepted. But nevertheless at the Centenary of "The Lodge of Felicity," in 1837, Bro. Daniel was elected to fill the office of W.M. for the year.

The reader will now understand how the "Royal Naval Lodge of Independence" got connected with the history of the Lodge of Felicity, and why the Grand Lodge of the Ancients expelled the Master of a Lodge under Moderns in 1801.

I shall only add that the pamphlet, issued in 1795, by the Royal Naval Lodge, to which I called attention in 1887 is deemed by Bro. Hughan as very rare, if not *unique*, and that I induced my old friend Bro. David Pulsifer, its former owner, to present it to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for which he received a letter of thanks from the Grand Secretary.

BOSTON, U.S., 7th January 1889.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE eighth annual ball under the auspices of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane. The hall was beautifully decorated, a very pleasing effect being produced by a large number of fairy lamps distributed among the palms and flowers arranged round the orchestra, in front of which was the banner of the Lodge. In the gallery several immense Japanese fans, kindly lent by Messrs Smith, of the Bon Marché, formed a fitting set-off to the profuse decorations at the orchestra end and the sides of the hall. This Lodge occupies the unique position of being wholly composed of members of the press, and as its name suggests, many of them are engaged in the press "gallery" of the Houses of Parliament. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the strains of a first-class band, supplied by Mr. C. Hann, and was kept up until four o'clock next morning. At midnight the company sat down to supper, and great praise is due to Messrs W. Hill and Sons for the way it was put upon the table and served. After supper—at which the Master of the Lodge, Bro. R. J. Gridlith, LL.D., presided—The Queen and the Craft and the Gallery Lodge were duly honoured, as was also the toast of the Ladies, proposed by Bro. Bevan P.M., and responded to by Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer of England. The arrangements were carried out by the following committee:—Bros. Griffiths W.M., Duckworth I.P.M., Wright S.W., Massey P.M., Greenwood W.S., and Masson, with Sale D.C. and Moore W.S. joint secretaries, and Innes Treasurer. The M.C.'s were Bros. Gale, Greenwood and Moore.

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MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have carefully read and *re-read* Bro. Henry Sadler's work, entitled "Masonic Facts and Fictions," but whilst heartily acknowledging its general value and accuracy, I am quite unable to accept his theory of the origin of the "Ancients."

To my mind, the evidence he submits does not, in any way, invalidate the statement recorded by Dermott in the Records of his Grand Lodge (and doubtless confirmed by the Brethren in due course) on 6th Dec. 1752, that as the "Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practised," it was "for this reason *so many of them withdrew* from Lodges (under the Modern sanction) to support the true Ancient system."

The *nationality* of the original Schismatics is one thing, their origin being quite another. I, for one, belong to the class that Bro. Sadler is pleased to term "the most sceptical," and cannot accept his dictum "that the secession story was a combination of ignorance and malice, and unworthy of credence," because my researches tend in precisely an opposite direction.

Holding the opinion Bro. Sadler does of those who differ from him, with every respect for his valuable labours on behalf of our beloved Society, I must decline discussing the subject with him.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, 24th Jan. 1889.

MARK MASONRY.

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KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 385.

AT the regular meeting, on Wednesday, 9th instant, presided over by Bro. Hobert Roy W.M., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C., Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen and Bro. Dr. Richard Paramore were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. After the Lodge the brethren adjourned to 278 High Holborn, where an excellent vegetarian dinner was partaken of. The members of this Lodge are all teetotalers, but, with the exception of the J.W., not vegetarians; they nevertheless expressed themselves well pleased with the repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic sentiments were heartily responded to, Bro. Edward Macbean R.W.M. Lodge 50 S.C., Glasgow, replied on behalf of the visitors, and gave an interesting account of Masonry in Scotland.

MASONIC AFFAIRS IN ABERDEEN.

THE affairs of the Aberdeen City Province of Freemasons have for some time back been directed under the supervision of the Grand Lodge by a Committee of Masters from all the Lodges in the Province, but a new arrangement is now to be enforced. On Tuesday last Lord Saltoun was installed as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and in future the Province will be governed by its own officials. The ceremony was performed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, the Province being consecrated at three o'clock, and the installation taking place two hours later. In the evening a banquet was held in the Imperial Hotel.

A Council of the Order of the Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, will be opened in connection with the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire, and it has been arranged to have the same consecrated at Leeds, on Monday next, at 4·30, when Lord Euston and several members of the Grand Council will attend.

The members of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will hold a meeting at Doncaster, on Tuesday, 29th inst., at 2·30 p.m., to consecrate the Danum Lodge, No. 398. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bros. the Earl of Euston Grand Senior Warden, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Secretary of Mark Benevolent Fund, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain D.P.G.M., Chas. H. Driver Grand Master Overseer, Robert Berridge P.G.M.O. Grand D. of C, B. R. Bryant P.G. Standard Bearer, and the Provincial Grand Officers of West Yorkshire. The ceremony of installation will be performed by Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Toole's.—Good wine needs no bush," and a play that has already stood the test of 225 performances needs very little criticism to commend it to the notice of our readers. To pursue the simile further, the good things in Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merrivale's successful comedy "The Don" have, like good wine, matured in the hands of the artistes, until we have a highly finished representation of college life of the merriest description. Mr. J. L. Toole's impersonation of the kindly hearted but sorely tried college tutor merits all the applause so cordially bestowed upon it, while the assistance rendered by his excellent company is no less well deserved. Thus the cynical humour of the confirmed old bachelor, as presented by Mr. John Billington; the homely landlady of the "Bull and Mitre," Miss Emily Thorne; the captivating widow sparkle of Miss Kate Phillips, and the *insouciance* of the young collegians Horace and Lionel, are real pictures of unexaggerated every day life. The two girls Dora and Kitty are prettily portrayed by Miss Eva Moore and Miss Wolseley, and the minor characters are all in experienced hands. There is nothing to mar a pleasant evening at this pretty little house, except the "harpy system," complaints against which were loud and frequent on the occasion of our visit, and we cannot but express our surprise that so genial a manager as Mr. Toole should allow it to continue.

Myddelton Hall.—A most enjoyable evening's entertainment was provided by a rising young artist, Bro. R. Henri Goddard, on the occasion of his Fourth Annual Dramatic Recital, on the 14th inst. Bro. Goddard, the son of a popular and respected member of the Craft, has, on more than one occasion, proved himself a thorough master of the Histrionic Art, and whether engaged in making his audience laugh or making them cry, he is equally at home. This was distinctly shown on the occasion under notice; piece after piece was given with but one result, and that a successful one. Brother Goddard's rendering of "Early Rising" was intensely humorous, while "The Captain's Daughter" was delivered with such feeling and true pathos that the reciter thoroughly carried his audience with him. We have especially mentioned these two pieces as examples of Bro. Goddard's ability, but all his efforts met with equal approval and praise. During the evening Madame Annie Williams sang, with marked success; and Miss Amy Florence rendered, with pleasing result, "Le Carnival-de-Venice," and the ever-welcome "Home, Sweet Home." Mr. G. C. Richardson was the accompanist, while Sir Julius Benedict accompanied Bro. Goddard in one of his recitals. In conclusion, we trust we may have the pleasure of hearing Bro. Goddard on future occasions.

THE ICE CARNIVAL.—Arrangements have just been completed for the holding of a great society fête, to be known as "The Ice Carnival," in the Royal Albert Hall and Conservatory, on behalf of the West End Hospital for Paralysis, which is under the patronage of the Princess of Wales. The dates fixed are 14th, 15th, 16th March, and the fête will represent winter scenes and festivities in various countries. Each of the scenes will be carried out with nearest possible approach to realism, and will include the games, sports, and pastimes of the different nationalities. The general effect of ice and snow everywhere, added to the variety of the scenes and costumes, all bid fair to realize an altogether novel and pretty picture. Several well known ladies have consented to preside at the different stalls. Mr. William Whiteley has kindly undertaken the necessary works and preparations, and Mr. D'Arcy de Ferrars ("ye Master of ye Revels") has been appointed general manager, and who may be communicated with at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington.

We are glad to hear that Miss Grace Hawthorne is slowly recovering her health, and there is now every reason to hope that she will be able, in the course of a few weeks, to join Mr. Wilson Barrett in the cast of "Now-a-Days." New scenery is being specially painted, and new costumes made, for the production of "Hamlet," on Monday, the 28th instant, the booking for which already exceeds the expectations of the management. "Hands across the Sea," continues to draw crowded houses.

A correspondent of the *Bazaar* asked the Editor for some information about Freemasonry, and the following judicious reply appears in our contemporary:—

"Freemasonry is not a benefit society; it offers no pecuniary advantages whatever; its benefits are purely intellectual, social and moral. This should be clearly understood by all who would be Masons. The objects of Freemasonry are: To diffuse a knowledge of the secrets preserved amongst Freemasons, and to promote brotherly love, relief, and truth. The mode of admission is by initiation. Freemasonry is generally diffused over the earth, and it has no head-quarters; but, as far as the United Grand Lodge of England is concerned, its head quarters may be said to be Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Provincial Grand Lodges usually migrate from one to another, and are held under the banners of the respective Lodge or Lodges of the town they visit, and the town in which the Provincial Lodge meets is the headquarters for the time being. The fees vary in different Lodges. By the Book of Constitutions, the lowest sum allowed to be charged is three guineas, except in the case of a serving brother. As a rule, the initiation fee is about ten guineas; this includes registration and Grand Lodge certificate, but not Masonic clothing, which costs two or three guineas more. The annual subscription to the Lodge is two guineas or upwards, according to the by-laws. No man should offer himself as a candidate unless he is well able to pay the fees and contributions without injury to himself or his connections, and also to subscribe to the various Masonic Charities, and, above all, has a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to render himself more extensively useful to his fellow creatures."

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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
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.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 28th JANUARY.

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.)
1237—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, 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
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
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
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
998—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1206—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Taree Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1912—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
810—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
857—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
673—Perseverance, Shepherdess Hotel, Hales Green
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1358—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
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard

WEDNESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
908—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, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
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. 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)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1063—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
M.M.—Hope, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1466—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1483—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instructive)
1509—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1624—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8.30. (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1812—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1814—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1822—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1825—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2192—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2204—Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.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)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
903—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Look, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
R.A. 260—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
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

FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
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).
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)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

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1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1299—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1429—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—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. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
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. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 356—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
316—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
342—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
631—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
674—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
901—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
980—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Victoria, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
939—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
995—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1367—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1428—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1567—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1643—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1654—Goseforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 51—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
148—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)
1276—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1338—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
1673—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1633—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1496—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

AT last the authorities have thought it desirable to call the attention of the Board of Benevolence to the condition of the Fund it has to distribute, and which, during the last ten years, shows an excess of expenditure over receipts amounting in the aggregate to £12,686, or upwards of 12 per cent on the total sum disbursed, which, during the same period, was £105,017. We cannot understand why the unsatisfactory state of affairs which has existed all through these ten years has been allowed to continue so long without official comment. Certainly it cannot be said that no notice has been taken of the matter from outside; there has been no lack of criticism on the subject—but then we must remember, as current events are amply proving, the "powers that be" in the Masonic world do not approve of criticism, and are either incapable of recognising it, or wilfully misrepresent it when they are forced to face it. But at last we suppose the matter has got so bad that something in the way of reform is regarded as necessary, and as a preliminary step a statement of income and expenditure during the past ten years has been prepared and presented to the Board, and through it to the Craft at large.*

Before making any comment on the present state of affairs it may be well to go back a few years and consider the subject as it then presented itself. At the March Communication of 1880 Grand Lodge was asked to devise a means of checking the accumulation of invested funds by the Board—which then had more money to deal with, including upwards of £50,000 of investments, than was considered advisable, especially as the £50,000 of investments was looked upon as ample to meet all possible contingencies. It was accordingly suggested that one-third of each year's "surplus" income should be appropriated to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the purpose of forming funds for apprenticing the children who had been brought up in those schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life. It will be noticed that this suggestion did not dispose of the whole of the expected surplus of the future, two-thirds only had been appropriated for the objects named; it was intended the other one-third portion should be added to the already accumulated fund. As we have said before, this proposition may be regarded as the outcome of the operations of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and it received the same opposition as was shown to those who worked to establish that Fund, with the result that it was ultimately withdrawn by its proposer, Bro. J. M. Clabon.

At the time of which we are speaking (March 1880) feeling was very strong on the subject, and there were a few who openly declared they would show that the income of the Board was not sufficient to meet the calls made upon it. A surplus should not be the trouble of the future, they declared, and, whether it is they have acted up to their threats, or from some other reason, it is very certain that from that time an annual excess of expenditure has been the rule, with the result that £12,000 of invested capital has been sold out; moreover, the Board was in debt, on the 31st Dec. last, to the extent of £1886. In brief, the surplus of upwards of £50,000 which in 1880 created alarm on account of its magnitude, has been reduced to something over £36,000 in the space of nine years.

If this falling off is the result of organised opposition to the proposals made in 1880 by Bro. John M. Clabon—and there are many among us who regard it in such a light—it is a disgrace and a scandal to the English Craft, but at the same time we are afraid such a solution of the problem would only be in accordance with other proceedings which have unfortunately attracted attention within the limits of Freemasonry. What other explanation is possible in face of the facts which are before us? For years the income of the Board of Benevolence was ample for all its requirements; indeed it was sufficient to show a surplus year after year, until upwards of £50,000 had been accumulated. At this time a proposal was made—in answer to actions by what are known as "Blue Masons," brethren below the dais of Grand Lodge—to expend a portion of future surpluses in a manner which these aforesaid "Blue Masons" advocated. This was opposed, and immediately the surpluses disappeared, and deficiencies took their place, with the result we have already referred to.

We suppose now that the subject has been formally brought forward some steps will be taken to mend matters, but it is difficult to say how or where the alteration will have to be made. We do not believe the Craft will agree to an increase of the quarterages paid by each subscribing Mason—that method of meeting the difficulty was suggested in 1882, and was rejected; the interest on invested funds cannot be increased, neither can the other items of income. The natural inference therefore is, the expenditure must be reduced, although such a course would be repugnant to the feelings of a large number of brethren. Still, it is absurd to go on year after year giving away more than can be afforded, or more than the position of the Craft justifies. The Board of Benevolence must limit the work it has to perform, and must learn to know that its liberality must be governed by the sum at its disposal. No doubt, as some argue, there is a modicum of truth in saying that a grant of £100 may be of the greatest service to a man in distress while £80 would be useless; but, on the other hand, half a loaf must be better than no bread, and if an applicant is made to understand

* We give a copy of this statement elsewhere in our present issue.

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that £75 or £80 is all the Craft can afford to give, such a grant will soon come to be regarded as of as much service as the £100 would have been, and so on in proportion. But whether this is really the case or not, it does not alter the main fact, which is that some alteration must be made, and that, too, at once, or in a few years the Craft will not have the means of distributing these sums of £100, or even of £75 or £80, which are suggested as an alternative. We imagine, however, that the leaders of the Craft have not gone so far as they have now done without a determination to take further action, and we accordingly await with some anxiety the course of events in this particular.

The following statement, made out in the Grand Secretary's office, shows the position of the Fund of Benevolence :—

Year.	Income. Produced by Quarterages, 4s and 2s from Home Lodges, Interest on Invested Funds, Fees of Honour, &c.	Expenditure. In monthly grants and permanent payments of £1600 a year to the R.M.B. Institution.	Annual Deficiency.	Stock sold out to meet deficiencies from £50,016 Consols, credit from accumulation, 31st December 1878.
	£	£	£	£
1879	8917	9018	101	...
1880	9270	10021	751	...
1881	8861	10503	1643	...
1882	9180	10219	1039	3000
1883	9178	9345	167	...
1884	9185	10052	867	1000
1885	9077	10933	1856	2000
1886	9189	11333	2144	3000
1887	9343	11225	1882	...
1888	10051	12268	2217	3000
10	£92,331	£105,017	£12,686	£12,000

Cash Account.

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Amount of Deficiencies, 1878 to 1888	£12,686	Stock Sold	£12,000
Investment in 1879 to make up £50,016 Consols ...	1,300	Due Board of Gen. Purposes, Cash advanced 31st Dec. 88	1,986
	£13,986		£13,986

Stock remaining in Consols, 31st December 1888 ... £38,016

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE first Quarterly Court of the year was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 25th ult. Bro. W. Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearer in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Smithett, A. E. Barrett-Kidder, Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., James Motion, J. S. Cumberland, C. H. Webb, Andrew Motion, Thomas Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, W. Alpass, W. H. Saunders, W. Punnell, J. Bodenham, George Motion, John Glass, F. Gannaway, J. L. Dale, G. P. Britten, T. A. Motion, Joseph Boulton, H. Homewood, Alfred Thos. Layton, William Masters, and Frederick Binckes (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. W. H. Saunders (Life Governor) brought forward the motion standing in his name, that "Law No. 53 be suspended during next April election for the purpose of admitting Harold Gray as a candidate at such election." Bro. Saunders stated that this lad will, at the April election, be over age, and consequently above the limit for admission to the School; he laid before the Court what he considered the hardships of the case, the boy having been unsuccessful at several previous elections. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master) seconded the motion. Bro. C. H. Webb opposed; as the law stood the boy could not be admitted. It was no use having laws if every now and then they were to be set aside. Bro. Binckes pointed out that, according to Rule 34, a motion could be made for altering or abrogating any of the laws; but there was no provision for motions for suspending a law with reference to the question of grievance or hardship. Many, many boys had been declared off the lists of candidates who were only three or four days in excess of the prescribed age. Bro. George Motion supported Bro. Saunders; he considered there were exceptional circumstances in the present case. The Chairman did not think he could put the motion,—according to Rule No. 34, which did not provide for the suspension of a law. He therefore, should decide against it. This ruling of the Chairman did not seem to find favour with Brother Saunders and some of his friends, consequently some discussion arose, but Brother John Bodenham, on the general question of order, asked whether the law, if suspended, would come into operation at once. The Chairman said yes. Bro. J. S. Cumberland wished to explain to the brethren that Law 34, which provided for the giving notice of motion for alteration or abrogation of a law, referred to a permanent alteration or abrogation, not for a temporary suspension; and after some further remarks Bro. Cumberland introduced the motion on the paper standing to his name :—

> "That the Laws of the Institution be referred for revision and correction to a Committee, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on 26th April next, or to a Special General Court, to be convened in accordance with Law No. 31."

As, however, the report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Boys' School had not yet been made, he (Brother Cumberland) felt himself in a difficulty. The report might suggest alterations which would again come before the Committee. On the abstract question of when it was necessary to alter the rules they might, perhaps, be agreed, but, coming to details, there were certain things which would be much better if made clearer, and more in harmony with the general working of the Institution; that was the reason he gave his notice of motion, but he would now defer it till the report of the Investigating Committee was presented when he was sure the brethren would be only too ready to come forward and consider the matter. The motion was then withdrawn. In answer to a question, when the report of the Commissioners would be ready? the Chairman said he had not the slightest idea. The brethren then adopted the following recommendation of the General Committee :—

> "That 17 Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, 26th April 1889, from an approved List of 72 Candidates, subject to the decision of the Court on two cases in addition, deferred for final consideration."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ON Saturday last, the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Sister Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Institution, presiding, supported by Bros. Frank Richardson, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Charles J. Perceval, H. W. Hunt, E. Letchworth, G. W. Verry, George Mickley, Alfred C. Spaull, J. S. Cumberland, J. Clever, H. Massey, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After reading and confirmation of the minutes of last Quarterly Court, it was moved

1. To amend Law 55 as follows: "That a Girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to some Lodge for seven years, but should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some Lodge."
2. "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed, shall not be affected thereby."

Bro. C. J. Perceval said that with regard to the motion, he made it *pro formâ*, because the Boys' School Committee had carried a similar one. He thought the rules governing the Schools should be as far as possible similar. The Boys' School intended shortly to have a revision of the entire laws, and he hoped this Institution would do the same. The present rule in the book might be a little more explicit, but when he brought that rule forward it was because the other rule acted very unfairly. A child whose father had subscribed one or two months only ought not to be placed in the same position as a child whose father had subscribed twenty years. Bro. A. C. Spaull did not agree altogether with the remarks of Bro. Perceval, whose idea was that the Girls' School Rules should conform to those of the Boys', and the Boys' to those of the Girls'. He agreed, however, with him that it was extremely desirable that the rules should, therefore, be revised. He would second the motion. Bro. Cumberland said that on Friday he simply withdrew his motion. When an event they all looked forward to had taken place, he should propose a revision of the rules, and

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that both Boys' and Girls' rules should be alike. Bro. Webb remarked he did not think they were wrong in ventilating the question, in order that they might see if there were any points to be considered when the laws were revised. The point as to the two or three years' subscriptions had been mooted, and although deferred it would arise hereafter. He advised Bro. Perceval to withdraw his motion for the present. This Bro. Perceval then consented to do. The next business was a recommendation from the General Committee that 50 eligible candidates remaining from the last October election, with 24 whose petitions have since been approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the April election, and that seventeen vacancies, caused by girls leaving the Institution, be declared. Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. said the Court would be gratified to learn that the alterations and additions to the Junior School, thanks to Bro. Hunt, the architect, had been completed, and the Committee were now in a position to receive into that School an additional number of girls. At a recent House Committee, on the 24th January, it was resolved to recommend that 20 additional vacancies, making 37 in all, be declared at the April election, thereby raising the *elected* number of girls on the Institution to 257. It was further resolved that, in the event of the above recommendation being adopted, the 20 candidates highest on the poll at the election in April be admitted at the House Committee meeting next following the election, and the remaining 17 at the usual time. He begged to give notice of motion on the recommendation of the House Committee:

> "That 20 additional vacancies for the April election, making 37 in all, be declared, thereby raising the number of the *elected* girls on the Institution to 257."

And at the same time he begged to move that the fifty eligible candidates remaining at last election, together with twenty-four others, whose petitions had been since approved, be placed on the list for the April election, and that seventeen vacancies, caused by girls leaving, be declared. The result would be that thirty-seven out of seventy-four would be elected, just half the number of candidates. Bro. Letchworth continuing,—thought the Court would permit him to say a few words in reference to a matter about which observations had been made out of doors, and on which it was desirable a proper understanding should exist; it was with reference to the financial position of the Institution in consequence of the Centenary Festival. He learned from Bro. Hedges that the amount declared at the Festival was £50,500, but by additions since made it had reached the total sum of £51,500. Now, of this sum, speaking in round figures, about £1000 was realised in the year 1887 in anticipation, in order that the subscribers might have the benefit of the votes at the election. The receipts of the centenary year were £44,660, and since the year 1888 had turned—during the present month—Bro. Hedges had received about £600 more. The balance, something like £3000, was association money, which, as the brethren were aware, could only be realised as the donors were successful in obtaining their balances from the associations, and as these usually ran over several years the payment of this sum was extended over that time. This left £2500 of what one might call collectable money, all of which had been applied for in the usual way, but it was payable at the convenience of the donors. He thought this a successful state of things, and he was glad to make these observations for the information of the brethren. Bro. Frank Richardson seconded Bro. Letchworth's motion, which was carried. The Chairman, in reply to a question, said that votes were not issued in virtue of promised donations. Bro. Webb thought out of the large amount realized by the Festival last year there ought to be £10,000 placed as a permanent investment, to meet contingencies for a further extra outlay. The Chairman explained that the greater part of the amount was invested on deposit; under the especial circumstances it could not be permanently invested, because they did not know the expenses of the alterations. The proceedings closed in the usual way.

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Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE LAZONBY.

MANY of our readers will learn with regret of the death of Bro. George Lazonby, of Stockton; this took place at his residence on Sunday, where the deceased had been prostrate for about a month from an attack of pneumonia. It was, however, generally surmised he was recovering, and the news of his death has caused a shock to his most intimate friends. Bro. Lazonby was widely known in the North Riding and throughout Durham as an excellent Freemason. Not only in the Craft, but also in the Arch and Mark Lodges had he held high honours, and but this year is he Director of Ceremonies for the Province. Though holding no public offices, he was highly and widely esteemed in Stockton.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT ALEXANDRIA.

THE remains of the late Mr. Gabriel M'Allan, who for many years carried on a most successful joinery business at Red House, Loch Lomond side, were interred in the Alexandria Cemetery on Tuesday, 29th ult. Deceased having been an enthusiastic Freemason, the brethren of the Bonhill Lodge and Alexandria Chapter and the Bonhill Instrumental Band turned out in large numbers. Bro. W. E. Gilmour R.W.M. officiated at the Lodge and at the grave. The burial service was read by the Chaplain, Bro. James Mushet.

On the 24th ult. the brethren of the York Agricola Lodge of Freemasons held their first annual soirée in the Masonic Hall, Castlegate. The ball-room was very handsomely decorated, and the ante-rooms were also exceedingly well arranged. The music was supplied by Mears' band. In the course of the evening the programme was varied by several songs on the part of the brethren.

The committee of the fund of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence (for the purpose of granting annuities to members of the Craft, their widows and children) held its first half yearly meeting on the 24th ult. One annuity of £20, one of £15, and twelve annuities of £10 each were granted.

We extract the following from the *Hythe Echo*:—

More than a hundred Freemasons attended the winter meeting of our local Lodge "L'Amitié" on Saturday, after which an adjournment was made to the Hotel du Nord for the annual banquet. It was there resolved that the brethren should be exhorted to vote for M. Jacques, the candidate who is opposing Boulanger at the Seine Election. French Freemasonry—unlike English—is essentially political.

The fourth annual Masonic Ball of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901 (in aid of the Masonic Charities), will take place on Thursday, 28th inst., in the Peckham Public Hall, Rye-lane, Peckham. The Committee and Stewards, in making the announcement, hope to receive the hearty co-operation of members of the Craft and their friends. A dispensation has been obtained from the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., allowing Craft clothing and Masonic jewels to be worn on the occasion. As it is proposed to limit the subscribers, an early application for tickets is requested, which should be made to the Stewards or Secretaries on or before Saturday, 23rd February. Double tickets, to admit lady and gentleman, or two ladies 15s; single 10s. These tickets include light refreshments during the evening, and supper. Dancing to commence at 9 p.m. The Secretaries referred to are Bros. T. Gay (C.S. 1901), 88 Oglander-road, East Dulwich, and W. Griggs (1901), Elm House, Hanover-street, Peckham.

Cassell's Magazine for February is fully up to the mark. Many interesting and valuable hints are thrown out, as usual, while the Rev. S. Baring Gould describes the ravages of the falsely so-called "Elixir of Youth," and "A Sufferer" writes pathetically on "Stammering and Stuttering." Mr. Holland gives an illustrated description of a beautiful Welsh valley which is doomed to destruction to secure a new water supply for the city of Liverpool. The duties and powers of the new County Councils are explained in a paper entitled "The new County Parliaments of England;" and specialists tell us of the Gardening, the Dress, and the Inventions of this season. Mr. Frank Barrett and Miss Armitt continue their Serial Stories, and the number also contains a story from the "Chronicles of Cardewe Manor," and another complete tale. A Family Doctor advises on the treatment of those most seasonable ailments, "Colds;" and in the "National School of Housewifery" Miss Heritage writes on "Home-made Bread."

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PRESENT MASONIC LIFE.

An Address by Bro. John A. Ehrhardt, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 21st June 1888.

IN these times of searching and delving among the archives of Masonry and the musty records of the past, in clearing away the rubbish that obstructs our view, and in our plodding endeavours to gather further light as to the origin of Masonry, and after demonstrating its antiquity, and writing its history, describing its symbolisms, acknowledging its wisdom, strength and beauty, would it not be well to turn our attention for a moment from the scenes of the past, and learn a lesson of the present, and solve if we can the problem of our present Masonic life?

We all revere Masonry for the greatness of things done in the past, knowing as we do the glorious works accomplished for man and humanity through all ages, knowing that in our own life, Masonry has helped and cheered us through many trials, and sheltered us from many storms, given us hope and courage in times of despondency, carried us safely over many a sea of trouble, and after being tossed about on the raging billows that beset us on every hand, landed us safely in many a peaceful harbour.

But what of the present? In what way can we qualify ourselves as Masons so to live and act that when we have passed away it can be said of us, "they served their day and generation," and not only that, but that we used the talent God endowed us with, and were duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified to perform in an acceptable manner the varied duties of life?

We will not endeavour in the brief time allotted us to cover the extensive field of Masonic duties or Masonic obligations, but will simply call your attention to what we deem absolutely essential to a solution of this problem.

It is found in the cultivation of the four cardinal virtues: temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice.

Temperance. In speaking of the cultivation of this Masonic virtue we desire to get away from the narrow, contracted definition that in these degenerate days seems to circumscribe and belittle this virtue. We make of it a hobby upon which we mount and imagine ourselves a full troop of cavalry. We endeavour to ride roughshod over every other virtue; and when we think we have vanquished our imaginary foe, and our conflict with the windmill is ended, we dismount from our charger to view the results of the battle, we behold the scene just as it was before the conflict, and our banner is still trailing in the dust.

Temperance, as taught by Masonry, is not simply abstinence from strong drink, but temperance in thought, words and actions. By temperance we not only circumscribe our desire for intoxicants, or abstain from putting the bottle to our brother's lips and making him drunken also, but we are taught to be temperate in words, to govern our tongue, and instead of going in the highways and byways and mounting upon the housetops and proclaiming our brother's shortcomings, we go to him and whisper good counsel in his ear, and in the most tender manner remind him of his fault and endeavour to aid his reformation. Words passionately or intemperately spoken may do us as well as our brother more injury, may cause more grief and sorrow, and bring more reproach upon Masonry than beastly intoxication.

How intemperate it seems, "nay, not seems but is," for a brother who, after passing the threshold of our Lodge, professing his trust in God, attaining the sublime degree of Masonry, who has bowed at the sacred name of Deity and been taught to adore his great Creator, when out of the Lodge room and in contact with the profane "out-Herods Herod" in taking God's name in vain, and with the next breath declaring that Masonry is a good enough religion for him, showing conclusively that he has a very faint conception of the religion of Masonry, even if Masonry was or ever had claimed to be a religious institution, but admitting that Masonry is a religious institution or rather that there is a religion in Masonry, what is it? It must from the very nature of things be founded upon "the rule and guide to our faith," and that great light sums up the whole duty of man to be "to love God and keep his commands." Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, is one of the commandments that should be indelibly written upon the heart of every Mason, so that we would mention His name only with the reverence that is due from a creature to his creator. A cultivation of this virtue will aid us materially to keep a tongue of good report, and to maintain secrecy, and the trials and troubles, the divisions and dissensions that come upon us in our Masonic lives, by reason of the intemperate use of the tongue, will find no admission into our Fraternity, and they will be to us as a dream of the past, and when we have become temperate in thought and word, the necessary sequence will follow that we will be temperate in action, and the question of how much or how little a Mason can drink and be temperate will solve itself, and we will find in any event that it is a passion subdued and slain, and it was this thought that brought out the expression that "God must touch our hearts and our consciences must amend of themselves by the force of our reason and not by the decay of our appetites." And in whatever way we view the subject, let us not forget the temptation of our brethren, and not measure their acts by our temptation, or rather by our freedom from temptation.

And let us endeavour to cultivate the virtue of temperance in thought, word and action, and thereby rise and walk on a higher plane of Masonic life and attain a nobler stature of Masonic manhood.

Fortitude is not the opposite of cowardice for, if it was simply physical courage, then woe be to us who have not the physical constitution to display a remarkable amount of physical courage, and were we to look at it simply in this light, we make of it an animal rather than a human quality.

Fortitude, as taught in Masonry, is found in the weak physically as well as the strong, and is that trait of character that enables us to bear the trials and sufferings of life, both mental and physical, without complaint and without reproach.

Sixty years ago, when all the powers of both church and state were marshalled in solid phalanx, making a bitter, determined, and unjust war on our beloved Order, the members of the Craft displayed the beauties of true Masonic fortitude. When assailed on every hand by unjust and untruthful accusations and confronted by bitter and determined persecution, they maintained their dignified silence, and rather than recede from a solitary Masonic principle they rested their feet upon the eternal truths taught by Masonry, and with Masonic fortitude waited for the future ages to find out the inconsistency and bigotry of Masonic opposition.

Even at the present day it requires more than courage, yea, it requires fortitude, when out in the world, and we hear Masonry assailed or held up in comparison with some new or cheaper institution, to remain silent, for fortitude is not found in action but in repose.

It requires courage for a soldier to go into battle, but it requires fortitude for him to be present on the field of carnage and remain inactive. The most trying position in which a body of soldiers can be placed is not upon the skirmish line, or in the advancing column, but on the reserve, to cover the retreat, knowing as they do, that if the fates of the day shall determine the results of the battle against them, they must stand with fortitude and offer themselves a sacrifice for the safety of their comrades.

Emerson says that his hero "is the man who, taking both reputation and life in his hand, will with urbanity dare the gibbet and the mob by the absolute truth of his speech and the rectitude of his behaviour." Courage becomes fortitude when the will is surrendered, and the more absolute the surrender of our will the more perfectly will be displayed in our lives and conduct the beauties of this the second Masonic virtue.

Prudence aids us to choose between good and evil, and were it not that we are susceptible to the baneful influences that surround on every hand, it might not be so important to cultivate this Masonic virtue. We meet the temptations of life, and we stumble and fall into temptation. We take a step in the dark, and after groping our way and finally coming into the light, we look upon the result of our journey, and then, for the first time, determine whether we have done right or wrong. Viewing our fall we find that our pride has often diverted us from the common path, and makes us embrace novelties and "rather choose (without prudentially considering the result) to be the head of a troop lost and wandering in the paths of error, than to be a disciple in the school of truth, suffering ourselves to be led and guided by the hand of another in the right and beaten road."

Were we to give this much neglected Masonic virtue the time and thought that its importance demands, and profi

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by its teachings, it would shield us from many storms, and relieve us from many regrets, and at the end of our daily journey we can look back on our pathway and our labours of the day with satisfaction, and the sun of approval would rise to shine upon our works.

We spend the first half of our man's estate by holding our bodies in subjection by our intellect, for all the powers of a young man's mind are called into requisition in his early manhood to keep himself within due bounds with all mankind, but in after years, the rule is reversed and it is the body that becomes the tutor of the mind and guides it to reformation, and governs it more rudely and imperiously than the mind ever governs the body.

So that whether we are just beginning the active duties of life or standing beneath the sun at its meridian height and beholding the glory and beauty of the day, or have reached the third step delineated upon our carpet, it is necessary that we cultivate this virtue of prudence so as to guard our minds and bodies from the vices of life and avoid the temptations we daily meet, and keep continually employed with life's duties and obligations.

"I see a youth whom God has crowned with power and cursed with poverty,
With bravest heart he struggles with his lot through toilsome years,
Kept to his daily task by daily want of bread.
And kept to virtue by his daily task,
He stands at last a master of himself,
And in that grace a master of his kind."

Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction.

While this virtue is the very cement and support of civil society, is is of like necessity one of the supports of our Institution. To be just to ourselves, our brethren and our Order should be our constant study.

In the ages past how much crime was committed, how many rights trampled upon, how many injuries inflicted in the name of justice! but in the years of civilisation and Christianity the virtue of justice has become the shield of all true men and women.

"O! dreadful justice!
What a fright and terror
Wast thou of old?
When sin and error did show and shape thy looks to me,
And through their glass discolour thee,
He that did but look up was proud and bold.

"The scale of thy balance seemed to gape,
Like two great pits.
The beam and scape
Did like some tottering engine show
Thy hand above did burn and glow.
Daunting the stoutest hearts, the loudest wits.

"But now that Christ's pure veil presents the sight,
I see no fear.
Thy hand is white,
Thy scale like buckets which attend
And interchangeably descend,
Lifting to heaven this well of tears.

"For where before thou didst still call on me,
Now I still touch
And harp on thee.
God's promises had made thee mine;
Why should I justice now decline?
Against me there is none, but for me much."

We should cultivate this virtue so as to be just to the imperishable part of ourselves, by improving our minds in true Masonic knowledge, using the days and hours of our lives in study, thereby living up to the full measure of our intellectual usefulness. Just to our bodies by avoiding dissipation and excess, living out our allotted days in health, thereby enabling us to do the greatest amount of possible good. Just to our neighbour by observing the golden rule, and just to our God by a godly life and conduct.

While we believe the perfect ideal of Masonic character is never attained by even the highest type of morality, yet a steady purpose of mind in us to improve ourselves, making our daily lives in part an exemplification of these Masonic virtues, will enable us to better appreciate the grandeur of true Masonic manhood.

So giving more attention to foundation stones, that our superstructure of Speculative Masonry may rest upon a rock, sure and stedfast, cultivating these virtues day by day, using none but perfect ashlars in our Masonic edifice. These Masonic virtues are not perfected in an hour or a day, for the cycle of life finds them incomplete.

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

"I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and a broader view.

"We rise by the things that are under our feet,
By what we have mastered of good and gain,
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet."

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

THE Festival of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on Wednesday, 16th ult., when Brigadier-General Adair, the retiring Officer, installed as his successor in the chair Bro. G. Saunders junior. The newly-installed Master appointed the Officers following:—Bros. Aveling S.W. P.P.G. Chap., Strawbridge J.W., Wake S.D., Chaffin J.D., Hammett Secretary, Showers Treasurer, Rev. H. S. Hume Chaplain, Hartnell D.C., Lewis I.G., Baker Organist, Barrett, Potter, Roberts, and Loveday Stewards, Tidbury Tyler, Jones Assist. Tyler.

FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 270.

THE annual festival was celebrated at the Town Hall, Berkeley, on Tuesday, the 15th ult. This is the oldest Lodge in the Province, and was founded on the 25th July 1789. The ceremony of installation was performed by the P.G.M. of Gloucestershire, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, assisted by R. V. Vassar-Smith D.P.G.M., Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and P.M.'s of the Berkeley Lodge, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he invested the following Officers:—Bros. Wheatley I.P.M., Cox S.W., Smith J.W., the Rev. A. Bond Chaplain, Thomas Secretary, Price S.D., Harding J.D., Hadley D.C., Pearce I.G., Morse and Gregory Stewards, and J. Merrett Tyler. After the ceremony the banquet took place at the Berkeley Arms Hotel. Lord Fitzhardinge presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. C. Cox. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren spent a most convival and enjoyable evening.

LION LODGE, No. 312.

ON the 21st ult. the members met at the Masonic Hall, John-street, Whitby, for the annual installation of the W.M. The choice of the Lodge having fallen unanimously this year upon Bro. R. W. Whit', the ceremony of his installation was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. J. Stevenson, who performed the duty very impressively. The following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Stewart I.P.M., Stevenson Chaplain, Lawson Treasurer, Atkinson S.W., Thornton J.W., Oliver S.D., Smithson J.D., Edwards I.G., Burton Newbold Secretary, Rennison Organist, Walker D.C., Trueman O.G., Watson and Robson Stewards. In the evening the annual banquet took place at the Crown Hotel, and was of a sumptuous description.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

THE annual meeting took place on the 18th January, at the Masonic Hall, Devizes. The outgoing W.M., Bro. W. M. Tucker, opened the Lodge, and after the usual preliminaries installed his successor, the S.W., Bro. Henry Joseph Johnson, according to ancient custom. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Tucker I.P.M., Sloper S.W., Rev. W. Humphreys J.W. and acting Chaplain, Nott P.M. Treas. (by deputy), Hopkins P.M. Secretary, Crees S.D., Martin J.D., Howse P.M. D.C., Bush P.M. Organist, Billingham I.G., Reynolds Steward, and Barnes Tyler. The usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master and P.M.'s Howse and T. C. Hopkins respectively. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. E. B. Mercer P.M. 41, G. J. Farrington P.M. 1271, J. Pocock W.M. 632, G. T. Blakeley S.W. 586, A. Wallington J.W. 1271. General regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. W. Nott P.M., on account of ill-health, and the Secretary was desired to convey to him the hearty wishes of the brethren for his speedy recovery. After Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet at the Bear Hotel, towards which Bro. Watson Taylor had as usual sent a supply of venison.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE members, on the 16th ult., presented Mrs. Mason, wife of Bro. Dr. W. Inglis Mason, with a very beautiful gold bracelet set with 18 brilliants in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Mason during his year of Mastership, and of his great liberality and kindness. The presentation was made at Dr. Mason's residence, by the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, and was accompanied by the following address, beautifully illuminated:—

"To Mrs. William Inglis Mason.—We, the Brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1224, wishing to express our appreciation of the many services rendered by our Bro. William Inglis Mason during his year of office, and in recognition of the kind interest evinced by him at all times in the welfare of the Lodge, ask you to accept the bracelet accompanying this as a small token of

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such regard. Trusting that the Great Architect of the Universe may spare you for many years to share with him the blessings of this life. Signed on behalf of the Lodge, Charles J. Martyn, Senior P.M. D.P.G.M. Suffolk."

The following members of the Lodge were present:—Bros. Hills, Wheeler, Pratt, Grimwood, Walford, Carlton, the Rev. David Hughes, Grant, and others, as well as Mrs. Pratt, Miss H. Mason, and other members of the doctor's family.

OLICANA LODGE, No. 1522.

THE annual festival was celebrated at Ilkley, on Tuesday, 15th ult., when Bro. A. Balfour was installed W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. G. Lupton, Bro. J. Gaunt presenting the W.M. elect. Subsequently the newly-elected W.M. invested the following Officers: Bros. Kaye I.P.M., Bates S.W., Brotherton J.W., James Chaplain, Gaunt Charity Representative, Critchley Treasurer, Kershaw Secretary, Bennett S.D., Evers J.D., Critchley Organist, Crow I.G., Sykes O.G., and Wedgwood Almoner.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

SELDOM has the regular monthly meeting of any Lodge been of a more interesting character than was the case with 1609 on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. There are present in the city a large number of Craftsmen, engaged in the Carl Rosa Company, at the Royal Court Theatre, and in the various pantomimes that are in progress; and this knowledge had the effect of making the number of those present at the usual monthly meeting of the Dramatic Lodge largely in excess of the ordinary attendance. Bro. Henry Round W.M. was supported at the opening of the Lodge by Bros. Cantor I.P.M., Sanderson P.M., Savage P.M., Sandbrook P.M., Mackenzie P.M., Allen S.W., Fineberg J.W., Shrapnell P.M. and Treas., Heard Sec., Mein J.D., Eaton Batty I.G., Hughes S., Stewart J.S., Pulford A.S., Workman Organist, Heginbotham A. Organist, and Ball Tyler. After the work of the Lodge had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the dining-hall for suitable refreshment, and an enjoyable programme was subsequently provided by Bros. Max Eugene, Payne Clarke, E. Edwards, S. Kirkham, J. Cantor, Eaton Batty, T. C. Fargher, and others.

HOTSPUR LODGE, No. 1626.

ON Thursday, 24th ult., the annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, when Bro. J. H. Brown jun. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. G. H. Stansfield, the retiring W.M. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Stansfield I.P.M., Bell S.W., Daglish J.W., Green Chaplain, Symonds Treas., Martin Sec., Challoner S.D., Cackett J.D., Cray J.S., Ferry Organist, Forster S.S., Curry Tyler. The brethren, after all work had been faithfully performed, sat down to dinner at the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street West (Miss T. T. Robson's), when the usual Loyal and patriotic toasts were eloquently given and heartily responded to.

COLERIDGE LODGE, No. 1750.

THE annual meeting of the members was held on Thursday, the 10th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Public Hall, Clevedon, when Bro. M. H. Clark S.W. was formally installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M. of Somerset. The newly-installed Master invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Dawes I.P.M., Rivers S.W., Captain Rose J.W., Major-General Montague, C.B., S.D., Wickenden J.D., Hayman I.G., Barnes Treasurer, Jupp Secretary, Somerton Organist, Stevens Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to Regent House, where upwards of 40 sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Wickenden.

LODGE OF OBEDIENCE, No. 1753.

AT the ordinary meeting, held at the White Hart Hotel, Okehampton, on 28th ult., there were present Bros. Newcombe W.M., Sloman S.W., Reddaway J.W., Burd Treasurer, Fulcher P.M. Secretary, Woonacott S.D., Pierce I.G., Manual Organist, Coombes Tyler, P.M.'s Yeo, Gregory, McMurray and Harris. After the usual business the brethren took this opportunity of presenting their Worshipful Brother William Burd with a handsome marble clock, on the occasion of his recent marriage, and in recognition of the valued services he has rendered the Lodge. The presentation was made by Bro. J. Newcombe W.M., and was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient, Bro. Burd.

FIDELES LODGE, No. 1809.

THE last of the annual meetings in connection with the Masonic body in the island of Guernsey was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., in the Temple, Le Marchant-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. W. Entwistle as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. M. Bichard P.M. 243 was the Installing Master, Bro. J. W. Palmer acting as Director of Ceremonies. In this important duty Bro. Bichard was assisted by a board of 26 Installed Masters and about 50 members of the Craft. The work was conducted in strict accordance with ancient custom, after which the newly-installed Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Stranger S.W., Connellan, J.W., Le Ray Treasurer, Bichard Secretary, H. Bichard Assistant Secretary, Brady S.D., Garland J.W., Bird I.G., Biddescombe Tyler, Ogier D.C., D. E. Ogier Steward. The Auditors' report showed the Lodge, though the youngest, to be in a flourishing condition. After the business the brethren, on the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most *récherché* repast had been provided by Mrs. Edwards.

St. Aubyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 954.—A meeting of the members was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., when the portion of the ritual selected for the occasion was ably rendered by the Officers of the Lodge, assisted by Bro. Allingham, the Preceptor. At the close of business the members retired to the refreshment room, where a substantial repast had been provided by Bro. Bosworthick. Bro. Dugdale presided, supported by Past Masters C. Watson, Crossby and Jolifee 954. The Visitors included Bros. Whitford 230, Drew, Perkins and Roberts. Apologies were received from Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, Devon, Lord, and Cawsey, who were prevented by previous Masonic engagements from attending.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th January, at the White Hart Tavern, Aldermanbury, E.C. Present:—Bros. C. W. C. Webb Preceptor, Brewer W.M., Lea Smith S.W., Toulmein J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Hall S.D., E. A. De Paiva J.D., Webb I.G., also Bros. Quick, Hobbs, Marshall, Jupe, Fraser, E. L. Axford, and J. T. Axford. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Marshall took the W.M.'s chair; the Lodge was resumed in the 2nd degree and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Webb acting as candidate. Bro. Jupe was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After routine work Lodge was closed.

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BELFAST CITY TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 481.

THE first annual réunion of this promising Lodge was held on the 25th ult., in the Central Hall, Rosemary Street, Belfast. The room was chastely decorated for the occasion, the walls being draped with crimson cloth, relieved at intervals with trophies of flags, the spaces bearing such mottoes as "Welcome to our noble Leader," "Union is strength." This Lodge, it may be mentioned, is but a few months in existence, and yet in that time it has acquired a fair membership. Bro. J. C. Rainey, now P.M., was the first occupant of the chair, and under his direction and guidance the Lodge flourished. Bro. Edward Gregg has now been elected to that position, and under his control the career of prosperity will no doubt be continued. The proceedings commenced with tea, which was admirably served by the ladies (a large number of whom were present), ably assisted by the Officers of the Lodge, who acted as Stewards. Subsequently, Bro. Gregg assumed the chair, and after announcing apologies from Bro. Major Thompson D.P.G.M., and Bro. Meares Prov. Grand Lodge of Down, and others, gave the Queen and the Craft, and the Three Grand Masters, which were received in true Masonic fashion. Bro. Fraser, in responding to "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Down," congratulated 481 on the progress it had made since inaugurated—progress almost amazing to those associated with the Brotherhood. Bro. Rainey, in proposing the Newly-installed Officers, said that Bro. Gregg deserved great credit for the formation of that Lodge, for if it had not been for him it would not now have had an existence. He had spent much time in its organisation, and if it increased in membership in the future as it had done in the past, they would next year require a much larger hall for their meeting. With such progress they would observe his labours had not been in vain. The Officers had ably assisted Bro. Gregg in promoting the interests of the Lodge. The W.M., in responding, stated that, all things considered, they had gone on well since their formation as a Lodge on the other side of the river. They could not separate themselves from the brethren there, and he hoped they would not sever their connection with them. With such an account to render, after only three months' existence, he expected the report that day twelvemonth would be still more encouraging. Bros. W. J. Montgomery J.W., M'Callough S.D., Campbell J.D., Ewart I.G., Allen Assistant Sec., and Martin Chaplain, briefly acknowledged the compliment. The other toasts proposed were:—Our Past Master, Our poor and distressed brethren, the Visiting Brethren, the Ladies, and the Stewards. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Campbell, Mahood, Stanley, Henchie, Roberts, Porter, M'Gahey, and Montgomery, all of which were heartily received. The catering was entrusted to Bro. Ritchie, of York Street, and was carried out in such a manner as to leave no ground for complaint. The meeting, which was in every respect a credit to the young Lodge, was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

THE annual meeting of the members of this committee was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 25th ult., Bro. R. Foote Chairman. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The minutes of the House Committee for the past quarter having been read by Bro. J. T. Callow Secretary, the balance sheet for the year was presented by the Treasurer (Bro. Tyson), from which it appeared that the rents received from Lodges meeting in the building amounted to £469, from Chapters £93 9s 6d, and the income from other sources was £209. After all necessary payments there remained a balance in hand of £225 11s 1d. The statement of accounts was passed unanimously. Bro. A. D. Hesketh was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year, Bro. T. H. W. Walker Vice-chairman, Bro. J. H. Tyson was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. T. Callow was again chosen Secretary, for the twelfth time. Bros. Gow, Neale, Coxon, and Leake were elected Auditors. The following brethren were elected members of the House Committee:—Bros. Foote, Beesley, Pemberton, Cotter, Smith, Molloy, Hallwood, Bailey, Broadbridge, G. Morgan, E. Morgan, Coxon, Jarman, Martin, Jackson, Bradley, Neale, Leake, Salter, Latham, and Soldat. The usual vote of thanks terminated the proceedings.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 6th 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 17th October 1888, to the 15th of January 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	255	11	11	Donation to Girls' School	105	0	0
„ Unappropriated Account	191	1	7	Purchase of £800 2½ per Cent. Consols and commission	291	0	0
Subsequent Receipts	365	12	1	Disbursements during the quarter	281	18	7
	812	5	7	Balance, Unappropriated Account	189	9	1
Amount overdrawn on Grand Chapter Account	55	2	1				
	£867	7	8		£867	7	8

which balance, less £55 2s 1d, overdrawn on Grand Chapter Account, is in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Companions Horatio Ward as Z., Edward Cooper Fenoulhet as H., Henry Corbet Jones as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, Herne Bay, to be called "The St. George's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, in the county of Kent.

2nd. From Companions Richard Wealthy Forge as Z., Charles Stevens as H., Richard Richardson Collick as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1798, Teddington, to be called "The Sir Charles Bright Chapter," and to meet at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, in the county of Middlesex.

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

The Committee have received a petition from the Principals and members of the De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original having been accidentally destroyed by fire.

The Committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation be granted for the above Chapter.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, on the removal of the undermentioned Chapters:—

The Kingston Chapter, No. 1010, Hull, for permission to remove from the Masonic Hall, Worship-street, to the Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Hull.

The Brisdon Chapter, No. 613, Southport, for permission to move from the Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-street, to the Masonic Hall, Lord-street, Southport.

The Chapter of Concord, No. 223, Plymouth, for permission to remove from 193 Union-street, to the Freemasons' Hall, No. 1 Princess-square, Plymouth.

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

The Committee have further to report that the Enoch Chapter, No. 11, London, through neglect of the law as contained in Article 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations, has recently exalted a brother at a less period than twelve calendar months—namely, five months—from the date of his becoming a Master Mason.

The Committee have inflicted a fine of £1 1s on the Chapter, have admonished it to be more observant of the law in future, and have ordered the candidate in question to be re-obligated before a Grand Chapter certificate is issued for him.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th January 1889.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

THE annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, 22nd ult. The Companions present included the following members:—Comps. F. Hilton acting M.E.Z., Addington H., Tuck J., Capt. C. W. Williams P.Z. S.E., Major W. E. Williams P.Z. Treas., C. H. Stone S.N., Benedetti A.S., T. Grammant P.Z., W. Cowley P.Z., Bumstead P.Z., C. Meierhoff, C. Flock, W. F. Crook, G. H. Foes, Dr. H. Makenam, Charlie Woods, Fry, C. N. M. North, and Rowe acting Janitor. The visitors were Comps. F. Walters P.Z. P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex, J. J. Pitt 169, Capt. R. J. Vincent M.E.Z. 1777, V. T. Marché A.S. 1329, W. Kipps P.Z. 79, E. J. Burns A.S. 1071, R. J. Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1329, G. A. Taylor P.Z. 22, 217, and R. C. Davis 1329. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, after which a ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Towers W.M. 15, who was exalted in the usually excellent manner for which the Star Chapter is famed. Comp. F. Hilton then installed Comp. Addington as M.E.Z., and Comp. Tuck as H, while Comp. Grammant installed Comp. Crook as J. As Comp. Addington had temporarily lost his voice, the Officers were invested by Comp. F. Hilton. These

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were Comps. Major Williams Treas. (for the 10th time), Capt. C. Woolmer Williams S.E., Benedetti S.N., C. T. Fleck P.S., C. Meierboff 1st A.S., and C. Woods 2nd A.S. After the business was concluded the Chapter was closed. At the banquet which followed, the M.E.Z. proposed the Queen and R.A. Masonry, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales G.Z., and the G. Pro Z., G.H.,G.J., and rest of the G. Officers present and past, all of which were enthusiastically received. Comp. Hilton gave "The M.E.Z., H., and J." Comp. Addington was so well known that he could add little in his praise to those who were acquainted with his enthusiasm in Craft Masonry. He was always ready to help in the cause of Charity, and being ever willing to work for the good of the Order was an ornament to the First Chair. Comp. Tuck had come that day, in spite of much suffering, so as not to disappoint the members. Comp. Crook had been compelled to wait till this year for his Craft qualification, but if he did the work of J. as well as he had done that of P.S., some years ago, the younger members would be delighted with him. Comps. Addington, Grummant, and Crook suitably responded, expressing their pleasure at working for the Chapter. The M.E.Z. next gave the Exaltee. Comp. Towers possessed every good quality that should endear him to the hearts of the Companions. He trusted he should be spared to see him installed as First Principal. Comp. Towers responded. It had been a great honour to be exalted in that Chapter. The R.A. ritual was very beautiful, and his must be a poor and unappreciative mind who was not impressed with it. He hoped to become a worthy and useful member. Comp. Grummant next proposed the Visitors, enumerating the good work they had done for the Order. Comp. Capt. Vincent M.E.Z. 1777 thanked the Companions for the way in which the toast had been received. It was a treat to hear the Installation Ceremonies performed in the way they had been that evening. Comp. F. Hilton was certainly a most ardent Mason, and his labours to impart the R.A. ritual were already bearing fruit. Comp. Walters P.Z. P.P. 1st A.S. Middlesex was glad to be present. This was his 33rd year of R.A. Masonry, and he hoped to be spared for 33 more years to enjoy it. Comp. Taylor P.Z. 22, 217, doubted if he had ever seen R.A. work so well performed. The wording differed very slightly from what he was used to, but he questioned if it was possible to have it rendered more impressively. The Installing Officers were fully efficient. Comps. Kipps P.Z. 79 and Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1329, spoke in the same strain, the latter observing that it would be a work of supererogation for him to praise the excellent working, or the well-known hospitality of the Star Chapter. The M.E.Z. proposed the Treasurer, S.E., and other Officers. It was seldom that a Chapter was gifted with such Officers as the Treasurer and S.E. It was certain that better could not be found. They both took a pride in the Chapter. Comp. Major Williams, who was the first M.E.Z. of the Chapter, and has been its only Treasurer, had so often responded to this toast that he could add nothing to what he had said in the past. He hoped always to see the Chapter flourish, and he believed that the praise that was so often reiterated by their visitors must certainly be true. He should always try to do anything that lay in his power to further the interests of the Chapter. Comp. Capt. Williams said his interests were identical with those of his father, their worthy Treasurer. He had been a founder, and hoped to be S.E. as long as his father was Treasurer. Comps. Benedetti, Fleck, Meierhoff, and Woods also responded. It is a notable fact that the three Sojourners were exalted on the same evening. The M.E.Z. followed with the toast of the P.Z.'s. Comp. Cowley was always ready to work for the Chapter; he was a genial Companion, brother, and gentleman. Comp. Grummant was a most efficient worker; and in Comp. F. Hilton, the Preceptor of the Star Chapter of Instruction, they had a Companion of whom South London must be proud. Comp. Cowley expressed his pleasure at being present, although weak, as he had been four months under the doctor's hands. Comp. Hilton considered the R.A. ritual to be most impressive. It could not fail to appeal to the feelings of every one. It was full of beautiful religious sentiments. He was proud of the Chapter of Instruction, for although it was not yet a year old it had 50 members, had never had a blank night, and was without exception working most satisfactorily. Comp. Grummant, however, deserved great praise for the way he had seconded his efforts to make the Chapter a success. Comp. Grummant said that since his exaltation he had not missed one meeting. He had found the greatest harmony and the best of good feeling prevalent in the Chapter during that period. The way in which Comp. Meierhoff A.S. had done the P.S. work that evening had surprised him greatly, and showed what excellent officers were coming on. The M.E.Z. proposed a special toast in honour of Comp. Bumstead, the pioneer of Preceptors for the R.A. in South London. Comp. Bumstead felt highly gratified at the unexpected honour that had been conferred upon him, and was deeply sensible of the cordial way in which his name had been received. He hoped shortly to pay his first visit to the Star Chapter of Instruction. The Janitor's toast brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. A capital selection of music, performed under the direction of Bro. R. De Lacy, Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral, added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Comp. Bumstead also gave a laughable recitation.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, 25th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Hilton P.Z. 1275 Preceptor, Grummant P.Z. 1275 M.E.Z., Moore H. 169 H. Whitby M.E.Z. 1329 J., Stone S.E., Addington M.E.Z. 1275 S.N., Stone P.S., Woods A.S. 1275 A.S., Cope, Wingham, and Capt. R. J. Vincent H. elect 1329 M.E.Z. 1777. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, with Companion Cope as candidate. Companion Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the Officers were appointed in rotation. A board of Installed Principals was then formed and Companion Whitby rehearsed the ceremony of installation of M.E.Z., while Comp. Captain Vincent rehearsed that of the Installation of Joshua.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bristol was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on the 25th ult., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. A. F. Powell, in the chair. Letters were read from the Earl of Limerick, and from Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, announcing that as his political and other engagements in London prevented his visiting Bristol as he would wish the Earl of Limerick had resigned the office of Prov. Grand Master, and that the Right Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales had appointed Bro. W. A. F. Powell as his successor. The announcement, which came as a complete surprise upon the brethren assembled, was received by them with a delight which was manifested in enthusiastic applause, again and again renewed. The Provincial Grand Master designate has held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master under three administrations, and for the long period of 35 years, and that an opportunity should arise, and should be taken advantage of, to thus recognise his prolonged and valuable services, exactly coincided with the unbreathed aspirations of the Province. It was a proof of his devotion to duty that, after nine weeks' confinement to a sick room, through a serious accident, the first time he left the house was to preside over last night's meeting. His personal disinclination to accept the new responsibility was completely overborne by the gratification which found repeated expression in the course of the proceedings. The installation will probably take place on 1st March.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE DANUM LODGE, No. 398.

A large gathering of Mark Master Masons took place at Doncaster on the 29th ult., to witness the consecration of this Lodge, and the installation of the first W.M. The consecration ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. C. L. Mason, Provincial G.M.M. of West Yorkshire, assisted by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers; and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. The warrant from H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master nominated the following brethren to be the first Officers:—Bros. W. Delaney W.M., Rev. I. Blake S.W., and H. T. Bellerby the J.W. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by Bros. the Earl of Euston Grand S W., C. F. Matier, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., C. A. Driver, R. Berridge, B. R. Bryant, W. Cooke, and many other Provincial Grand Officers and representatives of West Yorkshire Lodges; also by Bro. J. Sutcliffe Provincial G.M.M. Lincolnshire, and several Lincolnshire brethren. After the W.M. had invested his officers and closed the Lodge, the majority of the brethren adjourned to Brown's Rooms, High Street, where an excellent banquet was served, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting was held on the 15th ult., at Hayle, when the W.M. elect, Bro. George Williams, was installed W.M. by Bro. W. K. Baker. The W.M. appointed as his Officers—Brothers Burrow I.P.M., Thomas S.W., Richard Rowe, J.W., Read M.O., J. H. Rowe S.O., Veal J.O., Baker Chaplain, Osborne Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Boase S.D., Rowe J.D., Jackson Reg. of Marks, Adams Organist, Taylor I.G., and Bray Tyler. There was a good attendance of brethren, and after the Lodge they adjourned to the dining room, where a banquet was served.

BALL IN LEICESTER.

THE annual ball under the auspices of the five Leicester Lodges of Freemasons (the St. John's, No. 279, Commercial, No. 1891, John of Gaunt, No. 523, Albert Edward, No. 1560, and Golden Fleece, No. 2081), the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held, by permission of Sir Henry Halford, in the County Assembly Rooms, last Tuesday evening. The company, a representative gathering, numbered between 180 and 190 persons of the town and neighbourhood. The brethren were arrayed in their Masonic insignia. Bro. Henry Nicholson conducted the quadrille band, which supplied the latest dance music. The arrangements were under the management of the following committee of gentlemen:—Messrs. E. Holmes, W. H. Lead, J. Herbert Marshall, W. H. Swingler, T. G. Charlesworth, F. J. Baines, G. Newsome, J. B. Waring, R. B. Starkey, S. Knight, T. S. Ashwell, J. T. March, T. Carter, J. D. Harris, Dr. C. A. Moore, F. Winterton, J. L. West, E. P. Steeds, G. Jessop, J. Kidney, and J. G. Parr. The hon. secs. to the Committee were Messrs J. H. Marshall and J. B. Waring, and to the efforts of these gentlemen the success of the ball was in no small measure due—both working most assiduously. Dancing was timed to commence at nine o'clock, and shortly before that hour the visitors began to arrive. The programme opened with a polka, and Wednesday morning was well advanced ere the company dispersed. Mr. George Jessop proved a most efficient M.C., his efforts being ably seconded by an energetic body of stewards. The catering was entrusted to Mr. Derrick, of the Masonic Hall, who fully sustained his reputation.—*Leicester Post.*

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyceum.—Every conscientious Shakespearian student must have heard with deep concern of the illness that necessitated Mr. Henry Irving's temporary absence from the Lyceum. However, all must have rejoiced that an equally devoted lover of the immortal bard was at hand, in the person of Mr. Hermann Vezin, to fill the void thus unhappily created. We sincerely regret absence from town and heavy duties elsewhere prevented our witnessing Mr. Vezin's performance of Macbeth, but unquestionably, taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, this gentleman during his temporary occupation of the stage would work somewhat on Mr. Irving's lines. No revival—Shakespearian or otherwise—has ever created so much controversy as this, the latest effort of Mr. Irving, and now all impartial critics must be in a position to sum up—at least to their individual satisfaction—the merits of the performance. For our own part, we decidedly recognised the interpretation of Mr. Irving as a matured presentment of the Macbeth he gave us some twelve years since, when it was almost universally conceded that his rendering was not a successful one. Mr Irving gives us in a general way a bold and vigorous soldier, but when the supernatural element surrounds him, he is conscience stricken and helpless as a child. As for Miss Terry, she does with Lady Macbeth almost everything that could have been expected of her, but—the "harsh" and "strident" impersonations we have for years been accustomed to notwithstanding—she fails to present us with the ideal we fear we shall always look for. In the "barbaric days" from whence the story takes its rise, we scarcely look for the billing and cooing that some of the critics laud so highly. Her dual scenes are made the most of unquestionably, but she does not possess the physique—we say it in no unfriendly spirit—the character demands at the hands of any lady who may essay the part. As regards those who assist the principals, every opportunity is given them; Mr. Irving never fails to give his associates full licence, and on the occasion under notice they one and all avail themselves of their opportunity. In conclusion we may add we should like Mr. Irving to consider an old reading which has always found favour with us. We refer to the following passage, Act i scene 7:—

Macb. Pr'ythee, peace;
I dare do all that may become a man.

Here Macbeth—according to the interpretation we refer to—should stop, and the next line should be taken up by his wife, who sarcastically retorts:—

Lady M. Who dares "no" more is none.

Lady Macbeth should then continue, "What beast, &c." To our mind this alteration—suggested to us some thirty years since, and even then not a new idea—would decidedly strengthen Miss Terry's rendering of the character.

Vaudeville.—Mr. Robert Buchanan has contributed a most diverting piece of humour to dramatic literature by his fantastic comedy "That Doctor Cupid," (why the pronoun?) which having proved satisfactory at a morning performance was speedily promoted to the evening programme. The motive of the piece is not new, but may be reckoned as such, seeing that it is 120 years since Foote's famous farce, "The Devil on Two Sticks," was produced. Cupid, having been bottle up by a celebrated astrologer some three hundred years previous to the opening of the story, falls into the possession of Harry Racket, a Cambridge undergraduate of the Dashington School, who is in despair at being disinherited by his uncle, and thereby obliged to surrender his sweetheart, Kate Constant. After reading the Latin inscription, to the effect that "love conquers the world, but science conquers love," and being ignorant of the contents of the bottle, he dashes it to the ground, when presently is seen a little, weazened, rheumatic fellow, in Elizabethan dress, who announces himself as Cupid, and offers to become Harry's slave if he will set him at liberty as soon as he restores his sweetheart. They then proceed to Bath, where Cupid, disguised as Harry's tutor, sets all the women in love with his master—which causes considerable complications—but finally brings the lovers together, re-establishes Harry in his uncle's favour, and claims his reward. Mr. Thorne's admirers will readily imagine what amusement he evokes with this eccentric character, which he plays with extraordinary vigour and ability; his very costume is a study, and roars of laughter follow his appearance on the stage. Mr. Gillmore makes a manly young Harry, Mr. Fred Thorne is seen to advantage as the irascible gouty old baronet, and Mr. Cyril Maude, a young actor who is steadily making his mark, gives an admirable rendering of a love-sick, stuttering beau. Miss Winifred Emory presents a perfect picture of the gushing girl of the last century novels, and Miss D. Drummond makes the most of the baronet's scheming housekeeper. Of the minor characters, Messrs. Wheatman, S. Buist, Pagden and Grove, with Misses M. Lea and Robertson, deserve notice. The quaint early nineteenth century costumes and the pretty scenery lend their aid towards the success of the piece.

Messrs. J. H. Darnley and G. Manville Fenn's new farcial comedy will be produced at the Strand next Wednesday evening. The arrangements are under the immediate supervision of Mr. Charles Wyndham, who has procured an excellent caste.

The remarkable success that has attended the Matinées of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" has led Mr. Beerbohm Tree to place it in the evening bill, and this he will do next Saturday evening, the 4th instant. The caste will be the same as that which did so well at the Matinées.

Ice Carnival.—We are able to state that the list of stall-holders of the Carnival, to be held in March, at the Royal Albert Hall, for the West End Hospital, is now filled up. The Austrian stalls will be under the direction of Lady Francis Seymour; Canada will be held by Lady Beaumont; the Countess of Romney takes England, and the Marchioness of Waterford Denmark; Holland and Germany by Hon. Lady Macdonald and the Countess de Morella respectively; Ireland will be held by Viscountess Coke; and Italy by the Marchioness of Carmarthen. Other stalls will be taken by Lady Heron Maxwell and Lady Spencer Clifford, and among the ladies assisting will be the Duchess of Leinster, Lady Wm. Lennox, Lady Decies, Lady Lamington, and many others. The arena of the Albert Hall will be entirely enclosed by winter scenery of all countries, and each of the stalls set in characteristic surroundings. The falls of Niagara will be a chief feature, and will occupy one end of the vista, beneath which visitors will be able to pass as at the original ones. The ascent of the Matterhorn, with guides, ropes, and alpenstocks, will also be a great attraction, and winter games and sports peculiar to each country will be arranged.

Saturday, the 9th instant, has been appointed for the private view of the Spring Exhibition (the seventeenth), of the Nineteenth Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 11th instant.

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EXCESSIVE ENTHUSIASM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully endorse your sentiments, as given in the article on "Excessive Enthusiasm" in your issue of to-day's date. As Masons we should be just before we are generous, and I am pleased to note a great caution in our Lodge as to the applicants we recommend to the Board of Benevolence. Unless a man has been a good Mason for some years, and his misfortune is not brought about by his own conduct, we should not think of recommending him. If our own funds permit we should assist as far as we feel justified, but no more.

I am surprised to learn that there is a reluctance on the part of the Managers of the funds to give information when asked to do so. They should give the fullest and freest explanation to any questions that may be raised, or we should insist on knowing why. I hope this matter will not be allowed to drop, as it is of the greatest importance that our Order should be kept pure, and every facility given to show that it is pure.

Yours faithfully,

F. E.

26th January 1889.

CRITICISM ON THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret that pressure of business will not allow my replying this week to the remarks in your contemporary on the criticism of myself and others as to the present management of the Masonic Institutions. I am sorry the writer referred to has thought it desirable to descend to vulgar abuse—that is no answer to such criticism as I have offered, whatever others may think to the contrary. Your contemporary seems to be ignorant of the difference which exists between honest criticism and dishonourable attacks, while I, for one, question his veracity in saying his remarks are not "inspired." If what he says is true, I wonder he has the impudence to deal as he does with other people's business and opinions.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1564—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 139 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
98—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.
35.—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, Ganden 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)
1607—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.)
1626—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
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
230—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
1478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
587—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1008—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1046—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
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
1238—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1330—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1708—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 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)
178—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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)
763—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)
890—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)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
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)
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, 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 Instruction, 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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1842—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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 7.15. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
538—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.
795—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
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1538—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Station Street, Rugby
1750—Coleridge, Sydringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2135—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. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', Rue 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 (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlett-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—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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.
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds House, Carshalton Road, S.W.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1951—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1957—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2200—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. 1371—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury

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M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, 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
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
811—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
845—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
878—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
888—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
1325—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1334—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1364—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1368—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1662—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
2043—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 23 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1348—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th 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)
193—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.)
658—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
804—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montifiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1430—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1581—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1580—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In t)
1581—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1546—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1624—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1678—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1734—Kalsir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 51 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1966—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 743—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle
91—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
98—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
60—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
286—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
298—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
304—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
305—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
306—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, Scarborough
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
138[illegible]—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1507—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1632—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2060—St. Trinian's, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Rancorn, Cheshire
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157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (In.)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
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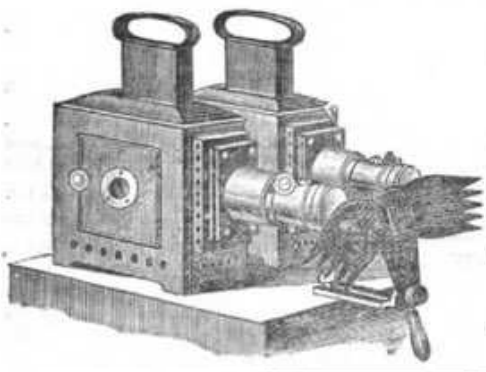
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FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

IT must have been somewhat of a rude surprise to those who regard the Masonic Order as universal, and as existing in all parts of the world as it is known in England, to read the comments which have appeared during the last few days, in many of the leading papers, under the above heading. From them it has been possible to learn that French Freemasonry is very different to the system practised in this country, and very different to anything we should like to see introduced into our midst; but at the same time the comments in question teach little that was not already known to those who have watched the progress of Masonic events abroad during the last few years. To most of those who give a thought to the subject it will seem surprising that so much change could have taken place in so short a time as has occurred during the last few years in connection with French Freemasonry, and the present position of the Craft in that country may well be held up as a warning to those Craftsmen, in England and other parts of the world, who seek to "improve" or "amend" the existing state of affairs, but who do not take into consideration the ultimate effect of their proposals.

When, a few years back, alterations were suggested in the fundamental principles of French Freemasonry—and which, on being adopted caused the Grand Lodge of England to break off its friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France—there were few who regarded the change as of so serious a character as it has since proved itself, or who considered the discontinuance of an expressed belief in a Supreme Being on the part of every candidate for the secrets of French Freemasonry as likely to lead to a radical change in the whole constitution of the Craft in that country. Perhaps this is not the only cause which has led to the present state of affairs, but most unquestionably it has much to do with it. When the Grand Orient decided it was no longer necessary to enforce an expression of belief in a Deity from every candidate previous to his initiation, many of the better class of French Freemasons withdrew from active membership of the Order, and in not a few cases the whole condition of Lodges was changed; men were admitted who would previously have been rejected, and minor alterations were made which, but for the example set by ruling authorities, would never have been even suggested—they would have been regarded as utterly impossible, in view of the previously professed changeless character of Freemasonry.

We think there is little fear of the same fate attending English Freemasonry as has befallen that of France, but it is quite as well to look around and profit by experience to be gained elsewhere. In England we are not so excitable over political matters as our neighbours, and we are able to keep party feeling distinct, both from our daily avocations and our private affairs. The French people, on the contrary, have the credit of making everything subservient to party and politics, and this characteristic has unfortunately extended to Freemasonry, with the result that the present condition of the Order in France is about as much unlike what we regard as true Freemasonry as anything bearing the name could possibly be. The Order in France has resolved itself into a party organisation pure and simple, and does not even enjoy the benefits of the checks which are imposed by public action on associations which are free and open to all. In short, it has become the most dangerous and the most lawless of all associations—a combination for political purposes, meeting in secret, and binding its members with the utmost severity to keep from the outside world all knowledge of what is going on in its midst. Recent events have shown what it is possible for such an organisation to attempt in times of peace and quietness; we dread to think what might be attained, under its cloak, if one of the scenes of excitement or even revolution to which our neighbours are no strangers should occur. Doubtless the combination which now exists under the guise of Freemasonry would then be made use of to the uttermost, and as a result the name of the Masonic Order might be so associated with crime and disaster as to rest for ever after under a most undesirable stigma.

As we have said, the present position of French Freemasonry may be held up as an example to the English Craft, who thereby may be warned of the evil consequences of allowing innovation in the principles of the Order, and taught to guard against anything likely to lead them on a similar fatal course to what has been pursued by their French brethren. It strikes us one of the main points to guard against is the admission of unworthy candidates; men who join the Order in the hope of serving their own ends, rather than of advancing the welfare of the masses, and who make no scruple of using the reputation of the Masonic Order to advance personal interests. We must bear in mind that the initiates of to-day will be the rulers of the future, and the rise or downfall of Masonry after the next few years may, in consequence, be said to depend on the class of men admitted now. If worthy men, and worthy men alone are received, we need have little fear as to the future, but if, in the scramble after new members, which unfortunately exists to an alarming extent, little or no care is exercised in ascertaining the views or the motives of candidates, there is much to cause alarm in the outlook. But how are we to ascertain whether or not the men we receive to-day are likely to prove thorns in the side of Freemasonry in years to come? This is a very delicate question, and one almost impossible of solution. It cannot, indeed, be solved at all; but a moment's consideration of the results of a single false step may impress us with the determination to use additional care, and this may lead to the prevention of a mistake which, once committed, may be incapable

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of being remedied. What Freemasonry requires is, men who, on entering its portals, throw aside all considerations of self; men whose aim in life is to be happy and communicate happiness to others; and, above all, men who, on finding themselves members of such a time-honoured and influential an institution as English Freemasonry, make it their especial business to add to the lustre already secured by the Order, by maintaining and upholding its teachings and principles. If English Freemasonry is fortunate enough to admit only such men, its future will far excel its present or any past position, and as years roll on the name of the Craft will come to be regarded with even greater veneration than it at present enjoys. If, on the contrary, the Masons of to-day are careless or unconcerned as to the views and objects of their candidates, a few years may see the English Order degraded as it has been in France, where its present position is described by the correspondent of one of the London daily papers in the following words:—"French Lodges are now ostentatiously divided into Opportunist, Radical, Boulangist, Socialist, and Revolutionary. Nothing probably could be conceived more alien from the spirit of the great and world-renowned humanitarian Craft than such a string of political signboards."

In conclusion, we can but express a word of regret that such evil times should have fallen upon Freemasonry in France. We are convinced there are yet many members of the Craft in that country who would give much to have the Order restored to its proper position, and would rejoice at any steps being taken to rid it of its present political tendencies. With such desires urging them to action it is probable a change may ere long be attempted, and if attempted there is a hope of its resulting satisfactorily. It is a great pity that Freemasonry should be used as it is being used in France, as it leads to the impression that the Order is founded on a wrong basis; for, it may be urged, what is possible and is actually going on in one country is equally possible and probable in others. Under such circumstances, then, would it not be wise for the Grand Bodies of the world to combine, and address a communication to the Grand Orient of France on the subject, asking that body to see if steps could not be taken to restore the Craft in France to its original purity. If something of this nature were done we feel that the Craft outside France would not be regarded as quite so guilty as it must now appear in the eyes of an ordinary observer, and we even go so far as to express a belief that a protest might lead to ultimate improvement. As it is, the proceedings of some of those who call themselves French Freemasons are a scandal to the world at large, and a reproach to the fair name and reputation of the Masonic Order.

VOTING THOUGHTS.

IN Pennsylvania, and other jurisdictions, the Craft are now in the midst of the Masonic elections. The present, in consequence, is a period of special interest to Freemasons. It apparently enlarges the boundaries of the Craft, and multiplies the number of Masons by awakening to action many brethren who were before merely sleeping partners in the Fraternity. The average attendance on election night is probably double that on ordinary occasions. The additional one hundred per cent. is composed of those who are more or less burdened with years; of those who after bearing the heat and burden of the day are now resting from their labours; of the life-members, so many of whom have not only nothing to pay, but nothing to say in and nothing to do with the Lodge; and of the careless and inattentive brethren who require to be drummed up by ambitious candidates for office, in order to be induced to come up to the Lodge. Often, on election night, introductions are in order, so many strange brethren appear. Sometimes even the Tyler fails to recognise the "member," but the brother who expects to receive his vote easily recognises him, and smooths his way into the Lodge. It is not a motley scene, but it is one which excites attention, since it is distinguished by many elements of peculiar interest to Freemasons.

A Masonic election is governed by no ordinary rules or regulations, but is a law unto itself. Political methods are not permissible. Advertising, circularising, personal solicitation, and all similar forms of electioneering, are forbidden. If a brother should adopt them he would defeat himself. There is amply sufficient sense of propriety in the Craft to relegate to the rear any one who seeks to lower Freemasonry to the level of the profane by practising their sinister methods. Now and then, when professional or would-be politicians in the Craft dally with these methods, they speedily find that they "do not pay," and by force of circumstances abandom them.

From the earliest period of which any record remains, it is apparent that the law of Masonry has been that merit is the only fraternal ground for advancement, either to degree or to office. In the "Lansdowne MS." (British Museum), of about A.D. 1600, entitled "Free Masons' Orders and Constitutions," it is provided, that the Masons "should ordaine the most wise and cunninge man to be Master of the King or Lord's worke, that was among them, and neither for love, riches nor favour, to sett another that had little cunninge to be Master of that worke, whereby the Lord should bee ill served and the science ill-defamed." So in Anderson's "Charges of a Freemason," of A.D. 1723, compiled for and approved by the Grand Lodge of England, it is asserted that:—

"All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the Lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for merit."

This language deserves to be written in letters of gold in all of our Lodges and to be engraved on the memory of every Freemason.

But the difficulty with all laws and rules of conduct lies in their administration. How shall the regulation that "all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only," be applied? The individual conscience and judgment of the Freemason is the court having primary jurisdiction in this matter; every brother is a ruler and a judge. Hence a weighty responsibility rests with every voter in the Fraternity. He is not to vote for a personal friend who has no merit, nor even for any brother of inferior merit. If he rightly apprehends his duty, he will vote only for that brother who in the highest degree possesses the qualifications which an able administration of the office demands. He will select him who possesses moral, intellectual, administrative and social abilities, and perhaps in the order named. He must be a cultured man, of sound judgment; an accomplished Freemason; one who stands well in the community, and is respected and loved; one who can confer honour on Masonry, and not merely receive honour from it; and last, but not least, one who is not diligently seeking the office for himself. The self-seeker should be left severely alone. In Lodge and Chapter, in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, let these rules of conduct prevail, and only the best brethren will be selected to adorn Masonic station, and only the best results will follow the Masonic elections. The various bodies will be governed with justice and equity; prosperity will attend them, the interest of Freemasons in Masonry will be increased, and the Craft will maintain its prestige of being not only ancient but also honourable. The world judges us largely by our office bearers, and since the profane must apply to us before we can approve them, it is important that the very best classes of the profane should be seekers after Masonic light. If our leaders and rulers are those who are eminent for their virtues, their abilities, and their achievements, the world will respect us, and the best citizens of the world will be knocking at our portals for admission. Freemasonry courts no man, but it does admire virtue, honour, intelligence and ability, and wherever men distinguished for these characteristics petition for initiation and membership, our doors are thrown wide open to receive them. Brethren, whether you wield the ballot for the approval or rejection of a candidate for Masonry, or a candidate for Masonic office, remember that "real worth and personal merit" are the only qualifications for either reception into the Fraternity, or advancement to any of its stations of honour.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—On Wednesday evening a farcical comedy, entitled "The Balloon," was produced at this theatre. It is not a new piece. Some three months ago it was produced at a morning performance, and we are not surprised that a play which contains so many amusing situations and much clever dialogue has found its way into the evening bill. It is, perhaps, hardly fair to analyse very thoroughly the plot of a farcical comedy. Dr. Glynn, a medical practitioner at Dover, on the eve of his wedding day, by those curious coincidences which occur more frequently on than off the stage, is confronted on the one hand by Mrs. Rippendale, a scheming widow, with whom he had, four years before, carried on a flirtation at Rome, and to whom he had written letters of a decidedly compromising character, and on the other by Mr. Aubrey Fitzjohn, the scoundrel uncle, whose niece he is about to marry, who knows of the said flirtation and makes use of his knowledge to fill pockets which rapidly empty. A further complication is introduced in the shape of a Captain Cameron, cousin of the young lady to whom Dr. Glynn has lost his heart. Captain Cameron proposes to pilot his balloon from Dover to Calais, and calls on the Doctor with a letter, which is to be given to a Miss Vere, address unknown, with whom he has fallen in love on Dover beach. This young lady suddenly turns up in a state of wild excitement, owing to the illness of her pet dog Fifine. Captain Cameron, mistaken for the Doctor, promptly poisons the dog with strychnia, and earns the undying hate of Miss Vere. Dr. Glynn discovers the bottle of strychnia on his table, and comes to the conclusion that he has poisoned the aunt of his lady love, second wife of the aforesaid uncle, for whom he had just dispensed some medicine. Here we have the materials for all kinds of complications, and the authors, Messrs. J. H. Darnley and G. Manville Fenn, make such good use of their opportunities that the audience continually ripples with laughter. How Dr. Glynn escapes in the Captain's balloon, and how in the end all turns out in the usual happy way, we must leave those who see the play to discover. Suffice it to say, the play is genuinely funny, and, what is infinitely better in these days, amuses the audience without recourse to a single doubtful or suggestive line or situation. But there is nothing which depends more than farcial comedy on the manner of treatment for its success, and at present "The Balloon" receives only partial justice at the hands of its exponents. Mr. George Giddens, who took the part of Dr. Glynn, was evidently nervous, and in consequence failed to impress the audience with the reality of his despair. Mr. Alfred Maltby underacted the character of Mr. Aubrey Fitzjohn, but will remedy the fault when he can dispense with the assistance of the prompter. Mr. Forbes Dawson was a thoroughly satisfactory exponent in the part of Captain Cameron. Miss Ellaline Terriss, as Grace Wentworth, gave further evidence of the doctrine of histrionic heredity, and acted in a bright, natural, and unaffected manner. Miss Rose Saker was the scheming widow, Mrs. Rippendale, and the audience, under the circumstances, must have almost forgiven Dr. Glynn his Roman flirtation. Miss Gabrielle Goldney, as Miss Vere, the excitable young lady with an abnormal fondness for her dog, thoroughly entered into the spirit of the piece, and was the only member of the company who must be excepted from the general criticism that the play was at times almost dull when, if the actors had done their whole duty, it would have been bustling and exciting. Miss Emily Miller as Mrs. Theresa Fitzjohn, Mr. George Raiemond as Dr. Boyton, Mr. S. Whitaker as David, the doctor's boy—a very old boy by the way—and Mr. Wilton Heriot as Todd, did their work satisfactorily. If Mr. Charles Wyndham, under whose personal superintendence the play is being produced, can infuse more of his mercurial lightness of touch into the acting, the play, instead of dragging in the first act, and only taking hold of the audience late in the second act, will interest from start to finish, and "The Balloon" will go up nightly for a long time to come before full and amused audiences.

Miss Kate Rorke has the honour to announce a special matinée, to take place at the Gaiety, on Tuesday next, when will be presented an original play, in three acts, entitled "A Fool's Paradise," by Sydney Grundy. By kind permission of Mr. Henry Irving, Mr. John Hare, and Mrs. Oscar Beringer, the following will constitute the caste:—Messrs. T. N. Wenman, E. W. Gardiner, R. Saunders, and H. B. Conway; the Misses Gertrude Kingston, Mary Collette, and Kate Rorke.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Roebuck P.G.S.B., Trustee and Vice-Patron. There were also present Bros. S. Richardson, Jos. Harling, E. M. Money, T. Griffiths, W. W. Morgan, J. S. Cumberland, W. Maple, A. E. Gladwell, H. Venn, James Moon, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., G. P. Gillard, G. R. Langley, H. Hooper, and Fred. Binckes P.G.S.B. (Secretary.) The minutes having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Three petitions were considered; one was accepted and the name ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for election in October next, while one was deferred, and the third rejected. An application towards outfit was entertained, with a grant of six guineas. The proceedings terminated with the usual vote to the Chairman.

SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

NOT amid the backwoods of America, nor among the tents of the Mahdi in Equatorial Africa, but in their native habitat, in Freemasons' Hall, the "Savages" who have come under the civilising influences of the Ancient Order of Freemasonry assembled, on the 5th inst., to instal Bro. Thomas Catling into the chair of their Lodge for the ensuing year. The Savage Club Masonic Lodge has only been in existence about two years, and already numbers nearly seventy brethren. First among its honorary members the Prince of Wales was enrolled, presenting, as a souvenir of his interest in its welfare, the gavel used by the Queen in laying the foundation stone of the Imperial Institute. It was announced that Prince Albert Victor was also desirous of becoming an honorary member, and expressed the hope that he would be able to dine with the Lodge during the spring or summer. His Royal Highness's election was duly enrolled in the records, Bro. Edward Terry acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a finished and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Sir John Somers Vine I.P.M., W. E. Chapman S.W., T. Burnside J.W., W. J. Ebbetts S.D., W. J. Fisher J.D., J. Northcott I.G., Edward Terry Treasurer, John Paige Secretary, J. D. Beveridge D.C., W. S. Penley Organist, P. Soman, E. Rosenthal, Dr. M. Coffin, and H. Nicholls Stewards, and G. F. Swan Tyler. Bro. Sir John Somers Vine and Bro. T. Burnside were unavoidably absent abroad, and a telegram, dated Singapore, was read from the first-named, congratulating the Lodge and thanking it for the Past Master's jewel it had been kind enough to award him for his Mastership during the past year. The brethren afterwards dined together in Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the new Master. Among the guests were Bros. Sir Henry Isaacs, Sir John Monckton, Colonel Hare, John L. Toole, Major Harvey Stuart, Tito Mattei, Ganz, and many others connected with science, art, literature, music, and the drama. Success to the Savage Club Lodge was proposed by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., and the worshipful Master replied, his health being afterwards proposed in genial terms by Sir Francis Truscott. During the evening an excellent programme of music and recitation, under the direction of Bro. Charles Townley, was gone through, amongst the contributors being Bros. Toole, Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Ganz, Ben Davies, James Fernandez, John Radcliff, Edward Terry, Herbert G. Thorndike, Odell, Brandon Thomas, Theodore Drew, and others. The band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Bro. Dan Godfrey, played a selection of music. Bro. Herbert Johnson specially designed an artistic menu for the occasion.

Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—A preliminary meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 31st ult. Bro. Spiegel P.M. was in the chair, and he was supported by a numerous attendance. Arrangements were made for the Consecration ceremony to be rehearsed, and for the formal constitution of the Lodge of Instruction. The next meeting was fixed for Thursday, 7th instant. The bye-laws and other business was to be considered. Bro. Spiegel P.M. was elected Preceptor.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. J. Jupes W.M., A. Toulmein S.W., E. Ansted J.W., C. W. Mapleton Secretary, H. M. Hobbs Preceptor, C. W. C. Webb S.D., E. A. De Paiva J.D., J. S. Fraser I.G.; Bros. Kibble, Brewer, Gardner, Axford, Marshall, Burne, and Causton, Visitors—Bros. Graves and Morgan 69. After formalities had been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Axford candidate. Bro. Marshall now took the W.M.'s chair, Bro. Kibble the S.W.'s, and Bro. Causton that of J.W., when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Ansted acting as candidate. Bro. Toulmein was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Jupe, that being the first time he had occupied the W.M.'s chair in the Lodge. Bro. Graves was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed.

We are grieved to have, this week, to record the decease of Bro. William Biggs P.M., Past Prov. S.G.W. Wilts, and Past Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Biggs died at Southall, where he had for some few years past resided, on the 1st instant, at the ripe age of 74. In his day Bro. Biggs was one of the most genial and popular members of our Order; his record, however, has been already fully set forth in our columns, and those who wish for details of his Masonic work should procure a copy of our "Masonic Portraits," second series; there full particulars are given,—under the heading "An Installing Master." Bro. Biggs was buried on Wednesday, at St. John's Church, Southall.

The third annual ball of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, will take place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James'. The Committee and Stewards, in making the announcement, hope to receive the hearty co-operation of members of the Craft and their friends. Early application for tickets should be made, either to Bro. H. Lazarus, Hon. Sec., Manchester Avenue, E.C., or Bro. Jacques Wynman, 74 Newman-street, W. Tickets (to admit lady or gentleman) 12s 6d each, include light refreshments and supper. Bro. Wynman has undertaken the functions of M.C. for the occasion, so in this particular the arrangements will be all that could be desired.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ECONOMY, No. 76.

THE installation of Bro. Ernest H. Sharland, the W.M. elect, took place at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, on Thursday, 31st ult., in the presence of a large number of brethren, including the following Provincial Grand Officers present and past:—Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., J. E. Le Feuvre, Colonel Yeatman Biggs, Dr. H. G. Dyer 132, Rev. T. Fitzhardinge Moreton M.A., 257, J. Patstone 359, J. Marks P.J.G.D., H. N. Jenkins 2208, E. Wise 1461, J. Webber 132, T. Stopher, J. Harris, W. Gamon, W. H. Jacob P.P.G.S. of Works Hants and I. of W., W. Stopher P.M., J. Dew 694, A. J. Blackman 359, W. Jenver 359, L. Steele 359, G. Lazenby 1331, F. Bascombe 1883, S. Frampton 1883, G. H. Swansborough 2016, Richardson 2016, and Hart 2216. The ceremony was capitally rendered by Bro. Harris, the Immediate Past Master. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. Harris I.P.M., W. S. Brockley S.W., H. Searle J.W., W. H. Jacob Treasurer, W. Gamon Secretary, B. B. Colson S.D., W. R. Matthews J.D., J. Marks D.C., W. Stopher A.D.C., H. Searle Organist, J. Grant I.G., E. Ward and E. Hinxman Stewards, C. Sims Tyler. The usual honours were paid to the Provincial Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, who in reply expressed the pleasure it afforded them and others to be present at the installation of the Worshipful Master of the ancient Lodge of Economy, and to see it so well rendered. A vote of thanks was also proposed to the I.P.M. for his past year's services, also for acting as Installing Master, to which he suitably responded. The brethren then sat down to a banquet, well served by Bro. Clowser, at which the Worshipful Master was well supported and honoured, there were also the usual Loyal and Craft toasts. The Provincial Grand Master, in replying, said he had been connected with this Lodge for nearly forty years, and he was very surprised, but none the less pleased, to notice the youthfulness of the Officers who had been invested, as he learned that the combined ages of the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Senior and Junior Deacons did not amount to 140 years, and he hoped that with such an influx of young members the Lodge foreshadowed a prosperous future. The Worshipful Master and the Immediate Past Master both received hearty honour and good wishes, and there is every prospect for a very successful year for Bro. Sharland. Several letters of apology were received.

INTEGRITY LODGE, No. 163.

THE installation of Bro. Donald D. Macpherson took place and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, 30th Jan., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. This Lodge, which is considerably over 100 years old, is the largest in the Province of East Lancashire, and possesses amongst its members some really excellent workers of the ritual, who are highly esteemed by their Lancashire brethren. For charitable deeds the Lodge stands out pre-eminent in the district, having given to the Masonic Institutions no less a sum than £1513 10s, for which it receives 591 votes in perpetuity, and added to 24 votes, obtained by annual subscriptions, make a grand total of 615. In addition to this the Lodge possesses twenty votes in a local Masonic Institution, and has given donations to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester and Salford Boys' and Girls' Refuge, Commercial Travellers' Schools, &c. The following brethren were present at the installation:—Bros. John Stodd W.M., D. D. Macpherson S.W., G. A. Kershaw J.W., J. P. Bedson S.D., W. R. Lee J.D., R. L. McMillan I.G., William Livesey P.M., I. W. P. Salmon P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Sec., H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Wm. Siddeley P.M., W. D. Waddell P.M., H. Woolley P.M., J. Lowndes P.M., J. E. Williams P.M., I. M. H. Blamey, I. Gardner jun., G. C. Walker, R. A. Hepworth, E. G. Wood, S. Studd, C. R. Allison, T. Carr, T. H. Schofield, T. W. Walmsley, J. A. Gee, Thomas Black, J. Acton, E. Towell, H. A. Harper, J. E. Sparkes, E. Gaskill, I. H. Beckett, J. B. Sumner, J. Bolton, L. Lisserberman. Visitors—Bros. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.G.J.D., S. Butler I.P.M. 191, P.P.G.S., S. Studd Globe Lodge N.S.W., A. Orrett 941 P.G.S. Cheshire, Jas. Laidlaw P.M. 1375 P.G.D. W.L., Robt. Hunter P.M. 1088 P.P.G.D., R. W. Pickering 1012, G. Garlick 78, W. Wildgoose P.M. 941, D. Clarke P.M. 268, Chas. Martyne 1381 2231, W. King 1718, W. T. Hesketh W.M. 1375, R. S. Williamson 1565, Jno. Jackman 139, A. Balmforth 779, J. Schofield S.D. 1140, J. R. R. Jeffery 1140, A. Nara 1140, J. E. Priestman 1719, G. Bowes W.M. 993, C. B. Farr 1012, W. Ballard 350, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.G. Steward. The Lodge was opened at 3·30 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance sheet was reported on by Bro. G. B. Kershaw (one of the auditors), who spoke of the concise and satisfactory manner in which the Lodge accounts had been kept by the Treasurer (Bro. J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.D.) A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sinclair, and the auditors' report adopted. After the usual preliminaries Bro. Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D. took the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect (Bro. D. D. Macpherson) was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. John Studd W.M., and subsequently inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. Bro. Macpherson was afterwards proclaimed to and saluted by the W.M.'s, F.C.'s and E.A.'s in the customary manner; Bro. J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.S.D. invested the following brethren, Officers for the ensuing year:—G. B. Kershaw S.W., J. P. Bedson J.W., J. M. Sinclair, P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary (both invested by Bro. John Studd I.P.M.); J. W. P. Salmon P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., W. M. Lee S.D., R. L. McMillan J.D., Harold Woolley Organist, T. G. Sparkes I.G., T. H. Scholfield, L. Acton, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., T. Studd, C. Hobbins, J. M. H. Blaney, R. A. Hepworth, J. Gardner jun., C. E. Towell Stewards. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Wm. Livesey P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. John Studd I.P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. J. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.G.D., and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a most récherché banquet, prepared and served under the able supervision of Bro. and Mrs. Phillips. On the conclusion of the banquet the toast list was proceeded with. The W.M. proposed the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, all of which were honoured with the customary Masonic enthusiasm. Bro. G. B. Kershaw S.W. proposed the health of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. P.G.M., in eulogistic terms, and the gallant Colonel's health was heartily drank. The J.W. (Bro. J. W. Bedson) proposed the health of the V.W. D.P.G.M. and the rest of the present and past Prov. Grand Officers. The toast was well received, and responded to by the Prov. Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was ably proposed by Bro. J. M. Sinclair P.M. and Treas. P.P.G.S.D., who said that although it would be a somewhat difficult matter to supersede such an excellent and genial W.M. as Bro. John Studd had proved himself, yet he (Bro. Sinclair) thought he would have an able and worthy successor in Bro. D. D. Macpherson, who had filled nearly every office in the Lodge and had exhibited the greatest energy and heartiness in all he had undertaken. He thought the interests of the Lodge would be perfectly safe under Bro. Macpherson's rule, and considered that the fact of three candidates having been proposed that evening for initiation, a good augury for a successful year of office, which he sincerely hoped and believed would be the case. Bro. Macpherson's health, it is needless to say, was heartily drank, after which Bro. P. G. Sparkes I.G. sang an entirely new song, called "The Masonic Jubilate." The music was composed by Bro. John Acton, Musical Bachelor, F.C.O., and the words by Bro. G. F. Long. It was the first time the song had been sung in any Lodge, and Bro. Sparkes gave it with great vigour. The following is a copy of the words:—

Raise high the song, brothers! swell the loud refrain
Until the blue empyrean vast echoes the glad acclaim!
Freemasonry's the theme, brothers! aid the welcome strain,
For it records the honour that surrounds a Mason's name.
"Free and accepted!" We wear our badge with pride,
It is the "badge of innocence" and "friendship's bond" allied.
May our "fidelity and worth" be all our pledges claim,
For these alone unsullied keep the true Freemason's name!

Refrain.—"He's fellow to a prince!" Yet still a peasant's peer
Be he but worthy of his name—the name we proudly bear!
"He's fellow to a prince!" Its honour now we sing—
The "free, accepted" Mason's name—He's brother to a [king.

Dark were the days, brothers, rayless as the night,
Ere Freemasonry her "true and perfect line" had laid—
Before she her Compasses unfolded—ere her light
In radiant beams shone on us and dispersed the darksome shade.
But when "Light" resplendent into the void she brought,
And "virtue, honour, mercy," to our eager minds she taught,
We hail'd the "light," received the "truths," and gladly we proclaim
Our fealty, and thus proudly bear the true Freemason's name!

(Refrain).

Strong be our "Faith," and let our "Hope" with ardour burn,
But of the "Three" may "Charity" to us the greatest prove!
To hold, not in *name* alone, but from its promptings learn
To "aid a brother in distress" with all a brother's love.
And should an absent brother need defence against the stain
That scandal makes, be ours the task his honour to maintain.
If thus with "love, relief, and truth" we act, we rightly claim
Our badge to wear and proudly bear the "worthy" Mason's name!

(Refrain).

Raise high the song, brothers! raise your voices high,
Your hearts responding as your notes swell out the joyous strain—
The honour of our name, brothers! the fame of Masonry
Should find an answering echo there, so raise the song again!
"Free and accepted!" a Mason's "badge" to wear—
Remember we accepted too the Mason's "pledge" to share;
And to that vow—"fidelity," our truth, our honour claim,
So thus maintain without a stain the "worthy" Mason's name!

(Refrain).

Bro. Macpherson, on rising to reply, was received with loud applause, said it certainly was the proudest moment of his life to be the W.M. of such a Lodge as the Integrity, which he considered was the best Lodge in the Province. He felt convinced every member thought the same, and was proud of belonging to it. It was eight years ago since he was initiated in the Lodge, and it had all along been a source of great pleasure for him to be present at its meetings, and do his utmost to promote its interests. He assured the brethren the prestige the Lodge had enjoyed for so many years should be maintained during his year of office, and that they would never regret having elected him to the proud position of W.M. He thanked all heartily for their reception of the toast of his health. The health of Bro. J. Wildgoose (Installing Master) was proposed in eulogistic terms, and heartily drank, after which Bro. Wildgoose, in the course of his remarks, said he had been a member of the Lodge for 25 years, but it was only during the last year or two he had taken the principal part in the installation ceremony. It was, he assured the brethren, to him a labour of love to do anything he could for the welfare of the Integrity Lodge, and if he had given satisfaction he felt highly pleased. Brother Wildgoose subsequently proposed the Visiting Brethren. The toast was well received, and Bros. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.G.J.D., W. T. Hesketh W.M. 1375, G. Bowes W.M. 993, &c., replied. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including the I.P.M.

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and P.M.'s, Masonic Charities, Officers of the Lodge, and Stewards, a most enjoyable though short evening being spent. Some capital songs were rendered by Bros. G. A. Kershaw S.W., J. P. Bedson J.W., T. G. Sparkes I.G., and Lierberman. Bros. Thomas Black, C. E. Towell, and R. R. Lisenden recited, and Bro. John Acton presided most efficiently at the piano.

KENDAL LODGE, No. 129.

THE brethren recently held their annual festival at Kendal, when Bro. Watson Ion was installed by Bro. Herbert Moser, in a most effective and pleasing manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, which are as follow:—Bros. Paget S.W., Cozens-Hardy J.W., Middleton Treasurer, Argles Secretary, Gandy D.C., Milne S.D., Fisher J.D., Leeming I.G., Hoggarth Organist, Illingworth and Bradley Stewards, Thompson Tyler. After the ceremony of installation the brethren and visitors, numbering about 40, adjourned to Bro. Thomas Lancaster's Commercial Hotel, where a most sumptuous repast was prepared, and which was heartily enjoyed by all present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and responded to the proceedings terminated.

ST. CYBI'S LODGE, No. 597.

THE installation was held on the 29th inst., at Holyhead. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Hall as W.M. was most impressively gone through by Colonel Henry Platt. The W.M. elected the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Jones I.P.M., Martin S.W., Wells J.W., Grey S.D., Williams J.D., H. J. Hughes I.G., T. P. Williams S.S., T. G. Hughes J.S., Lloyd Secretary, Jones Treasurer, R. H. Hughes Director of Ceremonies, Kent Organist, and Williams Tyler. The retiring W.M. was presented with a very handsome jewel. The members afterwards banqueted at the Station Hotel.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699.

THE brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John on the 29th ult., at Chacewater, when Bro. Kent very ably installed Bro. Grose as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Hall S.W., Borlase J.W., Church Chaplain, Bennett Treas., Rapson Sec., Manuell S.D., Rogers J.D., Gower I.G., Moyle Organist, Lean and Bray Tylers. Before the Lodge closed, Bro. Rapson was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, for his long and faithful service as the Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. the Rev. and Hon. J. T. Boscawen P.M. of the Lodge and P.P.G. Senior Warden of the Province, who was present, then presented to the Lodge a very handsome banner, and the W.M. thanked Bro. Boscawen, on behalf of the Lodge, for his kindness. The Past Masters' Board was very large. The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of upwards of £50. Votes to various charities were agreed to, and the Lodge was duly closed. The brethren then adjourned to their dining-room, where they sat down to a very well served dinner, being joined by a large number of visitors. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

PARRETT AND AXE LODGE, No. 814.

THE success attending the ball initiated by the members of this Lodge last year induced the executive to repeat the experiment, the réunion taking place on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the George Hotel, and it proved even more successful than its predecessor. The room was effectively adorned by Mr. Pavitt, of Yeovil, and, with Cheek's famous quadrille band from Taunton in the orchestra, nothing was wanting to make the gathering thoroughly enjoyable. The festivity was kept up till nearly five o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Rugg, the caterers, doing everything to promote the pleasure of the party.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 928.

THE annual installation ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Petersfield, on Monday, the 4th inst. Bro. C. Wells, the retiring W.M. presided, and between 40 and 50 members and visitors were present. Lodge having been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Lodge greeted the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary. Brother Wells then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. M. P. Creedon, who installed the new W.M. in faultless style. The W.M. elect (Brother T. Caparn) was presented by Bro. C. Wells. The charges to the new Officers were well delivered by Bro. Swan. The following are the new Officers:—Bros. Caparn W.M., Wells I.P.M., Atkinson-Grimshaw S.W., Hann J.W., Edgeler Treasurer, Swan Secretary, Mells S.D., Andrew J.D., Creedon D.C., Drayton I.G., Grist and Hudspith Stewards, and Head Tyler. The W.M. having been congratulated by the Visitors, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a récherché banquet was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1166.

THE installation of Bro. Richard Brooke Dutton took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Thursday, January 31st, at the Commercial Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire. Present: Bros. Frank Halliday W.M., W. J. Cotsworth I.P.M., R. B. Dutton S.W., T. M. Cairns J.W., James Hepworth P.M. Treasurer, Frank Broadsmith P.M. Secretary, A. Jedding S.D., J. McWhitter J.D., R. Stephenson I.G., James Sidebotham Tyler; W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Aaron Haughton P.M., H. M. Cotsworth, John Mills, William Ramsden P.M. P.G.J.D., John Rushton, Joseph Tinker, James George, J. Johnson, H. Drinkwater P.M., D. Barlow, and T. Fairclough. Visitors:—Bros. Richard Newhouse Prov. G. Secretary, Wm. Lewis Caulfield I.P.M. 89, A. R. Wells 1159, James H. Hartley P.M. 336 P.P.G.P., Joseph Chadderton W.M. 2216, J. M. Frost 1581, David Oldham 361, William Booth P.M. 104 P.P.G.D.C., Joseph Wray 815, William Hall P.M. 1387, Mark Stafford 361, George Balfe P.M. 104 P.P.G.D., William Donville P.M. 1011 2156, Ralph Andrew P.M. 336, Adam Brown 101, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.G. Steward, &c. Lodge was opened at 3·45 and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. In the second degree Bro. W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. took the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect Bro. Richard Brooke Dutton (brother of the Installing Master, who initiated him) was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. F. Broadsmith P.M., and after the usual preliminaries inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, in the presence of twenty-two Installed Masters. The newly-installed Worshipful Master was subsequently proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. Bro. F. Broadsmith next invested the following brethren Officers for the ensuing year. Bros. Cairns P.M. S.W., Giddings J.W., Jas. Hepworth P.M. Treasurer (elected for the twenty-third time), R. Stephenson Secretary, F. Broadsmith P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. McWhitter Senior Deacon, Jno. Mills Junior Deacon, Wardle I.G., H. M. Cotsworth Organist, T. Fairclough and J. Tinker Stewards, J. Sidebottom Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. F. Broadsmith, and to the Brethren by Bro. W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. The whole of the work was admirably done, and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned, in fact, we have seldom witnessed better. Prior to the Lodge being closed, Bro. Richard Newhouse Prov. Grand Secretary expressed himself in every way thoroughly satisfied and pleased with the manner the installation ceremony had been performed, and stated it was seldom his lot to witness such precision and correctness as Bro. Dutton, and those who had assisted him, displayed. It was something for the Lodge to be proud of to have such excellent workers as Bros. Dutton and Broadsmith, and also to possess a brother who had zealously and faithfully served the office of Treasurer for 23 years as Bro. Hepworth had done. Such services deserved some recognition, and if, as it had been hinted, it was the brethren of the Clarendon Lodge's intention to nominate Bro. Hepworth for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer before the next Prov. G.L. meeting he should have his (Bro. Newhouse's) recommendation and hearty support. A very handsome P.M.'s gold jewel, having the arms of the Earl of Clarendon beautifully enamalled on the ribbon, was presented to Bro. W. J. Cotsworth, for his valuable and highly appreciated services as W.M. Bro. Cotsworth returned thanks for the jewel in a few well chosen sentences. There being no further business hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, and the customary toast list was gone through, a thoroughly enjoyable evening being greatly increased by some excellent singing from those well known artists Bros. Booth, Balfe, W. Donville, and Mark Stafford. Bro. David Oldham 361 rendered valuable service at the piano. A visiting brother (Adam Brown) was much applauded for his admirable singing of "Sally in our Alley," and "My Sweetheart when a Boy."

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

A LARGE gathering of Freemasons attended the installation meeting, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, 29th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Heald, who was supported by his Officers, and a large assemblage of Visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. Broadbridge was elected Treasurer. The report of the General Purposes Committee was read and adopted. Bro. H. R. Edwards, the newly elected W.M., was then duly installed, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. W. Balchin jun. The charges were delivered by Bros. W. H. Gibson, E. Broadbridge, and the Right Worshipful Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. C. J. Heald, the retiring W.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Bros. Heald I.P.M., Isworth S.W., Bostel J.W., McCarrogher Chaplain, Broadbridge Treas., Morris Sec., Sawyer S.D., Wood J.D., Collins D. of C., Cole Organist, Hollands I.G., Tester and Guy Stewards, and Hughes Tyler. Brothers Start and Mitchell were elected to serve on the General Purposes' Committee. Bro. W. R. Wood was re-elected as Steward to serve on the Provincial Charities' Committee, and Bro. A. J. Hawkes was re-elected to serve on the Masonic Rooms' Committee. All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton, whose catering gave the highest satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edwards, presided, and was supported by the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial G. Master Bro. Gerard Ford, the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past, and the Past Masters of the Lodge. The usual Loyal toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. Bro. A. J. Hawkes proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. Bro. W. Kuhe responded, and expressed the pleasure he felt, as Father of the Lodge, in seeing how it had flourished. He was proud of his Masonic family. He had not missed one of the installation meetings, and was proud to see so large a gathering present. He heartily wished the W.M. a successful year of office. Bro. Gibson proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master. The Duke, he said, had endeared himself to the hearts of Sussex Freemasons, and all hoped to see him amongst them again at an early date. He had also been heartily welcomed by the Freemasons in India. Though the Provincial Grand Master was absent from Sussex, he was gratified to see the Deputy Provincial Grand Master honoured the Lodge that evening with his presence. Bro. Heald proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past. He eulogized Bro. Gerard Ford, whom he heartily welcomed amongst them, and worthily designated "a pattern Deputy Provincial Grand Master." Brother Gerard

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Ford, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. He referred, in an able speech, to the continuous interest H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught took in the Province of Sussex; to the excellent support which he, himself, had received from the Provincial Grand Officers, and to the gratification he felt at the kind manner in which he had been welcomed by the brethren of the various Lodges he had been able to visit. He had been highly pleased with the work he had witnessed in the St. Cecilia Lodge that afternoon. It had been performed admirably, and he had been much impressed by the harmony, cohesion, and gentlemanly tone which characterised the brethren. He sincerely wished continued prosperity to the Lodge under its newly-installed W.M. Bro. Heald proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He had, he said, known Bro. Edwards for many years, and had seen his able work in the various offices he had filled in the Lodge. His excellent work that afternoon foreshadowed a successful year, and he trusted that Bro. Edwards, in visiting the other Lodges in the county, would experience the pleasure he himself had felt in attending their meetings. Bro. Edwards rose to respond amidst hearty and prolonged applause. He said he felt deeply the honour which the Lodge had conferred upon him—a comparatively young Freemason. He referred to the pleasant gatherings they had had in conjunction with the brethren of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, and to the excellent working of the recently established St. Cecilia Lodge of Instruction. He would, he said, work assiduously to maintain the prestige of the Lodge and to contribute to its success. He then proposed the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Binckes responded; and the Past Masters of the Lodge, which was acknowledged by Bro. Heald. Bro. Cole proposed the Visitors, responses being given by Bros. Smith, Botting, and Denman. Bro. E. Broadbridge gave the Initiates, to which Bros. Upton, Huckell, Gregory, Wood, and Dorey responded. The Officers of the Lodge, given by Bro. Balchin, was acknowledged by Bros. Isworth and Bostel. The Tyler's toast completed the list. During the evening a very pleasing programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. Cole, was admirably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, Bros. Broadbridge, Collins, Huckell, and Cole; the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe. Bro. Kuhe also kindly contributed a pianoforte solo, which was warmly appreciated.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THIS Lodge, which, since its Consecration in 1874, has successfully encountered that share of vicissitudes which seems to be the fate of most of those aspiring to Masonic fame, held its annual meeting on Thursday, the 31st ult., when the result of the meeting convinced all who might otherwise have been sceptical that the brethren who now conduct its affairs are travelling on well-laid and substantial lines. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. George Ferrar, who was well supported by his Officers, Past Masters and a goodly array of Visitors;—we give the names below. After Lodge opened, and the minutes of the regular and emergency meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed substantial balances to the credit of both Lodge and Benevolent Funds, was received and unanimously adopted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Lee P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex, who had undertaken to perform the installation ceremony. Bro. A. R. Olley was presented as W.M. elect, and regularly installed in the chair in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters, who congratulated him on the attainment of this well-deserved honour. The Officers were subsequently appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. W. Beasley S.W., James H. Rich J.W., Wm. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, W. Simpson, S.D., J. Robinson J.D., F. A. Caperce I.G., E. Winch D.C., E. Frisby Organist, S. A. East and P. W. Rogers Stewards. The addresses were then eloquently delivered by the Installing Master, Brother W. H. Lee P.M. The I.P.M., Brother George Ferrar, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and he acknowledged the good wishes of the brethren. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was supplied by Bro. Clemow. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Grand Officers, said the brethren were deeply indebted to that distinguished body for the valuable time they devoted to the business of the Order, and for the interest they at all times evinced to further the progress of the Craft. While such able and distinguished men as the Grand Officers took a deep interest in Freemasonry it would continue to flourish. Brother C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. replied. He had had the pleasure of visiting the Lodge when it had fallen to the lot of an old friend to respond for this toast, but, unfortunately, he was stricken by infirmity, and was unable to be present. He referred to Bro. Buss. He had not sufficient eloquence to do justice to the response, but in a few words he would express his thanks for the kind reception given him as one of the visitors, and for the great treat they had witnessed in the Lodge, in the able manner in which Bro. W. H. Lee had installed the W.M. From what he had seen of Bro. Olley, he was sure the Lodge would have an excellent W.M. Bro. Geo. Ferrar I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. (Bro. Ferrar); the brethren would receive most heartily the toast with which he was entrusted. It was a very great pleasure for him to see Bro. Olley in the chair; he had proposed him for initiation, and had been closely followed by Bro. Olley through the various offices. As there was a long programme to be carried out that evening, he would simply ask the brethren to drink to the health of the W.M. Bro. Olley thanked the brethren sincerely for the flattering manner in which the toast had been submitted and received. He need not tell them he should do his utmost to deserve the confidence reposed in him, and would to the best of his ability maintain the traditions of the Craft and the harmony of the Lodge. At present he had had no opportunity of proving his worthiness for the position he held, beyond filling every office in the Lodge; but he hoped to initiate a few members during his year of office. He could assure them he was not an advocate for a great number of new members. He preferred a few, and those they would be proud to associate with, and who would be a credit to the Craft. His heart was in the work he had undertaken, and if he could perform it to their satisfaction he should be content. The Visitors was the next toast; the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, offered them a hearty welcome. It was one of the great privileges of Freemasonry to be able to offer hospitality to, and make the acquaintance of, brethren from other Lodges. He trusted their visitors had been pleased, not only with the working, but with the hospitality shown at the banquet table, and that they would go away with a good opinion and a happy recollection of their visit to the Lodge. Bro. Christian P.M. 860 said he had known the W.M. for many years, and, having seen him frequently at a Lodge of Instruction in which they both took deep interest, felt he could predict for the Lodge a good future under such an able W.M. Bro. E. S. Cushing P.M. 1607, said he considered it a great honour to be associated with the toast; as the W.M. had been personally known to him for some years past. He had been struck with the few remarks made by the W.M. that evening, one of which he did not agree with;—he had told them he had not yet proved himself worthy of the position he occupied. The brethren in that Lodge had had ample opportunities of knowing that Bro. Olley had not only proved himself worthy, but had shown that he was thoroughly efficient. He, with other Visitors, had been looking forward with delight to the prospect of attending Bro. Olley's installation, and they were certain that when the time arrived for him to show his ability he would not only reflect credit on the Duke of Connaught Lodge, but would give complete satisfaction to all the members. In concluding, he congratulated the W.M., and sincerely hoped he would have a good year. After other Visitors had expressed themselves, the W.M. proposed the Past Masters; it was at all times a source of congratulation to a new W.M. to feel that he had a body of Past Masters on whom he could rely for assistance, and he knew that the P.M.'s of their Lodge had always evinced the utmost willingness to assist when required. Their I.P.M. had had a successful year of office, and had performed his duties in a most efficient manner. He took that opportunity of congratulating Bro. G. Ferrar on the happy termination of his term. Bros. G. Ferrar and C. Lorkin responded on behalf of the Past Masters. Bro. W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, in reply to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, remarked that the Worshipful Master was correct in saying that the Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lee P.M., was the Father of the Lodge, whilst he (Bro. Brand) was his eldest son. He had worked hard in times gone by in assisting to bring the Duke of Connaught Lodge to its present position, and he felt proud at having been able to place before them that evening a really good balance-sheet. He thought that but for the exertions of the P.M.'s that very desirable result would not have been attained. Whether he was with them a long or a short time they could depend upon it his heart would be with them, for he should never forget the Lodge wherein he first saw the light of Masonry. Bro. W. H. Lee P.M. Sec. said that, as Father of the Lodge, it had given him a great amount of pleasure and satisfaction to witness the proceedings of that day; in his opinion it had been a most successful gathering. In the first place he had had the pleasure of installing into the chair a brother with whom he had been associated for many years. He had known Bro. Olley from the time he was initiated, and had been in constant communication with him since, and he could cordially endorse the remarks of the visitors that a worthier Mason and a better man it would be impossible to find. Under the favourable auspices with which the W.M. had begun his year, he was assured he would have a successful reign, and at the end of the year 1889 they would be able to congratulate themselves upon having elected Bro. Olley. Something had been said hoping their W.M. might have plenty of work during his year. With that remark he agreed, but at the same time, although they were pleased to see the influx of new members, they were not in such a hurry that they should care to introduce members with whom the whole of the brethren of the Lodge would not wish to associate. He hoped they had arrived at that stage when they could afford to wait. They did not want a rush of new members, or any brought in whose admission they would regret. He thanked the W.M. and brethren, and hoped the Lodge had a successful future before it. After some other toasts the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual way. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. A. Jackson 90 (Grand Lodge Scotland), C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. Doyle 1926, Charles Bennett Secretary 279, H. Lyon J.W. 217, Joseph Webber 1436, A. E. Wood J.W. 554, W. W. Morgan P.M 211, H. J. Wheeler 72, F. Carr P.M. 1607, F. Fisher S.D. 1984, E. Moffatt 2266, E. Matthew Secretary 1915, Thos. Clark P.M. 1178, E. Amos J.D. 860, J. Rose J.D. 1607, J. H. T. Hoit P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, W. Carey I.P.M. 1571, F. W. Reddall J.W. 1679, M. Christian P.M. 860, W. Darnell P.M. 1607, W. W. Lee 1897, R. S. Cushing P.M. 1607, W. D. Crange 1697, Jas. Rowe 2191, F. Master P.M. 1766, J. McLaren P.M. 1805, A. Cook S.D. 1366, L. G. Barlow 860, J. Crichmore 1158, G. H. W. Grace, &c. Besides the Past Masters of the Lodge previously mentioned were A. Ferrar, John L. Payne, R. Polak, Charles Lorkin, and E. Dignam. The musical arrangements of the evening were carried out by Bro. A. F. Grainger, F. S. Sc., who was assisted by Messrs. J. B. Hardwicke, J. E. Phillips, and the Misses Nellie Oliver and M. Lorkin.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 1942.

THE annual Festival of St. John, and the installation of the W.M., in connection with this Lodge, took place on the 29th ult., at the Lodge Room, Public Hall, Fenton. The Lodge assembled at three o'clock, when Bro. Thomas Barker was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. Dugan, the retiring W.M. After the ceremony of installation, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Jabez Stevenson S.W., Enoch Hallam J.W., Hallam Treas., Strange Sec., Wagstaffe Organist, Woolridge S.D., Forster J.D., Grove D.C., Taylor I.G., Day and Hindle Stewards, and Warren Tyler. Previous to the closing of the Lodge Bro. Dugan presented Bro. Peake with a P.M.'s collar and jewel, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge. This having been suitably acknowledged by Bro. Peake, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded by special car to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Longton, where an excellent banquet was partaken of,

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provided by Bro. Bennion. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Barker, and over thirty brethren sat down. After the Loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. Grove proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon the M.W. Pro G.M. of England; W. Bro. Ashworth the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Wor. D.G.M. of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Peake then proposed Wor. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough acting Provincial G.M. of Staffordshire, and the rest of the P.G. Officers present and past. With regard to Colonel Gough, Bro. Peake said every one knew that he had Masonry thoroughly at heart. With regard to the Provincial Officers, all of them, he believed, had deserved the honours that had been conferred upon them. Bro. Ingamells, in responding, said it was time some steps were taken by brethren in the Province to request Colonel Gough to be Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. Steps, in his opinion, ought at once to be taken to get a Provincial Grand Master appointed, and they could not have a better one than Colonel Foster Gough. Bro. McNeal also responded, and endorsed the remarks of Bro. Ingamells. He thought Colonel Gough well deserved the appointment of Provincial Grand Master, as he had worked hard, and had kept the Province together for a great number of years. If Colonel Gough received the appointment, he thought his Deputy should be from North Staffordshire. Bro. Dugan next submitted the health of the W.M., in complimentary terms, and it was drank with enthusiasm. The W.M. having suitably acknowledged the toast, he proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Dugan, who responded. Bro. Stevenson next gave the Visiting Brethren, and the following responded:—Brothers Bennett, Tunnicliffe, R. Tooth, W. R. Tooth, Keeling, Hogg, Williams, Godwin, Bennion, and Unwin. Bro. Hughes proposed the Masonic Charities; he said Charity was the grandest, noblest, and brightest principle, and Masonry was well charged with the feelings of Charity. Bro. Grove, in responding, said that during the past year £49,259 had been contributed to the Masonic Girls' School, last year being the hundredth year of its existence. To the Boys' School £12,293 was contributed, and to the Benevolent Institution £21,361, making the amount for the three Institutions £82,914, which was an enormous sum to raise purely by voluntary efforts. He asked what would have been the pauperism of this country if those large sums had not been contributed by Freemasons. Masonry was not for political or religious purposes, but they were banded together in brotherly love, and for charity. The remaining toasts were the Treasurer, proposed by Bro. McNeal, and responded to by Bro. Hallam; the Secretary, proposed by Bro. Peake, and acknowledged by Bro. Barker; the Past Masters, proposed by Bro. Enoch Hallam, and responded to by Bros. Roberts and McNeal; and the Officers of the Lodge, given by Bro. J. Stevenson, and acknowledged by Bros. Jabez Stevenson and Strange. During the evening a number of songs were given by several of the brethren.

SWAN OF AVON LODGE, No. 2133.

THE installation meeting and banquet in connection with this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon. Although the Lodge has been established only three years, it has now a membership of over forty, and the activity and zeal of its Officers have been the means of giving it a very meritorious position in the Warwickshire Province. During that time a great deal has been effected in the matter of charity—the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—and several Life Governorships to one or other of the Masonic Charities have been secured to the members through the Benevolent Fund established in connection with the Lodge. The installation ceremony was performed with due solemnity by Bro. C. R. Garnett, who stands in the front rank of Masonry, and who may be designated the Father of the Swan of Avon Lodge, the new Master being Bro. Joseph Francis Burke, who has taken a warm interest in the prosperity of the Lodge, and also rendered active assistance in its formation. There was a large attendance of brethren, among those present being Bros. Lord Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, G. H. Fosbroke, S. G. Smith 284, C. J. Collins 74, Albert E. Davis 567, J. M. Masheter 567, Albert Petter 187, J. Eden Hiron, Robert Gibbs, R. M. Bird, W. Linnell 395, J. J. Panley 567, Newton Spryce 194, J. Callaway, &c. After the installation the W.M. invested his Officers with the insignia of their respective offices. The following are the appointments:—Bros. Birch S.W., Smith J.W., Pickering Treasurer, Cranmer Sec., Downing S.D., New J.D., Garnett D.C., Loggin Standard Bearer, Caseley Organist, Horton Assistant Secretary, Bird I.G., Deer Steward, Hill Assistant Steward, Lunn Charity Steward, Wilmore Tyler. After the investment the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Deer for a very handsome banner he had presented to the Lodge, which he regarded as a great work of art. The banner is of light blue silk, with silver corded border and enrichments. In the centre, skilfully worked in silk, is the figure of a swan, with feathers full set, sailing majestically on the Avon, and in the distance, worked in similar material, is a representation of Holy Trinity Church with its pretty surroundings. The name and number of the Lodge, the motto "England and St. George," and the Masonic devices are worked in raised silver cord, and the effect is strikingly picturesque. The whole work certainly reflects credit on the lady by whose fair hands it was manipulated. Bro. Deer expressed the pleasure it gave him to make the presentation, and added that the lady who worked it would be gratified that her skill had been so highly appreciated. Afterwards a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented, in graceful terms, to Bro. George Boyden by the W.M., and a drawing for a Life-Governorship of one of the Masonic Institutions following, this also fell to Bro. Boyden. It may be stated that the Masonic work was admirably gone through by all concerned, and that the W.M. commenced his year of office under the most favourable auspices. The installation banquet afterwards took place in the large room adjoining the Lodge. The tables had been profusely decorated with beautiful flowers and plants, choice exotics, in exquisite vases, being placed in front of the W.M. A pretty effect was produced by sprigs of ivy being skilfully arranged on the surface of an over-mantel, the reflection, enhancing, of course, the richness of the arrangement. This work was very kindly undertaken by Mrs. Hill and Miss Callaway, and certainly testified to the taste and skill of these ladies. The dinner, a rich, elegant, and varied repast, was provided by the Steward, Bro. Deer, whose successful catering has obtained for him quite a reputation among the brethren. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Lord Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, G. H. Fosbroke, S. G. Smith, F. H. Haynes, the Installing Master, R. M. Bird, W. Hutchings, B. Gibbs, and between forty and fifty other brethren, most of whom were members of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, alluded to the proofs they were always having of the interest taken in Freemasonry by the Queen and Prince of Wales. The Provincial Grand Officers was submitted by Bro. Callaway, who referred to the active interest taken in Freemasonry by Lord Leigh. Bro. Lord Hertford replied, and remarked that it gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he hoped the Swan of Avon Lodge would go on prospering as it had done since its commencement. Its growth had been something astonishing, and would certainly secure the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Worshipful Master was proposed in suitable terms by Bro. Garnett, who referred to the zeal and industry Bro. Burke had exhibited in the various posts he had held, and how richly he deserved the honour which had that day been conferred upon him. The W.M. responded in felicitous terms, stating that in filling the posts he had occupied he had been actuated by one single desire, the advancement of Masonry and the prosperity of the Swan of Avon Lodge. Now that he had been placed in the highest position he could occupy in the Lodge, it would be his earnest endeavour to zealously discharge his duty and maintain the prestige it had already obtained. Brother Haynes, in a speech containig some dashes of humour, proposed the Installing Master, and said although he was not present at the afternoon ceremony, he was sure from what he knew of Bro. Garnett it had been performed in that efficient manner which one so skilled in the Craft could infuse in his work. Bro. Garnett replied in a characteristic speech, and said he had the interests of Masonry at heart, and it would ever be a pleasure to him to advance those interests. Bro. Lord Ernest Seymour, in appropriate terms, submitted the toast of the Past Masters, and Bro. Boyden, in reply, said the growth of the Lodge under the only two Masters it had had was quite phenomenal. The Visitors was proposed in a capital speech by Bro. W. Hutchings, who commented upon the fact that Masonry fulfilled a worthy object by cultivating a spirit of friendship and good-will towards each other. The Officers of the Lodge was proposed by Bro. Boyden, who congratulated the Worshipful Master on his excellent appointments, and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Birch and Cranmer, the Senior Warden and Secretary. Bro. Lord Hertford submitted the Masonic Charities, and pointed out that the existence of these Institutions showed that the sole object of Masonry was not, as some people imagined, to feast sumptuously. He congratulated the Swan of Avon Lodge on having established a Benevolent Fund, and hoped that other Lodges would follow its example. That was a practical way of showing that charity came before everything else—that a good dinner was only an incidental affair. The Masonic Charities were effecting a great deal of good, and from what he had seen of their working he could strongly recommend Masons to give them all the support they possibly could. He urged the Swan of Avon Lodge to consider the question of establishing in connection with it a Mark Lodge, and any assistance he could render them in the matter as the Grand Mark Master of Warwickshire would afford him very great pleasure. Bro. Lunn felicitously responded, and showed what the Lodge was doing in promoting charity, not only in a monetary sense, but in establishing a kind and generous feeling towards each other. The Tyler's toast completed the list, the speeches having been agreeably varied by songs, contributed by Bros. 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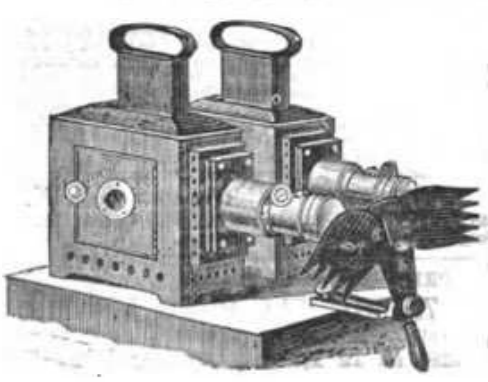
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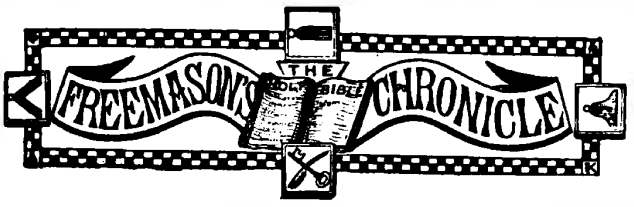
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By Bro. Jacob Norton

WITHOUT entering into further arguments, I frankly confess that I was mistaken about the "Blesington" question, and I thank Bro. Sadler for proving I was wrong. I further inform him that I am now convinced that I was also wrong in stating that the words "Ahiman Rezon" were invented by Dermott. The fact is, in the English Bible two persons are named respectively with the above words, about which he may learn more hereafter.

Having confessed to what I no longer believe, I will now state with equal frankness what I still believe. I firmly believe that Dermott's choice of "Ahiman Rezon" for the name of his Constitution, together with the meaning of those words, as given by him in either of his editions, *is pure humbug*. His motive was simply to make his dupes believe that he was a Hebrew scholar. Bro. Marvin (as already hinted in my communication about the "Royal Naval Lodge of Independence") showed clearly that Dermott's knowledge about *armorial* matters was just as nonsensical as his pretension to Hebrew knowledge. Now, between pages 101 and 110 of Bro. Sadler's book the reader will find numerous quotations from Dermott's writings, which contain nothing but *brag* and *bombastic lauding* up the Ancients, as counting *ninety-nine* to *one* of the Moderns; as being able to converse together in presence of a "Modern" in a most wonderful manner; and with possessing "Masonical language," and what not, unknown to the Moderns. These lying assertions are interspersed with solemn assurances, viz., "I am so well acquainted with the truths of what I have just now asserted that I have not the least apprehension of being contradicted." And again: "These are sterling truths; will draw the natural inference." But although Bro. Sadler has persuaded himself that Dermott really believed that the Ancients numbered one hundred to one of the Moderns, and that Dermott and Co. could converse together (somewhat after the *deaf and dumb fashion*) with squares and plumbs, yet, on page 111, Bro. Sadler says:—

"It is scarcely necessary, therefore, to hint that it would be as well not to consider Dermott's description of the rival society as literally true, and I think I may venture to intimate that he never meant it to be so received."

The fact is, my good Bro. Sadler is so infatuated with *Dermottism*, he is so steeped over head and ears with Dermott's virtues, goodness, &c., and sympathises so passionately with Bro. Dermott's sufferings and martyrdom from the hands of his opponents, as to have worked himself up into a belief that Dermott was the most pure-minded and the most faultless Brother Mason of the last century. In short, unconsciously, and without the least evil design, Bro. Sadler worked himself up into a mere partizan in behalf of Dermott and Co. And here is another instance. Dermott's claim to his concern having descended from York Masonry, is a piece of imposture which I pointed out some years ago. Our Bro. Sadler, however, not only can see nothing wrong in Dermott's humbugging, but he actually admires it, and thinks Dermott wonderfully clever for appropriating the York title. On page 190 he says:—

"Whoever conceived the idea of utilizing this bit of Masonic history in the manner indicated, deserves well of his fellows, if not of his country; for there is no doubt that it (Dermott's pretension to Yorkism) did wonders for the Ancients, especially in America, where to this day we find a vast number of the brethren labouring under the delusion that they are descended from the real Ancient York Masons, whereas their (the American's) early Lodges were constituted by a society that never had the remotest connection with the Grand Lodge at York, and, as a matter of fact, that old Lodge (of York) was in abeyance and almost defunct when the Ancients started, an independent body."

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Sadler, I could no more compliment the swindler who palms off American shoddy for genuine Yorkshire manufactured cloth than I can compliment Bro. Dermott for palming off his Irish Masonry for genuine York Masonry; in my way of thinking, I regard both alike as humbugs.

In Bro. Hughan's Introduction to the "History of Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, he says:—

"It is curious to note the variety of titles by which this body (the Ancients) was known. The Warrants contain numerous designations, one of the earliest being 'Ancient Grand Lodge' (18th June 1755, now No. 11), 'Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons' (14th April 1757, then and now No. 63), 'Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons' (65, &c., Nova Scotia, 27th December 1757), 'Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted York Masons' (No. 15 of 17th May 1758), 'Grand Lodge, &c., According to Old Constitutions, granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin of York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six' (No. 44, now No. 47). The latter apparently being ultimately the favoured title. To which I will add 'This Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted York Masons, London (Deputation to [Halifax], Nova Scotia, Twenty-seventh day of December 1757).'"

And now about Masonic *Ancientness*. Strictly speaking the Masonic Society is not very ancient. Professor James E. Thorold Rogers, in his Lecture on the "Guilds," says, that apprenticeship was unknown before the middle ages: if so, then, neither Adam, Moses, Solomon, nor the Saints John, could have been E.A. Freemasons. I will therefore place the dividing limit between (comparatively speaking) ancient and modern Masonry to the 24th June 1717. The brethren who then formed the Grand Lodge were *ancients* in the morning of the above date, but were transformed into *moderns* in the afternoon or evening of the same day. Now, the "Melrose Lodge" is no doubt older than the Grand Lodge of England, and if it had retained its pre-1717 forms and ceremonies, a *Melroser* might consistently have said to Bro. D. M. Lyon, "You are only a *modern* Mason, but I am an *ancient*." But as Bro. Macbean inform us that the Melrosers have now three degrees, they cannot, therefore, claim to possess *ancient* Masonry, but they may still boast of having retained the *ancient* form of Masonic government. If, however, the Melrosers had formed an independent Grand Lodge, I could not indeed designate them as secessionists or rebels; but if they then presumed to call themselves "*ancients*," and called the other Masons "*moderns*," they would deserve to be laughed at.

Now, the six Lodges that organised a Grand Lodge in 1752, never laid claim to being older than the Grand Lodge of England, and there is not a particle of evidence that they were older. It is certain that their forms and ceremonies were modern. Their code of laws was copied from Anderson's Constitutions. Nay, they even naturalised a new degree: a degree unknown to Anderson and Desaguliers; and yet with modern forms, ceremonies, degrees, &c., and with the modern form of Masonic government. Bro. Dermott had the impudence to call himself an "*ancient* Mason;" and stigmatised Anderson, Desaguliers, and all the other successive members of the Grand Lodge of England as "moderns."

The question, however, is, where did Bro. Dermott get his wonderful ancient Masonry? The answer is, "In Dublin." And whence have Dublinites got their Masonry? Answer: "From the G. L. of England of 1717." The next question is, how Dermott could consistently call his new concern of 1752 "Ancient"? Now, Dermott's own reason is, because the London brethren of 1717 did not know what the Master's word was, so they invented a new word, but the brethren in the country and in Scotland retained the genuine Master's word, hence Dermott's Masonic *ancientness* consisted only in knowing the true, genuine, and original Master Mason's word. Now Dermott's own reason for his claim to *ancientness* did not satisfy Bro. Sadler, so he went to work and actually *out-dermotted* Dermott himself, and gave reasons for Dermott's Masonic ancientness which Dermott himself never dreamt of. On page 4 Bro. Sadler says:—

"Several reasons have been given for their (Dermott and Co.'s) withdrawal from parental authority, none of which, in my opinion, are satisfactory, or sufficiently conclusive.

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. . . I shall now proceed to prove that those who have applied the term *Seceders* to this section of our Order have done so under wrong impressions; for, after having carefully considered the subject, I am of opinion that there is no evidence yet brought to light which would justify me in believing that any considerable number of them ever owned allegiance to the regular Grand Lodge of England."

Now, the words "any considerable number," certainly implies that an *inconsiderable number* of the Dermotters did own allegiance to the old Grand Lodge. Such being the case there were at least some *seceders* among the formers of the 1752 Grand Lodge, and these at least might consistently be termed, *rebels, schismatics*, and *secessionists*. Now, Bro. Gould says that in 1748 Dermott joined a Lodge in London. Bro. Hughan says the same. Bro. Sadler, to the best of my recollection, never disproved or denied Brothers Gould and Hughan's statements. Why, then, should not Dermott be entitled to the designations of *secessionist, rebel*, &c.?

I do not, however, mean to say that *rebels* and *schismatics* are necessarily bad men. On the contrary, I believe that we are greatly, if not wholly, indebted to schismatics and rebels for the liberties we now enjoy; for if the Barons had not revolted against John, and the Parliament against Charles I., and the Whigs against James II., and Luther and Calvin had not been schismatics, we should now possess no more liberty than they had in the *dark ages*. Rebellion is, therefore, not actually wrong, providing, however, that in the first place a good and sufficient cause for rebelling existed, and second, before rebelling, efforts should be made to induce the Government to yield peaceably the desired reform. Dermott and Co., however, had in the first place no just cause for rebelling, and second, if they had such a cause, they certainly never made the least effort to induce the Grand Lodge to remove said cause. For that kind of rebellion I have, therefore, no sympathy.

I shall now venture to offer *my* opinion about the seventy *worthies* immortalized by the pen of John Morgan in 1751. I believe that every one of them were initiated in regular chartered Lodges, either in England, Ireland, or elsewhere; and they fully deserved the titles of "rebels," "schismatics," &c. True, Dermott never acknowledged that fact in his records. But, on the other hand, he never asserted or claimed that either himself or his followers had never owed allegiance to a Grand Lodge. I also believe that the rank and file of the seceders was composed of the riff-raff, the scum, and most ignorant men, who gained admission into the Fraternity; they were neither endowed with the spirit of harmony or vitality necessary for perpetuating a society. For instance, of the Four Lodges of 1717, *one*, at least, survives to this day. The first Charters were issued by the Grand Lodge in 1721. Of these, three survives, and so do four Lodges of 1722, and more or less Lodges are still in existence which were chartered respectively in succeeding years. But the original six Lodges of the so-called "Ancients," of 1751, evaporated in a very short time. Nay, more! In 1784 the oldest Lodge of the Ancients then living was No. 32, constituted in 1754, and the first thirty-one Lodges have, of course, "melted away into thin air." This want of vitality of the early Ancients' Lodges was, doubtless, mainly due to the ignorance of their members. Subsequently, of course, better material was obtained for building up new Lodges. But even in 1764, Dermott, in a confidential letter to Philadelphia (to which I called Bro. Sadler's attention when I was in London), begged the Philadelphians to excuse something (I forget what) because the members of a certain Lodge of his *concern* were composed of ignorant mechanics, or something to that effect.

Such being the case, I hope that Brother Sadler will give up his sentimental "charity" of defending a pack of scalawags, charlatans, and perjurers, who, without cause or reason, produced unmitigated mischief among the Masonic Fraternity, and henceforth use his talent and influence to enlighten the prominent members of the "Grand Masters' Lodge," and of all other Lodges who hold Charters from the so-called Ancients, including my own dear "Mother Lodge," viz., that of "Joppa," that, however blameless they were for the sins committed by their Masonic forefathers of 1751, they are nevertheless not justified in retaining the usurped ranks on the list of Lodges unjustly wrenched by their predecessors in 1813 from the Lodge of Antiquity and all other Lodges that were chartered before 1752 by the Grand Lodge of England. It is therefore the bounden duty of all Masons of the Ancients' lineage or descent to ask the Grand Lodge to renumber her Lodges, and to have each Lodge placed on the list in accordance with the priority of their respective dates of Constitution.

And second, as the word "United," which was forced upon the Grand Lodge in 1813, serves merely as a reminder of the rascality perpetrated by former unworthy Masons, the said word should therefore at once be stricken out, so that the title of the Grand Lodge may be restored to what it was before 1813.

I will only add that by doing what is above recommended great credit will be reflected upon the character of English Masons and Masonry in general, but more especially so on those brethren of Ancients' descent, who would cheerfully and voluntarily surrender to the proper and legal owners what they were unjustly deprived of in 1813.

Boston, U.S., 22nd January 1888.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter took place on Wednesday, under the presidency of Comp. Brigadier-General A. W. Adair. The business was essentially of a formal character; all the work set out in the agenda paper, as given by us last week, being favourably considered.

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

AT the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Aldershot, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., the following were appointed as Grand Officers of the Province for the year by Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P., the Grand Superintendent of the Province:—

Comp.	J. B. Le Feuvre 394	H.
	Colonel J. Crease, C.B., 257	J.
	Edgar Goble 309	S.E.
	J. Methven 1461	S.N.
	G. J. Tilling 1461	Treasurer
	J. Gibson 694	Registrar
	A. Scott 175	Sojourner
	J. Marks 76	1st Assistant Sojourner
	J. Robertson 394	2nd Assistant Sojourner
	Colonel Yeatman Biggs 1331	Sword Bearer
	J. Youd 723	Standard Bearer
	J. Jackson 1428	Director of Ceremonies
	T. W. Price 804	Assistant Dir. Ceremonies
	F. Sanders 342	Organist
	Rev. A. A. Headley 309	Assistant S.E.
	J. Exell 487	Janitor

There was a division as to the election of Treasurer, in succession to Comp. K. J. Hooper Rastrick, resigned. The candidates were Comp. John Brickwood, of Portsmouth (who was proposed by Comp. Colonel Crease and seconded by Comp. F. Sanders), and Comp. G. J. Tilling, of Southampton (who was proposed by Comp. R. Eve and seconded by Comp. A. Scott). The latter secured a majority of votes.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual meeting was held on Friday, 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, when there were present Companions Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Moore H. 169 M.E.Z., Addington M.E.Z. 1275 H., Wingham J., Stone S.E., Benedetti S.N. 1275 S.N., Neeld P.Z. P.S., Marché 1329, and Hattersley 177. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Hattersley personating candidate. Companion Hattersley was elected a member, and Companion Addington M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The Chapter was then closed in accordance with ancient custom.

On the 30th ult. a Masonic ball was held at the George Hotel, near Bangor, in aid of the fund to purchase a life presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the Province of North Wales. The ball, the invitations to which numbered about 150, was under the patronage of the Right Worshipful P.G.M. Lord Harlech, Major Hunter P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East P.P.G.S.W. North Wales, Colonel Platt D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England, the Hon. W. E. Sackville West P.G.W. of England, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales. The arrangements were carried out by the Hon. Secretaries, Dr. Langford Jones and Mr. W. Thornton Jones, the music being supplied by Richardson's band, of Liverpool.

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REVIEWS.

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The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1889. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16A Great Queen Street, W.C.

It was with pleasure we received the 19th issue of this handy and indispensable diary. Year after year, as the number of Lodges and Chapters increase, so does the value of this calendar. Not only does it give a list of Lodges, Chapters, Conclaves, Commanderies, with the several places and dates of meeting, but it contains a diary for each day, with a list of meetings taking place on that day, with the necessary space for engagements to be entered therein. Among other useful information the "Cosmo" contains a list of the names of Officers in all parts of the world, together with particulars of every Masonic body in existence. It will thus be seen the editor has this year made his book even more comprehensive than hitherto, and we feel sure the Craft will not be backward in testifying its appreciation.

The Dorset Masonic Calendar for 1889. Weymouth: Sherren and Son, 79 St. Mary Street.

In offering this handy work to the brethren of the Province of Dorset the compiler, Bro. John A. Sherren, has produced one of the best and most complete of Provincial Calendars. From first to last page it is clearly shown that great care has been bestowed upon the work to prevent mistakes appearing. Bro. Sherren, in a short preface, thanks the Provincial Grand Secretary for the great pains he has taken in supplying him with correct data. The book is full of useful information, while the tables in connection with the Masonic Institutions have been revised by the different Secretaries, and also by Bro. Dugdale. At the end of the book there is an Obituary column giving details of the Dorset brethren who have passed away during the year, while in another part there is to be found some useful Masonic notes, with lists of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers for years back. The execution of the book is exceedingly good, and reflects great credit on Messrs. Sherren and Son, the printers. The price, moreover, is moderate.

The Wiltshire Masonic Calendar for 1889. Bradford-on-Avon: Bro. G. J. Farrington.

Bro. Farrington has recently issued a neat little card for the use of the brethren of the Friendship and Unity Lodge, No. 1271, wherein he gives a list of all Masonic meetings to take place in the Province of Wiltshire during the present year. The task Brother Farrington has undertaken has been clearly and distinctively done, and should prove of great value to the Freemasons of Wiltshire.

ROYAL SELECT AND SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS.

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THE WHITE ROSE COUNCIL, No. 17.

THE consecration of this Council, the first opened in the north of England, took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Monday, 28th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. the Lord Euston Deputy Grand Master, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Recorder Right Worshipful Bro. C. F. Matier, ably assisted by Very Worshipful Bro. Robert Berridge G.I.M. and Bro. B. R. Bryant Grand Lecturer. A Council having been opened, the following brethren were duly admitted:—Bros. C. L. Mason, J. H. Gration, G. H. Locking, Wm. Flockton, J. J. Green, Francis Smith, Arthur Tapman, W. H. B. Atkinson, Robert Craig, W. W. Clayton, William Armistead and W. J. Beck. The consecration then took place in due and ancient form, after which Bros. C. L. Mason was duly elected T.I.M., Robert Craig R.I.M., G. W. Locking I.C. of Wks., W. J. Beck Treasurer, W. W. Clayton Recorder, Wm. Flockton Captain of Guard, Wm. Tapman Marshal and W. H. B. Atkinson Stewards. Bro. C. L. Mason was duly installed by the Grand Recorder, and properly proclaimed. The Council was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall for dinner, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given.

A meeting of the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devonshire was held on the 29th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M. Devon, the chairman, presided, and the usual reports were presented. Bro. W. G. Rogers, the chairman, and Bro. J. B. Gover, the secretary, were both unanimously re-elected.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment.—Winter remedies.—Are the readiest remedies for the diseases now so rife and fatal. The adverse influences of the severe frosts, dense fogs and piercing winds, have produced a terrible increase in the number and severity of "chest diseases" of all kinds, especially bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs. Loss of time in the treatment of these and other similar diseases often means death. The Ointment should be briskly rubbed into the chest and between the shoulders, according to the printed directions, which, combined with the internal action of the Pills, will lower the temperature of the blood, reduce the frequency of the pulse and respiration, and check the advance of the malady in good time.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Dentford Causeway, 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
1684—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1807—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.
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th 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)
56—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
223—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate [illegible]
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. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 149—Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
404—St. John's, 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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
453—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Lindsey, Red Lion Hotel, Barton
491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
569—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Bolton
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
685—Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, East Cheap-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Burslem
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
940—Williamson, St. Stephen Scholl, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Addington, Masonic Hall, Castle-[illegible], Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Surrey, Hants
1174—Pentalpha, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1356—Fernie Beseath, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legh-[illegible], Masonic Hall, [illegible]
1679—Olive, Cornet Arms, Market Drayton
1682—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1811—Edmondson, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1818—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1850—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

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1968—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 379—Tyndc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 12th 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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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)
229—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
543—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst).
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 186—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
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
602—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheetham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
905—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Broadbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1342—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1542—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Preston, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
167.—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2148—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 117—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 267—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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', Five Bells Hotel, 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)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 4. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1260—John Harvey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—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.
1586—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—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
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. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hull, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Keith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
862—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
864—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1037—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1249—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1441—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1514—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandilofs, Trewythen Arms, Llandilofs
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heaburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Scarborough
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
2046—Robertson, 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. Wulstane, Masonic Hall, 93 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meridah, Grapes Inn, Stonecolough, near Manchester
R.A. 402—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (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 Tooting Road, 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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chesser 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)
1439—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 9.30. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

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1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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 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
1746—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, 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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
218—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
278—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastings
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, S, alding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Staffs
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
794—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
796—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1045—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1148—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington

1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1309—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1597—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 1236—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
26—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)
786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
790—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)
1228—Beaconcree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, 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. 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. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
K.T. 46—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tiverton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staindrop
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Longton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
430—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Ecclesbill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesbill
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
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 531—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
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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—Rocleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 367—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Banffshire, held in the St. Andrew's Hall, Banff, on the 30th ult., the Earl of Fife was elected Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. R. W. Duff, of Fetteresso, M.P., Deputy-Grand Master.

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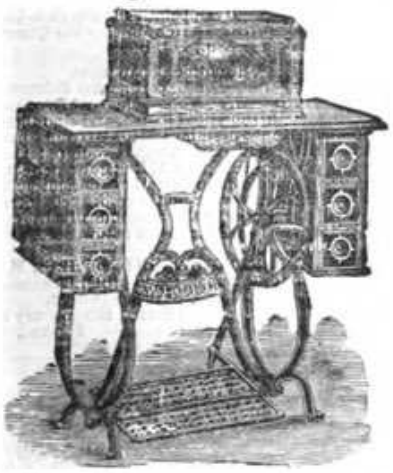
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THE MARK DEGREE.

ELSEWHERE in our present issue, in speaking of the career of the late Bro. H. G. Warren, for many years editor and part proprietor of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine*, mention is made of the original introduction of the Mark Degree into England—an event which occurred a matter of about thirty years since. To day we may look around and find that warrants have been granted for upwards of three hundred and eighty Mark Lodges, the total membership of the Degree at the time of the last annual return (31st March 1888) being 24,060; while the income for the preceding twelve months, on account of the General and Benevolent Funds, exceeded £4000. This marvellous growth of Mark Masonry in England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, is a living monument to the men who, in spite of great opposition and numerous obstacles, steadily persevered in their desire of establishing it in this country, and it also affords additional and indisputable evidence of the popularity of Freemasonry during the last few years, for it must be remembered that Mark Masonry is essentially an offshoot of Blue Masonry, and that before it could possibly be as popular, and as widely extended as it has become, a corresponding increase must have taken place in that which must be regarded as the basis of all Masonry—the Craft Degrees.

The number of Lodges, the importance of the Mark Lodges, and the splendid roll of its registered members are not, however, the only points on which the brethren who introduced it into this country may congratulate themselves at the present time. It enjoys the approval and support of the highest in the land, and numbers among its leaders many of those who take the most active part in conducting the affairs of the Craft. What a contrast to its position of a few years back, when it was regarded with disfavour, and may be said to have narrowly escaped actual extinction, in consequence of the opposition it met with from Craft Masonry, which even yet does not officially recognise anything beyond the "three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." But above all this, Mark Masonry may be regarded as a strong and rapidly increasing medium for the display of that great Masonic virtue benevolence, the practice of which, in the Mark Degree as in the Craft, is recognised as of paramount importance.

We have, on more than one occasion in the past, spoken in strong terms of approval of the good being done by the Benevolent Fund of Mark Masonry, but it is a subject worthy of continued praise, and a further reference to it at the present time will not be out of place, especially in view of the many calls which are being made on the charitable funds of the Craft, and the enormous number of candidates seeking the advantages they offer as compared with the number that can be relieved. Briefly, then, we may say that the Fund was established in 1869, since when a sum of nearly £2000 has been distributed in casual grants of relief; thirty-seven children have reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch, at a total cost of £1180, while the expenditure on account of education and clothing now amounts to about £430 per annum; five Brethren are at present in receipt of annuities, and it is announced that "the Board will gladly consider the claims of necessitous Brethren, or Widows of Brethren, being empowered to grant the sums of £26 and £21 per annum, respectively, to accepted candidates after election." We cannot, of course, advise candidates who have a chance of securing the larger annuity provided by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to transfer their claims to the Mark Fund, but it would certainly be well if those who are eligible for the latter, and who have little or no chance of securing a grant from the former, were to consider the advisability of doing so. By this means the Craft Fund would be relieved of some part of the pressure which is now put upon it, while the Mark Degree would have the opportunity of showing—as we know its supporters would be pleased to do—its readiness and willingness to render as much help as lay in its power. It must not be supposed that we are advocating the creation of a number of candidates for the bounty of Mark Masonry, but with a Fund established for the purpose of doing good and affording relief, and, above all, in a position to carry out its objects, we feel justified in pointing out this special feature to the many who are so sorely in need of it. We have sufficient faith in the managers of the Fund to know they will require proper evidence of worthiness before they accept a candidate, and we know enough of Mark Masons to be convinced they do not desire even one member of their Order to remain in want while they have the means of affording him relief.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

WE have come to another milestone in life's pilgrim way. The days of another twelve-month are almost ended, and the year 1888 is about to follow the procession of the ages and go down into that ever waiting grave from which there is no resurrection. It is a time when human thought is disposed to sober, tender sentiment, as we muse upon the experiences of the quick passing year, note the changes and losses that have marked its progress, and meditate upon the uncertainty of all mortal plans and expectations. It is a season when, looking backward, we are moved to indulge in the same reflections that have exercised the minds of former generations, dwelling like ourselves for a little time in this world all so transitory and full of mystery. Our thought is:

> How swift they go,
> Life's many years,
> With their winds of woe
> And their storms of tears,

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And their darkest of nights, whose shadowy slopes
Are lit with the flashes of starriest hopes,
And their sunshiny days, on whose calm heavens loom
The clouds of the tempest—the shadows of gloom!

And, ah! we pray
With a grief so drear,
That the years may stay
When their graves are near.

Tho' the brows of to-morrow be radiant and bright,
With love and with beauty, with life and with light,
The dead hearts of yesterdays, cold on the bier,
To the hearts that survive them are evermore dear.

We turn tenderly to the days that witnessed our hopes and fears—our failures and successes—our joys and sorrows—and the farewell which we are obliged to speak to the old year is like the Good-bye spoken to a dear friend about to leave us. The fading year has advanced us in age, has increased, perhaps, some burdens that we have to carry, and has made itself felt with not a few of us in limitations and deprivations; but it is safe to say that the year has brought to us likewise a rich and varied ministry of blessing. It has put into our hands, and left there, treasures which enrich our lives. The past has gone; it cannot be brought back; but its substance remains. We carry along with us the gifts and ministries of former days; thus we are educated and disciplined; thus individual character is formed, and the best results of human living are attained. "The life of all our yesterdays," says a gifted writer, "lives in what we are to-day, in our thoughts and feelings, in our tendencies and habits, in everything that goes to make up character." We are debtors to all the past, and every departing year claims from us the meed of grateful remembrances. Cherishing such a disposition to rejoice in and profit by the swift passing years, we shall be enabled to review the past with cheerfulness, while we face the future with a firm resolve and an abundant hope. Whatever our condition, or surroundings, if we are only established in this philosophy, we shall be thankful. As the writer from whom we have already quoted says, "There is always a call to grateful feeling. Are we poor? We might be beggars. Are we beggars? We might be lepers. Are we lepers? Our sickness might be unto death. Is it unto death? We have yet a heaven beyond. There is something for which we should be thankful. Has trouble come to us during the past year? It might have been worse. Have we lost our dearest and best friends? They at any rate are not here to suffer. Has the year disappointed us in matters of business and individual striving for the prizes of earth? We can still be thankful that it has not taken away our power and will to work."

Thus everywhere and always, and especially at the parting of the ways, as now, we should thank God and take courage. As we pass another mile stone in life's journey we should seek to gather strength and confidence from the past to speed us forward in the unknown way. Let us be hopeful as we journey on, even though labours and sorrows, mistakes and failures, rise before our vision in the backward look. No matter what the record of the past may have been, there is always a door of opportunity opening to the future, and we may well rejoice that men are not held as by cruel fate to low, hard conditions, but may

"Rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to nobler things."

While it is always in order to plan and resolve for better things, there is no season more appropriate for such a work than the beginning of a year. Then one may well desire to start forth under the influence of a fresh, clear, elevated ideal, with a purpose to realize a higher good than has as yet been attained. O, how much better would it be for all of us if we could live and act by constant reference to such an ideal—if we could but form the habit of always referring our conduct to some high and noble standard! Then would the work of life have less of drudgery and more of zest, and its results would be more ample and satisfactory. To help create such an ideal, and to bind the thought to its observance, is one part of the mission of Freemasonry. Its teachings are intended, many of them, for stimulus in this direction. It demands first of all a service in the way of personal moral culture—the doing of a work by means of which one's own heart and life shall be brought into correspondence with a lofty ideal. To this end, for this purpose, it presents illustrious names and characters in its ritual, presses into use an elaborate symbolism, and calls attention in various ways to those sublime virtues which most ennoble human character. It would instruct its disciples in the best wisdom; it would inspire them to holy living, having pure and noble thoughts enshrined at the very centre of being. "I pray to God," said Socrates, "that I may be beautiful in my soul;" and this inner character should be to every true Mason the first object of desire. Whatever his resolutions for the New Year, let him determine that he will be watchful of himself, that he will strive for self-improvement, and that he will aim to realise his best ideal of a manly character. There will be difficulties in the way of embodying and illustrating such an ideal, but let him persevere, and not lose a good heart animated by courage and hope. Let him remember the significance of the Masonic symbols—the rough and the perfect Ashlars. Let him work as the sculptor does to produce the grandest triumphs of his artistic genius. It is a slow process to bring the block of marble to represent the saint or hero, but the sculptor does not despair and at last the desired result is attained.

"When Godlike art has with superior thought
The limbs and motions in idea conceived,
A simple form in humble clay achieved
Is the first offering into being brought;
Then, stroke on stroke, from out the living rock
Its promised work the practised chisel brings,
And into life a form so graceful springs
That none can fear for it time's rudest shock."

It takes time, patience, and faithful endeavour, to mould human nature into practical form, and produce a symmetrical, noble character. It seems slow and discouraging work sometimes; but let not the earnest one relax his efforts or give up trying to reproduce in himself the ideal that glows before his moral vision and commands his best thought; let him make fresh resolves and do his best to live up to them—so shall he get forward in life's way, and the close of every year shall witness his soul ripening for God and Heaven.—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE LAST PRESTONIAN LECTURER.

By Bro. R. F. Gould.

WILLIAM PRESTON, the famous author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," bequeathed, as most brethren are aware, the sum of £300, Consols, as an endowment to ensure the annual delivery of a lecture, according to the system of Masonic instruction practised for many years under the original (or Constitutional) Grand Lodge of England, and of which he was himself mainly, if not entirely, the author.

For many years the Prestonian lecture was delivered regularly, *i.e.*, annually, according to the terms of the bequest, by Laurence Thompson, a noted preceptor, at meetings of the Lodge of Antiquity.

Afterwards the lectures became intermittent, and have now ceased to be delivered. The last occasion on which the wishes of the founder were carried into effect was in 1861, the lecturer being Bro. H. G. Warren, of whose Masonic career a slight sketch may perhaps be acceptable.

Bro. Henry George Warren—born 1813, died 1887—was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, 13th January 1840, and remained a member until the close of 1843, afterwards rejoining—1861—and continuing on the roll until 1879. From 1852 to 1857 he belonged to the Lodge of Regularity, No. 91, and from 1853 to 1874 to the "Prudent Brethren," No. 145, where he twice filled the chair.

In the year 1853 he resuscitated the Phœnix Lodge, No. 173, of which he was successively Master, and (for many years) Secretary, and finally an honorary member—1884—in acknowledgment of his meritorious services. The remaining Lodges with which Bro. Warren was connected were:—the Berkhampstead, No. 504, in 1856; the Grand Stewards, 1856-73, of which he became W.M. in 1860; and the West Kent, No 1297, of which he was a founder and the first Master, 1870-83.

He was a member of the Polish National Chapter, No. 534, from 1854 to 1883.

The Lodge of Regularity, No. 91 (*then* 108), sent him up as Grand Steward in 1855.

Bro. Warren was a Life Governor of the three Charitable Institutions, having served as Steward of the Girls' School once, the Boys' School twice, and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution four times. He was on the Audit Committee of the Boys' School in 1857, and acted as Hon.

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Secretary of the same Institution in 1860, until the election of Bro. Frederick Binckes.

As an English Mark Mason he was one of the very earliest in the field, and at a meeting of the Phœnix Lodge in 1856 made a remarkable speech, from which the following is an extract:—"Before a month shall have passed over our heads, I shall have from the Grand Chapter of Scotland a legitimate warrant, authorising myself and other regularly made Companions of that Chapter to practise Mark Masonry in London." He then added, "that he had been promised the adhesion and support of many of the most eminent members of the Craft in carrying out that object."

The struggles of the Mark degree in England have now passed into the realm of ancient history, but there are still some brethren on the active list, who remember the opposition it encountered, and the powerful assistance rendered by the Masonic Press in placing it in the high position it now enjoys.

This brings me to that phase of Bro. Warren's Masonic career by which—without disparagement to his efforts in other directions—he will be chiefly remembered. In 1853 he became editor of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine*, and in the next or following year, joint proprietor of it with the Rev. Mr. Owen. This he conducted, in the face of great difficulties, until 1861, the magazine developing meanwhile into a monthly, and eventually into a weekly publication—when Mr. Owen ceased to have any further connection with it.

In 1861, Mr. Warren's ordinary work as City editor of the *Morning Post* had so increased as to prevent his giving proper attention to the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror*—the name it last bore—and he disposed of it to Mr. Smith.

In the same year Bro. Warren delivered the Prestonian Lecture, first of all at the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and subsequently at some place in the provinces.

His death occurred on 28th May 1887, and for three years previously he had been totally blind, an affliction which he bore with patient resignation to the will of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

After his decease, and at the suggestion of Bro. James Terry, Past G. Sword Bearer, the MS. of the Prestonian Lecture, as last delivered, was presented to the Grand Lodge of England, by his widow.

The preceding remarks, are introductory of the appeal which I am now about to make, to the Governors of, and Subscribers to, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Masonic press, and the representatives of British journalism, whersoever dispersed.

It is that they will, by their votes and influence, promote the success of Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Warren, widow of our late brother, at the approaching election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in May 1889.

Bro. H. J. Warren not only served four Stewardships to the Charity in question, but he was one of the resolute few who fought for and finally succeeded in obtaining for the youngest of our Institutions an *Annual* Festival. Not, indeed, that his labours were less distinguished with regard to the Masonic Schools, for no voice was raised higher than Bro. Warren's in favour of the disuse of badges by our "Boys" and "Girls."

But it is as the editor of the *Freemasons' Magazine* that Bro. Warren made his principal mark, and here I am tempted to quote the familiar lines:—

> "The evil that men do lives after them,
> The good is oft interred with their bones."

The influence of the Masonic press is now deservedly great, but it was not always so, and in England, before Bro. Warren's time, the only journal of the Craft forfeited but too often the confidence of all moderate brethren, by a blind and factious opposition towards the Grand Master and his advisers.

If my memory is not at fault, somewhere about the year 1855 (or 1856) the notification first appeared in the monthly Magazine, that the reports of Grand Lodge and of private Lodges were published by permission of the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, the paper thus becoming from that time the organ, not only of the Craft, but of the governing body.

The confidence thus reposed in Bro. Warren was not misplaced. He was a man of very independent views, and gave free expression to them in the journal over which he presided. But while the columns of the Magazine were open to all shades of opinion, nothing ever found a place in them that was couched in intemperate language, nor was the editor himself ever known to transgress the golden rule of Masonic journalism, that of due—but not undue—subserviency to lawfully constituted Masonic authority.

In the literary department, Bro. Warren was much assisted by the late Bro. Matthew Cooke, who in a certain way may be said to have died without leaving any successor, as he was a constant attendant at the British Museum Library, where, by constantly poring over old manuscripts, he laboriously disinterred a quantity of useful information, which found its way, in due course, into the Magazine.

These and like researches gave a special value to the "Notes and Queries" which appeared in the weekly issue, and it may perhaps be said that no editor of a Masonic newspaper ever catered with such diligence and success for the benefit of the student class of readers as the late Bro. Warren.

The delivery of the Prestonian Lecture in 1861 is the last event of his public life with which I am conversant, and, as forming a worthy pendant to the Masonic record of our late brother, I again mention it in these closing observations, with the hope that it may be remembered in connection with the case of Mrs. F. E. Warren at the approaching election, and also that it may stimulate some student of our ritual to follow in the footsteps of her late husband, and redeem the English Craft from the reproach of the Prestonian Lecture—like the Grand Stewards' public night—being now one of those excellent old customs, which are, unfortunately, only honoured in the breach, instead of in the observance.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 13th inst. Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treasurer, P.A.G.D.C., presided, and there were present Bros. W. B. Daniell, C. J. Perceval, C. H. Driver P.P.G.S of W., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Joseph Freeman, W. H. Perryman P.G.P., S. Brooks, C. H. Webb, G. Bolton, C. Daniel, A. H. Tattershall, W. Smith, Hugh Cotter, J. Newton, W. Masters, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Alex. Forsyth, W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B., J. Dixon, B. E. Blasby, and Jas. Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of six annuitants (four men and two widows) and one male candidate. A letter was read from a male candidate, withdrawing his name from the list of candidates for the May election. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also a letter from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, on the subject of erecting a boundary fence. A fence was ordered to be erected accordingly. Applications from the widows of two recently deceased annuitants, for the half of their late husband's annuities, were granted. A widow's petition, which had been deferred for further information, was accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May. A statement of receipts and expenditure having been submitted, the Committee finally settled the lists of candidates for election on the two Funds, and declared the vacancies on each, which will be filled up in May, viz., Male Fund, 62 candidates, 17 vacancies (14 immediate and 3 deferred); Female Fund, 81 candidates, 10 vacancies (7 immediate and 3 deferred). A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

NEW YEAR QUERIES.

Has the gavel of experience polished your life until all recognise in you a true Freemason?

Have you been divested of pride and invested with humility, and then realized that God alone is good and great?

Have you been tried by the square of virtue, and tested by the plumb of uprightness, and then comprehended that God alone is perfect?

Have you felt the effects of the chisel and mallet, and then seen what sturdy blows are required to cut off the vices of life?

Have you by the use of all the implements of the Craft subdued your passions and improved yourself in Freemasonry?

Have you in your heart conceived the beauties of Freemasonry, then beheld them in light, and made them the law of your temple's construction.

Have you seen the spade, the coffin, the grave, and the acacia, and taken to mind and heart the great lessons of mortal and immortal life?

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE FARNFIELD LODGE, No. 2290.

A VERY interesting event to members of the Craft in the Eastern district of Liverpool took place on the 8th inst., when the Farnfield Lodge was duly opened in regular form. This Lodge owes its origin to the desire of many Masons in the neighbourhood of Elm Park and district to have an abode of their own, as they have been inconveniently situated as regards the suburban Lodges and those in the centre of the city. Some months ago a movement was set on foot to provide accommodation for these brethren, and Bro. Thomas Vernon S.D. 292 was very successful in the initial proceedings. Most suitable premises have been secured in Fairfield-street, and altered to suit the requirements of the Lodge, have been tastefully fitted up by the members, assisted by the contributions of individual brethren, viz., pedestals, a fine set, by Bro. H. Neale; columns, in solid brass, Bro. T. Saxon; working tools, Bro. T. Bush (who also provided the piano and organ for the ceremony); W.M.'s chair, Bro. Dr. Clarke; S.W.'s chair, Bro. A. Wright; J.W.'s chair, R. W. Parkinson; volume of the Sacred Law and Masonic emblems, by Bro. R. G. Bradley, and donations of various kinds were made by Bros. J. Tarbuck, L. Bramwell, T. Mawdsley, F. G. Hassell, &c. The preliminary and legal steps having been taken, the Lodge was consecrated by the Provincial Grand Secretary, assisted by Provincial Grand Lodge Officers Past and Present, after which the W.M. designate, Bro. Dr. T. Clark, was installed, and the following Officers appointed and invested:—Bros. R. G. Bradley acting I.P.M., Thomas Vernon S.W., Joseph Hunter J.W., W. R. Parkinson Treasurer, F. G. Hassell Secretary, John Humphreys P.M. 724 D.C., H. F. Neale S.D., James Tarbuck J.D., W. Hudson Organist, W. J. Barrett I.G., Bush and Wright Stewards. The brethren afterwards dined together on their own premises, being well catered for by Bro. T. Bush, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE No. 214.

THE members held their installation meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on Thursday, 24th January, when there were present:—Bros. H. Gamble Hobson W.M., Goode S.W., Morant J.W., Cooper P.G.D., Colonel Burgess, Brown, Wallis, Imbert-Terry, Quennell, and Gage Past Masters, Bros. Rev. W. Quennell, Landon, Wallis, R. W. Quennell, Sargent, Wallis, Savill, and Ramsey; Visitors—Bros. Rolling Prov. G. Secretary, Turnbull, Corbett, Clive, Christie, Rose, Dodd, Turner, Lewis, Cowell, Cook, Lyon, Hughes, Humphries, &c. Bro. Hobson very ably installed Bro. Goode, the W.M. elect, into the chair for the ensuing year, who then appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Morant S.W., Wallis J.W., Rev. W. Quennell Chaplain, Cooper Treas., Landon Sec., R. W. Quennell S.D., Sargent J.D., Brown D.C. and Organist, Mills I.G., and Mallett Tyler. The W.M., in eloquent terms, presented Bro. Hobson with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his services during the past year. Bro. Imbert-Terry was elected the representative on the Charity Committee. All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Mason, and a selection of high-class music was performed under the able direction of the accomplished organist.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

BROTHER W. ECKERSALL was installed W.M. of this old and famous Lodge on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The members present at the meeting were:—Bros. Gorrie W.M., Eckersall S.W. W.M. elect, Lynn J.W., F. C. Woolmer S.D., J. Owen J.D., J. F. Jones I.G., S. A. Hardiman, W. R. Smith, R. E. M. Lagerwall, P. H. Garner, Hinks Treasurer, J. Nixon P.M. Secretary, J. Wright P.M., Marfleet P.M., Hinks P.M., Cattermole, Ayris, Say, Fitch, Handcock, Itter, Tennant, Berry, Lyle, Edwards, Finch, Joslin, and Pickersgill. The visitors included Bros. D. Rose P.M. 1622 73, T. Grammant P.M. 1559 P.Z. 1275, J. W. Thomas P.M. 1641 P.P.G. Standard Bearer Staffs., C. H. Stone 1641, Charlie Woods 1869 Assistant Sojourner 1275, W. Towers W.M. 15, E. Anderson P.M. 715 49, John Clayton P.M. Treasurer 89 P.P.G.S.D. P. Prov. Grand J. Cheshire, John Marland W.M. 830, Wm. Breston S.W. 830, J. J. Richardson 898, J. Milbourne P.M. 13, R. Elgar Secretary 1329, Major Stephens P.M. 1579 754, W. Royal 1178, H. Lans S.D. 820, T. J. Cuthbert J.W. 1815 and F. M. Noakes I.G. 2148. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Taylor P.M., who usually installs here, the work of Installing Master was performed by Bros. Marfleet P.M. and Hinks P.M. The Officers invested were:—Bros. H. Lyon S.W., F. C. Woolmer J.W., T. Hinks Treasurer, J. Nixon P.M. Secretary, J. Owen S.D., J. F. Jones J.D., S. A Hardiman I.G., W. R. Smith D.C., R. Lagerwall W.S., Garner A.W.S., and Gorrie I.P.M. The Tyler was then re-elected, after which Messrs. Say, Ayris, Handcock, and Fitch, who had been previously balloted for, were impressively initiated by the new W.M. The indefatigable Secretary reported that over £100 had been paid to the Charities through the medium of a Charitable Association that had now closed, and announced the formation of another such association. A petition on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, who was formerly a member of the Lodge, was prepared, to be forwarded to the Board of Benevolence. The Lodge being adjourned, the brethren met together and enjoyed a capital banquet, after which the W.M., Bro. Eckersall, proposed the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty had reigned so long, and her virtues were so great, that it was unnecessary for him to expatiate upon them. The W.M. then proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. The Prince was a good Mason, and discharged his duties well. He had set a good example, as well as shown his appreciation of Masonry by having his eldest son initiated. In this the W.M. claimed kindred with him, for although he had not had the pleasure of initiating his son, as he had hoped, he was pleased to say that he had received a letter from him, saying that he was already Secretary of his Lodge, in the East Indies. In proposing the M.W. Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers the W.M. eulogised the services they had performed for the Order. Bro. Gorrie I.P.M. proposed the W.M., who, he said, had followed him very closely, having always had his eye upon him. His many good qualities, and the result of this meeting augured well for the Lodge. In thanking the brethren Bro. Eckersall W.M. said he felt this one of the proudest moments of his life. He had much to be thankful for, and was not only pleased and gratified, but almost overwhelmed by their kindness. The prospects at present were very brilliant, and he would try not only always to be present, but to be punctual, and to perform his duties satisfactorily. In proposing the Initiates the W.M. said that in the case of two of them history had repeated itself. Over 25 years ago he had met them as Master in relation to Apprentice, and now they were in the same position in Masonry. If they made as good Masons as they had made fathers and citizens they would bring great honour upon the Lodge. The other two were not so well known to him, but one was a Yorkshireman and the other a Somersetshire man, and they were highly recommended as having the virtues a man should possess. In replying for the Initiates, Bro. Say said he was extremely gratified at his reception. He was especially thankful to be in the Lodge with his old friend the W.M. He had never known him to do anything that was not on the square. The W.M. proposed the Installing Masters. They were all sorry that Bro. Taylor P.M. could not be present, but it looked well for the Lodge that they had two brethren who could step in and perform the duties at a moment's notice. Bro. Marfleet P.M. reviewed his connection with the Lodge. He was the second oldest P.M. There were not many Lodges that used the "Stability" working in London now. He trusted their explanation of the working tools would never be superseded. Bro. Hinks P.M. also responded. The W.M. proposed the Visitors. It was not often they had such an array of Visitors whose names were so well known, and who were, in fact, almost cosmopolitan in their influence. He spoke highly of the work done by each of them. Bro. Clayton P.M. 89 P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire said he was glad to be present. Bro. Eckersall and he had been boys together, he had known nothing but good of him. He was glad to find him as well respected in London as he had been in the North of England. His province of Cheshire was presided over by a good P.G.M., viz., Bro. Lord Egerton, of Tatton, whom they loved, and he trusted that all Masons would deserve as great praise. Bro. J. W. Thomas P.M. 1641 P.P.G. Standard Bearer Staffordshire said this was the first opportunity he had had of accepting their hospitality. Many of his personal friends were members of the Lodge, and they always spoke highly of its peculiar working. He was greatly pleased with all he had seen, and it was particularly gratifying to hear of the work done for the Charities. Bro. Anderson, Secretary Stability Lodge of Instruction, gave a very lucid account of the history of that, the oldest Lodge of Instruction in London. He strongly impressed upon his hearers the necessity of preserving their peculiar traditions. Bro. Milbourne P.M. 13 thanked the last speaker for his useful information, and also expressed his pleasure at being present. The W.M. proposed the Past Masters. In the midst of some very praiseworthy remarks he invested Bro. Gorrie I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the Lodge. Bros. Gorrie, Addington, Nixon, Wright, and Marfleet replied. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. He said they could not have better. Bro. H. Lynn S.W. said this was the first time he had replied to this toast, and so he was not in a position to make an elaborate speech. He was proud to say that he had acted as I.G. when the W.M. was admitted into Masonry. He had not been always able to attend the meetings, as his public and private associations had frequently kept him away, especially during the past year. Previous to November he had been very busy, and so could not be in the Lodge, but by the help of some of his friends he had been able to bring the scheme to fruition, and he hoped during the coming year to be regular, and if he received their confidence and was elected W.M. next year, to receive their praise at the end of the time. Bros. Woolmer J.W., Hinks Treasurer, and Nixon P.M. Sec. also responded. The Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. The toasts had been interspersed with capital songs from Bros. Owen S.D., Lagerwall, and Royal, and some good recitations were delivered by Mr. Churcher.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE installation of Bro. W. A. Hill W.M. elect took place at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Monday, the 4th instant. There was a full attendance of members, and among the Visitors present were:—Bros. Tomkins 1011 1244, Lane 1402 2076, Prust 1402, West 1402, Snell 1402, Scival 248, Janes S.W. 248, Light S.W. 1358, Wills S.W. 1402, Hersey D.C. 1402, Crossman S.D. 1402, Beer 1402, Perrett W.M. 1358, Atkins P.M. 27, Rev. B. F. Elrington P.M., Veale P.M. 1247, Crocker 1099, Callingham 175, McKellar J.W. 1402, Searle P.M. 710. The installation ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Grant, and the W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Mugford I.P.M., Renwick S.W., Beckett J.W., Rivers Chaplain, Harland Treasurer, W. Taylor Secretary, Learley S.D., J. Taylor J.D., Clarke D.C., Beer I.G., Brookes Organist, Blackler and Gorwin Stewards, Burt Tyler. Bro. Taylor was elected Representative on Committee of Petitions. The annual banquet was held in the evening at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Hill. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given and responded to, the speeches being interspersed with some excellent music.

HUMPHREY CHETHAM LODGE, No. 645.

THE installation of Bro. Max Weigenthaler took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Present—Bros. F. R.

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Lange W.M., Max Weigenthaler S.W., Arthur Middleton P.M. acting J.W., Carl Götz P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, J. E. Lees P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, T. Griffith S.D., J. H. Arnold J.D., W. Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. H. Sillitoe P.M. Past Grand Sword Bearer, J. Sly Tyler, J. J. Craig P.M., Jno. Crowther P.M., A. H. Jefferis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., S. Kelly P.M.; Ryder, Loose, Hovenessian, Goldstein, Mills, Reddaney, Sparrow and Adams. Visitors—Bros. Joseph Wildgoose P.M. 163 P.P.G.D., Frank A. Huet P.M. 1009 1170 P.P.G.P. Staffordshire, Wm. Jaffrey P.M. 152 P.P.G.D., E. W. Irving P.M. 1170 P.G. Steward, R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.G. Steward, W. Brooks S.W. 1609, Robert Leech P.M 1055 1219, Conway S.W. 152, S. Locke S.W. 1387, Chadfield Treasurer 1387, H. Martyne 1387, James Wilson P.M. 317, J. Hothersall 1161, Nathan Heywood 44, T. Turpin and Farnsworth 1387. Lodge was opened at 4·45 and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was reported on by the Secretary and adopted. After the Lodge had been opened in the second degree Bro. J. H. Sillitoe took the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. Max Weigenthaler into the chair of K.S. Bro. J. C. Lees presented the W.M. elect to Bro. Sillitoe, who installed him with his usual care and correctness. Bro. Williams P.M. proclaimed the fact of Bro. Max Weigenthaler's installation being *un fait accompli* to the M.M.'s, F.C.'s and E.A.'s on their admission to the Lodge, and presented the working tools in the three degrees. The newly-installed Worshipful Master next invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Barron S.W., T. Griffith J.D., Carl Götz P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, J. E. Lees P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, J. H. Arnold S.D., Adams J.D., W. Williams P.M. D.C., A. H. Jefferis P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Loose I.G., Ryder Steward, and J. Sly Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. A. H. Jefferis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and to the Wardens and Brethren by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe P.M. Past Grand Sword Bearer. Prior to the Lodge closing the I.P.M., Bro. F. R. Lange was presented by Bro. Carl Götz P.M. P.P.G.J.W., in the name of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services as W.M. Bro. Lange returned thanks for the jewel. The W.M. appended his signature to a goodly list of P.M.'s in an elaborately illuminated book kept for the purpose, the first pages being filled with the names of the founders and other particulars connected with the consecration. The book is a work of art, and is naturally taken great care of and highly prized. Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from several well-known brethren, including Bro. C. F. Matier, who sent hearty good wishes to all the brethren. A letter was also read by the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Lees, from Bro. Barron S.W., who had met with a severe accident, and consequently was incapacitated from attending the meeting, very much to his disappointment. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a splendid banquet, which was much enjoyed. Bro. Phillips again proving himself a *tour de force* as a caterer. The usual toast list was gone through, Bro. F. R. Lange I.P.M proposing the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. The toast was well received, Bro. Weigenthaler being a most popular and genial brother, and much liked. The W.M. returned his sincere thanks for the compliment. Bro. Carl Götz P.M. P.P.G.J.W. proposed the health of Bro. F. R. Lange I.P.M., and in the course of his remarks spoke very highly of the painstaking care he had evinced during his Mastership over everything he had undertaken. It had been to him (Bro. Götz) a great pleasure to see how particular and anxious Bro. Lange had been to perform every duty allotted to him with correctness. Bro. Götz went on to say he had learned to love and respect the I.P.M., when he had noticed from time to time how anxious he was to give satisfaction to the brethren of his Lodge. Bro. Lange would now make the third foreigner who had filled the chair in succession, and, although it might be thought the German element preponderated in the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, yet they all met to agree, and did agree remarkably well. Freemasonry simply looked upon all its members, of whatever nationality they might be, as brethren, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to all, from pole to pole. He himself had spent many happy hours in the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, and he thought the English Freemasons would admit that their German brethren were not such bad fellows. In conclusion, he asked all present to rise and heartily drink Bro. Lange's good health. Bro. Götz's invitation was speedily responded to, after which Bro. Lange replied in appropriate terms. The Visiting Brethren was proposed in due course, and responded to by Bro. Nathan Heywood, who, after thanking the members for their kind reception of the toast, and for the hospitality he had received, referred in feeling terms to the great interest his late father, Bro. Charles Heywood P.P.G.J.W., had always taken in the welfare of his Lodge, and how anxious he always was that everything should be done thoroughly and well. Other toasts, including the Installing Master and Past Masters, the Officers, &c., were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THERE was a large gathering at this old Lodge on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., when Bro. W. R. Prooks was installed in the chair of K.S. Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Jolliffe W.M., there being present, among others:—Bros. Brooks, Savidge, Povey, Collings, Corbett, Whiting, Coulcher, Cook, Pain, Whiting, Macgregor, Aldridge, Sturmfels, White, Hopper, Goss, and the Rev. J. Rose. Visitors:—Bros. Newman 1220, Harper 72, Main 1804, Logan Treas. 1804, Berry 554, Anderson 49 and 715, Joy 715, Tucker 209, Kempton 1287, Sharpe 862, Tannahill 171, Trundell 2108, Friend 1289, Scott 933 1698, Fitzgerald 2108, Booth 1804, Hunt 222, Cousens 229, Goodwin 1768, Bell 1613, Snowler 1490, Consens 4, and Hemming 1287. The installation was conducted by Bro. H. Povey. The W.M. then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Savidge S.W., Charles J.W., Povey Treasurer, Collings Sec., Harrington Baily S.D., Lowthwaite J.D., Sturmfels I.G., Kuill Organist, Corbett D.C., Cook and Sworn Stewards, Turbefield Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured, and the brethren entertained with a capital programme of music and song by Miss Annie Dwellie, Miss Nellie Levey, Bros. Bevan, Hanson, and Dalzell.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

ON Friday, the 8th inst., this Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at Goole, Bro. R. Dawson presiding. Bro. W. Watson W.M. of the Prudence Lodge, delivered an interesting lecture on the "History of Freemasonry." The lecture was illustrated by a large number of interesting Masonic relics, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Watson, the W.M. expressing, on behalf of the brethren, the obligation the Craft was under for the valuable service he was rendering as Hon. Librarian for West Yorkshire.

ST. EDWARD'S LODGE, No. 966.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., the members celebrated the Festival of St. John, the event being made special by the presence of Bro. Colonel Foster Gough D.P.G.M. Meeting at 2.45, at the Mechanics' Institute, Leek, the installation of Bro. W. Burton was proceeded with by Bro. W. E. Challinor, assisted by Bro. W. Allen, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers for 1889, as follow:—Bros. Challinor I.P.M., Flanagan S.W., Phillips J.W., Rev. C. C. Ward Chaplain, Milner Treasurer, Gailey S.D., Clemesha J.D., Allen D.C., Gibson Inner Guard, Feedham Steward, Gaunt Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and partook of a splendid banquet, prepared and served in Bro. Swift's best style. In toasting the Masonic Charities, Bro. Allen mentioned that the total sum subscribed during the year was £21,855 more than the previous year, the Girls having received £19,259, the Boys £12,293, and Aged Freemasons and Widows £21,361, making a grand total of £82,913. The increase in the subscriptions had been steady since the year 1881, when they amounted to £43,000. At the end of 1887 they were £61,000, and all the Institutions were now enlarging their borders. From the fund administered by the Board of Benevolence grants had been made in 1888, to indigent Freemasons in England and different parts of the world, to the amount of £11,468. This fund during the last ten years amounted to more than £105,000. The after proceedings included the usual Loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly responded to in a series of appropriate speeches. A number of capital songs, interspersed, diversified a very pleasant evening.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

THE installation meeting took place at the Bridge House Hotel, on the 9th inst., when a large number of brethren and visitors were in attendance. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Hamilton P.M., and the revised bye-laws were approved. The W.M. (Bro. Carl von Bibra) then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro R. W. Edgcley, who invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Von Bibra I.P.M., Perry S.W., Down J.W., Cull Treasurer, Limebeer Secretary, Beret S.D., Richards J.D., Beard I.G., Whitehead D.C., Wynne Steward, and Harrison Tyler. The Visitors included Past Masters Sids 511, Powell 457, Wise 1158, Lurham 1539, Whitehead 1425, Evans 1922, Chapman 1922, Pawsey 1539, Brindley 1604; Bros. Talbot 65, Chambers 834, Morris 902, Cooper 1475, Bromhead 1662, Weston 1929, Rideal 869, and Dutton 1706. The addresses were delivered in a very impressive manner by Bro. W. H. Baker P.M. A banquet was afterwards held, at which the new Master presided. He proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, each of which received due recognition. In submitting the toast of the Past Masters he paid a high compliment to Bro. W. H. Baker for the ability he had displayed in the rendering of the addresses. He also spoke highly of the Treasurer and Secretary for the way in which their duties were performed. A selection of music was given by Bros. Dutton, Weston, Evans and Chapman. Bro. Arthur Weston was specially successful in Matten's delightful song, "Dear Heart," while in Balfe's duet, "Excelsior," he was assisted by Bro. Chapman. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting of the Lodge, which will be held the second Saturday in April.

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1512.

ON the eve of Thursday, the 7th inst., the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was duly observed by the members of the above Lodge, who, at the Masonic Hall, Eastgate, Barnsley, had their annual installation of Officers and banquet. The banquet was an excellent one, the desire of the members in the matter being, perhaps, shown in the Shakespearean quotations which adorned the menu cards—"Come and let us banquet royally," and "Be merry, for our time of stay is short." A list of eleven Loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were gone through after dinner, and the speakers were advised, "Say as you think, and speak it from your souls," and, still more cogently, "Brevity is the soul of wit." The W.M., Bro. B. Smith, presided, and the other Officers invested were:—Bros. Seward I.P.M., Senior S.W., Frankland J.W., Rev. W. Coombe, M.A., Chaplain, Embleton Treasurer, Ingall Secretary, Lingard S.D., Fountain J.D., Fincken D.C., Hutchinson Organist, Smith I.G., Browne, Braithwaite, Coles, and Squire Stewards, and Massie Almoner.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Thursday night, the 7th instant, the first ball which has ever been held under the auspices of the Eboracum Lodge took place, and the gathering was of such a thoroughly pleasurable character that it will be generally hoped it may mark the inauguration of a new institution in connection with the Lodge. The arrangements had been carried out by a committee appointed for the purpose, and throughout the proceedings were unmarred by any untoward hitch. The ball took place at the De Grey Rooms, the

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principal hall of which had been rendered very picturesque for the occasion. The light shed by the gas jets was supplemented by strings of Chinese lanterns, which lent a fantastic element to the scene. At the upper end of the room the title of the Lodge was prominently inscribed, and below there was an effective decorative design in the shape of a star formed of Masonic swords of various Orders. The banners of the Craft also proved effective material in the work of embellishment, and flowers and foliage, tastefully disposed, completed the general good effect. The staircase by which the ball room is approached was adorned with plants and flowers, among which the bannerettes of the Royal Arch Order were arranged at regular intervals. The necessary furniture was supplied by Messrs. Wilkinson, Brown and Agar, and the same firm also provided draperies for the ball room. The guests numbered about 130. All the gentlemen were associated with the Masonic Order, and by dispensation of Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Zetland they wore Masonic regalia, the Craft, Royal Arch, Rose Croix, and Knight Templars' Orders giving an appearance of great vivacity to the scene. Bros. Brown and Dyson P.M.'s, J. Smith and F. W. Halliwell officiated as M.C.'s. The supper was provided by Bro. F. W. Halliwell, and the plants and flowers were supplied by Mr. Key, florist, Bootham. The band engaged was that of Messrs. Hunter and Toss.

HANDYSIDE LODGE, No. 1618.

THE annual meeting took place at Saltburn, on Monday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Isaac Robinson was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon. Bro. J. W. Watson impressively performed the ceremony of installation. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. Bowman S.W., Colledge J.W., R. Taylor Secretary, G. Taylor Treasurer, Adamson D.C., Thompson S.D., Hopper J.D., Maddison I.G., Wills S.S., R. I'Anson Organist, Deighton Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, on Tuesday. The Lodge was opened by Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., the Worshipful Master, who was supported by his Officers and a brilliant array of present and past Grand Officers, as well as many other distinguished Masons. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., the new Worshipful Master being Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., &c. After receiving the salutations of the Lodge, Admiral Inglefield appointed the following as his Officers, and they were regularly invested with the collars and badges of their respective stations:—Bro. Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs S.W., James Fernandes J.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Chaplain, J. S. Fleming Treasurer, A. M. Broadley P.M. P.D.D.G.M. Malta Secretary, S. B. Bancroft S.D., Harry Nicholls J.D., Thomas Catling I.G., G. F. Bashford D. of C., Oscar Barrett and C. J. Phipps Stewards, Alfred Caldicott, Musical Bachelor, Organist, and R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Sir John Gorst; the new W.M., in handing it to him, expressing the pleasure he felt that one of his earliest duties should be to hand so well-earned a reward to a brother who had conscientiously and faithfully discharged his duties, even at great personal inconvenience and in the midst of other pressing engagements. Lodge was then closed, and the company repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where the annual installation banquet was held. Among those present were:—Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, Lord Alcester, Major J. D. Goldie Taubman Prov. G.M. Isle of Man, Earl of Euston Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, Lord Claude Hamilton, H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, A. Barfield G. Treas., R. Eve P.G. Treas., Dr. E. E. Wendt G. Sec. Ger. Corres., Sir C. H. Gregory P.G.D., J. M. Case P.G.D., Montague P.G.D., R. Gooding P.G.D., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, the Lord Mayor, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Earl of Onslow P.G.W., Lord Henry Thynne P.G.W., Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Sir R. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W., Rev. J. A. Lloyd G. Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G. Chaplain, F. A. Philbrick G. Reg., T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Col. Clerke G. Secretary, R. Grey President Board of Benevolence, C. A. Murton P.G.D., P. de L. Long P.G.D., John Aird, M.P., Edmund Yates, Sir Oscar Clayton, R. Berridge J.G.D., Col. R. W. Edis G. Supt. Works, Col. J. Davis D.G.D.C., W. E. Stewart P.A.G.D.C., W. Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearer, F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, F. R. W. Hedges P.G. Sword Bearer, M. C. Peck G. Standard Bearer, E. Letchworth P.G.D., G. Cooper P.G.D., F. West P.G.D., G. Ford P.G.D., C. Driver P.G.Supt.Wks., Brackstone Baker P.G.D., E. Ashworth S.G.D., W. H. 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At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master proceeded with the toasts, the first of which he gave as Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, Mistress of the Seas, coupled with the Masonic Craft. This having been honoured, and a verse of the National Anthem having been played by the band of the First Life Guards, the Master gave the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. This was a name, he said, always well received among Englishmen; they, as English Masons, ought to receive it with especial favour, not only because the Prince was at their head, but because in his every action of daily life he seemed to be occupied in performing those acts of Brotherly Love and kindliness which were inseparably connected with Freemasonry. The toast of the Grand Officers followed, and to this Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hertfordshire, was the first to respond. He tendered the hearty thanks of the Grand Officers for the reception that had been accorded them. The example of brevity set by the Worshipful Master had relieved him of great responsibility, and he therefore felt that in expressing his satisfaction at what had been done, and giving utterance to the hope that on some future occasion he might have the opportunity of again thanking them, he was saying as much as his brother Grand Officers desired. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., followed, proposing the toast of the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, P.G.W., &c. He had no doubt why the toast had been put in its present position on the list, or why it was then proposed. The Earl of Onslow was about to leave the country and assume the Governorship of a far distant part of Her Majesty's dominions. He had no hesitation in saying, that while he did not question the expediency of the selection, he did not wholly regard the choice of the Earl of Onslow as an unmixed pleasure. No doubt it was a good thing for the New Zealanders, but it was a loss to Londoners; it was a loss to England, and he might say it was a loss to civilization, whose leading spirits would lose from their midst one of the brightest ornaments of the day, who for the time being was to be transferred to New Zealand. He did not intend to make even a brief sketch of the past career of the Earl of Onslow; his life and doings had been recorded by a writer who some regarded as the greatest historian of the day, and was recorded in what might equally be termed the greatest history of modern times—in other words their Bro. Broadley, the Secretary of the Drury Lane Lodge, had given a most interesting sketch of Lord Onslow in the pages of the *World* newspaper. He could not, however, miss the opportunity of wishing his friend a pleasant journey, a splendid term in New Zealand, and a hearty welcome home when he returned to them, wishes which he felt would be re-echoed by all present. The toast having met a hearty reception, the Earl of Onslow replied. He was afraid he must confess that the frequency with which he had had to return thanks during the past few days to the inglorious toast they had just honoured made it very difficult for him not to repeat himself. He was going to a climate far different to what had been experienced in London the last few days—to a place where, if you wanted snow you had to go to it, it would never come to you, and he hoped he should fulfil there the anticipations of his friends. The fact that they had been good enough to appreciate him in the past was, he considered, a good augury for the future. He might say he had spent some very happy evenings in England, and among the happiest were evenings he had spent at Drury Lane Theatre, but the most enjoyable of all his experiences there had been gained that night as a visitor to the Drury Lane Lodge. He should leave the country with recollections of the kindly feelings and hearty congratulations which had been showered upon him during the last few days of his residence in it, which recollections would be some compensation for the temporary loss of the many old friends he should leave behind him, and he should also have the consolation of hoping there was a hearty welcome awaiting him whenever he might have the opportunity of returning to the shores of Old England. Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. next rose. By the favour of the Worshipful Master it was his privilege to propose the toast of his health, and to wish him, in the name of the Lodge, a most prosperous and enjoyable year of office. Freemasonry, he said, was wide, and included in its midst men of all classes and conditions. They had ample proof of this in the Drury Lane Lodge, where they found men who had made a name for themselves in widely different spheres of action working on equal terms with others less distinguished, but who met them as Brother Masons, and accepting at their hands the highest honours it was in the power of the Craft to bestow. Speaking in a Lodge so successful and so distinguished as theirs, in submitting the toast of the newly installed Master, it was necessary

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to remember that the chair to which he had succeeded that night had previously been filled by Lord Londesborough, Augustus Harris and Sir John Gorst. The accession of their present Master might be regarded as the completion of a square that was really inassailable. A Masonic Lodge had rarely, if ever, had four such men to preside over its destinies during the earliest years of its existence, men who had made their fame in such widely different spheres as was the case with the four of whom he was speaking. Reverting to the subject of the toast, Bro. Parkinson referred to the career of Admiral Inglefield, whose name, he said, was indelibly engraved on the memory of his country. His services in the naval service had been such as to keep him somewhat behind in the way of Masonic preferment, but he hoped now that he had attained the chair of the Drury Lane Lodge he would long enjoy the pleasures of the appointment. In reply, the Worshipful Master said he most heartily and most sincerely thanked those present for the honour they had conferred on him in responding so heartily to the toast. He felt they were paying a compliment to the Lodge rather than to him personally. He felt he was sorely deficient in a knowledge of his duties, and all he could hope to earn was the meed of praise which is awarded to the man who does his best. If he could only follow, in a very small degree, in the footsteps of his predecessors he should be most delighted. He had occasionally met a ship with good officers but a poor captain—still he had won renown. He had also met a ship with a good captain commanding a bad set of officers—and that ship had become the black ship of the squadron. All did not, therefore, depend on the man at the head, and as he was in the fortunate position of the former illustration, he hoped he should be able to steer the Drury Lane Lodge safely through the coming year. Bro. Broadley proposed the toast of the Visitors. There was never a more representative Masonic company than were gathered together that evening at the festive board of the Drury Lane Lodge. Foremost amongst them was Lord George Hamilton First Lord of the Admiralty, son of one of the most distinguished Masons the world had ever seen, and brother to the present Grand Master of Ireland, who was so worthily fulfilling the duties of that important office in succession to their father. Their guest had had a somewhat varied experience in Freemasonry, having been initiated in a Lodge in the North of Ireland, but had finally come to an anchor in the ancient town of Chiswick, where he was now ruling over the destinies of a Masonic Lodge. The Lord Mayor of London was another of their distinguished guests that evening, as also was Lord Alcester, who, he might say, was initiated in the United Lodge some time back by the respected Chaplain of the Drury Lane Lodge, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn. Lord George Hamilton thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him, as one of the visitors, in coupling his name with the toast. It was an especial pleasure to him to learn that the brother who had been selected to fill the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge was a distinguished naval officer, and an ornament of that service with which he had the present honour of being associated. He was very pleased to be one of so distinguished an array of visitors. Among them, he understood, was a brother who could also boast the name of George, but whose surname began with that letter of the alphabet which preceded the initial of his own, and concerning whom he might say, that if he was able to give to the nation as much satisfaction as First Lord of the Admiralty as that brother (George Grossmith) had given in the part he had played as "Ruler of the Queen's Navie" he should be more than gratified. He could well remember the somewhat rude Lodge in which he had been made a Mason, and it compared somewhat unfavourably with the comfort and grandeur of their present surroundings, but yet there was the same hearty feeling of brotherhood in each, and the same sentiments actuated the members of that Lodge as were to be found in the great and rich Lodge in which they were then assembled in the great metropolis of the world. If the evening had been an especially pleasant one it was because the Lodge had brought to a high state of perfection the art of hospitality. He could assure them that so far as he was concerned they had made a lasting impression by the true Masonic spirit that had been displayed towards the visitors that evening. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor followed. It must always be a source of difficulty for a Lord Mayor of London to follow a speaker so distinguished, and distinguished in administrative capacity as Lord George Hamilton. He hardly knew why he was there that night, much less why he should be asked to respond to this toast after they had had the pleasure of listening to the First Lord of the Admiralty. He knew that his predecessors in the office he then so unworthily filled had attended the meetings of the Drury Lane Lodge, and he hoped that in some degree an affinity might spring up between it and the Lord Mayors of London, for among them there was much in common. Both the Masonic body and the Corporation of which the Lord Mayor was the head were always desirous of assisting brethren in distress. He know that the Lord Mayor had a very important office to fill, and he was aware that his influence—or rather the influence of his position—was very considerable; he had accordingly striven, during the short period he had had the honour of filling the office, to uphold it to the best of his ability. As an instance, he referred to a meeting which had taken place at the Mansion House, when a lecture was delivered by Lord Brassey, and when, out of purely patriotic motives, he had felt it his duty to take the chair. On that occasion not only were the most distinguished Admirals and the most distinguished Generals present, but he might say all the most important Bankers and Merchants were represented, so that the resolutions gave the opinions of the leaders of the City of London. In conclusion he might say he fully recognised the honour which had been paid him that night, and at the same time he recognised it as paid to the great Corporation of which he was the outward head, and on whom they might at all times rely to maintain the honour and dignity of the United Kingdom. Lord Alcester and the Rev. Dr. Kynaston having also spoken, Bro. Catling, I.G. of the Lodge and W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, proposed the health of the Past Masters. The very great honour which had been thrust upon him, really without a moment's notice—in the absence of Bro. J. Fernandez, who had had to leave—had found him quite unprepared for the task. He had come into the Lodge when it was under the auspices of its first Master, and had found in Lord Londesborough, the representative of a distinguished line of nobility, a most enthusiastic Mason. He was followed by one who had won a name in a very different sphere—Bro. Augustus Harris, who was known to them in many ways, but principally as foremost among the public caterers who had ruled the destinies of the National Theatre with which their Lodge was so intimately associated. As the successor of Bro. Harris, Sir John Gorst had won for himself the esteem and regard of the members, who, he felt sure, would unite most heartily in drinking to the health of their Past Masters. Bro. Sir John Gorst replied. The Masters of the Drury Lane Lodge had been proverbial for the shortness of their speeches, he would not attempt to upset the tradition. He envied his successor the pleasures that were before him, and felt that the only bitterness in the cup of Mastership was, that, like all earthly pleasures, it passed away. If the Lodge gave its present ruler the same support it had given him he would be able to look back upon his year of office as one of the most pleasurable experiences of his life. Brother Augustus Harris P.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge. He first apologised for that he had not been able to attend the Lodge or to join the brethren at the festive board until the last moment, but he had been kept away by other duties. In his capacity as a County Councillor he had in a sense been changing places with the Lord Mayor, who had, he hoped, been enjoying the work and the good things provided by the Drury Lane Lodge, while he had been busy in the Common Council Chamber of the City of London. His experience of that chamber was, that it was about the dryest he had ever been in, the only thing liquid about it that afternoon being the talk, and that was very liquid, never-ending, he had almost feared, and all about nothing. He did not know how long this was to continue, but he was quite sure that if Masonic business was conducted on the same lines as they had so far experienced in the London County Council the Drury Lane Lodge, for one, would never have been in existence. Nothing could give him greater pleasure at that moment than to propose the health of the Officers of the Lodge. There were few Lodges who could boast such an array. They had the future Lord Mayor of London as S.W., and Masons to follow him who were leaders in their particular sections, and who together formed as representative a body of men as could be found anywhere. Sir Henry Isaacs replied. The Officers were exceedingly proud to work under such a distinguished ruler as the Master of their Lodge. Although he (Bro. Isaacs) was only First Officer at the present time, he possessed a Master's certificate. He hoped he might perform his duties during the year in such a manner as to earn some good marks and not deserve any bad ones, indeed, that at the close he would be deemed worthy of the distinction of the Mastership. Bro. Bancroft also acknowledged the toast, after which the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston proposed that of the Masonic Charities. He referred to the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held on the 27th inst., and at which he will preside, and hoped the Drury Lane Lodge would be represented thereat, if not as successfully as was the case last year at the Festival of the Girls' School—when the Steward of the Lodge took up the largest list, £552—at least with a respectable amount. Bro. Hedges replied. The Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the proceedings terminated. The banquet, which, as will be seen from the list given above, was most numerously attended, was well served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, under the superintendence of Bro. Madell, and reflected credit on the management of the Freemasons' Tavern.

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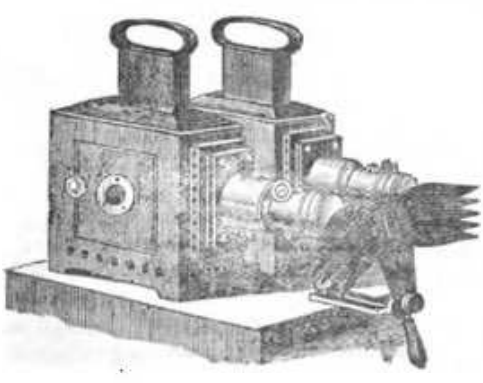
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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Reverting to the first letter I addressed to you on this subject, which appeared in your issue of the 19th ult., and to the counter criticism which appeared in the pages of your contemporary, I must admit that I feel not a little flattered that the "inspired" writer referred to seems to have deemed my remarks worthy of a little more consideration than he has vouchsafed to some of my fellow "silly critics," who, I consider, he has handled in a rather severe and unwarrantable manner. He appears to forget there is such a thing as honest criticism, and regards us all as if we were making attacks upon the Institutions simply for the purpose of injuring their future, and the future of those associated with them. I suppose I must speak only for myself when I say that I am sincere in what I do, and that my object is solely to benefit the Institutions I criticise, or to the concerns of which I desire to direct public attention. My remarks are not attacks, in the strict sense of the term, and I do not see by what line of argument they can be construed into attacks. If public criticism is to be disallowed, I would ask by what means is it possible to secure, or even suggest reform, or to call attention to supposed or actual faults? It is useless to say that any subscriber desiring to make his views public shall attend the quarterly or annual meetings of the Institutions, and then address his remarks to the company assembled. Personally it is not always convenient for me to attend, besides which the company to whom I should have an opportunity of speaking would be so small as to be practically useless, in addition to which I do not care to be boycotted ever after as the one who suggested this or that alteration, for, be it remembered, if there are abuses their removal must affect some one. Reforms are not brought about by such means, and the men who clamour for "open attacks" or "straightforward dealings," as they are pleased to term them, are often secure in the knowledge that when it comes to a question of open discussion, before a select and even "packed" assembly, they can rely on their own bluster and oratorical powers to carry them through. I fear I should make a sorry spectacle were I to attempt to address a meeting and defend my case against some of those who I am sure would oppose it, but is that any reason why I should be refused a hearing, or that my ideas of right and wrong should be silenced? I think not, and I rejoice that the customs of our country afford us, through the medium of the press, a means of addressing our remarks in any desired quarter. I must apologise to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for a word which appeared in my former letter, and which I see by the criticism of your contemporary bears a different meaning to what I intended. I asked if it would not have been possible to secure the sum of £6,000 deficiency on the Festival announcement of 1888 if a "proper" system of collecting had been in vogue. It would have been better if I had said a "different" system. I did not mean to imply that I considered the arrangements of the Girls' Institution deficient in this respect, but suggested, as a solution of the matter under discussion, the advisability of having a regular collector. I am satisfied with the explanation afforded by my "inspired" friend, to the effect that the two Schools have a "collector" in fact, if not in name, and am pleased to learn that "one of the clerks varies his routine of duty in the office by a round of duty as 'Mr. Collector.'" There is one great advantage arising from this system—the Schools do not show an outlay of £639 15s 9d for collector's commission, but on the other hand I may ask is it possible for the clerk or clerks, for matter of that, to perform the work in their spare time as efficiently as a regular collector would do? Emphatically, no! I am certain it would pay the Schools to have a good collector, provided some fair and reasonable remuneration was agreed upon and enforced.

I am sorry my other remarks have not been deemed worthy of argument by my critic. I know the value of the Associations as well as he does, and so far from doing anything to stop them, have and would now do everything in my power to advance them. I suggested the Festival of 1888 should have been allowed to close with the 31st December, as other years' Festivals have been allowed to do, but the self appointed advocate of the Girls' School considers there is no law to compel this (I know there is not), and no reason to enforce it. I will but repeat my previous remarks; as the matter now stands the Girls' School started 1889 with a deficiency on its 1888 Festival return of about £6000, which amount it is said will be made up this year, therefore when the returns of 1889 are before the Craft it will be right to deduct this amount as "received on account of 1888 (Centenary) Festival." What will then be the total for 1889?

I will not continue this discussion further on the present occasion, except to express a hope that the Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Institution, shortly to be held, may prove an unqualified success, despite the criticism that Institution, in company with the others, has lately had directed against it. With your permission, however, I hope, later on, to have an opportunity of expressing my views in regard to what I consider as Masonic matters needing reform.

Yours fraternally,

A SILLY CRITIC.

7th February 1889.

SCOTLAND.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

GRAND Lodge of Scotland met, on the 7th inst., in Edinburgh, Sir Archibald Campbell occupying the throne. There was a very large attendance of the brethren. A Masonic irregularity was among the principal matters of business. It arose out of the recent action of Grand Lodge in expelling a brother for a grave offence—permitting ladies to witness a part of a Funeral Lodge ceremony. An Edinburgh brother, as Secretary of a committee who desired the brother to be reinstated, issued circulars to the various Lodges in Scotland and members of Grand Lodge, requesting them to forward a petition to him for presentation to Grand Committee. The issuing of these circulars, it appeared, was contrary to a ruling of Grand Lodge passed in 1851, and re-affirmed last year. The brother, on being called in question by Grand Committee, refused to retract, and accordingly they recommended to Grand Lodge that he be suspended from Masonic privileges. He, on the 7th instant, appeared and tendered an apology, which was accepted. The Grand Master referred to the Bazaar which is proposed to be held in aid of the Fund of Scottish Benevolence. He suggested that it be delayed till next year, owing to the fact that it would take some time ere colonial and foreign brethren could be communicated with. These brethren, he was sure, were only waiting for an opportunity to contribute to the fund in aid of old Masons, their widows and orphans. The matter was remitted to Grand Committee with powers, and to report to next Quarterly Communication. A letter was submitted from Lord Kintore, resigning the offices which he holds under Grand Lodge of Kincardineshire, in consequence of his appointment to the Governorship of South Australia, and, on the motion of Bro. Crichton, cordial thanks were given Lord Kintore for the good services he had given to the Craft, and heartfelt congratulations on his selection for so distinguished a post under the Crown. Bro. Colonel Henry Lumsden, of Pitcaple, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire West, in room of Lord Saltoun, resigned.

ABERDEEN CITY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A SPECIAL Communication of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Aberdeen, on Thursday, for the purpose, amongst other business, of appointing and installing the elective Office-bearers. Lord Saltoun Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair, and there was a very large attendance of the brethren. The following elective Office-bearers were unanimously appointed for the ensuing year:—

Bros. Adam Pratt	Treasurer
J. T. Campbell	Senior Deacon
Archibald Duff	Junior Deacon
W. Smith	Architect
Robert Yule	Jeweller
Robert Cooper	Director of Music
F. L. S. D. Connon	Organist
John Cooper	Bible Bearer
E. G. Palmer	Director of Ceremonies
A. Callaghan	Sword Bearer
John Mackay	Standard Bearer
W. S. Booth, G. L. Grassick	Stewards
William Bartlett, W. E. Grassick	Marshals
A. M. Munro	Librarian
Alexander Barclay	Auditor
Robert Durward	I.G.
D. Campbell	Tyler

These Officers were duly invested. The elections were conducted in the most harmonious manner, and after other business matters had been disposed of, Lord Saltoun expressed the pleasure he felt as Provincial Grand Master in installing the Officers into their respective offices. It

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afforded him the greatest pleasure to see that the appointments had been made, not from one or two Lodges, but from all the Lodges in the Province, and he felt certain that he would be well supported by the whole of the Office-bearers who had been installed that night, as well as by those who had been installed by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland a short time ago. He trusted that the utmost good fellowship would prevail between him and the various office-bearers and members of the different Lodges in the Province.

GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

THE annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held in the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh, on the 22nd ult., Lord Saltoun presiding. A letter was read from Lord Kintore, resigning his position of Grand Sovereign, in consequence of his appointment to be Governor of South Australia, and Lord Saltoun was unanimously elected in his place. Mr. J. T. S. Elliott, of Wolfelee, was appointed Grand Viceroy in place of Lord Kintore. Grand Councillors were appointed, including—James Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, Grand High Chancellor; Col. J. Todd Stewart Grand High Almoner, Col. Patrick Stirling, of Kippendavie, Grand Marshal, Major S. W. Allan Grand Standard Bearer. The Grand Sovereign appointed the following to be Grand Crossers:—J. T. S. Elliott, of Wolfelee, T. H. Balfour W.S., Col. Stirling, of Kippendavie, Dr. Milne, Allos, and James Melville. Colonel Stirling and Mr. Dalrymple Duncan were appointed Intendants-General of Divisions for Stirlingshire and Lanarkshire respectively. A large deputation attended from the latest established Conclave, Stirling Castle, headed by Rev. Muir Smith Stirling. After the business meeting the Sir Knights held a festival in the Waterloo Hotel. Lord Saltoun presided, and Mr. Elliott was croupier. There was a large attendance, including Mr. Stirling, of Kippendavie, Mr. Martin, of Auchendennan, Mr. Dalrymple Duncan, and Major Allan. The Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, and a bumper to the prosperity of the youngest Conclave, Stirling Castle, to which the Rev. Mr. Smith replied. The Grand Viceroy, in proposing a toast to the Health of the Grand Sovereign, said he had, in addition to other Masonic duties, lately assumed the arduous and unenviable task of restoring order and harmony in the Province of the City of Aberdeen, and for that he was entitled to the gratitude and respect of every true Mason. Lord Saltoun, in replying, thanked the Knights for appointing him to be Grand Sovereign, and said he would use his utmost endeavour to do the work of the office. As to Aberdeen, he said that those who attended his installation in Aberdeen the other day would be satisfied that the restoration of order was already accomplished, and from the promise he had received of the support of influential Masons in that city, he was confident that with a little firmness, and courteous and judicious handling, he would find that the Masons of Aberdeen city would be as good and as loyal supporters of the Grand Lodge as it was possible to find among the whole of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland. The work was most interesting to him, and in Aberdeen he hoped he would some day be able to receive them, and that they should find that Aberdeen was of all Provincial Grand Lodges the most in accord with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Referring to the resignation of Lord Kintore, his Lordship proposed that the Grand Recorder should be instructed to telegraph to Lord Kintore expressing thanks for the kindness and courtesy of one who had been highly popular in all degrees, congratulating his Lordship on his appointment, and hoping that he would enjoy his life abroad, and that they would again have the pleasure to see him on his return home. This was received with acclamation, and a telegram was at once despatched to Lord Kintore. Mr. Elliott, in replying to the toast of his health as Grand Viceroy, said that for some time Scottish Masons had been discouraged by the condition of the foundation of the Order and the state of Grand Lodges, but that now, when it was on a proper footing, he was sure there would be more proper expression of true Masonic benevolence and charity, and that they would regard the Grand Lodge of England, not as an example to be followed, but as a rival to be outstripped. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

The brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 127, have presented to Brother Horace Brooks the younger an elegant silver salver, accompanied with very hearty good wishes and many kind congratulations upon his marriage.

The members of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, intend to invite the Right Worshipful the Mayor, who is a member of that Lodge, to a complimentary banquet, to take place at the Royal Station Hotel, Hull, on Monday, the 18th inst., at which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, has signified his intention of being present.

It will be remembered that the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasons, considering its altered financial position, some months ago resolved to vote a part of its free annual income in annuities. At a meeting of the Annuity Fund Board, recently held in Edinburgh, thirty applications were considered. Three annuitants were, on the motion of the Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, elected—one a very aged brother (84) from Coupar Angus, and the two others from Arbroath.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PHILANTHROPIC CHAPTER, No. 304.

AT the Convocation, held on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, the Principals-elect for the ensuing year were duly installed by Companion C. L. Mason, viz., Comps. William Watson Z., Flockton H., and Joze Rickard J. The following Companions were invested as Officers:—Comps. C. L. Mason Treasurer, Middleton S.E., Brownfoot S.N., Blackburn P.S., Hewson and Butler Assistant Sojs., Barrand Janitor. The Provincial Grand Superintendent (Companion T. W. Tew) and the Provincial Grand S.E. (Companion Henry Smith) were present, and the visitors from the Leeds and other Chapters in the Province attended in considerable numbers. The banquet was afterwards held, and the usual Masonic toasts and songs, with recitations, were given.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The first anniversary of the opening of this Chapter took place on Friday, 8th inst., when its fifty-second member was elected, at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. The members present included Comps. Hilton P.Z. 1275 Preceptor, Moore H. 169 M.E.Z., Hill 1329 H., Murché 1329 J., Stone S.E., Martin S.N., C. H. Stone 1275 P.S., Terry P.Z., Woods Assist. Soj. 1275, and Stringer P.S. elect 169. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stringer personating candidate. Comp. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. proposed, and the H. seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Comps. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Voisey P.Z. Treasurer, and Stone S.E., for their valuable services during the past year. This was carried with acclamation. Comp. Woods proposed, and Comp. Murché seconded, the re-election of these able Officers, which met with the entire approbation of the members. Comps. Martin and Murché 1329 were elected auditors, after which the Convocation adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

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LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting at Cardiff, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. J. Hussey was installed as W.M. The Visitors present were:—Captain Homfray, and Bros. S. Davies and Jones. Lodge was opened by Bro. John Munday W.M., who installed Bro. Hussey into office with all the ancient rites and ceremonies. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Munday I.P.M., Sheridan S.W., Colman J.W., Hooper M.O., Roberts S.O., Frazer J.O., Roberts Regist ar, Marks Treasurer and Secretary, Phillips Assistant Secretary, Gerhold Organist, Taylor S.D., Wood J.D., Evans I.G., Williams Steward. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Park Hotel, where a really admirable dinner was served by Bro. S. P. Hunt. The usual Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed and enthusiastically responded to, the intervals being enlivened by excellent songs and recitations, rendered by Bros. Ferrier, Phillips, Sheridan, White, Martin, Gibbons, Hussey, Hunt, Evans and Hurley. Bro. Davies presided at the piano.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

THE annual meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, to instal Bro. E. Venning as W.M. (by dispensation) for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Bro. F. Crauch, who carried out the work in a very able and impressive manner. The Board of I.M.'s having been closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. Nettle (Mayor of Liskeard) I.P.M., Trehane S.W., Stantan J.W., Venning M.O., Hancock S.O., Foddy J.O., Crouch Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Orchard Chaplain, Sargent Registrar of Marks, Lee S.D., Dingle J.D., Hicks I.G., Adams D.C., Sobey A.D.C., Zimber Organist, Riscorla Steward, and Penwarden Tyler. Previous to the installation, a brother was advanced to the degree. Bro. F. Crouch moved that the best thanks of the Lodge be presented to Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, for his great kindness in attending that day. Bro. Nettle seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. The W.M. in presenting the vote to Sir Charles Sawle, expressed his indebtedness to the P.G.M.M.M. for paying him the compliment by attending at his installation. Sir Charles, in responding, expressed his regret that he was prevented by illness from attending the consecration of the Lodge twelve months since. He congratulated the W.M. on being installed W.M. of the Lodge, and complimented Bro. Crouch on the admirable way in which he carried out the work, and the Officers on their excellent working of the Lodge. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Venning's, London Hotel, where an excellent banquet was admirably served up. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drank. The health of Sir Charles Sawle, given by the W.M., was cordially responded to, and Sir Charles, in reply, expressed his great pleasure at being present. The health of the W.M. was heartily received, the brethren referring to his energy, zeal, and indefatigableness in the cause of Mark Masonry; he thoroughly deserved the honour which had been bestowed on him by the Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent, under the genial chairmanship of the W.M.

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 may result 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.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haymarket.—It was not at all to be wondered at that Shakespeare's delightful comedy "The Merry Wives of Windsor," having caused considerable discussion in the artistic world when lately produced by Mr. Beerbohm Tree at a morning performance, should be regularly initiated into the evening programme. So far as the present generation is dramatically concerned the play may be regarded as a novelty, seeing that it has not been presented for some years, and certainly has never before been seen with such brilliant surroundings. It appears impossible for an actor now-a-days to hit off a conception of any Shakespearian character without evoking some hostile criticism, but Mr. Beerbohm Tree may fairly be congratulated on his rendering of Sir John Falstaff, which character he has evidently carefully studied, and elaborated so as to bring out all its salient points. The rough good nature and deep cunning of the fat knight were well portrayed, and the scenes with Mr. Ford afforded great amusement. Mr. Tree's "make up" was marvellous, while his voice was so disguised that it was only at times the worthy manager could be detected. The two "merry wives" were admirably represented by Mesdames Rose Leclercq and H. Lindley, both of whom entered thoroughly into the humour of the play. Mrs. Tree was the real embodiment of sweet Anne Page, and Mrs. Edmund Phelps made an admirable Mistress Quickly. Mr. F. H. Macklin as the jealous Ford, and Mr. F. Harrison as Page, were both capitally placed. Mr. Brookfield did all that was possible as stupid Master Slender; Mr. F. Mellish was a fairly satisfactory Fenton, while the humour of Dr. Caius, Sir Hugh Evans, and Mine Host of the Garter was restrained within proper bounds by Messrs. Kemble, Righton, and Blythe. The woodland scenery, especially that of the last act, in Windsor Park, was most beautiful, and elicited great applause, while the musical selections, played by an increased orchestra, under the direction of Mr. H. Clark, also deserve special mention. We can cordially recommend all students of Shakespeare to witness this representation.

Gaiety.—A special matinée was inaugurated by Miss Kate Rorke, on Tuesday, for the production of Mr. Sydney Grundy's play, "A Fool's Paradise." The piece has already been produced in America, under the title of "The Mouse Trap," but certainly its new title seems more appropriate. When the play opens we are introduced to Phillip Selwyn, who has married an attractive young lady, after a very short acquaintance. He is supposed to be perfectly happy, but his wife has only married him for his money. He invites to his house Lord Normantower, an old friend, and here we learn that Mrs. Selwyn was engaged to the Earl before she knew her present husband. She now resolves to slowly poison her husband, by arsenic, administered in his medicine, and to fix her guilt on Kate Derwent, a companion, with whom Lord Normantower has fallen in love. The doctor, Sir Peter Lund, a plain spoken old bachelor, has his suspicions, and lays a trap which Mrs. Selwyn readily falls into. When she finds her plans have failed, she takes the final dose of medicine herself, and dies. The acting of Mr. J. S. Wenman as Sir Peter Lund cannot be too highly spoken of, his rendering of the part being admirable. Miss Kate Rorke was also seen to great advantage as Kate Derwent. One scene, where she renounces her lover, through a misunderstanding, fairly brings down the house. Miss Gertrude Kingston, as Mrs. Selwyn, was impressive and realistic, and deserved the applause which she received. Mr. E. W. Gardiner as Lord Normantower, and Mr. H. B. Conway as Philip Selwyn, can certainly be commended for the capital renderings they gave of their respective parts. Miss Mary Collette and Mr. R. Saunders pleasantly disported themselves as a pair of youthful lovers. The play was altogether favourably received. The principals secured a double call after the last act, when the author also responded.

Globe.—The production of the "School for Scandal" being intended merely as a stop gap, pending the return of Mr. Mansfield, whose appearance as Crooked-back Richard is exciting considerable anticipation, does not call for any detailed criticism, especially as the principal personages have appeared in London previously. Miss Kate Vaughan gives a highly refined and coquettish rendering of Lady Teazle, and is ably supported by Mr. James Fernandez, whose Sir Peter, played on the old traditional lines, stood out in bold relief. Mr. W. H. Herbert was an excellent Charles Surface, and Mr. J. T. Sullivan was satisfactory as his hypocritical brother Joseph, while Mr. Lionel Brough was found to be well placed as the kindly jew Moses. Mr. Harkins acted exceedingly well as Sir Oliver, and Mr. J. Barrows deserves special mention for his impersonation of Rowley. Miss Carlotta Leclercq, Miss May Whitby, and Miss Maude White appeared respectively as Mrs. Candour, Lady Sneerwell, and Maria, and Mr. Weedon Grossmith did good service as Backbite. The minuet at the termination of the second act was most gracefully performed and enthusiastically re-demanded. The costumes were remarkably bright and pretty, but unfortunately served to make the shady scenery still more dingy.

A special matinée of a new domestic comedy, entitled "See Saw," by George Capel and J. Bagland Phillips, will take place at Terry's Theatre, on 22nd inst., under the direction of Mr. H. T. Brickwell. The cast will include Miss Hermon and Miss Eleanore Leyshon Messrs E. Smedley Yates, A. G. Andrews, Fred Terry, W. F. Hawtrey W. Hargreaves, and Mr. Julian Cross, who will also be responsible for the stage management.

On account of the great success which attended the production of "The Policeman" at Terry's, it has been determined to repeat the performance on Tuesday afternoon, 5th March, and thus afford an opportunity to the vast number of persons who were unable to obtain admission on the last occasion to now witness Messrs. Helmore and Phillpott's Farcical Rally. The principal characters will be undertaken, as before, by Messrs. Arthur Williams, Forbes Dawson, Compton Coutts, the Misses Gabrielle Goldney, Lilian Millward, &c.

AL FRESCO FAYRE AND FLORAL FETE.—The Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children is in need of £15,000 for re-building the Institution, and to raise that sum a society show, under the direct patronage of the Princess of Wales, the Princess Christian, the Princess Beatrice, the Princess Mary Adelaide, and the Princess Frederica of Hanover, has been planned, on a grand and picturesque scale, for 29th, 30th and 31st May next, at the Royal Albert Hall. The ingenious idea has been hit upon of discarding the usual stage canvas and paint effects, and of building a charming country scene with the material which nature itself supplies—in short, a scenic embodiment of all that is pretty and poetical in rustic nature. For example, there will be veritable corn ricks, moss-covered cottages, a practical windmill, a vinery, a rose-bower, an old caravan filled with toys for the children, &c. On the garden terrace, tableaux of the famous Watteau pictures will be represented, and there will be fruit and flower displays and competitions. Already many distinguished ladies have promised to adopt the simple rustic costumes, which will be a feature of the Al Fresco Fayre and Floral Fête, and so help to raise the much needed funds for re-building. Captain the Hon. F. C. Howard is the secretary, and may be communicated with at the Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.

A concert and entertainment in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic School for Boys will be given in the Craven Lecture Hall, Foubert's Place, 206 Regent Street (opposite Conduit Street), on Friday, the 22nd inst. The following artistes have kindly promised their services:—Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. A. C. Bonham, Miss Lizzie Burrell, Mr. Pascall Taylor, Mr. Lewis, Polytechnic School Choir (Mr. Egerton, Choir Master), Mr. Charles Bertram and Mdlle. Patrice, the celebrated Drawing-room Illusionists, Baby Hettie, aged 9 years (pupil of Mdlle. Patrice), song and dance. Tickets, 2s 6d and 1s, may be obtained of Dr. Corrie Jackson, P.M. 534, 17 Poland Street, W.

A full dress Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the Jersey Lodge, No. 2163, in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held in the Manor Hall, Southall, on Monday 11th inst. There was a strong list of Patrons—headed by the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex; while the arrangements were entrusted to the following Stewards:—Bro. W. C. Hall W.M., Wm. Seward jun. I.P.M. Treasurer Prov. Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex, John Tidmarsh J.W., George Harper Secretary, T. W. Jamieson S.D., E. J. W. Herbert J.D., J. A. Templeman I.G., W. A. Cocks D.C., G. A. Williams S. M.C.'s:—Bros. S. Meech S.W., W. F. Sanger S. The Band was provided by Bro. J. W. Curtis Organist, and an excellent selection of music was made. The refreshments, by Bro. Johnson, could not have been excelled; while the Hall, kindly lent by W. F. Thomas, Esq., C.C., was decorated with flags. Dancing was kept up with spirit and vigour until 4 a.m. A feature of the evening was the attendance of Messrs. Fradelle and Young, mezzotint photographers, of Regent Street, and by them most of the ladies and brethren were "flashed," by aid of the beautiful magnesium light securing a highly artistic and enduring art souvenir of an evening long to be remembered in the annals of the Jersey Lodge. Among those present were:—Bros. W. C. Hall W.M. and Mrs. Hall, William Seward jun. I.P.M. and Treasurer, S. Meech and Mrs. Meech, John Tidmarsh J.W. and Mrs. Tidmarsh, George Harper Secretary and Mrs. Harper, E. J. W. Herbert J.D., W. A. Cocks D.C., W. F. Sanger Steward and Mrs. Sanger, J. W. Curtis Organist and Mrs. Curtis, A. J. Hanson and Miss Hanson, C. Meed and Miss Sanger, C. C. Sanger and Mrs. Sanger, H. C. Hanson and Mrs. Hanson, Purfurst and Mrs. Purfurst, W. Reed and Misses Reed (2), J. Passmore and Mrs. Passmore, Page Wallis, Johnson, Dennis, T. Smith, Miss E. Sinnott, Miss White, Mrs. Drewe, &c.

The proprietors of the *London Journal*, following up the series of successes which has characterised their management from the first, have done well in introducing to their readers a work from the pen of that gifted writer Clementine Montagu, entitled "The Cost of Conquest," which appears in No. 271 of the *London Journal*, to be published on the 19th inst., and is one of the best and brightest of her productions. The plot is original and ingenious, and the secret upon which it is built is well kept, the interest of the reader being excited and held unflaggingly to the end. The characters are well drawn, the incidents dramatic, the dialogue sparkling, and the writing graceful.

J. F. Smith's masterpiece, that marvellous story "Minnigrey," is undoubtedly one of the novels of the age. It has given harmless amusement to countless thousands, and can be read and read again with pleasure, as fresh as on the first perusal. Knowing this, the proprietors of the *London Journal* have wisely determined to submit it to the romance-reading public in volume form, and are now re-issuing it in penny numbers (illustrated by Sir John Gilbert, R.A.), thus placing it within the reach of all. Every lover of good fiction should become a subscriber.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

172—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1360—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
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
23—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.
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, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
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.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
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, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
362—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
434—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)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1460—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
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. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
R.C. 33—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Camden-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—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)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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
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 4 (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, 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. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 198—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
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

218—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
445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
940—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Stanncer, 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
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
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
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
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. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 349—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 168—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

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. (Instructional)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instructional)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardolph-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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
969—Mayhury, 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
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gilengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 616 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)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1873—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1877—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1881—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1903—Cornhill, King's Head, Feuchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Commercial Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2026—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. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Turstle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

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90—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cobhatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
179—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
461—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1306—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1346—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.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1693—Harvey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1986—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 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. 1367—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

Boase 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)
167—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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1279—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1305—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)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Anstin'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, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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. (In.)
1728—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1781—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)
1966—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 807—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 743—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
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
315—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
365—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
845—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
846—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
867—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
882—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
933—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
2107—Ethelbreda, 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, 22nd FEBRUARY.

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).
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)
1294—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, 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
1643—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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
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NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

ON Wednesday the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons will celebrate its Anniversary Festival at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts. In accordance with a time-honoured custom with us—a custom we should be very sorry to see discontinued, or in any way interrupted—we specially address a few words to our readers in reference to the event; not, perhaps, with a view of causing any immediate benefit to the Institution, but with the hope that our remarks may be read, and remembered to such good purpose as to induce some of our readers to one day support the Charity in a manner that will prove that our efforts have not been wholly thrown away. We know that the remarks which have appeared in our pages in years gone by, when we have attempted to arouse a little enthusiasm on behalf of the Institutions, have not been in vain, and why should they be now, simply because, as representatives of the free and unfettered press of the country, we have recently given public utterance to uncomplimentary as well as laudatory remarks in connection with the Charities of Freemasonry? We do not believe in "fair weather friends," neither do we trust the companion who has nothing but praise to offer, with never a word of criticism or friendly warning. We cannot be always right, and if no friendly voice warn us of our faults, we have to face the severe and unkind chastisement of enemies, with results far more disastrous and troublesome than would arise from the outspoken, though perhaps unsavoury, criticism of our well wishers.

We are pleased to find that the prospects for the coming Festival are of an encouraging character. The Board of Stewards is far beyond the total of last year, and there is no reason to fear the average per Steward will be less than usual, so that a grand result may be confidently expected. This is most gratifying, as at the present time the calls on the Charity are of so pressing a nature as to induce us to hope that it will be found possible, at no very distant date, to still further extend the work of the Institution, although it must be remembered that at the present time the expenditure in Annuities alone is upwards of £15,000 per annum. This vast sum is distributed periodically among the 428 Annuitants on the Funds, and the amount of good which results is really impossible of being estimated. Here we have a small army of Aged Brethren, or their Widows, receiving from the bounty of the Craft sufficient to keep them in comfort during the closing years of their lives—indeed in many cases the amounts secured from the Benevolent Institution is the only source of income possessed by the Annuitants, who, without it, would have no alternative but to accept the cold shelter of the poor house, or perhaps die—as many a poor creature does—at our very doors, from lack of the common necessaries of life. It is, then, to prevent such calamities that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution primarily exists, and with such a work before it it should never have to appeal in vain to the Craft for assistance.

We have so often pointed out the particular claims of this Institution that it seems hardly possible to find anything fresh to say in regard to it, and perhaps, after all, the old arguments are the best we can use. It is founded for the express purpose of relieving the distress of old age, of helping the aged Brother or his Widow in the hour of their adversity, and, it may be, of repaying the kindness of years ago, when, under more favourable circumstances, the applicants themselves were able to render assistance to the needy of their day. It is peculiar among the three great Charitable Funds of the English Craft, as being the only one that is interminable, except by death; and as a consequence its liabilities may be said to be unlimited—at least for a considerable period. But, in face of this heavy responsibility it has no adequate reserve fund to fall back upon; in the event of voluntary subscriptions failing or falling short, its income from invested funds and from permanent contributions is less than one-fifth of its present annual expenditure. Is it then to be wondered at that an urgent appeal is annually addressed to the Craft, or that the past supporters of the Institution are deeply concerned as to the success or failure of each succeeding year's Festival?

But it is not only on behalf of the 428 annuitants already on the Funds of the Institution that appeals are necessary. At the present time there are, in addition, 140 Aged Brothers or Widows applying for the benefits of the Institution, all of whom have been approved as worthy of such assistance as the laws allow, but for few of whom it will be possible to provide, unless something unforeseen occurs. It is not necessary that we should say more in regard to the means which can afford relief to these numerous candidates than to point out that the death of present annuitants is the only way by which ordinary vacancies can arise. Surely, much as our readers would like to see a large number of these candidates admitted at the next election, they do not desire to see them relieved at the cost of the lives of present annuitants. There is only one other way open to the Craft—to subscribe such a sum as will warrant the creation of additional annuities, and thereafter subscribe, year by year, sufficient to maintain such annuities.

We wish it were in our power to do all that we desire to make known the wants and the claims of the Benevolent Institution, but, like many more of its true friends, we can only do a very small modicum of what we feel is its due. We have supported it in years gone by, are anxious to benefit it at the present time, and intend to do as much as lies in our power to help it in years to come. With such sentiments

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we have no hesitation in asking our readers to do the same, and if we are fortunate enough to awaken the feelings of even one brother, and induce him to work for the Fund which is intended to relieve the distress and misfortunes which befall those in our ranks in their closing days, we shall be gratified, and shall consider that we have been repaid for the small amount of trouble imposed upon us. But is the picture we have painted so poor a specimen as not to create an impression on all who survey it, and if we have made an impression, who shall say the ultimate effects thereof? We dare not expect too much, but, as we have said before, we know our appeals in the past have not been in vain, and we therefore venture to hope that our present one may be equally successful. It is not too late to add a name to the Board of Stewards for next week's Festival, yet if our friends cannot see their way to do anything at such short notice, then we urge them to look further afield, and make a start for 1890—the list for that year is already open and, unfortunately, there is little prospect of the calls being less then than is now the case. The needs will be as heavy, the claims as urgent; and, above all, the means of rendering help as worthy, as they are at present.

NOT FOUND WANTING.

An Oration, by Bro. William D. Wright, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Colorado, 18th September 1888.

I KNOW not how it may impress others, but for myself, when I first came as a representative to, and found myself occupying a seat in this Grand Lodge of Masons, I felt that it was in itself an honour to be proud of. Even a brief experience in Masonry had taught me that he who worthily fills, or worthily aspires to fill the Worshipful Master's station in a Masonic Lodge, ought to be not only of good moral character, but by the imperative duties of that high station must also be something above the average in intellectual ability. And in addition to Masters and Wardens representing all Lodges in this jurisdiction, were those about me who in this Grand Lodge had attained to the very highest honours which it is in the power of our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity to bestow. And as to the exalted rank and value of these Masonic honours, I recollected and was in sympathy with the favourable manner in which they are compared with high worldly honours in the eloquent language sometimes used in presenting to the Entered Apprentice the white apron or simple badge of a Mason, when the Master, addressing him, says: "It may be that in the coming years upon your brow shall rest the laurel leaves of victory; from your breast may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of an eastern potentate; nay, more than these, with light added to the coming light, your ambitious feet may tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circles, and even the purple of our Fraternity rest upon your honoured shoulders, but never again from mortal hands, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates, shall any honour so distinguished, so emblematical of purity and all perfections be bestowed upon you, as this which I confer to-night.

It is a distinguishing feature of the Institution, that he who would find within the body of Masonry a field for the exercise and gratification of an honourable ambition, can but patiently and faithfully endeavour to prove worthy, and trust himself upon his actual merits to the intelligent discrimination of the Craft. And in view of its high intellectual standards and clean methods, it is not surprising, but only in accordance with the "eternal fitness of things," when we look about us and find that those whom Masonry has deemed worthy of its highest honours, are in very many instances also the recognised leaders in the affairs of the world. Just such men are here with us to-day. The daily papers of this great city constantly record their doings as active participants in great business organizations, serving on public committees, foremost in all good works, and with voice and pen promoting every enterprise which tends to the progress and prosperity of the State. They are the very busiest men we know of, and doubtless we have often wondered how they find time for their manifold duties. Yet, loving the Institution of Masonry—finding here a restfulness they appreciate, and an intellectual fraternal companionship they enjoy—we have observed that they always find time to be the most faithful attendants upon the sessions of this body. Their lives and characters inspiringly teach us all that the men who worthily assemble about the sacred altar of Freemasonry—who learn to love the Institution—who become thoroughly imbued with the lofty spirit of its teachings, thereby inevitably become better men—higher and nobler in thought and action—more faithful in all the relations of life. It suggests, too, for the benefit and wholesome inspiration of every young man among us, the thought that he who approaches most nearly to being the ideal Mason is very sure also to approach most nearly to the high standard of the ideal citizen.

While we may doubt whether Masonry is as ancient as it is sometimes claimed to be, we know that it is the oldest of all human fraternities, and has come down to us through many centuries. And in the face of the world's progress, men often wonder how this venerable Institution, more respected and more prosperous now than ever before, seems to so adapt itself to the enlightenment and progressive ideas of this wonderful age. And how it happens that this class of men—the brightest and the best in Church and State—the very highest types of the education and enlightened civilization of the nineteenth century—still humbly present themselves before its altar, and are found most devoted to its practices, most loyal to its precepts. But Masons know that these are the men most capable of catching the true spirit of Masonry—whose imaginations are able to clothe the merely external bare skeleton and dry bones of ancient landmarks and forms and ceremonies with warmth and life and beauty, until they become radiant with inward and spiritual Masonic light.

Looking back into the past, we see how that light of Masonry, which glimmered so feebly at first in a world then darkened with universal ignorance, shines more brilliantly than ever to-day, in a world where universal education seems about to be realised. We see that the Institution has itself improved—for while conviviality seems to have been formerly a prominent feature of its meetings, we all know that a high order of dignity and intellectuality distinguishes those meetings now. We see, too, that when Masonry first taught men to meet upon the level, the gulf between the rich and poor, the high and low—was wider and more impassable than now—and class distinctions, and the accidents of birth and station were universally deemed of greater importance than they are to-day. That when it first began to teach liberality and the doctrine of toleration, it is certain that by comparison with the now existing order of things, bigotry and intolerance then quite generally prevailed. And so, from a brief glance at the past, we become satisfied that thus far at least Masonry has been found worthy and well qualified for its mission among men, and that the world is brighter and better because of its existence.

The tendency of the teachings of Masonry is to effect needed reforms, and to bring about beneficial results for humanity, gradually and without sudden and violent changes. "A survey of nature, and the observation of her beautiful proportions," teach wise men that the parched earth is benefitted more by gentle rains and the almost imperceptible dews, than by the destructive cloud-burst and the deluge. And in accordance with the true spirit of, and in humble imitation of this divine plan, it has been wisely regulated that both men and Masons should receive more light only when worthy and well qualified, and when they have made suitable proficiency to entitle them to advancement.

But in order to prove that the beneficent results of Masonic teachings are manifest even in the greatest events of modern times, the favoured people of this favoured land need not go away from home for an illustration. It is our proud boast that we are living under the highest, freest, and best form of government ever known among men. Yet how wonderful the harmony which can be traced between the spirit of Masonry and the genius of this young Republic.

Kings and princes, and all titled rulers, and the whole world seemed startled, when only one brief century ago the Declaration of American Independence announced the doctrine that "all men are created free and equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable

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rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Yet it was simply for the first time the practical application to civil government of the doctrine long taught by the grand fundamental principles of Masonry—the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.

When in this free land for the first time class distinctions and all titles of nobility were abolished, what was it but the practical application to civil government of what Masons had already long been taught—to meet upon the level—to regard no man merely for his worldly wealth or honours, and that it is the internal and not the external qualifications by which men must be judged.

When it severed all connection between Church and State, and left every man free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, it was but putting in actual practice in civil government, the beautiful Masonic doctrine of toleration.

And so tracing this harmonious resemblance, it is no matter of surprise to us that fifty-two out of the fifty-five signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons—that the first President of the Republic—the immortal Washington—the very largest figure in all merely human history to-day—had knocked at the door of Masonry, entered in due and ancient form, knelt as an Entered Apprentice before its sacred altar, and humbly sought Masonic light. Neither are we surprised to learn that in no other country in the world has Freemasonry found so congenial a home, and flourished with such vigour as in these United States.

But in this nineteenth century nations and institutions alike are borne on by the spirit of the age, and must be able to adapt themselves to the ever changing requirements of the day, or they must lapse into decay. And even when tried by this present and practical test, here in this greatest and most progressive of modern nations, this grand, old institution of ours is not found wanting.

To enable them properly to share in the gains and comforts of advancing civilization, the intelligent labouring masses of the United States, through their powerful organizations, are even now demanding legal recognition of eight hours as constituting a day's labour. And in view of the changed condition of things—of the fact that our improved machinery is now said to represent fifty times as much labour as that of all the men in the country—the demand should be universally admitted to be a just one. But generations before the Knights of Labour were ever heard of, the Entered Apprentice, when presented with the twenty-four inch gauge, was instructed by the Worshipful Master that "it being divided into twenty-four equal parts, is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day, which we are taught to divide into three equal parts, whereby are found eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother, eight for our usual vocations, and eight for refreshment and sleep."

It is to-day the belief of many wise and patriotic citizens that the one great reform necessary to make our political system harmonize in actual practice with the glorious theory on which it was founded, is to first get rid of the inherent evils of elections, by entirely doing away with what is known as the caucus system of nominating officers, and then to surround the immediate act of voting with such safeguards as will make it free as possible from selfish solicitations and corrupt influences. But when this most desirable reform shall be actually accomplished, it also will only be the practical application to the civil government of the same simple and perfect system which for centuries has prevailed in the internal government of Masonry, and under which its highest and most honourable offices are so satisfactorily filled. For it may with perfect truth be said of Masonry that its methods of advancement are the cleanest and purest, that here, if anywhere on earth, the office seeks the man, and that we possess in the practical workings of this Institution the very highest form of an intellectual democracy known even to-day among men.

And while thus commenting on their harmonious relations in the present and the past, we might pursue the thought still farther and ask, what seem likely to be the attitude and relationship of Masonry to the future of the Republic. And if we judge that future by the light of startling events in the recent past, it seems evident that the most imminent of the Nation's threatened perils is the danger of violence and disturbance arising out of social discontent. With all just complaints, all lawful efforts to remedy existing wrongs, Masonry—which up even from the Dark Ages has wisely and bravely carried the banner of human progress—true to its fundamental principles, is bound to sympathise. But men imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, who have lived in and breathed its atmosphere of peace, who have been taught by it "to conform with cheerfulness to the government under which they live," cannot be other than law abiding citizens. And of its half million members, admitted to be far above the average in character and intelligence, whose wide-spreading influence for good is felt in every portion of this broad land, not one we hope and believe will ever be found among those who seek to remedy real or imaginary social wrongs by a reckless resort to the lurid torch and the death-dealing bomb of the anarchist. As in the past, the Institution of Masonry has ever been found too liberal for the extreme aristocrat and the narrow-minded bigot—so may we confidently rely that it will now be found too conservative for the fanatical followers of the red flag.

It has been said of King Solomon's Temple, that when completed, every part thereof fitted with such exact nicety that it resembled more the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe than of human hands.

And of this glorious spiritual temple of Speculative Masonry, in which every true Mason is a living stone—as we see its wonderful adaptability to these so changed ways of modern times—how it seems to have anticipated and foreshadowed all the progressive needs of the race, in the long struggle from barbarism to the highest and most enlightened civilisation—we can but reverently believe, that before entering upon the great and important undertaking they had in view, its wise founders, long since gone to their reward—must not only have invoked, but obtained, the aid and blessing of Deity.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters, and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. President occupied his chair, supported by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. and Bro. Walter Hopekirk G.P. Vice Presidents. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, Neville Green, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's Office. There was also present a numerous body of brethren. To the Board of Installed Masters was presented the agenda paper for Grand Lodge of 6th March, which was agreed to. The Board of Benevolence afterwards confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, at the January meeting, to the amount of £390. On the new list were 38 cases, qualified by Lodges in the London district, and Torquay, Birkenhead, Battle, Hull, Shrewsbury, Millom, Crediton, Berwick, Darlington, Plymouth, Amlwch, Malta, Liverpool, Enfield, Demerara, Newchurch, and Birmingham. In the course of the sitting one petition was withdrawn, two were not entertained, and five were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £825. This was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £75, and one for £50; five recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and six for £30 each. Seven grants were made of £20 each, one for £15, six for £10, and one for £5. The President said he regretted that in the case of several country petitions the certificates of the Provincial Grand Secretaries really gave no information about the cases which they certified, much to the detriment of the applicants. Some of the Provincial Grand Secretaries' certificates are models of what is required, so that the Board is able to gauge the exact worth of the case and mete out adequate assistance; but others are so scanty that the Board is left almost in entire ignorance of the circumstances of the petitioners. The President hoped that in future all recommending Provincial Grand Secretaries would supply the fullest information in their power.

A special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales is called for Monday next, at the Holborn Restaurant, to consider a motion by Most Worshipful Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Past Grand Master, President of the General Board, "That the Board be authorised to take a lease of forty-nine years of Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, and to adapt the same for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons."

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CHICHESTER UNION LODGE, No. 38.

THE annual festival was held on the 14th inst., when Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, M.P., was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. At the opening of the Lodge there was a large and representative gathering of the Freemasons of Sussex, presided over by the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. H. Hawes), who conducted the ceremony of installation. Lord Walter subsequently appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Inkpen S.W., Doman J.W., Rev. H. M. Davey Chaplain, Wyatt Treasurer, Hawes I.P.M. Secretary, Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher S.D., Charge J.D., George Smith D.C., Lambert Organist, Fielden I.G., Gower and Moore Stewards. Bros. George Smith and O. N. Wyatt were elected Charity Stewards, the latter to serve on the Charities Committee of the Province. Before the Lodge was closed a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Hawes, in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year. Subsequently the banquet was served in the Assembly Room, which had been comfortably fitted up by Mr. Muggridge.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE monthly meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 11th instant, Bro. Samuel Smither W.M. presiding. The Lodge being duly opened, ballot was taken for Mr. T. R. S. Smither (son of the W.M.), also for Mr. Hugh Alexander; it was unanimous. Bro. R. Wallace was duly passed, after which the W.M. initiated Mr. T. R. S. Smither and Mr. Alexander. General business was transacted, and the Lodge closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellent banquet.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Holland's-road, Teignmouth, on the 11th inst. Bro. F. C. Hallett (assisted by the following Board: Bros. J. U. Valentine, J. Muskett, J. Oliver, W. H. Grant, P. G. Dobson, Fred. C. Frost, G. H. P. Westcott, and E. L. Cordes) installed the W.M. elect, Bro. R. C. Musgrave, into the chair, and the ceremony was impressively rendered by the Installing Master. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Cordes I.P.M., Andrews S.W., Sandercock J.W., Whidborne Treas., Hallett Assistant-Treas., Valentine Secretary, Moore S.D., Dr. G. H. Johnson J.D., Dr. W. C. Lake D.C., Duff Org., Dr. F. E. Little I.G., Little Steward, Huggins Tyler. Bro. Fred. C. Frost then, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to Bro. F. C. Hallett, the installing master, a silver teapot, accompanied by an illuminated framed address. Bro. Frost stated that Bro. Hallett was initiated in that Lodge as long since as September 1862, and was W.M. in the years 1872 and 1873, and had not received any reward in the shape of Provincial rank as a recognition of his many years of constant and active work, until, in December 1887, the P.G.M. Lord Ebrington conferred on him the jubilee honour of P.P.B. St. Bearer. He further stated that Bro. Hallett had for many years installed the W.M.'s of the Lodge; that he was one of the founders of Salem Lodge, No. 1443, Dawlish, the W.M.'s of which he also regularly installed; that he was one of the earliest members and most energetic supporters of Benevolent Chapter H.R.A., of which he was P.Z. and S.E. He had also of late years lent very valuable aid in the resuscitation of Pleiades Chapter, No. 710, Totnes. As a Mark Master Mason also he was P.M. of Benevolent Lodge, No. 316. The testimonial was the almost spontaneous gift of nearly the whole of the members of the Lodge, so little trouble had he in obtaining from them the necessary subscriptions, and the wish was expressed by every member that Bro. Hallett's services were more generally appreciated. Bro. Hallett responded in feeling terms, and was much affected by the unexpected gift. Bro. Oliver wished that the members of the Newton, Totnes, and Dawlish Lodges had been canvassed for subscriptions, as he was sure they would have responded liberally. It was explained, however, that the subscriptions were confined to the members of Benevolent Lodge. The members of the Lodge and several visitors afterwards adjourned to Bro. Lewis's Royal Hotel, where the installation banquet was held.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 341.

THE installation meeting was held at the Cinque Ports Arms Hotel, Rye, on Thursday, the 14th inst. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Fletcher, and after routine business had been disposed of, he ably performed the ceremony of passing Bro. H. Davies Harrell. The W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Molyneux Jenkins, having been duly installed in the chair by Bro. J. Cole, the ceremony was concluded by Bro. William Dawes (the Secretary of the Lodge), who delivered the various charges in his usual impressive manner. The Officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M., as follows:—Bros. A. M. Brookfield, M.P., S.W., Palmer J.W., Crick Chaplain, Bellingham Treasurer, Dawes Secretary, Barton S.D., Bushby J.D., Holman I.G., and Masey Tyler. Besides several visiting brethren from Hastings and other Lodges in the Province the company was honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Gerard Ford. The business of the Lodge being concluded, the brethren assembled round the festive board, where an excellent repast (provided by the new host and hostess of the hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Vidler) awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, No. 566.

THE annual meeting for the installation of the Worshipful Master-elect, Bro. M. Scott, was held in the Lodge-room, at Selby, on the 15th inst., when the ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Stainland, at the close of which the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren in their respective offices:—Bros. Barlow I.P.M., Hudson S.W., Hodgson J.W., the Rev. Thos. Cheese Chaplain, Cheeseman Treas., Townend Sec., Stainland D.C., Eggleshaw S.D., Watson J.D., Sykes Organist, Wilkinson I.G., Anson and Richardson Stewards, Rawling Tyler. The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Londesborough Arms Hotel (Bro. C. S. Bowman providing), and was presided over by the newly installed Worshipful Master. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. T. W. Tew, R. Hudson, T. G. Turton, Smith 304, A. L. Pease, &c.

WINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, No. 771.

A LARGE and influential gathering of brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the 12th inst., to honour the installation of Bro. William Griggs Nottage as W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge. Amongst those present were:—Bros. Thomas Page W.M., W. G. Nottage S.W. W.M. elect, Nixon J.W., A. Roberts S.D., P.M. Grisbrook Secretary, P.M. Goddard Treasurer, Manby P.M., Powell P.M., Cantrell P.M., H. D. Marshall P.M., McCloskie, Gray, Harding, May, Rowe, C. Devereux, Summers, Sanders, &c. The following visitors, amongst others, signed their names in the attendance book:—Bros. R. Bradley Past G.S.B. P.G. Secretary Berks and Bucks, Sir Joseph Devereux P.P.G. Secretary Berks and Bucks, Past Masters J. W. Martin 414 P.G. Registrar Berks and Bucks, T. King 862, C. D. Hume 209 P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, A. Turner W.M. 1894, B. King W.M. 945, A. C. Hewitt W.M. 1566, W. Sevenoaks W.M. 209, W. Sherworthy W.M. 414, G. J. Judge W.M. 1788, E. Singer S.W. 1894, J. Baker J.W. 1894, W. Walker 1894, S. W. Sutton, 1604, David Hills, 185, E. J. Maddy 2120, R. J. Webb 2182, H. Hobbs J.W. 209, M. Crewdon 2120, M. Dix 2120, G. Gardner 2120, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The brethren then saluted Brother R. Bradley, Past Grand Officer, with the usual honours. Bro. Rowe having answered the necessary questions, the W.M. and brethren withdrew to the special chamber adjoining the Temple, where Bro. Rowe was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being worked in a most finished and impressive manner by Bro. T. Page W.M. The Lodge was then called off for refreshment, and on resuming the W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Nottage was then presented, and according to ancient custom duly installed W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a very able manner by Bro. T. Page. After the usual salutations, the newly installed Master invested the following Officers: Bros. Nixon S.W., A. Roberts J.W., Goddard Treas., Grisbrook Sec., Marshall D.C., Walford Assistant D.C., Summers S.D., Gardner J.D., Harding I.G., Rowe Organist, Gray, Hunt and McCloskie Stewards, and Nowell Tyler. The working tools were presented, and the first two addresses given by Bro. Marshall, the address to the Brethren by Bro. Page. The W.M. then presented Bro. Page with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, on the successful termination of his year of office. After hearty good wishes, two candidates were proposed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall (kindly lent by the Mayor of Windsor for the occasion), where an elegant banquet was served, at which the W.M. very ably presided. After the cloth was cleared, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M., in proposing the Royal Family, mentioned that Her Royal Highness Princess Christian had that day, in that same room, been ministering to the wants and relieving the distress of a large number of very poor children. This, he maintained, was the true Masonic spirit which all the brethren should emulate, and he suggested that to show they were not forgetful of others less happily circumstanced, the St. John's column should be passed round, and the amount collected forwarded to Her Royal Highness; this was carried by acclamation. The W.M.'s health was proposed very eloquently by Bro. Page, he wishing him a happy and successful year of office; with abundance of work, and work worthy of him. In proposing the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," the W.M. advocated the visiting of the neighbouring Lodges by the younger brethren, even without the usual invitation, saying that the experience so gained could not be over estimated. The following brethren responded to the toast:—Bro. Sir John Devereux P.P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Bro. Sevenoaks W.M. 209, Bro. King W.M. 945, Bro. Judge W.M. 1788. Bro. Sir John Devereux, in responding, alluded to the unique and magnificent Temple in which the Lodge holds its meetings, and recounted the many difficulties he had to contend with before that beautiful structure, of which he was the instigator, was constructed and consecrated. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. T. Page, the W.M. invested him with a handsome P.M.'s collar, subscribed for by the officers who had worked under him, as a mark of their sincere regard, and remarked that the I.P.M. had worked through every office of the Lodge in rotation, and rather than skip an office, when the opportunity offered, had preferred that a junior officer should step over him. He was also not only a splendid example of what a speculative Mason should be, but he had done the best for his Lodge as an operative one, having that evening presented them with a very fine ivory gavel, which he had carved with his own hands. A capital programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Somers J.D., was given by Bro. W. Rowe, Bro. G. May, and other gentlemen. In every respect this installation meeting was a decided success, and the Lodge fully deserves the hearty congratulations which were freely bestowed on its Master and officers at the close of the first meeting of what promises to be a red letter year for the Windsor Castle Lodge.

ST. AUBYN'S LODGE, No. 954.

AFTER the usual business of the regular meeting, held on Tuesday, 12th instant, at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, a letter was read from Bro. S. Harvey, the Tyler, tendering his resignation of that office, in consequence of his appointment as Steward of the Masonic Hall Company's Club at Plymouth. After reading the communication, the W.M. Bro. T. S. Haynes expressed regret at the severance of the connection, and best wishes for Bro. Harvey's future prosperity. He called on Bro. C. Watson, the

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oldest P.M. in the Lodge present, to present Bro. Harvey a handsome timepiece, which the brethren of the Lodge had decided should be given him on the occasion of his marriage. Bro. Watson, in making the presentation, congratulated the Directors of the Masonic Club upon the wisdom they had shown in selecting Bro. Harvey as Steward. He referred to his connection with the Lodge from the date of his initiation as a member, also as Tyler for seven years, and congratulated him on the manner in which he had performed his duties, winning the respect and esteem of every member of the Lodge. On behalf of the members of the Lodge he wished him every happiness in his married life. In reply, Bro. Harvey thanked the brethren for their handsome and costly present, and assured them that it gave him much pleasure to know that he had performed his duties to their satisfaction. He also returned thanks for their courtesy and kindness on all occasions, and on behalf of his wife.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held, on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. C. Slaughter W.M., W. Hickie S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. W. Ridley Secretary, W. A. Hukins S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., W. Ravenscroft P.M. D.C., H. J. Sherwin Organist, F. Brown I.G., R. E. Hodder Steward, W. Hemming Tyler; P.M. E. Margrett; Bros. R. F. Hart, E. J. Lewis, W. C. Long, E. H. Salmon, W. B. Biddles, W. B. Reed, S. Bigge, W. E. Parkes, D. N. Heron, J. Miller, W. Cordrey, W. H. Kidgell, E. P. Silver. Visitors—Bros. Johnston 694, Damos Denison 1248, R. L. Reed Organist 2043. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. W. H. Kidgell replied to the usual questions; he was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was again advanced, and Bro. Kidgell re-entered, and was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was correctly performed by the W.M. Bro. W. Ravenscroft gave the address and lecture on the Tracing Board. Lodge was resumed, and a candidate was proposed for initiation; also a candidate for initiation as a serving member. It was agreed that a letter of condolence should be conveyed by the Secretary to the widow and family of the late Bro. W. Bigge P.M., one of the founders of the Lodge. Bro. Margrett, in seconding the proposition, stated that Bro. Bigge' ceremonies were rarely excelled; that he held high office in the Province; that he was a splendid worker, and that it was through him that Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch was induced to take the Provincial Grand Mastership of Berks and Bucks. The proposition was unanimously carried. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 1147.

THE installation of Bro. J. H. Dalglish took place at The Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 14th inst. Bros. C. Wren W.M., J. H. Dalglish S.W., W. Beard J.W., Ishmael Davies P.M. Treasurer, John E. Ashton Secretary, Charles P. Dunkerley S.D., T. C. Olney J.D.; P.M.'s Evan Roberts, R. Barlow, Thomas Elliott, Thomas Gibson; Henry Whiley and A. Jones. Visitors—James McLaren P.M. 62 P.P.G.J.W., William Nicholl P.M. 317 P.P.G.T., Marten Thomas W.M. 204, A. Bayuton P.M. 1213, Joseph D. Kaine 104, R. Jessop Dearden J.W. 350, C. F. Pike 163, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 P.G. Steward. A notable absentee was Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M. P.P.G.D., whose face is at all times pleasant to see. His absence was much regretted, and was caused through the death of a near relative. The brethren assembled in the Lodge room at 3·45, and shortly afterwards the Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. In the second degree Bro. Christopher Wren W.M. retained his position for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. This practice is happily becoming general for the W.M. to instal his successor, and is in our opinion highly commendable, particularly when done in such a careful and correct manner as Bro. Wren did it. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. H. Dalglish), after being presented by Bro. Evan Roberts P.M. to the installing master, was, after the usual preliminaries, inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, and subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the brethren in the customary manner. Bro. Evan Roberts P.M. invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Baird S.W., J. Easton J.W., Ishmael Davies P.M. Treasurer, C. P. Dunkerley Secretary, T. C. Olney S.D., H. Whiley J.D., R. Vawser P.M. D.C. (by proxy), W. Bennett, Thomas Elliott P.M. Stewards, and James Sly Tyler. Bro. Christopher Wren delivered the addresses, and concluded the ceremony of installation with prayer. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then proceeded to the Grand Hotel, to celebrate the Festival of St. John, and their number was further increased by the presence of Bros. P.M.'s Taylor and Griffiths, Bros. McAdam, F. A. Coop 1140 and 217. A really splendid banquet was thoroughly enjoyed by all and later on the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bro. J. E. Ashton J.W. proposed the health of Bro. George Mellor V.W. Dep. P.G.M. and the present and past P.G. Officers, to which Bro. James McLaren P.P.G.J.W. and McAdam replied. Bro. Thomas Gibson P.M. proposed the W.M. Bro. J. H. Dalglish, and in so doing said he felt it an honour, as the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, to propose such an important toast, having had the pleasure of initiating the W.M. into the Lodge that was called after the patron saint of the beautiful principality of Wales. The St. David's Lodge was thought highly of in the province of East Lancashire, and although the members of it were not all Welshmen, there still remained a few descendants of the Ancient Britons, and it augured well, he thought, that they still stuck to their Lodge. Bro. Gibson went on to say that the W.M. would reflect honour on the Lodge while he was at its head. He has taken great interest in all its affairs, and had filled the minor offices in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner, and would carry out and maintain the principles of Freemasonry in a higher degree than any of his predecessors. In wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office Bro. Gibson said he felt convinced Bro. Dalglish would secure and uphold the dignity of St. David's Lodge and promote the interests of the Craft generally. The toast was well received, and the W.M.'s health heartily drank, after which Bro. J. E. Ashton J.W. sang "Here's to his health in a song." In rising to respond, Bro. Dalglish was received with enthusiasm. In thanking Bro. Gibson for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, he said he felt very proud of the position the brethren had so unanimously elected him to, especially as it had been done in his absence,—for which he now tendered an apology. His promotion had been unusually rapid, as the first office he held in the Lodge was in 1884. Consequently he had only been five years attaining his present distinguished position. When he came to Manchester, in 1881, he knew very little of Freemasonry, but after a while he found that a great many of his friends belonged to the Craft, and knowing them to be good and true men, it considerably strengthened his favourable opinion of the Order, and decided him to become a Mason. He had never regretted doing so, and was pleased to say that he had found the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth frequently exemplied during his Masonic career. He did not for one moment think the brethren would ever regret electing him to the position of W.M., and he assured them that if he was well supported by his Officers, that he would do his best to perform the ceremonies as efficiently as they could be done. The Masonic Charities was ably proposed by Bro. Ishmael Davies P.M. Treasurer, who said the toast was always received with the greatest enthusiasm in every Lodge of Freemasons. No society or organisation could boast of three such splendid model Institutions as those the Craft supported in London, or that conferred greater benefits on the widow and orphan. The number of girls educated and boarded in that Institution had increased from 189 to 244, and many thousands of pounds, kindly contributed by the brethren, had been spent in procuring additional accommodation for this increase of numbers. The Boys' School now educated 283, against 195 originally, whilst the Benevolent Institution supported 180 indigent Freemasons, and 229 widows, against 145 and 125 respectively. Such good work as this was something for Freemasons to be proud of, and it behoved every member of the Craft to keep "Charity" in his mind, and practise that virtue whenever an opportunity presented itself. The St. David's Lodge had contributed their mite to the Charities, and no Lodge was more eager and anxious to support those noble Institutions previously referred to. There was perhaps at times a little grumbling when members were too frequently asked to contribute sums of money, but they grumbled because they were used to it. At the same time their hearts were in the right place, and were full of love and charity. He trusted the brethren were not wearied with his remarks, but the cause of such a noble virtue was an inexhaustible subject, whilst the results of Benevolence were at all times pleasant to witness. Bro. Davie's remarks were attentively listened to, and the toast was heartily drank, after which Bro. William Nicholl P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, or "Our William," as he is familiarly called, made one of his telling speeches in support of the Charities. Several other toasts, including the Visitors, the Installing Master and P.M.'s, the newly invested Officers, &c., were proposed and responded to, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. The St. David's Lodge has contributed £163 to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, for which it possesses 90 votes; £104 has been given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which the Lodge has 16 votes; £10 10s the Girls' Institution (2 votes); £21 Annuitants (4 votes); and £21 Widows (4 votes); total £319 10s. In addition to this the Lodge has given £50 in different amounts to various indigent brethren.

DENISON LODGE, No. 1248.

THE installation ceremony took place, on the 12th inst, at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough. There was a large and influential gathering of the Fraternity, including many visitors from Filey, York, Leeds, &c. Bro. T. D. Sarony was installed Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. T. Raven. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. T. Raven, assisted by Bro. Ascough. The Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Clark S.W., Martin J.W., Walker Chaplain, Foster Treasurer, Ascough Dir. of Cers., Graystone Secretary, Lancelot S.D., Chapman J.D., Fletcher I.G., Hill Organist, Bland and Taylor Stewards, Verity Tyler. About eighty brethren dined at the Grand Hotel. During the evening Bro. Morton alluded to the distress at present existing among the fisher folk, and the sum of £4 18s was subscribed by those present to the relief fund now being promoted.

DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THERE was a gathering of Freemasons at Parkgate on Thursday, the 14th inst., when Bro. W. F. Richardson the Secretary presented the Lodge with a banner. About 40 members and visiting brethren sat down to dinner at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, as the guests of the W.M. (Bro. G. B. Richmond), and the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. Richardson said one reason why he made the presentation at this period was that this was the year of office of the best Master the Dee Lodge ever possessed. The toast of Bro. Richardson's health was submitted by the W.M., and received with great enthusiasm. Success to the Dee Lodge was proposed by Bro. S. W. Ramsden, and acknowledged by Bro. W. Jones. Other toasts followed. The proceedings were enlivened by several capital songs.

FOREST LODGE, No. 1852.

ON Wednesday, the 13th inst., was held, at the Town Hall, Mansfield, the tenth festival of this Lodge, and installation of Bro. G. G. Bonser as W.M. There was present a very large muster of members and visitors. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. F. Sanders in such a manner as to elicit repeated expressions

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o' admiration from the visiting brethren. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Vallance S.W., Savage J.W., Rev. T. W. Dolphin Chaplain, Fisher Treas., Hobson Sec., Rev. T. W. Dolphin S.D., Shelmerdine J.D., White D.C., Bonser Organist, Greenwood I.G., Hopewell and Williams Stewards, Watkin Tyler. After the labours of the Lodge the whole of the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet had been provided. After the waiters had left the room, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed by some capital songs and recitations.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE third annual ball of the members of the above Lodge was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Tuesday last. A dispensation had been granted for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, and the ball-room presented a lively and elegant appearance. The splendid band of the Honourable Artillery Company, under the direction of Bro. Frayley, was engaged for the occasion. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, and was kept up till an early hour. The arrangements were effectively carried out by the Stewards. At midnight, the company, numbering about 300, sat down to supper (which had been prepared under the supervision of Bro. Joseph Josepha). Great praise is due to Bro. E. W. Richard (the manager of Willis's Rooms) for the way it was put upon the table and served. Bro. Lewis Lazarus P.M. P.Z. presided. The Queen, the Craft, and also the toast of the Ladies was proposed by Bro. Lewis Lazarus, and responded to by Past Master Abrahams. The arrangements were carried out by the following Committee:—Bros. Lewis Lazarus, Abrahams, Saqui, Siegenberg, H. Lazarus, Frank Isaackson, Jacques Wynman. The last-named acted as M.C.; he was assisted by Bros. Saqui, Siegenberg, and Isaackson.

HARMONY AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 381.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 14th instant, the Officers and members of this Lodge met at the Lodge-rooms, Bank Buildings, Darwen, under circumstances of more than ordinary interest, the occasion being the installation of the W.M., and the investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year, and also to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The attendance was very good, and was augmented by visiting brethren from Blackburn, Bolton, Church, and other Lodges, who were accorded a truly Masonic welcome. The Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. Peter Lowe, the retiring W.M., the installation of Bro. James Aspden as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Franklin Thomas. It is worthy of remark that Bro. Thomas has performed the same ceremony at this Lodge for twenty-two years in succession. The following Officers were then invested by Bro. John Wardley, who did his work in quite a masterly manner:—Bros. Peter Lowe I.P.M. and Treasurer, Shorrock S.W., Wraith J.W., Rev W. G. Proctor, B.A., Chaplain, Shorrock Secretary, Heald S.D., Stubbs J.D., Wardley D.C. Almoner and Charity Representative, Place Organist, Duxbury I.G., Cooke and Horrocks Stewards and Duckworth O.G. The Lodge having been closed, the usual banquet to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist was held. Mrs. Halliwell provided the banquet, and her service gave the highest satisfaction. After the repast, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and were interspersed with appropriate songs. During the evening a beautiful Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren, was presented to Bro. P. Lowe, on his retiring from the chair. The presentation was made by Bro. S. H. Shorrock, in a most appropriate speech, and the gift was suitably acknowledged by the recipient. Under the genial presidency of the newly-installed W.M. a pleasant evening was spent.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

THE brethren, on the 19th inst., celebrated the annual festival, together with the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. R. Metcalfe. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. A. W. Walker, and the W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Williamson I.P.M., Rose S.W., Lucas J.W., Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, Walker Treasurer, Marshall Secretary, Holmes S.D., Staniland J.D., J. Marshall D.C., J. W. Marshall Org., Wallgate I.G., Spanton Steward, Stockdale Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Talbot Hotel, Maldon. Several visitors were present from Scarborough, York, Hull, Whitby, &c.

KINGSTON LODGE, No. 1010.

ON Monday, the 18th instant, the members of this Lodge gave a complimentary banquet to the Mayor of Hull (Dr. Sherburn), at the Royal Station Hotel, Hull. About seventy persons partook of the repast. The Worshipful Master, Bro. John Bilson, presided, and he was supported by the Mayor (Dr. Sherburn), the Right Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Bros. M. C. Peck, Canon McCormick, Lieut.-Col. H. Fawcett Pudsey, Major Wellsted, H. Toozes, H. H. Briggs, F. C. Bishop, H. Woodhouse, Fowler Sutton Kipps, Hirst, Chappell, Alderman Seaton, O'Donoghue, Fullerton, C. E. Bohn, R. T. Vivian, Cohen, Charlesworth, G. L. Shackles, Carlill Savill, &c. The toasts were the Queen and the Craft, the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, the Kingston Lodge, Our Guest, Sister Lodges, and the Masonic Charities.

MALLING ABBEY LODGE, No. 1063.

ON Thursday evening, the 16th inst., an ordinary meeting was held at the Bear Hotel, Malling, there being present a number of visitors from neighbouring Lodges. The W.M., Bro. F. Gordon, conducted the Lodge business in a very efficient manner. Subsequently those present sat down to a sumptuous repast, placed on the tables by the host, Mr. Seldon, the guests including Bros. G. F. Baker, J. B. Groom, and others. Bro. F. Gordon W.M. presided at the banquet, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

BROWNLOW LODGE, No. 2131.

THE annual festival and installation meeting was held at the Town Hall, Ellesmere, on 26th ult. Amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. Ogg W.M., Akeroyd I.P.M., Salter S.W., Giles J.W., Lawrence Treasurer, Child J.D., Dugdale, Bickley, and Swan Tyler. The visitors present were Bros. Spaull, Crump, Edisbury, F. R. Spaull, Thomas, Belton, Parsons, Deakin W.M. 117, Lewis W.M. 1432, Weaver 1124, Barton 1336 and Bott 1124. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Bro. Salter was presented and duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in a very impressive and able manner by Bro. Ogg the retiring W.M., the customary addresses being ably delivered by Bros. Akeroyd and Crump. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Ogg I.P.M., Giles S.W., Child J.W., Lawrence Treasurer, Ogg P.M. Secretary, Akeroyd P.M. S.D., Dugdale J.D., Bickley I.G. and Swan Tyler. Bro. Giles S.W. Charity Representative and Almoner. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Bridgwater Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served in Bro. Lawrence's well-known style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 523.

BRO. J. FINLAY FINLAYSON, Quatuor Coronati, 2076, author of "The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry," &c., delivered a lecture on the History and Antiquity of the Craft to the members of the above Lodge of Instruction, at Leicester, on Friday, 8th inst. Bro. W. Kelly D.P.G.M. and Grand Superintendent Leicester had consented to take the chair on this occasion, but was prevented at the last moment in consequence of ill-health, his place, however, was worthily sustained by Bro. S. S. Partridge D.P.G.M. The Lodge was well filled, over a hundred brethren being present. Having been introduced to the Lodge, the lecturer, after briefly setting forth the reasons that had induced him to become an earnest student of Masonry, and to undertake a patient investigation into its origin, its meaning, and its spread, gave a comprehensive view of the rites of Osiris and Isis, and of the rites of Eleusis, showing a clear continuation of the "worship of death," till it arrived at its culmination in the central Masonic legend, that of Hiram Abif. Bro. Finlayson laid special stress on the Masonic Mosaic found in a Lodge in the ruins of Pompeii, which he had lately visited, arguing that from its date, at the latest 79 A.D., and in all probability much earlier, we had a clear and definite proof of the antiquity of speculative Masonry, and a unique example of the chain by which ancient and modern Masonry is connected. The various symbols of Freemasonry, and their identity with the symbols of Egypt, dating back over 6,000 years, and also with those of India and Chaldea, were fully demonstrated and their meanings illustrated by sketches on the black board. The Steinmetzein and the Compagnonage were also touched upon, and the possibility of their having been the channels of descent through which we have received the legend of Hiram Abif. The lecturer then set forth the establishment of Modern Masonry, in 1717, and its spread over the world, ending with an eloquent peroration in which he extolled the grandeur and beauty of the spirit which inspired our brothers of Guild Masonry to erect the noble cathedrals that glorify the land, and pointed out that the symbols of Masonry were direct exponents of life and the giver of life; while the great central legend of Masonry taught the certainty of death, and gave further assurance to the irrepressible hope of immortality. The lecturer—who spoke, without notes, for an hour and a half—was listened to with rapt attention, and on concluding was enthusiastically applauded. A vote of thanks, moved by Bro. J. T. Thorp P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Secretary testified the high appreciation in which the address had been received, and was unanimously carried by the brethren present. The honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred on Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson, as a token of gratitude and esteem. The lecture was followed by an excellent supper, of which a large number of the auditors partook. Capital songs and recitations, given by some of our leading local celebrities, concluded a memorable and enjoyable evening.

The Installation meeting of the Wharton Lodge, No. 2045, took place on Tuesday. Bro. W. Thomas was installed W.M. in excellent form by the Immediate Past Master.

A grand Ball will take place, under the auspices of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, in the Assembly Rooms, King's Lynn (by permission of the Worshipful the Mayor), on Tuesday, 26th February 1889. Tickets (including refreshments): Lady, 7s 6d; Gentleman, 10s 6d; can be obtained of the Stewards, or of the Hon. Sec.

The members of the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, have elected Bro. Archelaus Trout as their W.M. for the ensuing year, and re-elected Bro. D. Cross as their Treasurer.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed at the Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon-road, E.C., on Thursday, 28th instant, at five o'clock p.m. precisely, by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. E. Pettit W.M. elect 1632, who will officiate at the pianoforte and American organ. The attendance of brethren is cordially invited. A banquet will follow; tickets (5s each, exclusive of wine) may be obtained of the Secretary, Bro. C. Stuart-Barker P.M. 1632, 37 Park Grove, West Ham, E.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

Contributions to the Fund may be sent to Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., Hon. Sec. and *ad interim* Treasurer Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E., and will be duly acknowledged.

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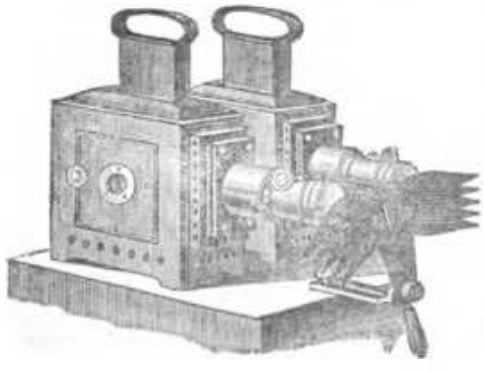
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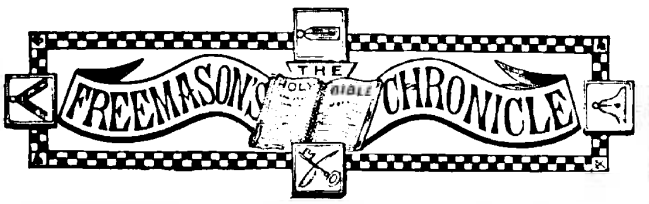
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ABOUT AHIMAN AND REZON.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WHEN I saw for the first time, many years ago, the Masonic Constitutions with the outlandish name of "Ahiman Rezon, or help to a Brother," I never for a moment supposed, as friend Sadler did, that the said name was either of Irish or Arabic origin, but naturally supposed they were Hebrew words which had escaped my memory. I first consulted "Cruden's Concordance," but I could not find either of those words in it. I next tried Gesenius' Hebrew Dictionary, but Ahiman was not there. I found, however, a word which German Jews would pronounce "Rozoun," to which I shall refer again hereafter. Some one, however, informed me that in "Mackey's Lexicon" I could find something about "Ahiman Rezon," and here I give Dr. Mackey's solution. He says,

"The title (Ahiman Rezon) is derived from three Hebrew words,—*Ahim*, brothers; *Manah*, to choose, or to appoint, and *Retzon*, the will of the law. So that it literally signifies the law of the chosen brothers." To which he adds, in a foot-note,

"*Manah* means to choose, appoint, or distribute into a peculiar class out of a generality, and is hence really equivalent to 'accept.' Dalcho's signification, to *prepare*, is incorrect."

Here, then, three Masonic luminaries are at loggerheads about the meaning of Ahiman Rezon,—"And who shall decide when doctors disagree?" I, however, did not believe in either of the above interpretations, and as I could not find these words in my reference books, I therefore supposed that Dermott invented them. The *Masonic Review*, of Cincinnati, reprinted one of my first articles on "Facts and Fictions," in November, and in the December number the following letter appeared in the said publication :—

To the Editor of the Masonic Review.

Indianopolis, Ind., Dec. 1, 1888.

Dear Bro.,—In your November number, page 303, you say the words "Ahiman Rezon" are not Hebrew, but an invention. The words are Hebrew, "Ahiman" means "Bro. of a gift," and was the proper name of one of the Anakim; "Rezon" means "Prince," and was the proper name of the founder of the kingdom of Damascus.

Numbers xiii. 22, Ahiman; Joshua xv. 14, Ahiman; Judges i. 10, Ahiman; 1 Chron. ix. 17, Ahiman; 1 Kings xi. 23, Rezon.

Fraternally yours,

J. Caven.

The above information at once sent me to examine both the English and Hebrew versions of the Bible, and in the latter I found אחימן, Achiman; and in 1 Kings xi. 23 I found רזון, Rezon. Now, let any one read the Bible about Ahiman, the son of Anak; and of Rezon, the son of Eliadah, and he will at once see that the former was a bitter enemy of Grand Master Moses, and Grand Master Joshua, and the latter was an out-and-out enemy of Grand Master Solomon; hence, if Dermott had not been ignorant of Biblical history, he never would have Masonized the bitterest enemies of the greatest traditional Masonic Grand Masters *that ever lived*.

I must here confess that I have learned something new since Bro. Caven called my attention to the question at issue; for, up to that time, I supposed that our theological and Masonic type and symbol mongers were the greatest and most ludicrous cranks outside of Bedlam. But I know now that our learned expounders of the meanings of names are as cranky as our symbologists; and what is more, this kind of madness seems to be of modern origin. I never heard of any one attempting to interpret the meaning of Alexander, Aristotle, or Plato; nor did either Johnson, Worcester, or Webster make efforts in their Dictionaries to define the meaning of names distinguished for literature, science, &c. Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible" gives no definition of names, nor did Gesenius. In a later edition of Gesenius, by Robinson, I am informed that the editor introduced *Ahiman* into the Dictionary, and explains it "Bro. of a gift;" and in the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary I find, in the Appendix, several pages devoted to explanations of "Christian names," and a hasty glance gave me a decided impression that it was also the work of a crank.

To make my meaning clear, we will suppose that one of these cranks undertook to explain the meaning of the name of Wright. Of course Bro. Wright is a favourite, and a great Mason. Now the expounder would consult Worcester, where he finds,

"Wright, *A workman, an artificer, a maker, Shipwright*," &c. In another Dictionary he finds annexed to the word "Wright," "In the North of England and throughout Scotland, a carpenter is known by no other name than 'Wright,' and amongst Anglo Saxons a carpenter was a wood-smith." From the above definitions, a Masonic expounder of names would prove that a forefather of Bro. Wright was a carpenter, and as a carpenter is a builder, and a mason is a builder, therefore Bro. Wright's ancestor was a Mason; or he would trace that name from *write*, or from *right*, that he was *righteous*, or *right-handed*, or from *rite*; and thus prove that the original Bro. Wright was 33° of the Scotch *Rite*. I know that some may think the above a sarcasm, and exaggerated. But Mackey's method of explaining the meaning of "Ahiman Rezon," his turning *Retzon* into *Rezon*, his mode of splitting and of joining words, together with his inferences, shows that I did not exaggerate, but here are similar specimens, viz.,

When I saw the Hebrew word אחימן, I saw at once how some meaning could be screwed out of it, thus אח means *brother*, and אחי *is my brother*, but I was greatly puzzled as to what the last syllable מן *mon*, meant. I found, however, that מנה, *mono* means *gift* (there are also several other meanings to it), hence, as מן, or *Mon*, forms part of the word *Mono*, so "Mon" was transformed into *Mono*, and *Ahimono*, was then explained to mean "Brother of a Gift." Now, assuming that such a mode of explaining was legitimate and orthodox, even then it ought to read "My brother Gift," and not "Brother of a Gift."

Under the letter *Resh* or R, in Gesenius' Dictionary, I find רז *Roz a secret*, רזה *Rozo to be* or *to lean*, and רזה *Roza* the name of a country. Now, though all the above words begin with "Roz," and the last two are composed of the same letters, the vowels only differ, yet each word has an entirely distinct meaning. The next word is רזון *Rozoun*, meaning *leanness, consumption, destructive disease, diminution, smallness, scantiness*, and also *prince*.

Now, there are many words in the Hebrew language which are spelled alike, but are differently pronounced, and have different meanings. For instance, עם *Om*, meaning "*people*," עם *Im* means "*with*;" the letters are the same, but the vowels differ; and, in a like manner, while רזון has several meanings, רזון *the name* (mentioned in 1 Kings xi. 23) may have no meaning at all. But if even it meant *prince*, it is utterly inappropriate and inapplicable for the name of a Masonic Constitution.

When I got through with searching for the alleged meanings of "Ahiman Rezon" I happened to recollect that in the Appendix to Cruden's Concordance there were some pages filled with names, and there I found that Abiram meant "a brother prepared, or a brother of the right hand."

Well, then, after wading through a mass of intricate nonsense, propounded by name expounders, I came to the conclusion that neither Anak the father, nor his son Abiram, ever supposed or dreamed that *learned dreamers* would ever torture the name in question, either into a "Brother prepared," or a "Brother of the right hand," or a "Brother of a gift," or "Brothers to choose, appoint, or accept," or "a help to a Brother."

The fact is, Dermott *blundered*, for he might have found a more applicable name for his Constitutions. It, however, served his purpose, for it not only deceived his surrounding dupes with belief in his Hebrew scholarship, but even the learned Rev. Dr. Dalcho, of South Carolina, and the Constitution makers of Pennsylvania, New York, and of Ireland, have also had faith in Dermott's Hebrew knowledge, for their respective Constitutions were also headed with the same inapplicable, meaningless and senseless title of "*Ahiman Rezon*."

Boston, U.S., 29th January 1889.

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The History of Freemasonry in Maryland, by Bro. Edward T. Schultz. Baltimore, U.S.A.: 11 South Howard Street.

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Biographical sketches are given of nearly two hundred prominent Officers and Brethren of the State, with over 100 portraits, and numerous *fac simile* engravings of old seals, diplomas, jewels, and other objects of interest.

The work has been written by Bro. Schultz for the benefit of the Freemasons of Maryland, but it will be found exceedingly useful by students of the Craft in all jurisdictions. No general history of American Masonry—at all worthy of the name—has yet been compiled, and the subject is therefore very imperfectly grasped as a whole by even the most painstaking of our writers. Of materials for such a history there is, indeed, no lack, but rather a superfluity, as the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies are increasing at such a rate that they literally threaten to overwhelm us. If the panting student were to read nothing else, it would be quite impossible to wade—or even skim—through the whole of it. But these collections—and our remarks refer mainly, though not entirely, to the Reports on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodges—are nevertheless most valuable storehouses of facts, from which may be drawn, year by year, a clear index to, and in many instances a full epitome of, contemporaneous (American) Masonic history. The Annual Proceedings of, let us say, the Grand Lodge of Maine, for the twenty or more years that the Report on Foreign Correspondence has been written by Bro. Drummond, contain, in effect, a complete summary of all Masonic events of importance in the United States of America, throughout the same period. A similar remark may be made with regard to the Proceedings of other jurisdictions, where the service of the "Reporter" has also been of long standing and continuous. But even with access to these volumes, the reflective student will remember "that it is the business of a good antiquary, as of a good man, to have mortality always before him," and no reader in search of general information, or indeed any persons whatever, except the unfortunate few who, from time to time, devote their lives to presenting the facts of Masonic history in an orderly sequence, could be expected to peruse in their entirety the interminable files of these extremely valuable, albeit very dry and somewhat tautological publications.

The great merit of Bro. Schultz's work to the English reader, and indeed to all brethren outside his own immediate State who may peruse it is that, commencing with the re-organisation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1787, he weaves in with his narrative an account of all the Masonic doings on the American Continent which are of any importance. Thus, from 1787 down to the present time we are given a general history of Masonry in the U.S.A., not of course a full one, but an outline, at all events, or sketch of the progress of the Craft during the last hundred years. It may be observed, in conclusion, that the facts are very ably marshalled, and the entire story very pleasantly narrated. The author possesses a clear incisive style, and therefore the solid merits of his work derive an additional attraction from its literary execution. The biographical sketches are of the most interesting character, and among them will be found the record, briefly told, of many a brother whose name and fame are not alone the heritage of the Masonic body. We had marked many passages for quotation as illustrating the power and versatility of the author, but are reluctantly compelled to bring our notice to a close without including therewith the evidence "under his own hand" for which we had hoped to find room in the current number of the CHRONICLE. Some of these, however, we shall endeavour to lay before our readers on a subsequent occasion, and we now take our leave of Bro. Schultz, with the confident prediction that as a graceful writer, a careful annalist, and a diligent antiquary, he will always retain a foremost place in the front rank of those students of Masonry, by whom we are sensibly carried further in, our knowledge of the facts and occurrences of former times, without which the History of the Craft in so many other American jurisdictions is still enveloped in much obscurity.

SOMETHING ABOUT DENTISTRY.

A CHAT WITH DR. G. H. JONES.

A CORRESPONDENT of *The Evening News*, who recently called upon Dr. G. H. Jones, the well-known dentist, of Great Russell Street, for what may be called a "toothsome" chat, says:—

There was a time when a visit to a dentist was the nearest equivalent to a descent into those regions which Dante has so graphically described. I can remember the days when to get rid of a bad tooth was as difficult an operation as to find a good wife, and when to ring the bell at a dentist's front door required more moral courage than to dispute the possession of a bone with an ill-fed bull-dog.

When I called at 57 Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, I laid my hand upon the bell-handle with a jauntiness strangely at variance with my former experience of visits to gentlemen in Dr. Jones's profession. I found the celebrated dentist a most chatty and pleasant companion.

The dentist of the present day is not, as he was in the former times, a tooth-drawer mainly. He is a doctor who devotes really more attention to preserving the teeth of his patients than of supplying them with new ones. In both these branches of the profession, Dr. Jones occupies a very high position. This in itself is a strong recommendation, and one upon which too much stress cannot be laid.

"So you profess to effect painless as well as perfect dentistry, Dr. Jones?"

"It is not a matter of profession," was the reply, "but an everyday fact, as my patients can testify. The old notion that a visit to the dentist means having your head half pulled off, your nerves unstrung, and your temper permanently injured is altogether exploded.

Excuse my asking such a seemingly stupid question, but to whom are we indebted for the boon of the gas which you so commend?

That question is an easy one to answer. The discovery of nitrous oxide gas belongs to the celebrated chemist Priestley, and dates from the year 1776. It was, however, supposed to be irrespirable until Sir Humphry Davy, in the latter part of 1800, proved the supposition to be incorrect, and wrote a valuable work on the subject, entitled "Researches on Nitrous Oxide."

"But who introduced it into dentistry?"

"That memorable service to humanity belongs to Dr. Horace Wells, an American dentist, for he was the first to test its practical application to the painless extraction of teeth. But have you never tried its effects?"

I modestly acknowledged that I had not.

"Then come into my operating-room, and I'll give you a dose," said Dr. Jones. "You will find it as exhilarating as good champagne, and as harmless, when properly applied."

With an extremely hazy notion of what the results of imbibing good champagne would be like, I accepted the invitation and followed my host into the room in question.

After inhaling the laughing gas for a few seconds I lost consciousness of my external surroundings, but experienced no unpleasant sensation of any kind. In due course I awoke and found that the gentle tap from ideal rosy fingers was the visionary equivalent for the actual wrench which had displaced one of the most vicious molars that had ever afflicted the mouth of man or tried the skill of a dentist.

Later on Dr. Jones conducted me to his laboratory, which is situated in separate premises opening upon Gilbert-street, Bloomsbury, but connected with his professional residence by means of a long and gracefully constructed conservatory.

The laboratory itself is fitted up with the latest scientific improvements in this part of the dentists' difficult and delicate occupation. I found it a large, well-lighted, perfectly ventilated room, and kept in a state of the most scrupulous cleanliness and order. It is devoted to the practical part of the work in connection with the manufacture of those high-class artificial teeth by which Dr. Jones has made such a wide and solid reputation. It was a scene of great industry when I entered it, and was quite a revelation in its way as to the infinite care that is necessary in the delicate operations incidental to this particular branch of the profession.

WELL TO REMEMBER.

That he who gathers roses must not fear thorns.

That to wait and be patient soothes many a pang.

That all are not princes who ride with the emperor.

That correction is good when administered in season.

That it takes a great deal of grace to be able to bear praise.

That you will never have a friend if you must have one without failings.

That to have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.

That there is no limit to the age at which a man may make a fool of himself.

That the roses of pleasure seldom last long enough to adorn the brow of those who pluck them.

That a man who cannot mind his own business is not to be trusted with the business of others.—*Liberal Freemason.*

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PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE quarterly meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 14th inst., and after the conclusion of business, the Companions (about 30) dined together at the Cups Hotel, Colchester. In the course of the evening Comp. J. J. C. Turner, on behalf of the members, presented to Comp. Richard Clowes an 18-carat gold jewel of I.P.Z., and in doing so referred to the efforts Comp. Clowes had made during his year of office for the good of the Chapter and the comfort of its members, and more especially for the high musical talent he had on several occasions provided for the entertainment of the Companions. Comp. Clowes, in acknowledging the presentation, said he had been completely taken by surprise, and assured the Companions that he valued, and should continue to value most highly, so substantial a token of their esteem. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Ex-Comp. Richard Clowes, I.P.Z. 51, P.P.G.R., 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, 14th February 1889."

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual meeting was held on Friday, 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when there were present Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. 1275 Preceptor, R. J. Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1329 Treasurer M.E.Z., V. T. Marché A.S. 1329 H., G. L. Moore H. 169 J., C. H. Stone 1275 S.E., C. Woods A.S. 1275 S.N., A. C. Wood P.S. 742 P.S., Neeld P.Z. 169, T. Grummant P.Z. 1275, Austin P.S. elect 1381, Addington M.E.Z. 1275, and Wicks M.E.Z. 1269. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers personating candidate. Comps. Towers and Austin were elected members. Comp. Marché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and also received a vote of thanks for his first work in the H. chair. Comp. Voisey thanked the Companions for the vote of thanks passed at the last meeting, also for his re-election as Treasurer. On the proposition of Comp. Moore, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Comps. Hilton, Stone and Grummant, to report on the advisability of having a supper. Comp. Marché, as an auditor, moved the adoption of the balance-sheet, which he was pleased to see showed a balance on the right side. Comp. Woods reported that the Chapter had met forty-one times during the past year. The average attendance reached twelve (lowest eight, highest twenty), while an average of five Principals showed the appreciation in which the Chapter was held.

MARK MASONRY.

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BEVERLAC LODGE, No. 281.

A LARGE attendance of brethren assembled on the 11th inst., to take part in the installation of Bro. John Sugdon to the Office of Worshipful Master. The ceremony was performed by Bro. John Wilson P.M. 182, after which the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Marshall I.P.M., Allan S.W., Green J.W., Gloster M.O., Morley S.O., Wood J.O., Dixon Treasurer, Adams Secretary, Park Chaplain, Robshaw S.D., McLaren J.D., Pape D.C., Weelsby Tyler, Knight and Watson Stewards. The brethren and visitors afterwards adjourned to the supper-room, where a splendid banquet was provided by the Stewards of the Lodge.

Soc. Rosicr. in Angliâ.

THE members of the York College met in the Masonic Rooms, St. Saviourgate, York, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Frater Colonel J. Monks, the Celebrant; Frater T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept, being also present. The meetings are held four times a year, and have an archæological character, the spring and summer meetings being always held at some distant and interesting place, while the February meeting is by virtue of one of the rules always held at York. Over forty members were present from towns in various provinces, including brethren from Durham, Middlesborough, Scarborough, Leeds, Bradford, York, Nottingham, Huddersfield, Halifax, Pontefract, Selby, &c. Six candidates were presented, elected, and duly received. Bro. J. L. Atherton was installed as Celebrant for the ensuing year, in place of Colonel Monks, after which the Officers were duly placed; among them being Bro. J. M. Meek re-elected Treasurer, Bro. William Brown Secretary, and Bros. G. H. Locking P.A., William Flockton S.A., W. H. B. Atkinson Q.A., and Cheesman, and A. Haigh and Stott. After the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the North Eastern Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided, and toasts and complimentary speeches completed a very pleasant social evening.

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.

IRELAND.

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PROVINCE OF DOWN.

THE Quarterly Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held, on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Newry. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., R.W. P.G.M. being unable to attend, sent a note of apology, and his place was taken by his Lordship's Deputy, Bro. Major Leslie Thompson. There was a large attendance of the brethren from all districts of the Province. Some preliminary business having been disposed of, the installation of Officers for the ensuing twelve months was proceeded with.

Michael Frazer	Senior Warden
Douglas Lithgow	Junior Warden
J. L. Devenick Meares	Treasurer
Dr. Carroll	Secretary
Captain L'Estrange	Senior Deacon
J. L. Graham	Junior Deacon
Dr. J. K. Macaulay	Inner Guard
Anderson, Skillen, Davidson	Stewards

Afterwards Bro. Crossle read a very interesting paper on "Masonry Past and Present," which was highly appreciated, and he was requested to have it published, and circulated among the brethren. Further instruction on the working of the Craft was imparted by Bro. M'Calmont. Other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren were hospitably entertained by the local Lodges in the spacious dining-room of the hall.

PROPOSED NEW HALL AT BANBRIDGE.

THE brethren of the Masonic Order assembled in large number on Tuesday night, the 12th inst., in their Lodge room, Newry-street, Banbridge. After the ordinary business in connection with Lodge No. 119, which was presided over by Bro. Matthew Larkins P.M., had been transacted, a joint meeting of Lodges Nos. 119 and 336 was held for the purpose of considering the advisability of perfecting the purchase of a plot of ground for a new hall. The chair was taken by Bro. John Lindsay, J.P., who briefly stated the object of the joint meeting, and referred to the desired site as most suitable, it being on the Downshire-road, leading from the railway station, and lying between the Dunbar Memorial School and the Provincial Bank. It was decided to complete the purchase, and Bros. John Lindsay, William Tweedie, Samuel Dixon, Samuel Hill, and Wm. MacCormack be trustees. A committee of twelve, consisting of six from each Lodge, was then selected. Lodge 119: Bros. James Mears W.M., Matthew Larkin P.M., John Dornan, W. J. Miller P.M., J. Smyth P.M., and Thomas Proctor. Lodge 336: Bros. Thomas Robinson P.M., M. W. Blackwood P.M., Samuel Fryar, James Craig, T. B. Wallace, and J. E. Emerson, Bro. Robinson to act as Secretary, and Bro. Blackwood as Treasurer, trustees to be honorary members of committee. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

FIRST BALL OF THE BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

THE first ball given by the above young and vigorous Lodge, in aid of its Benevolent Fund, was held at the Whitehall Chambers, Hotel Metropole, on Thursday, the 14th inst., and was attended by some 230 brethren, with their ladies. The Stewards, viz., Bros. J. Da Silva W.M., C. Fredk. Hoggard P.G. Standard Bearer acting I.P.M., M. J. de Leeuw S.W., L. Kool J.W., J. Joel Treasurer, M. J. Jessop Secretary, T. Honey S.D., E. J. Acworth P.G.S. Middlesex J.D., I. B. Joel, S. B. Joel, H. Barnato, A. Levy, and H. Walters, were most attentive, and the dulcet strains of Messrs. Coote and Tinney's band proved almost irresistible, so that a most enjoyable evening was spent, and dancing was kept up until "daylight (almost) did appear," and then many were the regrets expressed at the enforced parting, and all hoped that next year might see another such pleasant gathering. As the financial result will bring some 30 or 40 pounds to the Fund, there is no doubt the members will again exert themselves, as they have so successfully done this year. This was St. Valentine's day, and a very pretty and appropriate programme had been prepared for the occasion by Bro. George Kenning.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice have granted their direct patronage to the Al Fresco Fayre and Floral Fête, which is to take place in May at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, with a view to raising £15,000 for the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children.

The most important matinée performances to take place at Terry's Theatre during the present and next month are as follows:—"The Policeman," by Messrs. Walter Helmore and Eden Phillpotts, Tuesday, 5th March; "The Bookmaker," by Mr. J. W. Pigott, in which Mr. Edward Terry will create the title rôle, Tuesday, 19th March; "Young Mrs. Winthrop," by Bronson Howard, Tuesday, 26th March.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 176—Cavesac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
179—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, 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.)
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
1893—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.)
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, 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)
1338—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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—Honley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1985—New Finsbury Park, Bornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst).
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
257—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
443—East Surrey of Union, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Wales Owen
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8, (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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, 27th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30, for 6 o'clock
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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, Loadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 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.)
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, 151 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.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
998—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hall, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
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. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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—Hyde Cross, Conch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Bonifort 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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1425—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1558—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.

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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 Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1638—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. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2262—Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.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. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1633—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
296—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
604—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
782—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
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1335—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1469—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1057—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1396—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st MARCH.

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.,
766—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
786—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.
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)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1427—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1543—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. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 78—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. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 255—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
319—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
343—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
708—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
899—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1436—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
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1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
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R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 6—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 348—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 2rd 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1631—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
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1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE year 1889 has opened in a satisfactory manner as regards the great Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry, and it is with feelings of satisfaction we have to-day to record the result of the first of the Anniversary Festivals annually held in connection with the Masonic Charities. We, in common with others, have more than once expressed a belief that the Craft would this year feel the effect of the exceptional efforts made last year in connection with the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Without a doubt the success of that celebration was, to a certain extent, purchased at the expense of the other Institutions, and it will be some time before matters again assume their ordinary condition. Association moneys were promised for the Girls' School Centenary to such an extent as to make it impossible, in a large number of cases, for any sums worthy of consideration being devoted to the present year's Festivals; and in other ways payments were anticipated, in order to swell the Centenary total, and secure the extra votes that were offered as a special inducement for exceptional efforts. Time alone will prove whether the enthusiasm that was shown last year was not excessive, or whether, in the long run, the great success of the Girls' School Festival was all that it was represented to be at the time it occurred; for the nonce we have only the returns for the present year in connection with one of the Charities—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons—and here we have to record a falling off, as compared with recent Festivals, but, without a doubt, much of this falling off is to be accounted for in the way we have mentioned.

The Festival to which we now refer took place on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts, and the total realised was £13,055 19s—a falling off of upwards of £2,000 as compared with last year (when the total announced was £15,081 18s 6d), and of upwards of £5,600 as compared with 1887 (when the Festival returns reached £18,700). This is indeed disappointing, in face of the fact that this year's Board of Stewards numbers 80 more than was the case last year, the actual figures being 356 for 1889, against 276 for 1888. How, then, shall we account for this tremendous decrease in the amount realised? It cannot be said the Craft had no notice of the event, for we have shown that there were 80 more Stewards working this year than was the case in 1888, while we have no reason to believe that the brethren who served at Wednesday's Festival worked less heartily than any who had gone before them, nor that the Craft, as a body, has become less charitable than hitherto. Yet there is a plain statement before us—the subscriptions to the Benevolent Institution show a falling off of upwards of £2,000, as compared with last year, and that, too, at a time when large increases are imperatively demanded, in order to cope with the heavy and ever increasing demands on the resources of the Charity.

We recently referred to the large number of candidates seeking a participation in the benefits of this Institution, and ventured to express a belief that the result of the Festival might allow of an increase being made in the number of annuitants. We did not then anticipate such a falling-off as has actually occurred, or we should not have held out even the slender hope we did express on behalf of the many who were so anxiously awaiting the course of events. We are now afraid there is little or no chance of an extension being proposed during the current year, and, as a consequence, the exceptionally large number of candidates will have nothing but the ordinary vacancies to compete for at the annual election, to be held in May. This is unfortunate, in view of the tremendous array of approved applicants; but, on the other hand, it would be unwise to rush madly into increased responsibilities in face of the decreased support which has been accorded by the Craft.

It is true the pronouncement of Wednesday last is a splendid example of the benevolence of English Freemasons, but, taken in comparison with what has gone before, it is a disappointment, and we believe it is not unlikely to be followed by others, equally severe. It has long been a matter of surprise to the world that the Masonic Craft should be able to subscribe, year after year, the splendid totals which have been collected, and there are not a few who have expressed the opinion that such large contributions could not be maintained. Whether this be the case or not it is impossible to say, but the result of this year's Festival on behalf of the Benevolent Institution—when, with a Board of Stewards 80 in excess of last year, the subscriptions were £2,000 less—most certainly gives cause for anxiety, and, we are afraid, must be recognised as marking a change in the sympathies or capabilities of English Freemasons.

WHAT I CAN, AND WHAT I CANNOT SOLVE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THERE is a saying, viz., "Wonders will never cease" Now, Masonry is undoubtedly full of wonders, wonders to uninitiated as well as to initiated. Two such Masonic wonders attracted my attention, one which I flatter myself of having satisfactorily solved, the second remains unsolved.

Briefly then, in the year 1824, Bro. Witham Matthew Bywater, P.M. of No. 19, kindly sent me his eulogistic essay on Laurence Dermott. The 37th page of the essay is headed with five capital letters formed into an arch, viz., O M I N O. Under those mystic letters are placed

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engravings of three Royal Arch Symbols. Under these symbols there are six Hebrew letters. There are also some Hebrew letters scattered over the above named symbols, some of which are correct and some are not. However, I was able to decipher what the majority were designed to represent. The six letters underneath the symbols stand for "Hallelujah," there is no mistake in that, but under the above Hebrew words is written

סיפר לארשרמית

What those words meant I could not guess, I consulted a Rabbi, but he also could not make anything out of it. As, however, I intended visiting London in 1885, I made up my mind not to puzzle more about it until I met with my new esteemed friend Bro. Bywater. When we met we had so much to say to each other that I forgot to ask for enlightenment on the above subject, and since then I have thought no more of it, but as I felt a sincere desire to become a convert (if possible) to Bro. Sadler's *Dermottic* theory, and as Bro. Sadler quotes from Bro. Bywater's book, I therefore reperused Bro. Bywater's essay, but when I came to page 37, the old puzzle revived. Last Sunday I showed the said page to an Hebrew Bro. Mason, but he could not enlighten me. On Monday morning I took the book up again, and on applying a magnifying glass to the second word, written in diminutive letters, it struck me that by changing the letter ד in last word on the left side into an ר (the former would in English be equivalent to the letter D, and the latter would sound as an R) and by expunging the letter י which is placed after the ס it would then stand for the Hebrew word *Sopher*, signifying *scribe* or *secretary*. As soon as I had succeeded in guessing that the second word stands for secretary, I came to the conclusion that the ten Hebrew letters stand for the name of the secretary, and so they do, after a fashion. Suppose now the Oxford Professor of Hebrew undertook to explain how those ten letters would sound in English letters, he would make the name of the secretary read *Lorentz Rermith* and an Israelite would pronounce the name *Lorentz Rermis*. I have however no doubt that it was designed by the Grand Secretary of the Ancients for his own name *Lawrence Dermott*.

So much for Dermott's *Hebrewism*, but Dermott's *Latinism*, if he meant it for Latin, is just as faulty as his Hebrew. I know that *Domino* is a Latin word, but as I have never heard about "*Omino*," I asked for its meaning of two lawyers and a learned clergyman, but neither of them could answer. I then thought that perhaps the *word* might belong to the high degree mysteries, and I inquired for its meaning of several learned *thirty-thirders* of the "Scotch Rite," and to a *ninety-fiver* or *sixer* of the "Memphis Rite," without success. The question therefore as to what Bro. Dermott meant by the mystic letters O M I N O remains unanswered.

Boston, U.S., 5th Feb. 1889

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Institution took place on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts. Before proceeding to detail the events of the day, we may call the following particulars regarding the Institution from a statement drawn up by its Secretary, and which gives an outline of the rise and progress of the Charity.

At a Quarterly Communication, held on the 2nd of March 1842, (during the Grand Mastership of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex), the Grand Lodge of England founded this Institution, and voted the sum of £400 a year towards its object—the granting Annuities to aged and distressed Freemasons.

On the 19th of May, in the succeeding year (1843), the first election took place, and fifteen brethren were chosen to receive Annuities, varying, according to age, from £10 to £30 annually.

In 1845, Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen gave £50 to the funds of the Institution.

In 1847, the Supreme Grand Chapter voted £100 per annum as its contribution, and in June of the same year the first Festival in aid of the Funds was presided over by the Grand Master for the time being (the late Earl of Zetland), and was productive of a sum of £819 16s 0d.

In 1872, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., accepted the position of Patron of the Institution, and in the following year presided at its Anniversary Festival.

As the Institution steadily progressed, it enlarged its sphere of usefulness by establishing, in 1849, a Fund for the Widows of Freemasons. To this, Grand Lodge voted an annual grant of £100, and Grand Chapter £35 per annum. In the same year an amalgamation of this Institution was effected with the Asylum for Aged Freemasons at Croydon—affording a home for thirty-three inmates—and, as the nucleus of a Sustenation Fund, to keep the buildings in repair, &c., Grand Lodge contributed the sum of £500, which has been brought up by supplemental contributions to a fund of £1,000.

In 1860, the first Annual Festival for the benefit of the Institution took place, before which time festivals had only been held triennially.

In 1867, the earlier system of classifying the Annuitants, according to age, was abolished, and all were made equal, so that the payment to a Brother is now £40 per annum, and to the Widow of a Freemason £32 per annum.

At one time a large portion of the receipts used to be invested, but now the Committee, desirous to effect the greatest amount of good, whilst being well assured of the permanence of the Institution, feel that subscriptions are intended to alleviate present wants—not to be laid by for future claims—and, therefore, invest only the surplus income of each year and such as accrue by testamentary bequests.

Since the formation of the Institution 735 brethren and 480 widows of Freemasons have been elected Annuitants. At the last election 180 brethren were in receipt of £7,200, 229 widows £7,328, and 21 widows—at half their deceased husband's Annuities—£420, or, in round numbers, brethren and the widows of brethren derived £14,948 for the year from the sympathies and exertions of the Craft.

At the next election there are 62 male candidates and 17 vacancies, and 81 female candidates and 10 vacancies only.

The foregoing simple facts tell their own tale; they show the beginning, rise, and progress of the Institution.

The brethren nobly did their duty when they established it. The generation that succeeded has cheerfully maintained it. The Craft of the present day is more munificent than its predecessors, but—with the daily increasing struggle to live, and the great number of candidates for aid—it is necessary to supplement previous exertions, open up new channels of interest, and leave no effort untried that will bring home to every individual Freemason the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on his sympathies and means.

The banquet was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and served under the personal supervision of Bro. Madell. The arrangements throughout were admirable, and reflected additional credit on the already well known reputation of the establishment.

After grace by the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, the Chairman proposed the Queen. The first toast is one that is always well received by Englishmen, and much more well received by all Masons. If there is one thing we Masons pride ourselves on it is our loyalty to the Crown in whatever country we dwell, and our obedience to the laws and ordinances of that country. The toast having been duly honoured, the Chairman again rose: The next toast I present to you is that of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Patron of this Institution. Very few words will be needed to bring this toast to your notice from the favourable way you have received it already. We can say this much, that we have the greatest confidence in the Prince of Wales as Grand Master—we bear that true allegiance to him which we should do to the head of the Order, and we know that if we work as hard as he does for Freemasonry we shall do more than our duty. In speaking of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The Chairman said: There is no brother who doubts me when I say that when we ask the Grand Officers to come down to our respective Provinces to help in great works they find a ready response. They are only too ready to give their assistance at any time; in saying that I express the feelings of all the brethren. I ask you to couple with this toast the name of one who is well known to the Craft, who has served it well for many years and to whom we all look up with respect and affection—I mean the Grand Secretary. We all know how hard he works, and how ready he is to give his assistance to us on every possible occasion. I am certain of one thing—that with him as Grand Secretary; to give us advice whenever we go to him to help us, we always shall find one ready to help us and to come down and do his work; and therefore we owe to him a deep debt of gratitude. He is most hardly worked, and none of us would like to go through the labour he does day after day. Col. Clerke, G. Secretary, in responding, said: Although I am not the senior Grand Officer in the room, yet I have to obey the command of the noble brother in the chair, and to thank this large company for the exceedingly kind and flattering way in which they have received this toast. A very important toast it is, because it comprises the names of so many good and distinguished Masons who have done suit and service to our Order and have been fortunate enough to have their services recognised by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I will not detain you in responding. It is an old toast, and I have to reply to it briefly. I would simply say that the Grand Officers are thoroughly grateful for the kind way in which they are always received. They try to make themselves deserving of the praise which is bestowed upon them, and I am sure whenever they can do anything to serve the Craft they will only be too happy to do so. I am exceedingly thankful to you for the kind way in which you have received the toast, and to our brother President, who has mentioned me personally in such a kind way, and I only hope that I shall be always received with the same recognition at the hands of the brethren. The Chairman next introduced the toast of the evening in the following terms:—The toast we have all assembled here to celebrate and to honour to-night is the toast of Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. I am quite certain that the Craft in general must be pleased when they see this grand assemblage of Stewards from every Province under the United Grand Lodge of England. It is a number of Stewards that personally does me great credit. Last year the Board numbered 276, this year there are 358. The noble Chairman then detailed the facts we have summarized above. Continuing, he said, after the last

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election there were 180 annuitants on the list receiving £40 a year, and I am sorry to say that there is an enormous number who still want to come on that list. Times have not gone well; what has hit one has hit another, and it has hit some very hard. Now, when I tell you that there are 64 male candidates for the next election, and only 14 vacancies, it will convey to your mind how much we want to do beyond what we are doing. After stating the income from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £900 a year, dividend on funded property made a total of £2028 a year, he pointed out the deficiency which had to be made up. Now, brethren, when you look at that you will feel with me that we ought not every year to depend so entirely upon the subscriptions of the Craft, but that we should go on doing what we are doing to the best of our ability; that we should use our income only in case of need; that we ought to keep on increasing and increasing the invested funded property, so that if a really bad year comes, which God grant it may not, we may then take the income and say, "we can tide over this." But if we get hard hit and have to dip into our funded property, where are we going to be the next year? If once you begin to dip into your reserve fund, you will find you will want to dip again, and again, and in that way capital will soon go. Let us be content; let us seek out the most deserving cases that come before us, and give them the annuities we can afford to give, and not try to go beyond our absolute power. As regards the Widows' Fund, after the last election there were 230 widows receiving £32 a year each, and some of them residing at the home of the Institution. The income of the Institution, £850 from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and £882 from invested funds, makes a total of £1732, leaving a deficiency of £6000. In plain language, that means the brethren who have the interest of the Craft at heart, and endeavour to keep up not only the name but the spirit of Charity, have to provide £15,000 yearly to keep this Institution going. I cannot tell you, but I suppose presently the Secretary will tell you, what we have got to-night. I can only say it is a good lift on the road towards that sum. We cannot expect every year such a lift, particularly after the Centenary of the Girls' School, when the whole Craft was called upon and answered in a way that no Charities had ever been answered for before, for on that occasion £50,600 was forthcoming on the day of the celebration of the Centenary of the Girls' School at the Royal Albert Hall—a sum that we trust may do good to that Institution, that may set it on its legs, and may enable it to make additions that they now require. They may not want so much the next two or three years; they cannot expect it. They have raised an immense sum, and you must not forget the old saying that the young are all very well in their way, but there are many men and many widows who are deserving the grants of £40 and £32 a year respectively at Croydon. One old lady I saw myself; she had been 25 years at the Institution, and I may tell you that before she came there she had every luxury in the world; but when her husband died he left her penniless, after living in the greatest affluence and ease, and that old lady is content and happy in the habitation provided for her by this Benevolent Institution. I do not want to detain you, but I do want to say one thing. I want you all to go back to your Provinces and to your respective Lodges and take the thanks of the Benevolent Institution for sending you here this evening, and not only sending you up, but sending you up with a full hand. I think there is very little more to be said; as we go on, let us never forget one Charity or the other. Let us keep the one great object of our Institution before us, and whatever the world may say of Freemasonry, whether they say we dine too well or we enjoy ourselves too much, let us have that one consolation in our conscience, that we are doing good in every way we possibly can. Brethren, I give you the toast of the evening, and that is Success to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows of Mason, and, while asking you to drink it heartily, I call upon Bro. Farnfield to reply to the toast. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, in responding, said the large assemblage that we have here to-night does my heart good, because I fully believe that when so large a number of Masons are assembled together the outcome of that assembly will be a very large total on the lists of the Stewards. It was with fear and trembling the Committee approached this year, because in reviewing our balance sheet at the last General Committee, we found that last year we were something like £2000 to the bad; and after the bumper Festival that the Girls' School had we cannot hope to have as large a sum this year as the last. But everything comes to those that hope and do not despair, and seeing you all assembled round us to support his lordship in the chair, we have every hope that the total to-night will not be less than last year. In that hope I am sure you all will agree with me, and therefore I will not further trespass upon your time, but thank you all on behalf of the Committee and Executive of the Institution for so kindly responding to the toast. Bro. Terry then read the lists of subscriptions; details are given on another page. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer proposed the next toast, "The Health of our Right Hon. Chairman." Our chairman is a Provincial Grand Master who is well recognised in his province, and is one of the most popular of the Provincial Grand Masters. From the splendid reception he had from the brethren of his province, I am quite sure that he dwells in the hearts of all Masons of that province; for by the way in which they have presented themselves to-night and supported him, by bringing so large a sum from a comparatively small province, we may conclude it shows their earnestness in supporting this Institution. I am not going to take up your time long, but I am going to tell you that although our R.W. Chairman is a comparatively young Mason he has made great headway in the Craft; but he is not ashamed of minor positions, as at the present time he is holding the office of Junior Deacon in a London Lodge. So that you will see he is earnest in the cause—that he is determined to support our great Order, and to dignify it to the utmost of his ability. The Chairman said I have to thank my worshipful brethren for the way in which they have received this toast, and the very worshipful brother for the kind and flattering way in which he has proposed it. I assure you I do not deserve as much as he has said. I can only tell you that I try to the utmost of my ability to do whatever duty devolves on me—to me rather—from the position I have been placed in in the Craft; and I only hope that when I do come and do what I am expected to do, I give you satisfaction. That satisfies me. But there is something beyond that As our very worshipful brother told you, I am not an old Mason; but as a Mason I can say this—I wish I had been a Mason when I was 20 years of age, because I do not know, going through all that you and I know about Masonry, that there is such an Institution in the world to compare with it—an Institution that, whether you are rich or poor, can do as much good for—an Institution where the smallest mite is received thankfully, and applied faithfully. That is the great and glorious point of our Institution. We stand hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder, and we can face the world and defy calumny, because the people who speak against us know nothing about us. I remember once seeing in the newspapers that a letter was answered. I know what my remark was at the time, I said that I thought it was a mistake to answer it, because the people who wrote it did not know what he was writing about. We, brethren, know what we are doing, and all I can say is that so long as I live, so long as I have health and strength, when you want me to do any service to the Craft I am at your command. One word more; whatever we do, whatever we take into our hands to do, let us do it thoroughly and with our best ability. In giving the toast, Success to the other Masonic Institutions—the Girls' School and the Boys' School—his lordship said: It is very difficult for me to say much, because I have exhausted almost all my ingenuity in trying to make a speech on the one Charity. I call to your notice that the Girls' School Festival is in May, and the Boys' School Festival is on the 26th June. Now, although the Girls' School may have had a very fair share of the good things of this world, I do not say they do not want help, and I know you will all be ready to give it. The Boys' School also wants assistance, and I think a great deal of assistance and I only hope you will all come forward again from your provinces, and help it so far as you can do so without detriment to yourselves or connections. Every little helps. Do not be afraid of five shillings; it all adds up. Although we are anxious to take care of our Aged Masons and Widows, who from unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune have come to distress and want, we are also anxious that the sons and daughters of Masons should have a start given them by us in the shape of a good education, and keeping them for a certain time of their lives till they are able to take care of themselves. And we only hope that the education they receive at the Girls' and Boys' Schools will help them in earning their livelihood when they come to the age of maturity. I will not praise one Institution more than the other. I ask you to heartily drink success to the Masonic Institutions, the Girls' School and the Boys' School, and I must call upon Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, to reply. Bro. Hedges said:—I rise with great pleasure on this occasion to acknowledge the very kind manner in which the toast has been received. It affords me a double pleasure, in that this is the third time within a very short space that I have had the honour of replying to this toast when proposed by our noble Chairman of to-night. The pleasure is greatly enhanced in that it affords me an opportunity of rendering the sister Institution our most sincere congratulations on the great success which has attended the labours of the Stewards on this occasion. I can only express the hope that the same liberality which has been extended to the Benevolent Institution to-day will be extended to the Boys' School in June. As you have already heard from your Chairman that Institution really needs assistance. The Girls' School naturally is looking forward to its Festival—the 101st—in May next, and we shall be very grateful for the assistance to which your noble Chairman referred. But while saying that I would rather plead for the larger amount for the Boys' School, seeing that last year the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had that glorious Festival at the Royal Albert Hall to which reference has already been made to night. And I would ask to be allowed, my lord, to take this opportunity to tender, on behalf of that Institution, my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who, by their unremitting energy and unbounded liberality contributed towards that magnificent result, which was at once a financial success unparalleled, and a Masonic celebration which has never been surpassed. I will not trespass further upon your time, but will conclude by thanking you once more for the Boys' and Girls' Schools for the very kind manner in which this toast has been received to-night. Bro Binckes, in response to loud calls, said: On behalf of the Boys' School, I rise with extreme reluctance to thank you for the very grateful response you have given to this toast. My good friend Bro. Hedges has thanked you on behalf of both the Girls' and the Boys' Schools, and I think it a hard case that the assemblage should be troubled with a double response. But by the almost unanimous feeling of the brethren assembled here they insist on a word or two from me. I will only say the Boys' School has suffered very severely by the competition with the magnificent celebration of the Girls' School last year, and we place ourselves before you at the Festival of June 1889 as really and truly deserving of all the sympathy and all the support that you can possibly render to us. I do not know that I am prudent in alluding to the investigation which has been instituted with reference to the management of our Institution. I know very well I am justified in alluding to it, because I am painfully aware that a large number of brethren who are disposed to come to our relief and to our assistance this year are withholding their support pending the production of the report of that inquiry. I have no hesitation in stating to you that I believe that I have attended the meetings of that Committee over and over again, and whatever faults may have been found with reference to details as to our management,

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No. 283 Grand Lodge of "Ancients," No. 357 in 1814, No. 250 in 1832, and No. 207 from 1863, known as the "Royal Lodge," Kingston, Jamaica.

ATHOLL Grand Master.

JOHN BUNN S.G.W. WM. AUGS. HOWARD J.G.W.

JAMES AGAR D.G.M.

We the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and Six and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathbay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Genalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles and Earl Strange, and Baron Murray, of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c, &c., &c., Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful James Agar Esquire Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Bunn Esquire Senior Grand Warden and The Right Worshipful Wm. Augs. Howard M.D. F.R.S. Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren viz. The Worshipful Saml. Ballard Whitaker one of our Master Masons The Worshipful Joseph Dunckerley, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Misskelly his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and accepted Masons aforesaid at some convenient place in Kingston (or elsewhere) in the Island of Jamaica upon the first and second Monday in every Kalendar Month on all seasonable Times and lawful occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and Make Free Masons according to the most ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Saml. Ballard Whitaker, Joseph Dunkerley and John Miskelly (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate chuse and install their successors to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate chuse and install their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such installation to be upon (or near) every St. Johns Day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

No. 283. Royal Lodge No. 283.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London this Tenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred Ninety and four and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred Ninety and four.

Seal.

ROBT. LESLIE Grand Secretary.

THOS. HARPER D. Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

[Bro. W. A. Feurtado, P.M. 1836, Kingston, Jamaica, has kindly forwarded a copy of the Warrant of No. 207, which has been obligingly attended to by Brother W. J. Hughan, the portions that are undecipherable in the original having been supplied by that well-known expert, who has throughout taken great interest in our series of "Ancient" Warrants. We now only want copies of Nos. 3, 101, and 143, London; No. 110, Merthyr Tydvil; No. 196, Barbadoes; Nos. 214 and 233, Bermuda; and No. 239, Jamaica. Who will volunteer to help us?—ED. F.C.]

BIRMINGHAM MASONIC HALL AND CLUB COMPANY (LIMITED).

THE twenty-fifth annual meeting was held, on the 21st inst., at the hall. The gross rental for the year 1888 was £1986, as compared with £2073 for 1887, the decrease being due to the fact th t the two principal shops and one large vault were unlet during the year. The letting of the assembly room was satisfactory. The directors propose to enlarge the refreshment room, so as to facilitate the holding of balls and conversaziones. The net profit of the year amounts to £491, which, with a balance of £60 brought forward, makes a total of £551. The report expresses regret that the proposed continuation of Ethel-street to John Bright-street had not been carried out by the Corporation owing to the expense of building the bridge across the station. The directors still maintain the justice of their demand for the improvement, on the faith of which being carried out the company took the land at so high a ground rent, and the ground landlord presented to the town a considerable quantity of land. The report was adopted; a dividend of 2 per cent. was declared, £50 being carried to contingent fund, and £20 written off for the furniture account. The retiring directors—Messrs. James Cooper and W. H. Sproston—were re-elected.

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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

ON Monday, 15th ult., Bro. J. M. Levy was installed W.M. in succession to Bro. A. A. Marks, to whom was presented a P.M.'s jewel and a Centenary jewel by the Officers. The installing ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Z. L. Bloomfield S.W., S. Rosenfeld J.W., H. Tipper Treasurer, A. I. Myers Secretary, J. D. Barnett Organist, J. Eisenmann S.D., C. L. Thompson J.D., E. Barnett I.G., Michael Marks D.C., Lewis Levy Steward, and J. Lazarus Assistant Steward. The chief feature of the musical arrangements at the banquet was the playing of Miss Maud Woolf (violin) and Mr. D. Woolf (piano), daughter and son of Madame Julia Woolf, composer of "Carina."

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 894.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held on Thursday, 21st ult., Bro. C. J. Appleford was installed Worshipful Master, and afterwards appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. H. Candy I.P.M., S. Dacombe S.W., F. A. Dunsford J.W., J. Lemon P.M. Treasurer, W. Boyer P.M. Secretary, A. Hewitt S.D., H. C. Ashdowne J.D., E. Gayton P.M. D.C., W. Bates I.G., A. F. Gutteridge and B. B. Linthorne Stewards, W. Vare Tyler.

LOYAL WELSH LODGE, No. 378.

THE installation banquet was held at the Bush Hotel, Pembroke-Dock, on Tuesday evening, the 19th ult. The banquet had been postponed for a month, in consequence of the lamented death of P.M. Bro. W. G. Phillips. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock, at Lodge Room, Mayrick-street, when after the completion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the hotel, and partook of an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Samuel Jenkins. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. George Edwards, and the vice by the S.W. Bro. George Protheroe Davies, the chair in the south being under the gavel of the J.W. Bro. H. E. Smith. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren present—numbering nearly fifty members of the Loyal Welsh Lodge and visiting brethren. A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation to the retiring W.M. Bro. J. G. Allen, of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge as a mark of esteem at the completion of his year of office. The Officers for the ensuing year are:—Bros. G. Edwards W.M., Allen I.P.M., Protheroe Davies S.W., Smith J.W., Trayler Treasurer, Phillips Secretary, Bowen Chaplain, Hughes Brown Organist, Milne S.D., Davies J.D., Hancock I.G., Butcher and Beer Stewards, Gilliland Tyler.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

ON Monday, 18th ult., Bro. Charles Lewis Adams was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge opened at three o'clock, and Bro. Jarry was passed to the second degree by the Worshipful Master, John James Wright. At four o'clock the installation ceremony was commenced, about fifty being present. The Installing Officer was Bro. Potter P.M., and the ceremony was performed in an impressive manner. The Worshipful Master appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. James Wright I.P.M., William Wood Burkett S.W., William Bishop Baker J.W., Dr. Clement Cuthbert Walters P.M. Treasurer, William A. Smeeth P.M. Secretary, Christopher Sims S.D., Timothy Harrington Binfield J.D., W. O. Kennett P.M. Dir of Cers., George R. Iggleden P.M. Organist, P. O. Potter P.M. Asst. Sec., Frederick Wm. Mayes I.G.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

A MEETING of the members of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, the 7th ult. Present: Bros. F. T. Ridpath P.G.S. Surrey W.M., J. Kilvington S.W., R. G. Fleming J.W., G. S. Hornsail Secretary, S. Clarke S.D., C. Tarry Steward, E. C. Symmons I.G., and W. Lane Tyler. Also Bros. H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. P.G.J.W. Surrey, W. H. Ranson P.M., Stockwell-Buckley, Rayner, Crew, Sherry, Turpin, Bolton, Dyball, Tite, White, Gordon, Horton, Andress, Mortimer, Brittan, Thomas, Griffin and J. Clarke. Visitors:—Bros. F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, Wm. Burn S.D. 858, W. G. Goode S.D. 2096, C. Cooke J.D. 1851, W. Sykes J.W. 1597, W. G. Simmons 1155, C. J Attwood 1623, and G. Holden 2096. After the Lodge had been opened in due form, the minutes of 3rd January were read and confirmed. Bro. Buckley, by request of the W.M., discharged the duties of J.D. The ballot was taken and declared in favour of Mr. Francis Edward Brittan and Mr. Richard John Thomas, who underwent the ceremony, after which the W.M. delivered the address. The Secretary proposed the Rev. John Bennet, M.A., Vicar of Thornton Heath, as a joining member; this was seconded by Bro H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. Hearty good wishes having been given to the W.M., the Lodge was closed, after which the brethren reassembled for their banquet. The Loyal toast to H.M. the Queen was proposed by the W.M. in well chosen and loyal terms, it was heartily received by the brethren, and the National Anthem was sung. Bro. Hobbs I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M.; he did not think that any Lodge had the advantage of a W.M. who could have carried out the duties better than they had been done that evening. Bro. Ridpath thanked the brethren for the pleasing manner in which the toast had been received, and Bro. Hobbs for the kindly and feeling expressions used in its proposition. He had endeavoured to discharge the duties to the best of his ability, and if to the approval of the brethren then he was indeed satisfied. In speaking of the I.P.M., the W.M. said Bro. Hobbs had proved himself a worthy, hardworking, and intelligent Mason; in fact he could say very few had done for Masonry what Bro. Hobbs had accomplished in a com-

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paratively short period. Moreover, he had secured many high distinctions in the Craft, and would always be an ornament to Freemasonry generally. The W.M. then announced that Bro. Hobbs had presented a Charity Box to the Lodge; the former one had been destroyed in the late fire. He (the W.M.) invited the brethren to specially support it on its introduction that evening. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hearty reception of the toast; he was initiated in "Old England" six years since, and they were aware that he had not lost any time. Whilst urging them to adequately support the box, on this and on other occasions, he trusted that no brother who contributed would ever have occasion to seek its assistance. The toast of the Initiates was next proposed; the W.M. hoped they would prove themselves worthy and true Masons; if so, he was sure they would become true men. The Initiates suitably replied. Several other toasts followed.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

THE annual installation meeting took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th ult., at the New Inn, Hurstpierpoint. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Rawlinson Worshipful Master, who was supported by his Officers. There was a numerous array of Visitors. The Report of the General Purposes Committee, shewing the Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial condition, was read and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. F. Hollands, was then duly installed, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Rawlinson, who was assisted in the charges by Bro. W. Fitch P.M. The following Officers, selected for the ensuing year, were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Bros. Rawlinson I.P.M., Pearce S.W., Masters J.W., Fitch Treasurer, Abell Secretary, Buckwell S.D., Wickham J.D., Clark D.C., Broad I.G., Beeney Steward, and Howell Tyler. Bro. G. Rawlinson I.P.M. was elected Charities Steward; and Bros. G. Jupp, Blaker, and E. Austen to serve on the General Purposes Committee. The W.M. then presented Bro. G. Rawlinson, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, as a recognition of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton. The W.M., Bro. Hollands, presided. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. F. F. J. Greenfield and Bro. G. Cole responding for the Provincial Grand Officers. In submitting the toast of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Rawlinson remarked that Bro. Hollands, from the date of his initiation, ten years since, had not missed one Lodge meeting, and his unremitting attention to his duties had secured him the highest point of honour the members of his Lodge could confer on him. In Bro. Hollands' hands he felt confident that the honour of the Southdown Lodge would be maintained. Bro. Hollands, on rising to respond, was warmly applauded. He expressed the pleasure he felt in occupying the proud position of W.M., and said he would do his utmost to enhance the success and stability of the Lodge. Bro. Pearce proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Province and the Visitors, the former toast being acknowledged by Bro. Edwards, and the latter by Bros. E. A. Smithers, J. A. Newton, and W. Buckell. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters, the Initiates, the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Pratt, Huckell, Collins, and Edwards, and a recitation was given by Bro. Hollands, the duties of accompanist being carried out by Bro. Cole.

TORRIDGE LODGE, No. 1885.

THE installation meeting was held on the 11th ultimo, when Bro. Holwill was installed in the chair by Bro. Hagley P.M. The following brethren were appointed Officers:—Stevenson I.P.M., Ashplant S.W., Hooper J.W., Fisher Treasurer, Mallet P.M. Secretary, Tapley S.D., Hawton J.D., Dyer I.G., and Copp Tyler. The brethren then adjourned for the annual banquet to Bro. Tapley's, Globe Hotel.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE annual supper was held after the monthly Lodge at the Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon, on Monday evening, the 18th ult. The W.M. Bro. M. W. Meade presided, and was supported by about 20 brethren, including the following visitors:—Bros. T. J. Ralling, F. Geo. Green, and the Mayor of Maldon Bro. Joseph Sadler. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the health of Bro. Joseph Sadler, Mayor of Maldon, and the Visitors, were very enthusiastically received. During the evening the following brethren contributed to the enjoyment by singing songs:—viz., Bros. Ralling, Shawyer, Robert Smith, Eustace, Ellis, Grout, and Blaxall.

PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

THE installation of Bro. George A. Cox, for the ensuing year, took place at the Lodge-room, Langport Arms Hotel, Langport, on Thursday, the 14th ult. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset. The W.M. invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Western I.P.M., Humphrey S.W., Payn J.W., Maurice Chaplain, Paul Treasurer, Reynolds Secretary, Louch D.C., Crosse S.D., Gough J.D., Pittard I.G., Sharpe Organist, and Gillett Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet.

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CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 804.

ON Tuesday, the 19th ult., at Havant, Comps. J. Collings was installed as 1st, Smith Parsons as 2nd, and C. V. Birch as 3rd Principals of this Chapter. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. G. F. Lancaster P.P.G.J. The following Officers were invested:—Comps. J. N. Hillman P.G. Treasurer, Dr. F. V. Paxton S.E., A. H. Wood S.N., E. Boorman P.S., Doncaster 1st A.S., Bascombe 2nd A.S., Askew D.C., Hillman Steward, Blackmore Janitor. Among those present were Comps. F. Sanders, Sperring, Turney, Parkhouse, Outridge, Bates, Nayler, Street, Price, Holmes, Bowler, Cooke, and Dunn. The thanks of the Chapter were accorded to Comp. Lancaster for his ability as installing officer. The Companions afterwards sat down to a capital banquet, provided in the Masonic Hall.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual weekly meeting of this Chapter was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Moore M.E.Z., Grummant H. and acting Preceptor, Wingham J., Stone S.E., Martin S.N., Stone P.S., Powell P.Z., J. Stevens P.Z., and Eckersall. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell personating candidate. The Committee, appointed the previous week, reported in favour of a supper to be held early in April. A telegram apologising for the unavoidable absence of Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, was received.

MARK MASONRY.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Monday, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the M.W. Pro G.M.M. Lord Egerton of Tatton. The business before the meeting was the question of renting the premises known as Bacon's Hotel, for the purposes of the Mark Degree. Bro. Canon Portal, President of the General Board, introduced the matter to the Grand Lodge, and explained it was proposed to pay a rental of £360 a-year for a lease of 49 years. They would expend about £3000 in adapting the premises, of which, however, they expected to receive £1000 from the former lessees, as payment for dilapidations. The proposal might, therefore, be said to incur a rental of £420 per year, whereas they at present paid only £200. The proposed alterations would provide accommodation which, it was anticipated, would be easily let to Mark Lodges and other bodies, and it was not expecting too much to hope that the outlay would be a profitable speculation. Bro. Frank Richardson Grand Registrar seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Among other matters, it was decided to ask Craft Grand Lodge, to whom the premises belong, to grant them for the first six months at a peppercorn rental, so as to allow of the necessary alterations being completed.

COUNTY PALATINE LODGE, No. 156.

THE installation meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Monday, 18th ult. Present:—Bros. J. W. Edwards W.M., James Wilson S.W., W. H. Vaughan J.W., John Stovold M.O., W. J. Cunliffe Treasurer, John Chadwick Secretary, James Sly, J. D. Murray Past Grand Sword Bearer, Carl Götz, Charles Sheriff Lane, A. H. Jefferis P.M. 32, J. H. Lawson P.M. 246, P.P.G. Registrar Derbyshire, E. C. Milligan P.M. 246, R. R. Lisendon late of 34. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Dr. Kenneth Maclean P.M. Egerton Lodge, No. 1030, and being successful, he was subsequently advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason by Bro. J. D. Murray, of Wigan, Past Grand Sword Bearer. The installation of Bro. James Wilson was next proceeded with, and Bro. J. D. Murray performed the ceremony in that masterly fashion for which he is renowned. The following brethren were appointed Officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested and addressed by Bro. J. D. Murray:—W. H. Vaughan S.W., J. Stovold J.W., Wm. Hardcastle M.O., W. B. Akerman S.O., A. A. Mosa J.O., W. J. Cunliffe Treasurer, John Chadwick Secretary, Carl Götz S.D., N. A. Earle J.D., Kenneth Maclean I.G. Bro. J. D. Murray also addressed the W.M.M., Wardens, Overseers, and Brethren, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards dined together, and the toasts of the W.M.M. (Bro. James Wilson), the Installing Master (Bro. J. D. Murray), the Officers, Visitors, &c., were proposed and responded to.

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PROVINCIAL LODGE OF DUMFRIESSHIRE.

THE quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumfriesshire was held on Thursday, 14th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Dumfries—Provincial Grand Master F. E. Williams presiding. The following Office-bearers were invested:—Bros. John Lennox Treasurer, George Crawford S.D., James Currie J.D., Alex. Steven Architect, Thomas Shortridge Jeweller, Dr. Cox B.B. (Sergt.), James Smith Marshall, A. S. Charteris Director of Ceremonies, Derby Bard, J. J. Clarke S.B., J. J. Glover Dir. M., Theodore Knapper Organist, James Coltart P.S., J. G. Coutland V.P.S., Murphy, Walker, James Smith, Woodley, and James Kerr S.S., Joseph Black I.G., Charles Sanders Tyler. It was agreed to postpone discussion of the bye-laws until the daughter Lodges have a better opportunity of considering them, and submitting their views thereon. The P.G.M. intimated that the D.M. (Bro. Dr. Cox, Annan) had resigned office, on account of professional duties, and notified the appointment of Bro. Arthur Johnstone, Douglas, Comlongan, as D.M., and of Bro. E. J. Brooke jun., of Hoddam, as Sub-M., and these were invested in their respective offices. It was arranged that a deputation of the Provincial Lodge should make a visit of inspection to Lodges St. Magdalen (Lochmaben), and Quhytewoollen (Lockerbie), on Saturday, the 23rd February. In the evening the annual dinner of the Provincial Grand Lodge took place in the Commercial Hotel, when a capital dinner was set down before a numerous gathering of brethren by Mrs. Copland. Bro. Villiers P.G.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Henry Gordon, A. H. Johnstone-Douglas, and E. J. Brooke, Dinwiddie and Currie, were in their places. The Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Provincial Grand Master said brethren had had their social gatherings before now, which had been entirely satisfactory; but to-night they had an additional matter before them, which entailed on him a mixture of regret, of great gratitude, and of great affection. It was his privilege to propose the health of a Brother who for very many years had been, if not the mainstay, one of the mainstays, not only of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but of Masonry in Dumfriesshire. It was nearly fifty years since Bro. Gordon became a Mason, in St. Luke's Lodge, Edinburgh. Not long after that period, he came to this county, and as long ago as 1852—at a time when Freemasonry was in a tottering state here—he was affiliated to St. Michael's Lodge. From that time he had never ceased to take an active and prominent part amongst the brethren of this Province, working his way through nearly every grade, till, at the time when the speaker first had the honour of becoming the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gordon was holding, as he had long held, the office of P.S.G.M. It was then the privilege of the Provincial Grand Master to offer him the office of P.D.G.M., knowing well that had it been his desire brethren would have been glad to elevate him to the highest office in the Province. It was with feelings of personal gratitude that he (Bro. Villiers) recalled the assistance and encouragement he received from Bro. Gordon when, with much diffidence and after very much thought, he accepted the high honour conferred on him by the Masons of Dumfriesshire; but he thought brethren of the Province ought to be, if possible, even more grateful to Bro. Gordon for the assistance he had rendered during that long period of years when, in this Province especially, there was a lack of those fitted to occupy high office, and when he stood manfully and went hand in hand with that venerable friend of Masonry Bro. Maitland, to sustain and promote the benefits of Freemasonry. This sentiment was strongly entertained, and a very general desire had been expressed to do honour to Bro. Gordon. From almost every Lodge, and from every part of the Province, and from beyond the Province also, there had been an express desire to join the Provincial Grand Lodge in making a presentation to prove the sincerity of their regard to him; and the jewel which he (the P.G.M.) held in his hand, and which Bro. Gordon had never seen, but which it was their hope he might long be spared to wear and keep, was the outcome of that desire. Without further prelude, Brother Villiers handed to the Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master a handsome and valuable jewel, bearing the inscription:—

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On Wednesday, 20th ult., Bro. Col. J. Clark Forest, Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Middle Ward, and the leading Office-bearers of the Provincial Lodge made their annual visit to Lodge St. Andrew's Military, No. 668 (the only military Lodge in Scotland), at the Soldiers' Institute, Hamilton. They were accompanied by Bros. John Graham Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow Province, D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh, and Captain Sinclair Right Worshipful Master, and other Office-bearers were in their places. At the close Bro. Clark Forest expressed himself highly pleased with everything connected with the Lodge.

LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual Report of the Committee, just issued, is to the following effect:—Your Committee, on presenting this their twelfth annual Report, have to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, and Subscribers on the success which has attended their labours during the year last past, both in the increase of revenue and the decrease of expenditure. The Capital Account now stands at £1,585 13s 1d, having been increased as follows: Our President has contributed a further £5 5s, to constitute himself a patron. An entertainment given by the Zetland Lodge resulted in a profit of £8 5s 5d. A sermon preached in St. Matthew's Church, by Bro. the Rev. William Dunn, produced £5 15s 7d. Instalments received for Life Governorships under Rule 14, from Bros. Pocklington, Yates, Grimshaw, Hattersley, and Suddick, of Lodge 304, £6 6s, making with the balance brought over from last year the amount above stated. The following is a summary of the method by which the capital has been raised, viz.:—

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Donations	64	2	0
Entertainments	371	0	7
Legacy	45	0	0
Offertories	28	19	11
Transfer from Revenue	42	0	7
	£1,585	13	1

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On the 21st ultimo, the Annual Festival of the Philanthropy Lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when the retiring Master, Bro. A. F. Pearce, impressively installed Bro. J. Fowler S.W. in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. Subsequently the brethren dined in the banqueting hall.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE,

On WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH 1889,

The Proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant will serve

A SPECIAL TABLE d'DOTE DINNER,

At Four o'Clock—instead of the usual hour, 5·30—on that evening.

PRICE 3s 6d.

The following will be the

MENU.

SOUPS.—Green Pea; Clear Mock Turtle.
FISH.—Salmon and Lobster Sauce; Whitebait.
ENTREES.—Lamb cutlets à la Jardiniere; Chicken Sauté à la Marengo.
REMOVES.—Ribs of Beef and Horseradish; Saddle of Mutton and Red Currant Jelly.
VEGETABLES.—Plain Potatoes; Haricot Vert; Sauté Potatoes; Cauliflower à la Bechamel.
SWEETS.—Apricots à la Condé; Merletons de Rosen; Macedoine Jelly; Ice Pudding.
Cheese. Salad.

DESSERT.

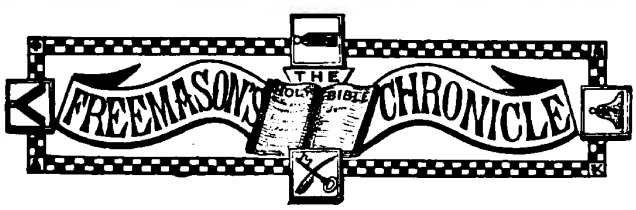
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th March 1889, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December 1888 for confirmation.

2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228, London	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1722, Dagshai, E.I.	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon	50	0	0
A Brother of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, Gibraltar	50	0	0
A Brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 257, Coventry ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Perfect Friendship, No. 376, Ipswich	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, Camberwell	100	0	0
A Brother of the Grenadiers Lodge, No. 66, London ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 274, Newchurch	50	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that on the 1st December last they received notice from Messrs Spiers and Pond (Limited), the lessees of Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, of their intention not to apply for a renewal of the lease, which terminated at Christmas.

The Board thereon consulted with the Grand Superintendent of Works as to the amount to be claimed for dilapidations, and also as to the steps which should be taken for re-letting the building, and this latter business was placed in the hands of a leading firm of agents, through whom an offer was received of £300 per annum from a gentleman proposing to open the house as a Temperance Hotel. The Board, however, considered that there were several objections to their accepting this offer, and they subsequently received another from the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of £360 per annum (the rent hitherto received) for a lease of 49 years, together with an undertaking to expend about £3000 on the building, the plans to be subject to the approval of the Grand Superintendent of Works, and the nett amount received from Messrs. Spiers and Pond for dilapidations to be handed over to them. The arrangement being subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons.

The Board consider that this offer is in every respect a very desirable one; they have, therefore, accepted it, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th February 1889.

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February, instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4,659 19s 9d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £23 16s 7d.

6. Report of Brother John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1888.

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Edward O'Connor Terry P.G. Steward, Past Master and Treasurer of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, London. Nominated by Bro. Sir John R. Somers Vine W.M. No. 2190, London.

George Everett, Past Master and Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, London. Nominated by Bro. William John Ferguson P.M. No. 177, 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. 2291.—The West Ham Abbey Lodge, Stratford, Essex.
2292.—The Duke of Brunswick Lodge, Brunswick, Victoria.
2293.—The Sandeford Lodge, Malmesbury, Victoria.
2294.—The Wavertree Lodge, Wavertree, Lancashire (W.D.)
2295.—The Scarisbrick Lodge, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.)
2296.—The United Service Lodge, Launceston, Tasmania.
2297.—The Harding Lodge, Boebourne, Western Australia.
2298.—The Southern Cross Lodge, Palamcottah, Tinnevelly, Madras.
2299.—The Mount Corrie Lodge, Kokstad, Griqualand East, South Africa.
2300.—Aorangi Lodge, Wellington, Wellington, N.Z.
2301.—The Fortitude Lodge, Bluff, Otago and Southland, N.Z.
2302.—The St. Mary's Lodge, Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I venture to ask you to allow me, through your columns, to remind the 426 brethren who had kindly promised their support to Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, when he retired from the present contest, as well as the members of the Craft generally, that Bro. Harris will be a candidate for that high office at the election which takes place in March 1890. I take the earliest opportunity of doing this, in order to avoid any possible misconception on the subject.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

A. M. BROADLEY,

P.M. 1717 and 1835, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary 2127.

Drury Lane Theatre, 26th Feb. 1889.

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The following is a List of the Stewards of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, with the respective amounts collected by each, revised to the time of our going to press.

UNATTACHED.

	£	s	d
Br Sir George D Harris	10	10	0
Horace B Marshall, J.P.	10	10	0
Geo. E Fairchild	10	10	0
Chas Nash Fox			
George H Kenning	10	10	0
F Sumner Knyvett	10	10	0
J H Lane			
Reginald Mills	16	5	0
William Shurmur	10	10	0
James Terry	207	15	0
William W Westley	10	10	0
J W Dewsnap	26	5	0
Sir Reg. Hanson, Bart.	52	10	0
Thomas Hutchinson	10	10	0
Henry Lovegrove	10	10	0
C F Matier	10	10	0
H B Marshall jun., B.A.	10	10	0
Thos W Richardson	17	17	0
W B Fendick			
Dr Clement Godson	10	10	0
Gordon Miller	10	10	0
George C Pulsford			
Alfred Cooper			
Francis F W Oldfield	36	15	0
Arthur Dutton			
T Blanco White			
John C Yates			
W J Parker	10	10	0
Rudolph G Glover			
Dep. In.-General Bel-grave Ninnis, M.D., R.N.			
Walter J Nicholls			
Geo S Hornsail	10	10	0
O Philippe	10	10	0
Hugh Cotter			
William Pierpoint	10	10	0
W J Winder	10	10	0
George Pragnell			
Charles Hiller			
James Boulton	10	10	0
W J Crutch	10	10	0
Col Sir F Burdett, Bart.			
Edward C Talbot	10	10	0
A R Carter	10	10	0
R Pittam Stevens	10	10	0
Dr W H Kiallmark	5	5	0
Major George Lambert	10	0	0
Chas S Lemon			

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s	d
1	Br T Dinwiddy	27	6	0
2	W H Rylands	36	15	0
3	Dr A G Sandberg	23	12	6
4	Fred T Bennett			
	Harry E Pollard	10	10	0
5	Edgar J Paine	28	7	0
8	Arthur Pullman	28	6	0
10	Samuel Green	35	14	0
11	W F B McQueen	35	14	0
14	Walter J Ebbetts	25	4	0
15	William Jas Towers	57	15	0
19	Henry Glenn	52	10	0
21	William T Evans	24	3	0
23	E M Money	38	0	0
26	Reid Taylor	24	3	0
28	Major C W Carrell	43	11	0
Chapter				
28	Comp Walter A Harvey	16	16	0
Lodge				
29	Br Frederick Burgess	24	3	0
	John R Dunlop	26	5	0
30	Thomas Smith	27	17	0
33	Richard Rapier			
34	S J Attenborough			
	Walter H Glazier	100	0	0
46	H S Clutton	67	4	0
49	Wyndham Hart	10	10	0
	Stratton Buchan F	16	16	0
	John Turner	10	10	0
55	Frank John Unite	50	7	6
Chapter				
58	Comp Henry Carter	44	1	0
Lodge				
72	Br Frederick Dunn	46	19	6
79	Henry Roberts	68	5	0
87	E Chamberlain	49	3	0
95	F Johnson			
Chapter				
95	Comp Milner Jutsum	24	3	0
Lodge				
96	Br Major H A Joseph	88	4	0
141	Walter Langdale	57	15	0
147	George Bolton	15	15	0
157	E F Shoebridge	15	15	0
162	Henry Garle	17	17	6
167	F E Bailey	28	12	0
169	Robert Jackson	92	16	0
Chapter				
173	Comp H W Davis	39	18	0
Lodge				
174	Br William J Higgs	80	19	0
177	Richard Harvey	96	0	6
Chapter				
179	Comp Walter Hopekirk	31	10	0
Lodge				
180	Br E Bateman	38	17	0
185	David Hills	53	11	0
188	Lewis Lazarus	26	5	0
193	William Belobamber	31	10	0
194	Fredk C Christmas	64	11	6
197	Arthur M Cope	28	7	0
198	F W Lee			
217	William Eckersall	21	0	0
212	M Mendelssohn	5	5	0
227	Frederick Mead	45	3	0
	W G Albert			
228	William Smith	105	0	0
256	John A Farnfield	51	19	6
259	Major A B Cook	162	15	0
435	William Henry Kelly	23	2	0
507	C H Stone	27	6	0
511	Asher Barfield	27	15	0
534	Joseph L Apsey	36	15	0
538	W G Fenn	94	3	6
	J W Elvin			
548	Henry Carman	31	10	0
554	George Ethridge	56	11	0
569	F H Smith	89	5	0
700	J H Roberts	84	0	0
720	Fred Purkiss	62	16	0
733	Sills Jas Humfress	81	18	0
781	A H Shepherd	220	0	0
822	Francis H Seaton	37	16	0
860	Edward Bond	16	16	0
	Thomas Glass	15	15	0
	Frederick Richardson	42	0	0
861	H Salter	52	10	0
862	James Irvine	76	13	0
901	R Pittam Stevens			
902	Samuel Rashleigh			
907	George Edwards	50	15	6
917	Archibald Hamilton	27	16	6
1185	T B Goodfellow	115	10	0
Chapter				
1185	Comp W G Hildreth	15	15	0
Lodge				
1196	Br R Hardy Smith	19	19	0
1259	John P Moore	73	4	6
1260	Walter C Fox	58	16	0
1278	Arthur W Weston			
1287	J T Edgar	45	13	6
	Charles Kempton	105	0	0
1288	Alexander Mullord	36	15	0
1298	W Haynes Dunn	32	11	0
1306	John Loftus	43	0	0
1321	H Ealing	33	14	0
1366	A Cook			
	J H Gregory	140	0	0
	Francis Shelton			
	Edward Wareham	42	0	0
	J C Yates			
1383	Theo C Sandeman	138	17	0
1426	John Seex	56	14	0
1471	Harry Hunt	63	10	0
1507	Frank Dimsdale	88	15	6
Chapter				
1507	Comp B Kauffman	37	10	0
Lodge				
1537	Br Herbert T Steward	76	10	0
1540	Herbert Brine			
1541	H H Shirley	70	17	6
1591	John Scarlett Campbell			
1593	George E Pulsford	39	18	0
1601	Alfred Thompson	51	19	6
1602	Ferdinand F E Heyse	31	10	0
1607	Arthur J Clark	102	0	0
1608	Dr H W Kiallmark			
1615	Edward B l'Anson	10	10	0
1642	William J Murlis	57	15	0
	Robert Hy Pearson			
1672	Granado P Minett	10	10	0
1672	Wm de Blaquiere Sea-grave	10	10	0
1687	Walter Adams	39	7	6
	E L P Valeriani			
1693	Thomas Caseley			
1716	Wm Geo Wilshaw	78	4	6
Chapter				
1716	Comp Geo Anderson			
Lodge				
1728	Br H J Rolls	63	0	0
1732	W M Stiles	69	16	6
1744	William Jacques	75	0	0
1769	Alfred Portway	38	4	6
1804	John A Ellerton	41	5	0
1816	John T Kinipple	59	3	0
1827	Edwin F Fitch	28	7	0
1839	C H Cox	65	6	0
1910	Charles Belton	15	15	0
1928	R J Griffiths	16	15	0
1949	Charles J Axford	31	10	0
1964	James E Terry	57	15	0
	William Bellingham	143	13	6
2020	Henry H Wells	25	2	0
2021	George Coop			
2060	Ernest St Clair	31	10	0
2128	William Masters	21	0	0
2182	Fredk Cambridge	37	13	0
2190	Edward Terry	42	0	0
2193	John Barnett jun.	69	6	0
2202	J K R Cama	38	17	0
	Charles Sheppard			
2242	Edward George Lewis	40	0	0
2265	Harry Barnato			
	Joseph Da Silva	103	13	6

PROVINCES.

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BERKS AND BUCKS.

		£	s	d
948	John Lee Dale			
1899	S G Kirchhoffer	23	2	0

BRISTOL.

	William Parnell	52	5	0

CAMBRIDGE.

441	S H Sharman	84	0	0
	Robert Roy	10	10	0

CHESHIRE.

336	Ralph Andrews	26	5	0
1576	John Morris	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

The Province	Br Gilbert B Pearce	157	10	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The Province	Br G Dalrymple	102	12	6

DERBY.

850	George M Bond	22	1	0
1235	Joseph H Lawson	10	10	0

DEVON.

Chapter				
70	Comp. F B Westlake			

DORSET.

Lodge				
1037	Sir R N Howard	56	10	0
1367	S R Baskett	100	0	0

DURHAM.

764	W B Foxton (Province) H B Olsen	115	10	0

ESSEX.

697	H J Skingley	57	15	0
2256 & 2108	Dr Lennox Browne	234	3	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	R V Vassar-Smith	21	0	0
	Baron de Ferrières	10	10	0
592	William Henry James	42	0	0
761	Major General W J Vizard	21	0	0
839	Sir Lionel E Darell, Bart.			

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

35 2169	Geo A Mursell	26	5	0
359	Lawrence Steele	42	0	0
723	John Miller	36	15	0
1112	Geo F W Mortimer	13	10	0
1869	Arthur J Firth	16	10	6

HERTS.

	C E Keyser (see Middlesex)	27	6	0
403	Rev W d'A. Crofton	35	3	0
449	C B Cooper	12	12	0
1327	George Holdsworth	47	5	0
1385	R Fisher Young	50	13	0
1479	Rev P Doedes	27	15	0
1984	James Rogers	32	11	0

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KENT.

Lodge		£	s	d
	Rev W H Cummings	26	5	0
	R Joynes Emmerson	73	10	0
125	Edward Hire	25	2	0
127	John Healing	44	16	6
558	J N Rogers H D Stock	78	15	0
615	Geo W Mitchell	32	11	0
709	F Hughes Hallett	7	7	0
972	Richard Westwood	68	15	6
1314	Harry Gross	61	19	0
1414	Rev John Stewart	38	0	6
1464	G H Edmonds	96	12	0
1531	William Hollis	31	10	0
1692	John King	70	7	0
1965	R C Sudlow	129	2	0
2099	Henry C Jones	37	5	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

78	Peter Lawton	26	5	0
146	Thomas Nightingale	10	10	0
269	Thomas Parkinson	1	1	0
348	John Kenyon Israel A Greenhalgh Robert Jones	63	0	0
Lodge and Chapter				
993	C D Cheetham jun	10	10	0
Lodge				
1009	George Hunt			
1030	J Cookson	10	10	0
1077	Roger W Scoles	10	10	0
1458	Fredk Hilton	7	7	0
1723	Benj Derham	10	10	0
	Dr Geo H Whittaker	10	10	0
1814	Wm Smith, M.D.	10	10	0

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

82	Edward Segar	10	10	0
	Thos Banner Newton	10	10	0
680	James De Bels Adam	51	9	0
1299	Thos Archer Withey	10	10	0
1384	W. J. Thompson	10	10	0

LINCOLN.

The Province	Br H E Cousans	374	7	0
362	Ben H Russell	31	10	0
792	W R F Morton	16	12	0
2078	Rev Ed Milford-Weigall	15	15	0
2284	Jack Sutcliffe	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

778	William Roebuck	31	8	0
788	Tom H Nott			
1293	Col Hugh M Gordon	15	15	0
1309	Chas R Truker	10	10	0
	Henry Woods	10	10	0
1326	Wiliam Kite	10	10	0
1415	J Hutchinson	24	2	6
1549	C E Keyser (see Herts)	63	0	0
1567	W A Brown J Mason	138	5	0
Lodge				
1597 & 2024	Dr W Cook	28	7	0
1793	Walter R Plaford	23	4	0
1897	Oscar Von Holthorp	13	11	6
2048	Philip Cheek			
2105	John Read	21	0	0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

The Chairman, Br the Rt Hon the Earl of Euston, including his Lordship's personal donation of £52 10s		227	10	0
Lodge				
360	Alfred Cockerill	120	0	0
Chapter				
360	Comp George Ellard	47	5	0
Lodge				
373	Br Thomas Coote jun.	26	17	6
442	W Dixey	84	0	0
442	John B Vergette			
445	William Whitton	38	8	0
466	Herbert Hart	26	5	0
607	The Hon John Powys			
1764	Thos Phipps Dorman	57	15	0
1911	Major F Cooper Turner	55	13	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

1794	Edward N Elborne	57	15	0

OXFORD.

	Rev H A Pickard	5	5	0
357	H O Wakeman	75	1	6
357	R G Pearson	10	10	0
478	Rev H R Cooper Smith	36	15	0
1703	John Coles	10	10	0
1895	Fredk H Holmes	21	0	0

SHROPSHIRE.

The Province	Br Rowland G Venables	80	0	0
	C L Crump	36	15	0
601	E A Hicks (see Worcester)	28	11	0
611	Thomas Roberts	13	2	0
1621	W Lascelles-Southwell	52	10	0

SOMERSET.

1199	C L Fry Edwards	51	15	0

STAFFORD.

	W H Bailey T Ryder	10	10	0

SUFFOLK.

516	C G Hayward	36	15	0
555	Rev Richard Peek	16	16	0
936	William H Hall	26	5	0
959	Archibald R Trewe	110	5	0
1224	Geo H Grimwood	20	0	0
1592	Rev C E Barnes	15	15	0
1823	Chas Hy Vincent	100	15	0

SURREY.

Lodge		£	s	d
416	C Attersoll Smith	15	15	0
1046	Charles H Knight	26	5	0
1638	T Montague	13	6	6
1851	William Parker	18	18	0
1892	George Filmer	27	18	0
2096	J S Fraser	182	6	0
Unattached	Dr H J Strong	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

732	Francis Daniel	137	11	0
1184	Rev E R Currie	49	19	6
1726	Alfred Lloyd	21	0	0

WARWICK.

74	James Moffat William Hy Johnson Chas J Collins Thomas Surman Josiah Collins Hugh Thomas John Slater Foster Walter Joseph Ginder Thomas John Graham William Parish Hoskins Felix Jones Joshua Perkins John Rawlins Charles Lee	147	0	0

WILTS.

The Province	Br W H Burt	168	0	0

WORCESTER.

	Br A F Godson, M.P.	10	10	0
529	W B Williamson	21	0	0
	G A Hicks	14	1	0
2084	Thos R Arter	31	10	0

YORKSHIRE (N. and E.)

57	J Matthews S Rutter	105	0	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

	Thos W Tew			
258	George Heaton			
810	Major Geo Robinson			
904	Frederick Romain			
904	Peter B Coward			
904	Joseph France			
904	Frederick Cleeves			
904	W G Haggard			
974	George Beanland	400	0	0
1211	W F Smithson			
1513	T W Embleton			
1545	Arthur Holmes			
1545	Harry Longbottom			
1545	J J Rutherford			
2069	Robert Abbott			
2069	George Tudor Trevor			
2261	Walker Dyson			
2268	E S Toser			

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there is no justice in your withholding your support from the Institution, as under our care since 1798 1838 sons of Freemasons have been provided for, and we have now 260 generously supported by the Craft. If we have been too generous in our administration, who has had the privilege and benefit of that generosity? The boys—the sons of Freemasons—and I do trust and fervently hope that the brethren will come forward and help us in this hour of need and distress, and make, by the success of June 1889, something like a compensation for the loss we sustained by the competition with the Girls' School in 1888. Although wishing every success to the Girls' School, with which Brother Hedges is associated, I do hope that the Institution with which I have been connected over 30 years will attract your sympathy and support, as I know it will justify the same, and that you will not withhold from us your help in our distress this year. I can only say to every one here present it is a source of immense gratification that, notwithstanding the rumours floating about, in every way you deem me worthy of paying me the compliment, under the supervision of your excellent Chairman, to respond on behalf of the Institution with which I am more immediately connected, which I assure you is deserving at your hands of all the support that can be given to it. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. President of the Board of Benevolence said it would ill become us on this occasion to part without tendering to the Board of Stewards our hearty congratulations and thanks for their individual exertions for the present Festival. Those who have worked with the Stewards know how much depends on their personal efforts, and it never was better exemplified than by the magnificent sum brought up by those Stewards of Norths and Hunts, over whom our Chairman presides as Prov. G. Master. The toast having been duly honoured, Sir Lionel Darell thanked Bro. Grey for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast. The body of Stewards had done everything they could to insure this Festival's success, but the principal arrangements devolved upon Bro. Terry, and, therefore, as President of the Board of Stewards, I am personally indebted to him for carrying it out in all its details. After a toast had been given in honour of the Ladies, the company adjourned to the Temple, where the usual concert took place.

The special complimentary matinée to Herr Meyer Lutz, to commemorate the completion of the twentieth year of his musical directorship of the Gaiety, will be given on Monday afternoon. The programme is a most extensive and varied one, being made up of scenes from popular plays of the day, while the incidentals are too numerous to mention. We trust that "House full" will be the order of the day.

There will be a matinée, at the Criterion, of "The Two Roses" on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Mr. Charles Wyndham will play the part of Jack Wyatt. He will be supported by the following:—Messrs. Wm. Farren, Edward Righton, George Giddens, William Blakeley, Mrs. E. Phelps, and the Misses E. Vining, Fanny and Mary Moore.

Mr. Richard Mansfield has decided to produce "King Richard the Third" at the Globe on Saturday evening, the 16th instant. The theatre closes to-night for final rehearsals.

The last nights of "Mamma" are announced at the Court, owing to Mr. and Mrs. Kendal having made arrangements to appear, on the 16th instant, in Mr. A. W. Pinero's "The Weaker Sex."

"From labour to refreshment." Brethren who may visit London, on Wednesday next, in order to attend Grand Lodge, will find every provision made for their entertainment at the ever popular Holborn Restaurant. In another column we give the menu for the Table d'Hôte of the day, and will merely add that the service will commence at four o'clock instead of at 5·30 the regular hour.

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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 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at ". (Instruction)
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

MONDAY, 4th MARCH.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 139 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1435—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.)
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.)
2096—Harlesden National School, Harlesden
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
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. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
938—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1350—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
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
2163—Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 360—Lanceston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
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, 5th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
38—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)
198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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)
783—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
785—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)
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
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)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1603—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (In st.)
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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
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.
363—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, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Goldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
943—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
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (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, Station 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
2135—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. 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, 6th 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 (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barfleet-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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1288—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 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, Upper Richmond-rd., S.W
1901—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.)
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, 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.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale

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1236—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
227—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
430—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
811—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
846—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
878—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
888—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1630—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
1843—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2043—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 23 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 300—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 321—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
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, 7th MARCH.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
17—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)
193—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.
564—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Alderesgate 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)
1017—Montifiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1279—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)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
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)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Anstin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
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—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. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, 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, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
81—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
80—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
256—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, 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.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
1581—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1929—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
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General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
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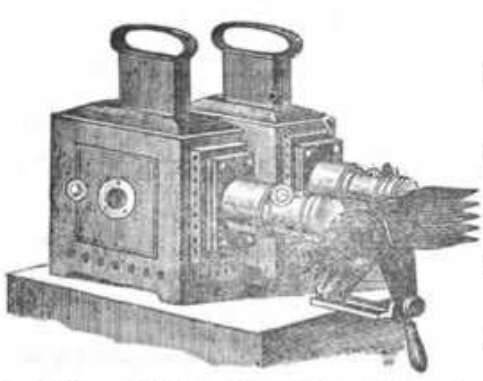
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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

IN accordance with the custom which has prevailed for the last half dozen years all interest in the March Communication of the United Grand Lodge, which took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, may be said to have been centred in the Election of Grand Treasurer. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided, and he was supported by R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, who acted as Deputy Grand Master, while Sir Edmund H. Lechmere, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, filled the chair of Past Grand Master; Brigadier-General Alexander W. Adair acted as Grand Senior Warden; and Lieutenant-General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe as Grand Junior Warden. Grand Lodge was opened in form, and then Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, read the minutes of 5th December meeting, which were duly confirmed. Sir John Gorst, P.M. Drury Lane Lodge, then rose for the purpose of proposing his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to be elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. He said: M.W. the Grand Master in the chair, no words of mine are necessary to secure the unanimous acceptance by the brethren of this proposition; but I think I shall be expressing the feelings of every one present when I say that they mark with pleasure and satisfaction how, year by year, under His Royal Highness, Freemasonry is strengthened, and the services he renders to the Craft are increased. I am sure we all hope he will live many years to cement and adorn our Order. Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller briefly seconded the motion, and no other candidate being proposed, the Grand Master in the chair declared His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Grand Director of Ceremonies, then proclaimed His Royal Highness in the customary formal way. Brother Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, Worshipful Master Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, proposed for election as Grand Treasurer Bro. George Everett P.M., a brother whose devotion for thirty years to the cause of Freemasonry well entitled him to that high honour. Bro. Ferguson seconded the motion. He had had the honour and pleasure of the acquaintance and friendship of Bro. George Everett many years, and could vouch for his value as a Mason, both with regard to the teaching of the ritual and with regard to his charitable work. Bro. Everett had served an apprenticeship to the duties of Treasurer; he had been the Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge for several years, and Treasurer also of numerous other Lodges. In all capacities he had proved himself a most worthy Brother, and he (Bro. Ferguson) felt satisfied that Bro. Everett would fill the high office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft. Bro. Catling W.M. 2190 proposed Bro. Edward O'Connor Terry, who had been a Mason for many years; and has yet, we hope, a long and brilliant career to look forward to in the future. He was initiated, on the 26th May 1868, in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382. He joined the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, in which he served all the offices, and was installed W.M. in 1877. He is also a Past Master of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29. He has been a member of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, since its foundation, and is now its Treasurer. After giving further particulars of Bro. Terry's Masonic career Bro. Catling urged that these qualifications of Bro. Terry entitled him to regard, and their possession warranted the brethren in seeking for his election. Bro. Lennox Browne seconded. Scrutineers of the ballot were then chosen and duly obligated. Later in the evening the result of the poll showed that Bro. Terry had secured 841 votes, and Brother Everett 617, consequently Bro. Terry was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing. The recommendation for grants, as set forth in the agenda paper published by us last week, were then agreed to. With respect to the proposal from the Grand Mark Lodge for a lease of the premises, best known as Bacon's Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, said the report of the Board of General Purposes was presented to the Board of Masters before the meeting of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters could be held to consider this question of lease, and the subject of the communication which he would read could not be included in the report of the Board. The communication enclosed the resolutions come to at the Special Grand Mark Lodge. The request contained in this communication does not form a part of the Report of the Board, for the reasons mentioned. I am, therefore, not authorised by the Board of General Purposes to bring that matter under your consideration at present, but your attention will be called to it after we have passed the recommendation for your approval of the lease to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. When the intimation of Messrs. Spiers and Pond was communicated to the Board they were under considerable anxiety as to the future of these premises. We could make no use of them for ourselves, with the Tavern intervening; the offer, therefore, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was received by the Board of General Purposes as a solution—a welcome solution—of the difficulty. They undertake to put the place in repair. The sum which the Grand Mark Lodge proposes to lay out is £3000, and probably it will be more. The expenditure of money will, no doubt, render this property permanently of greater value, and, of course, they could not be expected to lay out this sum of money if they had these premises only on a 16 years' lease. If we exceeded that time it

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appeared to us to be of very little moment to what extent we gave them the lease. In fact, knowing that we should have good tenants in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, it seemed to us that the longer term for which the lease was granted the better; we, therefore, came to the conclusion that it was the wisest course to accept their offer, and I feel sure that this Grand Lodge will feel the same. I have heard that it is said this evening there is an objection on the part of some of the Craft brethren to having the Mark Masons under the same roof. I have several answers to that. We have them not under the same roof—it is quite distinct; and the wall of the Tavern is between. But suppose we did; although we do not acknowledge the Mark Degree as a part of Ancient Freemasonry, we cannot ignore their existence; we are on perfectly friendly terms with them. Many of our most eminent Craft Masons are members of the Mark, and our Grand Master the Prince of Wales is their Grand Master. Altogether, it seems to me very much like letting the premises to ourselves. I, therefore, at once, without further comment, beg to propose that this Grand Lodge do approve of the lease of the premises known as Bacon's Hotel to Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master for Norths and Hunts, seconded the proposition. After some remarks from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., the motion was put and carried. Bro. Thomas Fenn: Having read to you the communication from the Assistant Grand Secretary of the Mark Degree, I think it my duty to propose to you now that the request of the G. Mark Lodge, with respect to the remission of six months' rent, while these alterations are going on, should be granted. It is merely a principle. These alterations will be large and extensive, and will occupy considerable time, and I think there will be no one who would say we should not act liberally in cases of this sort. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, seconded Bro. Fenn's proposition. He said your tenants are going to spend, on a 49 years' lease, something like £3000. We know that £3000 is £150 a year interest at 5 per cent. If they pay that, and probably spend something more, I think the very least we can do is to give them six months at a peppercorn rent until they have got a place to go into. The motion was carried, and shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

MASONIC HISTORY.

THE members of the Masonic Order have never enjoyed the reputation of being staunch supporters of the literary art, or of taking even a lively interest in records of the past or present doings of the Craft; indeed, much has been written, and much more said, to prove that Freemasons, as a body, are neither readers nor students; while they are usually credited with taking things much as they find them, without inquiring as to the why or wherefore, or devoting a moment's thought to the labours of brethren who have gone before—those who founded the Masonic Order, and helped to raise it to its present proud position. We cannot, however, believe that the stigma which has so long rested on Freemasons is wholly deserved, and more especially is this the case at the present time, when every year witnesses the production of a goodly array of Masonic literary works; even if we leave out of consideration the large number of weekly and monthly periodicals which appear in various parts of the world, devoted entirely, or in great measure, to the interests of Freemasonry. We are of opinion that the greatest grumbler in this respect would be more than surprised were it possible to put before him a copy of every Masonic book that has been issued within the last hundred years; even the current issues of all the weekly and monthly papers of the Craft would form an imposing spectacle, and if viewed by an ordinary observer would at once convince him that the members of the Masonic Order were wrongly described when spoken of as a non-reading sect—at least there is plenty of material at hand, and it hardly seems possible that the supply should be kept up, and even augmented from time to time, unless there was an active demand for it. As a consequence, it would appear more consistent to regard the members of the Craft as liberal patrons of class literature, and, as far as possible endeavour to remove the imputation which has so long been associated with the Order, and which certainly does not redound to the credit of its members.

Among the literary productions of recent years are to be found several devoted to matters of Masonic History, many of them treating of the past career of Private Lodges, others of a more pretentious character. Both produce items of general interest; indeed in most cases the care and research of the authors have resulted in really interesting compilations being issued, the facts included in the general summaries being of universal, rather than of local importance, while in not a few cases facts have been brought to light which have gone far to clear up some of the mysteries which are associated with the earlier doings of the Masonic Craft.

We have before us the History of the Royal Union Lodge, now No. 246, of Cheltenham, compiled by Bro. George Norman, one of its Past Masters, with an Introduction by Bro. William James Hughan. This affords us ample opportunity of demonstrating the truth of what we have already stated, as the book abounds with items of interest, and well repays perusal. In fact, were it possible to get together such a history in connection with all our older Lodges we should find that Freemasonry had been much wider in its scope than is at present supposed, while many points would be cleared up which are now enveloped in doubt.

In his introductory remarks Bro. Hughan first glances at the position of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire in relation to older Provinces, and to the two Grand Lodges from which its subordinate Lodges derived their warrants prior to the year 1814. In doing so he tells us that the "regular Grand Lodge of England (known also as the 'Moderns')" chartered seven Lodges in the county, only two of which are still retained on the Roll; the Foundation, now numbered 82, and meeting at Cheltenham; and the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, now numbered 270, and meeting at Berkeley. The five others are recorded as follows: Gloucester—warranted 28th March 1738, and numbered 171, 157 and 95, as the various closings up took place, erased in 1768. Tewkesbury—26th October 1738 (Nos. 177 and 163), erased in 1754. Shirehampton and Wotton-under-Edge—14th of August 1773 (Bristol originally, Nos. 451, 358, 359 and 291), erased in 1809. Gloucestershire—10th January 1785 (Nos. 462, 373, 473, 314), erased in 1851. Minchinhampton, Stroud, and Cirencester—16th of August 1789 (Bristol originally, Nos. 546, 455 and 514), erased in 1820. The rival Grand Lodge (the "Ancients") was not at all popular in the Province of Gloucestershire, the only two Lodges ever formed therein under its auspices being the "Royal Lebanon," Gloucester, No. 316, of 18th January 1799, erased as No. 278 in 1838; and the present "Royal Union" of 29th July 1813. Gloucestershire occupies the ninth place in point of seniority among the Provincial Grand Lodges of England, having been constituted, in conjunction with Worcestershire and Herefordshire, in 1753, under the Mastership of Sir R. de Cornwall, Bart. This Brother, says Bro. Hughan in this Introduction, is described in the "Constitutions" for 1756 as Provincial Grand Master for five counties, the three already noted, with Salop and Monmouth; he presided over the Communication of the Grand Lodge of England held on 23rd November 1753. Thomas Dunckerly Past S.G.W. succeeded some thirty years later to the Grand Mastership of Gloucestershire, in conjunction with several other districts, and was followed by the Marquess of Worcester (afterwards 6th Duke of Beaufort), in 1799, and by the 7th Duke in 1845. In 1856 the Hon. James H. Legge (afterwards 3rd Lord Sherborne) was appointed, and on his resignation, in 1880, the present ruler of the Province, Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., assumed command; there are now fourteen Lodges under his sway.

The Royal Arch Degree, continues Bro. Hughan, does not appear to have ever flourished very much in the county, the only Chapters working there at the present time being the Unanimity, No. 82, at Cheltenham, and the Royal Lebanon, No. 493, at Gloucester. Prior to these

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there was the Hope and Sincerity, first known as No. 134, and held at Berkeley from 1807. On the Union of the two Grand Chapters, in 1817, this latter took the number of the Lodge held in Berkeley, and was ultimately erased by Supreme Grand Chapter, on 1st May 1861, as No. 337.

The Royal Union Lodge, however, in common with all "Ancient" Lodges, possessed the right to work the Royal Arch Degree, until the time of the "Union," and it is possible the Lodge exercised the privilege, though the minutes are silent on the point, for in the list of members which follows the Bye Laws of 1815 twelve Brethren, out of a total of twenty-three, are described as "passed the chair," evidently, says Bro. Hughan, for the purpose of exaltation. (Another is registered as "R.A.," and still another as "K.A.D.H.") While on this point Bro. Hughan refers to the curious and valuable brass medal owned by the Lodge (of which an engraving is given in Bro. Norman's History), as being rather suggestive of the Royal Arch, though he grants that the tools scattered about relate exclusively to the three degrees.

Having thus given a brief outline of Bro. Hughan's interesting Introduction to Bro. Norman's History, we propose to close the matter for the present, with the hope that next week we shall be able to present a résumé of the History itself to the notice of our readers.

REVIEWS.

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The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry. By J. FINLAY FINLAYSON. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16a Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. 1889.

We have read this little work from beginning to end with the greatest satisfaction. Our worthy Brother the author is a member of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, and to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of that Lodge he inscribes his book, "as a humble tribute of appreciation of their admirable and successful endeavours to dispel the clouds of doubt and the imputations of folly under which the Craft has so long suffered." In the opening Chapter Bro. Finlayson defines what is understood as operative and speculative Freemasonry, and then describes how these respective doctrines are conveyed by symbols and legends. He then proceeds to trace these legends to their respective sources, and herein he has, we think, succeeded beyond anything he could have anticipated. He commences his researches in Egypt, then presents the evidences of our "Aryan Forefathers," and takes us, in a chatty and graceful manner, through Chaldea, Judea, Italy, Germany, and then England; in each case bringing forward much interesting evidence in support of his views. The book contains 15 full page plates, in addition to several small illustrations; all of these have been drawn by Walter Willis, Esq., A.K.C., Member of the Society of Engineers, from original drawings, tracings, &c., by the Author. The execution of the letter-press and illustrations reflects credit upon Bro. Kenning to whom the production of the work was entrusted.

Masonic Calendar and Official Directory of the Province of Wiltshire, 1889. Edited by WILLIAM NOTT, P.M. 663, &c., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, and Provincial Grand Secretary, Devizes. Printed by W. H. Bush, Wine Street.

We welcome the ninth issue of this useful and carefully compiled Calendar. This year the book has been enlarged, and additional information has been added, in the shape of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter accounts. The usual lists of Lodges and Chapters, with their Officers, are given in detail, while at the end a list of votes credited to members in the Province is recorded. Bro. Nott, who we are glad to hear is much better, thanks his daughter Miss Nott for the help she has rendered him in seeing the Calendar through the press. Owing to severe illness, Bro. Nott was unable to devote that attention to the book that he could have desired, but Miss Nott came to the rescue, and the book is as complete as possible. It is well printed, neatly bound in blue cloth, and can be easily carried in the pocket.

Cassell's Magazine. London: Cassell and Co., Ludgate Hill.

GREAT interest will be taken in a well written article in the March number of this popular magazine, entitled "A Lady's Experience in the Intermediate." The writer relates how a party of ladies travelled in the more economical if less luxurious "Intermediate" saloon. Two complete stories, "His Own Property" and "Our Mysterious Neighbour," by the authors of "A Man of the Name of John," and "The Probation of Dorothy Travers," respectively, appear in this number. Another instalment is given of the serial story by Miss Armitt, entitled "Mr. Trench of Brasenose." This story is illustrated by Mr. Walter Paget, while its companion serial, Mr. Frank Barrett's "Under a Strange Mask," is accompanied by illustrations from Mr. E. F. Brewtnall, R.W.S. The author of "How to be Happy Though Married" chats about "The Choice Matrimonial," and a Family Doctor upon "The Feet and their Troubles;" while "A Leaf Out of a Young Mother's Journal" is filled with the story of "Poor Hugh, the Crying Child." "The National School of Housewifery" continues on its way, and includes this month a sectional paper by Phyllis Browne on "Common-sense Meals." Still another item of interest to the ladies is "What to Wear in March," in which correspondents in Paris and London give the latest hints on dress. A Barrister gives some timely advice on the making of wills in an article headed by the oft-repeated formula, "I must make my Will!" The number also contains a paper on "Garden Work in March;" a description of a visit to the "Fish Caves of New South Wales," by Mr. H. G. Spearing; a new song, with music, by Dr. T. R. G. Jozé; and it concludes with the "Gatherer," under which head will be found illustrated notes of all that is new in the fields of Invention, Literature, and Science, thus keeping up the well-earned reputation that this magazine undoubtedly has.

Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press and Advertisers' Reference Book, 1889. London: H. Sell, 167 Fleet Street, E.C.

THIS now weighty book is again before us, and from what we can see may be described as complete as any one can possibly make it. It is full of information, and gives a complete list of the newspapers published in the United Kingdom, whilst its articles are both interesting and instructive. Amongst special features treated on we find Practical Hints as to the Law relating to libels in newspapers (corrected to date); New Journalism, by J. W. Robertson-Scott; Journalists and the English language; the Influence of the Press, by J. Ewing Ritchie; Pressmen and Printers, by a Compositor; Reminiscences of Printers' Land, by John Astle; H. M. Stanley as a Journalist (with portrait); Professional Journals and Journalism (with portraits); and Sixty photographic portraits of leading London and Provincial editors. We may add, the book has been made interesting both to publishers and the outside reader, and we cordially recommend to all classes this complete newspaper guide.

SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

ON Thursday evening, the 28th ult., the members of this popular Lodge, gave their fourth annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities, at the Peckham Public Hall. As in past years, an influential committee had been appointed, and no pains had been spared to make the occasion completely successful. The entire building was placed at the disposal of the promoters; the lower hall was used as a concert room, where ladies and gentlemen found solace in the charms of music; the large hall was devoted to dancing, while in the upper chambers a very tempting supper was laid out. The corridor was prettily decorated with drapery and coloured lamps, and the floral decorations of the platform in the large hall, where was stationed the excellent band of Mr. Stuart Lane, was conceived in the best taste. A dispensation had been obtained from the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, allowing Masonic clothing and jewels to be worn, and these personal decorations of the gentlemen, joined to the charming costumes of the ladies, made up a scene of much brilliancy. A ball such as this, with its manifold arrangements, is not to be carried out without a good deal of labour, but the Selwyn Lodge found the men equal to the occasion in their Hon. Secretaries, Bros. T. Gay and W. Griggs; these gentlemen were energetically assisted by Bro. E. Eagle the Treasurer, and Bro. J. M. Wimble the W.M. A list of 24 dances appeared on the card, and dancing, which commenced at 9 o'clock, was carried on with spirit until 4 on Friday morning. All the latest and best dance music was performed by Mr. Lane's band, and in the interval there was played "The Selwyn Grand Masonic March," composed for and dedicated to the Lodge by Bro. Stuart Lane. The concert was conducted by Bro. T. Gay, as already stated, in the Lower Hall. Mr. G. Augustus Holmes presided at the piano, and opened the concert by performing one of his own compositions, in a very finished manner, viz., "Florinda Grand Valse de Concert." Miss Marion Holmes, a silver medalist, sang "If I were a Queen," and "Matrimonee." This lady, who has a brilliant voice, was in excellent form. Miss Fort gave a selection on the pianoforte, which was greatly appreciated; she also sang "Garden of Sleep," with great effect. Mr. G. A. Holmes then gave a pleasing comic song. Miss Cicely Knott, a very promising young artiste, sang "Nymphs and Shepherds," in artistic manner, and Miss Knott gave a pleasing rendering of the two "Marionettes." The duet, "In the Dusk of the Twilight," by Bro. T. Gay and Miss Fort, was well received.

At the last General Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. W. Morley gave notice of a motion for the appointment of a Sub-Committee, whose duty it should be to consider and report upon all petitions, previous to their being submitted to the General Committee, for acceptance or rejection, his object being to secure that the motions should be fully discussed by the General Committee before being submitted to the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which alone has the power to sanction an alteration in any one of the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.

A fund is being raised in England for a testimonial to Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the historian. The Earl of Carnarvon is chairman of the committee. In view of the fact that Bro. Gould gets no royalty from copies of his work sold in this country, it will be an exceedingly graceful act for Americans to subscribe to the testimonial. We hope the contributions from this side may be worthy of the cause, and show that American Masons appreciate the labours of the accomplished historian.—*Masonic Token.*

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FURTHER COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

(Continued from page 90).

I MUST first endeavour to clear away the dust with which my friendly opponent (unintentionally of course) bespatters the eyes of his readers. I do indeed frankly admit that no living man knows as much about the MSS. and records of the Grand Lodge of England as friend Sadler does, and not only am I greatly indebted to him for many favours, but even Bros. Gould, Hughan, Lane, and other writers, have again and again acknowledged his merits as a successful searcher, *and finder too*. But with regard to the Old Constitutions, I beg to assure him, and Bro. Nickerson our Grand Secretary will confirm it, that I have had many times all the original printed Constitutions and Ahiman Rezons in my house, and have kept them as long as I pleased; also Spratt's Dublin Constitutions, and I was even permitted to take home with me the oldest MSS. and old records belonging to the Grand Lodge here. As far, therefore, as the old English Constitutions and other printed matter is concerned, I have had the same chance of getting information as Bro. Sadler himself had. I also read "Facts and Fictions" before I wrote a line in opposition to the theory propounded therein. But, with the utmost care, a man is liable sometimes to overlook or forget something, and in such a case, especially when there is no reason to impute it to a sinister design for the purpose of misrepresentation or misleading, such a fault should not be magnified into a *great sin*, or to impute it to the ignorance of the opponent. For instance, I did remember that Bro. Sadler tried to apologise for Dermott's pretension to his Masonic descent from "Ancient York," but I forgot his mention of two Warrants, of 1757 and 1759. Now, when mentioning those Warrants he never stated that in one of them at least, viz., of 1759, Dermott still pretented to be a York Mason, hence I called attention to the Warrants, &c. sent to Nova Scotia in 1757, wherein York descent was claimed by Dermott, and this furnished Bro. Sadler with an opportunity of proving my unreliability. He said—

"Bro. Norton has no right to say that Bro. Sadler never saw a Warrant of the Ancients older than 1772, but he has said it nevertheless, and more than that, he has printed it, an evident proof that he has not carefully read "Masonic Facts and Fictions."

Now I can, with equal reason say, that Bro. Sadler has not carefully read *his own* "Facts and Fictions;" for on page 130 of the said book is printed this, "The earliest complete Ancient's Warrant which I met with is dated 16th November 1772," hence I have only repeated what Bro. Sadler himself printed. Again, to my statement that the Nova Scotia Warrants, &c., of 1757 were not signed by the Grand Master, Bro. Sadler says, "At present I have only Bro. Norton's unsupported assertion on the one side." Now the *late* Bro. J. F. Brennan printed all the Warrants from the Ancients preserved at Halifax, N.S., in his "Rebold's History of Masonry" 1875; he even showed me photographs of the said documents. Now, the three documents of 1757 are signed by Lau. Dermott only, so is a Warrant of 1768, though headed "Thomas Matthew Grand Master." Not so a Deputation of 1784, a copy of which I presented to the late Grand Secretary, Brother Harvey, and if I am not mistaken I saw it last year in the Grand Lodge library in London. Bro. Sadler will find on it *fac similes* of the signatures of Antrim, Dermott, and three other names: and if the 1757 documents had been signed by Blesinton, Blessinton, or Blesinten, I am certain that Bro. Brennen would have printed it also. Now I have given reason for what Bro. Sadler calls "one side," and on his side, after quoting from the record of the "Ancients" an order to Dermott to send the required Warrants, &c., to Nova Scotia in 1757, he says—

"Now, to my way of thinking, this business seems fair and above board, and, unless Bro. Norton can produce reliable evidence to the contrary, I shall prefer to believe that there was as little forgery in this as in the case of Warrants issued in England."

Now, in the first place, this does not prove that the Grand Master signed the said Warrants; and second, as I stated, that the Nova Scotia Warrants were not signed by the Grand Master, I could not have imputed forgery to any one in this case. Bro. Sadler, however, misleads his readers by intimating that I charged Dermott with forgery in this, as I did in another case. And now I shall proceed to point out some other mistakes in "Facts and Fictions."

First, Bro. Sadler claims that the Installation ceremony, with word, grip, &c., was designed by Anderson, to be repeated after every election of a new Master for an old Lodge. I, however, believe that Anderson designed the installation ceremony for the Officers of a *new Lodge only*, and I would like Bro. Sadler to search the records of all the old Lodges, including the one to which Anderson belonged, and find out whether there is any evidence of an installing ceremony having been performed in any Lodge during Anderson's lifetime, at the election of officers, after the day of its consecration. The fact is, Masons are too fond of ceremonies to abandon one, when once established. Masonic innovation, in such a case, would be in the direction of enlarging, and inflating, rather than in abandonment; thus, after a Master of an old Lodge was installed, with grip, word, &c., not only would the next elected Master demand to be installed likewise, but the outgoing Master, whose duty it is to instal his successor, would never consent to forego the pleasure of playing his part in the show. For these several reasons I feel satisfied that no ceremony of installation of Officers for old Lodges was ordained by Anderson, either in 1723 or in 1738.

Again, I have no doubt that Henry Price brought over with him to Boston the English ritual for every Masonic purpose. Well, Price was a member of the second Lodge constituted in Boston, about 1751, the said Lodge records are regular and complete from (if I recollect right) 1752 to 1775. Elections or re-elections of a Master took place at the expiration of six months. I have carefully examined that record, but could not find a hint of the slightest ceremony taking place upon those occasions. In another Boston record of a Lodge, of about 1784, I found that the new officers were invested with their respective jewels.

Still again, Saint Andrew's Lodge began its career without a Warrant, in Boston, in 1752. About two or three years after it was visited by a Scotch Mason, through whose influence the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted the said Lodge a Charter, in 1756. The probability is, that the Scotch visitor posted the brethren up in all the requirements of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and had he informed them of the necessity of keeping up the installation ceremony after every election of new officers, such a ceremony would have been alluded to in the Lodge records. But here again no hint of such a ceremony could I find before near the close of the last century. With these facts before me, I am justified in inferring that the installation ceremony for officers of an old Lodge, owed its origin either to Ireland or to the Ancients.

Second, with regard to the transposition of certain words, I have reason to believe that as late as 1742 no change was made by the Grand Lodge of England, nor do I believe that the Grand Lodge ever authorised any such change. I have, however, sent some hints to an English brother which may prove that the change originated in France. As to other changes in the ritual, I have no doubt that both parties deviated from the original ritual, these deviations were not however of sufficient importance to make a fuss about. Similar changes have taken place wherever Masonry has been established, and that is all about it.

And third, Bro. Sadler devoting so much space to prove that pre-1717 Lodges received Charters from the Grand Lodge, say up to 1738, led me to suppose that all he wanted to prove was, that the five or six Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of 1752 were, with a few exceptions, composed of pre-1717 Masons. Such was my impression when I met Bro. Sadler last summer, for I had not then read more than about 70 or 80 pages, or perhaps not so many. It was from conversation with Bro. Sadler that I first learned his theory that the Ancients were "Irish-Anglo Masons," since, however, I have finished reading "Facts and Fictions," to the end, and all the information he furnished in his seven articles in the Freemason's Chronicle I have become more convinced that my good brother was carried away by a wild imagination than I was before. Bro. Sadler found in the Grand Lodge record of 1735, the following paragraph, viz.:—

"Notice being given to the Grand Lodge that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge from Ireland [were] without, desiring to be admitted by virtue of a Deputation from

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Lord Kingston, present Grand Master of Ireland. But it appearing there was no particular recommendation from his Lordship in this affair, their request would not be complied with, unless they would accept a new Constitution here."

Now, be it remembered that in 1724 the Grand Lodge ordained that, "No visitor, however skilled in Masonry, shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known to, or well recommended by one of that Lodge present." Without pointing out that similar laws were passed even in 1735, the case appears to have been thus: Three men, claiming to have been deputed by Lord Kingston, wanted to visit the Grand Lodge of England. Upon being requested to produce his Lordship's written recommendation, they failed to produce it. The Grand Lodge, therefore, merely acted according to its own law, passed in 1724, in refusing them admission. Not because they were Irishmen, but because it was against the law. They were, however, told that the Grand Lodge was willing to grant them a charter to open a Lodge in England, and then they would be entitled to admission. Assuming, however, that the 1735 Grand Lodge were as Irish-hating, as unjust, as churlish, in short as bad as Bro. Sadler imagines it to have been, I ask Bro. Sadler for evidence, that either Morgan, Dermott, or any other of the founders of the Ancients' concern in 1751, had ever heard about the insulting treatment which the three Irish brothers received from the heartless Grand Lodge of England in 1735? Nor can I see any connection between the riots of the Spitalfields weavers in 1736, on account of the Irish competition with them in their trade, with the doings of the Grand Lodge in 1735, or with the doings of Morgan and Co. in 1751. Here, however, is a "Fact," of Bro. Sadler's imagination, which is truly astonishing. On pp 197-8 he says:—

"One of the greatest charms and strongest props of genuine Masonry is its universality and unsectarian principles, and it is perfectly clear to my mind that the decadence of the regular Grand Lodge was the result of a desire, on the part of some short sighted leaders, to restrict to a particular class what was originally intended for the benefit of the community at large, and that the mistaken efforts were the cause of the ancient landmarks being neglected, the alteration being made in the ceremonies, and the doors shut in the face of poor Pat from over the 'say.'"

Now, if Bro. Sadler himself had not informed us that the G.L. of 1735 had offered to give a Warrant to the three *Irishers*, and if I had not been utterly ignorant as to when the G.L. of England had altered its ceremonies for the purpose of driving away "poor Pat from over the 'say'" from English Lodges, I would certainly *have melted away into a flood of tears in sincere sympathy for poor Pat's un-Masonic treatment*; but, in the first place, I do not know that the Grand Lodge of England had ever altered its ceremonies for such a purpose; second, I do not know whether Morgan and his seventy followers, of 17th July 1751, were all *Irishers*, or even that a majority were such; and third, as already hinted, I do not know whether either Morgan, or any of his co-labourers in 1751, had ever heard that three Irishmen were excluded from the Grand Lodge in 1735, or that the Grand Lodge had ever changed its ceremonies or ritual for the purpose of excluding Irish Masons from joining or visiting English Lodges.

Boston, U.S., 12th February 1889.

(To be continued.)

The tender of Messrs. Henochsberg and Pool, 19 Australian Avenue, has been accepted for the supply of jackets, vests &c., to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green.

For the year ensuing Comp. H. J. Phillips has been installed M.E.Z. of the Israel Chapter. At the installation meeting, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Da Silva, was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS will be found the best friend to persons afflicted with ulcerations, bad legs, sores, abscesses, fistulas and other painful and complicated complaints. Printed and very plain directions for the application of the Ointment are wrapped round each pot. Holloway's alterative Pills should be taken throughout the progress of the cure, to maintain the blood in a state of perfect purity, and to prevent the health of the whole body being jeopardised by the local ailments: bad legs, old age's great grievances, are thus readily cured, without confining the patient to bed, or withdrawing from him or her the nutritious diet and generous support so imperatively demanded, when weakening diseases attack advanced years or constitutions evincing premature decrepitude.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.

IN connection with this Lodge, a ball was given in the Queen's Rooms, Newport, Isle of Wight, on Thursday evening, 28th ult., in aid of the Masonic Charities. The guests, who numbered nearly 200, began to arrive about nine o'clock, and these included the W.M. Bro. A. Millidge, the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker Mew), Dr. Dabbs (Shanklin), and representatives from Ryde, Cowes, Sandown, Shanklin, Ventnor, Brixton, and Yarmouth. The scene was very bright and animated when the numerous guests commenced the Terpsichorean exercises to the strains of a string band under the direction of Mr. J. C. Jones. A retiring room for ladies, most luxuriously furnished, had been prepared for the fair guests on the right-hand side of the room, immediately under the stage. This was illuminated with Chinese lanterns and fairy lamps. Refreshments were served on the stage. Bros. Dr. Coombs, J. W. George, and A. Hyams acted as M.C.'s. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till the early morning hours had fled.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

ONE of the most successful entertainments for the benefit of the Masonic Charities that has taken place in North Staffordshire was held at Hanley, on Thursday, the 28th ult., under the auspices of the above Lodge. The attendance was so large as to necessitate the occupation of nearly the whole suite of rooms in the municipal buildings. The Victoria Hall was used as a ballroom, the council chamber and mayor's parlour as supper rooms, the sessions court as a concert hall, and the grand jury room as a suitable place for the exhibition of curiosities of various descriptions, while the stipendiary court, the town clerk's offices, and other portions of the buildings, were needed for various purposes. Bros. H. Windle W.M., J. T. Howson Honorary Secretary, and the Committee, have had a busy time, for some weeks, in preparing for the entertainment, at which the following acted as Stewards:—Bros. C. F. Baker, J. Barlow, G. Barlow, T. Bickley, T. Brimyard, J. Bromley, J. Charlesworth, J. S. Crapper, A. B. Jones, D. Jones, E. Jones, W. Jones, J. Mayer, G. Pitchford, J. Robinson, W. Edwards, J. Goodson, H. J. Gover, E. V. Greatbach, R. G. Hall, E. J. Hammersley, E. B. Jackson, T. C. Slaney, D. Shaw, J. Stringer, W. Tunnicliff, J. Thorley, P. B. Watts, H. Windle, T. Godwin. The various rooms were decorated under the superintendence of Bro. C. R. Clark, and the walls of the main corridors had hung upon them a remarkably fine collection of oil paintings, engravings, and pen-and-ink sketches, lent by Bros. H. N. Marks, W. Tunnicliff, Dr. J. S. Crapper, T. Henstock, A. J. Henstock, and S. Miles. Handsome vases for decorative purposes were lent by Bros. J. Bromley and David Jones. The exhibition in the grand jury room comprised a number of microscopes lent by Messrs. Hastings, J. A. Audley, T. Malkin, and Bros. J. Charlesworth, W. Hampton, and C. H. Phillips. There were objects of interest of various kinds lent by Bros. Dr. J. S. Crapper, H. J. Gover, and others. The Stewards of the concert-room were Bros. A. B. Jones and J. Stringer, and the accompanist Bro. W. Edwards. The music was supplied by Master Tom Parker, an accomplished youth as a violinist; Mrs. George Dean, Mr. T. Cranmer, Mr. W. Mitchell, Bro T. C. Slaney, vocalists; Mr. J. Bower, Bro. C. F. Baker, and Herr Hile, instrumentalists. Recitations were given by Mr. Lyn Morgan. Organ recitals were given in the Victoria Hall by Bro. W. Edwards and Mr. J. W. Preece, of Newcastle. Music for the dancing was supplied by an excellent band, under the direction of Mr. C. Akid, of the Theatre Royal, Hanley. The refreshment department was entrusted to Bro. John Monro. The company began to arrive at half-past seven, and altogether about 630 ladies and gentlemen attended. The gentlemen who were Masons wore their full regalia, and there were present representatives of the Yeomanry, Artillery, and Rifle Volunteers. Bro. C. F. Baker officiated as M.C., and although at times the ball room was rather crowded, the entertainment was a thoroughly enjoyable one.—*Staffordshire Advertiser.*

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE usual monthly meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 6th instant. Bro. J. Cox W.M. opened the lodge in ancient form, being assisted by Bros. H. J. Thrower S.W., L. A. Harrison J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. Beasley S.D., and other Officers, their were also present the following Past Masters, Bros. L. Stean, G. T. Barr, E. Benjamin, E. Walker, and R. Drysdale. Bro. Brand moved, and Bro. Barr seconded, a motion for making the fee for initiation £10 10s, and the fee for joining members £6 6s. This was unanimously adopted, after discussion. A ballot was taken for Mr. R. Jeremy, of Curtain Road, and the vote being unanimous, Mr. Jeremy was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. and his Officers. Notice having been given of further proposals for the next meeting, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, supplied by Messrs. Beale and Co., after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The meeting was generally considered to be of a very successful and enjoyable character.

ST. KEYNA LODGE, No. 1833.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Public-hall, Keynsham, on Tuesday, 19th ult., when Bro. Walter D. Hobkirk S.W., the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. The following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. Samuel Lewis I.P.M., Naish S.W., Pfeiffer J.W., Gay Treasurer, Read Secretary, Burn S.D.

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Vincent Russell J.D., Grubb D.C., Southwell I.G., Williams and Joseph Byerley Stewards, and Stoate Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Lamb and Lark Hotel, where a large number sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. H. J. Cox, and presided over by the Worshipful Master.

ROYAL LEEK LODGE, No. 1849.

THE annual installation took place on Friday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, the High Sheriff of Carnarvonshire (Bro. Sydney Platt) being installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Platt. The W.M appointed as his Officers:—Bros. Dr. Greig Hughes S.W., Lloyd Griffith J.W., Harris S.D., Lloyd J.D., Morgan I.G., Rev. Hugh Thomas Chaplain, Pritchard Secretary, L'oyd Kyffin Treasurer, Stubbington Tyler. The banquet took place at the British Hotel, a splendid menu being provided by Mrs. Pooh. Bro. E. W. Thomas had charge of the musical arrangements.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

THE installation of Bro. W. Miller, as Worshipful Master, took place on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at the Lodge-room, in the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth. There was a large muster of visiting brethren from Lodges in the neighbourhood, among those present being Bro. E. Goble Provincial Grand Sword Bearer of England, and several other P.G. Officers. The ceremony was performed by Worshipful Brother Palmer, in a most impressive manner, and subsequently the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Tufnell I.P.M., Emanuel S.W., Williams J.W., Bevis Treasurer, Pither Secretary, Fisher S.D., Porter J.D., Making I.G., Cecconi D.C., Prior Organist, Gale and Biggs Stewards, and Wells Tyler. A banquet afterwards took place in the lecture hall, for which a récherché menu was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THIS Lodge held a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 1st March, at 5 p.m. There were present:—Bros. W. Simpson W.M., R. F. Gould P.G.D. I.P.M., Colonel S. C. Pratt S.W., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, Professor T. Hayter Lewis S.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott J.D., C. Kupperschmidt as I.G., W. H. Rylands P.G.S., F. H. Goldney P.G.D., J. Finlay Finlayson, C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., and Professor Mathew Williams; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle:—Bros. J. B. Mackey, J. Stevens, J. Bodenham P.A.G.D.C., J. Da Silva, F. A. Powell, R. A. Gowan, Professor F. W. Driver, W. M. Graham, C. F. Hogard P.G. St. B., and S. R. Baskett. Also the following Visitors:—Bros. S. Carrick Street, Yarborough Lodge, 554, and Sydney Willis, Emulation Lodge, 21. The following nine Lodges and 62 brethren were admitted to the Correspondence Circle of the Lodge, viz.:—Graystone 1915 Whitstable, District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar, Drury Lane 2127, Naval Military Royal Arch Chapter 40 (S.C.) Edinburgh, Natalia 1665 Pietermaritzburg, Castle 1621 Bridgenorth, Tudor 1792 Harborne, Abbey 624 Burton-on-Trent, Corinthian No. 1806 Amoy, China, and Bros. W. Woodhouse, R. Hodges, D. W. Preston, F. E. Bilson, all of Bournemouth; A. Kirk, Gainsborough; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Doncaster; J. W. Staton, Brookeville, Kentucky; Baron Murrow, St. Leonards; W. L. Willey, Boston, U.S.A; J. W. Edwards, J. Wilson, F. Batty, Manchester; R. Crofts, A. Brown, J. P. Dorman, G. Ellard, Northampton; C. C. Silverbauer, and C. J. Muller, both of Cape Town; R. Hudson P.G.S.B., Tynemouth; J. Weighton, W. Frances D.D.G.M., R. D. Clarke, J. W. Pierson, all of Pietermaritzburg, Natal; T. Cook, L. E. S. Torgius, J. R. Roffey, all of Durban, Natal; J. W. Johnson, Bradford; J. S. Gibson Sugars H.M.S. Aretbusa; C. Boyle (C.M.G.) Gibraltar; G. W. Baine, Sunderland; E. D. Anderton, Falmouth; W. Abrahams P.D.G.M. Maryland; R. Somerville, J. M. Campbell, both of Glasgow; C. C. J. Taylor, A. Bayne, F. Williams, L. Sutro, all of Kimberley; A. R. Perks, Johannesburg, Transvaal; C. Baxter, Edinburgh; W. C. Whiteside, J. Bilson, both of Hull; S. Border, C. E. L. Wright, both of York; H. Crossley, Halifax; J. W. Waugh, Baildon, Yorkshire; G. W. Wakeford, Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward's Island; B. Lightfoot, Faversham; H. F. Greig, Belvedere; W. M. Graham, Edmonton; J. C. Stone, Enfield; T. R. Arter, Moseley, Worcester; E. W. C. Wilson, Truro; C. W. Meiter, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Augustus Harris, A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta; J. W. Thatcher, W. Steward, W. Wingham, A. Gravott, all of London; and W. C. Lewis, Amoy, China. This raises the total number admitted to 588. Handsomely and symbolically designed certificates of having passed the chair of the Lodge were signed by the Officers in favour of Bros. Sir C. Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., &c., P.G.D., and R. F. Gould P.G.D., &c. The paper of the evening was read by Bro. W. H. Rylands. It was entitled "A word on the Legends of the Compagnonage, Part II.," being the continuation of a paper read by the same brother twelve months ago. The interesting subject was well handled, and many new lights were thrown thereon by the lecturer, some of which Bros. Gould and Speth acknowledged themselves inclined, at a first view, to accept. The essay was, however, so long that only portions could be read, a fact which prevented a full discussion, for which we must await the issue of the next number of Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, when doubtless it will be done full justice to. Bro. Bywater produced for inspection a Craft jewel, formerly worn by Bro. Robert Burns. Professor Driver thought that it was scarcely sufficiently known what a high literary qualification the Lodge required of candidates for full membership, and suggested some public announcement of the fact in order to prevent disappointment to would-be applicants. The matter was discussed at some length, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 28th February, at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-street, E.C. Bros. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, W. Ball 1339, H. E. Vickers W.M. 1632, M. Spiegel P.M. 188, G. W. Wood P.M. 1642, H. Baldwin P.M. 1632 and 1969 P.P. Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex, J. L. Bush 1632, E. Pettit W.M. elect 1632, W. P. Allen 2256, W. H. Vickers 1632, C. Linsey S.W. 1633, J. H. Nicholls S.D. 1280, A. J. Crofts I.G. 1632, A. Bannister I.P.M. 1632, G. H. Morgan W.S. 1632, J. S. Manley Abbey Lodge, and Samuel Ellis Tyler. The Lodge being opened, the chair was occupied by Bro. H. E. Frances, who appointed Bros. Wood and Baldwin as Wardens, and Bro. Spiegel D.C. He then addressed the brethren upon the occasion of the meeting, and rehearsed most effectively the ceremony of consecration, in the course of which he delivered an impressive oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. The Lodge having been dedicated and constituted, the Benediction was pronounced, and the Lodge resumed to the second degree, when Bro. H. E. Vickers was duly installed as W.M., and appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. Linsey S.W., Pettit J.W., Morgan Treas., S. Barker Secretary. Bro. Frances was elected an honorary member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services as Consecrating and Installing Master, also to Bro. Pettit for his able conduct of the musical portion, and to those brethren who lent him their assistance and contributed so much to the solemnity of the ceremony. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which did credit to Bro. Manley's abilities as caterer. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren spent an enjoyable and musical evening. It is contemplated to establish a Smoking Concert for the fourth Thursday in each month.

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CONSECRATION OF THE HENRY COOK CHAPTER, No. 1021.

ON Monday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Barrow, this Chapter was consecrated. Hitherto there has been but one Royal Arch Chapter in Barrow, the Abbey, No. 1225, but the brethren of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, have been anxious for some time to get one attached to their Lodge, and with this view petitioned the Grand Chapter, through the Earl of Lathom, for a charter under the title of the Henry Cook Chapter, thus paying a fitting honour to one of the most prominent and highly-esteemed Freemasons in Barrow. In due course the Charter was granted. In the absence of the Right Worshipful Grand Superintendent, who was detained in London by official duties, Comp. Goodacre Provincial Grand S.E. occupied the First Principal's chair, Companion F. G. McNally P.Z. 995 the chair of H., and Companion T. Barton Spencer, the chair of J. There was a large attendance. The ceremony was efficiently performed by the three Principals, and the oration, by the acting Third Principal, on the nature and principles of the Institution, was greatly admired, and attentively listened to. Comp. Walch presided at the organ, and the musical part of the ceremony was especially good. The following is a list of Principals and Officers:—Comps. Henry Cook M.E.Z., John Murray H., Philip Lancashire Booth J., W. Roberts S.E., J. Hague S.N., F. A. Widdows P. Soj., J. F. Davison 1st A. Soj., B. Willans 2nd A. Soj., W. Ormandy Treasurer, R. W. Worrall Director of Ceremonies, C. P. Richards Organist, Artis Tyler. After the investiture of Officers, Comp. Worrall, who acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies, addressed the newly-invested Officers and the Companions on their respective duties. Subsequently the newly-installed M.E.Z. presented Comp. C. P. Richards with a very handsome Founder's jewel, for the great and active part he had taken in bringing the Chapter into existence. Comp. Richards made a suitable reply. The Companions adjourned at 5 o'clock to Furness Abbey Hotel, where they partook of a récherché banquet.

NORMAN CHAPTER, No. 1334.

A CONVOCATION was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Tuesday, 26th ult. Comp. D. Whitehead was installed Z., Comp. Dr. Lionel Booth H., by Comp. J. F. Hiller; and Comp. R. Haswell J., by Comp. R. Hudson. Amongst those present at the ceremony were Comps. B. Boulton Acting Provincial Superintendent, W. Coxon P. Prov. G. 3rd Principal, S. Fenny, J. Sewell, and W. A. Malcolm. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were duly proposed and honoured, interspersed with songs.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The weekly meeting was held on Friday, 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. The attendance included Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, V. T. Murché 1329 M.E.Z., G. L. Moore H. 169 H., T. Grummant P.Z., J. C. H. Stone S.E., Addington M.E.Z. 1275 S.N., Stone P.S., Austin 1381 and Wingham 25. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Austin as candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the excellent way in which Comp. Marché had performed the work of M.E.Z., for the first time. It was resolved that the first Annual Supper shall take place on Friday, 5th April, at the Stirling Castle. The esteemed Preceptor Comp. F. Hilton will be requested to preside.

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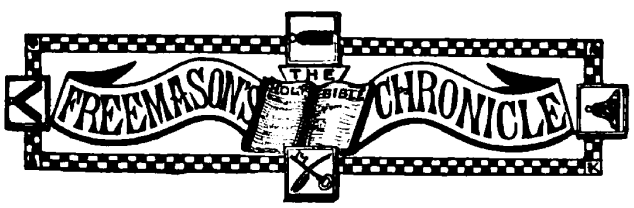
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THE announcement, on the 17th of February, of the sudden death of the Rev. A. B. Coombe, M.A., Oxon, Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorks, was received by the brethren in Leeds with feelings of the deepest grief. Both as a man and a Mason the late Bro. Coombe possessed in an eminent degree the qualities which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and singled him out as the best type of what a Freemason ought to be. Bro. Coombe was Chaplain of Armley Gaol, Leeds, and on the morning of Saturday, the 16th February, he had discharged his duties, as usual, and to all appearance was in the best of health and spirits. At noon he visited the Church Institute, as was his daily custom, to read the papers. Whilst so engaged, he was noticed by an official to sink helplessly forward. He was then found to be suffering from an apoplectic seizure, and was as speedily as possible removed to his home, Clarendon Road, in a state of insensibility. He never regained consciousness, and died in about 24 hours afterwards, to the unfeigned grief of all who knew him. Bro. Trevor was with him to the last, and was of material assistance to the grief stricken family. Bro. Coombe, who was in his 52nd year, and leaves a widow and five daughters to mourn his untimely fate, first saw the light of Masonry four years ago, in Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, and succeeded Bro. Canon Bullock as Chaplain. His worth was recognised by the R.W. P.G.M., last April, when he was created Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Province, succeeding the late Rev. Bro. Greenbury, 304, who, singular to relate, also died during his year of office. Brother Coombe was also Chaplain of Fidelity Lodge 289, but though officially connected with these two Lodges, the 8 Leeds Lodges, in common, looked upon him as a member, for he was a frequent and a welcome visitor all round. Nowhere was he a more honoured guest than at Lodge Prudence, 2069, and just 8 days prior to his death he was present at the regular meeting of that Lodge, and acted as Chaplain. In responding to the toast of the Visitors, he remarked that he had but one regret with regard to Masonry, namely, that he had not been initiated 20 years earlier. W. Bro. W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorks, W.M. of Lodge Goderich, held a Lodge of Sorrow on Thursday, the 21st inst., the day fixed for the funeral. The pedestals were draped in mourning, and each Brother wore a sprig of acacia. About 100 brethren were present, including R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., of Carleton Grange, the P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., Bro. Keighley, J.P., Prov. G. J.W., and many past and present members of Provincial Grand Lodge, the W.M.'s and a large per centage of the members of the 8 Leeds Lodges. Proceedings were opened by the singing of that beautiful hymn "O God, our help in ages past." V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chaplain of England and Vicar of Farheadingley, read the lesson, from Ecclesiastes, and offered up a special prayer.

W. Bro. Smithson, who was deeply affected, then spoke, as follows:—We are called together to-day to mourn the loss of a Brother who has been suddenly taken away from us, in the very prime of life, and which has caused a most painful shock to all of us who knew him so well. It is just 4 years ago since Bro. Coombe first saw the light of Freemasonry, and from the period of his initiation he has lived and breathed amongst us as a true and faithful brother. He was one of the most regular attendants at our meetings and Lodges of Instruction, ever ready to take a part in our rites and ceremonies. He was a most sincere and devoted Mason, taking an active interest in everything that tended to the welfare of our Lodge and the happiness of its members. He was a frequent and ever welcome visitor to our sister Lodges in Leeds, and attended on many occasions our Provincial Grand Lodges. Some time after initiation, he was appointed Chaplain of our Lodge in succession to Bro. Canon Bullock, who is now an acting Warden, and whose unavoidable absence to-day, (he being engaged in the conduct of a Mission in the South of England), I much regret. Last April Bro. Coombe was appointed to the high and dignified position of Grand Chaplain of this Province, by the R.W. P.G.M. He died with those honours upon him, ever zealous in the true cause of Freemasonry. He, indeed, showed us, by a good and bright example, the truest and highest principles of our Brotherhood. Not only this Lodge, but the Craft in this Province, has lost a good and faithful Brother and an upright Mason. His quiet and unobtrusive manner on all occasions, his kind heartedness to all brethren who came in personal contact with him, endeared him to all, and for some time his death will cause an irreparable blank in our midst. It has, however, pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take him from us. May some of those excellent qualities and estimable virtues, which he possessed when living, fall upon us and teach us to practise more and more those first great principles of our Order, which adorned his character in so marked a degree. It is most gratifying to us of Goderich Lodge to find here, on this sad and solemn occasion, the Prov. G.M., his Deputy, and so many Officers and Brethren to pay this last sad tribute to our departed Brother. Let us all fervently pray that, on leaving this Lodge below, he has ascended to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's great Architect reigns for evermore.

The hymn "Solemn strikes the funeral chime" was then sung, followed by the Dead March, Bro. Townsend P.M. P.P.G.O. presiding at the harmonium with his accustomed ability. The V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., then delivered the funeral oration, as follows:—

It does seem to me a mysterious dispensation of Providence that I, who am 15 years older than our dear departed Brother, should be called upon to pronounce his funeral oration. I have but left a sick bed in order to perform this sad duty; but brethren from the love I bear to our late Brother and the affection I bear to our noble Order I could not refrain from being here, and availing myself of the opportunity of paying the last sad tribute of respect to departed worth. As I have frequently said to the Prov. Grand Master and to other brethren, it has often been a source of great surprise to me that Masonry does not flourish more in this kingdom than is the case. In America the members are numbered by tens of thousands, whilst here they are only numbered by hundreds. When I bear in mind what a mighty engine for usefulness our Fraternity might be, and is, in spite of its limited numbers, in cementing all classes of society, and softening down all asperities of opinion, I am much surprised that it does not flourish to a greater extent. It has been a great satisfaction to me in the Lodge to which I belong (Prudence, No. 2069) to see so many of my own profession coming forward to be initiated into the Order, because I do feel that especially to the clergy Freemasonry may prove of great and lasting benefit in softening down the asperities of theological views which may and often do arise where conflicting opinions are held. I am free to confess that there is a danger to the clergy in this respect, a danger lest they should fall into narrow mindedness from working in particular grooves, and from the fact that they are looked up to and deferred to on account of their education and position. Freemasonry it seems to me helps to counteract this by giving enlarged ideas and a higher appreciation of the benefits of benevolent toleration. So was it, as you well know, with Bro. Coombe. All who possessed the great privilege of acquaintance with him can never forget the large heartedness and geniality which he possessed in an eminent degree, and which form so conspicuous a feature of our Order. For brethren, even upon this solemn occasion I cannot refrain from alluding to the social element which is no unimportant feature in Freemasonry. Our meetings at the festive board are sanctioned by the Volume of the Sacred Law, which tells us, "Go your way, and eat the fat and drink the sweet with a merry heart." at the same time bearing in mind and acting up to the principal of temperance in all things, which all should bear in mind, particularly we Freemasons. It is a melancholy pleasure to me to know that probably one of the last—if not the very last Lodge which Bro. Coombe visited, was Lodge Prudence, of which I have the honour to be a Past Master. I was not present on that occasion, but I am informed by those who were that he displayed those kindly feelings of harmony and good-will which ever characterised him both in the Lodge and out of it. Though he had only been admitted into our Order four years he had heartily, from the first, grasped the grand truths of Freemasonry—those truths which teach generosity, a feeling of sympathy with suffering, a love of peace subordinate only to a love of freedom, the glorious principles of a vast philanthropy embracing all nations and views, that charity which is the very copestone and crown of our noble Order, and which shall endure for ever,

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and when all human dignities shall have vanished away. As the W.M. has remarked, Bro. Coombe was chiefly known by a quiet performance of his duty and by his unobtrusive worth. Are there no lessons to be learned from that? I think there are very many, both to those who perform duties and occupy positions in the fierce glare of the world's opinions and the world's observation as well as those who occupy positions little known and often little appreciated. When in the Lodge the W.M. and the Wardens occupy the supreme position, and the Deacons inferior posts, followed by the brethren whose duties are more humble, yet we cannot but feel that all are equal in Freemasonry, yet that each performs his allotted task which makes the successful whole. Stone and timber from the forests of Lebanon and the quarries of Zeredathah formed the splendid temple at Jerusalem which owed his existence to the master mind of Hiram Abif. In the liturgy of the church of which I am a humble minister we pray constantly against sudden death. Rightly I believe has that clause been inserted in our beautiful Litany, because amid the temptations and trials of business and the turmoils of this world we are so often engrossed that we are not always prepared for the sudden call to Eternity. From what we know of our dear Brother he was ready to receive his wages at the Master's hand. He was an exception to most of us, and we firmly believe that his life was squared upon the principles of moral truth and virtue, and that his faculties were used to the glory of God and the good of mankind, that he had answered the great end of life, and had learned to look upon death as the end of a conflict and the entrance to a better world. In that Sacred Volume which we all prize we are told that the Judge of the world shall come in His glory, with his Holy angels. Then shall He set upon the throne of His glory, and before Him shall be gathered all nations. He shall separate them one from the other. He shall divide the sheep from the goats, and shall set the good on His right and the bad on His left hand. Permit me to call your attention to one particular clause of His address to the good: "Come, ye blessed, for I was in prison and ye visited me. Then shall they say: Lord, when wast thou in prison and we visited thee? And the King shall answer: Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me." These words are particularly applicable to the case of Bro. Coombe, inasmuch as he had pity and consolation for many a sin-stricken soul in Armley Gaol, in the course of his daily ministrations. The law, the army, the arts and the sciences have had their victories, have been carried to the distant parts of the earth by men whose conspicuous labours have made England glorious wherever the sun rises and sets. But, as Milton says, "peace hath her victories as well as war." There are the the quiet positions as well as the brilliant ones, and I honestly hold that the man who sets a good example, in quiet duties well performed, as our Brother did, who leaves a bright example for others to copy, will perform as noble a work as any in a more exalted position, and, equally with them, help to make the world better than he found it.

W. Bro. Trevor P.M. 2069, who watched with unremitting care by the death bed of Bro. Coombe, conveyed the heartfelt gratitude of the survivors to the brethren, and especially thanked the members of Goderich (1211) and Fidelity (289) for their beautiful floral remembrances.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.D.) gracefully spoke of the many excellent qualities of the deceased, and said he was there also to represent the Magistrates of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

The brethren then formed in procession to the house of the deceased, and afterwards to All Souls' Church, where the first part of the service was performed by the Rev. Cecil Hook and the Rev. Dr. Smyth. As the coffin passed through their ranks the brethren cast their sprigs of acacia upon it as the last tribute of respect to one whom they sincerely loved in life and deeply mourned in death. The cortège then proceeded to New Worthing Cemetery, where the remains were laid in their last resting place, the closing scene being witnessed by the Governor of Armley Gaol and all the officers who could be spared from duty.

MARK MASONRY.

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BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 48.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, on 20th ult., to instal by dispensation Bro. Thomas Worlege Junior Warden as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Installing Officers were Bros. Charles Marshall and F. Crouch. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Gearn S.W., Williams J.W., Radmore M.O., Davis S.O., Wingate J.O., Price Treasurer, Endicot Registrar of Marks, Marshall Secretary, Hicks S.D., Rowe J.D., Batstone Dir. of Cers., Eden I.G., Mitchel Organist, Parsons Steward, Bartlett Tyler. Bro. Lemon, M.A., presented to the Lodge a handsomely framed M.M.M. tracing board and a framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. G.M.M. Mason, 1st July 1886. The panel of each picture bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Brunswick Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 48, East Stonehouse, by V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. 31st degree, P.M. and Chaplain No. 35 (50, 64, 66 and 76 honorary), P.P.G.C. and P.G.S.W. of Devon, Past Grand Chaplain of England, 20th February 1889."

The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellent supper, prepared in the refectory adjoining the Lodge, and a pleasant evening was spent by those present.

THE true Craftsman will ever be found in the front rank of opposition to wrong-doing, without regard to its source.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Grand—It is evidently Mr. Charles Wilmot's intention to make this splendid house the centre for North London theatricals. Not only did he provide a sound pantomime, but he has opened the dramatic season with a powerful and attractive list. "The Armada" was played to good houses for a fortnight, and, on Monday last, "Hands across the Sea" was put on for the same limit as regards representation. The popularity of Mr. Henry Pettitt's play was far from exhausted at the Princess's, so it is no wonder crowded houses have been the order throughout the week. The piece has been touched up here and there since it was first produced, one noticeable instance being the prison scene, where, instead of knocking over eight or nine warders, by himself, Jean de Lussa now helps Jack Dudley to knock down the trifle of six. The company is an exceptionally strong one, containing, as it does, some half-dozen well known names. Mr. Laurence Cautley replaces Mr. Henry Neville, as Jack Dudley, and his manly bearing and earnest style admirably suits the part. Mr. Bassett Roe has one of those characters he is so fond of portraying—Robert Stillwood; painstaking ever, Mr. Roe makes this villain stand out prominently, and, as reward for his efforts, is soundly hissed. Mr. E. W. Garden adds to his Princess's success as Tom Bassett, while Mr. Julian Cross scores well as Jean de Lussa, especially so in the last act. Mr. A. Wellesley was good as Count Paul, while praise is due to Messrs. F. D. Herbert, E. Mayeur, and W. Hargreaves as Hiram Hiocory, Captain Land, and Dick Melford respectively. Of Miss Florence West's performance as Lilian Melford we cannot speak too highly. Her style is suited to the part, and she scores at every possible opportunity, securing the sympathy of her audience throughout. Miss Julia Warden, a great favourite at the Grand, was capital as Lucy Nettleford, while Miss Ina Barcard, in her short scene as Madame Valerie, acted well. "Hands Across the Sea" remains at the Grand all next week, after which, by arrangement with Messrs. Gatti, "The Bells of Haslemere" will be the attraction.

Miss Watt Tanner makes her début in London, at Terry's, on the 19th inst., under the management of Mr. Edward Michael, who produces a new three act comedy, by J. W. Pigott, in which Mr. Edward Terry will create the title rôle. Miss Tanner is a great favourite in Australia, from whence she hails, and has been playing leading business in that country, with Messrs. Williamson, Garner, and Musgrave, for over six years.

Miss Kinharvie will give a matinée at Terry's, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., when she will make her first appearance in England in the part of Constance Winthrop, in Bronson Howard's play of "Young Mrs. Winthrop," produced under the direction of Mr. F. H. Macklin. The cast will comprise:—Messrs. J. G. Grahame, Alfred Bishop, F. Kerr, H. Reeves Smith; the Misses Kinharvie, Morland and Cudmore, and Mrs. F. H. Macklin.

Mr. E. J. Lonnen, of the Gaiety, takes his first benefit on Monday afternoon, 1st April. One of his oldest friends, Mr. H. T. Brickwell, of Terry's, will, in conjunction with Mr. F. J. Potter, of the Gaiety, undertake the business management of same, and are at the present time preparing a stupendous bill, comprising the names of our most celebrated entertainers. Full particulars will be duly announced. The Box plan for the sale of tickets is now open.

Mr. Charles Wyndham has now definitely decided that Miss Virginia Blackwood's benefit will take place at the Strand Theatre, 19th March, when "The Balloon" will be played, with incidentals to follow.

Craven Lecture Hall.—A concert, which was received with every token of approval by a crowded audience, was given at the Craven Lecture Hall, Foubert-place, Regent-street, on the 22nd ult., in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The entertainment, which was carried to such a favourable issue, owed its initiation to Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson (P.M. 534), who had spared no efforts to make it a success. He was ably supported by several ladies and gentlemen, amateur and professional, who had generously volunteered their services. Bro. Chas. Bertram, one of the cleverest and most bewildering conjurors of the day, whose assistance is never invoked in vain in aid of our Charities, gave some of his marvellous tricks with cards; while Mdlle. Patrice performed some feats of legerdemain with such adroitness as to thoroughly mystify her audience. Mrs. Marsh sang most gracefully, and with clever execution, Tito Mattei's "Dear Heart," and also in the duet "In the dusk of the Twilight," in which she was joined by Mr. A. C. Bonham. A selection from "Il Trovatore" was contributed, as a violin solo, by Mr. Arnstein. Mr. J. Harrington Young (the renowned flautist of the Promenade Concerts) played, with his usual effect, some airs from "Dorothy." Miss Lizzie Burrell gave an agreeable rendering of "A Lark's Flight," by F. L. Moir; while the choir of the Polytechnic School, under the direction of Mr. Egerton, earned a well merited encore for their singing of one of those vocal waltzes which have been made so popular by Mr. Gwyllim Crowe. There were also recitations, by Mr. F. Lindo; humorous sketches by Mr. Millar Wilkinson; a piano solo by Mr. Pascal Taylor, and banjo solo by Mr. Rutter, which were very much appreciated. Messrs. Metzler and Co. very kindly lent the piano for the occasion. The concert was altogether a great and deserved success, and will no doubt enable Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson to add a substantial sum to the funds of the Institution.

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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through your columns, to express my grateful thanks to those brethren who kindly recorded their votes in my favour at yesterday's election.

To the Provincial Brethren who came long distances, at (I fear) much trouble and inconvenience, my thanks are especially due.

Will you further allow me to state that immediately the result became known a large and influential meeting of my supporters was held, at which I was strongly urged to again become a candidate. A resolution, embodying assurances of support, was unanimously adopted, to which I promised a most appreciative consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

GEO. EVERETT.

Clapham-road, 7th March 1889.

THE RECENT BALL AT STONEHOUSE.

THE committee responsible for the arrangements of the Masonic ball which was held at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the Eve of St. Valentine's Day, met, on the 21st ult., at the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club, under the presidency of Brother John Leonard (chairman). The treasurer, Bro. Frank R. Thomas, reported that the ball was a remarkable success, far exceeding the most sanguine anticipations of the committee, and after paying all expenses there was over £20 in hand. On the proposition of Bro. F. Crouch (Secretary), it was decided to make Mark Lodges Sincerity (under whose banner the ball was held) and Brunswick life governors of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, for their services, and also to the decorative committee, the names of Bros. F. G. Taylor (who sent several of his workmen), Pengelly and Davis, being mentioned. It is probable that steamer and other excursions will be held in the summer, in aid of the above fund.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO BRO. H. LYNN.

ON Friday, 1st inst., General Fraser, V.C., M.P., presided at a complimentary banquet given by his constituents to Bro. H. Lynn S.W. 217, at Anderton's Hotel. There were over 120 ladies and gentlemen present, including Bros. J. W. Thomas P.P.G.St.B. (Hon. Sec.), G. Collins S.W. 1641, Heller P.M. P.Z. 1329, Greenwood P.M., C. Wilson P.M. P.Soj. 1329, Capt. R. J. Vincent P.M. Z. 1777 H. 1329, W. J. Pope, F.G.S., C. Woods 1869 A.Soj. 1275, Castell P.M., Winks, Foster, Russell, G. Powell P.M. P.Z. Z. 1185, Wright P.M., Heathcote, J. Hernaman, A.K.C., P.M. 1622, Bramley, Lobb, C.C., Hale, R. E. H. Goffin P.M., Bowman Spink, Phillips, Kirby, Ayris, Eckersall W.M. 217, Perizzi, G. Benson, Clough, Webb, &c., besides Messrs. J. H. Gibson, Barnes, Bridger, Hornell, and Dr. Wagstaff. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, as well as that of the learned professions. In reply to the toast of "Our Guest," Bro. Lynn said he felt very greatly honoured by having been twice placed at the head of the poll in the West Lambeth Division of the London School Board, the last time with 20,800 votes. He should aim to make the education of the children less mechanical and more practical. Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Paris Exhibition.—This year will witness a culinary invasion of France, which will, we trust, give our lively neighbours satisfaction. Messrs Spiers and Pond, who have been appointed sole caterers to the British Section of the Paris Exhibition, will establish there a grill-room, where, from a silver grill, like that in Windsor Castle, they will supply the tender chop and the succulent steak, served in the English fashion. Now a properly cooked chop and beef steak, not *bien saignant*—as Mr. Sala's cadaverous waiter insisted—but done to a turn, are precisely those delicacies which are not to be had even at the Café Anglais or Durands. To the untravelled Frenchman who has not visited the shores of perfidious Albion they will come like a revelation, and appropriately accompanied by a draught from a bottle impressed with "the scarlet pyramid of Bass," they will probably change his views as to the *cuisine* of Great Britain. Messrs. Spiers and Pond will also have space for a large bar, like that at the Criterion, where light refreshments will be served—a part of the Exhibition which is sure to be popular with the young Frenchmen of the period. The firm has also had a portion of the French section allotted to them, where they will establish a café where "five o'clock tea" will be a specialité, and an American bar will appeal to Cosmopolitan tastes.

OUT AT THE LODGE.—The Covington (Ky.) *Star* says: "A certain lady of our town sat up until twelve o'clock one night last week waiting for her husband to come home from the Lodge. At last, weary and worn out with her long waiting, she went to her sleeping room to retire, and there found the missing husband, fast asleep. Instead of going to the Lodge he had gone to his room and had never left the house. Such are the troubles some poor married women have to contend with in this life."

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 9th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—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.
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1453—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th 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.
223—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)
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.)
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.)
2033—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
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-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
1438—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 [illegible], Hampton Wick
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyntc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

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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. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 12th 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—Dematic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1591—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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
180—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
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, Checkhenton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Silcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1365—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1502—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
2098—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—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—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 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, 13th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Prudence, Feltham Hotel, Feltham, at 7. (Instruction)
778—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barnsbury Road, N.
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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1306—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.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
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—Dematic, 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. 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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
765—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
768—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Bekar, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Prescot Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1582—Llandilloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandilloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
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. 182—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 14th MARCH.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
114—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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Bartlett Gerrits, Swan Tavern, Bermondsey-road, at 8. (Instruct)
1436—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruct)
1539—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1260—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
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 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.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C. (In.)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
1988—Priory, Berrymead Priory Conservational Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)

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1169—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. 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)

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
204—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Heslington
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etrescan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
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
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Prestegar, Kent
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1309—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall Loughton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1581—Cranborne, 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, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 259—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 869—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 15th 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
26—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—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, 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
1902—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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 8—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
K.T. 46—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staindrop
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
866—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
952—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
963—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Ecclesmill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesmill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1363—Harmer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penrhyn
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
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. 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, Wimborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th MARCH.

172—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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
1824—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 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 Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

MUCH has been said during the last few months as to the ultimate effect of the grand success of last year, in connection with the Centenary of this Institution, on the other Masonic Charities. As we have remarked on more than one occasion, it is almost certain the splendid result announced by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, at the time of the Centenary Festival, will have a most detrimental effect on the returns of both the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School for some time, but it is doubtful if either of them will suffer to so great an extent as the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' may itself be expected to do at its coming Festival. True, it may be argued that after so splendid an achievement as that of last year the Girls' School can afford to wait for subscriptions and other financial support, but on the other hand it must be remembered that the immediate outcome of that success was a considerable extension of the work of the Institution, with an annual increase of the responsibility far beyond what could be realised from any surplus likely to remain of the Centenary donations.

The Craft is immediately about to reap one of the advantages accruing from the Centenary donations, and this will perhaps act as an incentive to many to do more than they had previously intended, especially as it will show that something practical has resulted from last year's success, while at the same time it must be at once apparent that the suggested extension will entail increased annual expenditure. The proposal is to admit an additional 20 girls at the Election in April, the alterations and enlargement of the Junior School (the first part of the Scheme adopted for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution) being completed, and thus allowing of their reception. There is little doubt but that this proposal will be agreed to, in which case the number of children receiving the benefits of the Institution will become 264, as compared with 100 in December 1872. It is only necessary to compare these figures, and remember it is but a period of 16 years between the two dates, to form a clear understanding of the rapid growth of this Institution, and the heavy responsibilities which have been assumed by the Masons of the present generation. So far the Craft has nobly responded, year after year, to the appeals which are annually made for funds wherewith to carry on this great work, and we hope the day is far distant when any serious diminution will take place in the returns.

As we have already said, it is expected the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will feel the full force of last year's success when it comes to celebrate its Festival this year. Of course it would be absurd to estimate the result of the 101st anniversary in comparison with that of the 100th, but we may go further back and consider it in association with totals of previous years. Even if we do this, we anticipate that the Festival of the present year will compare most unfavourably, and that too in face of the large increase which is proposed, and which there is every reason to believe will be carried out. We cannot, however, press brethren to take an excessive interest in the Girls' School Festival of the present year, because so many worked for it last, and it is but fair that the first attention should now be given to the other Charities; all we desire to do is to put the facts of the case before our readers, show them what is being done, and leave them to do as much as lies in their power to maintain and advance the work in hand. It must be evident to all that 264 children cannot be maintained, clothed, and educated in the future merely on the reputation of a grand Festival held in celebration of the Centenary of the Institution, more especially as the greater part of the special increase of that celebration has already been devoted to extensions and improvements of the Institution itself. There are few of us but have had experience of what alterations and improvements mean. It is one thing for an estimate to be made of the probable cost, and quite another, as a rule, to pay for it, while it is already anticipated that the sum originally set down for the proposed improvements will be insufficient to settle their cost. This will entail a further drain on the surplus of last year, so that, one way and another, there will be little left over and above what may be described as current expenditure. Accordingly, the future must take care of itself, and in this respect the present year is as much concerned as any of its successors. On this basis, then, we ask the Craftsmen of England, to weigh in their minds the possibility of lending a helping hand to the Girls' School without entrenching too far on what is recognised as the fair share of the companion Charity —the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

It is we are sure quite unnecessary for us to make any lengthy remarks as to the way in which the work of the Girls' School is carried out. We do not claim for its management that it is perfection itself, but we have past results to point to, and these justify us in saying that the system in vogue is as nearly perfect as it could be, and we believe this feeling of satisfaction has no little share in securing for the Charity the wide-spread and generous support it has hitherto enjoyed. While speaking on this point we have a matter to refer to which we know will meet the approval of our readers, and all friends of the Institution, while it will afford special and increasing evidence of the truth of our present remarks. The result of the Cambridge Local Examination for 1888-9 has just been made known, and, as usual, the pupils sent up to that examination from the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have nobly acquitted themselves. Out of 20 examined 18 passed, three of them with honours. The total results of the present year in connection with this Institution may indeed be described as excellent, for out of the total of 204

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children in the main building, 50, or nearly one-fourth of the School, have been sent up for public examination, and 47 of these secured certificates. The other examination to which these figures refer was that of the College of Preceptors, when 30 competed and 29 passed. In connection with other public examinations we may mention that of the Royal Academy of Music, when two competed, and both passed, with honours; the Science and Art examination, when 50 competed and 38 passed; and the Drawing (2nd Grade) examination, when 40 competed and 29 passed. With such results before us we may fairly claim that the work of the Institution is efficiently done, and we think the Craft will admit it gets fair value for the funds subscribed.

Reverting now to the question of the coming Festival, the real object of which is to secure funds to continue this good work, there is one point we should like to impress on our readers, as it not only coincides with remarks we have made in years gone by, but offers a ready means of increasing the regular income of the Institution, a feature at all times desirable, but especially so whenever a permanent increase of pupils, such as is now contemplated, is being made. We allude to the matter of annual subscriptions. Of course it is very nice for the Masonic Institutions to receive donations of five, ten, twenty or more guineas at a time, but little fish are sweet, and annual subscribers of a guinea or upwards are not to be despised; indeed we should like to see a considerable increase under this head. It may be in the memory of our readers that one of the special inducements offered in connection with the Centenary had this object in view, and it would be well for Stewards and others to remember this at the present time, as by so doing they may add considerably to their own lists, and at the same time place the Institution in a far better position. The special inducement to which we refer was to the effect that Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not more than 12 months, should, on the completion of every six guineas so subscribed entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a donation of £5 5s, paid in one sum, notwithstanding he shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime. This is really a considerable concession, and should produce a good return for the coming and future Festivals, for there was a very large number of single guineas included in the total of last year, most of which should be capable of being repeated, if only their donors were properly approached on the subject.

With this small item of special moment, and our general survey of the work of the Institution, we dismiss the subject for the present, with the hope that all who read these lines will bear in mind what we have said, and cheerfully avail themselves of any opportunity which may arise in the future to benefit the Institution to which we refer. We have omitted to state that the Festival of the present year will be held in May next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, a Chairman well worthy of receiving all the support the Craft can afford. Let us hope he, and the management of the Institution, will not be disappointed when the result of the Festival comes to be announced, but that the grand success of last year may be followed by a fair return for the present one.

MASONIC LESSONS DRAWN FROM THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM.

An Address, delivered by Bro. Liggins, at the Floral Lodge Meeting of Lodge St. Leonards Samaritan, North Shore.

IN holding this Floral Lodge it is not our intention to make any innovation in our Masonic edifice or principles, inasmuch as we are too deeply imbued we hope with love and reverence for our noble and ancient Craft to attempt to introduce into our Lodge room anything that could possibly be construed into a cause of offence to the brethren. Last November we held a similar festival to this, and so much real enjoyment and, we trust, some instruction resulted, that we determined this year to repeat the experiment. On that occasion, as in the present instance, we had cleared off all arrears of work, and determined prior to recommencing our labours, to devote one evening to beautifying our handsome Lodge-room with an abundance of the lovely products of the garden and the field; to feast our eyes upon rich combinations of colour and inhale the delicious fragrance which kindly mother nature lavishes upon us at this season of the year. In doing this we are not actuated entirely by selfish considerations, for to-morrow morning these beautiful flowers will be conveyed to one of our hospitals, where many of our fellow mortals are lying upon beds of suffering, and we hope the sight of our simple though lovely offerings will gladden the hearts of some poor stricken bodies, and incline them to waft a grateful thought to the Masons meeting here to-night for having remembered them in their dreary hours of pain and anguish. Such a thought adds lustre to our gathering, and awakens the best feelings of our common nature. If this alone were the object of our meeting we think it would be sufficient justification for this somewhat novel gathering. But, putting this consideration aside, we contend that flowers in a Masonic Lodge are not out of place—they are as much the work of the Great Architect of the Universe as the glorious luminary of nature or the queen of night, the stars which bespangle the vast canopy of heaven or the wondrous globe which we inhabit. The lovely blossoms which beautify our gardens and do so much to render our homes attractive, are entirely fashioned and coloured by the Grand Geometrician, and though man can plant and cultivate, it is beyond his power to create a single blade of grass, make the smallest atom of soil, or implant the germ of life in the meanest weed that grows. We then regard flowers as the handiwork of our Creator, and may draw lessons from and discern hidden meanings and moral truths in these beautiful annual offerings of all-bounteous nature. In this respect, therefore, our Floral Lodge is in thorough harmony with the principles of Masonic teaching, and the closer we investigate the working of nature in sowing the seed, quickening the hidden germ, producing the leaf and developing the blossom, the better shall we be able to marvel and admire, and estimate the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator. The vegetable kingdom offers a rich field for investigation in the pursuit of moral lessons akin to those which run so plentifully throughout our Masonic teachings. Trust in T.G.A.O.T.U., for without His sustaining power and protection we are like the tiny plant, helpless. Our life we derive from Him, the air we breathe, the food which nourishes our frames, and the power of growth and development all come from the same great source. The principle of progression is implanted alike in the man, the Mason, and the tree: there is no such thing as stagnation: animate or inanimate objects are ever changing—we are impelled continually onward—the sun never stands still—the earth constantly revolves on its axis, and all things are obedient to this great law—bearing this in mind it is essentially necessary for the proper development of our higher nature that as Masons we should ever seek to cultivate the noblest thoughts, the loftiest aspirations, and strive to attain the highest ideal—by so doing, every step will lead us into fairer regions, will enable us to survey a grander prospect and lead us nearer and nearer to that perfection which the best men in all ages have unceasingly striven to reach. The plant endeavours to make the most of its possibilities—it sends out its roots in search of the best nutriment within reach, and expends it in forming the bud, the leaf, and the flower, handing the fruits of its labours in seed for the benefit of succeeding generations. So the Mason's work should go on, gathering nourishment and strength from every available quarter, not storing his gains as the miser hoards his gold, but putting everything to its best use, and expending his energies for the welfare of those around him, to be handed down to posterity for the advantage and improvement of those who follow. We are frequently told that nature abhors a vacuum, stagnation is equally forbidden, for deterioration or death ensues. Masonry is a progressive science, and unless this principle be ever kept in view,

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our Members and our Lodges will fail of their high mission and wither and decay. To every healthy person death is repulsive, and while we know it must come to an end, let us like the plant endeavour with our utmost power to make our decay prove a living death, so that our work may survive us and become fruitful in blessing those who follow. Flowers teach us humility; for while we admire the stately lily for its beauty and purity, or love the rose because of its form, colour and fragrance, let us not fail to draw a lesson from the humble violet which modestly hides its sweetly perfumed blossoms in the sheltering leaves. We can also learn obedience in our gardens. When the gentle rains are withheld and the kindly dews are insufficient to sustain the plant, it droops its head in submission and uncomplainingly yields its very life, an offering of devotion and fidelity to nature's decree—"thus we learn to be meek, humble, and resigned." Secrecy and fidelity are also taught by flowers—the secrets and mysteries of form, colour, and development, are never divulged, but are transmitted to their successors pure and unsullied—the radiant geranium does not impart the mystery of its brilliant colouring to the sweet mignonette, and the woodbine keeps from the handsome dahlia the secret of its delicious perfume, but every tree and plant remains faithful to the laws which govern it. From the study of horticulture we may acquire the useful lesson of benevolence and charity—the lovely blossom is ever diffusing its scent and unfolding its radiance regardless of praise or reward—the tree affords a grateful shade from the noon-day sun; its leaves help to purify unwholesome atmosphere, its blossoms provide honey for the birds and bees, and its fruit nourishment and refreshment for man—it ungrudgingly yields its stores for the benefit of all within reach. So the true Mason makes himself felt and appreciated whenever help is needed—he does not stop to consider what advantage he may gain by dispensing charity, visiting the sick, or speaking a kindly word to the down-hearted and disconsolate, but is ever at the disposal of those who need his assistance. The man who thus keeps himself in touch with his unfortunate fellows is producing a rich harvest which will never fail. The vegetable world embodies the Masonic virtue—silence. While the work of growth is going on, and every part of the tree or plant is undergoing incessant change, there is no noise—the most acute ear may strain every nerve to catch the faintest whisper, but all in vain, for not a sound can be heard—the boisterous wind may rush through the branches in blustering haste so as to almost deafen the listener, but the roar is the swiftly moving air only—the monarch of the forest himself is silent. Flowers, like Masonic virtues, are never out of place—whether in the field, the garden, the mountain side or the still pool, they are always delightful to the eye—in the adornment of a woman or in the tiny hand of a little child, whether ornamenting an apartment, gracing a wedding, adding beauty to a festival or relieving the gloom of a funeral, they are never incongruous—they bespeak affection, peace, beauty, gratitude, purity, and love, and we welcome them in our Lodge-room as emblems of these qualities and graces we all admire. Plants are capable of the highest cultivation—no effort is thrown away on them. On the contrary, they respond to every well-directed attention—new varieties, richer odours and novel tints and forms reward the skilful horticulturalist, and in this respect the Mason may learn a useful lesson. By watchfulness and diligence the working of our numerous and beautiful degrees may be improved, the impressiveness of our ceremonies be deepened and a fuller meaning be conveyed alike to the brethren and candidates. A careless gardener will assuredly exert a prejudical influence on the products of his ground, and the incapable or indifferent Master of a Lodge will create inertness or even dissatisfaction amongst the brethren. When unfortunately this occurs, Masonic deterioration ensues, and the tenets inculcated in the Lodge fall short of their mission. It is therefore the paramount duty of every ruler amongst us to be industrious, ever watchful and zealous for the honour of the Craft, and careful to promote the grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. No effort in this direction will ever be unavailing, but the welfare of the Lodge and improvement and comfort of the brethren under his direction must ensue. The sun which diffuses warmth and light over the world is necessary to the life of the plant, so is the skilled Master needed in the Lodge to instruct and enlighten the members. Our theme is almost inexhaustible, but enough has been said we think to show that Masonic lessons may be drawn from the vegetable kingdom as well as from Lodge furniture, emblems, or working tools. In placing these few crude ideas before you, we have merely scratched the surface, but there are grander heights and lower depths attainable by all who take the pains to investigate the subject. The study of the useful arts and sciences is recommended to every newly-made Mason, and in prosecuting our researches this evening we have not disturbed a single landmark of our Order. The beautiful flowers which adorn our Lodge-room in such profusion convey to our hearts and minds principles which should always be working within us, and which presented in a new form may unfold a deeper meaning, and make us better fitted for that Grand Lodge above, whither we hope all of us are tending.—*Sydney Freemason.*

Obituary.

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BRO. J. A. BIRCH.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Brother J. A. Birch, yarn agent, of Holly House, Timperley, which took place at Blackpool, on Wednesday morning. Brother Birch was sixty-four of age, and was a native of Flixton. He was educated at the Manchester Grammar School. His father was largely engaged in Oldham as a cotton spinner, and the subject of this notice, after learning the business, was established in a mill of his own in Oldham-road. He afterwards went abroad for some years, and on his return was appointed manager of the North Shore Mills, Liverpool. By a calamitous fire those mills were burned to the ground, when Bro. Birch came again to Manchester, and began business as a yarn agent. He became interested in Freemasonry, soon attained high rank as an officer, and actively participated in the management of the Charities connected with the Order, both in London and in Lancashire. He was treasurer to the Railway Servants' Orphanage. On the 18th July 1874, Bro. Birch entered the Manchester City Council as a representative of St. Ann's Ward, and was a member for a period of eight years. He was elected a member of the Gas, Waterworks, and Rivers Committees, upon all of which—especially the last—he rendered valuable service. When the movement was started for regulating and limiting the hours during which children should be permitted to vend newspapers in the streets, his benevolent sympathies led him to take a prominent part in it, and the success which subsequently attended an application to Parliament was largely owing to his zealous advocacy and support. As a magistrate and as one of the visiting justices, his intelligence and assiduity were appreciated by his colleagues. On the platform, as in the City Council, he was a fluent, argumentative, and successful speaker. The Church Temperance Society, which has had his support for a long period, will feel his loss keenly.

BROTHER GEORGE NEWMAN P.M. P.Z. 766.

This respected brother died at his residence, in Holloway Road, N., on Monday, the 4th instant. Bro. Newman was a Past Master of the William Preston and Lion and Lamb Lodges; a P.Z. and founder of the William Preston Chapter; a P.M. of St. Mark's Mark Lodge; and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. The funeral took place, on the 11th instant, at East Finchley Cemetery, and was largely attended by members of the Masonic Order, among whom were Bros. William Worrell P.M. and Secretary 766, E. Kidman P.M. 766, and F. G. Barns S.W. 766. A very handsome wreath of flowers was laid on the coffin, "in affectionate remembrance, from the brethren of the William Preston Lodge."

The annual supper of the members of the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction will take place, on Tuesday next, at the Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, at 7·30. Tickets 3s 6d each.

The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, has been removed from the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., and now meets at the City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Tuesdays, at 7 p.m.

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FURTHER COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

(Continued from page 149).

I DID not consult the *Freemason* of 1885 and 1886, which contains articles by Bro. Lane and Bro. Abbott, about the "lost link" or oldest record of the "Ancients," discovered by Bro. Sadler in 1885. Well, according to Bro. Abbott's account, the whole number of those who originated the Ancients' organisation, on the 17th July 1751, consisted of seventy-four men. These divided themselves into five Lodges; later on, in July, another Lodge was added; it started with eight members. The Masters of these Lodges (forming themselves into a kind of Grand Lodge, began to grant Charters). I presume, the said Lodge of Masters placed their Lodge on the list as No. 1. How long a Lodge with No. 1 lasted is not very certain. The earliest Lodges of the Ancients begin with No. 2, and No. 1 continued vacant till 1759, when it was assigned to a Lodge now known as the "Grand Masters' Lodge." The Lodges ranging from No. 2 to No. 7 were older than the original No. 1 was. I, however, could find no more than 70 names for the first five Lodges. These names I classified into what seemed to me as decidedly *not Irish*. Second, into what I deemed decidedly Irish; and third, those that I deemed doubtful; and they sum up as follows, 46 decidedly *not Irish*, 15 *decidedly Irish*, and 9 *doubtful*. Admitting, however, that 9 *doubtful* were also Irish, we have 46 *not* Irish to 24 Irish, and if MacIntosh was placed among the un Irish, there would be more than two to one against the Irish. So much for Bro. Sadler's theory that the origin of the rival Grand Lodge was due to "Pat's" revenge for an insult given by the Grand Lodge to three Irish Masons in 1735.

Again, of these seventy Grand Lodge makers, no less than seventeen, or about 25 per cent., were soon after *expelled*. Assuming, however, that Bro. Abbott's counting of 74 names was correct, and assuming that No. 6, when it was erased in December 1752, mustered ten members, the sum total of the Ancients' originators would count 84, and out of these 84 no less than 27, or nearly 33 per cent., were soon after expelled; and it is my firm belief the remaining 53 of the Ancients' originators were not a whit better than those whom they expelled.

Those who have not personally witnessed the bad feeling engendered among Masons when a Grand Lodge jurisdiction is divided into hostile ranks can scarcely imagine or realize its effect. I, however, have witnessed it, and even see its effects now by what is going on among the Scotch Riters in almost every State in America. Thus, when I came to New York, in 1842, I found there two rival Grand Lodges. Later on there was another split, and they had three Grand Lodges, and each of these denounced the other two as illegitimates, bogus, &c., &c.

Again, since 1848, the city of Boston became the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, or Holy of Holies, for the "Northern Jurisdiction" Scotch Riters. Up to 1860 Bro. Raymond, of Boston, enjoyed the magnificent title of "Thrice Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U.S. of America," and Bro. C. W. Moore was his "Thrice Illustrious Grand Secretary of the Holy Empire." But in 1860 the Sovereign and his Secretary had a quarrel, which resulted in the Sovereign deposing his Secretary, and the Secretary deposing his Sovereign. The first appointed a new Secretary and the Second appointed a new Sovereign. Then "the tug of war began," which lasted for six years, during which time scores of abusive pamphlets were fired off by the rival factions against each other, and the hatred between them was equal to that between North and South about the slavery question.

I must, however, premise that Scotch Riters, as a rule, are naturally *splitters* and *dividers*, and wherever that wonderful kind of Masonry was planted, sooner or later it split up into two or more factions. In New York two rival bodies have existed since 1813. They are respectively known as *Cerneauites* and *Gourgassites*. The Cerneauites, however, seemed to have got the upper hand, for while they kept up their organization, poor Gourgas's concern dwindled to nothing, and for some years he remained Grand Sovereign only over himself. But, in 1844, Charles W. Moore, of Boston, helped Gourgas to revive his concern, and in 1848 Bro. Raymond bought the Sovereignty of the Scotch Rite from Gourgas, and removed its headquarters from New York to Boston. Up to 1860 the Scotch Rite concern was confined to a few only. Bro. Raymond was no scholar, but he was a rich gentleman. Bro. Moore was puffed up as "the greatest Masonic jurisprudence authority in the world." The remaining few privileged brethren were either Doctors, Lawyers, or past Dignataries of the Grand Lodge. Such, I believe, was the case in the other States of the Union subject to the Boston Sovereign Raymond. In 1845 Gourgas introduced the Scotch Rite into England, where Doctors Leeson, Oliver, Crucefix, and other supposed Masonic sages, appropriated it to themselves. All these Scotch Riters displayed a tremendous amount of learning; they dived into all kinds of hidden mysteries; they were familiar with the Kabballa, the Eleusinian Mysteries, Egyptian Hieroglyphics, and what not, and the mass of the Fraternity were too ignorant to suspect that those learned degreers were as ignorant of Masonic history as they themselves were. These Scotch Riters were therefore, up to 1860, regarded and venerated as a kind of Masonic aristocracy.

The split in 1860 between Raymond and Moore resulted in demolishing the Scotch Rite exclusiveness. Bro. Moore, who was for years the Grand Master maker for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, whom everybody feared and flattered, saw at once that the Raymond party would oust him out of his Grand Secretaryship in the Grand Lodge, to obviate which he offered to turn all Masons into *thirty-seconders* of the Scotch Rite for the small sum of twenty-five dollars. In reality, however, every one that had a vote in the Grand Lodge, or a prospect of getting a vote, was *thirty-seconded* for nothing, and as many as three hundred individuals were turned into thirty-seconders in one night. On the other hand Raymond united with the New York Cerneauites; these opened a hall of their own, and also turned for little or nothing hundreds into *thirtiers*. The result is, Scotch Riters may now be counted by thousands in Boston, and *thirty-thirders* by scores, but as every Scotch Rite thirty-thirder seems to possess an inherent right of opening a new concern of his own whenever he pleases, hence since the union was effected between divers factions in 1866, several other *thirty-thirders* set up new concerns of their own, and in all cases they begin by giving away their degrees for little or nothing.

The Ancients when they started adopted the same plan. Thus the Grand Lodge of England, since 1729, charge for a Warrant £2 2s; the Ancients' price for a Warrant was only 10s 6d; the price for initiation and joining a Lodge was probably reduced at the same ratio. If a dozen men clubbed together and paid one shilling each, they could get a Warrant to open a Lodge and have eighteen-pence to spare for beer, and if for five shillings or so one could be initiated into Masonry, it was very easy to increase the number of Masons and of Lodges too, but the difficulty was in keeping these together, and this will account for large numbers of the originators of the Ancients' concern being expelled very soon after, and it will also account for the disappearance of the earliest Lodges of the Ancients, as I shall show hereafter. Thus, No. 2 of the Ancients' lived longer than the rest of the Lodges of 1751. It seems that the brother who brought with him the Ancients' Masonry to Philadelphia applied to Lodge No. 2 to procure for Philadelphia a warrant. After some delay Dermott wrote to Philadelphia, in 1766 I believe; your application, said he, was made in a wrong corner. The Lodge is composed of poor mechanics (I write from memory), and he referred disparagingly to one of its members, doubtless the chief leader of the Lodge. We see that the social status of the oldest Lodge of the Ancients remained unimproved in 1766, thus proving that if a decent tradesman happened to be initiated therein he found the company too disagreeable to remain with them, and the result was, a few years later No. 2 disappeared from the list, and another Lodge got her number. But here is another instance of the kind of Lodges that were chartered by the Ancients. Bro. Abbott, in the *Freemason* of 1886, says:

"And for the amusement of the reader, I may state that No. 35, Warranted 19th April 1754, is described as meeting, on the 2nd and 4th Friday, at the King's Bench Prison."

Having proved the worthlessness of the original Ancients of 1751, I must here add that a change for the better no doubt took place after the nobility began to patronise them. After Dermott succeeded, by his bragging and lying, to make *insiders* and *outsiders* believe that his

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Masonry was more Ancient than the Grand Lodge of England, and after he had bamboozled the Grand Lodges of Ireland and of Scotland with a belief that the Grand Lodge of 1717 never had the true Master's word, and that they were mere Masonic pretenders; when people began to believe so, when Dermott's *ancientness* began to be admitted by writers of the other side, then of course a better class of candidates began to pour into the Ancients' Lodges. The price of a Warrant was also raised, for the Philadelphians were charged something like £3 10s for the document they received; the price for initiation was probably also advanced. The Ancients could not, indeed, boast of high cultured members. The fact that a fellow like Harper was suffered to occupy a high position among them shows their poverty in that respect. But I have no doubt that the rank and file of the Ancients in 1770 was far ahead of what it was before Lord Blessington lent his name to them as G.M. Against all who were initiated in the Ancients' Lodges I have not a word to say. But about Dermott and his associates of 1751-2 I cannot find words strong enough to condemn their unscrupulousness.

I will now endeavour to exhibit the comparative longevity of the Ancients' earliest Lodges; five of which assembled on the 17th of July 1751, and the sixth joined them on the 29th following, thus:—

No. 2.—Declared vacant 4th June	1783.
This No. was purchased by No. 32 *in* 1784.	
No 3.—Ceased to meet regularly in the latter end of 1751. Last entry, 7th Dec.	1757.
No. 4.—Lapsed about	1765.
No. 5.—Lapsed in	1761.
No. 6.—Lapsed in	1754.
No. 7.—Erased 27th December	1752.

The above items I have copied from Bro. Lane's Masonic Records. Owing to the vagueness of the Ancients' record, Bro. Lane had in some cases to use the word "about," which means uncertain. I have, however, no doubt that in both organizations Lodges were retained on the Lodge list for some years after they ceased to exist. We see above that No. 3 "ceased to meet regularly at the end of 1751," but it was retained on the list until 1757. And such was the case with Lodge No. 2, which was declared vacant in 1783, but from Gould's "Atholl Lodges" I learn that No. 2 was offered for sale in February 1778. Thus we know that No. 2 took up its abode at the "One Tun in the Strand," in 1769; how long it lived after that date remains to be found out.

Since the above was written I learn from Bro. Lane's Preface, that Nos. 7 and 10, after their erasure in 1752, were replaced by two younger Lodges. The last No. 7 was sold in 1788, and the second No. 10 "lapsed about 1768," and, if I am not mistaken, it is a curious fact that, out of sixty or more Lodges chartered by the Ancients up to 23rd December 1756, only six of these survived up to the end of the last century.

I must further add, that on page 12 of the "History of the Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning," by Bro. Allen Mackenzie, I find as follows, viz.—"There were no such Officers as Senior and Junior Deacons during the last century; the first appointment of that nature having taken place in 1816," and I hope that some one will inform us as to when the other Scotch Lodges began to appoint Senior and Junior Deacons.

Boston, U.S., 19th February 1889.

The first number of a new weekly journal, entitled "Work: an Illustrated Magazine of Practice and Theory for all Workmen, Professional and Amateur," will make its appearance on the 20th March. In the pages of "Work" will be found a clear and practical exposition of methods to be followed in every art, craft, and science that bears directly or indirectly on handiwork of a constructive or decorative character, freely illustrated with sketches, diagrams, or working drawings to scale. Messrs. Cassell and Company are the publishers.

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BRITANNIA CHAPTER, No. 312.

ON Monday, 4th inst., the members assembled, at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, Whitby, for the installation and investiture of Principals and other Officers for the ensuing year. Comp. W. H. Falkingbridge, having been re-elected, had not to be installed, but the installation of the other Principals was proceeded with, the ceremonies being ably and efficiently performed by Comp. John Stevenson P.M. P.Z. The Principals and Officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year are as follows:—Comps. W. H. Falkingbridge M.E.Z., W. G. Lockey 2nd Principal, J. Tinley Stewart 3rd Principal, Silvester Reed S.E., J. N. Lawson S.N., J. Brooks P.S., W. H. Atlay and T. Atkinson Assist. Sojs., Joseph Oliver Dir. of Cers., T. H. Trueman Janitor, H. Wald Steward. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in first class style by Mr. T. Walker, at the Crown Hotel. The M.E.Z. presided, and the P.S. occupied the Vice-chair. The toasts appropriate to the occasion were duly honoured.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—This Chapter met as usual on Friday, 8th inst., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Moore M.E.Z., Grammant H., Patrick J., C. H. Stone S.E., Addington S.N., Stone P.S., and Woods. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Woods as candidate. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Patrick for his work of 3rd Principal, for the first time in this Chapter. Comp. Grammant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Stone S.E. reported that the first annual supper (tickets 2s 6d each) would take place at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, 5th April, when Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor would act as chairman, and Addington M.E.Z. 1275 as vice-chairman.

MARK MASONRY.

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HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 6th inst., to instal Bro. C. R. H. Sellick S.W. as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Worshipful Bro. James Gidley, assisted by Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., H. Cole, R. Lavers, S. Jew, Aitken Davies, T. D. Ford, J. D. Cobledick, W. R. Velvin, F. Heawood. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Heawood I.P.M., Shepheard S.W., Coyte J.W., Sellick M.O., Madge S.O., Earley J.O., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, Mudge S.D., Balkwill J.D., Bromidge I.G. The brethren, to the number of thirty-five, adjourned to Bro. Mortimer's, King's Arm's Hotel, where an excellent dinner was prepared and presided over by the Worshipful Master. Some good songs and recitations were given by Bros. J. Shepheard, S. Jew, T. W. Lemon, Giles, Balkwill, Arcott, Cobledick, Wiles and others, a most enjoyable day being spent by all present.

DEVON LODGE, No. 215.

AT the Masonic Hall, Newton, on the 4th instant, Bro. Jarman, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Martin, assisted by the following board of Installed Masters:—Bros. Lane P.G.O. England, L. E. Bearne P.P.G.J.W., Charles Stevens P.P.G.J.D., John Olver P.P.G.A.D.C., and F. C. Hallett P.P.G. Superintendent of Works. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—L. E. Bearne I.P.M., Lewis Stevens S.W., S. E. Endacott J.W., W. S. Gervis M.O., W. H. Lander J.O., W. Vicary Treasurer, G. Townsend Warner Chaplain, J. Olver Secretary, C. Stevens Registrar, Thomas W. Hayden S.D., R. H. Hambly J.D., E. W. Rooke I.G., Charles Pope D.C., R. H. Grimbly Organist, J. Haywood Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet hall, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LITTLE POINTS.

Wherever some Masons go there is a chill.

Malaria is bad, but not worse than a continually fault-finding Mason.

How happy some Craftsmen would be if there were never any designs on the trestle board!

Inordinate fervency and zeal may be as harmful as lukewarmness.

Worthy non-affiliates possess the rights of Masons, but not the privileges of Lodges.

Immortality is the crown of true Masonic faith and conduct.

The anchor of Masonic faith is fixed beyond the vail of death, surely and stedfastly.

To labour well and honourably is a great Masonic privilege and duty.

Well planned Masonic industry and perseverance bring sure reward.

The only Masonic use for "dampers" is that of subduing appetites and passions.

Like the light and heat of the sun, Freemasonry accomplishes its beneficent purposes.

He who truly trusts in God is never without an unfailing and invincible friend.

Masonic Master-building requires all the symmetry of wisdom, all the strength of mind and spirit, and all the force and beauty of truth.

If each day was Christmas, or New Year, how little it would be enjoyed! How common and irksome it would seem! Just so it would be to Masons if all their days were alike, and they had no festivals.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 6th inst. The following Companions were elected as the Grand Office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart.	First Principal.
Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart.	Past First Principal.
William Mann	Depute Principal.
Frederick E. Villiers	Second Principal.
The Right Hon. Lord Saltoun	Third Principal.
R. S. Brown	Scribe E.
Dr. George Dickson	Scribe N.
William Officer	Treasurer.
James Webster	Recorder.
James Dalrymple Duncan	Chancellor.
George Christie	First Sojourner.
Colonel John Campbell	Second Sojourner.
Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington	Third Sojourner.
James Crichton	Sword Bearer.
William Black, C.E.	Superintendent of Works.
Colonel P. Stirling	First Standard Bearer.
H. J. Coventry	Second Standard Bearer.
John Taylor	Janitor.

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 Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1889. Compiled by Bro. B. A. SMITH, P.M. 528, P.P.G. Standard Bearer.

THE seventeenth issue of this Calendar is before us, and from appearance is fully up to the mark. There are two slight changes in the arrangement of the present issue, the table of the days of meeting of Lodges in the Province is placed at the beginning instead of at the end, and the page containing the Leicester Freemasons' Hall and Library Committee now follows those containing the Committees of Provincial Grand Lodge. By this means the compiler is able to devote more space to detailing the increasing list of votes for the Central Masonic Charities. A capital portrait is given of Bro. George Toller, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire and Rutland, with a short sketch of his Masonic career. The photograph is by F. W. Broadhead, of Leicester, and is a capital likeness. Amongst items of information given in the Calendar we notice a list of meetings of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the dates of meeting of the several Masonic bodies in the Province, to which are added lists of Officers for the year, lists of members of the various Lodges and Chapters in the Province, and roll of Lodges in the adjoining Provinces of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, and Norths and Hunts. Altogether the Calendar—which is of a convenient size for the pocket—reflects great credit on Bro. Smith.

The Weird Mystery. London: F. J. Lambert and Co., 18 Bouverie Street, E.C.

THE above is the title of a shilling novel that has been issued in connection with Messrs. Lambert's London Library. It is really the confession of Alice Woolner, written in prison, where she awaits her trial for murder. The book is edited by Philip May, son of one of the members of the Moira Lodge, No. 92. This gentleman has brought together a string of exciting events that cannot fail to interest the reader. The story deals with a woman who commits a murder, while temporarily insane, through the loss of her child. It is written in a style that cannot fail to invoke sympathy with the woman.

Wood Green Assembly Rooms.—An interesting concert was recently given by the students of Miss Bremner's Wood Green School of Music (Truro Road). The care with which the various items of the programme were delivered reflected credit both on the performers and on their tutor, and Miss Bremner is to be heartily congratulated on the success of the performance. The Misses and Masters Sugar were particularly good, as also was Miss Florence Morse, who was called upon for encores after both her songs. Mr. Frederick Bays gave two recitations, and was also honoured with an encore. Miss Bremner efficiently conducted throughout the evening.

Those of our readers who wish to pay "Dorothy" another visit had better do so at once, for this successful opera will be withdrawn from the Lyric after the 6th April. The theatre will then remain closed until the 20th April, when a new and original opera by the author and composer of "Dorothy," Messrs. B. C. Stephenson and Alfred Cellier, will be produced.

MARRIAGE.

PURDY—CULLEN.—On 9th March, at St. Mary Magdalene, Peckham, LOUIS PURDY, to ELIZABETH, only daughter of W. H. CULLEN, of Aberdeen House, Peckham.

PROVINCE OF DURHAM.

COMP. Babington Boulton, acting as Grand Superintendent (in the absence abroad of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.), has appointed G. J. Wilson to the office of Provincial Grand Third Principal, which became vacant in January last, by the lamented death (at Ventnor, I.W.) of Comp. J. J. Clay, of Sunderland. Companion Wilson is one of the oldest Freemasons in England—if not in the world—having been initiated so far back as 25th April 1833, and though over eighty years of age he regularly attends Lodge and Chapter. He has been Worshipful Master of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, four times, viz., 1835, 1843, 1844, and 1857. He was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 1835, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1846, and Provincial Grand Junior Warden in 1850. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted as a Companion of the Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, in 1834; elected Third Principal (and installed at Whitby) in 1845, elected Second Principal (and installed at Durham) in 1846, elected First Principal (and installed at Durham) in 1850. He was appointed Provincial Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner in 1883, and is now Provincial Grand Third Principal. During the 56 years of Bro. Wilson's Masonic career he has served under six successive Provincial Grand Masters, viz., John George Lambton Esq. (afterwards first Earl of Durham), Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. (father of the present Provincial Grand Master), John Bowes, Esq., John Fawcett, Esq., The Marquess of Londonderry, and the present Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—The 26th annual festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, Wandsworth. The chair was taken at 6 p.m. by Bro. Higerty P.M. 1044 and 1714 P.P.G.D. Surrey; Bros. J. J. Black S.W., Baker J.W., J. M. Parsons Secretary, Jones 1563 Treasurer, Brooks S.D., Taverner J.D., and R. Monger I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, when the second Lecture was worked in a most admirable manner by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Foddy 1044, J. G. Carter P.M. 1044, Monger A.D.C. 1044, H. Baker 1360, J. M. Parsons J.D. 1564. The brethren present numbered 55. A very imposing feature of the evening was the reading of a letter from the Grand Lodge of Germany, sent by the personal direction of the late Emperor Frederick, acknowledging a letter of condolence from this Lodge of Instruction on the death of the Emperor William I. A great honour to the Lodge. Several brethren were unanimously elected members, and before closing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and the "Section workers" for their excellent work, by Bro. Brooks S.D. Lodge being closed, the banquet followed, and the usual toasts were responded to enthusiastically, those of the Committee, Section workers, the Mother Lodge, and the Visitors meeting with special recognition. Bro. Grundy 1558 spoke in glowing terms of the abilities of the W.M., both in his capacity of Preceptor and as presiding Master that evening. Bro. Carter P.M. also received great praise for his ability and zeal as Preceptor and in the interests of Masonry. The worthy Secretary, Bro. Parsons, after giving a short account of the prosperous state of the Lodge, was greeted with a storm of applause. During the evening the W.M., in a most pleasing and impressive speech, presented, on behalf of certain of the brethren, Bro. Higgs P.M. 106 with a very handsome P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a mark of their high esteem. Bro. Higgs, who was evidently taken by surprise, thanked the brethren very warmly for their beautiful gift, and strongly exhorted them, as fellow-workmen and as Masons, to adopt, not only in thought but in action, the true principles of Masonry. With the Tyler's toast, "God Save the Queen" (solo violin by Bro. Lean) brought this most successful festival to a close. The musical part of the programme was under the superintendence of Bros. Professor Giraldoni 235, and Monger 1044.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TEMPLE LODGE No. 101.

THE Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, was the scene of a goodly gathering of the members on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, when Bro. J. Bond, proprietor of the Station Tavern, Camberwell New Road, was presented with a gratifying testimonial. This consisted of a gold decoration, bearing the silver cross keys, emblematic of the office of Treasurer, which Bro. Bond has held for more than twenty years. The following is the inscription:—

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The presentation in question is one of a large number of which Bro. Bond has been the recipient during a long and honourable connection with Freemasonry.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

ON Tuesday, the 12th instant, the new W.M. of this popular Lodge, Bro. Henry Lindfield, presided at the regular meeting, held at the Albion, where he was supported by Past Masters Green (Treasurer), Radcliffe (Secretary), Hentsch, Back, Morgan, Dickson; King P.M. 172; H. Nash S.W., King J.W., Orlton Cooper S.D., Kirkland J.D., &c., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. J. Bennett was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Arrangements for an outing during the summer months, the brethren to be accompanied by their ladies, were foreshadowed, and we doubt not that when the day arrives will be voted as perfect as on previous occasions. An ample supper followed; after which an hour or so was spent in social converse and with jovial song. In the course of the evening Bro. Orlton Cooper recited the following lines, and modestly confessed himself the author when a request was made that that individual should be "named."

THE SEVEN AGES OF FREEMASONRY.

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players,"
So says our Bard, and surely 'twould be hard
If Masons could not act as other players;
So your permission now I humbly crave
While we may reckon what lives Masons have.
Our hero, we will take, just like the Sage's,
And trace him, step by step, through seven ages.

At first the 'Prentice, full of doubts and fears,
And mind uncertain as to smiles or tears,
With strange misgivings, yet undaunted heart,
Enters the Lodge—and so he plays his part.

And then the Craftsman, with true zeal inspired,
His soul with noble aspirations fired;
The Master's precepts now his greatest care,
Resolves henceforth to act upon the Square.

Next Master Mason, raised to third degree,
Entitled now to share our mystery;
A Friend, and Brother, to the world is sent,
His Badge the emblem of his good intent.

In office now, as Inner Guard, he stands,
And Candidates receives from Tyler's hands.
A great ambition fills his manly breast,
His lawful aim within the Chair to rest.

The Deacon and Instructor next we see
Leading the Novice in Freemasonry;
Signs, Tokens, Words, does he impart to each,
With proper steps the Pedestal to reach.

Still working up, he fills the Wardens' Chairs,
First in the South, then in the West appears;
Assisting loyally the Lodge to school,
The Lodge that he some day may have to rule.

At length he enters on the final stage;
But no decay is here, nor sign of age.
Full in the prime of his Masonic years,
The honoured title, "Master," now he bears;
Elected by his Brethren to the place,
He rules his Lodge with courtesy and grace;
With dignity the sacred Ritual gives,
So in him, once again, our Founder lives.
Thus, when his year of office comes to close,
He earns at last well-merited repose;
And, as the sun sinks grandly in the west,
So, in like splendour, goes he to his rest.

ORLTON COOPER.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 7th inst., Present:—Bros. James Robinson W.M., E. G. Chesworth S.W. V. M. Vultchoff J.W., Septimus Staton Secretary, J. Read S.D., Frederick Spencer J.D., John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. D. of C., William Garside Organist, James McLeod I.G., Past Masters Wm. Nicholl P.P.G.T., James Dawson, J. R. Lever, James Wilson, H. Walmsley, R. R. Lisenden, W. B. Akerman, John Garside, and Thomas Bushell. Bros. A. Wild, F. Wolstencroft, A. Allen, G. E. Swendells, H. Samuels, J. E. Burd, C. E. Daber, J. E. Elderton, Edward Smith, W. Rottmeyer, and George Jackson. Visitors:—E. Pike P.M. 2109, C. Neale S.W. 1357, R. A. Eldershaw P.M. D.C. 204, George Barslem P.M. 1496, John Morris J.D. 1496, J. Johnstone 1011, and J. L. Taylor 852. The brethren assembled at 6.15, to tea, and at 7.15 the Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. William Isaac Chadwick P.M. Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, as a joining member, and announced favourable. In the second degree, Bro. Alfred Allen, who was a candidate for raising, answered the necessary questions in a most satisfactory manner, and retired. In the third degree, Bro. R. R. Lisenden P.M. Provincial Grand Steward took the chair, and raised Bro. Allen to the sublime degree of a M.M. Bro. Lisenden also related the traditional history, and explained the tracing board. Bro. John Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A. Director of Ceremonies presented and explained the working tools, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed, at 8.45. A pleasant though short time was spent at the social board, where the health of the newly raised Bro. Allen, the Visitors, Worshipful Master, Past Masters, &c., were proposed and responded to. During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. W. J. Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, who was on his way to Algiers, sending hearty good wishes. Much regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. J. W. Edwards P.M. through illness.

FORESTERS' LODGE, No. 456.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place, on the 28th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter. The Lodge assembled at half-past two o'clock, when there was a goodly number of brethren present. Owing to the absence, through illness, of the W.M. Bro. J. E. Wood P.G.J.W., the Lodge was opened by Brother Charles Bunting P.P.G.D., when Bro. Joseph Treadgold was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being very effectively performed by Bro. J. Hewson P.M. 792 P.P.G.D. Lincolnshire, Dr. J. S. Crapper P.M. 418 P.P.G.D.C., and J. Payne Hall P.M. 456 P.P.G.D.C. The ceremony over the W.M. invested the following:—Bros. G. H. Tortoiseshell S.W., Samuel Keeling J.W., the Rev. H. Abud Chaplain, H. Bagshaw Treasurer, J. Payne Hall Secretary, Herbert Vernon S.D., F. W. Simpson J.D., Dr. G. Greenslade D.C., E. Hodgkinson Organist, Bunting Steward, Bower I.G., Charles Taylor Tyler. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned at five o'clock to a banquet, served by Bro. Hodgkinson, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held, on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge, to instal Bro. C. R. H. Sellick S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. John D. Cobledick and R. Lavers. The Officers were invested as follows, viz.: Bros. J. Shepheard I.P.M., Coyte S.W., Gully J.W., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, Mudge S.D., Sellick J.D., Balkwill I.G., Mortimore D.C., Farley A.D.C., Giles Organist, Coyte and Wiles Stewards, and Pillage Tyler. Bro. John Cobledick presented the retiring Worshipful Master with a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Worshipful Bro. J. Shepheard I.P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Erme, No. 1091, on his retiring from the Master's chair. 6th March 1889."

GOOCH LODGE, No. 1295.

THE members met at the Queen's Royal Hotel, Swindon Station, in large numbers, on the 1st instant, at the installation meeting. The retiring W.M. was Bro. McLean and the W.M. elect Bro. Lovegrove P.M. 1988 P.P. Grand Superintendent Works. North Wales and Salop. Bro. McLean was the Installing Officer. Bro. Lovegrove appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Williams S.W., Evans J.W., Birch Treasurer, Moore Secretary, Haydor S.D., Hogarth J.D., Spackman I.G., Whitehead Organist, Jones D.C., Jervis and Hamp Stewards, Jackson Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren attended a fine banquet at the hotel, presided over by the new W.M. The guests included Bros. Lloyd Grand Chaplain England, Streeten P.M. 1848, Wallis 1073, Hayne 1612, Moore 973, Westlake and Birt 121, Kinneir, Matthews, Gregory, Affleck, Green, Appleby, Radway, Butterworth, Barnes, Whitehead, Witby 365, and others.

BOOTLE LODGE, No. 1473.

ON Thursday, the 7th instant, this Lodge held its annual meeting to instal the incoming W.M., and it was largely attended. This was the fifteenth anniversary of the Lodge, which has proved of great utility to the brethren in the rapidly rising borough at the North-end. The chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Herbert Taylor. After preliminary business, Bro. Dr. Herbert Taylor W.M. installed, in a highly satisfactory manner, Bro. Forsyth, who was presented by Bros. Duncan and Clarke, after which the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. Dr. Taylor I.P.M., Alexander S.W., Hogarth J.W., Ibbs Treasurer (re-elected for the thirteenth time), Hale Secretary, Gill Assistant Secretary, Pope S.D., Rawlinson jun., Junior Deacon, Fletcher Inner Guard, Buchanan jun. Senior Steward, Mearns J.S., and Councillor I. Platts D.C. Bro. H. Owens was elected Tyler in lieu of Bro. Blake, who retires after fifteen years' honourable service. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the late Secretary, Bro. H. Wyatt, for his valuable services. During the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of individual members of the Lodge, and a very enjoyable programme of music was effectively rendered by Bros. J. Busfield, D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, and O. J. Rowlands.

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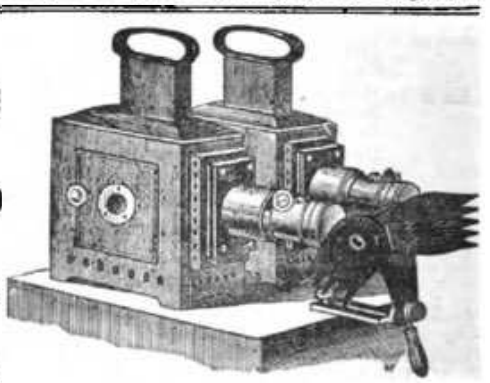
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MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. David Pulsifer, the Boston antiquary, whose name I have mentioned more than once, especially in connection with the "Sea Members' List of the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence," sent last year, for the Exhibition at Glasgow, a certain manuscript. The other day Bro. Pulsifer showed me a small book, sent to him from Scotland, called "The Book of the Bishop's Castle." It is in fact a catalogue of Archæological curiosities, exhibited last year in Glasgow; on page 89 I find:—

"374. The original parchment Manuscript of the Confession of Faith, subscribed at Glasgow in 1638, with autograph signatures. Lent by David Pulsifer, per David Murray, LL.D."

On pages 198-9 and 200 the Masonic curiosities are thus described:—

"1072. St. Clair Charter, granted by the Master of Works, to James VI. and the Deacons and Freemen Masons of Scotland, to William Sinclair, of Roslin, 1600-1, as Patron and Protector of the Mason Craft. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by the late William Edmondstoune, Professor of Rhetoric in the Edinburgh University.

Lent by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Edinburgh, per D. Murray Lyon, *Secretary*.

"1073. Clair Charter of Confirmation of the above, granted by the Deacons of the Masons Lodge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Dunfermline, St. Andrews, and Dundee, and the Deacons of the Masons and Wrights of Ayr in 1628. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Professor Aytoun, Edinburgh.

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"1074. Minute Book of the Roman Lodge of Freemasons, existing at Rome in 1735-37. The Lodge was suppressed by Pope Clement the Twelfth, in August 1735. Its Tyler was taken to the Inquisition, but was soon released. George Seaton, Earl of Winton, who was sentenced to death for having taken part in the Rebellion of 1715, but who escaped from the Tower of London, was 'Great Master' of the Roman Lodge when it was suppressed, and the Minute Book remained in his Lordship's hands till his death, in 1749, and came into the possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1799. Among the autographs attached to these minutes are those of Lord Winton, Allan Ramsay, son of the celebrated Allan Ramsay the Scottish poet, John Murray of Broughton, Sir Alexander Dick of Prestonfield, and other devoted Jacobites.

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"1075. Minute Book of the St. Andrew's Lodge of Freemasons, Dumfries, of which Burns was an affiliated member, bearing the poet's signature to the bye-laws, on page 11, and containing the minute of his admission, 27th December 1788. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart.

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"1076. The Master's Mallet and Apron, used in the Lodge in Burns' time. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in 1879, by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart.

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"1077. MS. Book of Charges of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

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"1078. Minute Book of Mother Kilwinning from 1642 till 1758.

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"1079. Minute Book of he Mother Lodge, Kinwinning, from 1758 till December 1806.

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"1080. Minute Book of Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, from December 1806 till 1842.

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"1881. Seal of Mother Lodge Kilwinning.

Lent by Mother Lodge Kilwinning of Kilwinning."

The above items in the Glasgow Exhibition were doubtless interesting to all thinking Masons. I, however, beg to call particular attention to the 'Minute Book of the Roman Lodge existing in Rome in 1735-37," for, as Lord Winton ran away from England in 1715, he must have received his Masonry in France. Now, the said Minute Book might disclose the number of Masonic degrees the Lodge had; also whether it had Junior and Senior Deacons; and whether the Officers were installed with some ceremony after every new election. In short, if there is anything interesting to Masonic students in the Minute Book, it ought to be made known.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 25th February 1889.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me, through the medium of your columns, to thank those brethren who came—from the East, South, North, and West—to vote for me last Wednesday, and assisted in giving me such a magnificent majority. To the Committee, the members of my mother Lodge, and those brethren who came voluntarily from such districts as Durham and Cornwall, my thanks are especially due, and I shall never forget their kindness. If it were possible I would thank each of them personally, as it is, I shall be obliged by the insertion of this letter in your next edition.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD TERRY.

Terry's Theatre, Strand, London, W.C.
11th March 1889.

COPY OF CENTENARY WARRANT.

No. 31, CANTERBURY.

WHEREAS it appears by the records of the Athol Grand Lodge or Old Institutions that on the 7th day of April 1755 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Bristol and which Lodge was then registered in the Books of the said Grand Lodge as No. 24 but which Lodge ceased to meet and work in 1766.

And whereas it appears by the Records of the said Athol Grand Lodge that on the 24th of March 1806 A Warrant of Revival or Renewal of the said Lodge No. 24 was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to renew and continue to hold the said Lodge at the Marquis of Granby, Canterbury in the County of Kent. But in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges and the formation of the United Grand Lodge on the 27th December 1813 it became No. 37.

And whereas it farther appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the 28th day of November 1776 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Fleece Inn, Canterbury aforesaid and named the "Industrious Lodge" and which was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge as No. 498. But in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges and the formation of the United Grand Lodge on the 27th day of December 1813 it became No. 416.

And whereas it farther appears that in the year 1819 the said "Industrious Lodge" by and with the authority of the Grand Lodge became incorporated with the said Lodge No. 37 and such united Lodge thenceforth continued to act and hold its meetings under the Title or Denomination of the "United Industrious Lodge" No. 37. At the general closing up of the numbers in 1832 it became No. 34 and by the alteration and closing up of the numbers in 1863 it has become and now stands on the Registry as No. 31 meeting at 38 Saint Peter's-St Canterbury in the County of Kent under the Title or Denomination of

The United Industrious Lodge.

And whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge are desirous now that it has completed the Centenary of its existence to be permitted to wear a Jewel commemorative of such event and have prayed our sanction for that purpose.

Now know Ye, &c. &c.

Given at London this 16th December A.L. 5878 A.D. 1878.

By command, &c.

JOHN HERVEY G.S.

Permission having been granted by the W.M. of No. 1743, the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743, will commence to hold meetings on Monday next, the 18th inst., at 7 p.m. (and on subsequent Mondays), at "Ye Old Cheshire Cheese," 23 Addle Street, Wood Street, E.C., under the guidance of Bro. J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., who will act as Preceptor. Bro. C. G. Sparrow P.M. 1743 will be the Secretary. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, now meets every Tuesday, at 8 p.m., at the Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire will hold its annual meeting, in the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Friday, the 22nd instant. Banquet at the Swan Hotel, at 4 o'clock.

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DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

AN interesting presentation has been made to a very popular member by Bro. H. Hirst the Worshipful Master. Bro. Hirst, in performing the ceremony, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. J. R. Ansdell P.M. P.P.G.S.B. North and East Yorkshire with a very handsome jewel for the services rendered by him to the Lodge in that capacity. In investing him with the jewel, in appropriate terms he assured Bro. Ansdell of the good wishes of every member of the Lodge, and trusted he would have many years of health and happiness before him. Bro. John Chappell then said he had the pleasure of presenting a highly finished and beautifully illuminated album for the acceptance of Mrs. Ansdell, and added the brethren felt that some slight recognition was due from them to her for the many hours of which she must have been deprived of her husband's company whilst transacting the business of the Lodge. Bro. Ansdell, in acknowledging the handsome and kind testimonial, could only say how very much he was taken by surprise with the kindness of the brethren, and how unnecessary such a recognition was for his slight services, but could assure them that in thanking them, both on behalf of himself and his dear wife, their kind and cordial treatment would never be forgotten.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Taylor as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Monday, 4th inst., in the presence of a large number of friends and visitors. The W.M. for the past year (Bro. Neil Leitch) performed the ceremony of installation in full Masonic form. The W.M. elect appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Neil Leitch I.P.M., W. Terrill S.W., Fred Lewis J.W., Dr. Walters Chaplain, John Rogers Treasurer, Morgan Williams Secretary, T. P. Martin S.D., N. M. Grose J.D., J. R. Davies D.C., T. T. Pascoe A.D.C., E. R. Brown I.G., W. B. Broad Organist, Allan Paton and W. H. Lewis Stewards, and George Bullerwell Tyler. A banquet was given at the Royal Hotel in the evening.

THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

THIS Lodge met on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, S.W. Present:—Bros. James Gibson (P.M. 1604) W.M., R. E. H. Goffin S.W., H. Mainwaring Dunstan J.W., W. H. Baker P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand (P.M. 1563) Secretary, C. C. Piper S.D., J. Hayler J.D., F. J. Smith I.G., W. Walkley Tyler. The three ceremonies were worked, candidates for all being present. Bro. R. E. H. Goffin S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Gibson was elected Treasurer. The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. Cloots' restaurant, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., First Master, P.G.D., was present.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

A MEETING was held, at Drury Lane Theatre, on Tuesday, the 12th instant. Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M. Sir Edward E. Englefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., who was supported by his Immediate Past Master, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. Catling, W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, kindly performed the functions of Senior Warden, in the absence of that Officer. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Messrs. Grimston, Somerset and Marshall were initiated. After this Brother Edward Lawson was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Powney was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Several propositions for brethren as joining members, and for gentlemen who desired to join the Order, were handed in, and will be considered at next meeting. Reference was made to the Festival of the Earlswood Asylum, to be held on the following day, whereat Bro. J. C. Parkinson would take the chair, and on proposition duly made and seconded a grant of Five Guineas was made from Lodge Funds in support of Bro. Parkinson's appeal. Bro. Catling, who it appears was initiated in the Drury Lane Lodge three years back, was complimented on the zeal he had displayed for Freemasonry, and congratulated on having attained the Mastership of the Savage Club Lodge. In recognition of the assistance he had given at their meeting it was decided to record the thanks of the members on the Lodge Minutes. The ceremonial work of the day was conducted by Sir John Gorst, who showed himself a perfect Master of the Ritual. Bros. Bancroft and Harry Nicholls, the Deacons of the day, were all that could be wished for as regards efficiency.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

IT was a very happy idea that prompted our good Brother J. S. Cumberland when he formulated the idea to establish this Lodge,—to provide a Masonic home in London for brethren from the Northern Counties. This was abundantly testified at the meeting held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when there was a large gathering of prominent Masons—both London and Provincial—to support the W.M. Bro. William Masters P.M. 1028. Amongst those who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, W. F. Smithson I.P.M., G. J. Wood P.M. P.P.G.P. Derby, S. B. Bolas Secretary, J. M. Peake S.D., George Davis J.D., Frank Wright I.G., Henry Giller P.M. Steward, C. R. Lee Steward, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W., W. Eyres, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain, C. G. Skipley P.M. Visitors—Bros. E. R. Ward P.P.G.S.W. Derby, T. W. Tew Provincial G.M. West Yorkshire, Theo. H. Tilton P.D.G.M. New York City, Colonel Harding P.A.G.D.C., E. C. Rice Oxley 506, John Simpson 442, T. Caparn P.M. 925, H. F. Grimshaw S.W. 920, W. G. Stott 667, W. B. Hardington 1009, J. Haldon W.M. 1009, Horace Slade P.M. 60, J. H. Hughes P.M. 404, Henry Hughes P.M. 869 P.P.G.A.D.C., A. Schofield P.M. 1028 P.P.G.P. Derby, James Rogers P.M. 1981, P.G. Steward Herts, J. S. Strachan P.M. 24 P.P.G.W. Norths H. Logan P.P.G.S.W., Dr. R. Morris Chaplain 1185, P. Deedes P.M. 1479, W. I. Spicer P.M. 569, L. Hirsch P.M. 1818, E. Flint 33, W. W. Lee 1897, A. Strugnell 2264, W. Wharton 47, G. H. Turner 47, George Cooper P.G.D., S. Jennings 142, Walter Jennings 142, W. Soden 1287, H. Bailey 1719, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Thomas Brown P.M. 1597, A. L. Fryer 1624, H. J. Dutton 1706, Arthur Weston 1929, Fred. W. Stephens 1348. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Lieut.-Col. Potham, as an Hon. Member, and for Bro. W. G. Scott, as a joining member; whilst Mr. Jas. Kershaw was a candidate for initiation. The result in each case was unanimous, and the latter candidate was impressively initiated by the W.M. (Bro. Masters), the charge being given by Bro. T. W. Tew Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire. Bro. E. R. Ward P.P.G.W. Derby had undertaken to instal his friend Bro. G. J. Wood P.M. P.P.G.P. Derby, and a Board of Installing Masters was formed, and Bro. Wood installed into the chair. The following Officers were then appointed:—Bros. W. H. Bullock S.W., J. M. Peake J.W., E. Carr Treasurer, S. B. Bolas Secretary, G. B. Davis S.D., F. Wright J.D., C. R. Lee I.G., W. G. Stott Organist, H. G. Giller and J. Lockett Stewards, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire D. of C., and H. Evenden P.M. Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. E. R. Ward P.M., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his efficient services. The W.M.'s first duty was to present the I.P.M. Bro. Wm. Masters with a P.M.'s jewel, and, on behalf of the members, he tendered him every good wish for the future, and expressed their appreciation of his work during the past year. Bro. Masters I.P.M. briefly returned thanks; he should feel honoured in wearing the handsome jewel as long as he lived. After routine work the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then partaken of, after which the Loyal toasts were done full honour to. In speaking of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he felt honoured that on his installation night there were so many present. He took it as a compliment, not only to himself but also to the Lodge. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, with whose name the toast was associated, confessed he was entirely unprepared to respond. Usually the senior Grand Officer present performed that duty. He had near him two very distinguished Grand Officers in the persons of the P.G. Chaplain and the P.G. Treasurer, and he had congratulated himself that he should not be called upon. However, the W.M. had asked him to reply for that section of the Grand Officers who were at work for the moment, and, speaking for the Executive, he could only say they were actuated by the same feelings as the other Grand Officers, and were grateful for the honour done them, while they could not forget that the brethren always kindly recognised the Masonic position they held. For himself, it was an especial pleasure for him to be present that evening; it was little more than three years ago that he had the pleasure of consecrating the United Northern Counties Lodge, and he was gratified to find that this child of his had so suddenly arrived at maturity. He found the project shadowed forth three years ago amply justified that evening. It was an excellent idea that brethren coming from the Northern Counties should have the opportunity of meeting together and renewing old associations. That that idea had been successfully carried out he realised in the splendid gathering around him. Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chap., J. W. Woodhall P.G. Treas., and George Cooper P.G.D. also replied. The Prov. Grand Masters of the Northern Counties was the next toast on the list; before offering it the W.M. asked the Secretary to read letters from Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Marquis of Hartington, Earl of Zetland, and Colonel N. Starkie, and also from the Lord Mayor, who all expressed regret for enforced absence. The W.M. said that although those distinguished brethren were not present, he hoped before the year was out to see some of them, and the members would then do their best to receive them in a proper manner. It was his privilege to have on his right the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who had afforded them a considerable treat in the Lodge by the admirable manner in which he had assisted at the working of a ceremony. Brother T. W. Tew thanked the brethren. He could not but express the pleasure he had received in the part Derbyshire had taken in the installation ceremony that evening, when he recollected that he first saw the light of Masonry in that Province, in the year 1858, during the administration of the predecessor of the Marquis of Hartington, and that he was in the closest Masonic relationship with the Prov. Grand Master of Derby and his admirable Deputy. He might say that the Prov. Grand Masters of the Northern Counties worked together for the prosperity of the Craft in the Provinces under their respective commands, and if there was one thing they did for the welfare of their fellow creatures outside the Craft it was to lend themselves to the promotion of every good work. He hoped they should ever be loyal to those Charities, and accord them the hearty support they deserved. The Grand Secretary was right to speak of this Lodge as he had done. They in West Yorkshire felt it was an admirable thing to establish in London a Lodge where they from the North could come and find a Masonic home suited to their tastes and feelings, instead of, as previously, having to rely too much upon the kindness and generosity of their good friends in London. They were anxious to do one thing, and that was to act in co-operation with their friends in London in whatever was good for the promotion of Masonic principles at large, and he hoped the Grand Lodge would find it had no more loyal body of Masons than that numerous body of brethren embodied in the ten northern counties of England. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, said it was difficult in a brief speech to give anything like a retrospect of the Institutions. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had recently taken place, and the brethren had responded nobly to the appeal of that Institution. The other Institutions had yet to hold their Festivals, when he trusted the brethren would be as ready to assist the Institutions for Boys and Girls as they had that of the Old People.

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They must not overlook the fact that the brethren had thought fit to have these Institutions, and therefore it was their bounden duty to support them. The Aged Masons and Widows looked to the Craft to render their declining years comfortable, and the lads and lasses also looked to the Craft generally for that education which should fit them to battle with the world. They in the North had a fund to which every subscribing member contributed half a crown, taken from his subscription, while 10s was given from joining and initiation fees, and this money was used for charitable purposes. He should like to see such a system exercised generally, so that every Lodge should contribute to the Charities, for it had occurred to him that the few were the real subscribers to those Charities, and that the many did not do their duty as they should. With respect to the executive officers at the head of the Institutions, he thought the Craft should support them so long as they felt they were doing their duty. As far as the Benevolent Fund was concerned, he thought it would be a good thing if relief was only given once to applicants, in view of the increasing demands made upon it. He wished every brother joining the Order to feel he was not joining for benefits to be received, but for the good he could do and the help he could give to those needing it. In whatever direction they used their efforts for the benefit of Charity they must not forget that their principal aim should be to support the three Masonic Institutions, and he trusted the brethren would perform that duty to the best of their ability. Bro. Cumberland's remarks seemed to be much appreciated by the Brethren, and his utterances were delivered with the characteristic fervour that invariably prompts him on these occasions. Brother Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Boys' School, responded; with regard to the Masonic Charities no brother had taken more interest in them than himself. During the past fourteen years he had laboured hard to bring the Boys' School to its present state of efficiency. Freemasonry had of late become immensely popular, and they already had a different class of children to those formerly in the Institution. It therefore behoved Freemasons to be careful whom they admitted to membership, for once a man became a Mason it was their duty to help him in time of need, to the best of their ability. Bro. W. Masters I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; the members were convinced that their votes had fallen on the right man in selecting Bro. G. J. Wood for the post. They were rather unfortunately placed, the Senior Warden and Junior Warden being unable to go on. It was necessary therefore that a P.M. should take the chair, and the choice fell upon Bro. G. J. Wood P.M. 1028, of which Lodge he was W.M. in 1881. He believed there was a brother with them who was present when Bro. Wood was initiated, and there were many Derbyshire brethren who desired to congratulate him on his installation. He was sure that at the end of the forthcoming year the members would not be dissatisfied with their choice. Bro. G. J. Wood said he was grateful to the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been received. The I.P.M. had said that perhaps next year they would drink his health more heartily than they had that night, but he thought nothing could exceed the kindness with which the toast had been received. He had simply done what he had been asked to do. He had undertaken certain duties, and if he had pleased them he was satisfied. He should endeavour to do his best—and he did not use that expression idly—to carry on the work, and, with the help of the Officers, on whom he could rely, he hoped to present a clean bill of health at the next meeting. He would now ask them to turn their attention to the next toast, which was the I.P.M. and Past Masters. They all knew what Bro. Masters the I.P.M. could do. Much of the happiness of that evening's gathering could be attributed to the credit of their I.P.M., for he had taken considerable trouble to arrange for the comfort of the brethren. It was an honour to have such a brother in the Lodge, and it was a pleasure to him (the W.M.) to have such a friend as Bro. Masters. He hoped the I.P.M. would be with them for many years to give them the benefit of his advice and support. Bro. Masters said that anything he had done had been a labour of love. If Masonry meant anything it should mean happiness among men, and since he joined that Lodge he had been brought into contact with brethren he would never otherwise have known, but whom he was proud to call his friends. He thanked them for the many kindnesses he had received during his year of office, and also for their handsome present, which he should wear with pride, and should prize as long as he lived. Bro. Smithson replied for the Past Masters, and said with reference to Bro. Cumberland's remarks on the subject of Charity, he did not think that since the formation of the Lodge it had been absent at any Festival. The W.M. had kindly consented to take up a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, while the I.P.M. Bro. Masters had represented the Lodge at the late Benevolent Institution Festival. The Installing Master was the next toast. The W.M. said they were indebted to Bro. Ward for having come a long distance to instal an old friend. They could not have had the ceremony better performed; he hoped it was not the last time they should have Brother Ward with them. Brother Ward in response said it was a matter of congratulation to him when Brother Wood asked him to perform the installation ceremony. He trusted the W.M. would have a successful year, and he had no doubt he would prove a credit to the Lodge and to the Province of Derby. He thanked Bro. Tew for his complimentary remarks respecting the working. The Initiate responded to the toast given in his honour, and then the Visitors were complimented. Bro. Theo. H. Tilton responded. It had given him great pleasure to be present to witness the beautiful ceremony in the Lodge; he had never seen that ceremony rendered more impressively, either in England or America. It had been a pleasure to visit the Lodge two years ago during the administration of Bro. Cumberland, and he could note the progress made since that time. It must have been gratifying to Brother Cumberland to have been the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and to know that Freemasonry had been promulgated in the Northern Counties to the extent evinced by the large array of brethren he saw present that evening. In America the Lodges numbered more members, but the fraternal feeling could not be in advance of that shown in this country. The brethren in England were ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship and brotherly love to those coming over here, while they on the other side of the Atlantic would always extend that same cordial feeling to English brethren going to America. This was bringing the two countries closer together, more than anything that could possibly be thought of, and was cementing the great Anglo-Saxon race. There was not anything that could bring the people of those two great countries more closely together than the Masonic Fraternity, supported by the three great principles of brotherhood, justice, and truth, and resting upon the great foundation stone of Charity. Bros. Schofield P.M. 1021 and Major Spicer also replied. The Officers' toast was given, and replied to by Bro. Bullock S.W., after which the Tyler brought a successful and pleasant evening to a close. An excellent selection of music was rendered by Bros. Strugnall, Arthur Weston, L. Fryer, H. J. Dutton, Fred Stevens, and Stott.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. J. A. Farnfield presiding. There were also present Bros. Newton. Tattershall, Purchas, Hugh Cotter, Joseph Freeman, Cottebrune, Cubitt, Perceval, Hogg, Webb, Kempton, Berry, Durrant, Forsyth, Lacey, and James Terry (Secretary). After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of a widow annuitant, and the Warden's Report for the past month was read. The Secretary announced that at the annual Festival of the Institution, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, the amount of subscriptions and donations was £13,055, with 25 lists to come in, and that this sum had since been increased to £13,330, while the number of outstanding lists had been reduced to 17. A hearty vote of thanks to his lordship for presiding, and to the Board of Stewards for their services, was passed unanimously, the vote to be engrossed on vellum for presentation to the Chairman. An application by a widow to be allowed the half of her late husband's annuity having been acceeded to, the Committee adjourned, after the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman had been passed.

ORIGIN OF MASONRY.

UPON the base of the "Cleopatra needle," which Egypt has given to America, are certain mysterious characters which so closely resemble the emblems of Freemasonry that prodigious stir has been caused among Masons in this country as to the real character of the inscriptions. If they could be shown to be truly Masonic they would establish the great antiquity of the Order which is so boastful of its age and descent. Among Masonic scholars the widest differences of opinion exist as to the age of the Institution, some dating it back to the time of Solomon, or even remoter time, and others ascribing its genesis to the period since which comes within the range of "ancient history." Still, there seems to be a prevalent opinion that however ancient the Institution may have been, and whatever traces of it can be discovered in remote times, the Masonry of to-day is a reconstructed and modernised system. An eminent Masonic authority (Colonel Thomas Picton), who takes this view of it, says that the origin of modern Masonry can be attributed to Lord Bacon. In the "New Atlantis" there is a description of Solomon and his house, and it is there said that the King set apart different days for prosecuting the arts and sciences. The "New Atlantis" was excessively popular among the learned men of Bacon's day, and they tried to establish a society, taking Solomon as an exponent of wisdom. It was encouraged by the court of James I., and his successor, Charles I., until the revolution broke out. Then the royalists, after the death of Charles I., reorganised their society for religious and political motives—the religion for the re-establishment of the church, the politics for the restoration of the monarchy. Next they invented what is called the legend of the third degree. Hiram Abiff was the murdered monarch. Hiram, the King of Tyre, was the King of France. Solomon was the church. Hiram's three assassins were the three kingdoms: England, Scotland and Ireland. The Masons of that day, who were the conspirators—the Jacobites—were necessarily a secret society. They called themselves, as the Masons of the European continent do to the present day, the Sons of the Widow, inasmuch as the King had been beheaded and his son had not been recognised. After the restoration the leading men of the movement formed the Royal Society, which exists to the present day, and they openly continued the work of the house of Solomon. The Jacobites in France continued their benevolent organisation. In England, immediately after the Restoration, a number of those who had been previously affiliated conjoined with a guild of so-called operative Masons, a body of freemen of London, meeting in Masons' Lane. They then became free and accepted Masons. In 1717 there appeared to be four Lodges in London. They met in the Apple-tree Tavern, placed the oldest Mason in the chair, and proceeded to organise a Grand Lodge, electing Sir Christopher Wren Grand Master. From that body originated all the Masonic Lodges at present known to be in existence.—*Notes and Queries.*

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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 MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1285—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)
1782—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

148—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2054—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 69—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol

MONDAY, 18th MARCH.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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.
983—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1327—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1448—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, 68 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham. 8. (Inst)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
2265—Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1595—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, 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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
483—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
486—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
497—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
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, 19th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 3 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
78—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)
198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
645—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
743—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, 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)
1231—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, 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)
2031—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
M.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 226—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 73—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

196—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
215—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
513—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
584—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
608—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
614—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
618—Mercuria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
645—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
663—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
668—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
810—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1286—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1561—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1636—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1728—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Bugeley
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. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th 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)
73—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
760—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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1366—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 510 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1624—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.)
1625—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct

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1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1903—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1912—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1913—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.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 190—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
286—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
349—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
365—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
367—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
418—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
629—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
806—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
835—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
923—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
979—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
985—Usca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
1110—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
1180—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
1216—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
1232—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1277—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
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1501—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1388—De Grey and Ripon, 160 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1402—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
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25—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
48—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 6 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
158—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
172—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)
933—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
979—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1027—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1185—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1275—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
1329—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1425—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6·30. (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1546—U. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1577—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1614—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1618—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1624—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1628—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1633—Bute, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1656—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1706—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1753—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction)
1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
1738—Temple Bar Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

WE referred a fortnight since to the introductory matter which precedes Bro. George Norman's interesting History of this Lodge, and now propose to summarise some of the more important portions of the "history" itself. In doing so we desire to bring the matters referred to more generally before the Masonic World than is possible without the assistance of the newspaper press, for however much we may say in praise of the support given to Masonic literary work it must be recognised that at present the sale of any particular book is, so to speak, very limited, and this is especially the case with histories of Private Lodges. In our last article under this head we argued that, judging from the supply, the demand for Masonic books is on the increase, and such, no doubt, is really the case, but we cannot help thinking, when we look at the magazines and the periodical literature of years ago, that the Masons of the past must have been more liberal patrons than are their successors of to-day. Taking the older issues of the *Freemason's Review* and the *Freemason's Magazine* for instance—it matters not whether the Quarterly, Monthly, or Weekly parts are considered—we find work which compares favourably with anything that is attempted at the present time, and this notwithstanding the fact that the influence of Freemasonry and the number of individual Masons it now far in excess of what it was then. Our predecessors in the work of Masonic Journalism must have been better supported than are the caterers of to-day, or they could not have continued year after year, as they did continue, the really interesting and voluminous serials of their time. It is true the present is an age of cheap literature, and many persons are apt to consider a few halfpence should be sufficient to pay for all their requirements of a literary character. They forget that class journals cannot compare in regard to circulation with those of a cosmopolitan character, and on this account they cannot understand why a small class paper should cost more than a larger general one. But such is the case, and if those who attempt to supply the demands of the present day fail to do all that is required of them the reason is, in all probability, that the Craft does not contribute its fair share towards the undertaking; in other words the members of the Order do not support their journals as they might be expected to do.

But we are digressing, and it may be urged that our remarks so far have little to do with Masonic History, but in this our critics would be wrong. We argue that it is to the Masonic newspapers of to-day that the future historian will look for much of the material he requires for his work, and accordingly the more we are able to extend our operations and the more complete we can make our record of Masonic doings, the better will be the history when it shall come to be compiled, and the easier will be the work of the compiler.

Turning once more to the pages of Bro. Norman's History, we are told the Royal Union Lodge is the oldest now existing which had its origin in the Province of Gloucester. The Warrant of the Lodge, as we said in our previous article, was granted by the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients." It bore the number 357, and was dated the 29th July 1813; the first place of meeting being the King's Head Inn, Cirencester. At the Union of the rival Grand Lodges, which took place in the December following the establishment of the Lodge, it was numbered 461 on the Register, and subsequently, at the various closings up, became No. 307 in 1832, and No. 246 in 1863, which latter number it still bears. In 1822 the Lodge was removed to Cheltenham, and here we may note that at this time there were five other Lodges working in the county, only two of which remain on the Roll, viz., the Royal Faith and Friendship, now meeting at Berkeley, and the Foundation Lodge, which at the present time shares, with the Royal Union, the Masonic Hall at Cheltenham. In its earlier days the Royal Union met at various hotels in the town, but for the past thirty years has assembled uninterruptedly in the Masonic Hall. in "fraternal fellowship," as Bro. Norman puts it, with the Foundation Lodge. The Officers named in the Warrant of the Lodge were Bros. Joseph Mountain W.M., Thomas Masters S.W., and John Richardson J.W.

Among the earliest records of the Lodge is a copy of its By-laws, issued in 1815, which copy belongs to Bro. Brook Smith D.P.G.M., who has lent it for the purpose of this History. From it we learn that a penalty was imposed on any brother coming to Lodge "disguised in liquor," while punishment was provided for those who "curse, swear, or offer to lay wagers in the Lodge, or use any language in derogation of God's Holy Name, or tending to the corruption of good manners." "A description of the person" of every candidate for initiation was required to be supplied by his proposer, while the candidate could only be adopted "after his person, age, character, and circumstances" had been approved, and subject to his being "of mature age, sound in body, free from bondage, with the senses of a man, and endowed with an estate, office, occupation, or some visible way of acquiring an honest and reputable livelihood." A new Master having been elected by ballot, he was required to nominate some Brother for the office of S.W., then the present Master and brethren selected a Brother to act as J.W., and so on in the choice of the inferior officers, those selected by the Lodge being chosen by ballot. By-law No. 27 provided that in case any member should be taken ill, the W.M. should depute one of the Brothers (the most acquainted with the sick member) to wait upon him, and, with all delicacy required in such a circumstance, request the sick brother to entrust him with all the writings, books, &c. relating to Masonry which he might have in his possession; the writings, &c. were then to be sealed and deposited in the Lodge, to be returned to the owner when recovered, or burnt in open Lodge should he unfortunately die without having disposed of them in favour of some brother in particular, or left them to the Lodge.

The details of the removal of the Lodge from Cirencester to Cheltenham, in 1822, are recorded with interesting exactness in the Minute Book of the day. It appears a meeting was called in Cheltenham, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety and expediency of forming another Lodge in the town, the Foundation Lodge having for the preceding five years regularly met there, after removal from Abingdon. The "propriety and expediency" having been unanimously affirmed two brethren were appointed to negociate with the Royal Union Lodge, then meeting at Cirencester, for the purchase of its warrant, the members of the Lodge being

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reported as willing to part with it, while two others were deputed to wait on some of the members of the Foundation Lodge, to "request their assistance and advice." At a subsequent meeting—on the 7th January 1822—it was communicated that the Foundation Lodge unanimously approved of the formation of another Lodge in Cheltenham, when sanctioned by such respectable names as were on the list presented to them. At the same time the older Lodge advised those who were working to establish the second Lodge in the town to be very circumspect in the admission of members, so as to keep the Lodge as respectable as possible, that the interest of the Craft might be preserved, and Masonry not brought into disrepute. The necessary preliminaries involved communication with the then Grand Secretary, who discouraged the acquisition of a dormant warrant, as likely to involve considerable delay, trouble, and expense, but at the same time he gave the necessary directions for the transfer. A difficulty arose at the time of the transfer in consequence of none of the new members having served the office of Warden, thereby qualifying for the position of Master, but this was obviated by the Cirencester Master retaining office, he appointing Bro. Moss, the Cheltenham S.W., to act in his stead. All the necessary arrangements having been completed, the Lodge was formally removed to the Fleece Inn, Cheltenham, on the 2nd April 1822, on which occasion eleven brethren were present, including Bro. Richardson, the W.M., with Bros. Watkins and Bowley, two of the Past Masters from Cirencester. A payment of £35 was made in settlement for the Warrant, Furniture, &c., &c., in accordance with the transfer arrangement. Four candidates for initiation were proposed and, the Lodge having been closed, the brethren appear to have spent the remainder of the day in celebrating the removal —"great harmony and brotherly love" prevailing.

We have now reached a point in the history of this Lodge which may be said to mark a most important epoch in its career, but we propose to break off our narrative for the present, reserving for some future occasion the later doings of the Royal Union Lodge, as recorded in its "History."

MASONIC FRUITS ESSENTIAL.

FREEMASONRY MUST STAND OR FALL WITH RELIGION.

An Address before Monroe City Lodge, No. 64, F. and A.M. of Missouri, 27th December 1888, by Brother William Allen Hatch.

INSTITUTIONS of a Divine origin, or presumably Divine, may be safely entrusted to Divine protection, whatever may become of the individuals connected therewith at any given time, but we are concerned, my brethren, with an Institution which, though not pretending to Divine origin, has, under God's permission, an existence of hundreds, if not thousands of years, and is in fact the most venerable of all human Institutions. And while we are considering our individual relations to this cherished Institution, we may, I think, profitably consider the relations of Freemasonry to the Church and to the State, particularly in the respect of a common conservative interest in the face of a common danger which threatens every establishment.

Praise, defence of, and apology for this Institution are out of place in a public address, for they are not only un-Masonic but to true Freemasons needless, and the outside world will pay little attention to what we say of ourselves, but will rather judge us, as in fact they must, by what we are and what we do. Yet, in deference to a certain class of objectors, who are, perhaps, well meaning, for the most part honest, and, in some cases God-fearing men, it may be allowed me to say that Freemasonry has been on trial for centuries, that it has as few blots on its history as any human institution, and that it has exhibited enduring monuments of its usefulness, to say nothing of what has been done for the distressed, for the widow and the fatherless, which was of necessity kept from the view of the world.

We must admit, however, that Freemasonry has not done all that it ought to have done, and is not doing all that it might be doing, and for this reason, if no other, "boasting is excluded."

An objection is raised, and sometimes with apparent force, by some good citizens and good Christians, that Freemasonry is a secret society and *therefore* inimical to the state—to free institutions especially—and comes in conflict with the rules of the Church.

I do not know that this objection deserves an answer, but, lest I be accused of treating it too cavalierly, having brought it out, I will say that in the sense in which a secret society may be hostile to the state or lead its members into violation of any but the purely arbitrary rules of the Church, Freemasonry is not a secret society. There is nothing in its plans, purposes, or pretences but what is open to the world, nothing in its obligations which can by any construction bring any man into the least violation of his highest and most sacred duties.

It is no more a secret society than a business partnership, a family, a club, or even a church organization, and the secrets we have are exactly parallel with those of the firm, the household, or the club, of no consequence to those not directly concerned, or of such a nature that those outside have no right to know them. I have no right to know or at least to publish the merchant's costmark. I have no right to draw the veil which conceals the skeleton which every household is supposed to contain. I have no right to inquire into any ecclesiastical business which does not concern my welfare or endanger my peace, nor do I acknowledge any right for myself to intrude upon sacred mysteries in my own headstrong way, and so I say of the secrets of Freemasonry that there is nothing in them that it would hurt or help the outside world to know, and, therefore, nothing that they have a right to know. One of our most important secrets concerns the ballot, and this secret is not so much for our own protection as for the benefit of him who is so unfortunate as to be rejected, in consequence not always of his own demerit, but, alas! of that frailty of human nature which may be exhibited anywhere, in revenge, in pique, and in envy.

Another secret of considerable importance is the guard we place at our doors, and this includes not only the sentinel at his post but the whole system of signs and marks by which a brother may be known, and by which intruders may be kept at a distance. This is like the cry of the prophetess before the sacred shrine, "*Procul! O! Procul este Profani,*" or like the warning of the Deacons of the early Church, when even the catechumens were dismissed before the celebration of the most sacred mysteries, and, on a lower plane, this is exactly in keeping with ordinary social usages.

I doubt if any one would question my right to invite whom I please to a party at my own house. I have a right to stipulate how my guests shall come—that they shall present cards of invitation or come in costume, and I may even consult the wishes of my guests as to those who would be agreeable associates. No one can rightly complain of my action or interfere with my liberty in this regard, provided there are in these assemblies no plots or conspiracies against the government, or violations of good morals, or disturbance of the peace.

Masonry, considered in its social aspects, presents an exact parallel. No Masonic assembly could be concerned in plots against the government, violation of good morals, or disturbance of the peace, without forfeiting its charter, belying its professions, and transgressing all its laws and obligations. Plots and conspiracies there may have been in which individual Freemasons were concerned—immoralities and disturbances for which they as individuals were responsible.

A Freemason, moved by lofty principle, may rightly strike a blow at tyranny, and may consort with others to bring about needed relief, in ways that are not ordinarily justifiable. History affords numerous instances of acts which have been justified by subsequent events, and none of us, whether Masons or not, are inclined to condemn the plots hatched between Paul Revere, Dr. Joseph Warren and others, in the old Green Dragon Tavern, the headquarters of Colonial Freemasonry in New England, because these plots were inspired by lofty purpose and the results not only justified them but crowned these heroes with glory, and there is not one of you who thinks any less of George Washington as a man, or as a Mason, because he drew his sword against his mother country. These patriots simply transferred their allegiance from the distant and not overkind mother to the struggling infant; the infant who has become a giant, loving the mother even more than if still tied to her apron string.

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In spite of great revolutions, which of very necessity involve inconsistencies, it still remains true that Freemasonry is conservative, as in the past she has been generally, an ally—a buttress of Church and state.

My brethren, I have been considering some of the objections alleged against our Institution, and have gone into the line of defence to an extent beyond my first intention, yet there is another quite serious question which some of our best men, even very good Masons, have entertained, one which fairly deserves to be carefully and continually considered by all of us, and that is, What is the use of all this ritual, of all these guards of symbolic teaching, of what in a hostile spirit is called *mummery?* If this be the end and aim of Freemasonry, if the whole scope of the Institution is comprised in what is technically known as the "work," then I would be ready to acknowledge that it is utterly vain and unprofitable, a delusion and a snare.

But it does not require a very profound study or extensive research, yet more profound and extensive than is sometimes given, to show that these rites and ceremonies have kept alive, and do keep alive, the traditions of Freemasonry; that through these certain principles no longer secret have been maintained and fostered under varying conditions, through a period extending in time to the unknown past, and through these, Brotherly love, Relief and Truth have had a wider application, and a more complete diffusion among different races of men, than would otherwise have been, to our human view, possible.

In this somewhat sceptical age even well informed Masons have questioned the antiquity of Masonic institutions, but a critical examination will, I think, convince almost any one that among much that is modern, that is, dating back only a few centuries, there are some things which show a very considerable antiquity. We may have the form and framework of the trade-guild, which goes back to the beginning of English civilisation, but when we find the most important part of our language among the Israelite and Arab Masons of Palestine—among people little given to change, not fertile in invention, nor prone to adopt or imitate the institutions of other lands, we are justified in suspecting, if not believing, that from the East and from the remote past, we have received our most important and valuable traditions, and some parts of our symbolism, teaching great truths to the eye as well as to the ear. Of course this question of antiquity is not a vital one, nor does the excellence of the Institution depend upon its age. If it were the creature of to-day all its inherent excellences would be just the same, and its defects would be no less observable, but even in its most modern form Freemasonry is the oldest of all merely human societies, and the question should be asked with reverence and a proper sense of our responsibility, for what purpose has God permitted this Institution to exist and continue? It is for us, dear brethren, not merely to ask this question but in some degree to answer it, for the answer concerns our duty in the present. This Institution of selected men, numbering to-day more than a million—in the past a countless host—must have had, and must continue to have, in the affairs of men an important mission. That it has had such a mission in the past we know very well. That it has not always been true to itself, to its high mission, to its golden opportunities, is more than probable, but the failures and successes of the past belong alike to the past, except so far as we may be able to learn from them. We cannot remedy the faults or live upon the glories of former ages. Duty is for to-day, and by the way we do this we must be judged, not only by the Supreme Ruler and Judge, but by our own consciences and by the opinions of our contemporaries. This latter is not all important, but it is so important that we cannot afford to ignore it, even though we may not allow it to determine our conduct in all directions.

It will not be sufficient for the world to tolerate our existence, but we should have in the affairs of life such an influence for the general welfare that we shall not be simply tolerated but welcomed.

This age, though sceptical, is exacting. It calls upon every man and every organisation to justify existence by action, and every man and every organisation that fails to do what is reasonably expected is relentlessly pushed aside, while the world rolls on. Principles and professions must not only show fruit, but a liberal yield of fruit. There must not only be promises, but results.

Within the century there have sprung into existence various organisations, more or less imitative of Freemasonry, and these show to us that the indirect influence of our Institution is considerable. Is this influence for good or for evil? Is mankind benefited thereby? What is the effect upon home and upon public and private morals? These are important questions, and we must be careful in answering them. It is quite true that men of the present day prefer associations of men of similar tastes and pursuits. It is also sadly true that many families are deprived of what should be to them the most delightful companionship. The father and husband is sometimes away at the Lodge when he should be at his home, but is Freemasonry responsible for this? Not so much as the tired wife and mother anxiously awaiting her husband's return may think, but more than the men of the Lodge fairly realize.

While I would be perfectly willing to challenge comparison of Freemasons with a like number of men of equal circumstances in life outside, and while I would willingly submit the whole question to the wives of Masons, a majority of whom are enthusiastic advocates of Freemasonry, still there are cases, here and there, where a man is so callous to Masonic teaching that he will neglect his family for the sake of attending the Lodge.

(To be continued.)

FREEMASONRY AS A SECRET SOCIETY.

IS Freemasonry a secret society? You may answer either yes or no, and be correct.

Freemasonry is *not* a secret society, because its members assemble in a place known to the public, open to the public at certain times, and occupying a site so marked as to be familiar to all citizens. Secret societies obnoxious to criticism are such as meet in secret places, for secret purposes. They hide from observation because their deeds are evil. The fact that they hide condemns them. Freemasons have no reason to conceal their places of meeting, because their purposes are all commendable and noble.

Freemasonry is *not* a secret society, because its individual membership is open to public observation. Brethren openly visit the Masonic Temple, openly march in processions of the Craft, openly participate in the laying of Corner-stones, the dedication of Masonic Temples and the burial of the fraternal dead. No brother seeks to obscure the fact of his Masonic membership; he is proud of it rather than ashamed of it. It is otherwise with the members of organisations which have not the common weal at heart. Conspirators seek to be unknown because they are workers of iniquity. It is not so with Freemasons.

Freemasonry is *not* a secret society, because its purpose is a matter of common knowledge. In this it has nothing to conceal. Recognising the fact that Freemasonry should be above suspicion, it openly admits as much to the world. We are the friends of humanity as well as of the initiated; we acknowledge the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and hence are ready to do good to *all* men, while we love most and best those who are encircled with us by the Mystic Tie. Many are the charities, in all Masonic jurisdictions, bestowed by us upon the worthy *profane* after great public calamities. This is our positive, practical acknowledgment of the brotherhood of man.

Freemasonry is *not* a secret society, because its principles are well known to the public. The "Constitutions" of the Craft are in print, its history is in print, and every jurisdiction has its Proceedings printed annually. From all of these the public can readily gather the principles of Freemasonry. These are in no sense Masonic secrets, and we do not strive to hide them.

Now, can a society whose stated places of meeting are known, whose membership is known, whose purpose is known, and whose principles and history are known, in any proper sense be styled a secret society?

But, on the other hand, Freemasonry *is* a secret society, because while the public know a part of it, they do not by any means know all of it. A Masonic Lodge is not like a tavern, with the latch-string hanging out, and into which any one may enter. It is for the elect alone. Every applicant must be closely examined. His moral character must be found free from flaw. He must be of good repute in the community. This is no secret, for it prevents many

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from seeking Masonic initiation, and it causes some who do seek it to be rejected.

Freemasonry *is* a secret society, because its charities are, in large part, unknown to the world. What transpires in a Lodge Room is not a matter of public news. Every meeting night the various Masonic bodies are aiding those of its members who are in distress, and, although not only the aggregate, but the individual sums granted are often large, the *profane* never hear of them. Such facts are confined to the knowledge of the initiated. These secrets of Freemasonry are of the utmost value to the world, without their being aware of it. Our charities often exceed those of the Church. The Craft deserves to be honoured in the highest degree, both for having, and for treasuring such secrets.

And, then, Freemasonry *is* a secret society, because it has other secrets. What are they? The world has long been trying to discover them. It has often said it *has* discovered them—but has it? To profane search they are as elusive as the wind. No one but a true brother can know them. But of this the world may be sure: There *is* a Mystic Tie which unites members of the Craft into a fraternity which, while world-wide, is really only one family. This, after all, is the Great Secret of Freemasonry—our secret bond of sympathy. Let Bro. Sir Walter Scott express the force and meaning of this tie. We quote from his "*Lay of the Last Minstrel*:

> "True love's the gift which God has given
> To man alone beneath the heaven:
> The silver link, the silken tie,
> Which heart to heart, and mind to mind,
> In body and in soul can bind."
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> —*Keystone.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

WE last week referred to the successes achieved by our pupils at the Cambridge Local and other examinations. We now give details.

RESULT OF THE CAMBRIDGE LOCAL AND COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS' EXAMINATIONS, DECEMBER 1888.

Twenty girls were entered, eighteen of whom passed, as follows:—

CLASS III. HONOURS.—Maud M. F. Hill, Ethel Fallding, Helen M. Foxall.

SATISFIED EXAMINERS.—Dorothy Ainsworth, Georgiana L. Smith, Mary Sherington, Isabella McLeod, Edith J. Matthews, Kate Wortley, Hannah Inglis, Marion A. Warner, Caroline Weare, Florence K. Habgood, Amy D. Cutbush, Annie Brockbank, Daisy E. Capon, Louise A. Haigh, Norah Beely.

Thirty Girls were entered for the College of Preceptors' examination, December 1888, twenty-nine of whom passed:—

Class II., Div. III.—Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, Lucy Smith, Jane Turner. Class III., Div. I.—Beatrice High, Hilda Newman, Charlotte Webb, Hilda Lyon, Louisa Pincombe, Maud Greethurst, Jane Hutchings, Charlotte McMillan, Mabel Henshaw, Ettie Chapman, Emily Hall. Class III., Div. II.—Kate Stokes, Olive Hurst, Millicent Wotton, Emily Carruthers, Lucie Ochsenbein, Minnie Woodward, Nellie Walters, Mary Hammond, Mary Hirst. Class III., Div. III.—Ada Buckley, Minnie Wedgewood, Alice West, Charlotte Banister, Florence Wright.

No art of man can produce the grains, the fruits, the flowers, the metals, or the gems of Nature, as God does, and so no Freemason can be perfect in all his thoughts and acts. The symbols of perfection ever are about him to afford him comfort and pleasure, to teach him how excellent his Master-building for eternity should be, and to convince him that only God is perfect

A prompt, intelligent, energetic, and obliging Secretary of a Lodge, can do much to secure its prosperity. He should be a Brother of large and varied information, and of considerable experience, so that all the Officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Tyler, may draw upon his fund of knowledge and find ample supplies. Not only should he be thoroughly posted as to the ritual and the conduct of the work, the business affairs of the Lodge, &c., but he should also have such good knowledge of the members—their individualities and idiosyncrasies—as to know just how to approach them in any matter respecting the collection of dues or other related subject. Of course he should be accurate and discreet in performing the duties of his office, ready to answer all proper questions, and never in a perverse temper. Blessed is the Lodge that has such a Secretary.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on the 13th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. On this, as on several previous annual occasions, the guests of this Lodge included ladies, and after the banquet a ball was given. There were 170 brethren and ladies present. At the banquet Bro. F. Orchard, the W.M., presided, supported by his Officers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. An entertainment of vocal music and recitations was furnished by Bros. Herbert, Sylvester, Leonard, Lavers, and others. A handsomely-framed enlarged photograph of Bro. Cawsey was presented to himself by the Lodge. The W.M., in making the presentation, said that all who knew the history of Lodge Fidelity must be aware that its success had much depended on the exertions of their lamented brother the late Treasurer, Bro. Lynn and Bro. Cawsey. The members of the Lodge had previously obtained enlarged photographs of those brethren to hang on the walls of the Lodge in memory of their services, and they now also determined to present Bro. Cawsey with a copy to bear testimony in his family circle of the respect in which he was held by his Lodge. At the conclusion of the banquet the hall was cleared for the ball, where dancing was kept up until an early hour in the morning. A concert and card tables were also provided in other rooms.

LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 285.

ON Wednesday, the 27th ult., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset (Bro. Else) installed Bro. Dr. B. N. Hyatt as Worshipful Master, at the Masonic Hall, Shepton Mallet. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. T. C. Manning I.P.M., S. P. Davie S.W., W. C. Jackman Yorke J.W., T. Parker Treasurer, the Rev. R. J. Jeffreys Chaplain, G. W. Styles Secretary, H. N. Martin S.D., C. J. Parrott J.D., W. Clarke D.C., C. J. Willmott I.G., F. Davis Tyler, T. R. Winterton Organist. Later on the usual banquet took place. The ceremony was attended by about thirty brethren, the visitors including Colonel A. T. Perkins, the Rev. G. H. de Fraine, Messrs. R. J. Manning, J. M. Atkins, &c. The customary Masonic toasts were honoured.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

ON Thursday evening, the 14th inst., Bro. W. Bates was installed as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. Jenkins), to whom a vote of thanks was passed, on the proposition of Bro. J. T. Thackara P.M., who referred in highly eulogistic terms to the services rendered by him during his year of office, and to the manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. The new W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. W. Outridge S.W., John L. Snell J.W., J. T. Thackara Treasurer, A. M. Rae Secretary, W. Biggs S.D., George Huggett J.D., H. E. Loader D.C., D. Barnard I.G., G. Pearman Organist, Nicklin and Guest Stewards, and Exell and Smith Tylers. There was a large attendance. The installation banquet will take place in April.

ARBORETUM LODGE, No. 731.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, and attracted one of the largest and most influential gatherings which have been held in the hall for some years past, over 140 brethren being present, and during the ceremony of installing Bro. Severn Taylor Worshipful Master there were no fewer than 57 Past Masters present. Bro. Taylor, having been installed by his immediate predecessor, proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Whittaker Brigg I.P.M., J. Walker S.W., G. Sutherland J.W., W. Whittaker Treasurer, W. H. Wright Secretary, J. Jones S.D., Wm. Todd J.D., G. H. Ward D.C., Alfred Smith I.G., W. W. Heywood Steward, Thomas Day Tyler.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

ON the 11th instant the members of this Lodge held their annual meeting at their rooms, Caroline-place, Stonehouse. The W.M. elect, Bro. Archelaus Tout was installed. Bros. S. Jew 105, Rev. T. W. Lemon 189, H. E. Sitters, W. Kennedy, R. Dickson 1205, were the Installing Officers. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. H. E. Sitters I.P.M., A. W. King S.W., R. L. Blight J.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, D. Cross Treasurer, W. Powell Secretary, G. Perring S.D., G. Perkins J.D., J. J. Facey D.C., L. C. Blight A.D.C., J. Forster Organist, E. Hughes I.G., J. Soper, J. E. Skellard, W. H. Ambrose and A. S. Maddock Stewards, J. Gidley Tyler. Bro. Lemon presented to the Lodge handsomely-framed photographs of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire, 4th May 1883, and of the installation of the Duke of Connaught as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, by the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, at the Dome, Brighton, 22nd June 1886.

COLERIDGE LODGE, No. 1750.

AN interesting presentation took place on Thursday, 14th instant, at the Town Hall, Clevedon, on the occasion of Bro. Thomas Barnes attaining his Masonic jubilee, he having been initiated at Barnstaple in the year 1838. The presentation was made by Bro. Michael Clark, the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the brethren, a large number of whom were present. It consisted of a handsome silver goblet, engraved with the arms of the Lodge and a suitable inscription.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst. at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, for the purpose of

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entertaining the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Henry Clarke the W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. Squire I.P.M., Godfrey P.M. S.W., Fitch J.W., J. Henry Smith Chaplain, Richard Hawley Treasurer, Joseph E. Turner Secretary, T. Davies Sewell P.M., Frank Green P.M., Capt. Henry Wright P.M., Sir J. B. Monckton P.M. P.G.W., G. W. Johnson P.M., F. S. Jackson S.D., J. C. Whiddington D.C., E. T. R. Wilde I.G., Jenson Organist, Roderick and H. F. Oscar Timme Stewards. Among the visitors present were His Grace the Duke of Abercorn M.W.G.M. Ireland, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart, M.P., P.G.W., Asher Barfield G. Treas., E. E. Wendt Grand Secretary German Correspondence, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., F. West P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Surrey, John Davis D.G.D.C., Col. James Peters P.G. Sword Bearer Major, George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer, Ex-Sheriff G. Burt P.A.G.D.C., J. L. Stotbert Grand Standard Bearer, A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. A. Barrett Grand Organist, Walter Hopekirk G.P., W. T. Howe P.G.P., A. J. Altman Grand Steward, George Singer P.M. P.G.S., W. J. Spratling Prov. Grand Treasurer Midd., S. H. Arthur 832, E. J. Dixon 1627, G. A. Pickering S.W. 890, E. H. Bramley P.M. 957, Donald Ross 323, J. E. Ewer I.G. 1718, C. Fitch 1441, J. H. Williamson, John Lobb, M. Smith 19, J. E. Walford P.M. 1489 177, A. T. Hawkins, F. C. Hill, C. R. Halse 181, T. Colcott Fox 859, C. R. Webb 1657, T. Beard P.M. 101, Alderman and Sheriff Gray, Alderman Renals W.M. 1657, W. Willis 1693, Percy Clarke 913, P. L. Bapty, J. L. Cross P.M., W. H. Harris P.M. 857, Sheriff Newton, D. L. Cohen 29, Augustus Harris P.M. 2127, H. W. Sebastan 1649, Arthur Weston, &c. The Lodge having been opened, it was proposed by Bro. Sir John Monckton that certain Past Masters, together with the Deacons of the Lodge, be appointed as a deputation to receive the distinguished guests of the evening. This having been done, the M.W. the Grand Master of Ireland was admitted, and saluted in proper form. The Lord Mayor of London was then announced, and on his entrance into the Lodge he also was greeted. Shortly after this the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where an excellent repast awaited them. At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master (Bro. Clarke) proceeded with the toast list. The National Anthem followed the Loyal toast, and then the health of the Grand Master of England was given. The Master referred to the Prince of Wales as a zealous Mason, one who faithfully discharged his duties, and who was an example to all his followers. Next followed the toast of His Grace the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master of Ireland. The W.M. invited very earnest attention to the toast—which was in honour of a most distinguished guest. This remark met a hearty reception from the brethren, which the Master felt would be interpreted by their visitor as a mark of the pleasure felt by the Lodge in entertaining him. This was the first time in the history of Freemasonry that a Grand Master had honoured a City Lodge with his presence. The Duke of Abercorn was the ruler of some 15,000 Irish Masons, and had succeeded, as the head of the Order in that country, his revered father. The Master was sure they would join with him in wishing that instead of 15,000 Irish Masons they could look on every man in the country as a Brother Mason. True they were brothers in name, and if they all possessed the good qualities of those who had joined the Masonic Order it would be far better for all concerned. The members of the Alliance Lodge sent the brethren on the other side the Channel their heartiest greeting, and fully recognised the kindness of the Grand Master in coming among them on the present occasion. It would indeed be a red letter day in the annals of the Lodge for all time. The Duke of Abercorn could hardly find words to express the sentiments he felt at the way in which he had been received that day. The Worshipful Master had been good enough to say it was a fraternal kindness for him to come among them; he was going to reverse the order of things, and say it was a great kindness on their part to invite him, and afford him the means of enjoying himself as he had done that day. He felt somewhat guilty in that he had neglected his duty, for he believed they had had a debate in the House of Lords, and there was little doubt but that better Masons than he, notably the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, were present in their places there. His only excuse for absence was the invitation he had received to attend the Alliance Lodge. He believed the Lodge was intimately connected with the Corporation of the City of London—but it was none the worse for that; it was, he believed, all the better. He could not help the feeling that he and the other guests had that night been entertained by angels unawares. On his right he had the present Lord Mayor of London, on his left a late Lord Mayor, while it was quite impossible for him to say how many other Past Lord Mayors were present, much less how many future ones were amongst them. After looking on the present assembly he could only wish it were possible for him as Grand Master, or indeed for any Irish Lodge, to similarly entertain the Lord Mayor of the principal city of Ireland. They had heard a great deal about Ireland lately, and no doubt many of them thought they knew a great deal about it, but they knew very little, although it was not his intention to speak generally of the country. As Freemasons they were not a rich body, and so they had some difficulty in starting new Lodges, but they were steadily progressing. The members were really the better class of Irish society, and he felt that any English brother visiting an Irish Lodge would thoroughly enjoy himself. The Charities of Irish Masonry would not compare, in point of importance, with those of England, but they were working on similar lines, and he might say they had an old pupil of the English School at the head of the Irish Girls' School. He remembered that some time ago Prince Herbert Bismarck was good enough to pay their school a visit, and after seeing the children drill said he should like to have some of the girls for his grenadiers. They did not, however, devote all their attention to the girls, they did what they could on behalf of the boys, and generally worked to secure the welfare of the Order in Ireland, and hoped they would always deserve the same feelings of brotherly esteem they now enjoyed. The next toast was that of the Grand Officers—it was always an acceptable one in the Lodge, and the Master hoped it would always receive a hearty reception at the hands of the members. He should couple with the toast the name of Sir Robert Fowler, who was so accustomed to have his name enthusiastically received in the City of London that he might find some difficulty in appreciating the difference between his Masonic reception and a general one. In any case, however, he deserved their heartiest greeting. In reply, Sir Robert Fowler explained it was by a very narrow chance that he had the right to reply. The Duke of Abercorn, Sir John Monckton, and himself were much on a par as regarded Masonic rank, and if he had any advantage over the latter it was because Sir John was appointed a Past Grand Warden while he (Sir Robert) had actually served the office. He referred to the visits of the Pro Grand Master to distant parts of the world, and was sure they would prove beneficial, both Masonically and generally. The Deputy Grand Master was as much a model nobleman in England as his noble friend on his right (the Duke of Abercorn) was in Ireland. Both devoted themselves to the duties of their position, and did all that lay in their power to earn the gratitude of their neighbours. He believed there was but one feeling actuating the brethren for whom he responded. They were men who were anxious to do all that lay in their power to promote the welfare of the Empire, and advance the interests of the Craft and individual Masons. The Worshipful Master, on rising to propose the next toast, was quite sure they would one and all be pleased to stand in his present position, as he had the honour of proposing the toast of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London. He spoke of the anxiety which an enthusiast felt when he transplanted some rare specimen as to what the ultimate bloom would be, and said that much the same feeling existed when an Alderman was transplanted to the office of Lord Mayor. There were then thousands of voices in the City of London asking how he would fulfil the duties of his office. He was for the time being the King of the City. His every action, his every utterance was recorded, while citizens watched his every movement. There were especial conditions surrounding the Lord Mayor of London which were unknown in any other part of the world. He might say that every Lord Mayor had been a better man after holding the office than he was before—this was quite natural, for his opportunities were enlarged, and his feelings were changed. Few were aware of the responsibilities which attached to the post, and he was sure the present occupant of the office had every day many occasions to ask himself whether he had done his best in the position in which he had been placed—the best for his office, for his fellow citizens, and for the country at large. When replying to the invitation of the Alliance Lodge, the Lord Mayor said he was not much of a Mason, but the man who would go out of his course to give a dinner to 14,000 of the destitute of the district, and who daily devoted himself and his purse to the relief of his fellow creatures was really born a Mason. He had Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth so associated in his nature as to make him an acceptable brother in all assemblies of Freemasons. Really he had but one imperfection as a Brother Mason—he was not yet a member of the Alliance Lodge. The Lord Mayor in reply considered it a very high privilege to have the opportunity of returning thanks for the toast of his health in so friendly an assembly as the present. He felt all the force of the Master's words when he said he was not a member of the Alliance Lodge, and he felt as guilty as a Lord Mayor could feel, but there was one saving clause in this connection; had he been a member of the Lodge he could not have enjoyed himself as he had done as a visitor on the present occasion. He thought the continuance of that disadvantage might lead to his being again welcomed as a visitor among them. Their distinguished guest the Grand Master of Ireland had hinted at the reception he should meet with in Ireland at the hands of his Masonic brethren. He assured them that if his visit to that country—as a non-political Lord Mayor—would not be misunderstood by the varied political parties he would close with the noble Duke at once and make a definite appointment. He would ask his noble friend at some future time if he was able to comply with his conditions and then renew his invitation. Speaking of the Charities of Freemasonry he considered that they, and indeed the Charities of the country generally, were a marvel to the world, and probably no one knew more than the Lord Mayor of London the full extent of the charity which was regularly dispensed. So long as he had the opportunity of continuing in his present position he should endeavour to uphold the principles of charity and philanthropy, and so maintain the reputation which had for years past been associated with the office he had the honour of filling. It was one of the characteristics of the Corporation of the City of London that it corresponded with the true principles of Masonry, and it was one of the charms of his life that he had become associated with a body which had such high and lofty desires as at present actuate it. If, as the Master had said, every Lord Mayor was a better man at the close of his year than at its commencement he should have additional cause for thanking his fellow citizens for the opportunity they had given him. The next toast was that of the Sheriffs. The Worshipful Master doubted if there was any city in the world where they would find men, equally efficient, coming forward to devote themselves for the benefit of their fellow citizens, as was the case in London. They had the pleasure of having among them as a member of the Alliance Lodge one of the Sheriffs, and they were proud of the association. This was probably the last time that this toast of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex would ever be given in a Masonic Lodge, for on the 1st April next those gentlemen would no longer bear that title. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Gray, who returned sincere thanks for the toast. He was sorry his colleague had not been able to stay, but if he was not then present in person he was sure he was with them in spirit. It seemed to him a singular and happy coincidence that the Lord Mayor and the two Sheriffs should all be Brother Masons. Personally he was proud of being associated with the Order, and he believed it had been the means of extending the number of his friendships. The work of the Sheriffs was very hard, so that they

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must excuse his colleague's absence—indeed, if they got even a part of their natural share of rest they should be very thankful. The Duke of Abercorn then assumed the gavel. He had been permitted to propose the next toast, the health of their Worshipful Master. It was especially difficult for him, as a stranger, to submit it in proper terms, and it struck him if he had the spirit of the fine old Irish gentleman they had just heard of in the song by Brother Sobartan he would be much better able to discharge his duty. From what he had seen of the Master that evening he ventured to think the Lodge could not have secured a better man to act as its chairman, indeed, no better could possibly be needed, as all that he had done had been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. He learnt also that as a man of business the Master had ably acquitted himself, and that he had so far won the approval of his fellows as to have secured a seat on the County Council of London. He was also told that he was a worthy member of a fine old Masonic family. His great grandfather, his grandfather, and his father had all been Masons before him, and he (the Duke of Abercorn) could well imagine the amount of inquisitiveness which must have existed for years past among the female portion of that family regarding the secrets he and his ancestors had, no doubt, zealously guarded. He was further told that two of his sons were also making a name for themselves in the Masonic Brotherhood, so that it seemed the Craft was to continue to enjoy the support of this distinguished family. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He had never even dared to include among his fondest hopes that he should have his health proposed by a Grand Master of Freemasons. He fully appreciated the favour by which he occupied the position of Master of the Alliance Lodge, and could only express his gratitude by promising to discharge his every duty to the best of his ability. The toast of the Visitors was the next. It was needless for the Master to refer again to the distinguished visitors who had already been specially referred to. The Lodge was never content unless it had around its tables some of the most distinguished Masons of this or other countries. They were particularly pleased that day in entertaining Bro. Parkinson, who was so well known to many of them, and was only known to be esteemed. Another Brother he was pleased to make the acquaintance of at their Lodge was Augustus Harris, who, he might say, was one of those who always delighted in doing good. He felt that neither of these brethren, or indeed any of the visitors, would ever wear out their welcome in the Alliance Lodge. He could not refer to all their guests individually, but must not forget a special word of welcome for Bro. Alderman Renals. Bro. Parkinson replied. The guests were particularly pleased at having the opportunity of visiting a Lodge so intimately associated with the Corporation of the City of London, and which on this occasion had set itself to entertain the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. He was very much struck by the Duke of Abercorn telling them they "thought" they knew Irishmen but that they really knew very little about them. Undoubtedly it would be better for all if they knew more such Irishmen as his Grace the Grand Master of Ireland, whose presence they had very much enjoyed that day as a fellow visitor to the Lodge. Bro. Augustus Harris followed, endorsing the remarks which had been made in regard to the popularity of the Worshipful Master, and assuring them he hoped on some future occasion to be able to tell them more of what he found out about him. The Officers of the Lodge were regularly toasted, and the Senior Warden having replied, the proceedings were ultimately brought to a conclusion. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Jenson the Organist, who was ably supported by Bros. Sobartan, Arthur Weston and others.

BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

THERE were certain incidents associated with the formation and consecration of this Lodge, in June last, that we felt called from us something like a protest. Whether we were justified in expressing ourselves as we then did, or whether we displayed on that occasion a superabundance of zeal, has not been satisfactorily decided as yet, and we are inclined to think agreement on the point is a matter not absolutely necessary. Of this we are assured; the Barnato Lodge, since it has been working, has admirably fulfilled its mission, and now stands in the highest rank of young Lodges for the ability with which its affairs are conducted, and for the support it has given to the best interests of Freemasonry. A regular meeting was held on Monday, at the Station Hotel, Highbury, when there were present the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Da Silva, M. J. De Leeuw S.W., L. Kool J.W., J. Joel Treasurer, M. S Jessop P.M. Secretary, Thomas Honey S.D., E. J. Acworth J.D., M. Bash I.G., E. B. Joel and I. B. Joel Stewards, C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B. I.P.M., J. H. Glackstein, H. Warner, A. Levy, G. Mayes, A. Barnato, R. Baker, H. Benjamin, J. Rosenthal. Among the Visitors were James Pinder P.M. 15 1662 199, M. J. Emanuel P.M. 205, W. Wright Organist 1897, W. Mundy 1839, A. J. Henochsberg 205 P.G.D.D.C. W. Lancashire, L. M. Myers P.M. 188, Isaac Myers 188, R. L. Warner 1987, J. C. Rivers S.W. 1872, R. V. F. Seton J.W. 1965, Fredk. Binckes P.G.S.B., M. B. Rosenberg 188, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. A. Gartley P.M. 205, W. W. Lee 1897, E. L. Thompson I.G. 185, J. J. Hyam 1409, Major W. H. Baker P.M. 180, G. S. Hunt 1585, J. Mylcrist (Peace and Harmony), E. C. Howell P.M. 610, J. E. Holden (Bedford). Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency meeting of the 18th February were read and confirmed. The next business was to ballot for, as joining members, Bro. Hartog Van Staveren, Joppa Lodge, No. 188, proposed by Bro. I. B. Joel, seconded by Bro. M. J. Jessop Sec.; Bro. Gustav Mayer, St. John's Lodge, No. 80, proposed by Bro. W. J. Jessop Sec., seconded by Bro. J. Da Silva W.M.; Bro. Lewis Davids, Joppa Lodge, No. 188, proposed by Bro. M. De Leeuw S.W., seconded by Bro. I. B. Joel; Bro. Hyam Benjamin, proposed by Bro. H. I. Barnato, seconded by Bro. M. J. Jessop Sec. The result was in favour of the candidates. Bro. Hugo Warner was then passed, and Bros. L. Tannenbaum and Henry Walters were raised, Bro. Da Silva impressively conducting the ceremonies. The next business was to consider a notice of motion, by Bro. M. J. Jessop Sec., "That as Bro. Da Silva W.M. is leaving for the Cape, a P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to him in token of the great interest he has taken in the Lodge as one of its founders and the first Worshipful Master." Bro. Jessop said these jewels were usually given in Lodges with a great deal of pleasure, but he confessed that on the present occasion he felt a great amount of regret that he should have to make the proposition, as it signified that their W.M. was about to leave them. He thought they would agree that during Bro. Da Silva's term of office he had shown the abilities a W.M. should possess. The S.W. seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Jessop then explained that it had been agreed the jewel should be ready for presentation that evening. He had also to state there was a brother present who had been intimately associated in business with the W.M., and who had expressed the desire of marking his appreciation of his conduct. He would call upon that brother to make the presentation. Brother A. Levy expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be deputed to present the Worshipful Master with a Past Master's jewel. He had supplemented it by adding a diamond, which he hoped would shed lustre on the jewel, and on behalf of himself and the other members he had to express their sincere regret at the loss they were about to sustain. The W.M. had guided their Lodge—named after their worthy Bro. Barnato—to its present pre-eminent position, and they wished him every success this world could bestow. When Bro. Da Silva returned amongst them, he hoped he would not regret having left London and their Lodge, wherein he had rendered such eminent service, and that he would find South Africa the El Dorado he wished. Bro. Da Silva, in acknowledgment, assured the brethren he could not express his feelings and give thanks for the kind words of Bro. Levy in making the presentation, and the kind expressions of Bro. Jessop, also his gratefulness for the hearty way in which his humble and poor services had been received. It had been with him a labour of love. From the time they obtained the warrant for its consecration, it had been his aim to make their Lodge a great one. Although they had been in existence but a few months they had gained the first rung of the ladder. When the idea was first put before him of leaving London for South Africa he hesitated, and hesitated, and yet hesitated again. What would become of the Lodge without its leader? but a very little time elapsed and he saw that it would be safe in the hands of brethren of rank in the Order. He thanked the members of the Lodge and assured them that, although in another country, he should always remember with feelings of great emotion the magnificent way in which he had been treated. Later on it was announced that the W.M.'s Stewardship, in conjunction with Bro. Barnato, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, realised £103, and also that there was a balance of £60 accruing from the ball held at the Hotel Metropole. This would in due course be handed over to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. The name of a joining member having been handed in, and routine work completed, Lodge was closed. An elegant banquet followed and then the Loyal toasts received attention. In replying for the Grand Officers Bro. Binckes P.G.S.B. said they must allow him to depart a little from the ordinary routine on this occasion. It had afforded him personally a large amount of pleasure to give up an important engagement for the sake of being present on the eve of the departure of their W.M. for a distant country. Whilst he was quite prepared to admit the unimportant rôle he held as a Grand Officer, they must regard him as the representative of a very large number who, to his knowledge, had enjoyed the hospitality of this Lodge during its short period of existence under the kindly auspices and genial rule of the W.M., whom they had also met in another Lodge where he had occupied for many years an important position. He hoped he might be taken as the earnest spokesman on their behalf, and the members of Grand Lodge would join him in wishing the W.M. God-speed in his new venture, and a prosperous voyage, and they sincerely trusted to see him once again, at no distant date, in good health and with increased wealth. That was a very simple and a very familiar combination, but a combination that went far to the achievement of the summum bonum of human happiness, for without wealth they could not enjoy health, but with health they could enjoy wealth. The brethren would not wish him "good-bye," there was something terrible in that; they would say "au revoir" and "bon voyage." On behalf of the Grand Officers, and especially in his own name, he conveyed to Bro. Da Silva all the good wishes he could possibly desire for himself. Bro. C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B., acting as I.P.M., said the task devolving upon him, was a very easy, and at the same time a very difficult one—a very easy one, because no words of his were needed to enhance the enthusiasm which he was sure they would give to the toast when he announced it, and a very difficult one, because he desired to say on their behalf, and also on his own, some words of God-speed to the W. Master in the journey before him. Unfortunately, he had been preceded in the previous toast by a brother who was known, and had been known for many years, as "Our Hercules." Bro. Binckes had said everything he wished to say, and although he (Bro. Hogard) had not a great flow of words, he felt a heavy duty devolved upon him in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Da Silva and he had worked for many years together in their mother Lodge—the Israel, No. 205—of which Lodge they were P.M.'s, and of which he was now the W.M.,—for the second time. They had worked side by side in Arch Masonry, where Bro. Da Silva had just vacated the chair of M.E.Z., after having filled the office with great distinction to himself and éclat to the Chapter. They had also worked together in another Degree, and during the time he had known their W.M. he had never known a brother work more arduously and more sincerely, not only for the good of the Lodges or Chapters to which he belonged, but whose heart had been so sincerely in that work which they were told should be of such paramount importance in Masonry—namely, that of Charity. At no time during their brother's career had the claims of the Masonic Charities received from him either a cold or an unsatisfactory

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answer. Bro. Da Silva had served as Steward to the various Charities for his mother lodge, and had during the short career of the Barnato Lodge served the office of Steward for the Aged People, when, of the very few brethren whose lists reached three figures, he took a place, with £103. Whilst he gave them the toast of their W.M., and whilst he gave it with bitter and sincere regret, that being the last occasion on which they would probably see him amongst them for the present, the step Bro. Da Silva was about to take was one they believed and prayed might redound, not only to his future credit, but was one that would make him such a position in the Colony to which he was going that he would return blessed with those gifts which God was said to shower on those who helped themselves. The brethren would join him in drinking the toast, and in wishing Bro. Da Silva God-speed he could only hope from what he had heard of the place to which their esteemed W.M. was going that his absence would only be required for a short 12 months, when he would be able to return to them in the full possession of that without which, as Bro. Binckes had remarked, health was not much good. They could sympathise with him in that he was leaving a comfortable home, but they were not only pleased, but congratulated him, that he had in his better half a lady who had shown British pluck in deciding to go to that distant quarter with him. They knew that in that part of the world to which he was going wealth was to be found, but they also knew it was a part where life was of the roughest kind. When they found such a lady giving up all the pleasing associations of friends and relatives, and throwing in her lot with her husband in making such a venture, the husband was to be envied. He (Bro. Hogard) could say more to them on this subject, but that he felt the toast required no addition. But there was one other point on which he would touch. It was that Bro. Da Silva was very fortunate in going out as the present W.M. of the Barnato Lodge, for, from all that he had heard of the colonies in South Africa, that word alone would be a "sesame" to him to be received with open arms; that name had been for so many years a household word in Kimberley and Johannesburg. There had been, as they were aware, something said about the name of their Lodge, but he had said and would maintain that, in having selected the name which they held, after due and careful consideration, they had selected the right one, and if proofs were wanted, they were to be found in the jewel presented to the Worshipful Master and which he understood contained a stone brought from the Barnato Mine, the same place whence came those presented to the founders. He would not detain them longer, but simply ask them to drink to the health of their W. Master, wishing him God-speed and a prosperous future. Bro. Da Silva in reply said he really did not know how to express the feelings that animated him. The kind words uttered in the Lodge, the friendly utterances of Bro. Binckes, what he might call the oration of Bro. Hogard, and the display of goodwill towards himself and his wife by every member of the Lodge, had overpowered him. He assured them that, although he was leaving them, for a time, his thoughts would be with them; although thousands of miles would part them, he should be in that colony with which their Lodge was connected. He well remembered a distinguished Grand Officer present at the consecration of the Lodge saying, in reference to it, that from what he saw around him, and from what he heard of the marvels of South Africa and its wonderful mines, he felt he was upon that hallowed ground so graphically described by Rider Haggard. He was going to that hallowed ground—the ground of King Solomon's mines. He felt he was taking with him the bond of Masonic union, and trusted to cement the fraternal feeling in those parts. He should mix in Masonic circles, and they in London would know the feeling existing in South Africa, that everything would tend to strengthen their Masonic creed, and bring under their banner people who were now strangers. The expressions of kindness shown him he heartily thanked them for, and he had to thank Brother Levy for the magnificent jewel presented to him, and for the handsome addendum to the jewel in the diamond, which was the symbol of their Lodge. This would be an example to the younger brethren, and an incentive to them to gain that instruction which was necessary for success in the Order. There was one important thing he must impress upon them. As the first W.M. of this Lodge the charge was placed upon him during his year of office that he would see that the Lodge was carried on with order and decorum. Up to that time he hoped he had performed the duty to the satisfaction of them all, but he was about to leave them, and, although they would have to rule them well-tried and proven brethren, he must ask them one and all, members of the Barnato Lodge, to try and think of his words in his absence, and say—"We will continue the work commenced under the leadership of Bro. Da Silva, when this Lodge was well received in Freemasonry and was carried out with order and decorum." He asked them all to emulate that example, to continue in that path, and, above all, to be united. They had not yet had a shadow of dissension, but time rolled on, and they knew not what might occur. He must ask them, as Freemasons, to think of the charge at the installation ceremony—that some must rule and teach, while others learn to obey. There was one other and most important charge he laid upon them. It was of as much importance as the duty of being united. Unity was strength—that was their Masonic creed, but they had also another great institution in Freemasonry, the foundation stone of their whole structure, the true religion of the world—Charity. He charged them to remember that, and when they had calls made upon them which they knew to be just, they should exercise that virtue which they had professed to admire. He felt sure they would carry out these charges. The good feeling shown towards him, the unanimous support he had received from every member, enabled him to make some slight call upon them and this would be his excuse for the words he had spoken. He thanked them once more. He hoped and trusted it would not be the last time he should have the honour of speaking in the Barnato Lodge, but wherever he was, whether he was in Africa or in any other part of the world, when their days of meeting came round his spirit would be with them. Before he sat down he would ask them to drink success to the Barnato Lodge. Other toasts followed, and each received acknowledgment. Some capital songs were given during the evening, Bro. Willy Wright rendering good service as accompanist.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge, after lying dormant for about five years, was re-opened, at Bro. Cambden's, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, 11th March, when the following were present:—Bros. Plummer W.M., Cambden S.W., Lucas J.W., Hooper S.D., Grammer J.D., Paton I.G., Eccles, Stafford and Hooper. The second ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Stafford candidate. Bro. Stacey worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and the fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Paton, assisted by the brethren. The following were elected Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Stacey Preceptor, Cambden Treasurer, and Grammer Secretary. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

On Monday, 11th instant, there were present:—Bros Cambden W.M., Lucas S.W., Hooper J.W., Grammer (Secretary) S.D., Stafford J.D., Stacey Preceptor, Barridge I.G; Bros. Stebbins, G. T. Spencer W.M. 2120, Webster S.W. 27, Wallman J.W. 27, Richmond, J. Plummer, G. T. Plummer, Quartly P.M., J. Milstead, Spencer, and Eccles. After preliminaries the first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Stacey, assisted by the brethren. The third ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. Quartly P.M. acting as candidate. After routine business Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on the 19th inst. As this was the Preceptor's last night in the Lodge a large muster of brethren were present. Bro. Moss Preceptor P.M. 1275 was W.M. Bros. Talbot 65 S.W., Valentine J.W., L. Da Costa 1349 S.D., Fisher 192 J.D., Sarson 192 I.G., B. Da Costa 1349 Deputy Preceptor; also Bros. Haller W.M. elect 65, Dyson 65, Roberts 65, Walker 65, Cary 1625 Secretary, Martin, Kent, and many other brethren. After Lodge work was over, Bro. Dyson proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded upon the minutes to Bro. Moss for his services as Preceptor during the past ten years. This was seconded by Bro. Roberts, and carried unanimously. In returning thanks, Bro. Moss gave a short history of the Lodge during his long and successful Preceptorship, and expressed his sorrow at leaving the Lodge, which he was compelled to do, as he was going to South Africa. On the proposition of Bro. Haller, which was seconded by Bro. Dyson, the sum of one guinea was unanimously voted to the testimonial for Bro. Moss. Bro. L. Da Costa then presented the testimonial, which was a sum of close upon sixty guineas, and Bro. Moss, in a heartfelt speech, bade a touching farewell to the brethren. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned. A Masonic Benevolent Association was then formed, which will meet for the first time on Tuesday, the 26th instant.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—Forty-five brethren sat down to the annual supper of this very flourishing Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. E. Page W.M. 1622 P.M. 1475 P.Z. 1269, and among those present were Bros. T. Grammant P.M. Secretary, W. Cowley P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, D. Rose P.M. Preceptor, C. H. Stone 1641 I.G. 507 Assistant Secretary, J. Addington P.M. M.E.Z. 1275, H. Martin S.D. 1622, J. T. Penney W.M. 1679, Towers W.M. 15. The Secretary, Bro. T. Grammant P.M. P.Z., in responding to the toast of his health, reported an average attendance of 28, also an average attendance of 7 P.M.'s. He drew special attention to the 4th Charitable Association, which, when it closes, will bring the total contributed to the Charities to nearly £1000. Bros. "Harcourt West" and Todd gave splendid recitations, and among those who added to the harmony of the evening by capital songs were Bros. Stone, Lowton Whitehead, Captain Thornhill, and Morgan.

The Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey P.G.D. President, James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Sec., Pendlebury, Dodd and Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. After the opening of the Board, the President stated that several letters had been received from petitioners to whom grants had been made at previous meetings of the Board, among them was one from a brother who was assisted out to New Zealand, thanking the Board for their aid, and stating that it had been the means of saving his life. The brethren confirmed recommendations to the M.W.G.M., made at the February meeting, to the extent of £380. The new list contained the names of 44 candidates. Four of these cases were dismissed, and five were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1085. This sum was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and eight recommendations of £50 each; three recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of £40 each, seven of £30; ten of £20, five of £10 each, and one grant of £5.

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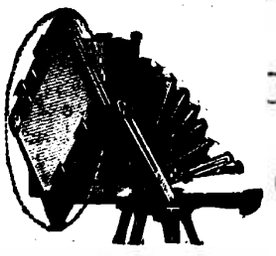
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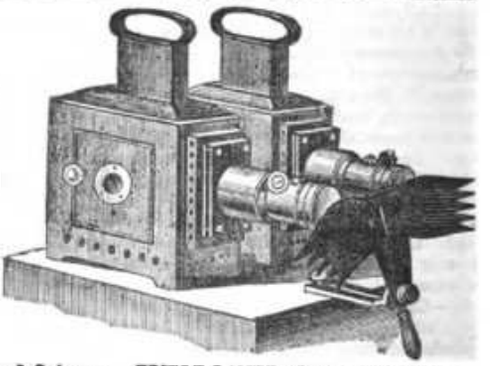
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SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH 1889.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A MEETING of this Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. Lieut-Col. R. Townley Caldwell Grand Superintendent, A. H. Moyes Prov. G.H., and B. Chennel Past Prov. G.J. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, and some formal business transacted, the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his Officers, as under :—

Comp. E. H. Jennings 441	-	H.
E. Armitage 859	-	J.
W. H. Jarrold 88	-	S.E.
H. King 441	-	S.N.
W. I. Pashler 88	-	Registrar
John Fuller 441	-	P. Sojourner
Oliver Papworth 88	-	1st A. Sojourner
C. Geldard 859	-	2nd A. Sojourner
Thos. Nicholls 88	-	Treasurer
L. Hampson 809	-	Sword Bearer
C. A. Vintner 441	-	Standard Bearer
W. Purchas 88	-	Organist
A. Morrell 441	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. Collier 88	-	Janitors
C. H. Ellis 88	-	Janitors

It was proposed by Comp. T. Hiscox 809, seconded by Comp. Edward Hills 88, and resolved, that a donation of 20 guineas be granted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same to be placed on the list of Comp. Oliver Papworth, Secretary of the Masonic Charity Association of the Province. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to banquet.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Capt. R. J. Vincent Z. 1777 M.E.Z., Patrick H., G. L. Moore J., C. H. Stone S.E., W. Briant S.N., Wingham P.S., C. Woods A.S., Addington, Neeld P.Z., Grummant P.Z., and F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor. The Chapter was regularly opened, and when the Companions were admitted, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed with Comp. Addington M.E.Z. 1275 as candidate. Comp. Patrick was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Capt. Vincent for his able work as M.E.Z. for the first time in this Chapter. The S.E. reported that the first annual supper would take place on 5th April, after which the Convocation was adjourned until Friday, 22nd inst.

The annual supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will be held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 5th April, at 7 p.m., Comp. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor presiding. Applications for tickets (2s 6d each) should be made to the Scribe E. not later than 29th March.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER FOR YORKSHIRE.

THIS body held its spring meeting at Freemasons' Hall St., Saviourgate, York, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 7th instant, there being present, *inter alia*, Bros. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, M.A., Prov. Grand Master, T. B. Whytehead D.P.G.M., Capt. Donald Grant P.S.G.W., Wm. H. B. Atkinson P.G.J.W., H. C. Pickersgill P.G. Standard Bearer, Wm. Brown P.G. Secretary, W. B. Dyson P.G. Examiner, Col. J. Monks P.G. Conductor, and others. Bro. J. T. Seller, P.M. and P.Z. Eboracum Lodge and Chapter, an accepted candidate, was duly admitted into the Order. Several apologies from absent members were read, and, after the close of the meeting, the members adjourned to the Royal Station Hotel, where they dined together.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE WEST.

AT the annual meeting of this Lodge, recently held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock—Bro. Jas. Reid P.G.S.M., presiding—the following Office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year :—

Bro. Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart.	-	Master
M. H. Shaw-Stewart, M.P., 12	-	D.M.
James Reid jun. 175	-	S.M.
David J. Dunlop 68	-	Senior Warden
Duncan Cunningham 12	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. Fullarton 12	-	Chaplain
John P. Fyfe 12	-	Secretary
James Glen 626	-	Treasurer
Alexander Smith 12	-	Senior Deacon
D. Wingate 217	-	Junior Deacon
Robert Rennie 12	-	B.B.
R. Urie 175	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. N. Whitelaw 217	-	Director of Music
C. W. Rippon 626	-	S.G.
Crookston 68	-	J.G.
Charles Murray	-	Tyler

A grand spectacular ballet, entitled "Our Army and Navy," is in active rehearsal at the Alhambra, and will be produced on Monday, 1st April. The scene, which is being painted by Mr. T. E. Ryan, will represent Portsmouth, with a view of the war ships in harbour, and the costumes and accoutrements are to be supplied by Alias. The spectacular features are being arranged by Signor Casati, while the music and the whole production will be superintended by the ever ready Mons. Jacobi.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ABERDEEN.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge met, on the 12th instant, Lord Saltoun P.G.M. presiding. Lord Saltoun made reference to a request by the St. Clement's Lodge that he and the other Office-bearers should agree to become patrons of a benefit concert to be held about the 19th April in behalf of the Sick Children's Hospital. A motion agreeing to this was unanimously adopted. The Grand Lodge then paid a visitation to the St. George's Lodge, No. 190, and at the close of the usual business Lord Saltoun, in a short speech, expressed the great pleasure he had in being present and witnessing the admirable way in which the work had been gone through. He assured the brethren that he would be very pleased to again visit their Lodge on some early date. Bro. Wilson, Provincial Grand Secretary, reported that the books of the Lodge were kept in a perfect way by the Secretary. The visitors then withdrew.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

THE annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. The members joined with the members of the Royal Order of Scotland for Yorkshire at dinner at the Station Hotel before the meeting, and the Chapter was opened by Bros. W. Brown M.P.S., A. H. H. McGachen H.P., H. C. Pickersgill 1st G., Capt. D. Grant 2nd G., T. B. Whytehead P.S. Recorder, W. B. Dyson G.M., W. H. V. Milbank C. of G., and others. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. B. Atkinson 910, and that brother was perfected by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, acting as M.W.S. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. A. H. H. McGachen, was then presented for installation by the retiring Sovereign, and was installed in the chair by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, 30°. Bro. McGachen thanked the brethren for the honour done to him, and then appointed and invested his Officers, viz. :—Bros. H. C. Pickersgill H.P., D. Grant 1st G., W. B. Dyson 2nd G., T. B. Whytehead P.S. Recorder, W. H. V. Milbank G.M., W. H. Atlay Raph., and W. H. B. Atkinson C. of G. The Recorder was requested to communicate the good wishes of the Chapter to the S.G.I.G. for the District, Bro. C. J. Banister, and their hope that he may be preserved in good health to celebrate his rapidly approaching golden wedding. Several letters of apology were read, and the name of a candidate was proposed and seconded. The Auditors' report was read, showing a small balance in hand, and the Chapter was closed.

At a meeting of Lodge Fortitude, No. 78, of Mark Masons, at Truro, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, Bro. J. Tonkin W.M. was re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Johns Prov. Secretary was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Langton Tyler.

At an emergency meeting of the Lodge of Union, No. 166, held at the Criterion on the 19th inst., Bro. Reginald Routh was passed to the second degree.

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Obituary.

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BRO. WILLIAM NOTT.

NOTWITHSTANDING the sad event we have now to record occurred in the early part of last week, we did not receive intelligence of Bro. Nott's decease till after we went to Press with our last issue. Bro. Wm. Nott was initiated in the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes, in 1864. He served the office of W.M. in 1869, was Secretary of the Lodge, and was a P.P.G.J.W. of Wiltshire. He was P.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter of Harmony, No. 632, Trowbridge, having occupied the chair of First Principal in 1871, and again in 1880; was Treasurer of the Chapter, and a P.G.J. and G. Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter. He was a founder and first W.M. of the Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 178, Devizes, its Registrar of Marks and Secretary, and a P.G. Steward of Mark Grand Lodge. Bro. Nott had also rendered valuable service to Masonry in connection with the Wiltshire Charitable Association, of which he was the Prov. Grand Secretary. He was a Life Governor of the three Central Charities, and served several Stewardships on their behalf.

The *Western Daily Press*, in recording the funeral ceremony, says:

The largest public funeral ever remembered at Devizes took place at the Cemetery on Saturday, when the remains of the late Major William Nott, of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment, were interred in the presence of some thousands of spectators. The deceased gentleman was highly respected in the town and neighbourhood. At the funeral the Masons assembled in full mourning regalia, and with the insignia of the Order, 67 of the Craft being present, from all parts of the county. A large number of officers and men from the Wiltshire Regiment, with members from neighbouring corps, and representatives from public bodies were also present. There were 25 beautiful wreaths and crosses sent from the Masons, Volunteers, and personal friends as tokens of esteem and sympathy. The Masonic burial service was gone through by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. The firing party then fired three volleys over the grave, after which all the Masons filed past the grave, and threw in each a sprig of acacia, and the Oddfellows a sprig of thyme.

BRO. JOHN WALKER.

WE have with great regret to record the death of Bro. John Walker, M.A., of Westbourne House, Pittville, which occurred in a painfully sudden manner on Friday night, or Saturday the 9th inst. About three weeks ago a rumour was circulated to the effect that Bro. Walker had died suddenly, and therefore when the news of the sad event was first spread on this occasion, it was received with incredulity, a feeling which a little later on gave place to profound sympathy. An inquest was held the same afternoon at the residence of the deceased gentleman. Dr. G. Bagot Ferguson said he had attended the deceased for the past twelve years. He had a tendency to bronchial asthma every winter, particularly towards the spring. Beyond that his health was very fair—certainly in the summer time. Witness saw the deceased for the first time last Thursday for a bronchial attack, and then formed an opinion that he was rather severely ill. On Thursday he requested witness not to call again until Saturday, and he accordingly did not call. On Thursday his countenance was dark and congested, and his breath was drawn with difficulty, accompanied by an audible noise. Those symptoms indicated great swelling and contraction of the breathing tubes, but he did not anticipate anything of a sudden character in consequence. He was called that morning about eight o'clock, and found deceased lying on his bed. The arms and legs were both drawn up, the face intensely congested, and he thought he had died from serious obstruction to his breathing. The attack had been a sudden one. When he first saw the body he thought the deceased had had an apoplectic stroke, but after hearing the evidence of the butler he was of opinion that he was taken on the stairs with the last and terrible attack of asthma, from which in about ten minutes he died. Assuming the attack to be one of asthma, he doubted whether the deceased would have had the power of calling out for assistance. His impression was that when the attack came on he may have knelt down to assist his breathing. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony. The deceased gentleman was the son of Samuel Walker, Esq., of Prospect Hill, Lancashire, and was born in 1832. He was educated at Cheltenham College, and from thence went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated, and subsequently obtained the degree of M.A. He was called to the Bar, but we believe, never practised. He was a High Churchman, and made many munificent gifts to the Church in Cheltenham, and to the diocese of Gloucester.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the new Cemetery, and attracted a large concourse of spectators. At the entrance to the Cemetery, representatives from Cheltenham College and the Masonic Brotherhood met the cortège, and joined the procession. Amongst those present we noticed Colonel Geddes, Sir A. Ramsay, Bart., members of the Royal Union Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter of Unanimity, the Mark Masons Lodge, &c., &c.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOSEPH DA SILVA.

ON Tuesday, the 19th inst., some of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, met at the Cannon-street Hotel to wish Bro. Joseph Da Silva P.M. and Secretary God speed on his leaving England for Johannesberg, and also to present him with a souvenir of their regard for him. The W.M., Bro. C. F. Hogard, took the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. A. M. Cohen, S. M. Harris, H. M. Harris, A. J. Henochsberg, S. Jacobs, M. I. Emanuel, J. A. Gartley, H. J. Phillips, I. P. Cohen, J. Lichtenfeld, M. Bash, John Da Silva, Rev. M. Haines, J. Levy, and others. Brother Charles F. Hogard, in opening the proceedings said:—Brethren, we are assembled together this evening to do honour to a well-known member of our Lodge—to wish him a safe and prosperous journey, and, above all, in due time a safe return to his native land, and at the same time to show him that the brethren were desirous of testifying that they were not unmindful of his many services to the Lodge. Bro. Joseph Da Silva, I cannot say that I address you with entire feelings of pleasure, because the pleasure is mingled with sadness at the knowledge that we are about to lose you from amongst us. So genial and kindly a brother is sure to leave a great void behind him; but, while we do feel sad at parting with you, we cannot but believe that a brother who has shown such energy here will meet with much greater success in that great field of industry to which you are going. We desire to show you the great affection and esteem in which you are held by us by asking your acceptance of this gold watch. We ask you to accept it in the same spirit in which we offer it, not for its intrinsic value, but as a bond of union between you and us, and while wishing you all the health and happiness you can desire we wish also to express our admiration of the plucky way in which your good wife has torn herself from all her ties of relationship here to accompany you on your long journey. May the Great Architect of the Universe protect and prosper you both, and grant that you may return to us very shortly, endowed with a goodly portion of this world's treasure. The inscription on the watch is as follows:—

"Presented to Bro. Joseph Da Silva P.M., by some of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, on his leaving for South Africa, with their best wishes for his prosperity. 19th March 1889."

And I trust that when you look upon this watch you will have in friendly memory those who presented it to you. Bro. A. M. Cohen and other Brethren also addressed Bro. Da Silva in words of kindly sympathy. Bro. Da Silva, who spoke with much emotion, said that if anything could compensate him for the sorrow of parting, it was the kindly reception he had met with from the members of his mother Lodge, and their fraternal good wishes. For the very handsome present which they had made him he tendered his most grateful thanks. He then gave a very graphic description of the place to which he was about to proceed, and said that the prosperity which had attended so many of his friends who had been in the South African diamond and gold fields he thought augured well for his own chance of success, and he hoped that he should not be very long away from them; but, that while absent, he should always think of their meeting, and on his return should only be to glad to come amongst them again. The brethren then drank Bro. Jos. Da Silva's good health, wishing him a safe and prosperous voyage and a safe return.

REVIEWS.

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Daphne's Daring: A Love Story. By Mrs. A. PHILLIPS. London: Joseph Hughes, Pilgrim-street, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

THIS, the first of "Hughes's Handy Novels," is a well written and thoroughly interesting love story, one that will carry the reader's sympathy with it. The story is told in such excellent fashion that it becomes interesting from the first page. "Daphne's Daring" is more an incident of real life than a novel; the plot likewise treats of an every day occurrence. It is full of vigorous conception and clever dialogue, and is a work that the most scrupulous may have no hesitation in reading. If the succeeding tales are only half as good as the one under notice, "Hughes's Handy Novels" ought to become popular.

South Africa, and how to reach it by the Castle Line. By EDWARD P. MATHERS, F.R.G.S. London: Waterlow and Sons, Limited, London Wall.

Now that South Africa is attracting so much attention, the proprietors of the Castle Mail Steamers have done well in publishing this complete and interesting guide. The present work is but the forerunner of a more important one, yet great care has been bestowed upon the present issue so as to make it thoroughly understood. Maps, illustrations, African scenes, and such like are given in the the book, while in the second part a full sketch of the Castle Line is given. Any of our readers about to embark to Africa will do well to consult this handy guide.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Globe.—A splendid specimen of Shakespeare modernised was produced at this theatre last Saturday. No expense has been spared to present a picture of the period in all its perfectness; everything that education, archæological research, historical knowledge, art and music could do has been furnished for the delectation of students, and we sincerely trust that the enterprise of the actor-manager may be rewarded as it deserves by the full appreciation of the public. The play is entitled "King Richard the Third," and is the work of William Shakespeare, Colley Cibber, Richard Mansfield and Company, and is arranged so as to show as much of the life and misdeeds of the "crooked-back tyrant" as can be gathered from the works of Shakespeare. Commencing with a prologue, we see Henry VI. a prisoner in the Tower, and hear of the murder of the young Prince at Tewkesbury. The first act deals with the murder of the old King by Gloster, and reveals his ambitious project of reaching the throne by the removal of all who stand in his way. We then have the strange wooing of the Lady Anne and Richard's ultimate acceptance of the crown, the murder of the young Edward and his brother in the Tower, the invasion of Richmond, the Battle of Bosworth Field, and finally the death of the usurper. Naturally all interest is concentrated in Mr. Mansfield, who may be fairly congratulated on the result of his conception; it is evident that he has relied solely upon his own ideas of the character, as the old conventional methods are entirely discarded. His Richard is a cruel, pitiless, cold-blooded wretch, without any of the dignity or hypocritical suavity of manner to which we have been previously accustomed. He appears to feel that his crimes are known to all around him, and makes no effort to conceal his wickedness. His facial expression is altogether admirable, especially in the latter scenes, where distrust and disappointed ambition, rather than remorse, are depicted. Though we may not coincide with his rendering of the character there is no denying that he exercised a powerful influence over the audience, who testified their appreciation by loud and prolonged applause. It is certainly an intelligent, scholarly performance, and as such deserves recognition. Mr. Mansfield is well supported in the principal characters. Mr. Allen Beaumont gives a pathetic rendering of the unfortunate Henry. Miss Mary Rorke essays her first Shakespearian rôle satisfactorily, and Miss Carlotta Leclerq, who seems to have caught Mrs. Sterling's mannerisms, made an excellent Duchess of York. Mr. James Fernandez, as Buckingham, was slightly disappointing in the Crosby Palace scenes, but otherwise played with his usual care. Miss Bessie Hatton and Miss Bowman exhibited careful training as the young Princes, and Miss Beatrice Cameron displayed much ability as Lady Anne. Messrs. Harkins, Forbes, Crompton, Stewart, Lablache and Gilmore must also be commended for the manner in which they filled their respective parts. As hinted above, the play is splendidly mounted, and wonders have been done with the comparatively small stage. The scenery is most artistic, and reflects considerable credit upon Messrs. W. Telbin, Bruce Smith and E. G. Banks, while the quaint but pretty costumes are perfect studies of dressmaking. Special mention must be made of the music; it has been specially composed by Mr. Edward German, which is appropriate in theme and full of colour both local and temporal. Altogether the production may be pronounced a success, and should be an attraction for some months to come.

Mr. Sydney Grundy's new three-act farce entitled "Merry Margate" will be produced at the Comedy on Wednesday, 27th inst. A capital cast has been secured, including the following:—Messrs. W. S. Penley, Rutland Barrington, C. W. Garthorne, E. W. Gardiner, W. F. Hawtrey, A. G. Andrews, W. Wyes, G. H. Kennedy; Misses Sophie Larkin, Vane Featherston, Susie Vaughan, and Lottie Venne.

The production of W. Outram Tristram's new four act play, "The Panel Picture," will take place at the Opera Comique on Thursday evening, the 28th instant. The following is the cast:—Messrs. John Beauchamp, Nutcombe, Gould, Lawrence Cautley, Etienne Girardot, Laurence Grey, Henry Bedford, Henry D. Esmond, J. Hastings Batson, Frank Atherley, W. L. Branscombe, and J. G. Grahame; Misses Lucy Roche, Violet Croft, Angela Cudmore, and Lady Monckton.

The anniversary of the production, and the 371st performance of "Sweet Lavender" was given at Terry's on Thursday evening, on which occasion souvenirs were presented to visitors in all parts of the house. On the same day, the company gave a matinée performance at Brighton, and partook of the anniversary dinner in a Pullman car on their journey to town.

The benefit matinée to be given to Miss Virginia Blackwood, at the Strand, has been postponed on account of her continued illness. Mr. Charles Wyndham has kindly arranged that the benefit shall take place at the Strand, on the 24th April, when we trust that Miss Blackwood will then be sufficiently recovered to appear.

In connection with the Photographic Exhibition to be held at the Crystal Palace there will be a grand Soirée on Thursday evening, 28th instant, which will be open to visitors without extra charge, and many objects of great historical interest will be exhibited in the Centre Transept. At half-past six, in the Theatre, a special series of Photographic Lantern Slides will be shown on a screen thirty feet in diameter, by Lime-Light Apparatus specially designed. At half-past eight o'clock, addresses will be delivered on the History and Progress of Photography, illustrated by examples on the screen. Music at frequent intervals during the evening. The Courts occupied by the Art Division of the Exhibition will be brilliantly illuminated by Electric Light, and the Apparatus Division, in the Grand Central Nave, by Electric and Fairy Lights.

H.R.H the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and H.R.H. the Princess Christian have granted their names as patronesses of the Society Show to be held at the Albert Hall, in May next, on behalf of the Grosvenor Hospital.

Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638.—The annual supper of the members and supporters of this popular Lodge of Instruction took place at the Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Kingston Hill, on Tuesday last, Bro. Abel Laurence P.M. (Preceptor) occupied the chair, while Bro. Hearsum filled that of vice-president. After a capital bill of fare had had ample justice done it, the toasts usual on these occasions were done honour to. Bro. W. Lane responded for the one given in behalf of the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge, while Bros. J. Drewett Past Master and Montague Junior Warden replied for the Mother Lodge. Bro. Abel Laurence, in proposing the toast of the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, said a few remarks on its history might be interesting. He had not the least doubt all present would acknowledge the usefulness of such meetings, for by this means brethren gain confidence and perfectness in the working for their regular Lodges; of this he was assured,—every Past Master of the Brownrigg Lodge recognised the service these meetings had been to them, in getting their officers to work together. Moreover, no matter which of the officers at the regular Lodge might be unable to attend a meeting, the W.M. had had no difficulty in filling his place. It was a great pleasure to him (Bro. Laurence) to see not only the officers on the lowest rung of the ladder, but even brethren who have not yet obtained office were able to do the work of the Lodge, while some of them could undertake either of the ceremonies of the three degrees. It might now be interesting to some present to know how the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction started, so to begin with, he would go back to the birth of our Mother—the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638. It was consecrated on the 20th September 1876, at the Swan Hotel, Thames Ditton, by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master General J. Studholme Brownrigg, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Arnold (at that time Grand Chaplain), and our late Bro. Charles Greenwood Grand Sword Bearer of England, and a number of distinguished brethren, amongst whom was Sir F. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master Middlesex. Bro. May was installed as first Master, Bro. Buckland S.W., Bro. Wells J.W., Bro. G. Porter Sec., Bro. Linton S.D., and Bro. Stone J.D. An emergency meeting was held on the 29th of the same month, when Bros. Oldridge and Horne were initiated, both of whom are still members of the Lodge. There were likewise two other emergency meetings held. The first regular Lodge meeting took place on the 20th June 1877, when Bro. Lane and himself had the honour of being initiated. At an emergency meeting, held on the 20th December of that year, Bro. May proposed, and Bro. Wells seconded, that a Lodge of Instruction, to work under the Warrant of the Brownrigg Lodge, be held at the Sun Hotel. This was carried, and the first meeting was held in January 1878, and from that time we date our meetings. Bro. May acted as Preceptor for a short period; Bro. Buckland then took to it. At the second or third meeting the First Kingston Masonic Charity Association was formed, and, during its existence, sent nearly £200 to the different Masonic Institutions. The meetings were carried on for some time, Bros. Buckland, Linton, Hodson, Lane, Kent, himself and others, striving to keep it together, but they found it a hard struggle. Even when the brethren came, it was a job to get them upstairs, there were so many other attractions. Bro. Buckland grew disheartened, and the meetings for a time fell through. Not to be daunted, they determined to see if, by moving to fresh quarters, they could get on better. On the 28th of March 1881, they held their first meeting at the Liverpool Arms, and very pleasant gatherings they had there, Bros. Arlidge, Moorman, Robertson, Oldridge, Youldon, Dartnall, Cable, Matthews, Lane, Plimsaul, himself and others being regular attendants. At the first meeting at the Liverpool Arms the Second Kingston Masonic Charity Association was started—your humble servant acting as Secretary till its close. During its existence £300 were sent up to the different Charities, but on Bro. Kent leaving, we had to seek fresh quarters. The last meeting held at the Liverpool Arms was on the 6th November 1882, Bro. J. Drewett filling the chair. We then came to the Alexandra Hotel. The first meeting we held here was on 20th November 1882—Bro. Lane being W.M. We have met here ever since, with what success you know. We have changed our nights of meeting from Monday to Thursday, and from Thursday to Tuesday. The Third Kingston Masonic Charity Association has been started, with Bro. J. Drewett as its Secretary. These Associations have enabled many of us to become Life Governors of the different Institutions—some of us of all three—and I trust they may be continued till every member in the neighbourhood is a Life Governor. In the course of the evening, the Secretary of the Third Kingston Masonic Charity Association, Bro. Drewett, informed the brethren that twelve of the members had already had their advance of ten guineas. Bro. Edgell gave a good account of, and pleaded hard for, the Masonic Charities. This had a good effect, as most of the brethren added something to Bro. Curtis' List—who will represent the Lodge at the coming Girls' School Festival. Some capital songs enlivened the proceedings, Bro. Honeywell P.G.O. Surrey rendering goodly assistance as accompanist.

Masonic Benevolence.—A return has been issued of the contributions, expenditure, &c., in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the years 1882-1888 inclusive. The London District stands the highest, subscribing last year no less than £22,454. The Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is ninth on the list, with a contribution in 1888 of £1055 11s; the seven years' aggregate being £3486 12s, giving an annual average of £489 1s 8d. There was expended last year on Hampshire children who are inmates of the Institution the sum of £508 13s. Wiltshire's annual average contribution for the seven years was £166 18s 9d, and that of Sussex £537 5s 8d.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—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)
1634—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 25th 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
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1565—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1662—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1763—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
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

49—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)
282—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 26th MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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, 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, Mona Hotel, Herrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (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.
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 Instruction, 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

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
252—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halas Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—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. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
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, 27th MARCH.

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.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
998—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 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
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.)
1641—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, 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. 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, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—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

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Bacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 228—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 265—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 60.—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 600—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 28th MARCH.

22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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
134—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.)
607—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)
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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1389—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1655—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)

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1871—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1966—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2193—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
2264—Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 769—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, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
340—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
681—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
794—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
936—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Look, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1535—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1469—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1506—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1692—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 304—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 543—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
M.M. 33—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, 29th MARCH.

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—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)
1338—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1383—Royal Standard, Builders 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)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2050—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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)

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1355—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon

SATURDAY, 30th MARCH.

178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
180—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1309—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at —. (Instruction)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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SIDE INFLUENCES OF FREEMASONRY.

"THE liberality of Freemasonry saved my life," writes a Brother from New Zealand, who was assisted some short time since by the English Board of Benevolence, and was thus enabled to sail for the antipodes, a course which the state of his health rendered imperative. This Brother, since his arrival in the far-off colony, wrote, expressing his thanks to the English Craft, and it is from his letter, which was read at the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence, that we make the above extract. It forcibly illustrates one of the many side influences of Freemasonry, and may be taken, not as an exceptional case, but as one of many which are continually occurring in our midst, and which should serve to impress upon us the desirabilty of practising Freemasonry in all our daily undertakings.

It is not necessary that we should discover the amount of the aid that was rendered to this brother prior to his departure from the mother country; enough for us to know that it was sufficient to enable him to make the journey to New Zealand, among the results of which has been his restoration to health, a probable long life, and, let us hope, a successful career in his new home. Such a result is a splendid return for the help afforded, no matter what that amounted to, and we are convinced that if the Craft wanted any inducement to continue the grants from the Fund of Benevolence such letters as this would supply it.

Those who criticise the working of such Funds as that of the Board of Benevolence of English Freemasonry are very apt to confine their observations to the immediate results; they forget to take into consideration the probable effect if no help were forthcoming, and therefore their criticism is of little value. We are prepared to admit that in some cases help of such a character as the Grand Lodge can afford is put to no good use—there are black sheep in every fold—but in the majority of cases some immediate and tangible benefit accrues, while in a large number the aid is really the means of saving the brother or his family from immediate death, or, what must be far worse, gradual starvation.

The same argument applies with equal force in connection with the other outlets of Masonic Benevolence. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution maintains a small army by its hundreds of annuities, and it would baffle any one to even imagine the amount of misery and suffering which would follow the abolition of that Charity. It must be remembered that every one of the aged brethren or widows who are regularly helped by its means are too old or too infirm to earn their own living, and, much as may be said against the "false pride" which keeps them from applying for parish relief, there are many who would rather starve than enter the cheerless shelter of a workhouse. How many of these annuitants could say, with their New Zealand brother, "The liberality of Freemasonry has saved my life?" Probably the majority of them owe actual existence to the aid they have received from the Craft, and this feeling cannot be too strongly impressed on the members of the Order when, year after year, appeals are made for the necessary funds to continue the good work.

The Educational Institutions of Freemasonry may also be referred to in this light; the good work carried on by their means is apparent at all times—there are the hundreds of children in the Schools, receiving food, clothing, and education—but are all the benefits which there present themselves equal to what we may term the "side influences"—the results which follow in years to come, when in the many and varied spheres in which the children find themselves, the advantages of their early education makes itself felt? Besides this, what would become of the hundreds of children who now find a home in the Masonic Schools if those Institutions were unable to continue their work? How many of these same children will be able to say, in years to come, the liberality of Freemasonry saved my life; and by saving such life who shall say the amount of benefit the Order has conferred on the country or indeed the world at large.

Much more might be said in praise of this particular side influence of Freemasonry, but we are of opinion the keynote of the whole situation has been struck by the brother who, in expressing his thanks to the Craft, goes so far as to say that Freemasonry has saved his life. Many a sensational story has been related under such a heading, but none of them are more worthy of a place in the annals of the Craft than the simple letter of thanks which has just reached us from the far-off district of New Zealand.

MASONIC FRUITS ESSENTIAL.

FREEMASONRY MUST STAND OR FALL WITH RELIGION.

An Address before Monroe City Lodge, No. 64, F. and A.M. of Missouri, 27th December 1888, by Brother William Allen Hatch.

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IF Masonry teaches anything it teaches the sacredness of home, and throws around the same the strongest kind of protection.

The observance of public worship is sadly neglected, especially in the larger towns and villages. I do not suppose that Freemasonry is responsible for this, but there is in this neglect of worship by too many quite respectable Masons that which is to some extent a violation of Masonic obligation and a disregard of Masonic teaching. Masonry does not tell man how he should worship God, but it teaches him that he should worship, leaving the manner and form to his conscience, not to his convenience or

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whim, and the question I want to ask you, brethren, is: Do you in this follow conscience, or do you follow whim, or convenience, or taste? We have a Rule and Guide in this and kindred matters, in fact in all points of Masonic law and faith and conduct, which we cannot wisely or safely disregard, and to one who deliberately rejects this Masonry must seem a very hollow mockery. The law of Masonry is the universal moral law accepted by all men. The creed is limited to the simplest fundamental expression of religious faith.

Every honest Mason must accept this creed, but this does not prevent him from believing much more, nor does the acceptance in full of the Christian faith in the least impair our obligations to our brethren of Israel, or the disciples of Buddha, or Mahomet, or Confucius. We all stand on one fundamental basis, the belief in one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, yet we are all bound in conscience to support whatever form of religion seems best of those presented to our notice. While I have no doubt that most of you are true to your ideas of duty, there are always some with us, and in the church, who are neglectful if not perverse.

There are some who find, or think they find, in Freemasonry all the religion they need, but look well to yourselves, dear brethren, if there are any of you who thus console yourselves, and see whither your limited religion tends, and if you find that it satisfies you, that it brings you peace and content and confidence, remember that any religion which ends in self is worthless. Even the laws of our being compel us, if we would lead better lives, if we would seek our own salvation, to help others to lead better lives, we must be concerned and labour for the salvation of others, and bringing the whole question of our Masonic duty down to the level of self-interest, of self-preservation, both individually and in our corporate capacity, Freemasonry must stand or fall with religion. The foes without who threaten religion will destroy Masonry if they can, while the more dangerous foes, those of our own household, those in our own hearts, are the hardest to fight. To conquer these will enable us to maintain a stout opposition to external enemies.

I am aware, my dear brethren, that you did not invite me to preach to you, and, if I have gone beyond the line of your patience in this matter, it is not because I am to impose any fetters on your thought and conscience, but because I believe that Freemasonry is on trial, that she has a mission in the affairs of this life and in this nineteenth century, that I exhort you as men and Masons, if you love Masonry, to do your best toward the fulfilment of that mission.

While I have no fears for the Christian religion, which I believe to be not only the best the world has ever known but the best possible, and that it will ultimately triumph, I recognise the fact that it is threatened, that forces now at work would accomplish its destruction if they could, and that all the institutions of modern life are threatened with it; that unless these forces are counteracted, unless individuals and societies are on their guard, individuals will fall and societies will perish, especially those which do not manfully meet and fight the foes of order.

Masonic law and Masonic creed are not only fundamental as regards religion, but also as regards the state. Let that creed be denied and there is then no authority—no law—and all existing institutions will be regarded as merely conventional; governments may be overturned without scruple, rights of life, of liberty, and of property, may be considered as mere fictions, and chaos as the best condition.

It is not as an alarmist that I mention these possibilities, but viewing them as the logical consequence of denial, I know that they may come, as they have before, and the cure though speedy—the return to public sanity certain—yet there is a terrible strain involving vast suffering, untold misery, monstrous injustice.

The French Revolution did its terrible work, and though good may have come out of it, it was at a fearful cost, and I presume that few sane persons would like to see that dread experiment repeated, yet it will be repeated unless the cure of evils is effected in the earlier and milder way.

We cannot interfere as a body corporate in the affairs of the world; cannot directly influence governments or impose moral restrictions on our fellow men, but as individuals we may do much, and ought to do much. When we consider that the leading men in every state, county and country are for the most part connected with our Order; when we consider not only the immense influence directly exerted for good or for ill in consequence of the vast numbers of those connected with us, and the indirect influence through kindred associations, it is evident that our responsibility is great, and if we would be true to ourselves and the society we love we must take upon ourselves individually that responsibility which collectively we cannot assume, and as our lives improve, so will this noble and glorious Institution become a more permanent and illustrious light before the world.

The pious framers of Ancient York Masonry dedicated their Lodges to two great Saints of the Christian Church, and looked to them, in their simple faith, as the patrons of the Order—St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist. The former was illustrious in his straightforward, manly, self-sacrificing life; the latter known not only as a bold Son of Thunder, but as the beloved disciple—as the Apostle of Love. And these have been and are still the saintly patrons of Freemasonry—the lesson of their lives ever before us exemplifying the virtues which should be cultivated by every true Mason. And manliness and love form when combined an ideal of character only realised in the Perfect One.

We do well to celebrate the nativity of John the Baptist, for the great prophet, the more than prophet, the unrivalled one preaches still from the wilderness, as of yore. In hairy garment, standing by the purifying water of the Jordan, he cried out to all comers, the rich and respectable, the rude and the vile, to highly honoured scribes and despised publicans, to the highly scrupulous pharisee, to the loosely scrupulous soldier, to all who asked what they should do, to all who sought not only to flee from the wrath to come, but to lead the life worth living, to all these inquirers, the Voice which prophesied the kingdom of heaven gave one supreme direction, prescribed the one great remedy for all the ills of the past, and the one hope for all the successes and joys of the future. I would not set forth to you any disputed dogma, but this great cry of the Voice comes down to us as to others in the distant past in such a way that we cannot refuse to hear it, and all men of whatever creed must acknowledge this truth, that Repentance is not only the continual safety but the continual hope of men. With the stern old prophet here Repentance was not merely a matter of sentiment but of fact. The soldier must abstain from plunder and needless violence, the usurer must no longer devour widows' houses, the tax-gatherer must desist from fraud and extortion, the generation of vipers must lay aside their hypocrisy and tyrannical dogmatism, and even in the royal household sin was denounced with a courage and zeal that took no thought of prisons or the axe of the executioner.

The unthinking might say that his end was untimely, and that his life, limited to contact with but few and leaving hardly a trace on the world's history, was a failure. If a failure, what a sublime failure! A greater conqueror than Alexander, a stouter hero than Pyrrhus, a more magnanimous ruler than Cyrus, for he taught men to conquer themselves, helped them to resist the strongest of foes and to rule with justice impartial and mercy unrestrained, and yet he was only the pioneer of a great advance. It was his office to make straight the roads through the desert, to level mountains and fill deep valleys; and this he did and is doing, for the same Voice calls to us. It is and has been the pioneer of all progress.

The festal day of St. John the Evangelist is placed very near to the natal day of the One who specially loved this disciple. The beloved disciple was no less earnest than the Herald of the Wilderness in proclaiming truth, perhaps not more lenient and loving to the sinner, yet the Evangelist lived in a fairer time and under a more glowing Light, and in that Light he saw not only deeper into the great problems of Christian philosophy, but with purified vision saw into the great mysteries of the future, even beyond earth, and has given us a glimpse as it were of the glories of heaven as he saw them. If we can so follow the examples of these two earnest, upright, loving Saints, that we shall on either side touch the circle of eternal truth, we shall, ultimately, with purified hearts and minds, not only be enabled to apprehend Truth but to see God.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

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INFORMATION DESIRED.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

ABOUT a month ago I read, in Bro. Mackenzie's History of "Canongate Kilwinning Lodge," about Robert Burns' visit to the said Lodge in February 1787, when, owing to his fame as a poet, he was that night elected a member of the said Lodge. During the lifetime of Burns the record of the said Lodge is utterly silent about his ever having been dubbed with the title of "Masonic Poet Laureate." But, in 1815 a movement was set afoot to erect a mausoleum to the memory of Burns, and in appealing to the brethren of the Canongate Lodge to contribute towards the undertaking, the W. Master said, that "Burns was a member and poet laureate of this Lodge." This figure of speech was put into the record, and in 1832—or 4, when James Hogg, the "Ettrick Shepherd," was dubbed by the same Lodge "Masonic Poet Laureate," Burns was, of course, again referred to in the record as a Poet Laureate. By-and-bye, Bro. Watson painted a picture, representing the Laureation of Bro. Burns, in presence of sixty distinguished Scotch Masons of the last century. Later on, Bro. Marshall published a book, viz., "A Winter with Robert Burns," containing biographical sketches of the sixty brethren who witnessed the ceremony of the Laureating of Bro. Burns, and of course everybody then believed, without the least doubt, in Robert Burns' Poet Laureateship. But, in 1873, a rumour reached the Secretary of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge that Bro. D. M. Lyon had some doubts about Burns' Poet Laureateship, when letters were exchanged between the Secretary of the Lodge and Bro. Lyon. The main argument of the Secretary, was that the ceremony of Burns' Laureation was always believed, was never doubted, and that no evidence existed to disprove it. And, strange to say, Bro. Lyon's doubts were overcome by the said arguments. Now, I had never heard about the said correspondence between the Secretary of the Lodge and Bro. Lyon until I read the letters in Bro. Mackenzie's book, but instead of confirming my belief in the Burns Laureation story, Bro. Mackenzie's arguments destroy my belief in it, and if business had not called me to New York, an article of mine upon the Burns' question would have been mailed to the Freemason's Chronicle on the 1st of this month. However, on Saturday, 2nd March, I happened to take up Bro. MacCalla's *Keystone*, and therein I read a letter from Bro. D. M. Lyon, that he had changed his opinion about Burns' Poet Laureate story, and that he made a mistake in 1873 in yielding to the Canongate Lodge Secretary, and that (if I recollect aright) he was going to disprove it.

Well, after taking a long breath, I said to myself, "If a brother of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of 1815 had been endowed with sense enough to challenge inquiry into the alleged Poet Laureateship of Robert Burns how much trouble it would have saved. First, Bro. Watson would not have painted the Burns Laureation picture; second, Bro. Marshall would not have written a book; third, there would have been no controversy in 1873 between the Secretary of the Lodge and Bro. Lyon; fourth, it would have saved Bro. Mackenzie the chagrin he must feel in finding his elaborate arguments melt away into nothing; fifth, it would have saved me the time in hunting up information on the question at issue; and sixth, it would have saved Bro. Lyon the necessity of confessing in 1889 that he made a mistake in 1873." These solid reasons should convince every brother Mason to take nothing for granted, even when a Worshipful Master says it, and these very reasons I hope will be taken for sufficient apology for calling attention to an older legend, which as far as I know has never been questioned in print.

Briefly then, among other stories given by Dermott in his 1764 edition of "Ahiman Rezon," I beg to call attention to the following. He says:

"N.B.—The Freemasons' Arms in the upper part of the frontispiece of this book was found in the collection of the famous and learned Hebrewist, Architect and Brother, Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leon. This gentleman, at the request of the States of Holland, built a model of Solomon's Temple. The design of this undertaking was to build a temple in Holland, but upon surveying the model it was adjudged that the united provinces were not rich enough to pay for it, whereupon the States generously bestowed the model upon the builder, notwithstanding they had already paid him his demand, which was very great. This model was exhibited to public view, by authority, at Paris and Vienna, and afterwards in London, by a patent under the seal of England, and signed Killigrew, in the reign of King Charles the Second. At the same time, Jacob Jehudah Leon published a description of the tabernacle and the temple, and dedicated it to his Majesty, and in the years 1750 and 1760 I had the pleasure of perusing and examining both these curiosities. The Arms are emblazoned thus:—quarterly per squares, counter charged Vert. In the first quarter, Azure a Lyon rampant Or, in the second quarter, Or, an ox passant sable; in the third quarter, Or, a man with hand erect, proper robed, crimson and ermine; in the fourth quarter, Azure, an eagle displayed, Or, Crest, the holy ark of the covenant, proper, supported by Cherubins, Motto, Kodes la Adonai, *i.e.*, Holiness to the Lord."

The question is, how much of the above narrative is true; or is their any truth at all in it? I was informed that the late Rev. Bro. Woodford was trying to find out as to whether there was any truth in the above narrative, but could not find anything about it. Bro. Marvin, of Boston, not only expressed his utmost contempt for Dermott's pretension to a knowledge about *armorial bearings*, but also pronounced the whole story as apocryphal. That Rabbi Leon was a brother Mason in the 17th century, is simply absurd, and that the States of Holland were not rich enough to build such a temple is equally absurd. If the said Rabbi received a patent from the King, a copy thereof was probably preserved somewhere; and if the Rabbi published a book, a copy of the said book must also exist somewhere. At my suggestion a friend of mine made inquiries in Holland about the Rabbi Leon and his Temple, but it seems that nothing in Holland is known about it. Within a few days, however, I got hold of the catalogue of the Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition in the Royal Albert Hall, London, in 1887, and on pages 20 and 21 I found as follows:—

"118 Masonic Arms ... ... W. H. Ryland

Designed by Jacob Jehudah Leon, surnamed Templo, who visited London in 1678, with a model of the Temple, which he was permitted to exhibit to Charles II. and his court. Templo was an ingenious draughtsman, and designed vignettes for the illustration of the Talmud, some of which were afterwards published by Surenhusius. The present exhibit consists of a painted mahogany panel, with arms of gold and colour, crest, supporters and Masonic emblems. It was engraved by Laurence Dermott in his "Ahiman Rezon" (2nd edit. London, 1764) and described from the collection of the famous and learned Hebrewist, architect, and brother, Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leon. In the original, the motto was in Hebrew."

Now, as the above paragraph contains some information not derived from Dermott's Ahiman Rezon; such for instance as that of Rabbi Leon having designed vignettes for the illustration of the Talmud, and of his being known as "Templo;" this new information must have been obtained from some source. In order, therefore, to prevent future trouble to Masonic investigators upon the Rabbi Leon question, similar to the trouble given to several brethren on account of the Burns' Masonic Laureation puzzle, I respectfully ask Bro. Ryland to inform the Masonic brotherhood of all he knows or can learn about the famous "Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leon," together with all particulars about the sources of his information, and who Surenhusius was; and how much the narrative of Surenhusius agrees or disagrees with that given by Dermott? In short, let us know all about it.

Boston, U.S., 12th March 1889.

LAW-SUITS BETWEEN MASONS.

THE oldest printed Constitutions of the Craft, those of Anderson, A.D. 1723, truly assert Brotherly Love to be "the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity;" and furthermore, they provide, that Freemasons to the utmost of their power, and in profane concerns as well as Masonic, shall agree together; or if they disagree, their Brethren shall in the first place decide between them. The Anderson "Constitutions," for example, say, that

If any of them (your Brethren) do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, and from thence to the Annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable conduct

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of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advise of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits, that so you may mind the affair of Masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to Brothers or Fellows at law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must however carry on their process or law-suit without wrath and rancor (not in the common-way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love, and good offices to be renewed and continued; that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time."

These are the oldest specific provisions of the Craft, in its "Charges of a Freemason," on the subject of law-suits between Brethren, and they are eminently judicious, and if carried out in the spirit in which they were enacted, would result in credit to the Fraternity, advantage to the Brethren and benefit to the world at large.

The earliest "Constitutions" of the "Ancients"—the *Ahiman Rezon* of Laurence Dermott, printed at London in 1756 (of which we have an original copy before us), provides as follows on this subject:

"Old Charges of the Free and Accepted Masons. Charge VII., Concerning Law-Suits.

If a Brother do you injury, apply first to your own or his Lodge, and if you are not satisfied you may appeal to the Grand Lodge; but you must never take a legal course till the cause cannot be otherwise decided; for if the affair is only between Masons, and about Masonry, Law-Suits ought to be prevented by the good advice of prudent Brethren.

But if that reference is either impracticable or unsuccessful, and the affair must be brought into the courts of law or equity, yet still you must avoid all wrath, malice or rancor, in carrying on the Suit, not saying or doing anything that may hinder the continuance or renewal of Brotherly love and friendship, which is the glory and cement of this ancient Fraternity; that we may show to all the world the benign influence of Masonry, as all wise, true and faithful Brethren have done from the beginning of time, and will do till Architecture shall be dissolved in the general conflagration, Amen! so mote it be."

These last provisions were re-enacted, in almost the same language, in the A.D. 1783 *Ahiman Rezon* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, prepared by Grand Secretary, the Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D. (page 45), and in the "Constitution" of the Grand Lodge of New York of A.D. 1805, page 23 (printed by Southwick and Hardcastle, 2 Wall-street, New York). They are also contained in the A.D. 1825 *Ahiman Rezon* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (pages 108-109).

It thus appears that from the earliest period when "Constitutions" of the Craft were printed (1723), down to the year 1825, and thereafter, the Fraternity had strict regulations providing for the amicable adjustment in the Lodge of *all* differences, Masonic and profane, between Brethren. Of late years, however, the entirety of these provisions have been omitted from Masonic Constitutions of almost all, if not all, Grand Lodges. It may well be doubted whether this omission has been wise. It would seem, at least, that the Craft should *advise* the settlement of all differences between Freemasons in their respective Lodges, instead of in the profane courts. But we have gone to the other extreme, in that we have, at least in some jurisdictions, absolutely forbidden the cognisance by the Lodges of all differences, not Masonic, between Brethren. True, some Lodges have committees of reconcilation, and wisely, and while not absolute in their jurisdiction over Brethren, but merely exercising a concurrent jurisdiction with only advisory power, they exercise a benign influence in the Craft. They at least serve as a finger-board, pointing the Brethren the way they should go, and are true exponents of the Masonic world-wide principle of Brotherly Love.

Of course it is always the Master's province and duty to harmonise all interests in his Lodge, and to counsel with all Brethren who shall to his knowledge be so unfortunate as to disagree.—*Keystone.*

An illustrated description of a Chinese opium den, written by a Shanghaian,, appears in *The Quiver* for April, to which the Rev. P. B. Power contributes a short complete story.

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MARK MASONRY.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 66.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, to instal Bro. Thomas Gray S.W. and Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The installing officer was Bro. H. Langmead. The Officers were invested as follow, viz.:—Bros. G. Duncer I.P.M., Westcott S.W., John Hicks J.W., H. F. Hearle M.O., V. Bird S.O., W. S. Hearder J.O., W. Whitley Chap., I. Latimer R.M., S. Jew Treas., J. B. Gover Sec., G. Whitley S.D., S. G. Bake J.D., J. H. Keats D.C., P. B. Clemens I.G., J. G. Kevern D.C., E. Coppin Sword Bearer, and James Gidley Tyler.

METHAM LODGE, No. 96.

THE annual meeting was held on the 26th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Home Park, Stoke. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies presided. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., was constituted an honorary member. Bro. W. H. Pengelly, the W.M. elect, was installed. The installing officers were Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. Allen 96, H. R. Langmead 16. The Officers invested were Bros. W. A. Staton I.P.M., Dillon S.W., Forster J.W., Miller M.O., May S.O., Gillman J.O., Stanbury Treasurer, Panter Secretary, Lemon Chaplain, Blackell Reg. of Marks, May S.D., Walter J.D., Allen D.C., Barfield A.D.C., Booth I.G., Rashbrook Tyler. Bro. Lemon presented the Lodge with a framed photograph of the Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.M.M., on the 1st July 1886, and a handsomely-framed tracing-board of the Mark degree, and lecture-book. Thanks were unanimously voted to Bro. Lemon for his very appropriate presents.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 70.

THE anniversary meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, when Bro. H. J. Wright was installed W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The installation was ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The Officers for the year were installed as under:—Bros. J. Flintham S.W., W. Pearson J.W., Rev. R. Peek M.O., W. B. Hanson S.O., J. Napier J.O., Rev. R. N. Sanderson Chaplain, S. R. Anness Treasurer, A. J. Grimwade Registrar of Marks and Secretary, F. C. Atkinson S.D., Rev. R. O. Davies J.D., S. R. Anness D.C., Rev. R. O. Davies Organist, J. A. James Peck I.G., G. Gould Tyler. The installation banquet was held under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who was supported on the right by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and on the left by Bro. J. C. Norman. The Queen and Mark Masonry, the G.M.M.M. Bro. the Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured. Bros. Matier, Berridge, and Bryant responded for the Grand Officers. The W.M. also proposed the M.W. Bro. Lord Henniker P.G.M. England, Prov. Grand Master, and the Installing Master the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers present and past. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded, in a happy speech, in which he referred to the consecration of the Ark Mariners' Lodge, which he hoped would be a great success, and would flourish side by side with Mark Masonry in East Anglia. Before sitting down, in complimentary terms he proposed the health of the W.M., who responded in a neat and practical speech. Bro. N. Tracey proposed the Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. F. Matier, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded in an eloquent speech, in which he specially referred to the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he is the honorary Secretary, and said it was the proud boast of that Charity that no candidate ever came to them for assistance and was sent away dissatisfied. The other toasts were the Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, and responded to by Bros. Elwes and Bignold; the newly-advanced Brothers (Bros. G. T. Pick and Walter Brooke); the immediate and other Past Masters; the Officers, and the Tyler's toast.

Light in Masonry only faintly symbolizes light divine—the light that dispels the gloom of the grave, and reveals all the beauty of Truth.

The grand work of Masonry is that of discovering the treasures of Truth, and then unfolding and exemplifying their wisdom.

Freemasonry is a great light for all of man's earthly pilgrimage, and a great beacon to his progress in immortality.

There is no principle of morality, and no duty of man, that is not enjoined upon its votaries by Freemasonry.

Snow is white; snow is pure; snow is useful; and thus should the conduct of each Freemason be.

A new serial story of modern times, by Mr. Frank Barrett, entitled "Fettered for Life," will be commenced in No. 287 of *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, to which Mr. George Manville Fenn contributes a complete sensational story, entitled "In Horrible Suspense: a tale of a New Land."

"The Secret of the Lamas: a tale of Thibet," is the title of a new book of adventure which will be shortly published by Messrs. Cassell and Company. The scene of the story is laid chiefly in the wilds of Thibet.

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MASONRY AT CHELTENHAM.

THE memorial window erected in the Parish Church of Cheltenham, by the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucestershire, to the memory of their late Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Brother John Brook-Smith), was on Wednesday, the 20th inst., unveiled and presented to the rector of the parish (Rev. Canon Bell, D.D.) by the Grand Master of the Province, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., in the presence of a large number of members of the Craft, wearing the insignia of the Order. The dedicatory service was held at one o'clock, and the Mayor and Corporation and a large number of the general public attended. As the clergy emerged from the vestry, the Provincial Grand Master (Sir M. Hicks-Beach), preceded by his Sword Bearer (Bro. Renwick), and attended by the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith), the Secretary of the Province (Bro. James Winterbotham), the Provincial Treasurer (Bro. T. Nelson Foster), Bro. the Baron de Ferrières, Bro. Gwinnett, and other prominent Masons, advanced up the centre aisle to the entrance to the chancel, where the two bodies (Clergy and Masons) met and stood in position to face the memorial window. The covering having been removed, the Grand Master (Sir M. Hicks-Beach) addressed the rector in the following words:—This window has been erected by the subscriptions of the Freemasons of the Province of Gloucester, to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, and to the memory of and in fraternal and affectionate regard for our late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Brook-Smith. In the name of the Freemasons of this Province I offer this window to you, as the Rector of Cheltenham, for the use and adornment of the old Parish Church of this town, of which our deceased brother was so long one of the most prominent and respected residents. The Rector expressed his pleasure in accepting the gift of the Freemasons, and said the window would not only be an adornment to the venerable church, but would serve as a memento of the liberality of the Masonic Order, and of the Freemasons' love and esteem for their departed brother. The service then proceeded with Spohr's "Blest are the departed," which was rendered by an augmented choir, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Matthews Prov. Organist. An appropriate address was given by the Dean of Gloucester (Dr. Spence), who took for his text, "Strength and Beauty are in his Sanctuary," Psalm xcvi. 6. The service ended with the benediction. The window, it may be added, is placed in the south transept of the sacred building, and is a pleasing example of stained glass of a Masonic character. The five principal lights are filled in with Scriptural characters connected with Masonic work. The central one is occupied by Solomon, bearing in his hand a representation of the Temple he erected. The lights on either side are filled with Moses and Joshua, and again at either side of these Old Testament prophets is a representative of the new Dispensation—St. John the Baptist on one side and St. John the Evangelist on the other. The minor details of the window are Masonically treated, and at the base there is a suitable inscription recording the object of the erection of the window.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE following is the result of the University Local examination, Cambridge, December 1888, as far as "Our Boys" are concerned:—

HONOURS.—2nd Class—A. Blunt, J. P. Seagrave, J. P. Templeman. 3rd Class—F. F. Coleman, H. R. Graves, F. A. Herring.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS.—S. H. Bevis, J. Bloomfield, S. W. Gibson, F. W. Lewis, N. McCaskie, J. Shaw, L. Taylor, J. E. Walters.

Nineteen candidates sent up: fourteen passed. Honours 6 satisfied examiners 8.

The task of converting Bacon's Hotel into the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has been entrusted to Bro. C. H. Driver, who built the Masonic Hall at Gibraltar, and Bro. Robert Berridge. Although the general scheme of decoration is to be Italian, the two beautiful Queen Anne rooms are to remain intact. One is to be reserved for the use of the Prince of Wales, and the other will be assigned to his Deputy. The works are to commence immediately, and the inauguration of the building will take place towards the close of the year.

"ADOPTIVE" MASONRY.—In France, where the plan was at first originated, "Adoptive" Masonry was, for a time, much in vogue. The Empress Josephine in 1805 presided over the Lodge Imperiale d'adoption des Francs Chevaliers, at Strasburg; and the assemblies of the brethren and sisters at Paris are said to have been equally elegant, splendid and agreeable. Of their agreeability, I entertain no matter of doubt. But I have my own opinion of pass-words whispered by rosy lips, and grasps interchanged with soft hands—and indeed we are credibly informed the mystical part of the business was a mere pretence, and the rites always ended in—a ball and supper—as might be reasonably expected.—*Bro. John Fitzhenry Townsend, LL.D., D.G.M. of Ireland.*

A collection of essays, by the Rt. Hon. Sir Lyon Playfair, will be shortly published by Messrs Cassell and Company, under the title of "Subjects of Social Welfare." The work will include a variety of papers on Public Health, Industrial Wealth, and National Education.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

AT a meeting, held on the 19th inst., there was an exceptionally large number of candidates for initiation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Mills the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Henry Platt D.P.G.M. of North Wales also taking part. The banquet was served at the Station Hotel, Bangor, a large party sitting down to a splendid menu, provided by Bro. Taylor. The W.M. presided.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 1114.

THE usual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, when there were present Bros. G. Corson W.M. in the chair, G. Smith S.W., A. Goddard J.W., G. Watson Treasurer, R. F. Atkinson Secretary, H. Corson S.D., J. Smith J.D., H. A. Dewing I.G., Wainwright Organist; P.M.'s M. B. Bircham, R. Riches, G. Grummett, W. G. Sherringham, O. Hudson, and a large number of brethren, together with Bro. Loynes, a visitor from the Earl of Leicester Lodge, No. 2237. The usual Lodge ceremonies were performed, and Bro. Dr. Powell was raised to the third degree. The sum of twenty guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds towards the Masonic School for Boys. After Lodge adjourned the brethren supped together, at Bro. Harvey's, the Crown. A special significance was given to this meeting, it being the fiftieth anniversary of the initiation into Freemasonry of Bro. M. B. Bircham, who was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, on the 13th March 1839. To commemorate this event the brethren had subscribed a very handsome P.M.'s jewel. This was presented to Bro. Bircham by the Worshipful Master in the most felicitous terms. The song, "Give me the man of honest heart" was then sung by Bro. Loynes. Bro. Bircham, who on rising to respond appeared greatly affected, said that as long as he was able he should do his best in assisting to instal the Worshipful Master, and help the Joppa Lodge. Several other Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bros. Wainwright, Goddard, Bircham, Powell and Loynes assisted in the musical arrangements.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual banquet was held, on the 19th instant, at the Devon and Cornwall Masonic Club, Plymouth. There was a large attendance. Covers were laid for 90. Bro. A. Trout the W.M. presided, supported by Bros. H. E. Sitters I.P.M., A. W. King S.W., R. L. Blight sen. J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chaplain, D. Cross Treasurer, W. Powell Secretary, G. Perring S.D., G. Perkins J.D., E. Hughes I.G., J. J. Facey D.C., C. L. Blight A.D.C., J. Forster Organist, J. Soper, J. E. Skellern, A. E. Maddock Stewards, J. Gidley Tyler, and Past Masters T. Gibbons, T. E. Peck, R. Dickson, P. J. Dunn, G. Wilson, W. Kennedy. Among the visitors were Bros. Col. J. Phillips 2258, Lieut. N. Page 2258, Captain J. H. Swanton 2258, S. Jew 105, E. Aitken Davies, 1099, J. M. Hifley 223, R. Pike 230, T. Goodall 1550, E. J. Knight 202, C. Marshall 159, J. Griffin 1847. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts and sentiments were given. A choice vocal and instrumental entertainment was also rendered. Bro. T. Gibbons presided at the piano, and a capital string band was furnished by brethren. Bro. Elford gave solos on the cornet, Bro. Lidiard on the violoncello, and the vocallists were Bros. W. Kennedy, G. Miller, P. J. Dunn, W. H. Chanter, A. E. Maddock, and others. A handsome 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. H. E. Sitters, as a token of fraternal regard.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

THE annual installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Lodge Room, West Derby, on Thursday, the 21st inst., and the assembly of members and Masonic brethren was the largest ever held in connection with this rapidly rising little Lodge. From being an obscure village meeting a few years ago, it has, by marked sociability, unity of feeling, and business efficiency, risen to a position equal to any in the district. To such dimensions has this Lodge grown of late that the accommodation afforded by their old-fashioned place of meeting seems inadequate for members' ordinary comfortable requirements. The youthful, but efficient, retiring Worshipful Master, S. Haden-Jones, creditably acted as installing master, and assisted by Bros. W. S. Vines and James J. Ramsey Past Masters, the W.M.-elect, Bro. James F. Booth, was, according to ancient custom and ceremony, duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The latter then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow, viz.:—Bros. S. Haden-Jones I.P.M., A. Harrison S.W., Thos. S. Ramsey J.W., W. S. Vines Treas., W. Pearson Sec., J. Leech S.D., G. R. Jones J.D., Henry Davies Organist, J. Oakes I.G., Isaac Jones, D. Higgin, and W. Coultard Stewards, and James J. Ramsey D.C. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, and, interspersed with songs and recitations, the usual list of Loyal and Masonic toasts was duly given and honoured. The retiring W.M., Bro. S. Haden-Jones, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and apron of office by the Lodge, and a valuable diamond ring and an illuminated address from his fellow-members, as a mark of their esteem and regard.

LEY SPRING LODGE, No. 1598.

THE election meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The brethren appeared in mourning, out of respect to the late I.P.M. Bro. Sampson, who had joined the majority. The members present included Bros. R. S. Walker W.M., Turner S.W., Arber J.W., Allaway Treasurer, Buscall P.M. Secretary, Roberts S.D., Dipple D.C., Graves Organist, Pargeter P.M., Roberts P.M., Lewis P.M., Brown P.M., Langdon, Margetts, Ponderleith, Smyth P.M. 929, Smith, Hipkins, Thomas, Galloway, and Bawtree. Visitors—Bros. Burns

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1071, and Charlie Woods 1869 Assist. Sojourner 1275. Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The election of Officers followed, and resulted in the unanimous vote of the members for Bro. Turner S.W. as W.M., while the Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected. The bye-laws were read. On the motion of Brother Pargeter P.M., seconded by Bro. Lewis P.M., a vote of deep sympathy with the widow of the late Bro. Sampson I.P.M. was unanimously carried. The mover, seconder, and other brethren spoke in a very respectful manner of the services of our late brother, and of his widow and family. A discussion followed as to the night of installation. On the motion of Bro. Pargeter it was decided to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Walker for his services during the present year. An Audit Committee, consisting of Bros. Langdon, How, and Plenderleith, was elected. All business being transacted, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were received with marked enthusiasm. In proposing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M. referred to the great interest he took in the cause, also to the grand meeting over which he presided at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, when he was accompanied by the King of Sweden P.G.M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1382.

THIS Lodge met on Wednesday, the 20th inst., when there was a very full attendance, including 63 brethren of the Lodge and 19 visitors. Bro. Cornelius McLeod was duly installed as W.M., succeeding Bro. Sidney C. Hill. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Delves in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the following year, as follow:—Bros. J. Perry S.W., E. Penniston J.W., A. H. Oakley Sec., R. J. Pitt S.D., G. A. Saunders J.D., S. J. Limn I.G., A. J. Delves and W. Blois Stewards, Wm. Millington D.C., J. Williams Tyler, and G. Thornton Organist. Bro. Carnaby was invested as Treasurer. A summary of the receipts and expenditure was presented to the Lodge. The sad and almost sudden death of Bro. Geo. Limn was reported. Bro. Limn has been conspicuous in Masonry as one who has ever worked zealously and nobly on behalf of distressed brothers, their widows, and their orphan children. His loss will be deeply felt in the Lodge. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Bro. Limn. After voting 5 guineas to a needy brother, and hearty thanks to Bro. Delves for the installation ceremony, the Lodge was closed. A large number of brethren attended the W.M. to the banquet, which was served by Bro. Host Clark in his well-known able style. During the evening the usual toasts were given. In the replies made by the Officers and Visiting Brothers, general congratulations were made that Bro. Delves was again able to attend the Lodge, after his long and serious illness. Universal sympathy was also expressed with the Lodge and the family of Bro. G. Limn. A magnificent wreath, intended for the funeral of Bro. Limn on the morrow, was passed round for the brethren to see.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. There were present:—Bros. W. Dyson I.P.M. in the chair, in the absence of the W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., W. Brown P.M., G. Chapman S.W., G. Lamb J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Kay Secretary, J. H. Shooksmith S.D., J. L. Spetch and F. W. Hallwell Stewards, W. S. Child Organist, P. Pearson I.G., A. Bellerby, F. H. Vaughan, T. Milner, J. Smith, R. H. Wicker, A. Archer, G. G. Pook, W. H. A. Coates, T. Masterman, J. R. Jackson, E. Thackray, J. E. Wilkinson, and others. Visitors:—Bros. J. Todd P.M. 236, S. Border W.M. 236, A. Sample 236, C. E. Wright 357, A. H. H. Mac Gachen P.M. 1991, G. Manton 1991, and A. Sollit 1991. Successful ballots having been taken for two candidates and a joining member, Bro. T. B. Whytehead proceeded to deliver a lecture on Freemasonry and its progress, touching on the principal features of its advance during the last quarter of a century, indicating some of the weak points in its members as a body, showing some of the methods by which it might be made more effective for good, and warning his hearers against common errors and mistakes, which tended to mar the usefulness of the Society. A vote of thanks to the lecturer followed, and the Lodge was closed. After supper some excellent speeches were made, and during the evening several brethren entered their names as Stewards for the North and East Ridings Educational Festival in May, an event which promises to be most successful from a financial point of view.

ATLINGWORTH LODGE, No. 1821.

THE ordinary monthly meeting, held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 21st inst., was honoured by a visit from Bro. Dr. H. J. Tarrant Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. Anscombe W.M., assisted in the ceremonies by Bro. Barfield P.M. After the meeting Bro. Tarrant gave some interesting details concerning the working of Freemasonry in New South Wales, and referred with pleasure to the recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the newly created United Grand Lodge of New South Wales over which the recently appointed Governor (His Excellency Lord Carrington) presides in the capacity of Most Worshipful Grand Master. In his journey to England he had visited several of the Grand Lodges in various parts of North America, and obtained much information, and he hoped that he would be able to learn something in England which might be utilized for the benefit of brethren in Australia. The Atlingworth is the first Lodge that Bro. Tarrant has visited in England, and he expressed his gratification at the excellent manner in which the business and ceremonies had been conducted.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge, was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton, where, notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a very large attendance, both of members and visitors. Lodge was opened at the early hour of 3 o'clock, but a great deal of time was wasted later on, consequently the enjoyment of the after proceedings was sadly marred by the "scramble" that had to be made to catch the trains. However, no blame in this regard can attach to the W.M., Bro. George Filmer, who speedily commenced the work of the day. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed the Audit Committee presented their report, which was received and adopted. The next business on the paper was to raise Bro. Joseph Edward Jeffs, and this was done by Bro. Filmer in an essentially perfect manner. Now came the "wait" to which we have already referred. The time for the installation was fixed for 4·30, but it appears the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. West, had expressed a wish to be present at the ceremony, but he would not be able to reach the Carshalton Hall till 5·30. Consequently, after some delay, Mr. Thomas Frederick Jones, who was proposed by Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour, M.A., P.G. Chaplain Surrey, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Pile P.M. P.P.G. St.-B. Surrey, was ballotted for as a candidate for initiation; as also was Mr. William Churchill Sabine, proposed by Bro. Walter Joseph Baker and seconded by Bro. James Salter-Whiter. The result in each case was in favour of the candidates, and they were introduced and admitted to the benefits of Masonic light. Bro. John G. Horsey P.Prov.G.D.C. Surrey now took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M.-elect Bro. Henry D. Aslett was presented and obligated. The Wardens' chairs were now taken by Bros. D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer, and H. M. Hobbs Prov. Grand Junior Warden, and in due course the ceremony was proceeded with, a strong Board of Installed Masters assisting. This compliment was paid to Bro. Cama in recognition of his being one of our representative brethren, his association with our Indian Empire fully entitling him to that distinctive appellation. After the Board had been closed, the brethren below the Installed Masters' degree were readmitted and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the several degrees. The following were invested as Officers:—Bros. J. A. Taylor P.M. 1441 S.W., F. A. Norton J.W., Rev. Lord Victor Seymour Prov. Grand Chap. Chaplain, W. Russell Crowe P.M. 190 Treasurer, W. Pile P.M. P.P.G.St.B. Secretary, Roland H. Ward S.D., J. W. Manley J.D., John G. Horsey P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., J. Bewcastle I.G., W. Harwood and W. H. Hanson P.M. 1790 Stewards, W. Basset Organist, A. Rowley Tyler. Bro. Horsey gave the addresses, and on taking his seat was complimented on the way in which he had carried out the ceremony. Routine work followed, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. George Filmer, and Lodge was closed. In addition to those already mentioned the following were present as Visitors:—D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer, Henry Essex 511, Jos. Baker 2024 P.P.G.C. Middlesex, G. C. Barry J.D. 1851, C. Cooke J.D. 1851, J. Buckley 1790, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Lewis P.M. 945, W. Odell Treasurer 1572, G. S. Hornsail Secretary 1790, J. S. Fraser 2096, H. M. Hobbs P.M. P.G.J.W. Surrey, J. Kilvington S.W. 1700, Aug. Fletcher 1506, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, C. W. Cunningham 511, 1612, T. Humphreys 1437 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, John Boreham Organist 1437, H. T. Board 1641, F. West D P.G.M. Surrey, Ebenezer Piggott 2261, A. W. Barlow J.W. 619, W. W. Lee 1897, T. A. Hill J.W. 1347, H. E. Vickers W.M. 1632, D. Frost Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon Surrey, &c. The banquet was served by Bro. Verdon, at the Greyhound Hotel, and his efforts gave every satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. briefly gave the Loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically received. Bro. D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer replied for the Grand Officers, and after returning thanks for the kindly proposition and hearty reception of the toast, expressed his opinion that the Grand Officers had the confidence of the brethren, for they endeavoured to follow the noble example of the two great noblemen who led them in maintaining the prestige of their time-honoured Society. The day on which they had met—the 21st March—was an eventful one in India, called Jamshedi Navroj, and highly prized amongst Masons, for in Bombay, where he was born, the members of the Masonic Lodges under the English and Scotch Constitutions met under one roof to celebrate the close of winter and the birth of spring. His invitation that night proved the cosmopolitan character of their Order. He was among them in a double capacity, first as the Past Grand Treasurer, for which honour he was greatly indebted to the Craft in general, and particularly to Bro. Dr. Pocock, who had the courage to propose him; and secondly, as the Prov.G.S.W. of Surrey, for which he had to thank their popular chief, Bro. General Brownrigg. Brother Fred West Deputy Prov. Grand Master Surrey, in responding to the toast of the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers, regretted that thir Prov. Grand Master had not recently been able to take that part in the work of the Province which he had performed to their entire satisfaction for many years past. The duties had therefore devolved upon him (Bro. West) for the past twelve months, but although this was a matter for regret, it had been to him a labour of love. The Prov. G.M. had, by the manner in which he had performed the duties appertaining to the office, endeared himself to every member of the Province, which was indebted to him for its success. He was glad to find this example appreciated in such an excellent Lodge as this, and also to find, on again visiting them, the same respect for the principles of Masonry, the performance of the Masonic duties, and the inculcation of everything Masonic and fraternal. He had to sincerely thank the members of this Lodge, and especially Bro. Pile, for the excellent arrangements made for the Provincial meeting last July, which he believed was the most successful the Province had ever held. It would interest them to know that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Caterham, under the care of the Caterham Lodge, of which Bro. Sandeman is Secretary, and he thought he might prophecy that with such a Secretary they would

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have everything arranged to their entire satisfaction. He congratulated the W.M. on his installation, and wished him a prosperous year. If Bro. Aslett the W.M. followed the example set by the P.M.'s, he would retire with the same éclat as they had done, and that he might do so was the sincere wish of the Dep. Prov. G.M. Following on, Bro. West gave the "Health of the W.M.," and said he was assured that Bro. Aslett would not have been elected if the members had not been perfectly satisfied of his worthiness for the chair; and, having elected him, it was their duty to support him to the best of their ability. It was necessary that the W.M. should have good Officers, and if he might particularize he would allude to the Secretary, who was the life and soul of a Lodge, for the W.M., owing to the manifold nature of his duties, had to leave the details to that responsible officer. In the W.M. they found a brother who possessed the necessary qualifications essential for the occupant of the chair, and one who would carry out the duties to the credit of the Lodge. That he was a popular W.M. they could not doubt, from the large meeting that evening. In conclusion, he asked the brethren to join him in drinking the health of the Worshipful Master, wishing him every prosperity and success which they, as Masons, could offer him. Bro. Astell briefly and appropriately replied, remarking that a sense of the original prevented him from saying it was the proudest moment of his life. He had a difficult task to perform to return thanks in an adequate manner for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received, and also for the honour conferred upon him in the Lodge. The Initiates having been given, the W.M. gave the Visitors, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Lewis P.M., Fraser, Dr. Pocock, and Humphreys P.P.G.S.W. Essex, who returned hearty thanks for the hospitality shown them, and expressed their admiration at the excellent working witnessed in the Lodge. The I.P.M. then took the chair, and other toasts were given. The Direction of Ceremonies was carried out by Bro. Alfred Bishop P.M., while P.M.'s Baldwin and Carter paid every attention to the comfort of the Visitors.

EARL OF LEICESTER LODGE, No. 2237.

THE first anniversary of the consecration of the above Lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., when Bro. the Rev. J. E. Player S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. J. V. Grummett P.M. 1114, the outgoing W.M., ably performed the ceremony, assisted by Bro. Geo. Baxter P.M. 213, and Bro. M. B. Bircham P.M. 19. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. V. Grummett I.P.M., A. Goddard S.W., H. A. Dewing J.W., Colonel Fielden Treasurer, A. W. Ralling Sec., Dr. Whitlock S.D., Pearce J.D., J. Wainwright Organist, A. H. Beesley D.C., Capt. Temple I.G. Before the Lodge was closed the W.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to ask Bro. Grummett's acceptance of a "Founder's Jewel," which had been voted by acclamation in the Lodge, in recognition of the prompt and hearty manner he had responded to their request to become their first W.M.; and also for his successful management, and the general high tone he had infused into the working of the Lodge, which would be a precedent for years to come. Bro. Grummett having suitably responded, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. During the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and were well received. In addition to the above the following visitors honoured the W.M. with their presence:—Bros. T. Smith jun. 213, R. F. Atkinson 1114, C. H. Rust 213, S. D. Deucher 213 S. F. Smith 1114.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Monday, the 25th instant, at Bro. Cambden's, Atlantic, Brixton. Present—Bros. Stacey Preceptor, W. Lucas W.M., Hooper S.W., Stafford J.W., Cambden Treasurer, Grammer Secretary, E. Venner S.D., West J.D., Wallman I.G., Hooker, Bond, Hampton, Wakefield, Reed, Eccles, and Burridge. The business comprised the working of the second section of the lecture by Bro. Stacey, the third section by Bro. Bond. The initiation ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. Hooker as candidate. Brother Hooper was elected W.M. for Monday next.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st instant, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. Present—Bros. Marshall Preceptor, Mapleton W.M. and Secretary, Toulmein S.W., Brewer J.W., Dent S.D., De Paiva J.D., Knight I.G.; also Bros. S. Lea Smith, C. W. C. Webb, Bush and Gordon Smith. Visitors—Bros. Billinghurst, Godfrey and Mountford. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third, and resumed in the first degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. L. Smith acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Lodge was resumed in the third, and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Toulmein was elected W.M. for the next meeting, Officers in rotation, the W.M. giving notice that the work would be the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board. Bros. Billinghurst, Godfrey and Mountford were unanimously elected members. Lodge was then closed.

Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Old Cheshire Cheese, Addle Street, E.C. Present—Bros C. J. Fox W.M., Mitchell S.W., Watkins J.W., Sparrow Secretary, Coxon S.D., Watkins I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lester candidate; and then the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Comyns as the candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lloyd for his kindness in presenting the Lodge with pedestals and working tools, and to the W.M. for excellent work done. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

ON Wednesday, the 27th instant, there was an imposing Masonic ceremonial in Bristol, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. A. F. Powell as Provincial Grand Master, in succession to Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who has recently resigned on account of his increased public duties occupying so much of his time as to render it difficult for him to devote the attention to his Masonic duties that he could have wished. Bro. Powell is a very old Mason, having been initiated so far back as 1843, in the Moira Lodge, now known as the Moira Lodge of Honour, No. 326, of which he is the oldest subscribing member. He attained the high rank of W.D.P.G.M. in 1853, acting under the late Bro. Shute, the then R.W.P.G.M., and subsequently the Earl of Limerick, who was installed as Grand Master of the Province of Bristol in 1867. Bro. Powell also holds the high position of P.G.D. of England. From the great respect in which Bro. Powell has been held in the Province of Bristol for so many years, it is scarcely a matter for wonder that his promotion by the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the head of the Order, was very popular throughout the Province, and that the installation ceremony, on Wednesday, should have drawn together probably the largest and most brilliant assemblage of Freemasons that has ever been witnessed among the fraternity in the Province. The Masonic Hall, in Park-street, spacious as it is, was far too limited in size to accommodate the brethren who had expressed their intention to be present, and accordingly it was found necessary to engage the Victoria-rooms, and it was here that the ceremony and the subsequent banquet took place. Of the proceedings of the Especial Provincial Grand Lodge we can only say that they were most impressive, and that they were conducted according to ancient Masonic custom by Brother the Earl of Limerick, assisted by Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke. The newly-installed Grand Master appointed as his Deputy Bro. J. R. Bramble, who is a member of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, and who has for many years filled the office of Provincial Grand Registrar. Bro. Bramble's successor as Prov. Grand Registrar is Bro. W. E. Parry P.M. Jerusalem Lodge, No. 686. In the evening there was a grand banquet, over which the P.G.M. presided. Covers were laid for 150. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons, has been graciously pleased to appoint Bro. Colonel Gough, LL.D., to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, and Colonel Gough has appointed Bro. Colonel Binley to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

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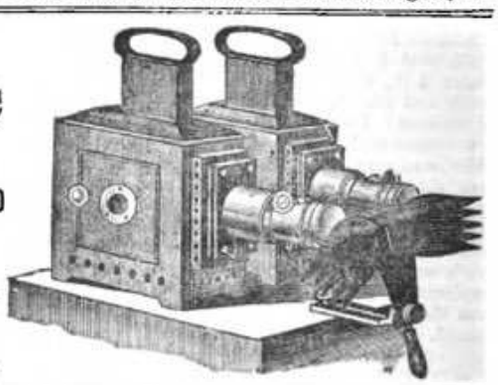
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SATURDAY, 30TH MARCH 1889.

BRO. JACOB NORTON AND HIS "FURTHER COMMENTS" ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

By Bro. H. Sadler.

APART from the admission that Bro. Norton was wrong in accusing Laurence Dermott of being a forger as well as a fool, I see very little in his article of the 9th February that has not appeared in his previous "Comments," and has been dealt with to the best of my ability.

I shall not, therefore, waste my time and occupy valuable space by any further attempts to refute the stale slanders and unfounded assertions which form its distinguishing features. If Bro. Norton derives pleasure from the continual performance of the operation of "kicking a dead man," I should be exceedingly sorry to deprive him of so safe and easy a mode of enjoying himself, although I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that he should not devote his time and undoubted talents to a worthier purpose, and one more in keeping with his natural disposition.

The imputation of being "infatuated with Dermottism, &c.," and that I have worked myself "into a mere partizan of Dermott and Co.," has not up to the time present disturbed my rest in the smallest degree, for, without searching the pages of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," I feel pretty sure there is nothing therein to render such an assertion justifiable. I simply look upon it as one of those fanciful flights of imagination so common to all great geniuses, and especially so to Bro. Jacob Norton, being one of the most characteristic and attractive features of his contributions to Masonic literature.

In reply to the continued animadversions on the adoption by Dermott of the title "Ancient York Masons," I can only repeat that I fail to see why Bro. Norton should be so very angry with Dermott for having utilised this little scrap of Masonic history in the way he did, bearing in mind that, from the days of Anderson down to the present time, we have been taught to believe that we are all descendants of the Masons who held the first Grand Lodge at York in the year 926.

It seems to me that the proper person on whom to vent his spleen would be the father of Masonic historians, Anderson, as he appears to have been the first to promulgate the story. Whether Dermott is deserving of praise or censure for having brought it more prominently before the brotherhood is a mere matter of opinion, and notwithstanding the severity of Bro. Norton's remarks I still think that a certain amount of credit is due to his forethought in this matter. I should be exceedingly reluctant to say that Bro. Norton is a victim to blind partizanship and unreasoning prejudice, but perhaps he can explain how it is that he has not a word of condemnation for Heseltine, Grand Secretary of the "Moderns," the writer of the letter on p 179, wherein he says:—"The Society of Ancient York Masons, under Direction of the G.L., was Transferred many years ago to London." . . . . "Upon the whole, Sir, your Lodge will no doubt discover the total fallacy of Mr. Law. Dermott's account, and that ours is the real Ancient Grand Lodge of York . . . . ." and Preston, their historian, who says: "Under the fictitious sanction of the Ancient York Constitution, which was *entirely dropt at the revival* of the Grand Lodge in 1717 . . ."

Now, to my thinking, Dermott's offence, assuming it to have been an offence, when compared with these palpable falsehoods, is of the mildest description, but the authors of them were the opponents of Dermott, consequently Bro. Norton believes in them; they have "found favour in his sight," although he "disbelieves anything and everything that was written by Dermott." He will not even accept the explanation given in "Ahiman Rezon," probably in reply to some Jacob Norton of the 18th century.

"They are called York Masons, because the first Grand Lodge in England was congregated at York, A.D. 926."

If Bro. Norton will do me the honour of reading my last reply to his "Comments" he will find that I fully discussed several of the subjects presented in the latter portion of the article now before me, including the question of Dermott's having joined a "modern" Lodge, which he says I have never disproved or denied.

I cannot, however, pass over, without an appearance of disrespect, which I am far from feeling, the paragraph which contains the opinion of my redoubtable opponent on the "seventy worthies immortalized by the pen of John Morgan in 1751." I make 78 of them, but a few more or less is not a matter of importance, since Brother Norton believes "that every one of them were initiated in regular chartered Lodges, either in England, Ireland, or elsewhere." I am inclined to think this *belief* will not be shared by many of the readers of the Chronicle, in the face of the following declaration, copied from Morgan's Register, and printed on pp 76-77 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," with the names of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of seven Lodges who were present at the time it was written:

"And whereas several of the Lodges have congregated and made Masons without any Warrant (not with a desire of Acting wrong, but thro: the Necessity above mention'd), in order to Rectify such irregular proceedings (as far as in our power) it is hereby Order'd That the Grand Secretary shall write Warrants (on Parchment) for the Unwarranted Lodges, viz., The Lodges known by the Title of No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and that all the said Warrants shall bear date July the Seventeeth One thousand Seven hundred fifty and One being the day on which the said Lodges met (at the Turk's head Tavern, in Greek-street, Soho), to revive the Ancient Craft."

That some of these original members were initiated in regular Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ireland is evinced by the Records, but that fact does not in my opinion warrant their being branded as "rebels," "schismatics," and "seceders" from the Grand Lodge of England, although according to the peculiar mode of reasoning adopted by Bro. Norton and certain other of my critics they fully deserved these titles.

The choice collection of contemptuous epithets which my opponent so lavishly and indiscrimately hurls at his Masonic ancestors forcibly reminds me of an old saying, "It is an ill bird that befouls its own nest." I should have thought that respect, if not affection, for his "own dear mother Lodge" would have induced him to use milder and more appropriate language when referring to the body from which it emanated than "riff-raff," "scum," "charlatans," "scalawags," and "perjurers."

It is an infallible sign of the weakness of a cause when its defender substitutes abuse for argument, and of this weakness Bro. Norton has given abundant evidence in the whole of his series of "Comments" in opposition to the theory of "no-secession," but as yet he has not offered a scrap of evidence to disprove or even disturb that theory.

It is not for me to dictate to him any particular mode of discussing this question, yet, as an expression of opinion only, I think he might well have been content with the true description given by me of the organizers of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, viz., that they consisted chiefly of Irish mechanics and labourers, neither better nor worse than the same class in the present day. This in my opinion accounts at once for the absence of stability with regard to their *five* original Lodges which seems to puzzle him considerably, and for which he can find no better explanation than the "ignorance of their members." The absurdity of Bro. Norton's concluding paragraphs is on a par with the cool assurance of his extraordinary proposals. For my own part I am inclined to think that my old friend is indulging in a little pleasantry at my expense. Should I, however, be mistaken, and he is really serious, I will tell him that so far as I am personally concerned, he may at once abandon all hope that I shall accede to his preposterous recommendation unless something of a more reliable and tangible character than his "belief" can be adduced in support of it; and as for the Masons of "Ancient" descent, I have no doubt they are well able to take care of their own interests, quite as capable indeed as were their forefathers in 1813. Still, as Brother Norton appears to feel strongly on this matter I would suggest that he tries the effect of his new doctrine on his "own dear mother Lodge," which is about to celebrate its Centenary. I make no doubt that he would have a hearty welcome, and that his proposal would receive all the consideration its importance and originality merits.

I come now to Bro. Norton's article of 9th of March,

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and I trust he will pardon me if I do not give as much attention to each paragraph as he may think it deserves; the fact is I am now closely occupied with other matters, which cannot well be deferred.

I have first to thank him most sincerely for his endeavours to clear away the dust with which he says I have unintentionally bespattered the eyes of my readers. I was not aware that I had done anything of the kind, having heard no complaints of that nature on this side of the Atlantic, where I may fairly assume that a great majority of the readers of the CHRONICLE are to be found. If, however, I have been so unfortunate, I can only say that I am exceedingly sorry for it, and I hope that the efforts of Bro. Norton have been completely successful. My explanation of the sentence quoted by Bro. Norton from p 130 of "Facts and Fictions" is, that it formed a portion of my remarks on the Grand Lodge *Seals* of the "Ancients," their Warrants being mentioned elsewhere, and that is why the words "*complete* Warrant" were used. If Bro. Norton considers a Warrant *complete* without the Grand Lodge seal, I have only to say that I do not. I am therefore under the necessity of reminding him that by omitting the word "complete" he did *not* repeat what I had printed: his words being, "Bro. Sadler, however, never saw a Warrant of the Ancients older than 1772," whereas in another part of the book I had stated that I had two older ones before me, viz., one of 1757 and the other of 1759.

I beg to apologise to Brother Norton for having misunderstood his reference to the Nova Scotian documents, which I have never seen, and he has not at hand to refer to. I have looked over his "Comments" again, and I imagine I must have been misled by the following sentence: "Both documents are headed with 'Blesinton,' but neither of them are signed by the Grand Master, but by 'Lau. Dermott, G. Sec.' The question therefore is, did Lord Blessington ever sign a Warrant at all?" Now, as the foregoing is a portion of the lengthy accusation against Dermott of having forged the signature of the Grand Master, I think Bro. Norton will admit that my mistake was not an unnatural one. However, I accept with pleasure his disclaimer that he did not accuse Dermott of having committed forgeries for "exportation," but merely for "home consumption." Notwithstanding Bro. Norton's recent explanation, I must confess to being still somewhat hazy with regard to these documents, which he says, "are headed 'Blesinton' and yet not signed by that nobleman but by Dermott, and I think it not at all unlikely that if I could but get a sight of them I should come to the conclusion that they bear the actual signature of the Grand Master as well as that of the Grand Secretary.

I am delighted to find that there is at last a prospect of a change of employment for me, and that instead of defending the Ancients from the abuse which has been so freely showered upon them I have now before me the much more congenial task of defending my own writings.

I have first to thank Bro. Norton for taking the trouble to point out the "mistakes in 'Facts and Fictions'"; it is what I have asked several of my friends to do, for however careful one may be, errors *will* occasionally creep in, but up to now I have had to make very few corrections. Various kinds of mistakes are to be met with in literary productions. There is the writer's mistake, the printer's mistake, and occasionally a mistake is made by the reader, but as a matter of course this rarely happens. It seems to me, however, that the "mistakes" to which Bro. Norton directs attention will be more easily found in his own fertile imagination than in the book he fancies he is criticising. For instance, I should like to know on what page he finds the first mistake, "Bro. Sadler claims that the Installation ceremony with word, grip, &c., was designed by Anderson, to be repeated after every election of a new Master for an old Lodge." To the best of my knowledge I have not made any such claim. I certainly did not mention "grip, word, &c.," nor did I state that the ceremony "was designed by Anderson." What I *did* say will be found on page 196, and is as follows:—

"If in addition to the foregoing we take into account the abolition of the ceremony of Installation (also enjoined and partly described in the Constitutions of 1723), and the important alterations made in the other ceremonies, I think we must admit, that after the year last mentioned the adherents of the regular Grand Lodge had done much to merit the distinctive title of 'Modern Masons,' the justice of which they tacitly acknowledged, as the records of the Lodge of Promulgation testify. Whereas the rival body having kept alive and continued to observe so many of the old customs of the Order, had a stronger title to the appellation of 'Ancients' than has generally been accorded them."

Having gone very fairly and fully into this question of the installation ceremony in my previous replies to Brother Norton, I have too much regard for the patience of the readers of the CHRONICLE, to traverse the same ground again now, I shall therefore content myself with an appeal to their judgment, whether what Bro. Norton *believes*, what he feels *satisfied of*, what he has *no doubt of*, and what he considers he is *justified in inferring*, ought to be received as *evidence* of a mistake on my part?

(To be continued.)

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER LODGE.

PREVIOUS to the anniversary meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge of Mark Master Masons at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Tuesday the 16th inst., a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was consecrated, under the name of Henniker Lodge. A Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge was opened, Bro. B. R. Bryant acting as Commander N., Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M.M. as S., and Robt. Berridge G.D. of C. P.G.M.O. as J. The other Ark Mariners present were:—Bros. the Lord Henniker P.G.M. Eng. P.G.M. East Anglia, the Earl of Caithness, C. F. Matier P.G.W., N. Tracey and the Rev. R. O. Davies, B.D., D.C.L. After the opening of the Lodge the following brethren were elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners:—Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson P.G.C. 70, Harris Hills 154, Major W. Dods 317, Hugh W. H. Elwes 317, C. A. B. Bignold, Geo. Abbott 70, A. J. Grimwade 70, J. A. James Peck 70, J. C. Norman 70, J. R. Geard 70, Fred C. Atkinson 70, and Geo. Gould 70. The ceremony of the consecration of the new Lodge was then proceeded with. Bro. C. F. Matier was the consecrating N., the chairs of S. and J. being filled respectively by Bros. the Earl of Caithness and the Rev. R. Peck, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn acting as Chaplain, and Bro. R. Berridge as Director of Ceremonies. The petition and warrant having been read, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn delivered an oration on the principles of Ark Masonry. He said the traditional history of Ark Masonry, which the brethren had heard in the ceremony just being concluded, showed it was derived from the traditional history of the great patriarch Noah, who with his sons Shem, Ham, and Japhet, were saved in the ark from the deluge which overwhelmed the rest of the world. Bro. Martyn pointed out the way in which the degree emphasized the virtues of moderation, temperance, brotherly love, and charity, and said if they endeavoured to carry out those virtues in their daily lives they would do something towards realising that grand ideal which ought to be the desire and ambition of all of them. He prayed that the Grand Commander of the Universe might bless them in their meetings there, and that the principles upon which the Order was founded would be transmitted through the Henniker Lodge from generation to generation. The impressive consecration ceremony was then proceeded with. The dedication prayer was read by the Chaplain, and the Invocation by the Consecrating N. The Presiding Officer and Grand Officers then formed a procession, and made a circuit of the Lodge, bearing corn, wine, oil, and salt. These were respectively sprinkled upon the Lodge board, and their signification explained by the Presiding Officer. At the conclusion of the ceremony, in accordance with the prayer of the petition, Bro. Lord Henniker was installed as the First Commander N. Lord Henniker, in taking his seat, thanked the founders of the Lodge for placing him in the honourable position of first Commander N. He was always very glad, as an old Suffolk Mason, to have a fresh link between himself and the brethren living in the province over which he presided, and particularly to have a fresh link connecting him with any Lodge situate in Ipswich. He was very grateful to them, and he was sure the brethren would join with him in thanking the two brethren who had come down from Grand Lodge to help them in the consecration, Bros. Matier and Berridge. It had been his good fortune to work with them for a good many years in the Mark Degree, and he did not know two more valuable brethren. He also thanked Bro. Bryant for the admirable manner in which he presided over the Lodge and elevated the newly-elected brethren. In conclusion, Lord Henniker expressed the hope that Henniker Lodge of Ark Mariners would prosper to the same degree as the other Lodges in the Province. The officers of the Lodge were installed, as follow:—Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn J., N. Tracy S., the Rev. R. N. Sanderson S.D., the Rev. R. Peck J.D., A. J. Grimwade Scribe, H. W. H. Elwes D. of C., J. C. Norman Steward, the Rev. R. O. Davies Org., G. Abbott Guardian. The Ark Mariners Lodge was then closed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday afternoon, 22nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, under the presidency of Companion J. H. Sillito, of Manchester, Provincial Second Grand Principal, who officiated in the unavoidable absence of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Grand Superintendent. There were about 100 Companions present, including Comp. Henry Smith, of Wakefield, Prov. G.S.E. West Yorkshire. The minutes of the last regular meeting, held in Blackburn in March last, were read and confirmed. The roll of Chapters was called over, and only two of the Chapters comprised in the Province were found to be unrepresented. The report of the Provincial Principal was read and adopted, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts, certified as correct by the auditors, were found satisfactory and unanimously adopted. Comp. William Duncan, M.D., Z. 221, Bolton, was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following Officers were invested:—

J. H. Sillitoe	Prov. 2nd Principal
A. Clegg	3rd Principal
John Chadwick	Scribe E.
E. G. Harwood	Scribe N.
W. S. Barlow	P.S.
John Booth	1st Assist. Sojourner
John Kenyon	2nd Assist. Sojourner
W. V. Stallon	Registrar
N. Dumville	Sword Bearer
Thomas Schofield	Standard Bearer
C. D. Cheetham	Director of Ceremonies
G. V. Blaikie	Assistant D.C.
W. Lamb	Organist
James Newton	Scribe E.
Thomas Higson	Janitor
C. Crabtree, E. Williams	Auditors

On the proposition of Comp. E. G. Harwood, Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, the sum of £10 was granted to that Institution. The business having been concluded, the Chapter was closed, and a banquet followed at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, acting Grand Superintendent. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a glee party (Messrs. Barnes, Green, Binns, and Walls) in attendance, under the direction of Mr. Wm. Greenhalgh, organist and choirmaster St. Anne's Church, Tarton, rendered selections during the proceedings.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. M.E.Z. and Preceptor, Murché H., Benedetti J., Stone S.E., Oldfield S.N., C. H. Stone P.S., Addington, Wilson, Briant, Neeld, Wicks, Martin, Davis and G. L. Moore. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Murché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Benedetti for his able work as J., for the first time. The annual supper will take place on 5th April, with Comp. Hilton in the chair.

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LOYAL BRUNSWICK PRECEPTORY.

A CONVOCATION was held on the 21st instant, in the Masonic Chapter-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. Frater F. R. Tomes P.P.G.A. was elected a joining member. Comps. A. J. Verdi and J. Leonard were installed Fraters of the Order and admitted members of the Preceptory. The E. Preceptor-elect S.K., D. Cross P.D.C. 18 degree was installed. The Officer was Very Eminent S.K. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st degree Provincial Prior of Devon. The Officers invested were Fraters S.K. J. H. Keats P.W. of R. P.E.P., J. Du Pre Constable, F. Crouch Marshal, Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, J. H. Keats Treasurer, F. R. Thomas Registrar, J. R. Wilson Sub-Marshal P.G.T., G. Dunsterville P.A.D.C. Captain of Guard, J. Leonard Standard Bearer, A. J. Verdi Standard Bearer, J. Gidley Equerry. The annual refection was held in the evening at the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Club, Plymouth. E. Preceptor D. Cross presided. After the refection a very pleasant evening was passed. Between the toasts the V.E. the Provincial Grand Prior the Rev. T. W. Lemon availed himself of an opportunity to give the Fraters a very interesting account of the history of the Order from the date of its foundation in A.D. 1118. From that date to the present, he said, it had continued to exist. It suffered in A.D. 1313 great persecutions from Philip the Fair of France and Pope Clement the Vth., also the martyrdom of the then Grand Master Jacques de Molai, on 11th March of that year. Those events had occasioned great changes in the relations of the Order in many countries to the outer world. But it had maintained an unbroken history to the present day. Although the machinations of the King of France and the Pope then occasioned an apparent suppression of the Order, Jacques de Molai before his death appointed his successor, and an unbroken line of Grand Masters had existed ever since.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—At a visit recently paid to this theatre we were glad to find "Faust up to Date" going strong, and proving as attractive as ever. This doubtless may be explained by everything being "up to Date," new jokes, songs, and skits on the topics now before the public being brought in during the evening. Among the new songs we may mention one by Miss Violet Cameron, who, as Faust, scores well. "The Widow," in place of "Enniscorthy," is now sung by that great favourite E. J. Lonnen, who has worked the business of Mephistopheles up wonderfully. On the occasion of our visit Miss Florence St. John was indisposed, but an able substitute was found in Miss Grace Pedley. This young lady, who is of prepossessing appearance, acted with spirit, while her singing of the songs allotted Marguerite were much admired, and in several instances redemanded. The dance by a quartette of ladies is still a great attraction. Miss Fanny Robina scores well as Siebel, while Miss Marie Jones has added several little touches to her part. Messrs. George Stone, Harry Parker, and E. H. Haslem lend valuable aid, the "business" of the former being especially good.

Mr. Griffith's matinée will take place at the Shaftesbury, on the 4th April, when a new play, by Malcolm Watson, called "Calumny," in which Miss Wallis (Mrs. Lancaster), Miss Robertha Erskine, Miss Dairolles (by permission of Messrs. Gatti); Messrs. Elwood, Fred Terry, Matthew Brodie, Frank Farren, Aylmer, and William Farren have kindly consented to appear. The piece will be produced under the direction of M. Marius. Mr. Charles Collette, Mr. Sidney Brough (by permission of John Hare, Esq.), and Miss Mary Collette will also appear in a new comedietta.

The programme for Mr. E. J. Lonnen's Benefit at the Gaiety is now out, and amongst other attractions we may mention the re-appearance of Mr. Edward Terry, as Rob Roy, in Burnand's Burlesque "Robbing Roy"—the first act of the successful burlesque "Esmeralda," with the Beneficiare as "Claude Frollo," Messrs. Geo. and Fred Walton in the duel scene from G. R. Sims burlesque the "Of-Course-akin-Brothers," the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, and the following ladies and gentlemen, who will appear by permission of their respective managers:—Mesdames Kate Vaughan, Florence St. John, Violet Cameron, Madeline Shirley, Grace Pedley, Grace Woodward, Messrs. Arthur Roberts, Herbert Standing, Lawrence Kellie, James Fernandez, Mons. Marius, Chas. Collette, George Giddens, Charles Godfrey, Harry Parker, Alec Marsh, Chas. Coborn, J. Tapley, J. J. Dallas, Chas. Bertram, A. Chevalier, S. Caffrey, E. D. Ward, Dudley Causton, Alfred Moore, Walter Joyce, &c. &c. The musical conductors will be Herr Meyer Lutz, Walter Pallant and John Crook, while the stage management will be under the direction of Charles Harris, Frank Parker, and Robert Soutar.

The new opera, by Messrs. B. C. Stephenson and Alfred Cellier, which will be produced at the Lyric, on Saturday, 20th April, has been named "Doris."

At the Princess's in consequence of the success of Mr. Wilson Barrett's domestic drama "Now-a-Days," it was put in the evening bill on Monday, the 25th inst., and in future will be played every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. "Good Old Times" will occupy the bill on every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. There will also be matinées each week of "Now-a-Days" on Wednesdays, and of "Good Old Times" on Saturday afternoons.

Several of the personal friends of Brother George Moy, who had gained their good opinion while conducting the destinies of the business with which he was associated at Ye Olde White Harte, 191 Drury Lane, and later on at the Shirland Hotel, Maida Vale, assembled at the Old King's Head, corner of Euston Road and Hampstead Road, on Tuesday last, to wish him success in this his latest venture. Bro. Moy succeeds Bro. Spurgin as proprietor of this vast establishment, and carries with him the best wishes of a troupe of friends, who recognise in him a man of undaunted perseverance and strict integrity. Amongst those present we may mention Messrs. Buer (of the Horse Shoe Hotel), Wyer (Messrs. Clayton Brothers), Bros. J. W. Warner, J. W. Smith, W. M. Stiles, W. A. Scurrah, J. Powdrell, R. Ross, James G. Smith, H. Dickey, Jervis, A. Rowland, H. Sillis, Walden (of the Moorgate Saloon), W. H. Barling W.M. 1744, J. Littlejohn, A. H. Scurrah, W. W. Morgan, E. Davis, &c. We endorse the many good wishes tendered on this occasion, and add a fervent expression of hope that this new venture will result satisfactorily to Bro. Moy.

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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 MARCH.

178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 1st APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
88—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, [illegible] 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.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1635—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2096—Harleseden' National School, Harlesden
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
183—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
348—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
462—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
627—St. Cuthbert's, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1042—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—Roderick, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
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.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
16—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Lunatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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, 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)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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 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 Instruction, 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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1539—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
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
36—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
453—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
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
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—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1635—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
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. 800—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 845—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
226—United Strength, the Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 4. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1288—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 616 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, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1694—Londesborough, Berners Arms, Jond Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1697—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1822—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1865—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, Leicester Square
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. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
R.A. 1569—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Unity, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Patriot, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Brighton
320—Morra, 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, Doncaster
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton

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829—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
872—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
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanage
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1312—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.
1630—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1693—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1843—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2043—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 23 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 4th APRIL.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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.
486—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
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)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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.)
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. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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)
1980—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
125—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
288—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.
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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, Bulling-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Scalybridge
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
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504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
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1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
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R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 5th APRIL.

Festival of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
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).
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)
884—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
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1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
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1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
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R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 6th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
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1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
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1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
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R.A.—Sims, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IT seems strange to us, as it will no doubt appear to most supporters of the Masonic Charities, to have to consider the half-yearly election of the Boys' School before that of the sister Institution, but the alteration in the rules which was inaugurated last year places the two contests in that order, and accordingly we shall first proceed to review the several candidates on the list for the Boys' School, the election for which will take place on Friday, the 26th instant.

The ballot paper contains the names of seventy-two approved candidates, for whom there are at present but seventeen vacancies, so that it will only be possible for about one in four of the eligible to be admitted at the coming contest, which, in consequence, may be expected to be particularly severe.

Of the whole number eleven boys now make the final application which the laws of the Institution allow, their respective ages being such that if they do not secure a place at this month's contest they will not be eligible again to compete. Of these, No. 2, Edgar Holmes Burgess, now applies for the sixth time, bringing forward 988 votes from the several contests in which he has already taken part. He is one of three children left to the care of their widowed mother. The father was a member of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Durham, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, in 1885. Bearing in mind that at the last election, when twenty-four lads were admitted, the lowest among the successful candidates polled 2032 votes, it will be evident that the friends of this candidate will have to make a supreme effort during the present month or the large number of votes already polled on the lad's behalf will be wasted. We sincerely hope it may be possible to secure the election. No. 3, Clement Siggers, has already competed on four occasions, and has secured 414 votes as the result thereof. He is one of seven children, whose father, a member of the United Lodge, No. 697, Essex, died in 1886. Here also we should like to see a successful issue, and we are convinced this will be the result if the brethren of the father's Province can by any means secure the necessary votes; they are well known for their system of organization, and will have an opportunity of testing their powers at the coming contest. No. 4, Martin Roddwell Bostock, also appeals now for the fifth time, but brings forward only 18 votes. His father is living, and there are five children dependent. The case is accredited to the Friendship Lodge, No. 100, Norfolk. No. 9, Harry Lawrence, has been more successful; he now appeals for the fourth time, and brings forward 1677 votes. He is one of seven fatherless children, left by an old member of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London. The father rose to the dignity of Senior Warden in his Lodge, and we think there is every prospect that his lad will be found among the successful when the result of the poll comes to be announced. The Neptune Lodge has too good a reputation to allow of the family of one of its most respected members suffering if any action on the part of the Lodge could prevent it. No. 11, Samuel Carr, is another lad who has taken part in three previous contests, and he brings forward 1160 votes as the outcome thereof. His father was a Past Master of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London, and there are three of his children now dependent on his widow. No. 16, Percy Howard Wells, has a sister in the Girls' School. The lad has already competed twice, and his friends have polled 473 votes on his behalf. There are six children yet dependent on the mother, the widow of a member of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, London. The case is deserving of special consideration, from the fact that the father qualified during his lifetime as a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Girls'. No. 18, Frederick George Hart, secured but 55 votes at the two contests he has taken part in. He is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, Jamaica, subsequently joining Adams Lodge, No. 158, Kent, and Cecil, No. 449, Herts, so that his family have a wide area from whence to seek support at the present time. We hope their friends will prove equal to the call now made upon them. No. 24, Edward Dunthorne Hodgkinson, is another third application case, and comes forward with 336 votes to his credit. Both parents are living, and there are two children dependent on them. The father was initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, London, and he is credited with having supported all three of the Masonic Charities, either by Stewardship or subscription. No. 38, Lewis Morris Nicholl, was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 790 votes were polled on his behalf. He is one of seven children left parentless. The father, who was a member of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, Western Division of South Wales, died in 1881. The case is in the hands of a zealous and sympathetic Province, and we feel convinced that every possible effort will be made by the brethren of the district to secure the lad's success—we hope good fortune awaits him and his friends. No. 47, Norwood Denton, and No. 62, William Percy Court, are first application cases. The former lad is one of seven children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was initiated in St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, West Yorkshire, and subscribed thereto for upwards of 25 years, until his death in 1887. The lad Court is one of four parentless children, the father of whom was initiated in the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, London; he subscribed thereto for eleven years, and qualified as a Life Governor of the Girls' School. We have now completed our reference to the last application cases—unfortunately the list is a formidable one,

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and in face of the comparatively small number of vacancies it is too much to hope they can all be successful. We only hope that each of them will obtain the full amount of support it is possible for their friends to secure, and that the most deserving among them will be received into the Institution.

There are four candidates, in addition to the two already referred to, who have each lost both parents, and, as usual, we accord to each a few words of special reference, deeming them particularly deserving of any support it is in the power of our readers to bestow. No. 21, John Herault de Caen, is one of a family of three parentless children. This lad has taken part in the last two elections, and comes forward at the present time with 664 votes to his credit. His father was a member of the Royal Alfred Loge, No. 877, Jersey, who subsequently joined St. John's Lodge, No. 454, Ceylon, and rose to the dignity of a Past Master in the Craft. No. 23, Ernest Edward Whale, is one of four now dependent on their friends. He also has taken part in the last two elections, and has 18 votes to his credit. The father was initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Hampshire, and had passed the chair thereof. No. 55, Frederick Eden Walter Cooper, is one of four children left by an old member of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London, while No. 63, William Joseph Williams, is one of five similarly circumstanced, whose father was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Gloucestershire, and who rose to the dignity of Junior Warden. Both of these last mentioned lads now make their first application; we sincerely trust they will receive such sympathy and actual assistance as will ultimately secure for them that home in the Institution which they seek.

We do not purpose to deal specially with any of the remaining cases, although there are many to which we should like to refer, but by making exceptions we run the risk of offending the friends of those not mentioned, and this, as our readers are aware, is very far from our desire; besides this, it is so difficult to say which is the most deserving among so many who are one and all recognised as being worthy of all the help that can be given them.

We feel sure, as we have said above, that the coming contest will be a severe one, nothing but a high number of votes will render a case secure, and as, unfortunately, it is not possible for the friends of every candidate to secure the requisite number, even where it possible to admit them all if they did, there is nothing but disappointment in store for a large number. We hope that all or nearly all of those unsuccessful at the coming election will be enabled to try their luck at a future one, and that in due course they may secure the coveted benefits.

FREE MASONRY.

IN the olden times the word Freemason was written Free-Mason or Free Mason. The modern merger of the two words into one has tended to obscure the meaning of the term to some minds. Every Mason is *free*, and every candidate for Masonry must be *free*. Free, in its varied Masonic connections, is a term of wide significance. In the United States the candidate must have been free born, although in England, in consequence of a departure from the ancient Landmark, it is now sufficient that he be a free man. He must approach the Craft of his own free will, and not through the persuasion of friends, since Freemasonry is not in any degree a proselyting organisation. When he is made, he is then a *Free*mason. What is the purport of "free," in this connection? Authorities are not concurrent. One explanation is, that thereby, in mediæval times, he became free of the Craft Guild; another is, that he was in operative Masonry a worker in freestone; and a third, that he is a Brother Mason—from the Norman French, "*Frere Maçon.*" All of these, as reasons, are justified by facts, but as to which of the three was the operative cause for the name, may not be dogmatically asserted.

In the present article we do not desire to justify or emphasize any of the above reasons, but rather to invite attention to the fact that our Craft, while it exacts freedom as a qualification in all applicants for initiation into Masonry, also in a remarkable degree respects and acknowledges *their* freedom, and accords them the right freely to choose the Masonic Lodge with which they would connect themselves. We the more willingly refer to this subject, because it has been sometimes mistakenly asserted that Freemasonry is a stern master, and will not permit any candidate for Masonry to apply for initiation and membership to any other than the *local* Lodge, within whose jurisdiction he chances to reside.

Unless the Constitutions of a Grand Lodge prohibit it, a *profane* living anywhere is free to seek initiation in a Lodge anywhere else. For example, an applicant for Freemasonry living in Philadelphia may petition for initiation in a Lodge working in Pittsburgh—both being within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; or, an applicant living in Scranton, Pa., may petition for initiation in a Lodge working in Elmira, N.Y., or in Trendon, N.J., or the reverse. These are striking examples of the freedom accorded applicants by Freemasonry itself, and they are occurring constantly in practice, and are freely acknowledged by the jurisdictions named, as well as by many others.

There are a variety of reasons which may fairly actuate a *profane* to seek initiation and membership in a Lodge distant from his place of residence. For example: his Father or other relative, or friends, may belong to the distant Lodge, or he may be a traveller, and more frequently in the vicinity of the Lodge he petitions than of the one nearest his place of residence. In any event his *right* to petition the distant Lodge is absolute, his freedom is unabridged.

Now, supposing such an application as the above to be made, the course of procedure is as follows: The Lodge applied to, if it be in the same Masonic jurisdiction as that in which the applicant lives, inquires of the Lodge nearest his place of residence, whether any *Masonic* objection exists to the action of the inquiring Lodge on said petition. If the Lodge petitioned be out of the Masonic jurisdiction of the applicant, it inquires, through the Grand Secretary, of its own jurisdiction, of the local Lodge, through its Grand Secretary, in a similar manner. In either case, consent is usually and readily given. The only proper question for the Brethren of the local Lodge to consider in any such case is, Is the applicant a good man and true, is he fit, morally, mentally and physically, to be made a Mason, and are his motives worthy in seeking to be made in a distant Lodge? The reason why the Craft requires this inquiry to be made by the Lodge nearest the place of residence of the applicant, is simply because it is only there that he can be properly known. Where a man has lived, and dwells, and has associated, there his fellows have come to know him, and are able to disclose whether he *is*, or is not, upright and of good report.

It will thus be seen that no Lodge absolutely owns its local material; it only has the custody, so to speak, of those living within its boundaries, and the right to make Masons of them, if worthy, itself, upon application, or to report upon their worthiness to a neighbouring or a distant Lodge, when duly inquired of.

*Free*masonry is rightly named: While applicants for participation in its mystery must be *free*, they are at the same time *free* to choose the Masonic body in which they would be initiated. They must be free born before they seek us, they must come of their own free will, they are free to petition any Lodge, anywhere, and when made Masons they are free of the Craft.—*Keystone.*

MASONIC GRUMBLERS.

GRUMBLERS can hardly, of right, be designated by the adjective *Masonic*, for the chronic grumbler is guilty of decidedly un-Masonic conduct. It will not be denied, however, that there is a considerable class included in the ranks of the Fraternity, who in common speech may be spoken of as "Masonic Grumblers." They are faultfinders in and out of season. They have the gift of caustic speech and use it unsparingly. Domestic life is

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embittered by the habit of scolding, which some member of the household has acquired, and which is indulged in on the slightest provocation. There are homes over which a shadow almost constantly rests because members of the family circle are constantly accusing each other of faults and shortcomings—criticising each other for defects of one sort and another in character and conduct. We do not need to say how dreary and sad a home may become, when these grumblers at the conditions which prevail, the food, the surroundings, the allotments of work, &c., get in almost continuously their small shot of sarcasm, innuendo and complaint, while they scold about each other—the absent if not those present—and so augment the general discomfort. How sharp the contrast between the homes thus affected and other households where love rules and courtesy is the general manifestation! The chronic grumbler and the severe critic find no place at the table or fireside of such an abode. The members are all generous, forbearing, and kindly in thought, purpose, and word, one to another, and the atmosphere is always bright and cheerful. Blessed is such a home—and blessed are they who contribute by their amiability, their patience, and their good sense, to establish it in the right conditions. Oliver Wendell Holmes says:

"Many years ago, in walking among the graves at Mt. Auburn, I came upon a plain, upright white marble slab, which bore an epitaph of only four words, but to my mind they meant more than any of the laboured inscriptions on the surrounding monuments: 'She was so pleasant.' this was all, and it was enough. That one note revealed the music of a life of which I knew and asked nothing more."

The Masonic Lodge, or other Craft organisation, includes a family among whom the pleasantest relations should exist.

Harmony is the end and aim to be secured. Social companionship, good fellowship, the varied ministries of affection and mutual helpfulness, all these are conducive to the desired result. But what an obstruction is presented by the presence and words of even a single member, who has taken on the habit of grumbling about the organisation, indulging in harsh criticism about means and measures, and finding fault generally with what is done or attempted! How disagreeable the scolding brother makes himself! It may be needful sometimes to show up faults of management, and faults of brethren, and to indicate the weaknesses and defects of a system in course of procedure; but to be all the time doing this sort of work is to make one offensive to his fellows and reduce his influence to the minimum.

In the many years of Masonic fellowship with which we have been favoured, we have found brethren greatly respected and loved who deserve to be remembered for being "so pleasant." They were always casting "oil upon the troubled waters;" they were kindly, genial, forbearing, helpful brethren, of whom we had much rather think, than of that other class, "whose teeth are as spears and whose tongues are as swords." not every one is so constituted as to be a model of amiability; but each man may learn how to curb the perversity of his lower nature, may cultivate sympathy and good will, and greatly restrict himself in the expression of harsh judgments and unnecessary fault-finding. The Mason must do this if obedient to the precepts and spirit of the institution into which he was entered.—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE EMPEROR-FREEMASONS.

THE Grand Master of Louisiana, in his recent annual address to Grand Lodge, paid the following Masonic tribute of respect to the memories of the Emperors William I. and Frederick III., of Germany.

I cannot close this review without referring to the death of two illustrious men and Masons on the other side of the Atlantic, great figures in the history of the world, the successive Emperors of Germany—William I. and his son Frederick III.: not because they were Emperors, but because, as such, they had the *humanity* to be true and faithful Freemasons. They died so soon after each other, that, in general terms, I may say, nearly a year has elapsed since their death. The world has judged them; history will assign to each his appropriate place; but what concerns us most, and is most, gratifying to us is, that their deeds and utterances prove that because they were Masons they were better men and greater rulers. It is well known that William I. was originally of most arbitrary and despotic, if not cruel, temperament. His accession to the throne was viewed with trepidation and alarm. History knows how just and humane a monarch he became. He clung, indeed, to the belief in his "divine" right, but he used it not in arrogance, in defiance of his people, but in submission, as a trust confided by God for the people's welfare.

It is my belief, easy to prove from the Masonic record, that the principles of Freemasonry and the fraternal intercourse with his brethren softened the rigour of his natural temper and made him generous, sympathetic, and humane.

Frederick III. was every inch a Freemason. The tenets and philosophy of Freemasonry filled every part of his being. In his life, and by his death, he exhibited its grandest virtues, and illustrated its most beautiful lessons. "In sorrow fidelity proves itself, and fidelity is the core of honour," he said, at a Masonic gathering, responding to a toast in honour of the dead.

Frederick received the symbolic degrees in the presence of his royal father, then Grand Protector of the three Grand Lodges of Prussia, who addressed him in the following words:—"Be and remain thou a protector of the Order, then will not only your future welfare be assured, but you will carry with you the noble consciousness of having striven to develop around you the beneficent influences of goodness and truth;" to which the Prince responded: "So long as I live I shall be devoted to the Order, provided that it remains faithful to its fundamental principles."

In 1886, while in Strasburg, Alsace, he closed a lengthy Masonic address at a banquet tendered him by the brethren of Erwin Lodge, of that city, with these (for the heir to the most powerful throne in Europe) certainly remarkable words:—"Two principles, however, above all others, distinguish the field of Masonic work—freedom of conscience and toleration. To these let us cling with all our might. That in these we may become perfect, let us strive for ever! And let us not only praise these virtues, but practise them industriously. If we strive toward these ends, it will be well with us and well with Freemasonry. Herein may the Great Architect of the Universe aid us."

To complete the sketch of the Masonic side of these two great brethren, I must, even at the risk of devoting more time and space than I ought, cite a portion of the response which M.W. Bro. Frederick III, on the 10th April 1888, one month after his father's death, himself afflicted with mortal disease, sent to the three Grand Lodges of Berlin, in answer to their resolutions and address of condolence. Having expressed regret at his inability to be present at the ceremony arranged by the Lodges, he writes:—"As the departed Emperor devoted his soul and all the powers of his mind to every high and noble effort, so in particular the records of our Order show that he cherished toward it an honourable confidence and a warm interest. His demise, mourned by the whole world, was like his life, that of a Christian and a true Freemason, of a hero who has conquered death to enter the eternal light. The deep sorrow which pervades all finds its solace in the vision of that other world where no sun adorns his day and no moon illumines his night, because the Lord, alone, is all his light. I assume the succession to this sublime Protector of Freemasonry, with the pleasing hope that the memory of his greatness and love, bearing rich blessings, may be continued to remotest time by the component members of the chain of our Brotherhood."

I have not gone out of my way to write this to exalt these men, but to show how they considered *themselves* exalted by the principles and practice of Masonry. If the record conveys this lesson, I have, while doing justice to their memory, accomplished a useful purpose. —*Keystone.*

OLD FREEMASONS.

OUR attention as been called to the following letter, which appeared in the *Evening Standard* last week:—

SIR,—Referring to a paragraph in your paper of Thursday, allow me to state that I am now in my 82nd year, and was initiated into Freemasonry early in March 1829; so I have been a Freemason over 60 years, as the books of the Grand Lodge will prove. I was "made," "passed," and "raised" in the Universal Lodge (then 300, but now 212), and continued a member for several years. I also belonged to other lodges at one time.

Yours, &c.,

BENJAMIN BANKS.

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Hounslow, W.

We append particulars of Brother Banks' Masonic "record":—

He was initiated in the Universal Lodge (at that time No. 300), No. 181, in March 1829. Subsequently he became a member of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186. He was a founder of the Beadon Lodge (902), now No. 619; here he served the office of Junior Deacon. Our brother was also for many years a subscribing member of the Polish Lodge and Chapter, No. 534. It may be mentioned that Bro. Banks furnished some interesting Masonic memos to the late Bro. Dr. Crucifix, notably those referring to the late Bro. John Jackson Cuff. Bro. Banks' association with the Freemason's Tavern has extended to near on fifty years.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Debilitated Constitutions.—When climate, age, or hardships, have undermined the health, skin diseases are prone to arise and augment the existing weakness. Holloway's medicaments daily prove most serviceable even under the most untoward circumstances. This well-known and highly-esteemed Ointment possesses the finest balsamic virtues, which soothe and heal without inflaming or irritating the most tender skin or most sensitive sore. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible for curing bad legs, varicose veins, swelled ankles, erysipelas, scaly skin, and every variety of skin disease. Over all these disorders Holloway's remedies exert a quick and favourable action, and, where cure is possible, gradually but certainly arrive at that consummation. They are invaluable in the cure of scrofula and scurvy.

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BRO. JACOB NORTON AND HIS "FURTHER COMMENTS" ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

By Bro. H. Sadler.

(Continued from page 202.)

My second mistake may be placed in the same category as my first, for I cannot find it in the book. However, here is a description of it, so perhaps my readers will be more successful:—

"Second, with regard to the transposition of certain words, *I have reason to believe* that as late as 1742 no change was made by the Grand Lodge of England, *nor do I believe* that the Grand Lodge ever authorised any such change. I have, however, sent some hints to an English brother, which *may prove* that the change originated in France. . . . . ." I will now summarize as briefly as possible what I have said on this subject. In the year 1730 a pamphlet was published by one Prichard, purporting to be an exposure of Masonry, containing the ceremonies, &c. This pamphlet is mentioned in the minutes of the Grand Lodge at the time, and it appears to have occasioned much anger and excitement amongst the members. Certain resolutions were passed, with a view of discountenancing impostors and preventing false brethren from gaining admission to the Lodges.

Another pamphlet of a similar character, but written by a different person, and originally published some time previous to the year 1766 (the copy I have is one of a second edition, and was issued in the last named year), in which the writer states that the then Entered Apprentice's word was formerly the Fellow Craft's until the publication of Prichard's pamphlet, when, "in order to prevent being imposed upon by Cowans or Impostors who might want to gain admittance from his Performance, the Fraternity held a general Council, and the E.A.'s and F.C.'s Words were reversed, and Private Accounts transmitted to each Lodge, tho' there are some unconstituted Lodges who still retain the former custom."

In my opinion this story exactly coincides with the written minutes of Grand Lodge, which the author of the said pamphlet is not likely to have seen, and as there is no apparent motive for the invention of the story, I say it is "reasonable, and therefore not inconsistent with truth." Bro. Norton doubtless considers the written records of Grand Lodge and a printed book, open to the whole world, as of no account whatever, for he does not even mention them; but what has he to offer in opposition to this *evidence?* "I have reason to believe." . . . "nor do I believe," . . . "I have no doubt." . . . &c. Surely he cannot expect the readers of the Chronicle to believe that in the year 1889 he knows more about these matters than one whose acquaintance with Masonry began in 1753, and yet it appears very much like it.

Having fully discussed this question in my article of 22nd December I am not inclined to pursue it further, my only reason for adverting to it again was to correct the "mistake" which my critic tells me I have made; but what is the mistake, and where is it to be found? Give the page, Bro. Norton, if you please.

I have searched most carefully through the remainder of Bro. Norton's article for my third mistake, but, as he has omitted to indicate its locality, I am as much in the dark as I was with regard to the preceding ones. I will, however, take the liberty of correcting one or two little mistakes on his part, notwithstanding that this phase of the subject was, in my opinion, fairly and exhaustively dealt with in my article of 12th January last. Being well aware that "argument seldom convinces any one contrary to his inclination," I shall restrict myself to the task of pointing out, as briefly as possible, the *mistakes* of my corrector.

First, the Resolution of 1724, relating to the admission of visitors, clearly applies to Private Lodges only, and is therefore not applicable to the case of the Irish Masons who desired to be admitted to Grand Lodge in 1735.

Bro. Norton's elaborate explanation seems to me quite superfluous, and not strictly impartial. I prefer the text in its native simplicity. These brethren were refused admission because they were not members of an English Lodge, but they would have been admitted had they consented to "accept of a new Constitution here" (and pay two guineas for it). Consequently the *law* of 1724 had nothing whatever to do with the incident.

It is perfectly well known to Bro. Norton, and to all Masonic students, that the "Deputation" mentioned was a document empowering the holders to meet and work as Masons; in fact only another name for a Constitution, or Warrant.

For these people to carry about with them, in addition to this official document, a written or "Particular recommendation" from their Grand Master, would be, to my thinking, a most extraordinary and unlikely proceeding.

I do *not* say that the Grand Lodge was "Irish-hating," "unjust," "bad," or "heartless." All this must be ascribed to Bro. Norton's exuberance of language and liveliness of imagination. This is what I do say:—

"Now, bearing in mind the fact that the nobleman mentioned had only a few years before (1728-9) presided over their own Grand Lodge with much *éclat*, and had also made them several valuable presents, this proceeding seems as churlish, as it was certainly short-sighted, on the part of the regulars."

Bro. Norton knows perfectly well, no one better, that it is simply impossible for me to produce "*evidence* that either Morgan, Dermott, or any other of the founders of the Ancients' concern in 1757 had ever heard about" the affair of 1735. I might with equal reason challenge him to produce evidence that they had *not* heard of it, but I really cannot at present see how such evidence would affect the question of secession.

I should be glad to know on what page of the book I stated that the Grand Lodge had "changed its ceremonies or ritual for the purpose of *excluding* Irish Masons from joining or visiting English Lodges?" I am under the impression that I attributed these alterations chiefly to the fear of Prichard's pamphlet, and I think if my critic reads again the portion of the book from which he has culled the "truly astonishing" quotation, he will readily perceive that the "particular class" referred to was the "*Society* element," or, as Anderson has it, "the better sort," and that it was social condition, not nationality, that I had in my mind when writing it.

Bro. Norton cannot "see any connection between the riots of the Spitalfields weavers in 1736, on account of the Irish competition with them in their trade, with the doings of the Grand Lodge in 1735, or with the doings of Morgan and Co. in 1751." Doubtless, also, in his sweet simplicity and trustful innocence, he has not the remotest idea that these riots were probably attended by "hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness," and that "No Irish need apply is not unlikely to have been the "shiboleth" of Masons as well as non-Masons in London at that period. Neither can he see anything at all remarkable in the fact of so large a number of the Spitalfields weaving fraternity being on the register of the Ancients fifteen years later. I can only say that his mental blindness elicits my sincere pity, and excites my warmest sympathy. It is a curious coincidence, to say the least of it, and in my opinion this circumstance alone indicates pretty clearly the origin of the so-called "Seceders."

Possibly it may never have occurred to Bro. Norton that to raise the comparatively large sum of two guineas amongst these "poor Irish" to pay for a Warrant or Constitution might have been somewhat difficult in those days, even if they had been inclined to accept one.

As the article of 16th March chiefly consists of a repetition of the "mud-slinging" substitute for argument and evidence previously referred to I am not disposed to spend much time over it, being quite satisfied that the readers of the Chronicle need no help from me to enable them to estimate these "Further Comments" at their proper value. I will, however, remind my opponent that even should he succeed in making everybody believe that the "Ancients" merited the opprobrium which he delights in showering upon them he will be as far off as ever from disproving my facts or discrediting my theory, indeed he will have rendered me some little service by confirming what I have already stated, that they were a totally different and distinct class of people from the general body of the "Moderns," and therefore not likely to have been members of their Lodges.

I am, as a matter of course, highly delighted and much flattered at finding that Bro. Norton has followed the advice given in one of my former papers; he has been studying *Irish;* although, judging from the result, he does not appear to have made much progress. No doubt he will improve if he goes on and gives his mind to it, but at present his knowledge of the subject appears to partake of a somewhat superficial character. I allude to his classification of the names of the members of the first

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five Lodges in Morgan's Register, and without entering upon a critical examination of his premises and conclusions, by means of which he tries to convince us that the English outnumbered the Irish by more than two to one, I shall merely say that I have no faith in his knowledge of Irish names nor in his mode of dealing with the subject. If he refers to pp 124-5-6 of "Facts and Fictions" he will at once observe that I have not lost sight of the importance of this phase of the question, and that I have arrived at a totally different result by a much more reliable test than that adopted by him; for whereas he trusted entirely to his superficial knowledge of Irish names and his own prejudiced imagination, my conclusion is based on an examination of two small Irish Directories, the oldest I could find in the British Museum, with the following result:—

"Having copied the first hundred names in the register, I found no less than seventy-two similar names in the small directories or almanacks before mentioned—and this during a very hurried examination only—amongst the shop-keeping, manufacturing, and artizan classes of Dublin and Belfast, and I have every reason to believe that had the names all been correctly spelt by the Grand Secretary the proportion would have been still greater; also that a corresponding average would be found to exist all through the first register. It will thus be seen that there were good grounds for the 'Ancients' being afterwards denominated '*Irish Masons.*'"

"So much for" Bro. Norton's classification of the names of the founders of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge.

While on this subject I will call Bro. Norton's attention to another little mistake he has doubtless unintentionally made. It is *not* "Bro. Sadler's theory that the origin of the rival Grand Lodge was due to Pat's revenge for an insult given by the Grand Lodge to three Irish Masons in 1735." The incident mentioned no more represents the complete theory than one stone represents a finished building, which he might easily have seen had he read the whole book with unprejudiced eyes, instead of skimming it over as he evidently has done, and picking out a bit here and there to suit his present purpose.

My theory is "that the origin of the rival Grand Lodge was due" not to a secession from the Grand Lodge of England, but to a variety of causes duly noted in "Masonic Facts and Fictions," and I say that the affair of 1735 *probably* had something to do with the formation of Irish Lodges in London, which ultimately led to the organisation of an independent Society, differing in its system of government, laws and customs, from the body from which it has been supposed to have seceded.

Will Bro. Norton be good enough to give his authority for the following? "Again, of these seventy Grand Lodge makers, no less than seventeen, or about 25 per cent., were soon after *expelled.*" This does not quite agree with my reading of the Register, which shows that out of the 78 original members, *three* were "expelled" for unworthy conduct, one was "*excluded* for misbehaviour and not paying his dues," and thirteen were excluded for "non-payment of dues" only, one of whom afterwards "paid his dues and got his certificate." This covers a period ranging from 17th July 1751 to 25th May 1754, so that they could not have been so very bad after all, bearing in mind the number of travelling artizans and labourers amongst them. The Grand Lodge Registers of the present day will show that a great many brethren are excluded every year for "non-payment of dues," but it does not follow that they are all men of bad character.

In thus distorting evidence to suit his own views Bro. Norton evinces plainly his animosity, quite as much so as when he expresses his firm belief that the remaining 53 of the Ancients' originators were not a whit better than those whom they expelled; so far, therefore, from his having proved the worthlessness of the original Ancients of 1751, in my opinion he has only proved, and that most conclusively, his inability to discuss this subject with impartiality and strict justice, according to the evidence adduced.

The remainder of the article under examination does not seem to require much attention from me, especially as it in no wise affects the question Secession; and with regard to the brief existence of most of the earlier Anglo-Irish Lodges, of which Bro. Norton has furnished evidence, I can only say that I quite agree with him on this point, as it materially strengthens my case; I beg therefore to thank him most sincerely for having introduced the subject. Had these Lodges been composed of the same class of people as the generality of the "modern" Lodges were, viz., shopkeepers, tradesmen, and professional men, permanently residing in London, it is probable that they would have had a more durable foundation and a longer existence, but as the Register shows them to have been composed chiefly of people whose social standing was somewhat lower, and whose avocations precluded a lengthened residence in any one place, it is not to be wondered at their first Lodges soon died out.

In Bro. Norton's "Further Comments," of the 9th February, he confesses that he was mistaken in two of his previous aspersions on the character of Laurence Dermott, and he thanks me for having proved that he was wrong.

This is no more than I should have expected from him, and yet it seems but a small reward after having written about twenty-four columns in replying to his attacks. However, I must "be thankful for small mercies," but if I am not in error there are several assertions, besides those he has mentioned, which he has failed to substantiate, and which I have proved to have been mistakes, and as he has probably forgotten them, I think it right to refresh his memory by reminding him that he was wrong in saying,

1. "Bro. Sadler never saw a Warrant of the Ancients older than 1772."

2. That "Dermott was initiated in Dublin in 1746."

3. That I derived my theory not from the records of Grand Lodge, but from something I had "read here and something there."

4. That a certain letter from Ireland was read in Grand Lodge in 1762, whereas it was not read till 1772.

5. That "All the Warrants given by the Ancients during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Blessington have somehow disappeared."

6. The "evidence of Lord Blessington's private installation rests solely on Dermott's testimony."

7. That since the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Montague, the regular Grand Lodge had no difficulty in finding a nobleman who would cheerfully accept the office of Grand Master.

I make no doubt that Bro. Norton will, on reconsideration, readily admit that he was mistaken on these points as well as on the two before mentioned, and should he feel disposed to favour us with a continuation of his "Comments," I shall be extremely obliged if he will give me the benefit of his opinion on certain points referred to in my former replies, more particularly on that of the 12th January, wherein I ask how it is that the brother who was Grand Secretary of the "Moderns" from 1734 to 1756 did not inform his successor, when telling him all he knew on the subject of the rival Society, that they had originally seceded from the regular Grand Lodge. I find there are so many interesting facts in the concluding paragraph of the article mentioned that, in order to save my critic the trouble of hunting it up, I will here reprint it:—

"He says they '*first made their appearance about the year* 1746.'" Do these words indicate secession? I think not. In my opinion their meaning is clear and conclusive, viz., that these people "*made their appearance*" from some other quarter. Heseltine was not the man to have neglected this most effective of weapons had he known, or even thought of, its existence; it was reserved for the more clever but less scrupulous Preston to concoct and propagate this stigma. I have shown that in 1766 a member of the "Ancient" fraternity was described in a Minute Book of the rival Society as an "*Irish York Mason*"—in 1776 the "Ancients" were described by a distinguished Masonic author as "*the Irish Faction*, ye A.M.'s as they call themselves;" in 1786 their Warrants were referred to as "*Irish* Warrants;" in 1793 their Lodges were designated "*Irish*," and in a pamphlet printed in 1806 they are called "*Irishmen*." I will now add that since my book was published I have seen their Lodges mentioned in another pamphlet, printed in 1766, as "*Irish Lodges.*" And these terms have all been applied by different persons, totally unconnected, and uninfluenced by any sinister motive. I shall be very much obliged if Bro. Norton will give me his opinion on the foregoing points. If not troubling him too much, I should also like to know his explanation of the reason of a large majority of the "Ancients" on their first register being Irishmen, and, without going into further details, how he can account for the numerous points of resemblance between the Irish fraternity and the "Ancients" in England to which I have drawn attention. How it was that the customs, ceremonial and otherwise, of the latter were totally different to those of the body from which they are said to have seceded, and how he accounts for the persistent ignoring of the "Moderns" by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland; those bodies having been from the first in close alliance with the *despised* and *so-called* "Schismatics"

In my opinion the foregoing does not bear out Brother Norton's statement that amongst the original "Ancients" in Morgan's Register the English out-numbered the Irish by more than two to one.

We are not inclined to allow a Mason to be deprived of his rights without a hearing and decision of the Lodge; at the same time we think that a by-law, that when a member appears to be in arrears and does not deny that he is, he shall not be allowed to vote, would be a just and beneficial one."—*Voice of Masonry.*

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF UNITY, No. 183.

THIS Lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on Monday, the 25th March. Present:—Bros. E. A. Francis W.M., H. Hooper, R. Corsham, G. P. Britten, G. W. Speth, J. W. Oliver, G. H. Lindsey-Kenton, S. Richardson, G. R. Langley, G. W. Pinnock, F. W. Zimer, A. J. Hirsch, R. P. Angel, W. E. Watson, W. Newbold, G. Pragnell, W. J. Godwin, J. A. Goudge, J. D. E. Tarr, T. C. Tassell, A. Cook, E. Wareham, A. O. Side, W. F. B. Watts, F. W. Mollwraith, and Thos. Heath. Visitors:—J. Dorton and C. R. Higgins of 1076, W. Hopekirk G.P. and J. Kew of 179, F. P. Lister and H. Nilson W.M. of 1293, A. Rolley W.M. 1524, J. Godwin 1343, F. A. Smith W.M., J. H. Hastie and T. Edmonston of 1669, H. Sprake 2192, Raymond Thrupp P.A.G.D.C., H. H. Room Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, N. L. Dalville 1607, W. B. Trick 1366, L. Hirsch 1818, C. J. Orford 1949, W. P. Brown 90, J. Harling 30, P. Saillard and H. G. Cubitt of 2020, J. S. Tavener 1044, W. A. Brown 1567, A. Blenkarn 1558, C. Quilter 51, and P. Phillips 820. The report of the Permanent Committee was read and adopted; Bro. J. S. Goudge was raised. Bro. H. Hooper S.W. was installed as W.M. of the Lodge, and invested and appointed his Officers, as follow:—R. Corsham S.W., J. W. Oliver J.W., G. P. Britten Treasurer, G. W. Speth Secretary, G. H. Lindsey-Renton S.D., F. W. Zimer J.D., J. D. E. Tarr I.G., S. Richardson Director of Ceremonies, G. W. Pinnock and A. O. Side Stewards, G. W. Speth Organist, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Francis, of a Past Master's jewel by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, evoked great enthusiasm, and after the ordinary routine work the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The toasts and speeches were of the usual kind and need no special comment, but the applause with which the W.M. was greeted was remarkable for its warmth and spontaneity, and was, perhaps, even excelled in both these qualities when the health of the I.P.M. was proposed. Harmonious as this Lodge has ever been, it is evident that these two Officers are special favourites. The vocal music provided by the members and visitors was above the average of amateur work, and the evening, from beginning to end, was one of the pleasantest and most successful we have ever spent. One little fact, mentioned by the Secretary, struck us as curious, viz.—that although this old Lodge has been uninterruptedly at work for 120 years, doing its duty staunchly and bravely in every respect, it has never had a Grand Lodge collar conferred upon one of its members. As one of the visitors remarked, this is possibly owing to its great modesty.

CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

A MEETING was held on the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Crook, for the purpose of installing Bro. Edward Milburn S.W. The Lodge was opened by Bro. John Graham, the retiring W.M., and, the ordinary business having been transacted, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, being performed by Bro. Babington Boulton. The newly-installed Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year. A banquet in celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was subsequently held in the Mechanics' Hall, at which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. E. Milburn W.M., in the name of the Officers of the Lodge, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Brother John Graham, the retiring Master.

CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

AT the regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge, which completed its first year's existence on the occasion, at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on the 28th ult., Bro. E. T. Edwards the W.M. presided, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. James Ridley and J. W. Breeze was raised, and Bro. Alfred Haynes was passed. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge Fund as a donation to the Benevolent Fund of this Lodge. Bro. W. B. Marcus S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next twelve months; this brother is the outgoing W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839. Bro. H. Saxelby was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. T. Bowler Tyler. A. P.M.'s jewel of a special and most substantial character was voted to the Worshipful Master for his most valued services as first Worshipful Master. After routine work, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743.—On Monday, the 1st inst, at the Old Cheshire Cheese, Addle-street, E.C., Bros. Mitchell W.M., Martindale S.W., Watkins J.W., Sparrow Sec., Coxon S.D., Broad I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Park candidate. After routine work Lodge was closed.

Star Chapter Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 29th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when there were present Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, V. T. Murché M.E.Z., Wingham H., Neeld P.Z. J., Stone S.E., C. Woods S.N., C. H. Stone P.S., Addington A.S., Eckersall, Latham, Martin and Patrick. Visitor—Comp. Allison. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Eckersall as candidate. Comp. Wingham was elected M.E.Z. for the meeting on the 12th inst., as the popular Preceptor Comp. Hilton P.Z. will preside on the 5th instant at the annual supper.

At the next regular meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Iowa, &c., will deliver a Lecture, entitled "A Glance at Freemasonry during the last Five Centuries." The proceedings will commence at 7 p.m.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Opera Comique.—"The Panel Picture," a new melodrama by Mr. Outram Tristram, is a play of the penny novelette order, and deals with ghosts, sliding panels, secret passages, midnight robbers, and all the mysterious workings of those exciting but somewhat trashy stories. We have also, in addition, the return of a supposed dead husband of the re-married wife, a friendly Jesuit priest, who allows murder to be committed in order to save the honour of an old family, a foppish police Prefect, an English nobleman, accompanied of an Asiatic of Thuggish tendencies, and numerous other personages, all very well in their way but hardly necessary to the slender plot. The main incident is the fear of Countess Sinbert that her son Adrian, a communist, should fall into the hands of her present husband, though this motive is rather weak, as it is hard to understand the antagonism of this gentleman, while in order to assist his escape the Countess is compelled to agree to the robbery of the family jewels. This is about to be carried out by an arist cratic robber named Dumaresq, but is prevented by the Hindoo strangling the intended thief; another of the gang, Marasca, who turns out to be the husband of the Countess, being shot by his son the communist. Eventually Adrian escapes, and the curtain falls on an unfinished story. The scene is an old Brittany castle, picturesquely painted by Mr. Banks from a design of Mr. Herbert Railton's. The play was not unfavourably received on the occasion of our visit, but in its present state cannot hope for a long run, in spite of the admirable acting of the principal personages. Lady Monckton displays great feeling in the character of the Countess, her performance in the third act eliciting considerable applause. Mr. L. Cautley as Dumaresq, Mr. Giradot as the foppish Prefect, Mr. John Beauchamp as the Jesuit, and Mr. N. Gould as Lord Saltash, all work with a will to ensure success; while Miss L. Rooke, Miss Cudmore, Messrs. Grahame, L. Grey, Bateson, and Esmond make the most of their respective characters.

THE EIFFEL TOWER.—One of the chief attractions of the Paris Exhibition will doubtless be the extraordinary iron tower which the ingenuity of M. Eiffel is rearing in the grounds. It is more than twice as high as the Great Pyramid, nearly three times as high as the topmost point of the Invalides in Paris, while, comparing it with buildings in London, we find that after doubling the height of St. Paul's Cathedral, we should have to go 176 feet higher. It seems probable that many people will not care to go to this stupendous height, but on the first platform, which is some thirty feet lower than Notre Dame, there need be no fear of vertigo, while a superb view of Paris will be obtainable. Here on the south west side there will be a commodious restaurant, with a joint, luncheon, and dining room, and English and American bars, which have been placed under the management of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. It should be noted also that this first floor of the Eiffel Tower, which is very spacious, will be covered in, and visitors can ascend to it comfortably for there are four lifts, so that it is likely to be a very popular resort during the Exhibition.

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A very pleasant gathering of members of the Isca Lodge of Freemasons was held at Newport, on Wednesday, 20th ultimo, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Barnett, was presented with a very chaste loving cup to commemorate the birth of his son on the day of his installation as W.M. of the Lodge. In order to mark the occasion, the boy was named Gerald Isca Barnett.

We have pleasure in announcing that the third annual dinner of the "Old Masonians," (ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday next, the 13th inst., when the President, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, and Patron of the Institution, will preside.

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SATURDAY, 6TH APRIL 1889.

THE 1757 NOVA SCOTIA WARRANTS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE Massachusetts Grand Lodge Record of 1740 begins thus:—

"Omitted in place that our Rt. Worshl. Grand Master Mr. Price, Granted a Deputation at Annapolis in Nova Scotia to hold a Lodge there, and appointed Maj. Erasmus Jas. Philipps D.G.M., who has since, at ye Request of Sundry Brethren at Halifax Granted a Coustitution to hold a Lodge there, and appointed the Rt. Worshl. His Excellency Edward Cornwallis, Esq., their first Master."

When I first read the above, in 1869, I had not the slightest idea that Halifax in Nova Scotia did not exist

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before the end of the year 1749, and consequently supposed that Masonry was established both at Annapolis and at Halifax some time before 1740, and I was not the only one that was misled by the "1740. Omitted in place," for, in 1871, Grand Master Gardner, in his oration on Henry Price, ascribed those events to *about* the year 1735. Bro. Gardner's address was extensively read, but no one found fault with it. Guess then Bro. Gardner's surprise when, in 1872, I placed before him Haliburton's History of Novia Scotia, and pointed out that Halifax in Nova Scotia was unknown before 1749. Now Bro. Gardner's address, in 1871, was designed to upset my arguments against the then belief that Price was appointed Grand Master in 1733 over New England, and in 1734 over all North America. In 1873 I surprised Bro. Gardner still further by laying before him a pamphlet, printed at Halifax in 1786, purporting to give a sketch of the origin of Masonry in Nova Scotia, which ascribes to Erasmus Jas. Philips (the name is variously spelled), of Annapolis, in 1750, the introduction of Masonry into Halifax, by virtue of his being *some how* a Deputy Grand Master), of which, however, they were not certain). So after referring to the death of the Prince of Wales, which took place in 1751, the pamphlet goes on to say :—

"At this time our R.W. Bro. Philips probably acted under a deputation, for we find a Grand Warrant dated seven years after this from the R.W. and Hon. William Stuart, Earl of Blessington, Grand Master of England, constituting Erasmus James Philips, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia," &c., &c.

Now, in the first place, it is evident from the above that the Nova Scotia Masons of 1786 had not the remotest idea that Erasmus Jas. Philips had any knowledge of Henry Price. And second, if E. J. Philips had been initiated in Boston, and if he had received a Warrant or a Deputation from a Boston Grand Master, he could readily have obtained all the authority he wanted in 1757, either from Boston or from the Grand Lodge of England, and therefore would never have applied to Dermott for such authority. Now, E. J. Philips was certainly in Annapolis in 1726. The probability is that he was initiated in England in one of the irregular Lodges we read of. At Annapolis he initiated some of his fellow officers, and opened a Lodge the same as a man did in Philadelphia in 1731, and as half a dozen men did in Boston in 1752, and thinking that he could more easily obtain acknowledgment from the Ancients than from the aristocratic Moderns, Bro. Philips therefore applied in 1757 to Dermott. Now, on the 19th July 1750, Gov. Cornwallis and Lord Colvill, the commander of the fleet, were initiated in the Halifax new Lodge. After Lord Colvill left Halifax he was for some months stationed in Boston. 24th October 1750, his Lordship was elected a member of the Boston Lodge: 2nd November following he was raised to the third degree in the Master Masons' Lodge, he also served as Master of the first Lodge, and as Provincial Deputy Grand Master. From Lord Colvill they doubtless learned in Boston about E. Jas. Philips and his Lodges in Nova Scotia, and as Henry Price was ambitious to be regarded as the founder of all the then Lodges in America, for he claimed to have chartered the first Lodge in Philadelphia in 1734, a Lodge in New Hampshire in 1735, also a Lodge in South Carolina, and as the first Boston Lodge had not in 1750 a scrap of a record older than 1738, and as the Prov. G.L. never had a record or Secretary before 1750 or 1751, and as Bro. Charles Pelham was in 1751 employed to write up a record of the Grand Lodge from 1733, for the contents of which he was wholly indebted to Price's information, hence he committed the blunder of ascribing the origin of Masonry in Nova Scotia to a period anterior to 1740. There is no doubt, therefore, in my mind, that Nova Scotia Masonry had no connection whatever with Henry Price, or with the Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge.

Now for the Nova Scotia Warrants of 1757. From a letter I received from Bro. Sadler I learned that he still believed that the Nova Scotia Warrants were signed by "Blesinton." This induced me to reperuse Bro. Brennan's History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia, which I have not read since 1875, and also an article of mine, viz., "Origin of Freemasony in Nova Scotia," in the Masonic Magazine, Vol. I. p 131, where the reader will find the gist of the pamphlet printed at Halifax in 1786, which, by the bye, Bro. Brennan believed to be *unique*. Well then, Brother E. J. Philips received three documents in 1758 from Dermott, respectively numbered 1, 2, and 3, two of which were written on parchment and one on paper. The Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant No. 1, and Lodge Warrant No. 2, both written on parchment, evidently by Dermott, are "stamped with slightly oval seal of wax, having on the superior portion thereof the impress of a square and compass, and beneath a naked dagger, the whole partially surrounded with the words 'Virtue and Silence.'"

This proves that the Ancients had a seal in 1757. The name of Erasmus James Philips was in the Grand Lodge Warrant given as Provincial G.M., and the names of the D.G.M. and of two Grand Wardens are also given. The Grand Lodge Warrant is thus headed :—

"Blesinton Grand Master.

Wm. Halford D.G.M.

Robert Goodman S.G.W. Wm. Osborn J.G.W.

To all to whom it may concern, &c.

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We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Hon'ble Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, in ample form assembled, viz., the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable William Stuart, Earl of Blesinton (in the Kingdom of Ireland) Grand Master in England, William Halford, Esq. Deputy Grand Master, Mr. Robert Goodman Senior Grand Warden, Mr. Wm. Osborn Junior Grand Warden, by and with the approbation and consent of Forty-seven Lodges, held in the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster, Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren that are now or hereafter may become inhabitants in the Province of Nova Scotia to form and hold a Provincial Grand Lodge in the said Province independent of any former Dispensation, Warrant, or Constitution granted by us or our Predecessors to New England or elsewhere."

There are two misstatements in the above, to which I must direct Bro. Sadler's attention. First, "forty seven Lodges," located near London, could not have given their consent to the Halifax Warrants in 1757, because Dermott could not then have mustered more than about 34 living Lodges from far and near. And second, as neither Lord "Blesinton" nor any of his predecessors, had, previous to 27th December 1757, ever granted any Masonic powers to any part of America, it was simply a piece of humbug on the part of Dermott to insert into the Nova Scotia Warrant that Lord Blessington, or his predecessors, had granted Constitutions or Warrants to New England.

This Warrant winds up with the signature of "Laur. Dermott Gd. *Secretary*."

Now, as all the copies of Deputations or Charters issued by the Grand Lodge of England that I have met with, either in records or in print, were invariably signed at the bottom by the Deputy G.M., as well as by the Wardens and G. Sec., I naturally supposed that the Nova Scotia Warrants were signed by Dermott *only*, but on reperusing Bro. Brennan's Book, I found, on page 364, as follows :—

"For this organization, in 1756, he [Dermott] in some manner obtained the consent of the Earl of Blessington to become its Grand Master. Certainly those Charters or Warrants, sent by him to Halifax, bear at the top, in manner as if written by the hand of that nobleman, the signature of 'Blesinton Grand Master,' the last two words being written by the hand which wrote the Warrants. The spelling of the name is different from that of its appearance anywhere in print."

After perusing the above, said I to myself, "Well! we must live and learn." Who would have supposed that in the second half of the last century a British nobleman did not know how to spell his own title, and that Masonic Warrants were signed by the Grand Officers at the top instead of the bottom. Such, however, was the case, and Bro. Sadler was right in this case also to charge me with carelessness. This frank confession of mine will, I hope, satisfy Bro. Sadler that I am open to conviction, and that I am always ready to confess my errors when I am convinced they are such. I am sorry, however, to inform him that we are still as wide apart as ever on the main question at issue. I still believe that Dermott and his gang in 1751-2 had no just cause to create a schism in the Craft, that if they imagined they had a cause they certainly never made an effort, either by petition or otherwise, to induce the Grand Lodge to remove the alleged cause. And after looking at Dermott's conduct from every point of view, I am still convinced that he was a most unscrupulous bragger and Masonic quack, and I assure Bro. Sadler that other Americans beside Bro. MacCalla share in my opinion.

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GENERAL J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.

PROV. GRAND MASTER SURREY.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made that the popular Provincial Grand Master of Surrey died, at Colombo, on the 1st instant, on his voyage home from Australia, whither he had been on a pleasure trip; and we are assured that this intelligence will be received with infinite regret by all Freemasons who had the honour of his acquaintance. General Brownrigg was appointed by the Prince of Wales to be the Grand Master of Freemasons for Surrey in 1871, and had consequently held that high office for eighteen years. He succeeded Mr. Alexander Dobie, the then solicitor for the *Times*, who was Prov. Grand Master for Surrey for twenty-four years. General Brownrigg had rendered good service to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. In 1883 he presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while in 1886 he did a like service on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On the latter occasion reference was made in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE to his brilliant record, and we feel we cannot do better on the present occasion than reproduce what we then said.

General Brownrigg was born on the 22nd September 1814, and, like many with whom he has since been intimately associated, was educated at Eton. In his eighteenth year—in July 1832—he entered the army, and soon rose to the highest dignities of that profession. He served at the Mauritius and in the East Indies, until 1840, as Adjutant of the 9th Regiment. He then filled the office of Military Secretary to the Governor General of Jamaica, until 1843, and three years later acted in a similar capacity to the Governor General of Canada. From 1846 to 1853 he was Regimental Adjutant of the Grenadier Guards. He served during the whole of the Crimean campaign; as Assistant Adjutant General to the first, and afterwards the Light Division. He was present at the battles of Alma, Inkerman, and Tchernaya, and at the attack on the Redan. He was chief of the Staff to the Allied Expedition to Kertch, under Sir George Brown. He was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the rank of Colonel for distinguished service in the field. He rose to the rank of Major General in 1868, Lieutenant General in 1876, and General in 1878, retiring from the service in 1881, after being associated with it for nearly fifty years. He was created a Companion of the Bath in 1855, is an Officer of the Legion of Honour, and of the Order of Medjidi. He has received the Crimean medal, with three clasps, and also the Turkish medal. He commanded at Shorncliffe from 1867 to 1870, and at Chatham from 1870 to 1873, and since 1876 has been Colonel of the 95th (Derbyshire) Regiment. He is a J.P. for Middlesex, for the city and county of Dublin, and for Westminster, and at the present time is the Masonic ruler of the Province of Surrey, having been appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1871, and Provincial Grand Superintendent in 1873.

General Brownrigg was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Quebec, in 1845; he became a joining member of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, London, on the 10th June 1852, and served the office of Worshipful Master in that Lodge in 1858. He also joined the Alpha Lodge, and is at the present time one of the oldest members of that distinguished body. He was present at the meeting of this Lodge when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales initiated his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, and in recounting his experiences thereof at a subsequent meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge he said, that he had not only been struck by the way in which the ceremony had been performed by the Prince of Wales, but also by the attention paid by the young Prince during his initiation. Our hero was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry during his sojourn in Canada, and joined the Chapter of Friendship, No. 6, on the 27th June 1851, and was installed as First Principal thereof in 1860. He was appointed Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1855, and, as we have said, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey in 1871, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of the same County in 1873. He was also advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason in Canada, and joined the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7 on the English Register, 18th May 1876. He was one of the founders, and the first W.M. of the Studholme Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 197, and was appointed Junior Grand Warden of the Mark Degree in 1876. He is also Provincial Prior of the Order of the Temple for Kent and Surrey, and was Great Prior of the Supreme Council 33° in 1878. It will thus be seen that in Masonry also General Brownrigg has achieved the highest distinctions. The Province of Surrey has progressed and prospered greatly under his rule. In 1871, when he was appointed to govern the Craft in the Province, there were under a dozen Lodges, now there are some thirty working under his guidance. Similarly the Royal Arch Degree has prospered, there having been but six Chapters in the Province of Surrey when he assumed its command in 1873, while at the present time there are eleven in active work. The brethren of Surrey have practically shown their love for their Provincial Grand Master by naming two of their Lodges—the Brownrigg, No. 1638, meeting at Kingston, and the Studholme, No. 1591—after him; but this does not represent even a part of the respect and esteem with which he is regarded by those under his rule. In July 1884 he had the honour of holding a special meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge of Redhill, for the purpose of receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their laying the foundation stone of the new Schools of the Royal Asylum of St. Ann's Society. In April of the preceding year a somewhat similar pleasure devolved on him, the visitor on that occasion being H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who journeyed to Bagshot for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new church of St. Anne's in that town. On each of these occasions the ruler, the officers and the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey were most active in assisting in the work, but, perhaps, none more so than the brother of whom we are now writing, who likewise, in many other ways has taken an active part in the affairs of the County with which he is so intimately associated.

BRO. JOHN WHITEHOUSE.

THE funeral of the late Bro. John Whitehouse, of Arbour Vale, Slough, took place on Thursday, 21st March, at half-past 3 o'clock, the interment being made in the Slough Parish Churchyard. Deceased was the oldest member of the Windsor Castle Lodge (No. 771), and the senior Mason of the Berks and Bucks Province; and a dispensation having been obtained from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., the funeral was conducted with Masonic honours. This made the event exceptionally interesting, there not having been a ceremony of the kind in this neighbourhood for very many years past. The number of Masons present was about 150, and included many prominent in the Craft, there being representatives from the Berks and Bucks Province generally, the Windsor Castle Lodge and the Herschel (Slough) Lodge. The brethren assembled in the Herschel Masonic Hall, at Slough, at 2·30 p.m., wearing Craft Clothing, Officers wearing their collars. The Lodge was opened, and the Worshipful Master (Brother W. G. Nottage) gave the usual Funeral Address. The brethren then proceeded to the Parish Church, via High-street and Windsor-road, in order. Each Lodge formed one division, the junior preceding; a Lodge not sufficiently represented to carry out the foregoing joined the next in seniority. The Windsor Castle Lodge closed the procession. The brethren lined each side of the path leading to the Church from Windsor-road, and on the arrival of the funeral cortège (which consisted of an ordinary hearse and mourning coaches), the Worshipful Master of the Windsor Castle Lodge followed immediately after the mourners, the brethren falling in after him. In addition to the Masons, representatives from various public bodies with which the deceased had been connected attended, as a mark of respect to the deceased, and joined in the procession. Immediately outside the entrance to the church, the Eton Volunteer Fire Brigade was ranged, under the command of Foreman Dugdale. As the coffin containing the body was borne into the church, Mr. W. T. Blanchett, the Organist, played the "Dead March" in *Saul*. The coffin was covered with black cloth, on the top and sides being beautiful wreaths of flowers, including a very handsome emblematical one from the Windsor Castle Lodge. The portion of the burial service of the Church of England in the church was read by the Rector of Slough (Rev. H. Savill Young), the lesson being read by the Rev. R. P. Bent (Rector of Hedgerley), Past Grand Chaplain of England. Hymn No. 52, "Great God, what do I see and hear?" was sung, and as rendered by so many bass voices was very impressive. As the coffin was borne from the church, the "Dead March" was again played by Mr. Blanchett. On leaving the Church the procession of Masons followed in reverse order. At the grave the brethren assembled around as far as possible in circles, but the arrangement could not be carried out in its entirety, owing to the site available being somewhat cramped. The service was read by the Rector (Rev. H. Savill Young), and at its completion the usual prayer was impressively offered by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. G. Nottage. The customary 1st oration was delivered by Bro. Page I.P.M., and the 3rd oration by Bro. Powell P.M. The 2nd oration was not given. The Secretary, Bro. E. Grisbrook P.M., advanced to the grave, and cast in the Roll of the Sacred Writings. Bro. Nottage, as Worshipful Master, then gave the concluding oration, after which the brethren filed past the grave, casting in as they did so sprigs of acacia, uttering the customary exclamation, "Alas! My Brother." A large number of persons had assembled, whose conduct was most orderly and respectful, and who appeared much impressed with the solemnity of the proceedings. At the conclusion of the funeral the Masonic Brethren returned to the Herschel Lodge Room, viâ Church Street and High Street. The Lodge closed with the usual formalities, after a vote of condolence with the relatives of the deceased had been proposed and adopted. A vote of thanks to the Herschel Lodge for granting the use of their room was also passed. The main responsibility of the Masonic arrangements fell upon Bro. W. G. Nottage, to whom the greatest credit is due for the admirable manner in which he made and carried them out. He was very ably assisted by the Masters of the Ceremonies and the other officials. The late Brother Whitehouse was born at West Bromwich, and came to the neighbourhood of Windsor and Slough in early manhood. By steadiness, industry, and straightforward dealing, he made slow but sure progress in material prosperity, and in the course of time held responsible public offices, and became a member of many public bodies. Last December he attained the great age of 80 years.

The following is the Oration delivered on the occasion by Bro. Page the Immediate Past Master:—

Brethren,—The last offices paid to the dead are only useful as lectures to the living. From them we are to derive instruction and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our approaching dissolution. Notwithstanding the various mementoes with which we daily meet, notwithstanding that death has established his empire over all the works of nature, yet, through some unaccountable infatuation, we are apt to forget that we are born to die. Some of us go on from one design to another, add hope to hope and lay out plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly alarmed

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by the approach of death, when we least expect it, and at an hour which, amidst all the gaieties of life, we probably conclude to be the meridian of our existence. Others, as in the case of our departed and lamented brother, grow to a ripe and honoured old age and live to see their hopes and cherished ambitions realised. But my brethren, what are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth, or even the high estimation of the world when nature has paid her just debt? Fix your eyes on this last scene, view life stripped of her ornaments, and exposed in her natural meanness, you will then be convinced of the futility of those empty delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks are levelled, and all distinctions for ever done away.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE annual Chapter of this Preceptory was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, the 12th ult., when there were present:—Fratres W. Brown E.P., J. T. Sellar Constable, A. H. H. McGachen Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Registrar, Donald Grant as Chaplain, W. B. Dyson Sub-Marshal, W. H. Cowper P. Capt. of Guards, J. Marshall P., F. W. Halliwell, and others. The Provincial Prior, Bro. J. W. Woodall, was announced, and, a deputation having been formed, he was introduced, received under the arch of steel, and saluted. The Provincial Prior was accompanied by Frater M. C. Peck Past Prov. Chancellor, and other visitors. Comp. W. H. V. Milbank, who was in attendance, was admitted to the Order, and installed a member by Frater T. B. Whytehead, acting as Preceptor, Frater W. Brown acting as Sub-Marshal. Frater J. T. Seller the E.P. Elect was then presented, and was installed in the throne by Frater T. B. Whytehead. The Officers were afterwards invested, as follow:—Fratres A. H. H. McGachen Constable, W. B. Dyson Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Registrar, Donald Grant Sub-Marshal, W. P. Cochrane 1st Herald, W. Brown P. 2nd Herald, J. Marshal P. Beaucesant, E. Simpson P. Vexillum Belli, W. H. Cowper P. Capt. of Guards. The alms were collected, and the precepts having been read by the acting Chaplain, the meeting was dissolved. The Fratres afterwards adjourned to dinner.

REVIEWS.

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Investment Hints: Dedicated and Addressed to his "Old Boys." By MAURICE C. HIME, LL.D., Head Master of Foyle College, Londonderry. Dublin: Hodges, Figgis and Co. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co., 1886.

AT the present time, when there seems to be a scramble for all classes of investments, and when those who have money to place scarcely know where to go with it, a perusal of this little brochure seems desirable. Dr. Hime has addressed himself more especially to his "Old Boys," but his teachings may be safely followed by all who have money to spare, and are wishful it may not be recklessly squandered in bubble ventures or improbable schemes.

Cassell's Magazine. London: Messrs. Cassell and Co., Ludgate Hill, E.C.

THE April part of this journal opens with a new serial story by Arabella M. Hopkinson, entitled "A Woman's Strength," and judging from the opening chapters will prove interesting reading. Mr. Barrett continues his tale "Under a Strange Mask," and fiction is further represented in this number by two complete stories. Among the miscellaneous papers Mr. Karl Blind contributes one, which is abundantly illustrated, upon "Travels in the Air," and the Rev. S. C. Overton another upon "The Prettiest Scenery Round London," which should supply intending pedestrians or cyclists with many hints for rambles during the coming spring and summer months. Orchids form the staple of the gardening article this month, and probably many amateurs will be surprised to learn how comparatively easy is the culture of plants of this class. In the "National School of Housewifery" Phyllis Browne writes upon Household Accounts; and ladies will find other papers of interest to them under the headings "What to Wear in April," "More About Puddings," and "Our New House and its Plenishings." The Family Doctor discourses this month upon that insidious foe of health and peace, "Despondency," and the Rev. S. Baring-Gould upon "A Strange Trade" that he met with upon the Continent. There is a new song, set by Mr. F. G. Cole; and the number concludes with the, "Gatherer" and its notes of everything new in Science, Literature and Music.

At a meeting of the Agricola Lodge, at the Hall, Castlegate, York, on Monday, 25th ult., Bro. J. H. Taylor, Senior Warden, was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Eccles was re-elected Treasurer; Bros. J. E. Wilkinson Junior Warden and George Manton Junior Deacon were re-elected Auditors; and Bro. E. Osborne Tyler.

MARK MASONRY.

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BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 316.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Teignmouth, on the 21st ult. The Worshipful Bro. Captain J. S. Kersteman being re-installed Master for the ensuing year. Brethren were present from the Mark Lodge at Newton, and after the meeting the members dined at Bro. King's, Queen's Hotel.

According to Masonic records of the last century it would appear that members not attending a regular meeting of their Lodge were fined. The Ancient Charges further provided—"That no Master or Fellow could be absent from the Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him." How would it be if we proceeded to fine and censure our members for non attendance at Lodge? "Scanty attendances" is at present the burthen of our song, and perhaps some such exemplary course of discipline as the above might "fetch them." Worshipful Masters make a note of it, and try it on the next case of absence without leave. In order to impress the brother try them both at once on him and mark the effect.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 6th 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1456—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 8th APRIL.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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
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)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1713—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
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
298—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
599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
685—Montagne, 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
1263—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 9th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—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
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 Instruction, 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.)
M.M. 23—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
185—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
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Watnesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Stroud
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Cradley
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Gate Helmsley-road, Ballow
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1485—Uckfield, Talbot Hotel, Sattons, Sussex
1500—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Nor bition, 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. 339—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
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall at 4
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 Lagard, 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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Stree., at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1308—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 619 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
1568—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—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1951—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1994—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, Cranberwell 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. 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)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancaster

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146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashir
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
756—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1016—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
1309—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1318—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1348—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1390—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)
1530—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
2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
R.A. 63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 11th APRIL.

18—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
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)
742—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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1159—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)
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)
1 471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1 556—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1 558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1 571—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 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. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Tower Road, Sunderland
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
338—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Fourth, Sunderland
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
469—Hundred of Kilroe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
784—Wellington, 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-upon-Tyne
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall Loughton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machon, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Byth Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 146—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 12th 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)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, 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. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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.

38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Oate Street, Goole
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
816—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1034—Ecclesbill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesbill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 408—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop

SATURDAY, 13th APRIL.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1338—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.
1923—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.—Stuart, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1418—Hampden, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2009—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2026—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 811—Carnarvonian, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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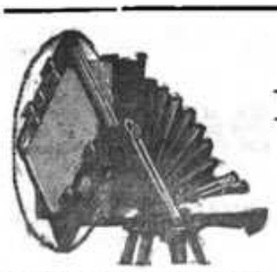
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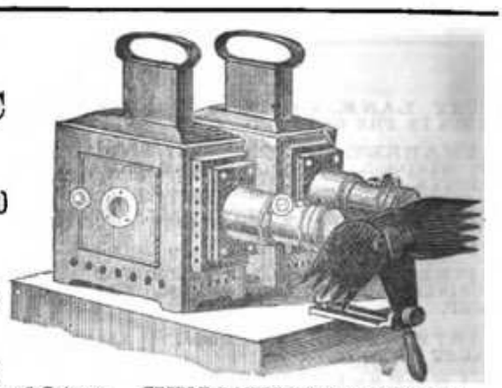
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

CONTINUING our review of those who are eligible to take part in the two elections for the Masonic Educational Institutions to be held this month, we have now to consider the candidates on the list for the Girls' School, the election for which is fixed to take place on Saturday, the 27th instant, when 74 candidates are expected to go to the poll.

The declared vacancies to be filled on this occasion are seventeen, but there is a proposition before the Governors and Subscribers to increase the roll of children provided for in the Institution by twenty, and as this proposition is almost certain to be carried, we may consider the number to be elected on the 27th as thirty-seven, thus providing for exactly half of the candidates on the list, a state of affairs which must be regarded with the greatest satisfaction, both by the parents and friends of the candidates, as well as *by* the large number of Craftsmen who, by the *liberality* of their contributions to the funds of the Institution, have rendered possible the proposed extension of the Charity.

Of the seventy-four candidates there are seven who now appeal for the last time their age will allow, two of them being new to the present list, and the other five standing over from previous contests. No. 1, Georgina Balch, has taken part in the last three elections, and has secured 1520 votes as the result thereof. She has had a sister in the Institution, and is one of a family of two children, of whom one is partially provided for. Her father was an initiate of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, Somersetshire, and subscribed thereto until his death, in November 1880. Her mother is also dead, so that the case is really one of the most deserving it is possible to imagine, and we are very pleased to think there is an almost certainty of the child being elected at the coming contest. No. 13, Adelaide Howett Jane Harling, one of five children dependent on a widowed mother, comes forward for the third time, with 2564 votes to her credit. Her father was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, and was Inner Guard thereof at the time of his death, in 1887. No. 14, Priscilla Minnie Swaebe, is also one of five fatherless children, and, like the case just referred to, she has taken part in the last two elections, but so far her friends have only been able to record 788 votes on her behalf, a number which will have to be considerably augmented at the coming contest to render her admission anything of a certainty. Her father was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and subsequently joined the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, both of London, and in the two had a record of 22½ years membership of the Craft. We hope his daughter will receive sufficient support at the coming election to render her eligible for the benefits of the Institution she is now a candidate for. No. 41, Margaret Ellen May Roberts, was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 558 votes were placed to her credit. Her father was initiated in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London, and subsequently joined No. 1702, in the Province of Middlesex. The mother, who was left a widow nearly a year ago, has eight children dependent on her, but we hope that after this month's contest she will be relieved of her responsibility in regard to the one now eligible for the Girls' School. No. 49, Beatrice Cochrane, had but 14 votes polled on her behalf at the last election, when she was a candidate for the first time. Her father was initiated in the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge. No. 24, in October 1868, and subsequently joined No. 1676, both in the Province of Northumberland. He rose to the dignity of Past Master of No. 1676, and received Provincial honours at the hands of his District Ruler. He has left two children dependent on his widow, who, we hope, will be supported at the coming contest in such a manner as to ensure the admission of her child to the benefits of the Institution. If the Province with which the father was associated takes up the case, and we have no reason to doubt their doing so, admission is almost certain, although as is known to all who take an interest in the elections, considerable exertion will be necessary to ensure success. No. 58, Ellen Eveline May, and No. 67, Edith Fanny Hattie Cullis, are the other last application cases, and both are new to the present list. The former is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother, two of them being partially provided for. The father was made a Mason in the Loyalty Lodge, No. 358, Bermuda, and subsequently joined Nos. 1428 and 407, thus becoming associated with the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and the District of Malta. He was D.G. Standard Bearer in the Grand Lodge of the latter. No. 67 is an especially deserving case, she having neither parent living, and the present being her last chance. She is one of three children dependent on friends, left by a brother admitted in the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, Herefordshire. Her father died in February of last year, and we sincerely trust his association with the Masonic Order may prove of benefit to his children now that they are left in such distressful circumstances.

Among the remaining cases are six where the applicants have each lost both parents. No. 11, Laura Amelia Thaw, now applies for the third time, and brings forward 1701 votes from the elections in which she has taken part. She has a brother in the Boys' School and there are yet two of her family unprovided for. Her father was initiated in the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London, and subscribed thereto for 7½ years. No. 24, Eliza Pether, is an only child left by an old member of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London. She was a candidate at the last election, and on that occasion 1134 votes were polled on her behalf, a result which augurs well for her success at the coming contest. No. 28, Bertha Johnston, was

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also among the candidates at the last election, when three votes were recorded in her favour. There are three children dependent in this case, which is accredited to the Province of Durham, where the father was initiated, in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, of which he became a Past Master, as also a Provincial Officer. No. 62, Lena Sybil Kassell, is one of five children, left by a member of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, West Yorkshire, who subsequently joined Nos. 910 and 1542, in which latter he passed the chair. No. 71, Fanny Gertrude Williams, is also one of five parentless children. Her father was a member and Junior Warden of the St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Gloucestershire, and subscribed thereto until his death last year. No. 72, Edith Jane Cooper, is one of four children left to the care of friends. Her father was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London, and he also died in the autumn of last year, after having subscribed to his Lodge for 11¼ years.

We have thus specially referred to thirteen of the cases out of the list of seventy-four. Seven of them are last applications, and the other six have lost both their parents. Either of these conditions are, we imagine, sufficient to entitle the children to the special notice of the Craft, and it is to be hoped they may each receive such support as will place them among the successful at the approaching election. Of the other cases much might be said, but in accordance with our custom we think it best to leave their particular merits to be made known by the friends and others interested in their admission to the Institution. Fortunately the number of vacancies to be declared is large, and their proportion to the number of candidates most satisfactory. All we can hope, in conclusion is, that the most deserving may be successful, and that those who are not fortunate in securing a scholarship on this occasion may have later opportunity of competing, and that all, in course of time, may be received into the School at Battersea Rise.

FREEMASONRY'S RELIGION.

THE MASONIC IDEAL OF RELIGION AND OF LIBERAL CULTURE.

"SPECULATIVE Masonry is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligations to pay that rational homage to the Deity which at once constitute our duty and our happiness. It leads the contemplative to view, with reverence and admiration, the glorious works of creation, and inspires him with the most exalted ideas of the perfection of his divine Creator."

"Of all the human sciences, that concerning man is certainly most worthy of the human mind, and the proper manner of conducting its several powers in the attainment of Truth and Knowledge."

These extracts from the venerable teachings of Freemasonry show that it takes note, at the same time, of both religion and education—nay, that it brings them together in a most intimate relationship. In the sublime lecture on the sciences and arts, which is contained in the second section of the second degree, this appears in a remarkable manner. That Freemasonry should be spoken of as a religious institution, or as imparting religious instruction, undoubtedly sounds strange to those who think that religion must necessarily be confined to a particular set of theological dogmas; or, in other words, be sectarian. But why should it be thought necessary to make religion traverse simply the narrow circle of sectarian ideas? Is it not a degradation to confine it to so limited a sphere? The Masonic ideal is that religion is absolute, everlasting and unchanging; that it is not a dogma, or a collection of dogmas, but rather reverence and humility before the awful ideas of Infinity and eternity—a sense of subjection to the great law of Justice which stretches through the universe, and of obligation to love and serve man on earth and God in heaven. The ideas of God, retribution, a future life—these great facts of religion—are not the property of any one sect or party; they form the groundwork of *all* creeds.

Religion, we have said, is everlasting and immutable. It is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Sectarianism is but the material framework, changable and perishable, which men, in different ages and countries, have raised around it. This material and human investiture of sectarian dogmas changes with the times and seasons; but that religion in the light of which all Masons, whatever their particular creed, desire to walk—that religion sent forth into the world with the awful sanction of the Christ upon it—which, as an ancient says, "is to visit the widow and fatherless in their afflictions, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world;" that religion, the essence of which is to love God supremely, and our neighbours as we love ourselves, can never change; being absolute, it can never pass away—and it may be taught with all its obligations, duties and hopes, and in all its beautiful application to life, without being trammeled by any sectarian dogmas whatever.

About religion, in its absoluteness, neither men nor sects ever dispute or quarrel. No; it shines over the human soul, clear and bright, like the eternal stars—visible to all, and always and every where has her voice been heard, consoling the sorrowful; fortifying the weak, and bidding the sons of men aspire to a celestial communion.

The Girard College is founded on this idea; and although that institution, and the distinguished Mason whose noble charity established and endowed it, have often been abused and charged with infidelity, we do not hesitate to affirm that instruction in that school is as thoroughly religious as in any other school in the country. It was not religion, but sectarianism, which Mr Girard desired to exclude from it. He wished to adopt, in a degree, the ancient method of instruction, which was eminently religious. With the ancient educators of our race, all the sciences were revelations from heaven—were all holy. Art was *holy*, literature was holy, and these were all parts of one vast philosophy or religion, which addressed itself not to one merely, but to the entire of the human faculties. All education, with them, was religious and moral.

It was the deep, earnest and positive faith of the ancient teachers, in the unseen and spiritual, which led them to blend in this manner—unfortunately so, to our modern habits of thinking—the ideas of science with those of religion. And here we moderns fall far below the ancients. We have divorced science and philosophy from religion, and seem to regard them as quite different and distinct things. On the other hand they contemplated the universe from the religious point of view. All the phenomena of life—all the motions of the heavenly bodies—the whole stupendous spectacle of the world—revealed to them the presence of an unseen Intelligence. Hence their religion embraced all the facts of physical science, as well as those ideas which relate exclusively to the nature and destiny of the soul. With them, science and art and philosophy were necessary parts of religion, and reposed on a spiritual basis. Hence instruction, with them, we have said, was religious and moral. And were they not right.

The ancient mysteries were established for human instruction, and there all the sciences were studied with reference to a higher sphere of thought. Nature, with *all* her laws, her motions and her mysteries, which science attempts to explain, was, in their view, only a *shadow*, reflex, or projection of the more substantial verities of the unseen—the eternal world. Philosophy itself was religion; hence the dramas, represented in the mysteries and the rites of initiation, and all the symbols there displayed, have reference to that awful beauty which smiles upon man from every sublime and majestic form in nature. And because these dramas and rites shadowed forth some of the phenomena of nature and the motions of the heavenly bodies, we are not to infer, as some infidels have done, that they had no spiritual reference at all, but rather that those old Grecians and Egyptians were men of profound faith, who saw, in all the wonders of nature, all the motions of the starry spheres, and in all the miracles of the world, the dread shadow of that mysterious One, who, although infinite and indivisible, yet in some manner incomprehensible to human intelligence, individualizes Him to every human thought, and localizes Himself in every place.

Such was the ancient ideal of religion and education, and such *is* the Masonic ideal to-day. Freemasonry teaches by symbols, and all symbols shadow forth the infinite and everlasting. It recognises God as imminent in all created

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things, working in each blade of grass, swelling bud and opening flower, and looks upon all the sciences as so many divine methods through which the Infinite Artist reveals his mysteries to man.

Should any Masonic brother, or any other, think that we are claiming too much for Freemasonry in this respect, we have only to ask him to turn to the "Charges" and "Lectures," published in our books, to find abundant proofs of what we assert. There we read: "The universe is the temple of the Deity whom we serve; Wisdom, Strength and Beauty are around His throne, as pillars of His work; for His wisdom is infinite. His strength is omnipotence, and His beauty shines forth through all His creation." Ancient Freemasonry invariably united all the sciences to the religious sentiment. Of arithmetic, it says: "All the works of the Almighty are made in number, weight, and measure; and, therefore, to understand them rightly, we ought to understand arithmetical calculations, * * * and be thereby led to a more comprehensive knowledge of our great Creator." "Astronomy," it says, "is that sublime science which inspires the contemplative mind to soar aloft and read the wisdom and beauty of the Creator in the heavens. How nobly eloquent of God is the celestial hemisphere, spangled with the most magnificent symbols of His infinite glory!" And, discoursing of geometry, it says: "By it we discover the power, wisdom and goodness of the Grand Artificer, and view with delight the order and beauty of His works, and the proportions which connect all parts of His immense universe."

Freemasonry, therefore, in the spirit of true reverence, consecrates all to God; the worlds with the sublime mysteries, and the human mind with its mighty powers, and the sciences it has discovered and Explained.

THE MASONIC IDEAL OF HUMAN DESTINY AND THE IMMORTAL LIFE.

This is revealed in the "Ritual" as well as the "Charges" of the Order. All the initiatory dramas are progressive, and indicate that humanity and man are created for continual advancement. The funeral dirge of the Brotherhood breathes a spirit of profound faith in immortality, and the everlasting progress of the soul.

"Here another guest we bring
Seraphs of celestial wing;
To our fun'ral altar come;
Waft this friend and brother home.

There, enlarged, thy soul shall see
What was veiled in mystery;
Heavenly glories of the place,
Show his Maker face to face."

It is on this account that Masonry insists on a liberal culture of the soul. It teaches that the treasures of the intellect and heart are the only possessions inaccessible to change and decay. These alone will last. All else will pass away! Riches, glory—the pomp and splendour of time—the world's vanity—all will vanish like a wreath of smoke. But the soul will live, and will be ever and ever ascending, as by a sublime initiation, through the degrees of perfection which will never end! Its progress in this world is the prophecy of a progress that is everlasting. Every step taken in the road of science and virtue is an upward progress in that star-paved path where angels walk.

These are the grand thoughts that underlie our ritual; and they are surely worthy of the most serious consideration on the part of every Mason. Imbued with these ideas, the earnest and intelligent brother will labour constantly to discharge every duty with fidelity, "divesting his heart and conscience of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting his mind as a living stone for that spiritual building—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—*American Quarterly Masonic Review.*

TRIPLE TRUTHS OF FREEMASONRY.

ONE of the Brahminical Scriptures is entitled the "Bhagavad Gita," and assumes to convey the "right knowledge of the royal mystery," to be the exponent of the sacred lore, the divine wisdom. It refers to "the seven great Sages and the ancient Manus four, of whom this world is the offspring." The seven Sages were the primeval teachers of man, and the archetype of all subsequent teachers; while the ancient Manus were the primitive governors of man, the four sons of Brahma, the archetype of kings, or mundane rulers.

The *Manu*, one of the sacred books of India, contains this remarkable statement: "*Man is not man except as he is triple*, that is man, woman, child." The Brahmins also made their Divinity triple: the all-Father, the all-Mother, and the blessed Son. The ancient Egyptians, who, if their civilization was not native and primitive, must have derived it from Meroe, or from Babylonia, Chaldea or India, also set forth the same doctrine; their gods were Osiris the father, Isis the mother, and Horus the son. The Great Sphinx of Egypt was sacred to Horus, and before it is an altar, now covered with sand, on which sacrifices were anciently offered to Horus. In Freemasonry we have a relic of this ancient symbolism in the numerous triads of the Fraternity, especially in the the three Lesser Lights, the Sun, the Moon, and the W.M. (in a certain sense representing Father, Mother and Son), and the three Great Lights, the Holy Bible, the Square, and the Compasses.

Freemasonry is not Freemasonry unless it be triple. It could not be less, and it cannot be more. Three, and only three degrees are ancient, and whatever is more than these is an excrescence, a super-addition, and ultimately and surely a seed of conflict and evil.

The great poet-philosopher, who was Pope and Bolingbroke rolled into one, wrote:

"Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
The proper study of mankind is man."

One of our own essayists, Chapin, has said: "Man was sent into the world to be a growing and exhaustless force." This is the doctrine of Freemasonry. It says to its initiates: brethren know yourselves and respect yourselves, for you are immortal. Know your brethren and love your brethren, for they are mystically united with you; they are your other selves. And it also says to all who have been brought from Darkness to Light: Study the Light—which is another term for Freemasonry; learn its triple character and at the same time its complete unity.

Wherein is Freemasonry a unit? In that it is one "secret," one "art and mystery." Its three degrees are a threefold presentation of one truth. Supreme truth is and can be but one. There cannot be three or more such truths, but there may be, there are, three aspects of the same truth. The three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry symbolise the three aspects of the one Masonic truth. To this one, and these three in one, Freemasons cannot devote too much attention and thought. The more you ponder them the better you apprehend and comprehend them, the greater pleasure you derive from witnessing the rites incident to them, the more fully you are persuaded that you are members of a fraternity which not only, like a club, enables you to while away a vacant hour, but like a school of human and divine philosophy, qualifies you to understand the beauty of charity, the utility and value of human comradeship, the divine perfection of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and the dignity of man, who is "greater than a world." Freemasons respect themselves and their kind. No man is beneath them, for they think, if they do not say, in Shakespearean phrase, "God made him, and therefore let him pass."

Can Freemasons do better than frequently think upo the threefold presentation of truth objectively taught so continually in the Craft? Faith, Hope, Love; Wisdom, Strength, Beauty; Secrecy, Obedience, Fraternity; the three degrees; the three steps; the three preparations; the three officers; the three lights; the three circumambulations; the threefold linguistic presentations of obligation in the phraseology adopted for the creation of the mystic tie between Brother and Brother and the Craft.

Has the reader been heretofore satisfied with exercising merely his senses of seeing and hearing in the Lodge? If so, let him now bring into action his divine sense of thinking. Mules hear; men think. Freemasonry is a science and an art—the queen of sciences, the royal art. Be a Freemason in the truest and fullest sense of the term. See, hear, be silent—and while silent, think!—*Keystone.*

Sometimes unpleasant news has to be given, because members and officers of the Fraternity make it necessary. When such is the fact it should be remembered that not the editors, but the erring brethren, are the parties accountable for it, and, if censure is merited, that they should receive it. We rejoice in printing pleasant news, and always regret the unpleasant, but must obey duty.

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THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL FUND.

AMONG the brethren who have recently joined the Committee of the "Gould Testimonial" are Bros. Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., Walter Hopekirk Grand Pursuivant, G. C. Andrews P.M. 92, Edward Armitage P.P.G.W. Cumb. and West., Gordon Brown P.G.S., John S. Cox P.D.G.R. South China, C. Purdon Clarke (C.I.E.) 2076, John Craine W.M. 1075, Thomas Francis P.P.G.W. Hants, F. W. Halliwell 1611, Angus W. Hooper W.M. 374, C. Kupferschmidt P.M. 238, John Miller W.M. 723, Capt. S. W. Perry W.M. 431 (I.R.), Walter Rowley 289, G. H. B. Reed P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, and Major-General Vizard W.M. 761.

Donations to the fund have also been lately voted by the following Lodges: Grand Master's 1, Moira 92, Unity 183, Invicta 709, Friends in Council 1383, Canterbury 1635, Quatuor Coronati 2076, Empire 2108, and Hiram 1 (New-haven, Connecticut). On the Continent, the scheme has already met with the hearty support of Bros. A. M. Maas-Geesteranus Deputy G.M., and J. P. Vaillant Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, Dr. L. Van Doesburgh, Amsterdam, Dr. W. Begemann Prov. Grand Master Mecklenberg, and Pierre Tempels of the Supreme Council 33° of Belgium.

The list of American contributors embraces the names of Bros. Albert Pike Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council 33° for the United States, S.J.; Clifford P. MacCalla Grand Master, and T. R. Patton Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Dr. S. J. Dickey and J. A. H. Hay of the same jurisdiction, J. D. Dewell P.M. Hiram Lodge Connecticut, and our old friend and contributor Jacob Norton of Boston.

TRAVELLING FREEMASONS.

BEFORE operative Freemasonry had received its speculative development as at present understood, guilds or sodalities of stonemasons were in the custom of traversing the whole of Europe for the purpose of erecting buildings of an ecclesiastical or castellated description, and even they, in point of time, had been preceded by similar bodies, whose skill was superior to that of the uninstructed artificers of the respective eras in which they lived. It is not too much to say that the night of time has closed with complete obscurity over the earliest fraternities of this kind. There can be little doubt that what took place in Hellas, Italy, Asia Minor, and during the Middle Ages, in Europe, had long before been familiar to India, Egypt, Mexico, Central America, and Peru, and it is not a little startling to find the walls of great structures in the New World, not only constructed upon similar principles to the Pelasgic structures of early Greece, but executed in precisely the same manner. We are astonished at the size and weight of the blocks used in the Pyramids of Egypt, but still more amazed at the strength and magnitude of the works executed, in Pre-Incarial times, in ancient Peru. Enormous blocks fitted accurately together, without mortar or cement, are here to be found, weighing many tons, and vertically super-imposed upon each other, indicating thus machinery and appliances unknown at the present day. And when we consider the uniformity of design, and the enormous superficial area covered by such remains—as for instance the temple and city of Pachachamac in Peru—extending over many hundred miles, we cannot resist the conclusion that these significant relics of the ancient world must have been constructed by men drawn together by a common bond, and probably instructed from the same common school of design. So in comparatively recent times we find every where the works of high culture, whether in India or in Europe. The modern guilds of travelling Freemasons, however, would seem to have issued rather from Italy than any other country, for nowhere do we lose sight of the prevailing ideas of Italian Architecture, until the rise of the Gothic school fashioned the taste of Europe anew. These guilds of wandering builders were allowed many privileges. They were declared independent of the laws of the country where they might be residing, and subject only to their internal regulations, they were permitted to fix their own prices, they were exempted from all taxation, and they had a monopoly of work wherever they presented themselves. It is perhaps curious to add that the Papal briefs which protected them alleged that such immunities were given them "after the example of Hiram, King of Tyre, when he sent artizans to King Solomon, for the purpose of building the Temple of Jerusalem." Their internal government was very simple. On undertaking any enterprize they first built a number of huts near the site of the intended structure, and over every ten men was placed a warden, whose business was to pay them their wages, and see that no undue waste of material or loss of implements took place. These wardens in turn were responsible to a surveyor or master, called in their documents, "magister," and to whom reference was made as a supreme arbiter of the work to be executed. They had secret words and signs, and general means of recognition, for the purpose of protecting themselves from interlopers. In the first instance they were purely ecclesiastical in their character, acknowledging the Pope as their supreme master, patron, and protector, and the early Popes evidently looked upon them with favourable eyes. Many of their "magistri" were bishops and abbots, and for centuries their principal occupation was the construction of churches, convents, and ecclesiastical buildings. Their chief contribution to architectural science and art was the introduction and elaboration of the beautiful Gothic school, in which they have never been surpassed.—*Mackenzie's Royal Masonic Encyclopædia.*

A CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILT BY FREEMASONS.

THE following episode is recorded in the *Semaine Religieuse*. It is taken from a letter written by the Right Rev. Dr. Cousin, of the Foreign Missions, Vicar-Apostolic of Southern Japan:—

Just outside of the harbour of Nagasaki, about nine miles from the city, there is a small island whose circumference is only about three miles. All the necessary buildings, steam engines, &c., for the development of a large coal mine are erected there, because the entrance to the mine is on the island, and shafts and galleries have been made in all directions, extending quite far under the sea. The island is, as it were, suspended in the air, for it rests on five or six tiers of galleries, spreading in all directions, hence it is gradually sinking, and the inhabitants say it has sunk ten feet in twenty years. Several houses, which formerly stood about high-water mark, had to be moved farther back, for the sea was slowly encroaching on them. All the springs are dried up—fresh water has to be brought daily to the island, and is sold in the market; the trees have also dried up from want of water. And yet there are people who continue to live there. There is even quite a large village at the other extremity of the island, of which about one-half the inhabitants are Catholics. About ten years ago these good people had transformed a house into a little chapel, and, when the missionary came to visit them, the Holy Sacrifice was offered and the Sacraments administered there.

But a day came at last when they saw that the earth was giving way under the house, and that it was about to fall, so they took it down. But how were they to erect another one? The Christians were not numerous, and they were poor. Ground would have to be bought in a safer locality, the chapel would have to be more solidly built; at the lowest calculation the expense would be at least £120, and whence was this amount to come?

The Christians agreed to procure the land and give a part of the work. The good missionary who had charge of the station, not knowing where to find the necessary means, recommended the urgent need to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the little chapel was dedicated to the Sacred Heart), and he proceeded to lay the matter before the mining engineer, who directed the works at the coal mine. He was an English Protestant gentleman, who was employed by the Japanese company, who own the mine. He did not appear astonished at the good Father's visit, and immediately handed him 100 francs as his contribution.

"This is a very generous gift," said the missionary, "nevertheless, it will not go very far. You have friends and countrymen in Nagasaki. Might I call on them for contributions?"

"Are you acquainted with any of them? Have you been introduced?" inquired the engineer.

"No, I do not know any one."

"Then it would be useless; you would not be well received."

However, while speaking, the good Englishman took a sheet of paper and began writing an appeal for subscriptions for the erection of the Catholic Chapel of Takadjima, and accompanying it with a list of names, and then courteously handing it to the Father, said to him: "Take this from me to these various addresses, and I trust you will succeed."

The missionary took the list very gratefully, and spent the following days in calling on the engineer's friends. He was kindly received everywhere—not one refused to subscribe. He collected enough to build his church. His heart was filled with joy. But the best part of the affair was, that the engineer, who was at the head of the Freemasons of Nagasaki, had simply given the good Father a list of the members of his Lodge. The Freemasons of Nagasaki erected a chapel to the Sacred Heart! May the Sacred Heart enlighten and reward them! You can imagine with what consolation I blessed this little chapel, erected under such singular auspices. The

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ceremony took place on 12th April 1888. We never had such a festival. Ten missionaries, eight deacons, and all the Seminarians were present. Nothing was wanting. We had a procession, a Pontifical High Mass, a sermon by the pastor, another one by the Bishop, and finally a nice dinner. The Christians of the village had undertaken to provide dinner for the Seminarians, and the good people spent the preceding night in fishing. Their efforts were rewarded with an abundant catch of fish, so that the young Seminarians enjoyed a bountiful meal.

I forgot to mention that the Japanese mining company were extremely kind to us on this occasion. They own a steamboat which plies between the island and the city. For that day they gave a free passage going and coming to the Fathers and Seminarians. Our party amounted to sixty persons. The Japanese director of the mine was present at the ceremony, and, although he is a pagan, he behaved with great decorum. Our good people were proud and overjoyed. Eighteen years ago they were hunted like wild beasts and thrown into prison on the slightest suspicion of Catholicity, and on that day we had Japanese guards to maintain order during the ceremony of dedication. Truly our good Lord has ways of recompensing sooner or later, those who suffer for Him!—*Weekly Register.*

EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.

IN order to meet the convenience of the public, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of Excursion and ordinary tickets at their City and West End offices, viz.—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 28 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison Road), Aldgate, the Stations on the Hammersmith and City Line, and at most of the Stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, before Easter. Tickets obtained in London on any day from 15th April to 20th, will be available for use on either of those days. Cheap tickets, at special low fares, and available from 18th April to 22nd, will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth district, and to the principal Stations in the West of England, and it is announced that a fast excursion train will leave Paddington on Thursday, 18th April, reaching Exeter in 5¼ hours, and Plymouth in 7¼ hours. Excursions will also be run to Leamington, Birmingham, Chester, Cheltenham, Reading, Oxford, Gloucester, Bath, Bristol, and other stations on the Great Western system. The newspaper train leaving Paddington at 5·30 a.m. will run on Good Friday as usual as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, and the usual intermediate Stations. This train will connect at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

THE London and North Western Railway Co. announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 15th April, to Monday, 22nd April 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 following Town Receiving offices of the Company:-15 Queen Street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13 Eastcheap, Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22 Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65 Aldgate, E.; 30 West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116 Holborn E.C.; George and Blue Boar, High Holborn, W.C.; 43 New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria-street, S.W.; 231 Edgware Road, W.; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.; 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C.; Lion, 108 New Bond-street, W; 496 Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford-street, W.; 33 Hereford Road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34 Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33 High-street, W.; 117 Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234 Blackfriars Road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138 Newington Causeway, S.E; 194 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.; Islington, Angel, 5 Pentonville Road, N. 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 these stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142 Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, 18th April, an additional express train will leave Euston at 8·55 a.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, and Lichfield. Special carriages for Penrith will be attached to the 10·0 a.m. train from London, and will be sent forward from Crewe as a special train in advance of the 10·0 a.m. express. A special express will leave Euston at 1·10 p.m. for Lancaster, Carnforth, Kendal, Windermere, &c., and will be due to arrive at Northampton at 2·34, Rugby 3·0, Nuneaton 3·25, Lichfield 3·54, Crewe 4·55. A special express will leave Euston at 2·50 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford. A special train will leave Birmingham for Northampton at 4·5 p.m. calling at Rugby. A special express train will leave Euston Station at 4·20 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford, arriving at Birmingham (New Street) at 7·5 p.m. The 12·0 midnight from Euston on Thursday, 18th April, will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning as on ordinary week days. The 10·5 p.m. from Glasgow to Carlisle will be extended to Liverpool and Manchester at the following times:—Leave Carlisle 1·15 a.m. (Good Friday morning), arrive Carnforth 2·48, Lancaster 2·59, Preston 3·30, Wigan 3·58, Manchester 4·45, and Liverpool 4·45 a.m. On Good Friday, 19th April, the 5·15 a.m. newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Birmingham, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Aberdeen. A train will leave Manchester at 9·30 a.m. for Wigan, where passengers for Preston and the north can join the newspaper train. There will be no connection to the N.B. Line with this train. The majority of the trains will run on Good Friday as on Sundays. The boats timed to leave Kingstown for Holyhead at 7·0 a.m., and Holyhead at 1·35 p.m. for Kingstown will not sail on Good Friday. The steamers will sail from Larne and Stranraer on Good Friday as on ordinary week days, but on the Saturday following Good Friday the boat will not leave Stranraer until 8·15 a.m. The steamers will sail from both Fleetwood and Belfast on Good Friday as on ordinary week days. Many of the season ticket trains run in the suburbs of London, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester will not run on Bank Holiday, Monday, 22nd April. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Aberystwith, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.

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THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the close of last year a movement was set on foot to recognise the highly meritorious services of Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. as the historian of the Craft.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, kindly consented to serve as Chairman of the Committee, and among the members are many Provincial Grand Masters, Grand, and Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren.

A circular, inviting co-operation, has been sent to the W.M. of every English Lodge, and inasmuch as the value of Bro. Gould's labours has not been confined to this country, it was thought that the brethren of foreign Masonic jurisdictions should be invited to participate in the movement, which has accordingly been done through the medium in each case of their respective Grand Masters.

Many Lodges and brethren, both at home and abroad, have already responded to this appeal, and some time must of course yet elapse before the spirit in which it will be received in foreign Masonic jurisdictions can be fully ascertained.

In the meanwhile, however, the success of the Testimonial will be placed beyond the possibility of a doubt, if the brethren who have, up to the present moment, signified their intention of subscribing to it, will exert their personal influence in recommending the scheme to the favourable notice of their friends, and of the various Masonic bodies with which they are connected. Besides his unequalled merits as a Craft historian, Bro. Gould has been a diligent worker in several of the leading degrees of Freemasonry.

Initiated as far back as 1855, he has been thirty-two years a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and thirty-one years a member of the Mark degree.

The Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, was the fifth Lodge of which he became the W.M. He is a P.Z. of Chapters Nos. 92 and 570, and was a founder of three Preceptories (in one of which he filled the chair) in the far East.

His Masonic record, therefore, goes to show that he has been active alike in the ritual and ceremonial of Masonry, as well as being the foremost worker in its literature and history.

It may be remarked that the sum of one guinea has been fixed as the *maximum*, and not as the *minimum* subscription, for individuals, and that the names of brethren will be cordially welcomed on the Committee, who may be disposed to collect any smaller sums, and forward their lists for incorporation with the general fund. Also, the smallest sums will be thankfully received from any individual brethren who are desirous of forwarding their contributions to me direct.

It will be evident, that though the testimonial must necessarily be allowed to run until a sufficient time has elapsed for replies to come in from abroad, it cannot remain open for an indefinite period. Hence the influence of brethren who are favourable to the movement would be most usefully exercised by their impressing upon intending subscribers the absolute necessity of despatch. By this means the Committee would be greatly assisted in bringing their labours to a close, and with a result which they confidently anticipate would, under such circumstances, mark in the most satisfactory manner possible the general esteem and regard entertained for our Bro. Gould by his Masonic brethren.

Yours fraternally,

RALPH GOODING, M.D.,
P.G.D. P.M. and Treas. No. 1, Hon Sec.

Heath Lodge, the Grove, Blackheath, 10th April 1889.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

AT the Albion, Aldersgate Street, City, on Tuesday last, a regular meeting of this Lodge was held. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. Henry Lindfield, who was in attendance at the funeral of a near relative, the chair was taken by Bro. Alexander Dickson I.P.M.; he was supported by Bros. Harry Nash S.W., King J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Orlton Cooper S.D., Kirkland I.G., Banks Tyler; P.M.'s Usher Back, W. W. Morgan, T. H. Peirce, and a full gathering of members. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. Heyes W.M. 1602, Strickland 1602, Lee, Collings, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. W. J. Bennett was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Strickland (at the request of Bro. Heyes) was passed, both ceremonies being carried out by Bro. Alfred Green P.M., who was heartily congratulated on the ability he displayed, especially as he undertook the duties at a moment's notice. After routine work Lodge was closed, and the regular meetings adjourned till October next. Refreshment followed labour, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 10·30.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when there were present:—Bros. C. Slaughter W.M., W. Hickie S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., E. W. Ridley Secretary, W. Hukins S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., T. P. Stewart acting as I.G., R. E. Hodder Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s—E. Margrett acting as D.C., Ed. Blackwell acting as I.P.M.; Members—Bros. W. B. Reed, W. E. Parkes, D. N. Heron, W. M. Colebrook, W. B. Biddles acting as Organist, R. P. Hart, B. W. Bennett, E. P. Silver, N. Garrett; Visitors: D. Amos 1248, A. J. Shilton 925. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The candidate for initiation as serving member appeared, and the Secretary read dispensation from the Prov. G.M., granting permission for the candidate to be duly initiated; this was done by the Worshipful Master. The Ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, who was elected. The Worshipful Master announced his intention of serving a Stewardship at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. E. Margrett P.M. gave notice of motion:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that this amount be placed on the list of the W.M." The W.M. proposed and the S.W. seconded Bro. Alfred John Shilton, of Reading, as a joining member. The W.M. proposed and Bro. W. B. Reed seconded a candidate for initiation. The Secretary read a communication from the Prov. G. Secretary, stating that £10 10s had been awarded to this Lodge by Prov. G. Lodge, and asking to which of the Masonic Charities the Lodge would like the grant appropriated? Bro. E. J. Blackwell P.M. proposed, and the Secretary seconded the following resolution:—"That the £10 10s, granted by Prov. G. Lodge, be added to the list of the W.M. on his attendance as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." After the usual closing ceremonies, the Lodge was adjourned.

THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. Notwithstanding the early hour at which the brethren were summoned to attend (three o'clock) there was a full attendance when Lodge was opened by Bro. John Loftus. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented. This showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition. During the past year no less than thirty guineas had been subscribed from the Funds in support of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and in addition the members had given substantial support to their Stewards. Bros. Tripe and Craighead were raised, and Mr. Frank White, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Brother McCreddie, and seconded by Brother Lyons, underwent the ordeal of the ballot. The result was in favour of the candidate's initiation, and he was introduced and made acquainted with the mysteries of the Craft in the first degree. Bro. Clements P.M. now took the chair and carried out the installation ceremony in favour of Bro. Oxley, the S.W. of last year. Bro. Clements is a competent worker, and on this occasion he gave an essentially perfect rendering of the ceremony. The following were invested as the Officers:—Bros. J. Loftus I.P.M., Wm. O. Sweetman S.W., H. J. G. Hirst J.W., J. Twinn Secretary, W. Beck P.M. Treas., A. W. Flack S.D., A. F. C. Dickson J.D., J. Magrath P.M. D.C., A. Lloyd I.G., C. Dawe and C. V. Jenkins Stewards. After the addresses had been given, a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, routine work was considered, and Lodge closed. Amongst those in attendance were Past Masters J. G. Twinn, A. G. Clements, G. Holdom, W. Beck; Visitors:—Bros. Turton 1382, Charles Allen 1382, John Swanston 117, Barritt 1625, E. H. Walker 1441, T. W. Perryman 65, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, E. W. Clements J.W. 816, T. W. Venner 901, Thos. Pargeter P.M. 598, B. Stewart P.M. 1278, P. C. Rogers 901, G. H. Clarke Senior Warden 1227, Gerrard J. King 1259, A. H. Robinson 1010, J. T. Dormer Junior Warden 1571, John G. Stevens P.M. 554, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c., &c. A capital banquet, bountifully provided, followed; but we feel justified in making the inquiry,—How was it the cloth was not cleared till nearly 10 o'clock? In these days of rapid "locomotion" we can scarcely recognise the necessity for spending so much time over our Masonic functions. This seemed to be the idea of the W.M., Bro. Oxley, who lost no time when he once started with the toasts. The Loyal toasts were accorded an enthusiastic reception, and our veteran friend Bro. Sherwin, Organist of the Lodge, gave the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Loftus. The brethren would agree with him when he ventured to assert Bro. Oxley was the right man in the right place. He was essentially a shining light in Freemasonry. It was known to the brethren of the Lodge that their W.M. had recently undergone the experiences of a serious illness, which had taxed him somewhat heavily; however, all were pleased to see him present, though in an enfeebled state. All trusted he might regain health and strength to fulfil his duties in the capable manner that was anticipated by the members. Without further preface he would ask the brethren to drink the toast in a bumper. On rising to reply, the W.M. said he felt a certain amount of trepidation when he looked forward to the duties that now devolved upon him, and could not obliterate the fact from his mind that many dangers beset his path. Brother Oxley then continued in a witty and eminently poetical speech, well considered and eloquently delivered, assuring the brethren that the best interests of their Lodge should have his earnest consideration and sturdy support. In replying to the toast given in his honour, the I.P.M. said that in retiring from the chair he felt he was leaving the Lodge in the charge of one who was fully capable of presiding over its destinies. For himself, he stood there that evening the proud possessor of two jewels; the first represented the services he had been able to give to the Benevolent Institution at its Festival in February last, and the second, so generously given him by the Lodge on the present occasion. He could assure the brethren he wished the Lodge every prosperity, and that his associations with them might continue for many years to come. The next compliment that was paid was to the Installing Master Bro. Clements, who in acknowledgment said that though his services would be at the disposal of the Lodge, he looked forward to an early date when the retiring Master would instal his successor. The toast of the Initiate came next, then the Visitors were complimented, and replies were given by Brothers Stewart, Pargeter, Dormer, Morgan and others. With the toast of the Charities was identified the name of Bro. John G. Stevens, who gave a practical account of what was being done by the three Charitable Institutions, taking them in the order of their establishment. Bro. Stevens also referred to the splendid work being done by the Board of Benevolence on behalf of brethren, or those who were left by them, in distressed circumstances. Bro. Stevens closed his remarks with a graceful recognition of the sturdy support at all times given by the members of this Lodge to the Masonic Institutions. Two or three other toasts followed. Some capital songs and recitations were given between the toasts, Bros. Gerrard King, Hone, Clark, Harper and others ably contributing.

COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166.

THE annual meeting took place on Monday, the 1st instat, at Calstock. Bro. Pearce 557 ably performed the ceremony of installing Bro. W. Sowden as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. G. Rowe I.P.M., A. H. Bates S.W., J. Samuel J.W., H. Down Treasurer, A. N. Campbell Chaplain, R. R. Alford Secretary, W. H. Bone S.D., W. Grills J.D., J. James I.G., W. Coulter Tyler, R. P. Coath and J. Hammersley Stewards, E. Smale Dir. of Cers. The brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. Durbar's, Ashburton Hotel, and partook of an excellent dinner. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, songs and recitations were rendered by Bros. Sowden, Hammersley, Prout, Coulter, Coath and Prout.

RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THIS Lodge held its usual meeting at the Peckham Public Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, Bro. J. W. Dewsnap W.M. having taken his chair, and the Officers their allotted positions, the Lodge was opened with due ceremony. The minutes having been ready by the Secretary, Bro. Collier, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Frederick Hussey, and also to pass Bro. G. R. Phillips. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Frederick Dunn as W.M., Bro. G. S. Mansell Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Bowler Tyler. After transacting other business the brethren partook of a banquet, provided by Bro. H. E. Reed, of the Prince Albert, East Surrey Grove. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Judge, Cattermole, Dunn, Etheridge and Lamb. A ballot took place for several joining members, and John Blundell Maple, Esq, M.P., was proposed as a candidate for initiation.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241.—The annual supper was held, on the 2nd instant, at the Harrington Restaurant, Harrington-street, Liverpool, Bro. J. Brotherton Preceptor occupying the chair, and Bro. J. M'Nab W.M. 241 the vice-chair. Among the members present were Bros. E. Sherwood P.M. 786, W. Marwood Secretary 786, and A. E. Povey Treasurer 241. Bro. Luker's catering gave universal satisfaction. A very flourishing state of affairs in this prominent Lodge of Instruction was announced by the Treasurer, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the proceedings a handsome piece of electro-silver was presented to Bro. Brotherton as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members who receive Masonic instruction at his hands; whilst a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. M'Nab, the retiring Treasurer, for his valuable labours during his term of office; a similar vote being given to Bro. West, the late Secretary. A well-rendered musical programme contributed to the success of the meeting.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—A meeting was held on the 4th instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.E. Present:—Bros. D. Rose W.M., F. Hilton S.W., Elgar J.W., T. Grummant Secretary, Stone S.D., Thompson J.D., Pickett I.G. P.M.'s—Bros. Voisey, Murché, Captain Vincent, Bate, Channon, Eckersall, Mercer, Addington, Mole, Towers, Loader; Bros. Irwin, North, Davis, Gomm, Osterstock, Plant, Ayris, Shrubsole, Milliken, Whitehead, Halls, Martin, Edwards, Oathwaite, Say, Price, Meyer, Klyne, Stafford, Kemble, Dunn, Parr, Pellew, Snell, Bethell, &c. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following:—Bros. Pickett, R. C. Davis (2), Stone, Channon, Hilton, Voisey; Bros. Martin, Grummant, Murché, Elgar, Bate; Bros. Sowton, Vincent, Loader.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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SEGONTIUM CHAPTER, No. 606.

THE annual installation took place on Thursday, the 4th instant, in the Masonic Hall, at Carnarvon Castle. There was a large attendance of Companions. Companion J. Lloyd Griffith, the retiring M.E.Z., was the Installing Officer, and was assisted by Comps. Poole, and Cornelius Davies. Comps. R. H. Pritchard was installed M.E.Z., W. Morgan H., T. E. Harris J., and Roberts Scribe E. The banquet was served at the Royal Sportsman Hotel.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.E. Comps. Hilton (Preceptor) M.E.Z., T. Grummant H., W. Cowley J., B. C. Stone E., Charlie Woods S.N., J. Addington P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. Lyon, Moor, Terry, Neeld, Patrick; Visitor: Comp. Watts P.Z.; also Comps. Meierhoff, North, Martin, Eckersball, Wood, Benedetti, Murché, Davis, Latham, Oldfield, Wingham, &c. This was the night of the first annual supper, which was in every way a success. The Loyal and Masonic toast was proposed by Comp. Hilton; Success to the Chapter was proposed by Comp. Grummant, and responded to by Comp. Hilton; the Visitor, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Watts; the Vice President, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Addington; the S.E., proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Stone; the Masonic Press, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Woods; the Host, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Terry. Songs and recitations were given by Comps. Hilton, Stone, Addington, Moore, Murché, Meierhoff, Oldfield, North, &c.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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In response to a generally expressed desire on the part of the public to see Mr. Wilson Barrett in his great successes, previous to his departure to tour in America, Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged to revive at the Princess's (for a limited number of performances only) the "Silver King," with all the original scenery and effects, on Monday, 15th instant.

On Easter Monday a new and original burlesque, by Richard Henry, entitled "Lancelot the Lovely; or, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table," will be produced at the Avenue. The music has been composed and arranged by John Crook; the new scenery is by Julian Hicks, and the costumes by Mons. and Madame *Aliss*.

The Adelphi will be closed during the first five nights of next week, re-opening on Saturday, the 20th instant, with a grand revival of Messrs. Geo. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt's drama "The Harbour Lights."

We are glad to be able to announce that Mr. J. L. Toole will re-open his theatre on Easter Monday, with "The Don" and "Ici on Parle Français." During the season Mr. Toole will appear in "Artful Cards," "Paul Pry," "The Butler," "Serious Family," "The Steeplechase," "Domestic Economy," and "Birthplace of Podgers."

Terry's theatre will be closed on the first five evenings of next week, re-opening for the morning performance on Saturday, the 20th instant, when "Sweet Lavender" will continue its successful career.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held, on the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. There was a large attendance of the subscribers and donors to the Fund. In the absence of the president of the institution, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, W. J. Brewer was elected to preside. The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand from last year, £231; subscriptions and donations, £225; interest, £15; total receipts, £471. Expenditure on children, £174; working expenses, £11; total, £185. In bank deposit, £500; balance current account, £277; balance in treasurer's hands, £8. Total value of Fund, £785. The report was received and adopted. Bros. J. R. Lord and J. B. Gover were re-elected the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. J. W. Cornish and E. H. Littleton were elected the auditors for the ensuing year. The Finance Committee elected were:—Bros. R. Lose, W. E. Warren, H. Stocker, W. Powell, J. Brewer, J. W. Cornish, E. T. Fulford, S. Jew, R. Hambly, W. Allaford. The Educational and General Purposes Committee were:—Bros. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., Rev. W. Whittley, S. Jones, J. Brewer, J. B. Gover, S. Jew, R. Lose, D. Cross, F. B. Westlake, J. R. Lord, A. R. Lethbridge, W. Powell, R. Pengelly, W. A. Gregory, E. Aitken-Davies, G. J. Firks, W. Lacey, W. E. Warren, J. W. Cornish, T. Goodall, E. J. Knight, R. Cawsey, R. Hambly, F. Hooper, W. J. Stanbury, W. Trevena, T. Grey, E. T. Fulford, J. Lane, R. Jerman, J. Stocker, G. Whittley, H. Stocker, W. S. Hearder, W. Browning, W. H. W. Macey, W. Taylor, T. J. R. Chalice, G. F. Watson, Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. Griffin, G. Horswill, W. Allaford, R. G. Bird, Major G. C. Davie, W. H. Dillon. Five guineas each were voted towards the advancement in life of two boys whose educational terms for remaining on the fund had concluded through their ages,—H. E. Howe and A. Rawle. Bro. Cooper gave notice that he should at the October meeting ask for a similar gratuity to be voted to M. S. Williams, the son of a deceased member of Lodge Fortitude, 105. The election of two candidates was then proceeded with. Bros. W. Powell, J. Griffin, W. H. W. Macey, were appointed the scrutineers. The result of the voting was for C. B. Jerred, 7¼ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge St. John the Baptist, Exeter, 534 votes; R. H. Pettle, 8 years, son of a deceased member of Lodge Torridge, Great Torrington, 531 votes; B. L. Cann, 7¼ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge Fidelity, Devonport, 409 votes; M. M. Charters, 7¼ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge The Saint John's, Plymouth, 307 votes; E. Strain, 13 years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge Erme, Ivybridge, 87 votes. The two first candidates were declared elected. As the last candidate from her age would in a year hence become ineligible, it was unanimously resolved to place her on the Fund by a vote of the meeting. It was resolved to elect two more candidates on the Fund in October.

At the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. Scurrah occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Richardson, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Parkhouse, Carman, French, Cumberland Gladwell, Griffiths, Saunders, Gillard, Webb, Godson, M.P., Hogard, Mickley, M.A., M.B., T. H. Miller, Paas, Maple, Rayner, Moon, Ramsay, Anderson, Webb, Glass, and Binckes (Secretary). After preliminaries, six petitions were submitted and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October Election. Four applications for grants towards outfit were considered; one was rejected, the others being favourably entertained. Notices of motion for the Quarterly Court having been handed in, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and the Committe. djourned.

This (Saturday) evening Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., will preside at the Third Annual Dinner of the "Old Masonians," at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The proceedings will commence at 6 o'clock, when we hope there will be a strong attendance.

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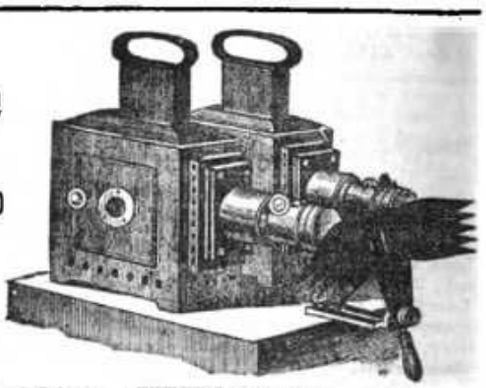
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IT has been arranged that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythwood, Bart., M.P., will make a Grand Visitation to the Province of Glasgow on Friday, 26th inst., and instal Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, to be Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow City. On the previous day the Grand Master will visit Falkirk, and in the afternoon instal Bro. H. M. Shaw Stewart, of Carnock, as Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, and on Saturday, 27th inst., the Grand Master will lay the foundation-stone of the New County Buildings at Paisley. On each of these occasions the Grand Master will be accompanied by the Grand Officers and a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW HALL AT OBAN.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., the foundation of a new hall, in course of erection for Lodge Commercial, No. 180, was laid with the customary Masonic rites by Sir Chas. Dalrymple, M.P. Deputations were present from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and from Fort William, Lochgilphead, Bonawe, and Callander. The Town Council and other local bodies also took part in the proceedings. The building is situated in Albany-street, a new street going southward from Argyll Square. This street, which also contains the Sheriff Court-House and offices, is likely to become the centre of a very important part of the town. The building is to be two storeys in height, built in the Palladian style of architecture, and will consist of, on the lower floor, two shops or offices, supplied with all modern conveniences, and on the upper flat is a hall 28 feet square, with committee and reception rooms adjoining.

LODGE ATHOLE, No. 418.

AT the 28th annual festival, held in Buchanan-street Station Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday evening, the 29th ult., Bro. William O'Brien R.W.M. occupied the chair, and Bro. J. G. M'Lean D.M., and Bro. J. T. Yuile S.W. were the croupiers. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. David Crofts, J. M. Oliver, J. K. Hunter 27, J. N. Carruthers, J. Boyd, J. L. Hunter, R. Jackson, A. G. Collingridge, H. M'Donald, and Adams. Replying to the toast of the Lodge Athole, the chairman stated that the funds of the Lodge at present amounted to £159, of which £26 belonged to the Benevolent Fund; while there over 700 members on the roll.

REVIEWS.

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood, 1889-90. Edited and published by Comp. W. R. Bowden, High-street, Oxford.

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Fraternity; or, His Brother's Guilt. By CHARLES OGILVIE. London: F. J. Lambert and Co., 21 to 24 Avenue Chambers, Temple Avenue, E.C.

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Obituary.

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THE REV. CANON G. RAYMOND PORTAL,

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

LITTLE did those who listened to Bro. Lord Euston, when he made reference to the proverbial longevity of the Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree, on Friday evening last, at the Annual Festival of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, think how soon this statement was to be upset; that even while Lord Euston was speaking one of the most prominent of these brethren was lying cold and inanimate. Yet was this even so. To-day we cannot give full particulars of Canon Portal's Masonic career, but will merely state that his death took place, suddenly, on Friday, the 5th instant, at his residence Burghclere, near Newbury. Canon Portal was Grand Chaplain of the Craft Grand Lodge in 1885, and was installed Grand Master of the Mark Degree in 1869. He was unquestionably one of the staunchest supporters ever associated with Mark Masonry.

The funeral of the much lamented deceased took place at noon on Monday, and although the time that had elapsed since the death had been short, and Sunday had intervened, people of all classes assembled from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a loving relative and a much esteemed friend—one who was ever engaged either in works of public charity or usefulness, or in acts of Christian goodness or private kindness. Such a large and representative gathering as that which assembled at Burghclere on this occasion had never been seen in the district. Had time allowed of the necessary arrangements, there would have been a very large assemblage of Freemasons from both the Grand Lodges of England—Craft as well as Mark—besides various Provincial Grand Lodges with which the late Canon had been more or less associated; as it was distinguished members of the Masonic body congregated in large numbers, and in addition to these, the National Deposit Friendly Society, which Canon Portal was instrumental in starting in 1872, and which has now grown to be a most successful provident institution, spread over a large portion of the kingdom, was represented by several members of the executive body, and also by some of its principal officers. The clergy of the diocese of Winchester, and the gentry of the district were also largely represented, and above all, as testifying to the Canon's true worth, the poor of the locality congregated in great numbers.

In the course of the morning the mortal remains of Canon Portal, enclosed in an elm coffin, literally loaded with memorial wreaths and crosses, were deposited in the hall of the Rectory, where the members of the family assembled shortly before twelve o'clock, being joined by the village choir, when several members of the local clergy sang the hymn,

"When the heart is sad within
With the sense of all its sin."

After this the corpse was carried from the hall, by the senior members of the choir, and placed on a hand-bier, which was also covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses. At the head of the choir was carried a magnificent cross, chiefly composed of arum lilies, then came the clergy, preceding the corpse, which was slowly drawn through the Rectory grounds and along the roadway to the church, followed by the mourners, and others invited to the funeral, the whole forming a procession of great length. A large number of the parishioners and others had assembled in the churchyard, and many persons had taken their places in the beautiful parish church, which stands within a short distance of the Rectory.

The mourners included:—Mrs. Portal (the widow), Mr. Maurice Portal (son), Miss Violet Portal and Miss Daisy Portal (daughters), Mr. Melville Portal and Lady Charlotte Portal, Mr. Wyndham Portal, Major and Mrs. Dundas, Mr. M. Knight, Capt. Portal, A.D.C., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Portal, Mr. S. J. Portal, Miss Portal, Mr. B. P. Portal, Miss K. Portal, Capt. and Mrs. Codrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingsmill, Miss Kingsmill, Mr. and Mrs. Chute, Hon. Egerton Hubbard, M.P., Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, Miss Evelyn Portal, Lord Algernon Percy, Mr. E. Trevillan, Mr. R. Duke, Rev. Charles Knight, the servants of the household, &c. Among those who sent memorial wreaths and crosses, which were very numerous, were the relatives already mentioned as mourners, the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Sir Frederick and Lady Cardeo, Sir Alexander and Lady Arbuthnot, Lady Winnifred Byng, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Hants and the Isle of Wight, the Porchester Lodge of Mark Masons (Newbury), the Vicar and Churchwardens of Ecchinswell and Sydmonton, Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere, Mrs. Ridley and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Holding and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, Mr. Blandy, Mr. J. W. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Cosburn, Mr. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Hearne, Hon. C. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Darley, Mr. Mount, M.P., and Mrs. Mount, Mrs. Lock, Mrs. Cole, Miss Berry, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cummins, Mr. Field, Major General, Mrs. and the Misses Maunsell, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. and Miss Arkwright, Mr. H. Arkwright, Miss Plenty, Miss Richards, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Bacon, Capt. and Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Fanshawe, Miss Fanshawe, Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Gosling, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Money, the Servants of Burghclere Rectory, Mr. and Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Kelleway, Mr. T. J. Kelleway, Rev. R. Williams, Rev. Walde, the Parishioners of Burghclere, the School Children, Clara Hopkins, Mr. T. Dundas, Mr. E. Harris, the Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Beales, &c.

The opening portion of the burial service was taken by the Rev. A. Sladen, curate of Burghclere, the Lesson being read by the Bishop of Guildford (Doctor Sumner). The grave, which had been dug on the south side of the churchyard, had been lined with moss, interspersed with bunches of primroses and violets. The service was continued at the grave by the Rev. F. C. Gosling of Newtown, and the Benediction by the Bishop.

Amongst those present at the funeral were:—the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Sir Frederick Cardeo, Bart., Sir Alexander Arbuthnot, K.C.S.I., Mr. W. W. Beach, M.P., Major General Maunsell, Colonel Vincent Williams, Mr. William Holding, Mr. Bassett, the Mayor of Newbury (Mr. George Knight), the Mayor of Basingstoke (Mr. Soper), Hon. and Rev. J. H. Nelson, Canon Dundas (Albury), Canon Warburton (Winchester), Revs. A. B. Sole, H. E. Sharpe, C. B. Berryman, G. A. Seymour, R. Bigg-Wether, Marriner, H. L. Porter, R. H. Williams, J. D. Beales, R. H. Rooneon, W. Bulkley, R. C. Edwards, E. J. Gardiner, E. T. Coles, G. Pearson, J. Scott-Ramsay, A. Edwards, C. B. Young, R. Dunn, J. Atkins, J. M. Guilding, H. J. Mason, &c.

The Freemasons present comprised the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Carnarvon; the Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. Beach, M.P.; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. E. J. Le Feuvre; the Grand Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge, Bro. Binckes; the Prov. Grand Mark Secretary for Berks and Oxon, Bro. Ravenscroft; Bros. Margrett Past Grand Deacon Mark Grand Lodge, Bradley Provincial Grand Secretary Berks and Oxon, Creed W.M. Leopold Lodge, G. M. Knight W.M. Porchester Lodge, R. L. Loveland Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master for Hants and Isle of Wight (of which Province Canon Portal was Provincial Grand Master), Jellicoe Provincial Grand Mark Secretary, Tilling Provincial Senior Grand Mark Warden, the Rev. H. J. Mason Provincial Grand Mark Chaplain, Rev. J. Atkins P.P. Grand Chaplain Berks and Bucks, Rev. R. Williams P.M., Boyer P.M., Ravenor P.M., Cosburn P.M., W. Knight, R. Canning, Maples, Kersley, Harrold, Hawkins, Burns, Graham, &c.

The National Deposit Friendly Society (of which Canon Portal was founder) was represented by Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P. (one of the trustees), Mr. W. B. Payne, General Secretary, Mr. W. Holding, Vice-Chairman of General Committee, Mr. Walter Money, F.S.A., Rev. R. Dunn, and Aldermen Hickman and Absalom (members of the Berks and Hants Branch Committee), Mr. G. J. Cosburn (County Secretary), Messrs. Kelleway and Durrant (Agents), &c.

A deputation from Albury (Surrey), the living which was held by Canon Portal for some years, attended the obsequies, including the Rev. Canon Dundas, Rector of Albury, Mr. Peebles, agent to the Duke of Northumberland, Mr. J. Poulter, and Mr. H. Cooke.

There were also present:—Mr. Winchester Munn, Manager of the Laverstoke Bank Note Paper Mills, Messrs. Ridley, Fox, Wentworth, Hearne, Plenty, Wilson, Howard, Davis, Mallett, Bacon, Hobbs, Hall, Bunny, Thomson, Pavey, Smith, Bolton, Head, Palmer, White, Turner, Kemp, &c.

Reference to the death of Canon Portal was made by the local clergy at most of the neighbouring churches on Sunday.

BRO. BARCLAY WATT.

THIS brother breathed his last on the 28th ult., after an illness of several months, during which time he was confined to his room. He was a well-known member of No. 15 (Kilwinning) Lodge, and was universally respected by his Masonic brethren and his numerous friends in town and district, who will regret to hear of his decease, and will unite in expressing sympathy for those whom he has left behind.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Charles J. Perceval occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Cottebrune, Webb, Tattershall, Lacey, Smith, Pierpoint, Kempton, Forsyth, Bulmer, Cubitt, Driver, Dixon, Masters, Blasby, Bolton, Hugh Cotter, Durrant, Perryman, Belchamber, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two male and one widow annuitant, one widow receiving half her late husband's annuity, and one approved male candidate for the next election. The Warden's report for the past month was read; and the Report of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A resolution appointing a Committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield (Treasurer), Newton, and J. J. Berry, to draw up the Annual Report, was agreed to, and it was also resolved that the Stewards at the recent Festival be invited to visit the Institution. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The installation meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, was held on Wednesday, when Bro. William Henry was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A full report will appear in our next issue.

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MARK MASONRY.

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GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons held its fifth annual festival at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, the 5th instant, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Senior Grand Warden, when a large number of brethren interested in the Order assembled. Brother C. F. Matier, in commencing the proceedings, remarked that it was their usual practice to work the ceremony of advancement, but, in order to render this Festival as attractive and instructive as possible, the lecture on the tracing board and the lecture of the degree would be given. He then called upon Bro. T. Poore to give the lecture on the tracing board. After this had been done, Bro. Green gave the lecture of the degree. On the motion of Brother the Earl of Euston, seconded by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Poore and Green for their admirable working. It was resolved unanimously that the President of the Festival, Bro. the Earl of Euston, should be elected an honorary member. The Earl of Euston returned thanks; as in the Craft, so in the Mark, whatever he could do to assist in the advancement of the Order he should be most happy to do. This closed the formal proceedings, and the brethren now sat down to banquet, which was served in the perfect manner that characterises this establishment.

After the Loyal toasts, the Grand Officers was given, the Earl of Euston remarking that although a present Grand Officer himself, he had the greatest pleasure in submitting the toast, knowing as he did the two distinguished brethren—the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. —at their head, and also having the pleasure of knowing the worthy brother on his right—Bro. F. A. Godson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Worcestershire—who he would ask to return thanks. The brethren wished every success they possibly could to men who had proved themselves by their work in the past, and by their promises for the future, good and able supporters of Mark Masonry. They wanted workers; they wanted men who would do more than work in the abstract; men who would take a sincere interest in what they undertook In the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. they had brethren who had taken, and would take for the rest of their term of office, an active interest, and would be ready to come forward when required. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., said it had been his good lot to be personally acquainted with every Past Grand Master of the Mark Degree, and he rather prided himself that he was in some way connected with Lord Hertford becoming a ruler in the Mark; owing to circumstances that occurred, he was called upon to assist in his installation as the Prov. G.M.M. of Warwickshire. He deeply regretted that he had not been able personally to attend lately at the meetings of the General Board, but he had not the slightest doubt they were doing their best to promote the interest of Mark Masonry, which he was convinced had a great and glorious future before it. As one of the Board he could say they had lately undertaken a serious responsibility in taking the premises better known as Bacon's Hotel, but they relied upon the body of Mark Masons to assist them if called upon. Owing to the care with which the resources of the Order had been husbanded, he thought they might fairly contemplate the possibility of not asking the brethren for very much, if for anything. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.W. said he was permitted, as a former Chairman of that Lodge of Instruction, the privilege of proposing the next very important, and he was quite sure very popular toast. He was going to ask them to drink the health of the noble brother who had been good enough to be the chairman of the evening. If there ever was one who deserved the thanks of his brother Masons for services rendered in the short time he had been a Mason, it was their president, the Earl of Euston. It was but a short time ago since he had the opportunity of joining their Order, but it appeared to him (Col. Clerke) that since that time his thoughts had been of Masonry night and day; his only desire being to know what more he could do or further service render. Their noble brother had taken almost every possible degree, and had been advanced to the highest and most important places. He was already a Prov. Grand Master of an excellent Province, was Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch, held high rank in other branches of Masonry, and his position in the Mark degree was only equalled by the zeal and energy shown in the performance of various duties attached to his Office. He was always willing to give his services in Masonic work for Charity, or for instruction in the Ritual. Bro. the Earl of Euston, after acknowledging the compliment, said that since he had been a Freemason it had been his aim and object to do his duty to the utmost of his ability, and if he had succeeded he was pleased. The honours he had received had been beyond any work of his, and they stimulated him to try and do more and more for the advancement of every degree to which he belonged, and for the good of one thing they all aimed at—Charity. He was a young Mason, but had given time to it, and thought; more than that, he had given love to it. For the kind way in which they had always received him as a young Mason, thrust into high position, he thanked them heartily. He had to thank his own Province particularly for the support given him, and the brethren generally for their assistance at the Festival of the Aged Freemasons and Widows. He was pleased to say the total that night reached £13,500, and he did not think he was going outside the mark in saying that no original capital would have to be touched this year. As they went on year by year they increased in numbers, but they were liable for increase of calls. Times, as the farmers say, "are not what they used to be." He believed they were not for a good many people, but as Freemasons increased in numbers they ran the liability of more calls to help and assist the distressed who from age or misfortune are placed in a position requiring assistance. Their whole aim and object, whether in the Craft or Mark Masonry, was Charity. It was one great bond of union between them, and although the Mark Masons were a separate community from the Craft, yet, he held, they were trying to carry on the good which that ancient body was pursuing with such success. If their success could only be attained in the same way they would be pleased and proud. In the Provinces, and in every Lodge he had visited in London, he found the most cordial and united feeling in Mark Masonry. They should be guided, not for their own advantage, but for the good of the Fraternity. He thought they ought to sink their personal feelings altogether, and work for the good of the Order, and for whatever came before them that deserved support. Every case was thoroughly looked into. If anybody could stand up and say anything against Freemasonry let him answer that statement. They had met together that day to hear work which must have taken years to perfect. Before he sat down he would ask them to drink success to the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Ramsay. Bro. Ramsay thanked the brethren; he hoped the Lodge of Instruction would be supported by all Lodges in the Kingdom. He trusted it would be looked up to, as the Lodge of Emulation was in the Craft. He hoped these meetings would be repeated, and that next year they would have a still larger gathering. After a toast had been given in honour of the Visitors, the Mark Benevolent Fund was proposed by the presiding brother, who announced that the Festival of this Fund would be held on the 24th July. They had two or three months in which to work, and to try and eclipse former totals. A young brother in Mark Masonry would take the chair — Sir Lionel Darell; and on his behalf he asked them, one and all, to do their utmost to send in their names as Stewards. It was necessary that they should put by for a rainy day, and invest a little money to fall back upon. Let them do the best they could, and wish hearty success to their worthy Bro. Matier, the Secretary, and might he have a list of Stewards longer than last year. Bro. Matier Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund responded. At the present moment they had over 100 Stewards enrolled for the next Festival, and, although the noble chairman had revealed something of that budget which was part of his detail, he had not told them that he had already acted as Steward, and would act again on this occasion. Distinguished by eloquence, by position, both Masonically and socially, and by that true feeling of Charity which knew no distinction, they could do nothing less than return their hearty thanks to the Earl of Euston for all he had done. They had 25 children and five annuitants on the fund, and they were generally called on on Board days for assistance, which they afforded to the best of their power. The proceedings were soon afterwards brought to a conclusion. Amongst those present were Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Matier, Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, H. Stone, R. P. Spice, G. W. Marsden, E. L. Shepherd, C. Belton, J. J. Pakes, R. Voisey, E. M. Money, T. Poore, C. E. Keyser, Major George Lambert, C. M. Brander, H. H. Shirley, Jos. R. Green, J. J. Thomas, F. R. Hales, A. V. Ramsay, T. P. Staley, W. J. Spratling, J. N. Fage, Thos. Cubitt, G. P. Britten, H. Cousans, J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Col. Gadsden, C. J. Axford, J. S. Tamburini, C. V. Hunter, T. Knights, J. T. Briggs, Thos. Clark, A. F. Quin, S. G. Kirchhoffer, H. Carman, A. Prescott, R. D. Poppleton, C. Gross, R. E. Middleton, H. Halliday, W. G. Lemon, W. A. Scurrah, A. H. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, C. J. Knightley, A. R. Prescot, S. J. Attenborough, W. W. Morgan, J. W. Howard Thompson, A. C. Thorpe, Nelson Prower, Boulton, W. W. Lee, &c.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 255.

ON Tuesday, 26th ult., the installation meeting and banquet was held at the Bell Hotel, Week-street, Maidstone. The Installing Officer was Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Provincial Grand Master. The retiring W.M. was Bro. Francis W. Wright. The following were the Officers installed for the year:—Bros. Silas Wagon W.M., Francis W. Wright I.P.M., D. Welsh S.W., Hubert Bensted J.W., J. B. Groom M.O., W. B. Stonham S.O., J. H. Bridge J.O., Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Chaplain, G. R. Dann Treasurer, G. Hurn Reg. of Marks and Secretary, R. McVicar S.D., F. Gordon J.D., H. A. McDougall I.G., J. G. Tobin Tyler. The banquet, served by the host Mr. W. W. Frost, was of a most *récherché* description, and at the conclusion of the repast the usual toast list was gone through.

His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Grand Master of the Province of Nottinghamshire, has just appointed the Rev. Frederick Vernon Bussell to the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the room of the late Brother John Watson Past Grand Senior Deacon. The Rev. F. V. Bussell is a Past Master of the Pelham Lodge, Worksop, No. 939; Treasurer of the Newton Lodge, Newark, 1661; has been Provincial Grand Chaplain of Notts, and last year was Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. He is also a P.Z. of the Royal Arch, and has passed the chairs in the Mark, Rose Croix, and other degrees. An active and able Master of the Craft, he is particularly well known and highly esteemed throughout the Province.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Female Complaints.—On the mothers of England devolves much and serious responsibility in securing for their daughters robust health; frequently, alas! thoughtlessly sacrificed by culpable bashfulness at a particular period of life, when all important changes take place in the female constitution, upon the management of which depends future happiness or misery. Holloway's Pills, especially if aided with the Ointment, have the happiest effect in establishing those functions, upon the due performance of which health and even life itself depend. Mother and daughter may safely use these powerful deobstruent remedies without consulting any one. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about the desired result.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 13th APRIL.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1298—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—Mispah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1889—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1958—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1627—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire Lt. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2098—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th APRIL.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
2—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Dash, 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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (In)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1426—Hyde Park, Pembroke Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1586—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1662—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1748—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (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. 13—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
362—Royal Union, Queens 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
507—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
513—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
522—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
724—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
835—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—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
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1468—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 246—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
M.M. 9—Portescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 16th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
20—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
54—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
163—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, 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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1673—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1840—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1896—New, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1905—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 Instruction, 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. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
312—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
341—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Mercia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
446—St. James's, 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
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1034—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1062—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
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)
1736—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2146—Barbiton, 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, 17th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 4. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
969—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
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
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.)
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)
1983—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. 193—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
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1139—St. Chad, Roebuck Fotel, Rochdale
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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1853—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1408—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1445—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1526—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
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R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1347—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 134—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 18th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
29—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
46—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
65—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
69—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, Waite 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
176—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
235—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
723—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1148—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. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1329—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1428—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)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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, Aldbourn Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. Joan's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
1746—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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)
1986—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, Bath-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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. 129—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
200—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonesclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
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456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
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R.A. 913—Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
R.A. 1234—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 19th APRIL.

6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1963—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 93—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
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.
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
R.A. 531—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. 133—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 20th APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1286—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. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 149—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1496—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Cheruesey
1997—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT.

WE are among those who share the opinion lately expressed by a well known brother, to the effect that in matters of Masonic form and ceremony, as well as in questions concerning the Masonic toasts and other similar matters, frequent repetition and continued familiarity does not breed contempt. No matter how often a brother may be called upon to take part in one of the ceremonies of Freemasonry there is sure to be something during its progress which causes him especial pleasure, and no matter how frequently his hearers may have listened to the work before, its repetition is sure to gratify them, and will repay for the time and attention devoted to it. So in the proposition of the Masonic toasts; it seldom, if ever, happens that a Worshipful Master is wholly at a loss for something fresh with which to clothe the well known and well worn sentiments of Freemasonry, *while* it is really astonishing to listen to the original, stirring, and really interesting remarks which are associated with one or other of our time honoured toasts.

Who would imagine that anything fresh could occur to the minds of the hundreds of Worshipful Masters throughout the world who have to propose month after month the toast of the Queen and the Craft, as it has been proposed regularly and frequently for upwards of fifty years? And yet it is not only possible to vary the remarks which precede the toast, but that is what actually occurs. Even men who have been associated with the Order far longer than we have—and our experience in the last fifteen years has been a wide and varied one—are occasionally struck with the originality of the remarks falling from the brother who has to submit this toast. Either some personal reminiscence or local association is introduced to create a variety, or some fresh topic of the day is cleverly interwoven with the usual formula, and the remarks appear to be quite as fresh as if it was the first time the toast had been submitted.

No doubt much of this pleasing variety is possible because Her Majesty and the members of her family take such lively and continued interest in the affairs of the Craft, it seldom happening that any lengthy period is allowed to elapse without some tangible proof being given that their interest is sincere, and not merely a matter of form. At the present time—if we may believe the rumour that has been pretty widely circulated—another instance of this personal interest of the Royal Family in the affairs of Freemasonry is about to be supplied; it being announced that the grandson of Her Majesty, Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of our beloved Grand Master, is to succeed to the Mastership of the Province of Surrey, just rendered vacant by the lamentable decease of General Brownrigg. We regret we are not yet in a position to give official confirmation to the rumour we refer to, but we have little doubt of its being authentic, although some one has perhaps been rather premature in making it known to the world. If the eldest son of the Prince of Wales is not to succeed to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Surrey we imagine it is but postponing what must assuredly come some day; still we shall be surprised if in this case "Dame Rumour" has played us false.

The news will be welcome tidings to those who occupy the chair of their Lodge, and many will be the kindly references and good wishes expressed for the welfare of the Prince who is destined to take so important a part in the affairs of his country as Prince Albert Victor may be expected to do. The Masons of Surrey, too, will come in for a large share of the congratulations which will follow so popular an appointment, and we look upon a rapid and substantial increase of the Order as certain to follow in that district when once it is officially known that the Grand Master has so intimately associated himself with it. The toast of the Queen and the Craft, including, as it is usually understood to do, the health of the other members of the Royal Family, will have a special significance in the Surrey Lodges, and indeed throughout all Lodges meeting in the domains of the British Crown, when once we are in a position to include among the Provincial Grand Masters of England the name of the illustrious gentleman who, by following so closely in the footsteps of his beloved father, is winning for himself and his family the love and reverence which befit his high and exalted position.

In connection with the announcement that H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor is to be the future Provincial Grand Master of Surrey it will interest our readers to learn the following particulars of his association with the Mark Degree:—

His Royal Highness was advanced in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, on the 18th June 1885, and was appointed Grand Senior Warden in 1887. He joined the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 349, on the 17th November 1886, and the Aldershot Military Lodge, No. 54, on the 3rd of the same month.

FREEMASONRY IS BROTHERHOOD.

An Address by Bro. Frederic Speed at the Laying of the Corner-stone of the City Hall at Meridian, Mississippi, February 1889.

FROM the time when "the Lord God said it is not good that the man should be alone" he has looked toward others, existing in his own similitude, possessed of his own nature, his tendencies, hopes and aspirations. Even in the formative periods of the race, while men were as yet unwelded even into primitive shapes of social life, the principle of brotherhood predominated. Not self

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created or responsible for his own existence he and his fellows must own a common Creator, a source of light, life and being, and the suggestion of paternity arose in his breast—the germ of the great idea of the Fatherhood of God. Thus from the earliest days of creation we see evolved two principles, destined to have the greatest controlling power over the future welfare and destiny of mankind—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Antagonised to these principles we find another, by which they have been subverted and even for a time suppressed and altogether neutralized, which is expressed by the word selfishness. At the first men were constrained to meet as brethren, rather than as enemies, by the knowledge that they were creatures of a common Creator, but this did not suffice to restrain the strong from oppressing the weak, the mighty from trampling upon the rights of those who were powerless to resist. Selfishness then, as now, was stronger than generosity, and the contest which will end only with time itself, commenced when men first began to accumulate this world's goods. How to restrain the strong and defend the weak always was, and always will remain, the mightiest problem of society. In the beneficence of God there is implanted in every man's heart an instinctive resistance against that which is wrong and unjust and a desire to maintain that which is right, true and noble, and happily, in spite of selfishness, man is drawn towards and bound to his brother by a common hope and destiny and by common interests in life. Naturally each individual finds others towards wholesome peculiar regards and affections will flow, by means of which, as between them fraternity and friendship become correlative. Mutual protection and action for each other's welfare beget a sign of recognition which carries the mystery of fellowship in the brightness of the noonday and darkest shades of night. To the Hebrew basking in the light of the Divine favour, as the chosen people of Jehovah, the idea of the paternity of God carries with it as a natural and inevitable result, the sense of brotherhood. The grand and imposing rites and ceremonies which characterised their acts of worship were a perpetual reminder of their association as brethren amongst whom their could be no profane intrusion. The thunders of Sinai, the awful voice of God speaking to his peculiar servants, the utterance of the sacred prophets, the glories of Lebanon, the excellency of Carmel and the wonders of Jerusalem blending in concordant harmonies the human and Divine, were voices which proclaimed with equal emphasis the yearning of the Hebrew soul alike towards its brother and its Father.

The Greek exhibited the same blending of the spirit of brotherhood with the spirit of reverence for the gods of his mythological system and the one higher God, which alone could satisfy the demands of his philosophy, and the imposing rites of Eleusis, guarded with zealous care from the sight of the profane, were but secret forms of the manifestation of brotherhood.

Emerging from the simplicities of the merely pastoral life, the arts of construction arose from the necessities of social progress and men began to build temples for their gods, statues for their heroes, and shelters for themselves. As progress was made in the art of building, naturally those most skilled became separated into a class, and common interests and aspirations united those classes into harmonious bands of brethren.

When Israel's King had brought the Ark of God into the City of David he prepared to build a house in which it might dwell, but Jehovah, by Nathan, his prophet, forbade it, saying that when his days should be fulfilled and he should sleep with his fathers, his son should build the house of the Lord. David purchased the threshing floor of Ornan and prepared material for the building of the Temple, and accordingly Solomon, his son, in the fourth year of his reign began to build the house. To prosecute the work Solomon drafted men of the different tribes and procured the services of many foreigners, a vast army, which he divided into classes distinguished from each other by the nature of their employment, and by signs and words by which to recognise each other, and it was promised that when the Temple should be completed those most faithful should be elevated in rank and invested with privileges of great value to them by which they would be known as initiates everywhere. The disposition by King Solomon of the artists and builders into a harmonious band of brethren, moved alike by one common impulse toward the promotion of their lofty designs, was in itself so wise and practical as to need no special evidence for its demonstration. That the men thus associated, for the long period of seven years and six months which was occupied in the construction of the Temple, could have prosecuted their mutual plans and labours; could have developed hopes and possibilities of beauty and grandeur and overcome trials and anxieties, while isolating themselves, or working alone and pursuing only the ends of selfishness, is a far stronger test of credulity than to assume that they had the most complete form of organization. How nearly such organization corresponds with the Masonic outgrowths of a later time is of course a fair speculative question for the philosophic student and inquirer.

At the birth of Jesus Christ we find that the first act of earthly homage he received was rendered by three men who came from no one knows where, and returned no one knew whither, and who left for record only the fact that they were "Magi." G. E. Thrall says: "Remembering the divinations of the magicians at the court of Pharaoh in opposition to Moses, and also the record of Saint John the Evangelist, as to their doctrines as set forth by the Gnostics and the Essenes, we find that all through the history of man there has been alongside of the sacred fold another institution occasionally flashing out in startling boldness, and then receding into the dark. The first establishment on record of this strange organization seems to have been in Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs, when we find that Joseph married a daughter of one of these Magi. They were the ones who built the pyramids and the venerable ruins on the banks and islands of the Nile. The long passages of the huge structure of Cheops were the entry ways of the Initiates and the vast corridors of Philæ were the courts for the services of the Magian priesthood. These buildings were simply Masonic temples, erected for the rites which for thousands of years went by the name of 'the Mysteries.' Whether these mysteries originated in Egypt, or in Chaldea, is a question; but it is clear that from Egypt they gradually spread throughout the world. Modified by the habits of the different nations among whom they were introduced, they became in Greece the Mysteries of Ceres, established fourteen hundred years before Christ; in Rome of Bona Dea, the Good Goddess; in Gaul, the School of Mars, and in Sicily the Academy of Sciences. We find them among the sacred retreats of Persia, and the Pagodas of India; they gave direction to the minds of our Scandinavian ancestors, and these temples, rough copies of Philæ, are still seen as the Druidical remains of the Ancient Britions."

What were these mysteries? In a word, they were the science of natural religion. The fundamental truth was the existence of one, all wise, all powerful, everywhere present, God, architect, creator and preserver of all things. Relating to man, the precepts were that matter was the principle of all the passions that trouble the reason and strain the soul and the highest duty of man is to subjugate the human within us to the divine, to put the appetites under the moral sense. They taught the immorality of the soul, and immortality rising out of death was symbolised in a thousand ingenious ways.

After the completion and dedication of Solomon's Temple, many of the brethren are said to have travelled into foreign countries where they pursued their craft and became indentified with the people. Carrying with them the knowledge of the being and attributes of the true God and the lessons of brotherhood taught them, it is not singular that they should have set up new altars and received fresh initiates and that so the royal art became propagated throughout all the then known world.

(To be continued.)

At the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire it is proposed to grant fifty guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton) is advocating an exceptional effort this year in aid of much-needed funds for maintaining the Boys' School in a state of efficiency. At his Lordship's request, Brother Newhouse P.G. Sec. will represent the Province as Steward, and he will attend to the interests of the various Cheshire Lodges on the occasion of the annual meeting.

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THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE Third Annual Dinner of this Association, which we are pleased to see is making considerable headway, took place on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Brother A. F. Godson, M.P., presided, and he was supported by Bros. F. Binckes (Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), Asher Barfield Grand Treasurer, Major George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer, Augustus Harris, W. W. Morgan, T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec. Essex, Jas. Stevens, H. D. Cama, S. R. Speight, &c., with about fifty members of the Association. After a bountiful spread had been done justice to, Bro. Godson briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. In speaking to the toast of the Old Masonians' Association the President said, some brethren had written to him to express their sorrow that they were unable to be present; amongst them were Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain and D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Sir Edmund Lechmere P.G.M. Worcestershire. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Vice-Patron of the Institution, had sent a telegram stating than an attack of influenza compelled him to go home. Brother Godson thanked Brother Binckes for the compliment conveyed through him, whereby he had become a supporter of the Association. He was delighted to know that the Association was started with a view to take young fellows who were leaving the School in hand and help them on in the world. He was associated with two Worcester societies that worked to the same end, and they had been very successful. Those who had been some years in the world must see the enormous assistance a timely word would be to a young fellow on his start in life. Speaking on behalf of the House Committee of the Boys' School, he could say that the members took the greatest interest in the movement. He hoped the Old Masonians' Association would live long and prosper. Mr. Uwins (Hon. Treasurer) in reply said, they were aware when the Association was first proposed that a similar one had existed, but that it had failed. That was not a good omen, but with the many kind promises of support they had already received they hoped to achieve success. Mr. Watkins (Hon. Secretary) read a number of letters from Craftsmen, who apologised for absence. Up to the present their social meetings had been very successful; and they had had three or four Cinderella dances. They were making themselves known abroad, as shown by the fact that they had members in America, France and New Zealand. With the toast of the Vice Presidents, proposed by Mr. Speight, were coupled the names of Bros Barfield, Augustus Harris, and Binckes. Bro. Barfield said it gave him very great pleasure to return thanks. It was his first visit, but he hoped it would not be his last. Hitherto he had not heard much about them, but he thought if they were better known they would be appreciated. As long as the Society was well conducted, he was sure they must prosper. Bro. Augustus Harris did not think he could call them Brethren, as some were not Brethren yet; but he felt sure at some time they would be. When he received the circular he thought he was to meet "old" Masonians, but on looking round the table he felt they were young Masonians. He had the greatest pleasure in being amongst the boys. He, with Faust, should like to have perpetual youth, but not at the same cost. When they remembered the position they were building up, he felt sure they were grateful to the Institution and to Freemasonry. It was said—"Masonry, yes—good dinners," but there was something more in Masonry than that. He felt sure that many would speedily become Masons, and he also felt sure that when they joined the Craft they would support the Institution to which they owed so much. Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was given by Mr. C. H. Uwins, and Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, replied; he hardly knew how to express his sense of gratitude for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and accepted. At the present time it was the more difficult, because they were waiting for the report of the Committee of Inquiry. But whatever the nature of that report, he knew of nothing better deserving of support and sympathy than the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. They had now 263 sons of Freemasons in the School. On behalf of these, Masonry held out its helping hand and educated them, not as recipients of Charity, but as sons of those good friends who had helped the Institution in the time of their prosperity. In responding to the toast given in his honour, the President said he was sorry he had not been able hitherto to attend their festive gatherings as often as he could wish, but he assured one and all he should watch the progress they made. Several other toasts followed. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened with some humorous sketches, Messrs. Dudley Causton, James Stevens, J. Light, F. Isaac, W. M. Collins, and A. B. Whiteley assisting. The following brethren were enrolled Vice Presidents:—Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, D. P. Cama, Asher Barfield, J. L. Mather, A. M. Broadley, Augustus Harris, John Mason, W. Paas, A. R. Motion, F. W. Imbert-Terry, and Major George Lambert, F.S.A., &c.

The Grand Festival will take place on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Tavern, at six o'clock. Earlier in the day, Grand Lodge will meet at Freemasons' Hall, when the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months will be invested.

The Freemasons of Trowbridge have decided to present Bro. W. R. Brown, J.P., C.C., with his bust in marble, to be placed in the vestibule of the Jubilee Town Hall, which he has given to the town. Mrs. Brown is to be presented with a silver model of the Hall on the opening day.

GLEANINGS.

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We again call attention to the movement now going on in England for a testimonial to Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the eminent Masonic historian. It is pleasant to learn of the interest manifested in making a liberal expression of the grateful feeling of the Craft toward one so well deserving of such a token of recognition. The Earl of Carnarvon is Chairman of the Committee. Inasmuch as Bro. Gould is not much profited by the sale of copies of his work in this country, it will be a graceful act for American brethren to subscribe to the testimonial. We trust that many will do so.—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE MONTREAL MASONIC TEMPLE.—Already about 20,000 dollars of stock of the Masonic Temple Company has been subscribed. The proposed capital of the company is placed at 100,000 dollars, and it is intended, so soon as stock has been taken up to the amount of 50,000 dollars, to seek the incorporation of the company, and purchase a site in a central position in the business part of the city, on which to erect a suitable building, the lower storeys of which will be rented for business purposes and lecture rooms, while the upper flat will be laid out as Lodge rooms.

"SQUARE.—This is one of the most important and significant symbols in Freemasonry, and as such it is proper that its true form should be preserved. Our French brethren have almost universally given it with one leg longer than the other (as was frequently the case in this country in the last century), thus making it a carpenter's square. It is also often unnecessarily marked with inches, as an instrument for measuring, which it is not. It is simply the *trying square* of a stone mason, and has a plain surface, the sides or legs embracing an angle of 90 degrees, and is intended only to test the accuracy of the sides of a stone, and to see that its edges subtend the same angle. In Freemasonry it is a symbol of morality. This is its general signification, and is applied in several ways:—(1) It represents itself to the neophyte as one of the three great lights; (2) to the F.C. as one of his working tools; (3) to the M.M. as the official jewel of the Master of the Lodge. Everywhere it inculcates the same lesson of morality, of truthfulness, and honesty. So universally accepted is the symbolism that it has gone outside of our Order, and is found in colloquial language communicating the same idea. As a Masonic symbol it is of very ancient date, and was familiar to the operative Masons. In the year 1830 the architect (Bro. Payne) in re-building a very ancient bridge called Baal's Bridge, near Limerick, in Ireland, found under the foundations an old brass square, much corroded, containing on its two surfaces the inscription, 'I WILL STRIVE TO LIVE WITH LOVE AND CARE UPON THE LEVEL BY THE SQVARE,' with the date 1517. This discovery therefore proves, if proof were necessary, that the teaching of our old operative brethren was identical with the speculative application of the working-tools of the modern Craft."—*Mackay.*

SHOULD BE BOWED OUT.—If a man joins the Fraternity, promising in words or otherwise to "help, aid and assist" the needy, and doesn't do it, he is part of, but has no part in true Masonry, therefore ought to be bowed out. He is in the wrong pew, and got into a place with which he may be in sympathy—when he needs assistance. Lodges die because their members do not pay their dues. No Lodge ever died when the reverse was true, without exception. Non-payment of dues throws the burden on a few and kills the Lodge. The Mason who helps in such unholy work, through negligence or pure cussedness, wrongs the Fraternity, his Lodge and deserving brethren, their widows and orphans. As a rule he is indirectly if not deliberately a violator of plighted faith, and deserves no consideration. Of him we may exclaim:

"Oh, bane of good, seducing cheat,
Can man, weak man, thy power defeat?"

True, the Lodges are at fault in not collecting dues at shorter intervals—before the indebtedness has accumulated to formidable proportions—but this does not excuse the delinquent. His duty is to pay, not to wait to be hunted up and demand made for the few cents. per week. If dues are charged, they should be paid alike by all. If the shirks will not pay they deserve to be cut off, and that without mercy. So the writer thinks.—*H. B. Grant.*

In the course of a Masonic sermon delivered in New Rothesay Established Church, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, of Glasgow, said he rejoiced to bring Freemasonry prominently before the people of the country, seeing that the Order was a great moral force, which largely helped in the redemption of the world from evil. In its Lodges the peer was on a level with the peasant, and the peasant could take precedence of the peer if he were a better Mason. Masonry was subservient to no creed or colour, but was at work all over the world for the moral and spiritual welfare of mankind.

"NEOPHYTES in American Masonry are inclined to imagine the York Rite to be universal, whereas it is almost exclusively confined to the English speaking nations. In Germany are practised three different rites, of which the system of Fessler has nine degrees, that of the three Globes at Berlin ten, and the Eclectic but three. In the Scandinavian countries is the Swedish Rite of twelve degrees, in France the French or Modern Rite of seven degrees, while in all other countries of Europe and South America the Scottish Rite is in use."—*Freemasons' Journal.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast proportion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicines possess the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge was held, on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, under the banner of Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304. There was a very large gathering, 70 of the 73 Lodges in the Province being represented, and distinguished visitors from other provinces also being present. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew) congratulated the eight Leeds Lodges, numbering 412 members, of whom 98 were Past Masters, on the prudence and fidelity with which they were governed by their Worshipful Masters, and on the philanthropy displayed by them towards the Masonic Charitable Institutions and the local Masonic Benevolent Institution, which he was glad to find was in a state of usefulness and efficiency. This was the eighteenth time in 47 years that the Provincial Grand Lodge had met in Leeds, and he reminded them of the gathering in April 1885, on the occasion of his installation as Provincial Grand Master. He referred to the fact that of the eight Leeds Lodges six met in that building, and expressed a hope that as a consequence of the contemplated street improvements in the locality the committee of the Masonic Hall in Great George-street would be able by an extension of the premises to make them so convenient and attractive that the two other Lodges would be induced to meet under the same roof. The continual assembly of Lodges in one building would, he thought, be conducive to propriety and Masonic harmony, and to the increase of Masonry in the town. Since the autumnal meeting the Armitage Lodge, Longwood and Milnsbridge, No. 2261 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, had been consecrated. He mentioned various contributions to the Masonic Charities from this and other new Lodges as substantial assurances that they were taking their part in the charitable work of the province. The contributions to the Charities so far this year amounted to £1231, and the sum contributed since he became Provincial Grand Master, in 1885, was £34,643. During the year 301 new members had been admitted, 102 members had been lost by resignation or retirement, and 64 by death. The total number of members had increased from 3301 in 1887 to 3440 in 1888 The Provincial Grand Master made a strong appeal on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions, reminding the brethren that in West Yorkshire there were 70 recipients of those Charities. He suggested that the eight Leeds Lodges should combine to receive the brethren of the Liberal Arts and Sciences who would visit Leeds next year in connection with the meeting of the British Association. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Smith) having referred to various matters connected with the work of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. T. Bateman Fox, vice-chairman of the Charity Committee, read the report, which showed that the contributions from the Province to the Masonic Institutions last year was £1,215 6s, made up as follows:—Royal Benevolent Institution, £480 6s; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £173 5s; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £561 15s. The labours of the Committee had been very successful, having resulted in the election of 10 candidates. There were 14 West Yorkshire candidates for the coming elections in April and May, the largest number the committee had ever had to deal with, and unfortunately there were several additional cases for October. It was, therefore, more than ever necessary that the voting strength of the Province should be maintained by new donations and subscriptions. On the motion of Bro. W. F. Smithson (Chairman of the Charity Committee), seconded by Bro. T. Bateman Fox, the report was adopted. Bro. William Watson (hon. Librarian) made a statement concerning the recently-established Masonic library and museum at Wakefield, the success of which, he said, had far exceeded his expectations. The Provincial Treasurer (Bro. Oxley) presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the finances were in a sound condition. The Provincial Grand Master afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. William Harrop P.M. 290	Senior Warden
John Henry Burrows P.M. 139	Junior Warden
Rev. C. Dudley Lampen J.W. 275	Chaplains
Rev. Vaniah Odom J.W. 139	Chaplains
John Leach (elected) P.M. 61	Treasurer
Chas. Maurice Wilson P.M. 974	Registrar
Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019	Secretary
A. F. McGill, F.R.C.S., P.M. 1311	Senior Deacons
Alfred Williamson P.M. 289	Senior Deacons
G. A. Cubley P.M. 296	Junior Deacons
Frederick Cleeves P.M. 904	Junior Deacons
William Watson P.M., W.M. 2069	Supt. of Works
J. R. Welsman P.M. 600	Director of Ceremonies
John Dyson P.M. 306	Deputy D.C.
W. Fitton P.M. 2035	Assistant D.C.
John Jas. Rutherford P.M. 1545	Sword Bearer
John Hodgson Rayner P.M. 380	Standard Bearers
Alfred Stott P.M. 1301	Standard Bearers
J. P. Priestley Org. 439	Organist
Jos. Matthewman P.M. 1019	Assist. Secretary
R. Cliffe P.M. 1542	Pursuivant
Thos. Gaukroger P.M. 307	Assist. Pursuivant
J. B. Westinholm P.M. 1239	Stewards
W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304	Stewards
J. Blackburn Knight P.M. 302	Stewards
W. R. Massie P.M. 1513	Stewards
John Shoesmith P.M. 1783	Stewards
Thos. Riley P.M. 600	Stewards
S. Barraud Tyler 304	Tyler
Thos. Leighton Tyler 139	Assist. Tyler

In the evening the brethren dined together at the Masonic Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DRIFFIELD LODGE, No. 291.

COLONEL SMITH, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North-East Yorkshire, on the 5th instant, installed Bro. Henry Onslow Piercy Worshipful Master, at the Masonic Hall, Driffield. The visiting brethren included Bros. Foley, Keyworth, and Stringer. After the investment of the Officers, the brethren attended a banquet at the Buck Hotel.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THERE was a large assemblage of members of the Masonic body at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Thursday, the 11th instant, when Bro. W. Bates, who was installed as the W.M. of the Lodge last month, invited a number of Provincial Officers and the W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges to meet the members of his Lodge at dinner, in honour of his appointment. The catering was entrusted to Bro. W. Mayhour, who fulfilled his duties in a very satisfactory manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the P.G.M. and Officers of the Province being submitted by Captain Thackara and responded to by Bro. J. W. Gieve and Major A. R. Holbrook. Bro. J. Jenkins I.P.M. submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, which was received with acclamation, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Bates. To the toast of the W.M.'s and representatives of the neighbouring Lodges, Bros. A. H. Wood W.M. 804, T. Stretton W.M. 2153, and Lieutenant T. Cowd, R.N., J.W. 1834 severally responded. The toast of the Visitors, which was submitted by Bro. Captain T. P. Palsgrave, in felicitous terms, was acknowledged by Bros. Captain G. W. Dixon and Major Mortimer. The company numbered about seventy, and amongst them, in addition to those named above, were Bros. W. M. Outridge, H. E. Loader, and J. Woodhouse, P.M.'s of the Lodge; W. Sperring W.M. 342, J. Ruddy W.M. 1428, J. G. Livesay W.M. 1903, C. V. Birch W.M. 2074, E. Nayler P.M. 928 P.G.S.B., G. Strick P.M. 1428 P.P.A.G.P., W. R. Fowler P.M. 1776, G. E. Curtis, G. Pearman, G. Reading, A. M. Rae, Godwin, C. Groom, J. M. Godfrey, J. Bascombe P.M. 804, Beirnstein, D. Barnard, J. L. Snell, W. Biggs, G. Huggett, F. Benham, &c. The band of the 3rd V.B. Hants Regiment, under the direction of Brother T. F. Wilton, discoursed a choice selection of music during the banquet. Prior to the close of the Lodge, the W.M. presented, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. Jenkins I.P.M. in recognition of his services during the past year.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. John G. Renshaw S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. T. Bailey P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Brothers Munson and Wright were re-elected Tylers.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 851.

THE annual Installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Steyne Hotel, Worthing. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. E. T. Cooksey, who was supported by his Officers. The Visitors present included Bros. Ree 1636, Cole 1636, Wright 1110, Simpson 1141, Knight 38, Lloyd 1726, Hambougman 56, Booth 1797, Higham 1829, Styer 315, Jordan 1184, and Dowell 2187. The business of the meeting comprised two initiations, and the installation of Bro. E. T. Cooksey for the second year as W.M. The latter appointed his Officers, as follow, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective posts, viz.:—Bros. C. W. Jemmett I.P.M., Tom Brown S.W., W. H. Sawle J.W., A. B. Cortis S.D., Rev. P. Crick J.D., R. Piper jun. I.G., W. Skindle Treasurer, W. Paine Secretary, Morgan Organist, T. R. Crouch Director of Ceremonies, W. W. Smith and A. Shelley Stewards, and G. Butcher Tyler. Bro. Cooksey was presented with a jewel in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. Bro. Jemmett was elected Charity Steward. The Lodge having been formally closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. Carpenter, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The newly re-invested W.M., Bro. Cooksey,

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presided. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured. The various speeches were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections, given in pleasing style by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, and Bros. G. Cole and C. Paine; a recitation by Bro. Eric Williams also being appreciated. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

ON the 10th instant, in the presence of a large number of members of the Lodge and of visiting brethren, Bro. William Pye was, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The Officers appointed were as follow:—Bros. M. Alexander I.P.M., G. Alexander S.W., A. J. Lett J.W., H. B. Jones Treasurer, J. Alexander Secretary, W. Sutherland S.D., A. Neighbour J.D., W. S. Dodson I.G., M. Yeoman, J. R. Day and C. Knowles Stewards, R. R. Martin D.C., and W. Hudson Organist. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler, for the twenty-fourth time. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros. Dr. Kellet Smith and Dr. Johnson. After the installation ceremony the brethren sat down to a banquet served in excellent style by Bro. Casey, the house steward. Music was supplied between the toasts by Bros. David Williams, Davies, J. Higginbotham, N. F. Burt, T. C. Fargher, and Bryan, and a Shakspearean representation was given by Bros. Dr. Johnson and Martin. A massive Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Worshipful Master, together with a diamond bracelet for Mrs. Alexander.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The minutes of the last regular Lodge, and of a Lodge of Emergency were confirmed, the Auditors' report and balance-sheet received and adopted, and Bro. William Henry S.W. installed as Worshipful Master for the year. The following were appointed the Officers:—F. J. Dangerfield S.W., Walter F. Potter J.W., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. Treasurer, O. L. M. Latreille P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, Walter Symes Harris S.D., Walter C. Fox J.D., F. Varley I.G., Major J. Heaton P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. Evans Assist. Dir. of Cers., E. G. Packman and J. R. Reep Stewards, Freeman Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Henry Frederick Frost, the Master of the past year, and another to Bro. O. L. M. Latreille P.M. and Secretary, that brother having lost the one originally presented to him by the Lodge. This latter bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
W. Bro. ORLANDO L. LATREILLE P.M.
by the W.M. and Brethren of the
JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260,
as a small tribute of gratitude for eminent services rendered in the Lodge, as P.M. and Secretary.
10th April 1889.

The Lodge was subsequently closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern for the annual banquet. Among the Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. F. H. Baker, G. T. Salmon, F. Taylor, and J. B. Sorrell, while the following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Asher Barfield Grand Treasurer, Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, Charles Palmer 891, R. W. Moffrey W.M. 957, J. S. Lewis 2244, Thos. Catling W.M. 2190, F. Davies 1056, W. Ponton 1744, E. J. Dagood 569, C. J. R. Tijou P.M. and Sec. 1804, W. Manger P.M. 1314, C. Thomasset S.W. 1861, R. Burleton P.M. 860, J. T. Buston 1987, T. G. Scott 933 1928, T. Kefford 169, H. Klein I.P.M. 2108, A. Mullord 1288, W. Wharton 47, G. H. Turner 47, W. Harris 1662, S. Lord 993, T. E. Kent 1716, S. Benton P.M. 1657, F. G. Barns S.W. 766, H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928. At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal toasts. Bro Barfield returned thanks for the Grand Officers. He did so with especial pleasure, knowing that the body for whom he responded had, in years gone by, faithfully discharged the duties of their offices. During his term of office as Grand Treasurer he had had little to do, but he hoped the little that had fallen to his lot had been accomplished to the approval of the many kind friends who were good enough to elect him. He further hoped he should be able to discharge his duties until the termination of his year of office—now but three weeks hence—in such a way as to give universal satisfaction. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Frost, then proposed the toast of the W.M. He considered this the event of the evening, the doing honour to the newly installed Master of their Lodge. The members had had ample opportunity of judging of the ability of the present ruler of the Lodge, who had worked up in their midst step by step until he had risen to the proud position of Master. He (Bro. Frost) had had opportunities of seeing more of the work of their new Master than many other members had done, inasmuch as they were fellow members in a Lodge of Instruction. There he had ever shown a desire to make himself proficient, and had so acted that it was possible to predict for him a most successful year of office. This it was the earnest wish of the speaker to see fulfilled, and he was sure it was also the desire of every brother present. The Worshipful Master replied, tendering his thanks. It was very gratifying to him to be spoken of as he had been spoken of that day. He was very proud of his career in the Lodge, and pointed to himself as an encouragement to those in minor offices to push on in the hope of attaining the highest position in the Lodge. He thanked the members for their approval of his past services and hoped he might so discharge his duties in the future as to merit a continuance of their good opinions. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. was entrusted with the next toast, a most important one he considered it—that of the Masonic Charities. He was sure that Bro. Binckes, who was with them that night as representative of the Masonic Institutions, would tell them the John Hervey Lodge had hitherto endeavoured to do its duty on behalf of the Charities. The desire of the members of the Lodge was to occupy a prominent position among the supporters of the Institutions. It was something for the Craft to be able to boast that Masonry did more than any other organization in the way of Benevolence, and it should be their constant endeavour to uphold this reputation. The Lodge would be represented, he was pleased to say, at the coming Festival of the Boys' School by one of its most energetic members, in the person of Bro. Baker, who had undertaken the duties of Steward in connection with that Institution. He (Bro. Hogg) could recollect the Boys' School some thirty years ago, when the number of pupils was but 90, now it was 240—Bro. Hogg regretted he had made a mistake in the number, there were now 263 lads in the Institution. When they thought of these lads they could but feel a desire to do all that lay in their power to support the Institution which cared for them. Unfortunately the Boys' School was not the favourite among the Charities of Freemasonry—it was but natural their first sympathies should incline towards the Girls'; besides which the Boys' School suffered, inasmuch as its Festival came last of the three which were annually held in support of the Craft Charities. Last year it specially suffered in consequence of the extraordinary celebration in connection with the Sister Institution, but he hoped all this would be compensated for in the future, and that the Boys would receive the full support they deserved. The School was doing excellent work, educating thoroughly the lads entrusted to its care, and fitting them for the highest positions in the land. Among the former pupils with which he was personally acquainted was the present House Surgeon of St. Thomas's Hospital, who was a M.B. of the London University, and who had secured many of the honours that were to be got in the profession of which he was a member. There was another—young Bryant—who was making a name for himself in astronomical matters, while generally the number of good boys turned out by the School did credit both to the Institution and to Freemasonry as a whole. He considered it was impossible to find a better class of boys even among those who were educated in better schools than the Masonic one professed to be. Brother Baker, the Steward representing the Lodge, announced that his list already amounted to seventy guineas, and that as he was about to introduce it to the members of the Lodge for the first time, he hoped it might speedily be increased to a hundred or more. Brother Binckes responded. He rose with a large amount of gratitude to reply, after a long absence from the John Hervey Lodge. He had first to thank the Worshipful Master for the importance he had given to the toast of the Charities by placing it thus early on the list for the evening. Its position showed the strong appreciation of the Lodge for the Masonic Charities, and augured well for the future support of the members. Their esteemed Treasurer had spoken so well in proposing the toast as to give them a good idea of what was done by the Institutions. Bro. Hogg had had, as he said, a large experience of all of the Charities, but particularly was this the case in regard to the Boys' School, with the affairs of which he took especial interest. Notwithstanding all that had been said, he (Bro Binckes) felt he might address a few words to the present assembly. No doubt many of them knew much, or had heard much, in regard to these Charities, but as he believed that in Masonic matters frequent repetition or familiarity did not breed contempt, he had no hesitation in speaking. He was very pleased to hear Bro. Hogg relate his personal experience of the successes of some of their old pupils. The cases he had spoken of were already known to him, as also were many other instances of great success in life among those who had received their education in the Boys' School at Wood Green. In this connection he might refer to the association of old pupils known as the "Old Masonians," which now numbered some 80 or 90 ex-pupils. If any sceptics would come to one of the meetings of this association, or better still, would attend the dinner to be held next Saturday, he ventured to think they would see as fine a set of young men—he would go further, and say educated gentlemen—as would convince them that the Institution was doing its work thoroughly and efficiently. There was one drawback in connection with the Institution at the present time. They were unfortunately resting under a cloud—as they had to receive the report of a committee of inquiry which had been appointed to look into the working of the Institution and its officials. He was not in a position to say what that report would be, but he challenged any Institution to stand such a test as theirs had been subjected to and then to come out scatheless. It must be remembered that the Boys' School had to maintain its position against the best middle class schools of the country, and if those who were entrusted with its management spent perhaps £1 or £2 a head more than was sometimes thought necessary the Craft should not begrudge it, provided the work was efficiently performed. Whatever might be the outcome of that inquiry, he trusted the Craft would not visit the sins of the fathers upon the children. If they were found to be deficient in management, or unfit to continue the work that had been entrusted to them, he hoped the Craft would not in consequence curtail, or altogether stop, the means of carrying on the Institution. That should not suffer, whatever had been the mistakes of those who had been entrusted with its management. In conclusion Bro. Binckes tendered his heartfelt thanks for the opportunity that had been accorded him of speaking, and expressed his gratitude that so large a gathering had paid attention to his remarks. He hoped they would produce the fruit he desired rather than what they actually merited. The Worshipful Master now proposed the toast of the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge, which was duly responded to by Bros. Frost and Sorrell. Bro. Catling replied on behalf of the Visitors, and Bros. Hogg and Latreille as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The Officers were also toasted, and then the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

ROBIN HOOD LODGE, No. 1493.

ON the 10th instant the annual meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Eastwood, when Bro. James G. Cane was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. C. W. Butler. The W.M. appointed the

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following as his Officers:—Bros. C. H. Cullen I.P.M., R. A. M. Webster S.W., F. Rushma J.W., Rev. C. W. Butler Chaplain, H. M. Brentnall Treasurer, W. H. Burton Secretary, J. Archerbold D.C., E. Booth S.D., S. E. Bury J.D., S. Philips I.G., C. B. Barber and S. Hind Stewards, R. Noon Tyler. Subsequently the annual dinner was held at the Sun Inn, provided by Bro. George Bingham, at which about forty sat down.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1736.

A VERY interesting and pleasing ceremony took place at the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Nicholl, presented Bro. Robert Riley with Provincial Officer's dress suit, on behalf of several brethren. The Worshipful Master, in making the presentation, referred to Bro. Riley's past services to the Craft, also to the fact of his being the oldest P.M. and one of the founders of the Lodge, and stated that for several years he had held the position of Secretary with ability, and he (the W.M.) had only lately received a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary congratulating the Lodge on the efficient manner in which Bro. Riley had performed the duties of Secretary to the Lodge. Bro. Riley, in feeling terms, expressed his surprise at the handsome present, assured the brethren that he would endeavour to carry out the duties which he may be called in the future to perform, as he had hitherto done in the past. After the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board and spent a very pleasant evening.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

ON Monday, 15th instant, Bro. F. H. Woodrow was installed W.M. of this Lodge for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. C. V. Birch, the retiring W.M., in the presence of an unusually large gathering of members of the Craft. The W.M. appointed the following Officers for the year:—Bros. C. Vaughan Birch I.P.M., J. S. Wickens S.W., E. Boorman J.W., W. C. Webb P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Herbert Bundy Secretary, W. Dart P.M. P.P.G.P. D.C., C. R. J. Gibbs Organist, Wells Assistant Organist, E. Hopkins S.D., H. R. E. Woodthorpe J.D., T. H. Nancarrow I.G., G. R. Sherman and E. Stapleford Stewards; T. Bryan Tyler. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Birch for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master, and before the Lodge closed Bro. Woodrow, in the name of the Officers and brethren, presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his zeal in conducting the business of the Lodge during the past year. Bro. Birch made a suitable acknowledgment. Amongst those present were Bros. Rev. T. F. Morton, J. W. Gieve, A. R. Holbrook, E. Nayler, W. Gunnell, F. Sanders, J. Jackson, G. Sylvester, J. Stevens, J. G. Livesay, W. Sperring, W. Bates, T. D. Askew, A. H. Wood, G. Darby, J. S. Senior, D. T. Rule, R. W. Stokes, J. Lind, Captain Warren, Rev. J. H. Anderson, and a large number of the members of the Lodge, with the Officers already named. The banquet, which was served in the dining hall, was presided over by the newly-installed W.M. and well attended. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted; Bro. Gieve, in replying on behalf of the Provincial Officers, complimented the Secretary of the Lodge (Bro. Bundy) on the efficient manner in which he had presented the returns of the Lodge. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Birch, who alluded to the efficiency with which he had fulfilled the various minor offices in the Lodge, and expressed his confidence that he would prove an experienced ruler of the Craft. Bro. Woodrow made a felicitous reply. For the W.M.'s of Neighbouring Lodges Bros. Sperring and Stretton responded; and Brother J. Stevens acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, which was proposed by Bro. Dart. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations by the brethren present.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE installation of Bro. Woodall as Worshipful Master took place on the 9th inst., in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. W. Gillett, and the newly-installed Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—Bros. W. Gillett I.P.M. and Treasurer, W. E. Wilkinson S.W., G. W. Greenwood J.W., J. L. Turner Chaplain and Treasurer Benevolent Fund, J. Mackail Lecture Master, W. D. Keyworth Almoner, T. H. Haller Secretary, Wm. Hickling S.D., J. Watson J.D., W. Cox Dir. of Cers., W. King Organist, J. Calvert I.G., W. C. Bell Steward, G. C. Curteis, R. Smith, W. Harrison and R. L. Kemplay Assistant Stewards, V. King Tyler. The installation banquet took place in the evening. Later in the evening there was a conversazione and dance, to which lady friends were admitted.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—At the meeting, on the 12th instant, at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., delivered his popular Lecture on "Knobs and Excrescences." Lodge was opened at seven p.m. sharp, and after preliminaries Bro. Stevens was introduced by the W.M. As usual Bro. Stevens' prefatory remarks were brief, and he at once entered upon a practical explanation of the ritual and ceremonial. The attention of his hearers was soon rivetted, while he successfully explained the "connection of our whole system, and the relative dependency of its several parts." Many valuable hints in Masonic work, and for securing a common sense interpretation of much which, though sublimely conceived, is made ridiculous in practice, were then tendered. Without interruption, Bro. Stevens continued his address during two and a half hours, and received at its conclusion a well merited acknowledgment of the satisfaction he had given to his numerous audience. Honorary membership was conferred upon Bro. Stevens.

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CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, 11th inst., when Bro. George A. Eustace S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was to have been performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of East Anglia (the Rev. C. J. Martyn), but in his unavoidable absence it was most ably taken by Bro. James P. Lewin. The Officers for the year were invested, as follow:—Bros. J. T. Bailey I.P.M., Wm. Sowman S.W., R. D. Poppleton J.W., A. H. Bowles M.O., Frank Quilter S.O., Rev. W. Morgan Jones J.O., Rev. E. H. Orate Chaplain, J. P. Lewin Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, Thos. Rix Registrar, H. J. Skingley S.D., J. G. Reashaw J.D., S. D. C. Ablitt D.C., J. J. C. Turner Organist, J. Ashdown I.G., S. Monson Tyler, Arthur Wright Assistant Tyler, T. J. Grant and Warren Ellis Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lewin for the able way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation Bro. Lewin, in respopding, said they all felt much regret, and no one more than himself, at the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. At the same time he felt great pleasure that he had installed the W.M., whose late lamented father he had placed in the same position some four years ago. Bro. Lewin also thanked the brethren for re-electing him to the honourable and responsible post of Treasurer. Bros. J. W. French P.M. 317, James Bond P.M. 317, and A. J. Cubitt M.O. 317, attended as a deputation from Great Yarmouth, to ask the Lodge to recommend a petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the formation of a new Mark Lodge at Great Yarmouth, to be called the Friendship. Bro. French explained that he and the brethren with him were members of a strong Craft Lodge bearing the same name, they had also a R.A. Chapter, and they felt that the time had arrived when they ought to have a Mark Lodge. He and the two brethren with him were advanced to the Mark Degree in the Constantine, and they thought they could not do better than come to ask their Mother Lodge to recommend their petition. The W.M. having invited the opinion of the Lodge, a unanimous expression was given that the application should be granted. The W.M. and Wardens therefore signed the petition, and handed it to Brother French, who expressed thanks at the hearty reception they had received. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and between 30 and 40 brethren dined together at the George Hotel, a capital repast being well served by the host, Bro. Coope.

FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

THE annual Festival was held on the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Malton, when the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. T. M. Goldie S.W. and the investment of Officers for the ensuing year took place. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. T. B. Whytehead and John Marshall. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. B. Nicholls I.P.M., James Buckle S.W., M. F. W. Williamson J.W., R. J. Smithson M.O., E. K. Spiegelhalter S.O., W. Metcalfe J.O., Rev. W G. Chilman Chaplain, A. W. Walker Treasurer, W. J. Marshall Secretary, A. J. Taylor Registrar of Marks, J. W. Marshall Organist, C. R. Stainland Director of Ceremonies, S. Chadwick S.D., John Marshall J.D., John Hudson I.G., Stockdale Steward and Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, at the Talbot Hotel. The Lodge was visited during the day by several brethren from various Lodges in the Province.

It will be in the recollection of most of our readers that Bro. H. C. Knill (Jordan Lodge, No. 201), for many years Hall Porter at the Freemasons' Tavern, met with a serious accident, something like two and a-half years back, whereby he broke the tendons of one of his legs. We regret to say that Bro. Knill has since been compelled to get about on crutches, and is permanently disabled from earning his living. He is a candidate at the May Election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when we trust his friends will give him such support as will ensure his return among the successful candidates. Meanwhile, holders of Proxies for the School Elections, which will take place next week, can assist Bro. Knill, as a ready exchange of votes can be effected. Bro. Knill's address is 4N Peabody Buildings, Great Wild-street, W.C.

Mr. W. W. Kelly, the manager of the Princess's, cables from America that arrangements there for Miss Grace Hawthorne's tour next autumn are progressing most satisfactorily. Miss Hawthorne will open at the Union Square Theatre, on Monday, the 17th November next, and will play there for a month; her repertoire will include "Camille," and three new plays by important authors. Meanwhile she will appear at the Princess's in "True Heart," which will be produced on or about the 20th of May next, at the conclusion of Mr. Wilson Barrett's present engagement. Miss Hawthorne will probably produce "Theodora," previous to leaving England.

On Saturday, the 20th instant, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's new play "Wealth" will be produced at the Haymarket.

Thursday, the 25th instant, has been appointed for the reception of works of art intended for the Summer Exhibition (the Eighteenth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

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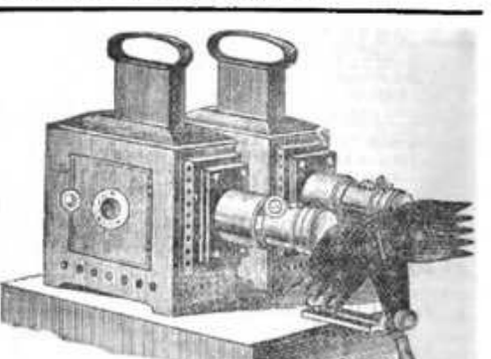
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WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
President:
His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 26th day of April 1889, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as Members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:

"That three additional boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on the 26th April, to fill the same number of additional vacancies."

To elect Seventeen, or—should the Notice of Motion by Bro. Godson be adopted—Twenty Boys from a list of Seventy two Candidates, as approved by the General Committee.

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

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'Clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'Clock precisely.

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

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
12th April 1889.

THE NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF JUNE 1889.

The services of Brethren as Stewards, representing Lodges or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

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

INSTITUTED 1788.

Chief Patroness:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
Grand Patron and President:
H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.
Grand Patroness:
Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 27th day of April 1889, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to receive recommendation of General Committee, consider Notices of Motion as under, and to elect 17 Girls—or, in the event of the proposed addition being adopted, 37—into the School from a list of 73 (the name of Charlotte Elizabeth Lester, No. 74 on the List, having been withdrawn) approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'Clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., Vice-Pat., upon recommendation of the House Committee:

"That 20 additional vacancies (making 37 in all) be declared for the April Election, thereby raising the number of Elected Girls on the Institution to 357."

By Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P. Prov. G.W. N. and E. Yorks:

"That all Motions or particular business to be brought before the Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls shall be printed and distributed in the Room at the Meetings of such Courts for the information of the Brethren present."

By Bro. Wm. Morley:

"That the recommendation of the General Committee be adopted" as under:—

"That the following alterations and additions be made in the Laws of the Institution, viz.":—

1. "By altering Law 35 by the addition after the word 'admission' in the 9th line, of the words 'after having a report of the Petitions Committee,' and after the word 'audit' the words 'and Petitions.'"

"PETITIONS COMMITTEE."

2. "From the General Committee, Five or Seven Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee. They shall be nominated and elected in like manner, and at the same meeting as the House Committee. Three shall form a quorum. They shall meet from time to time as circumstances may require, and receive and examine Petitions of Candidates for admission, and investigate and make such inquiries relating to the circumstances stated in the Petition, or of the relations of the Petitioner, and may require such confirmation thereof as they may deem advisable, and they shall report the result of such examination or investigation to the General Committee, but they shall not have power to reject any Petition."
3. To add to Sub-Sec. 1 of Law 54: "Also such information, as may be required by the Petitions Committee, shall also be furnished."
4. "To alter Sub-Sec. 6 of Law 54, by providing that all Petitions must be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Meetings of the General Committee."
5. "That in the event of the above propositions being carried and confirmed, the first Committee be elected at the Meeting of the General Committee next after the above propositions become Laws of the Institution."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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20th April 1889.

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THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 20th APRIL 1889.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

AT the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 13th inst., the annual meeting was held of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex. Among those who attended were the Grand S.E. of England (Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke), Lord Euston Grand Superintendent of Northe and Hunts, F. A. Philbrick Grand Superintendent of Essex, Major-General Barnett Ford, Bengal, H. F. Currie, South Africa, E. Pontifex, London, Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, Col. Dalbiac, Sir F. Knowles, &c. About 100 were present. The Provincial Grand Superintendent (Comp. Gerard Ford) presided. The roll of the Chapters in the province was called, each one being represented. The financial statement presented was satisfactory, the audit committee taking opportunity in their report to express deep regret at the death of Comp. R. Crosskey during the past financial year, he having held the position of Treasurer for some years. The statistics showed a slight decrease in the total number of members, owing to death and other causes. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the amount to be placed on the list of Comp. Dawes, who had undertaken to act as Steward at the coming Festival. The Grand Superintendent then delivered an eloquent address. While regretting a slight diminution in numbers, and that the past year had been a somewhat uneventful one in Arch Masonry, he said there was still cause for congratulation. Theirs was a kind of Upper House in the Craft, leaving the burden and heat of the day to be borne by the more representative assembly, and breathing an atmosphere of quiet and dignified repose. Those who soared still higher, into the fancy degrees, doubtless breathed an almost rarified atmosphere, where gales and squalls were quite unknown. But they were all built on the one great square foundation of Craft Masonry, of which the Arch Degree was so essential and necessary a part. In fact, it was the *coup de grace* of the grand conception of Masonry. The Royal Arch was considered by many to be the most beautiful and perfect degree conceivable, so well was it thought out and complete in the most minute detail. Nothing impressed a brother so much on his entrance into Freemasonry as the government of the Craft and the regulations which marked out so clearly the path which the Free and Accepted Mason should always tread. As Companions of the Order they had pledged themselves to support those placed in authority, and strictly to obey the laws established for the good government of the Order. There could not exist the essential close companionship, with the strength and influence which it should possess, without a spirit of cheerful obedience to lawfully-constituted authority. He trusted he held the reins of office lightly, but his duty required of him a strict endeavour to keep steadily, evenly and undeviatingly in the straight road. Some complaint had been made of him as a strict disciplinarian, but he assured the Companions his only desire was to secure that obedience to law and order which was so essential to success. He knew it was frequently far more easy to say "yes" than "no," but a stern sense of duty often compelled him to take the far less agreeable course of the two. Pope had well described "Order as Heaven's first law." This aphorism was based on sound philosophy and was the outcome of a life of careful observation and intimate acquaintance with nature. One of their fraternal promises was "to be faithful to our God, our country and our laws." The grand old fathers who had preceded them in the Craft had formulated a code of laws which they ought diligently to maintain. As a part of their system

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they appointed certain Officers, and it was their bounden duty to see these laws respected. For himself he thought the laws were good and worthy of being obeyed to the strict letter. He did not believe in doing anything by halves, therefore he considered it was far better either thoroughly to accept Masonic law or throw it aside entirely. He had served every office, and throughout his Masonic career he had always endeavoured to recognise those in authority. This alone was what he expected at the hands of others. The grand old book said, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." This it was his single-hearted tribute to obey. If all recognised this same spirit the best results must ensue. Referring to the events of the past year, he paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Comp. Crosskey, whose death the members of the Chapter all greatly deplored. The address was listened to with marked attention and warmly received. Comp. Dawes proposed the election of Comp. W. H. Hallett as Treasurer, Comp. Farncombe seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The following Provincial Grand Officers were then installed, Comp. Shadwell Clerke assisting in the ceremony, so far as the two Principal Officers were concerned :—

Comp. Rev. H. M. Davey	H.
Jos. Farncombe	J.
V. P. Freeman	S.E.
E. W. Hennah	S.N.
W. H. Hallett	Treasurer
R. Pidcock	Registrar
W. A. Cardwell	P.S.
T. S. Byass	Assistant S.
J. M. Reed	2nd Assistant S.
C. Briscoe	Sword Bearer
S. Peter	Standard Bearer
H. E. Price	D.C.
A. King	Organist
H. Kent, T. H. Crouch	Stewards
H. H. Hughes	Janitor

After some formal business the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed. In the banqueting-room an excellent dinner was provided by Comp. Mutton. About 50 were present. The tables were tastefully decorated and the proceedings diversified in a pleasing manner by the vocal performances of Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Welling and Comp. J. P. Slingsby Roberts. Comp. A. King and Miss Freeman accompanied. The Loyal and Masonic toasts, given by the Grand Superintendent, were cordially drank. In proposing the Officers of Grand Chapter, he expressed his pleasure at seeing several distinguished Companions present, amongst them being the Earl of Euston, Comp. Philbrick, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and others. Comp. Philbrick replied in a happy strain, warmly congratulating the Grand Superintendent of Sussex on the success of his presidency and the eloquent address in which he had appealed to them that afternoon. Companion Shadwell H. Clerke gave the Grand Superintendent Comp. Gerard Ford in eloquent terms, the toast being received with well-merited applause. He expressed himself especially pleased at Companion Ford's thorough restoration to health, a source of pleasure which he felt sure was gratifying alike to every member of the Masonic body in Sussex. The Grand Superintendent thanked the proposer of the toast for his most kind personal allusions. He was pleased to see a good attendance at the banquet and increased interest taken in the exalted degree of the Royal Arch. In proposing the Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter he said he fully relied upon them to help him in the assiduous discharge which devolved upon rulers in the Craft. He felt fortunate in securing the services of so many distinguished brethren to act under him. Companion Farncombe replied, and said while fully appreciating the great honour which had been done him on that occasion, he feared his many public duties would preclude his devoting that time and energy to Arch Masonry which it so thoroughly deserved, but he felt that the Provincial Officers, as a body, would do everything in their power to support their deservedly popular chief in Sussex. Comp. C. W. Randolph gave the Visitors, coupled with the name of Lord Euston, who replied in genial terms. The Principals of Sussex Chapters was responded to by Comp. H. Kent and Comp. H. E. Price. The Grand Superintendent complimented the Stewards on the very excellent arrangements they had made for that occasion. The most active of them (Comp. J. M. Reed) had also kindly undertaken the post of Secretary to the Sussex Masonic Charities Fund. Their best thanks were also due to him on this account, as a considerable amount of work was involved, and not a little trouble. Comp. Reed replied, expressing an earnest desire to do all in his power to advance the best interests of Freemasonry in the Province. The proceedings ended about ten o'clock, having been of the most pleasant character.

BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 11th April, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, City. Comp. G. R. Bolton M.E.Z. presided; Comp. H. H. Shirley H., Wyer P.Z. acted pro tem as J., and P.Z.'s Bond S.E., and H. Thompson. A strong body of Visitors was present and took great interest in the proceedings. This ancient and well matured Chapter was for some time under a cloud, which rather dimmed the glory of its youth, but that has passed away, and it has again assumed the brightness of its former days, there being at the present meeting no fewer than eight candidates for exaltation. They were Bros. Lewis Solomon P.M. 1732, Levi Jacobs P.M. 1732, George Levers 1732, Seth Kitchen 1732, Edward Maas 2206, John Farrand Clarke No. 22, John Stirling Buck 1314, John Saunders 1314. Seven of these candidates were in attendance, and were in due form, after an unanimous ballot in their favour, exalted into the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry, and the manner in which this impressive rite was conferred elicited the unstinted praise, not only of the P.Z.'s, but of every Companion who was present, for very rarely indeed has this noble ceremony been so ably performed. Particularly should be mentioned the letter perfect rendering by the Principals, who appear determined to maintain the former reputation of the Beadon Chapter, and there can be no doubt that it will become one of the most important Masonic Institutions of the great metropolis. At the end of the business the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banqueting hall for refreshment. At the close of it, and on the withdrawal of the cloth, the health of the Queen was given, followed by the National Anthem. At this stage of the proceedings the M.E.Z. gave evidence of the care and ability with which, not only the business of the Chapter but the proceedings of the banquet will be conducted during his year of office, and in the latter case he followed an example set by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master at one of the Charity Festivals, when, instead of the usual stereotyped manner of separately toasting the different Grand Officers, he gave one comprehensive toast in which they were all included. In adopting this course on the present occasion the M.E.Z. said he should give one toast to include all the Grand Officers, as it was getting late, and he had no doubt that the Companions would rather be favoured with a little music than listen to him making speeches; the remark appeared to be highly appreciated. The health of the M.E.Z. was proposed and most enthusiastically responded to. In reply, Companion Bolton said he felt proud in being placed in such an exalted position, for which he sincerely thanked the Companions; he was not in the habit of making long speeches, but preferred that deeds not words should speak for him. The next toast was the Exaltees, for which four of them returned their warm thanks for the honour conferred upon them. The next toast was the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, the M.E.Z. passing a high compliment upon them for the services they had rendered and their willingness to do so on all occasions. As Comp. Thompson wished to get away to save a train, although not the senior P.Z., he was anxious first to address them. Comp. Thompson P.Z. most sincerely thanked the M.E.Z. for his indulgence in allowing him to address them before those who had a prior right to do so. For upwards of two years he had been most anxious to personally acknowledge the uniform kindness he had always received from the Companions of the Beadon Chapter, and he could conscientiously say that during upwards of thirty years he had been a Mason, in which time he had been Master of two Lodges, he had scarcely met with the same amount of kindness and goodwill he had experienced in that Chapter. He congratulated their newly exalted Companions on having joined a body who carried out the true principles of Freemasonry, not only in precept but in practice, and when lying on a sick bed he remembered with grateful feelings the kindness they had always shown to him. Comps. Seaman and H. Bond P.Z.'s also returned thanks. Several other toasts were given, with some choice music, and the entire evening was spent in the most complete harmony.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 12th instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, G. L. Moore Z. 169 Z., Voisey P.Z. Treas. H., Needl P.Z. J., Woods acting S.E., Schadler P.S., and Addington Z. 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Woods candidate. Comp. Schadler was admitted a member. Comp. Voisey was elected M.E.Z. for 26th inst., the 19th being Good Friday.

A new serial story, by Evelyn Everett Green, author of "Torwood's Trust," "Monica," &c., is to appear in the *Quiver*; the first instalment will be given in the May Part.

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THE OLD MASONIANS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I was present last Saturday night at the annual dinner of the Old Masonians, and experienced a great amount of genuine pleasure at meeting so many of my old schoolfellows once more, and recalling many of the scenes we had passed together when we were boys.

But, Sir, my pleasure was considerably enhanced by the unanimous praise accorded both in the speeches and in the ordinary course of conversation to the dearly-loved Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Mr. Binckes.

It must have done his heart good to have met with such a hearty reception as he did last Saturday night.

As our Chairman well put it, "If you wish to see his monument, look around."

And I venture to say that not one boy that has received the benefits of the Masonic School but will carry in his heart the grateful remembrance of the many kind actions and words of advice which have emanated from we boys' best friend,—Mr. Frederick Binckes.

When I was at school, some ten years back, his name was always held in love and esteem (and boys are good judges of character), and Mr. Binckes may rest assured that his name and memory will be revered by the hundreds of Old Masonians who are now repaying, in all parts of the globe, the benefits of the noblest of Masonic Charities, benefits due in great measure to the indefatigable zeal of its Secretary.

I had occasion once before to write to you in defence of the present excellent Head Master (27th January 1883), and I trust that I shall not be trespassing on your valuable space by now adding my little mead of praise and thankfulness for the many acts of kindness that I have received at Mr. Binckes' hands.

I remain, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

OLD MASONIAN.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A German, who says that his name is F. Schlegelmich, of Erfurth (at present of 120 Commercial Road), called upon me some ten or twelve days since, saying that he had been sent by two Brothers of our Lodge (Polish National, 534), who had assisted him, requesting a *loan*, as he was in temporary difficulties owing to his having lost 1100 canaries, bullfinches, &c, owing to the negligence of Railway Officials, he being a large importer of such birds. He being apparently a respectable man, and his case a hard one, I lent h m a sovereign.

Two or three days afterwards he called again, and said another consignment of birds had arrived, but that the railway authorities would not part with them without the freight, about 30s, which if I would lend him he would return in two or three days. I did so, and he left a canary and a bullfinch in my hands, promising to call the same or next day. The birds are worthless to me, and I have heard nothing of him since, nor have I had a reply to a letter I wrote him on Saturday last.

I write you these particulars in order that you may caution any Brother in case he should make like application, for I am told he has applied to several members of our Lodge. He is over 6 ft. high and proportionally stout, and says he is a member of the Three Crowns Lodge, Frankfort-on-the-Maine.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN G. TONGUE.

34 Southampton Buildings, W.C.
17th April 1889.

Obituary.

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BRO. GILBERT JAMES COTTRILL.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 11th instant, the funeral took place of Bro. Gilbert James Cottrill, aged 61, who for over thirty years had been in business in Shepton Mallet, having previously been connected with the press in London. Bro. Cottrill had always been one of the leaders in local efforts, was one of the hospital auditors, and had held various public appointments. He was a P.M. and Past Treasurer of the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 285, P.Z. of the Royal Cyrus Chapter, P.M. of the Lodge of Mark Masons in connection therewith, and P.P.G.S.B. of Somerset. His Masonic brethren and fellow townsmen attended the funeral in large numbers.

D. D. SUTHERLAND P.M. 710.

THE funeral of this brother, who died at Totnes, on Friday, the 5th instant, aged 45 years, took place on the 11th inst., at the Totnes Cemetery, and was largely attended. The deceased was a Past Master of the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, also a Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer. Brethren met at the Pleiades Lodge, having obtained a dispensation to attend the funeral in Masonic clothing. The Lodge having been opened, the Rev. J. Powning repeated the burial service, then the brethren in procession walked to the residence of the deceased. Thirty-five wreaths were placed in and around the coffin. The service was read by the Rev. B. Mills, vicar of Totnes, and at the conclusion the Chaplain of deceased's Lodge offered a prayer. After the interment the brethren marched in reversed order back to the residence, and thence to their Lodge, which was then closed. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Brother Drennan.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 20th 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
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.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 22nd APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
28—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
38—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 24 Denmark-street, Gateshead
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1223—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 23rd 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, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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, 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, Mona Hotel, Hunter-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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 Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
R.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
R.C. 67—Stuboline, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
257—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1875—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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. 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, 24th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Rose, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1058—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 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.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
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.)
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)

232—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
M.M. 373—Ilkeston, Rutland House, Ilkeston
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 25th APRIL.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
56—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, S., at 8 (Instruct)
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1539—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
1360—Royal Arthur, 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)
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)
1974—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Frobisher, 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. (In)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Prince Frederick William, Gordon-road, 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.

61—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Anchor and Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Marine, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
283—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Hull
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
394—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
781—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
936—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leeds, Salford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1549—Cumberland, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hesperus, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1882—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire

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R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 434—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1096—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 26th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
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).
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)
934—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)
1238—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders 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)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1643—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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
483—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1713—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
R.A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 690—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 136—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 27th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
1634—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1339—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1393—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1468—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

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THE Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, 26th April, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G. Master West Yorkshire, in the chair. There was a large attendance of the brethren, who were mainly attracted by the knowledge that the Report of the Special Commission to inquire into the management, discipline and expenditure of the School would be presented. Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer, and the General Committee was re-elected. In the absence of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Bro. Roebuck, on behalf of the House Committee, moved that three additional boys be elected. Bro. H. Venn seconded the motion, which was agreed to. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, then said, on behalf of the Committee appointed under the resolution of last July, to inquire into the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution, and to report to this Court at a subsequent meeting, I beg to hand to the Court the unanimous report of the Committee acting under that resolution. It has been necessary for signing it to put it into print, and I have to state that the type will remain set until to-morrow in order that if this Court like to order copies for its information they may be obtained without the expense and delay of recomposing by the printer. The learned brother then handed a copy of the report, officially sealed in an envelope, to the Chairman, who, breaking the seal, said: I apprehend I must have a resolution to receive this report, and if necessary it can be read. Bro. Joseph Storey (London) said, would not the most practical way be to move a resolution that the report be received, printed, and circulated among the Governors. If so, I shall have pleasure in moving it, for I think this is a matter which should be placed before every subscriber to this Institution. Bro. A. E. Gladwell (London) seconded the motion. The Chairman: It is rather a lengthy report. (The document occupied forty-eight pages in print). Bro. Binckes (Secretary) suggested that there should first of all be a motion simply that the Report be received. The Chairman: Yes. It has been moved and seconded that the report be received. This motion was unanimously adopted. Brother Binckes: Now it has become the property of the Institution, and the brethren can do as they like. Bro. Storey: I will now move that the report be printed and circulated. Bro. Russell (London) seconded the motion. Bro. Binckes: There are over 4000 Governors. Is it to be understood that the report is to be sent round at the expense of the Institution to every qualified member of the Court. Brother Gladwell: No. I would make a suggestion. It is a large expenditure, and a very large number of the reports might be treated as waste paper, and not receive the consideration we desire. I will, therefore, move that the reports be issued to all those who want them, at a cost not exceeding one shilling each. Brother Philbrick: I may mention that only the proof copies for signature, and a copy for each member of the Committee, have been taken as proofs. I am informed that the cost of printing the reports will be between £10 and £12 per thousand. If paper not quite so good as this be used the charge will be about £10 per thousand, but it was necessary for us to have thicker paper, as we had to write our signatures upon it. Bro. Storey: When I proposed my resolution I did not think it worth while to occupy the time of the Court, because I thought such a proposition would be accepted without hesitation. A certain stigma has been cast upon the management of the Boys' School, and it has been widely circulated by means of printed circulars and pamphlets, and I think it is due to this Institution, to the General Committee, and to those who have taken a very active part in its affairs, that this report should be circulated in a proper manner. I do not know what the Committee report, but whatever it is, it ought to be as equally wide-spread as the stories which have been circulated. On the contrary, I do not think we ought to hesitate for a moment, even if it cost £100 to circulate the report. Bro. Russell (Kent): I think that whatever may have been said by our brother on the right of the chairman (Bro. Philbrick), there is not the slightest doubt that this report ought to be printed and circulated. If you can do 1000 copies for £10 you can produce 4000 for £40, and what is £40 to this Institution compared with the doubt and uncertainty which has been hanging over it for so long? I shall have very great pleasure in supporting Bro. Storey's proposition, because I believe it is conceived in the true interests of the School. I think we ought to give all possible information to everybody and make no charge for it. You will in that way remove the cloud which has been hanging over you, and when you have a bright and pure Institution, it will prosper. Bro. J. S. Cumberland (N. and E. Yorkshire): I should like to suggest, in order to save expense, that the report be printed on rather commoner paper than the proof presented to the Court. I quite agree with Bro. Russell that for a pound or two we should not deprive any member of a copy of the report, and I think every subscriber to the Institution has a perfect right to a copy. I would suggest that the printer who has the type set up should be asked at what charge he will supply us with the same, paper cover, and with the report printed on rather commoner paper. I quite agree that the sooner the report is in the hands of the Subscribers the better it will be for the Institution, and the sooner we can have a Special General Court to consider what shall be done the better it will be in the permanent interests of the School. Bro. John Wordsworth (West (Yorkshire): I beg to propose that 4000 copies of the report be printed and circulated at the expense of the Institution. Bro. W. Goodacre (Prov. Grand Secretary West Lancashire) seconded the motion. Bro. Storey: I think it would be far better if the members of the Committee of Management took no part in this particular business; and in my opinion the motion ought to come from the general body of Subscribers. I do not think we ought to limit ourselves to the number of copies to be printed. Every Subscriber ought to have a copy of the report. There ought to be no hole-and-corner business. Let it be plain and unsophisticated—the plainer the better. Bro. James Stevens (London): I think, under the anxiety which this Institution has gone through during the past 12 months, and which it is likely to go through, if there is any reservation in the circulation of this report, there ought to be no limit as to the number of copies printed and circulated, that those interested in this Institution may know exactly all that has transpired. It is a

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matter of considerable importance, and if you stand at the expenditure of some few score pounds now you will probably hereafter lose some hundreds of pounds. Because the feeling of uneasiness is not confined to those present to-day, nor even to the metropolis, but is generally spread over England and elsewhere. There ought, therefore, to be no hesitation in letting every man who is likely to be at all interested in the Institution have a knowledge of that report, otherwise those who have long supported the School might be disposed to withhold their aid. I strongly support the proposition that has been made that a number be printed sufficient for circulation among all who are interested in the Institution, whether as Subscribers or Governors. A brother said: As an amendment, and on the ground of economy, I will move that a sufficient number of copies be printed to provide each Lodge and each Chapter with one copy, and that any member of a Lodge or of a Chapter may have an extra copy of the report on paying of the cost price. Bro. W. A. Scurrah (London): I strongly recommend the resolution first made, that the report now received be printed and circulated to every member of the Institution, and to every one likely to take an interest in it. I think nothing less than this will satisfy the brethren, and I think the best thing is to adopt the resolution of our brother on the other side, Bro. Storey. Brother Binckes (Secretary): If that resolution be carried I apprehend there will be no alternative but to take the list of Subscribers and send each of them a copy. As the brethren are aware, in addition to the cost of printing, there will be the postage and the extra cost of sending the reports round. Bro. James Brett (London): And a good expenditure too. Bro. Binckes: I am not saying a word in objection to the resolution. I am only pointing out to the brethren what will be the cost to the Institution. Bro. W. H. Saunders (London): I beg to move as an amendment that the report be read. Many brethren have come long distances to hear the report read. The Chairman then put Bro. Storey's motion that the report be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Quarterly Court, and the motion was, amidst cheers, unanimously adopted. Bro. Scurrah: May I ask how soon will the Report be printed and circulated? Brother Philbrick: In order to facilitate matters I asked the printers, as I have said, to keep the report in type till to-morrow. If I have the sanction of the Court I will order the requisite number of copies, and as this number will probably be considerable I have not the least doubt that I shall be able to obtain a material reduction on the price I have named. I will have the work done at the lowest possible figure—of course as if one were paying for it out of one's own pocket. It has been printed in the country, in order that it might be done quietly, and that the contents of the Report might remain entirely unknown to every one until the Court was possessed of the Report. Bro. Stevens: Although it looks bulky there is no reason why the Report should be printed on such heavy paper. The Chairman: I am quite sure the matter is in very good hands. Bro. Storey: Will now be the opportune time to thank Bro. Philbrick and the members of the Committee for their labours? (The Chairman assented.) Then I think every member of this Institution will be convinced, whatever the report may be, that it is thoroughly impartial and exhaustive, and that it is our duty to thank the members of the Committee for their labours, and for their report, and I beg to move a resolution accordingly. Bro. Scurrah seconded the motion. Bro. Tunnicliffe (Staffordshire): As one who had the pleasure of appearing for some days before the Committee and of witnessing the close attention and consideration which they devoted to every subject brought before them, I beg to support the resolution. I know not what one word of that report may be, but I know that it will embody the honest and conscientious conviction of seven earnest gentlemen, who devoted many days and weeks to the benefit of the Institution, and performed more labour than any brother not connected with the Committee can form any idea of. Their labour was intense and close to the greatest possible degree. The Chairman put the resolution, which was carried amidst loud acclamation, and, addressing Brother Philbrick, he said: I have very great pleasure in informing you of the vote of this Court, unanimously thanking you and the other members of the Committee for the very able services which you have rendered to the Institution. Brother Philbrick, in acknowledging the compliment, said: At the request of the Court my colleagues and myself undertook a very anxious and a very troublesome duty. I can assure you if I may speak personally that it has been by the support of my Brother Allcroft, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, my Brother Sir Reginald Hanson, Bros. Pope, Col. Thrale Perkins, Malcolm (Coroner of Leeds), and Wylie, of Liverpool, that we have been able—and we sat for fifteen days taking evidence—to bring our labours to a unanimous conclusion, which we all trust will ultimately prove to the benefit of this great and noble Institution. I will say this only of the Report, that we have endeavoured, without fear, favour or affection, to tell the whole truth as we believed it to be. What the result of that will be, we leave to those in whose hands lies the dealing with the matter. A Brother: I apprehend it will be necessary to give to our Bro. Philbrick authority to order the printing of these Reports. The Chairman: Bro. Philbrick has undertaken the duty. Bro. G. P. Britten: Will it be convenient for you now to fix a day for a special meeting of the Court to consider this Report. The Chairman: No, I think not. Bro. Storey: We can call that by a requisition. Bro. Binckes: The laws provide that a Special Court may be convened by the President and a certain number of Life Governors. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the brethren proceeded to the election of candidates for admission to the School, the result of which we give in our advertisement columns.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Annual Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Wednesday, and was attended by members of the Craft from all parts of the British Empire, including representatives from India and from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The Festival, which is held, according to ancient custom, on the Wednesday next St. George's Day, was preceded by a meeting of Grand Lodge, to which rulers in the Craft only were admitted. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master was to have presided, but, owing to illness, his place was occupied by Colonel Goldie Taubman (Speaker of the House of Keys), Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man. The minutes respecting the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master at the last Grand Lodge having been confirmed, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) King-at-Arms, proclaimed His Royal Highness according to ancient form. The mandate of the Grand Master was then read, re-appointing the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master. The other Grand Officers were invested, as follow:—

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.	Senior Warden
Sir J. E. Gorst, M.P.	Junior Warden
The Hon. and Rev. Francis Byng, Rev. T. B. Spencer (Preston)	Chaplains
Edward Terry	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Registrar
Col. Shadwell Clerke	Secretary
Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt	Sec. for German Corres.
Sir Lionel Darell, Sir Polydore de Keyser	Senior Deacons
Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Chas. Chester Cheston	Junior Deacons
Col. R. W. Edis	Supt. of Works
Sir A. W. Woods (Garter), C.B.	Director of Ceremonies
C. Belton	Deputy D.C.
G. H. Haydon	Assistant D.C.
Eugene Monteuuis	Sword Bearer
T. G. Bullen, G. Taylor	Standard Bearers
M. Maybrick	Organist
A. A. Pendlebury	Assist. Secretary
T. W. Whitmarsh, D. D. Mercer	Pursuivants
H. Sadler	Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards for the year:—

Bros. Henry Homewood Crawford 1, Edward John Vivian Hussey 2, John Arthur Hughes 4, Arthur Ball 5, Philip Charles Novelli 6, Henry Pullman, 8, William Regester 14, Joseph Warren Zambra 21, Frederick Pinches 23, Reid Taylor 26, Frederick Burgess 29, Edward Wollaston Stanton 46, Sheriff Edward James Gray 58, Eliab Rogers 60, Frederic Charles Watts 91, Edward Humphreys 99, Marcus Sharpe 197, and Charles Percival Henty 259.

This completing the business before the meeting, United Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet, supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, was most bountifully served, and gave every satisfaction; Brother Madell

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superintended. Major Taubman conducted the proceedings in a most genial fashion. In proposing the first toast—Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—the Chairman said it was one which was drunk all over the world with enthusiasm, especially so when Freemasons were gathered together. Speaking of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family, the Chairman said we had not yet received ladies in Masonry, but he was sure this toast was one in which the brethren would most heartily join. In referring to H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, most of the brethren were aware that His Royal Highness wished to be present, but that other duties called him away. The Prince of Wales had devoted a great deal of time to Freemasonry, and during his connection with the Craft it had extended a great deal. With the Sister Grand Lodges was coupled the names of Bros. Dr. Tarrant Pro Grand Master of New South Wales, and Col. Lumsden Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire. Brother Dr. Tarrant, on behalf of New South Wales, conveyed the hearty good wishes which the members of that Grand Lodge entertained towards the Grand Lodge of England. Had it not been for the efforts of three distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of England the Grand Lodge of New South Wales would not have been the success it is. He referred especially to the Past Grand Warden the Earl of Carrington, who, when he arrived in New South Wales, seeing the condition of Freemasonry there, did all in his power to forward the views of the Masonic body towards obtaining self-government in that country. He also referred to the assistance given by the distinguished Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, who, when he visited the colony, saw that it was necessary to cement the great Brotherhood there by having a Grand Lodge, and gave his assistance in representing the views of the New South Wales Freemasons to the Grand Lodge of England. He also wished to pay his mark of esteem and respect to the Secretary of Grand Lodge, who, when he saw the time was opportune for New South Wales Freemasons to rule themselves, lent all the fraternal aid in his power. The brethren assembled might take from him the assurance that although Freemasons in New South Wales were separated from them simply in their form of government, they were not separated from them in the strong fraternal feeling of Brotherhood which disseminated through the whole body of Freemasons. By their acknowledging the Freemasons in New South Wales they had not removed themselves one iota from that strong feeling of loyalty which attached to all the Australian Colonies and other British possessions of the Empire. As an Australian Mason, and as a representative one to some extent, he must say they would always look back with pride upon the mother Grand Lodges from which they derived their Masonic birth, and the Grand Lodge which they esteemed greatest of them all was that from which British Freemasonry arose,—the Grand Lodge of which he had the honour to be the guest on that occasion. Colonel Lumsden, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, had never before been present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, and he had to thank the company for the way in which they had drunk prosperity to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Scotland desired the most thorough and cordial union with the Grand Lodge of England. The Chairman proposed The Grand Officers, and coupled with the toast the names of Lord George Hamilton and Bro. H. D. Sandeman. Bro. Sandeman said there were no greater pillars of strength to Freemasonry in England, and possibly in any part of the world, than the Provincial Grand Masters. He could speak personally of the District Grand Masters, as he had had the honour of being a District Grand Master for thirteen years in a country far distant from this—the Province of Bengal. Lord George Hamilton, who was received with cheers, said the Grand Officers were all proud that, owing to the selection of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, their names either that day or in the past had been selected for high office in the Grand Lodge, and they were proud to find that the selection on each occasion met with the sanction of the brethren assembled together. They had selected as their Wardens two brethren whose functions were not exclusively confined to Freemasonry. Therefore, he feared it might not be from any want of regard to the high duties which had been imposed upon them, but from the simple fact that there were prior and more peremptory claims made upon them elsewhere, that he and Sir John Gorst might not be able to attend as assiduously and as frequently as they could wish; but, after all, a time would come when, to use the words of a distinguished man, they would be in a position of greater freedom and less responsibility. Whenever that time might come, he hoped they would be able to make up for any lapse of duty during the present year, for there was only one feeling animating all Past as well as Present Grand Officers, and that was a desire to improve the organisation and administration of Grand Lodge, and to promote the growth and development of that great Brotherhood whose spread in every part of the globe was synonymous with the encouragement of the instincts of charity, hospitality, and benevolence. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, proposed "The Masonic Charities." In doing so, he said he approached the toast with fear and trembling, because there were so many who knew the Masonic Charities better than he did. Bros. Richardson and Matthews were present, who took such an interest in the Masonic Charities, that he felt he could not do adequate justice in their presence to the toast. But he ventured to bring before the brethren the toast in the abstract, and not in detail. The brethren were all proud of their Charities, but he ventured to think that they did not do for them one quarter what they ought to do. Considering the large number of Masons that were in England, if they gave five shillings a head to them they would be supported a hundredfold more than they were now. Without further prelude he would give the toast of the, Masonic Charities, coupling with it the names of Bro. Binckes Secretary of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes said he was taken entirely by surprise by having his name associated with the toast of Success to the Royal Masonic Institutions. It had always been a matter of duty with him on an occasion like this, which was an exceptionally festive one, to say very little. To say much would be not only impolitic, but really and truly in bad taste; it would be a waste of the time of experienced brethren who were assembled at their annual Grand Festival gathering to make any stated or studied appeal on behalf of one or other of the Masonic Institutions. But at the same time he thought it must be a source of intense gratification that, while the brethren were indulging in all the enjoyments peculiarly associated with this one Festival of the year, one more prominent than any other Festival held in connection with Freemasonry, the wants of the poorer and distressed, under whatever category they might come—whether the young, who were just on the entrance of life, or the aged of either sex—were not forgotten; that their sympathies were at all events stimulated to some extent; and that they bore in mind in the midst of their highest enjoyment that considerations of a serious nature ought to weigh with them all. Therefore, while congratulating the Craft on the enormous success that from time to time attended the celebration of their Masonic Festivals—going only a year back, he might say the gigantic success of the Girl's School, which was a source of intense pride to every Mason—and congratulating the Craft on the great success of the Benevolent Institution in February last, he had only one word to utter, in the smallest, simplest, and most persuasive tone he could use,—to indulge in the hope, which he trusted would not merely be an anticipation, that the year 1889, so far as regarded the Boys' School, would result in a success of which they might all be proud, and which would place that Institution once more in a position of prosperity, which, without fear of contradiction he said, it deserved. On behalf of all the Institutions, he returned his sincerest thanks. Brother Sir Polydore de Keyser (Chairman of the Board) replied on behalf of the Grand Stewards; he thanked the Chairman and the brethren very sincerely for the great honour done them in so handsomely acknowledging their services. They had, however, but done their duty—that which many others had done before; but they hoped and trusted that what they had done had met with the brethren's approval. He had to apologise for having made a very great mistake. He had said "we;" he ought to have said "the Grand Stewards," who had really done the work, and he truly was not one of them, for he, unfortunately, had been called away, as the brethren were aware, on other important duties; but he should not be excused even for that were he not to mention that those duties were duties of a national character. His friends and colleagues, the Board of Grand Stewards, had done all the work, and he could not refrain from mentioning the names of Bros. Shoppee, the Hon. Sec., and Pullman the Treasurer. He ought not to omit to mention the others; they had all individually and collectively done their duty. It had been to all of them a labour of love, but they were amply repaid for any anxiety in the matter if the brethren had spent a pleasant evening. Before he sat down he desired to thank the Chairman for coupling his name with the toast. In the Temple, under the direction of Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org., a beautiful selection of music was performed, by Bro. R. de Lacy, Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Harper Kearton, Madame Agnes Larkcom, Mr. Andrew Black, Miss Anna Lang, Miss Pauline Barrett, Bro. A. Lawrence Fryer, and Miss Norah Phyllis.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, the 17th instant, Brother Robert Grey, President of the Board, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice President, was in his allotted seat; and Brother W. H. Perryman occupied the Junior Vice President's chair. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. Britten, Spaull, Brown, Garrod, Mercer, Haslip, Hogard, Gieve, Whitmarsh, Woodward, Hopekirk, Dairey, Brownrigg, Judge, Chapman, Sherring, Thompson, Bentley Haynes, Harman, G. Reynolds, Hooper, Massey, Hill, Forster Reynolds, Pound, Brooks, Mappin, Tubbs, Smithers, Dawkins, Stean, Porter, Bilby, Botibol, Pratt, Perrin, S. E. Anderson, Eustace Anderson jun., Kimpper, Squirrell, Smith, Markland, Fortescue, Sadler, &c., &c. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the M.W. Grand Master to the amount of £330. On the new list were 42 cases. The total sum granted was £802, which consisted of three recommendations to Grand Lodge for £50 each, three recommendations to the M.W. Grand Master for £40 each, three for £30 each, and two for £25, 17 grants of £20 each, five of £10 each, and one of £2. Four cases were dismissed, three were deferred, and one petition was withdrawn at the petitioner's request, he having obtained permanent employment.

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HOW CURIOUSLY SOME MASONS REASON.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

Bro. Fellows P.G.M. of Louisiana, Past K.T. Grand Master of the U.S., and a Thirty-thirder in the Scotch Rite, and now Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, seems to have read some of the recently published Masonic histories, which have disturbed his faith in the old Masonic writers. In his "Foreign Correspondence" he says :—

"Until within a few years the history of Freemasonry has been for the most part either a repetition of old traditions, or of theorizing the facts of history supposed to be reliable."

The above would imply that Bro. Fellows is wiser now than he was formerly; but his method of reasoning from the "Old Charges" shows that he is as much in the dark as ever. He says :—

"However extensive these organizations of Masons were, they were simply guilds of operative Masons, among whom were Architects and Master Builders, who naturally were at the head of the organisation; and, being necessarily men of ability and learning, may have added, and probably did add, to the dignity and importance of the association of which they were the head leaders."

But that is not all, for he goes on to say :—

"The writer is inclined to believe that there was from prehistoric times something more than mere operative character to the institution. It is now claimed that a speculative character was added only during the 17th century, when persons in no way connected with building were first initiated, as Elias Ashmole in 1661. If the term speculative is confined to the practice of initiating persons not of the operative class, then the suppo-ition is correct; but if the term is to be used as designating an esoteric work, something beside the knowledge of building, or the learning of a trade, then, I think, the fact is more than presumable that speculative features go back to prehistoric times, and nearly, if not quite, to the organisation of the labour guilds themselves. Distinguished architects, men of learning, men in the monasteries, builders of renown, were of the organisation, and it is certainly sure that they would have had some sort of association among themselves, apart from the labourers, journeymen and apprentices. . . . Human nature must have totally changed in that respect, which is not to be supposed, if those who had successfully passed their apprenticeship and become skilful workmen, did not organize a higher and separate grade for themselves; nor is it again supposable that master builders, contractors and architects, all men of brain and learning, should not have had an organisation of their own apart from and above that of their hired labourers and of their apprentices. Such must have been from necessity the case. They met and devised the proceedings to be held in Lodges, and being men of capacity and ability, controlled by their influence the votes and actions of the mass of the Lodge, without the latter even surmising the pre-concerted action. This, many of us know, is done to-day in political, religious, moral and business affairs. There is a ring in politics, though of another name; also in religion and all other organisations, and nothing of the inner proceedings appears on the minutes of the regular organisation, nor could they appear; their absence, therefore, proves nothing.

"Again, when men of culture and brain meet habitually together they are never content to be confined to mere matter of business, or the control of the affairs of those not of them, but yet with whom they are associated. They invariably—such is the nature of man—invent a ceremony for initiation, the reception of their new members, and signs and methods by which they may know each other; and in times in the history of the human race, such as prevailed during the middle ages in the civilization of Europe, they may have, and probably would have, invented, more or less elaborate, a species of initation particular to themselves, which would in time become what we call degrees, the fundamental always remaining nearly or essentially the same, while the detailed ceremonies would differ from year to year, and in different locations. We take this to have been the case with Freemasonry in its origin, and during the time of unwritten history."

Now, the error Bro. Fellows committed was in attaching any importance to whatever meaning our modern *dreamers* have ascribed to the phrase "Speculative Mason." Suppose they call Elias Ashmole a "Speculative Mason?" and suppose that they even believe that he speculated, and that he belonged to a high degree Lodge similar to some of the degrees now so fashionable among our Grand Lodge dignitaries, what does their mere belief amount to? If, as our Brother admits, Masons of recent times were satisfied with "a repetition of old traditions, or of theorising upon the parts of history supposed to be reliable," the question then would be: suppose our modern dreamers do believe that Ashmole was a speculative Mason, what guarantee have I that their opinion is reliable? Ashmole himself certainly never called himself a "Speculative Mason," nor did any other man ever call him so. Non-operatives were, in those days, affiliated with all kinds of Craft Guilds, but no one ever pretended that the non-operatives were Speculatives. For instance, in Nicol's "Progress of King James 1st," I find that Sir Leonard Holliday was elected Lord Mayor in 1605. The Lord Mayor was probably a Tailor, and the Tailors' Guild got the poet and dramatist Anthony Munday, who was also a Bro. Tailor (though he knew nothing about tailoring business), to write a new play for the occasion, which he called the "Triumph of Reunited Britannia." The play was performed by children, in which the following verses were recited :—

I find recorded in my register
Seven kings have honoured this society,
Fourteen great dukes did willingly prefer
Their love and kindness to this Company;
Three score eight lords declared their amitie,
Terming themselves all brethren of this band,
The very worthiest lords of all the land;
Three dukes, three earls, four lords of noble name,
All in one year did join in Brotherhood.
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Of bishops and deans, to those before,
My record could afford as many more.

In 1607 King James I., together with his eldest son Henry Prince of Wales, with "a host of courtiers," visited the London Bro. Tailors, when another poem was recited, in which it was claimed that the first royal Bro. Tailor was King Richard II. During that visit the Prince of Wales, with the "host of courtiers," were made Bro. Tailors, and His Majesty declined to join the Tailors because he was a brother of the Cordwainer Guild, or *a brother shoemaker*. But yet I venture to say that not one of the Tailor kings, dukes, princes, bishops and deans, nor even the poet Anthony Munday, ever dreamed of *Speculative Tailoring*, or of high degrees for the Tailoring Fraternity. Why, then, does our Bro. Fellows suppose that the more cultured Masons of the Fraternity must have invented some forms of initiation, or *high degrees*, exclusively for themselves?

Again, the author of the Matthew Cooke MS., when referring to Prince Edwin of York says, "He wist well that handcraft had the practice of geometry so well as Masons, wherefore he drew to him to council and learned [the] practice of that science to his speculative, for of speculative he was a master." Brother Cook was of course delighted to find the word *speculative* in the MS.; but a friend, "not a brother," suggested that by *speculative* the writer of the MS. simply meant an architect, and I have no doubt that this suggestion was correct. Now the said Matthew Cooke MS. is doubtless the parent of all the subsequent MSS., designated by Bro. Hughan as "Ancient Charges;" but the word "speculative" is not repeated in either of the said Ancient Charges. Nor could I find the phrase "speculative Masonry" in either of Anderson's Constitutions, nor in the Defence of Masonry of 1730, neither in "Euclid's letter to the author," nor in any of the rituals that I had access to between 1723 and 1768, nor in the Ahiman Rezon of 1756 and 1764, nor in Calcott's Disquisition. I found it, however, in Preston, who was probably the originator of that phrase, and the application of the phrase "Speculative Masonry" to a pre-1717 non-operative, like Elias Ashmole, did not probably originate until after Dr. Oliver began to shine as a Masonic luminary. Bro. Fellows' reasoning from the phrase of "Speculative Mason" must, therefore, be pronounced *groundless*.

Again, reasoning from analogy may sometimes be all right, but it may also be all wrong. Now, our Bro. Fellows is doubtless well acquainted with the *modus operandi* of American "political rings;" he knows how the wire-pullers or Bosses pre-arrange everything that is to be done at primary meetings; how they in secret conclaves ordain who is to be chairman, who are to be the speakers, who are to draw up the resolutions, and how they appoint the delegate to the State or United States convention; how the office hunters in the political primary meetings obey the hints of the Bosses, and how the ignorant voters are duped by the party leaders. He knows that some of the American Grand Lodges are ruled after the same fashion. Hence he imagines that the Masonic assemblies in the Middle Ages must also have been ruled by Bosses! and as the present American Grand Lodge Bosses are intelligent or crafty high degreers, he therefore jumps to the conclusion that in olden times the Masonic leaders were architects, or men of the highest culture, men of the monastery, &c.

Now, the only sources wherefrom we can derive information about the Masons of the middle ages are, in the

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first place, the Acts of Parliament from the year 1350. These laws must have tended to disparage the social status of the Masonic fraternity, and hence, while the Tailors' Guild, and other guilds beside, could boast of having been visited and patronised by kings, dukes, lords, bishops, and deans, there is not a spark of evidence that the Masons have ever been honoured by association with a single "*upper-ten*" during that period. The second source of information about the old Mason we can learn from the Halliwell poem and the Matthew Cooke MS. These were written by priests, and they certainly indicate no great scholarship; and as there is nowhere to be found a solitary scrap of a Lodge record of a date prior to the Reformation, we may reasonably conclude that our "Ancient Brethren" *could not write*. Nor is there anything surprising in the above supposition, when it is well known that De Molay, the Grand Master, could not read nor write; that some fifty or more years later Dr. Guesseline, the greatest man in France, could not read nor write; and it is even stated that later on Henry 6th of England could not read nor write. I may, therefore, presume that the Masonic fraternity were equally ignorant. Since the Reformation the "Old Charges," or pre-1717 ritual, prove conclusively the lack of information among the Masonic brethren of the 17th century, and as the English Masons, before 1700, kept no records, the inference is that very few of them could write.

In Scotland, however, schools for the poor were introduced long before they were introduced in England, and hence we find the Edinburgh Lodge began to keep a record as early as 1598; and about thirty or more years later other Scotch Lodges began to keep records. But even then a large number of Scotch Masons could not write. Thus, in Bro. Lyon's History there are fac similes of two MSS., one is about 1600, and the other is of 1628. These MSS. were signed by delegates (in a Masonic Assembly) from Edinburgh, St. Andrew's, Hadington, Achenson, Haven and Dumfries, and out of eighteeen signatures appended to the 1600 document to nine of the names is appended: "With our hands led in the pen of the Notaries underwritten at our command, because we cannot write." And to about half of the signatures attached to the document of 1628 a similar finish is given, viz., "because I cannot write myself." Now, if in 1600 and 1628 half of the Scotch Masonic dignitaries could not write their own names, we may naturally suppose that a much larger per centage of the rank and file of the Scotch Masons were equally ignorant; and if such was the case in Scotland after the Reformation, after the Bible was printed and widely taught, after Bacon, Shakespeare, and a host of English writers have passed away, and near about two hundred years after the invention of printing, we may therefore reasonably believe that before printing was invented not one out of a hundred Masons could distinguish the top of a book from the bottom; and as there is not a particle of evidence to prove that either architect, scholars, or high cultured individuals had associated with Masons in their Assemblies or Lodges, the then Masons could not have known anything about high degrees, nor were they ruled by Bosses of the New York "Tammany Hall" pattern.

BOSTON, U.S., 9th April 1889.

APPENDIX.

Among memorandums copied some years ago I found the following, taken from Stow's Survey, printed in 1842, p 68, and as it confirms in a measure Anthony Munday's exalted opinion of his Bro. Tailors, it therefore will not be out of place as an Appendix to the above. Stow says:—

The Merchant Tailor's Hall, pertaining to the guild and fraternity of St. John the Baptist, time out of mind called the Tailors and Linen Armourers of London; for I find that Edward I. in the twenty-eighth of his reign confirmed this guild by the name of Tailors and Linen Armourers, and also gave to the brethren their authority every year at Midsummer to hold a feaste and choos unto them a governour, or master, with wardens, whereupon the same year 1300, on the feast day of the nativity of St. John the Baptist, they chose Henry de Ryall to be their pilgrim for the master of this mysterie (as one that travelled for the whole company was then called) * * * * In the 21st of Edward IV., Holmes, *alias* Clarenciaulx, king at arms for the south part of England, granted by his patent to the fraternity and guild of St. John Baptist of tailors and linen armourers, to bear in a shield of silver a pavillion between two mantles imperial purple garnished with gold, in a chief azure and holy Lamb, set within a sun, &c.

In the 2nd of Henry IV. the company received a new confirmatory charter by the name of "the Scissors and fraternity of St. John the Baptist in London" * * * * Henry VII., a brother of the fraternity of the Tailors, in the 18th of his reign, 1503, reincorporated the same by the name of the "Masters and Wardens of the Merchant Tailors of the fraternity of St. John the Bapist in the City of London."

I shall only add that Anthony Munday was so proud of being a Brother Tailor that he had it printed on the title-pages of some of his books. And second, from a History of London 1773, written by Bro. John Noorthouck (who edited the Masonic Constitutions of 1784) I learn that the Weevers and Bakers were the most early fellowships and guilds in London (see page 27 *note*).—J.N.

GLEANINGS.

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP.—Freemasonry presents itself as a science to be studied and applied; a philosophy to be unfolded; a system of ethics binding the life to duty and to humanity, and a system of faith and devotion uniting the heart to God. Regarded in this light, it is not so very difficult to discover the fellowship it imposes, and the basis on which it rests. That basis, most certainly, is nothing less than the principles, ideas and purposes which belong to Freemasonry and give it character—a vital force without which it would have perished long ago. Men who stand together on a platform of noble and grand ideas, who pledge themselves alike to beneficent services, and become interested in common studies and pursuits, must of necessity be brought into friendly communion, and their souls must be knit together by a sweet and gracious fellowship. It is as a working body specially that the Masonic organization creates and develops this true, hearty fellowship. When we begin to do for others our brotherly love warms and increases. The benevolent service that we render as Craftsmen—the charity we express by word or deed—all faithful discharge of the active duties of related life—will bring us more and more into sympathetic accord and help to a realization of the full import of Masonic Brotherhood. It is no cause for complaint that Freemasonry has this practical side, and that so much is required in the way of mutual regard and helpfulness—rather a cause for rejoicing, for thus the spirit of brotherly love is deepened and quickened, and the best possible basis of a true Masonic fellowship established. So may we be glad to—

> "Give each other pity, aid and strength,
> And consolation; man was made for man."
>
> *Freemason's Journal.*

THE THREE STEPS.—As delineated upon the Master's carpet, the three steps point to the three all-important periods in human existence—Youth, Manhood, and Age. Aside from the Master's lesson, or dissertation, when he explains the symbols to the Initiate, three others could be added that would naturally incline the mind of a young Mason toward thoughts that are truly Masonic in character and form—Honour, Industry and Fidelity. In the every-day associations of business and social life we find these essentials of a true manhood held in high valuation by all men, and by none are they more dearly prized than by those who have learned to treasure Masonic truths at their full valuation. Honour holds its votaries with a silken chord as rich in texture as it is precious to its possessor. Honour leads men to the palace of the king and exacts full homage from him to his subjects. Industry climbs mountains and subdues the most formidable fortress. It guides the traveller from poverty to riches; it dispels gloom from sad places, and it replaces thrones with flowers; it unites oceans and seas across dry land, and it brings lightning subservient to the hand of man. Fidelity is a divine attribute. Without it honour and industry could not exist among men. Fidelity makes us true to ourselves and to our Creator; it makes life safe, and protects the rights of property. Combined, these three jewels are essentials to the three steps of Youth, Manhood, and Age. With them no Mason, no man, need fear to battle in the struggles of this life, or to accept a summons for that which is to come in the unknown hereafter.—*N.Y. Sunday Times.*

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.—When Reginald Heber read his prose poem of "Palestine" to Bro. Sir Walter Scott, the latter observed that one striking circumstance had escaped him, namely, no tool of iron was used in its erection. Heber retired for a few minutes to the corner of the room, and returned with these beautiful lines:

> "No hammer fell, no ponderous axes rung;
> Like some tall palm the mystic fabric sprung."

The corner-stone of an old Masonic building in Georgia was found recently. It had been laid in 1799, and contained only an English half-penny and an American cent.

WOMEN AT MASONIC ENTERTAINMENTS.—We have often thought that Freemasons should not be as chary as they are of granting to their wives and daughters an opportunity to share in réunions with their husbands and fathers who are members of the Craft, upon occasions that are not official. The least that Masonry can do is to grant some pleasure of this description to those from whom they ask so much. We are all social beings, and bereft of the social feature even Freemasonry itself might find its quietus. Let us occasionally allow the partners of our hearts and homes to share with us our purely social enjoyments, for they will thereby gain none of our secrets, while they will learn to respect us as Freemasons, and love us the more as husbands, fathers and brothers.—*Keystone.*

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FREEMASONRY IS BROTHERHOOD.

An Address by Bro. Frederic Speed at the Laying of the Corner-stone of the City Hall at Meridian, Mississippi, February 1889.

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THUS it may be said that Freemasonry is a growth. It was not like Minerva springing from the head of Jove, brought at once into a perfect being. It was not a creation—nor was it a work—it never was made. The germ was found in the first man, springing from and taking root in his nature and as soon as there was another similar nature toward which its outgrowth could proceed it budded, flowered and produced fruit—that fruit was the brotherhood of man—Freemasonry. It is not possible to create a true and genuine brotherhood upon any theory of the baseness of human nature, for there can be no genuine brotherhood without mutual regard, good opinion and esteem, mutual charity, and mutual allowance for faults and failings. It is only those who learn to think better of each other, to look habitually for the good that is in each other, and except, allow for, and overlook the evil, who can be brethren one of the other in any true sense of the word. Freemasonry, then, means Brotherhood.

The claim is not made that Freemasonry of to-day is identical with that which existed in ancient times as the Magi, the Essenes, the Rite of Eleusis, of even that which was established at the building of Solomon's Temple, but they had one origin, a similar parentage; the inextinguishable want of human nature for companionship, sympathy and co-operation, and there is a wonderful coincidence in symbols, forms and ceremonies, so that they may be said to run in parallel lines. If, indeed, the Craft is not in fact the lineal successor and descendant of them, the spirit, the substance, remain.

But Freemasonry is not only a brotherhood, it is a republic. In every age its device has been liberty, equality, fraternity, with constitutional government, law, order, discipline and subordination to legitimate authority—government and not anarchy. It recognises the dignity of human nature and man's right to so much freedom as he is fitted for, and it knows nothing that should place one man below another except ignorance, debasement and crime, and necessity of subordination to lawful will and authority. Its mode of government when Cæsars and tyrants were usurping the rights of the people was that of a pure democracy; in recesses into which no Cæsar could penetrate, it taught the freedom and dignity of man. While the world was prostrate before the emperors, Eleusis closed its gate against Nero, and Masonic priests told Constantine that they had no expiation that could clear him from the murder of his wife. Amidst all the brutality and oppression around them the secret Lodges with their scheme of truth, wrought out with the compass and the square, the level and the plumb, were reproving the wrong. Whatever might be the insolence of wealth and power outside, within the mystic fold all were brethren pledged to each others' defence and support. Not all the cruelties and bloodshed that war has produced could obliterate an institution, which, overlooking national disputes, enjoined the duty of man helping his brother man, standing by him when persecuted, giving him decent burial after death and shielding his widow and orphans from wrong and privation, and which, while holding itself aloof from the separate creed held fast to a principle broader than any of them, that man is sovereign over his mind and must deal in charity with the opinions and judgment of his fellows.

But what does it signify? What matters it whether Freemasonry be an hundred or thousands of years old? What if it had ever been? What if it had not survived the commotions and turmoils of the early ages? What if it had not reared monuments of usefulness in marble, in grand and stately buildings, and the proudest edifices of the old world, its magnificent churches, its vast cathedrals, its massive bridges and aqueducts? What if there were nothing to bear witness to the architectural genius, mechanical skill and scientific knowledge which it displayed during the long years when it was an operative art, existing under the guise of the college of artificers? It is easy, to be sure, to point with pride to the fact that men of the highest rank have always knocked at its doors and asked leave to enter; to utter the one incomparable name of Washington, and to tell that fifty of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons; that Lafayette and others of the Generals of the Revolutionary struggle were craftsmen, and that from the day-breaking of the great republic until the good hour in which we have the happiness to live, the greatest of our statesmen, warriors, theologians, scientists and humanitarians, have worn the Masonic apron with pleasure to themselves and honour to the Fraternity. Still the question obtrudes itself,—What signifies it? What if it were to be swept from the face of the earth? What has it done for us and for the communities in which we live? We are well aware that, viewed from the exterior, Freemasonry presents no marked excellences which are not possessed in common with numerous other associations, and that to the profane it is simply an organisation which professes to practice virtues which all mankind are under like obligations to perform, and to them it is no answer to the question to assert that to those who have entered within the most secret apartments of the temple and beheld the cherubim whose outstretched wings shield the ark of the covenant, and who have studied its symbols and read their hidden meaning, it exhibits peculiarities which distinguish it from all other human organisations, and to him who has been so fortunate as to receive the true spirit of the inspiration which it breathes in its every teaching, it must always remain without a peer in his affections.

Glancing backward over the history of an institution so old and yet so strong, so wide-spread and yet so mysterious, we cannot but feel that God has been in it for the good of our race. An institution allowed by Divine Providence to send the first representatives to the God incarnate in Bethlehem, has, we may be sure, some mission to fulfil—some reason for existence which will be told in that day when the occult shall be manifest—when God shall justify His ways to man.

Freemasonry, we have said, is a brotherhood. How to be brothers indeed, how in the midst of diversities of interest, diversities of condition, diversities of opinion and belief, diversities of race and nation, to be brothers still, loving brothers in a world rent by violence, sundered by partition walls, full of intolerance and party feeling, sectarian strife and exclusiveness of caste, to be brothers amid the destructions of common life, where wealth and poverty, obscurity and eminence jostle each other, where religious and political differences, social distinctions and the exclusiveness of wealth all conspire to set men at a greater distance and to water and cultivate the obnoxious weed of selfishness, is a problem which Freemasonry undertakes to solve. We do not say that other agencies cannot be equally potent, only that they have not been as successful in combining the scattered elements of society, in recalling men to a sense of their fraternal relations, in reviving the sometimes almost extinguished faith in friendship and virtue, in opening a new temple and setting up a new altar above all prejudices and dissensions and selfishness, above all distinctions except moral goodness—a temple dedicated to universal friendship, an altar at which all harmony may kneel, where brethren may seek refuge together from the strife and storms of human passion, defence and shelter within an inviolable sanctuary of peace and love. This is the Masonic ideal, however short practically we may come of it, which wins our respect and takes captive our hearts and justifies its existence.

But again, what does it signify that we are present here to-day around this corner-stone? Freemasonry is patriotic in its designs. With politics as a system of tactics for the advancement of a party, we renounce all connections, but in that more enlarged view in which it is made to comprehend all that relates to the welfare of the state, Freemasonry claims its appropriate share. A bad citizen can never be a good man. He who violates the laws of the land will not obey those of the Craft, and woe to that community which honours and elevates the man who keeps not faith with his brethren, for such a man is sure, sooner or later, to betray every confidence reposed in him. The Freemason is enjoined and required to be a peaceable citizen and to cheerfully conform to the law of the country in which he resides, not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the government but patiently to submit to the decision of the law and constituted authorities, to pay proper respect to the civil magistrates, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all men. From the beginning, Freemasonry has exercised the office of a teacher, and while it has taught pure morals

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and the fundamentals of true religion, coupled with toleration for the oppressions and even the errors of others, it has also taught the science of government. It is the oldest republic of which we have knowledge; from time immemorial the government of the Craft has been committed to those chosen by the free suffrage of their fellows, elevated for a brief season to the highest rank and dignity, its rulers never become more than the first among their equals and when laying down the symbols of authority have stood upon a plane of exact equality with the humblest and most obscure craftsman.

It signifies much in the cause of religion and of good government, of public and private morals, of the amelioration of human woe and suffering, of the cultivation of social amenities and the general well being of society at large that there should have existed, and that there should continue to exist and flourish, a large and influential organisation whose ramifications, extending into every part of the habitable earth, has always and everywhere taught and propagated doctrines which have elevated man and made him a better citizen; which has stimulated true patriotism, encouraged the liberal arts and sciences, promoted the education of the masses, and taught the dignity and nobility of labour. It is then eminently fitting that to-day we stand here, and, by our presence and with the ancient symbols of the Craft, assist in the work of laying the foundation stone of an edifice which is to mark a new era in the history of this prosperous and growing city. We have poured corn, wine and oil upon this stone, they being, when taken together, the Masonic symbol of prosperity and abundance, and by it we therefore manifest our sincere wishes that the superstructure might be prosperously raised and abundantly promote the objects for which it is designed. Separately, we employ corn to symbolize health, strength and plenty. May bread, that great staff of our physical existence, be never wanting to feed the inhabitants of this city; may the wine of joy ever be found in its midst, and happiness be a dweller with its people, and the oil of consolation pour gladness and peace into their hearts. This may appear to many an unmeaning ceremony; if such be the case, I can only say to those who thus view it, that to them hundreds of other ceremonies and emblems must appear equally so. The water which is sprinkled upon the head of an infant testifies faith in the redeeming power of a Saviour; the flag which floats at the masthead of a ship

> "The sign of hope and triumph high!
> The plume that dances when
> The long line comes gleaming on;
> Ere yet the life blood warm and wet
> Has dimmed the glist'ning bayonet."

The christening of a ship as she glides for the first time into her destined element, without which no sailor could be found to trust himself upon her deck, the solemn consecration of churches, the ordination of ministers of every creed, the wedding ring by which mutual love is plighted, the burning of incense, the eating of unleavened bread during the Passover, the consecration of bread and wine for use in the sacraments of the church—all are signs, ceremonies and emblems—the water is but water still, the flag but a bit of silk or woollen, the plume a few feathers, the wine imparts no virtue to the iron and timbers of the ship, the church remains but stones, bricks and timbers, and so on to the end. And yet, by God's express command, the tabernacle in the wilderness and all the holy vessels were anointed with oil and Aaron and his two sons were set apart for the priesthood, and the prophets and kings of Israel were consecrated by the same rites. Jacob anointed with oil the stone which he had used for a pillow at Bethel, and Samuel anointed Saul with oil. Corn, wine and oil are spoken of in a symbolic sense in numerous places in the Bible. "Wherefore," says the late Dr. Harris, "do you carry corn, wine and oil in your possessions, but to remind you that in the pilgrimage of human life you are to impart a portion of your bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of your wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of your consolation into the wounds which sickness hath made in the bodies or affliction sent into the hearts of your fellow travellers?"

Our presence here, to-day, and the solemn ceremonies in which we have been engaged, means more than an ordinary expression of the good will which we, as citizens of the same commonwealth, feel towards this beautiful and growing city. Linked together by common ties, and bound by common interests, we desire to express in the most emphatic mode the sincere desire that here the sun of prosperity may always remain at its meridian height and that no gloomy night may overcast the fortunes of the citizens.

> "Bright, be ever bright thy visions of the morrow,
> And if the storms of life shall shroud
> Thy skies so beautiful and fair,
> May love's bright sunshine kiss the cloud
> And leave the rainbow glittering there."

—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

Toole's.—This little theatre was re-opened on Monday last, when a most enthusiastic greeting from a crowded house awaited Mr. J. L. Toole on his re-appearance as Mr. Millikee, M.A., in "The Don." The short rest that the popular comedian was compelled to take has evidently done him good, for he was never more amusing than on Monday. He was well supported by Messrs. John Billington, C. Wilson, C. M. Lowne, and George Shelton; and by Misses Kate Phillips, Eva Moore, Blanche Wolseley, and Eliza Johnstone. The well-known farce, "Ici on parle Français," was played after, with Mr. J. L. Toole in his original character of Mr. Spriggins, and Mr. Billington as Mons Victor Dubois. Both pieces were well received, in fact the audience were most enthusiastic throughout the evening.

"Claudian" will be revived at the Princess's for a fortnight on Monday, the 29th instant. We are requested to state that the free list will be entirely suspended during these farewell performances of Mr. Wilson Barrett. Mr. Richard C. Durant is now engaged in painting the scenery for Mr. Byatt's melodrama "True Heart," which will be produced at this Theatre by Miss Grace Hawthorne on the conclusion of Mr. Barrett's engagement. Mr. Durant promises a novel effect in the sensational Life-boat scene in the last Act of "True Heart."

A new farcical comedy, entitled, "Tenter Hooks," by Mr. H. M. Paull, will be produced at the Comedy on Wednesday evening next. The cast is as follows:—M. Marius, Messrs. C. H. Hawtrey, T. G. Warren, A. G. Andrews, W. P. Hawtrey, and Harry Nicholls; the Misses Vane Featherstone, Susie Vaughan, and Lottie Venne. The new piece will be preceded by "A Highland Legacy," by Brandon Thomas.

Messrs. Robertson and Parker will start a comic opera season on Saturday, 4th May, at the Royalty, when there will be produced for the first time a new and original romantic comic opera, entitled "Mignonette," by Oswald Brand and Henry Parker. The opera will be produced under the supervision of author and composer. Characteristic dresses, designed by Mons. Lucien Besche and executed by Madame Auguste and Madame Bucloz (Vienna). New scenery, descriptive of the Tyrol, especially painted by Hemsley. The incidental dances arranged by Marriette D'Auban. Characters by Messrs. J. G. Robertson, Henry Pope, Dalton Somers, Edwin Keene, E. Fairbanks, F. Fortatio, G. Norris, F. J. Ashby, and Lionel Brough; Mesdames Agnes Oliver, Rose Dearing, Laura Maxwell, Lizzie King, Louie Wilmot, B. de Lorme, Ford, and A. Lincoln. Mr. Henry Parker will be the conductor, while the stage management will be in the hands of Mr. Oswald Brand.

One of the most interesting matinée s of the season will be given by Mr. George Alexander, on Wednesday, 15th May, at Terry's. The play is an English version of "Le Filibustier," and it is a story of humble life, told with humour, tenderness, and dramatic force. The chief success of the original production at the Théatre Français was M. Got's impersonation of an old man—a type of simple, dignified, and pathetic character unfortunately not common on our stage. For this part Mr. Alexander has engaged Mr. Fernandez. The heroine will be played by Miss Calhoun, and the other characters by Mr. Fred Terry, Miss Carlotta Leclercq and Mr. Alexander. Mr. Jacomb Hood has designed the dresses for this performance. There will be new scenery, and everything will be done to give a complete representation.

The Committee of the benefit which is being organised for the well known composer Mr. Riccardo C. Gallico have now definitely arranged the programme, which is an exceptionally strong one. The matinée will take place at the Avenue, on Thursday, the 9th May, and the programme will include the 2nd Act of the "Mikado," with the Savoy company; a Grand Divertissement specially arranged by Mme. Katti Lanner, music by Mr. R. Gallico, with Mdlle. De Sortis, of the Empire, as principal dancer; a scene from the new Avenue Burlesque, one from "Faust up to Date," and an old melodrama, entitled "Raymond and Agnes, or the Bleeding Nun of Lindesburg." This latter performance will be all the funnier seeing that the parts are to be balloted for by well known London actors and actresses. Mr. Stedman's choir of boys and girls will sing, and Mdlle. Berger, the celebrated cornet soloist, will make her first appearance in England. The orchestra will include the leading Covent Garden instrumentalists. The business arrangements are in the hands of Mr. H. T. Brickwell, and Mr. Robert Soutar is acting as Stage Manager. With such a programme Mr. Gallico may certainly rely upon the great success he thoroughly deserves, and although the prices have been raised, the seats are being rapidly disposed of.

It has been ordered that all Mark Lodges under the English jurisdiction, and all brethren belonging to them, shall at their meetings for the next three months wear mourning.

The members of the John Carpenter Lodge, comprised of "old boys" of the City of London School, have elected Bro. A. Norris as their W.M. for the year ensuing.

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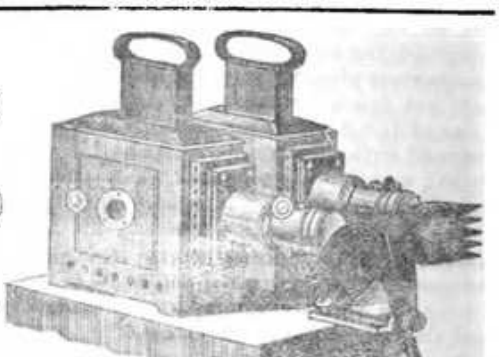
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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 26th day of April 1889,

W. Bro. Henry Smith, V. Patron, (P.G. Deacon), Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY BOYS from an approved List of seventy-one Candidates, the following being declared

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	39	Roberts, Frank	2793
2	45	Kennedy, Arthur Edward	2784
3	43	Woodman, Frederick...	2775
4	33	Ery, John Baron	2745
5	10	Kemp, Arthur Howard	2696
6	61	Coulthurst, Roland Stanislaus	2637
7	49	Gravenor, Ralph Howard	2611
8	48	Blannin, Charles Harold	2606
9	59	Lister, Percy Oliver	2593
10	9	Lawrence, Harry	2540
11	53	Michael, Cyril	2539
12	30	Mundle, Stanley Aynsley	2510
13	68	Ibbotson, Stephen	2447
14	2	Burgess, Edgar Holmes	2436
15	60	Carr, Harold Lionel	2431
16	41	Podmore, Austen Royle	2327
17	63	Court, William Percy	2321
18	6	Bosco, Wallace Peter Charles	2286
19	21	de Caen, John Herault	2189
20	38	Nicholl, Lewis Morris	2168

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in October next.

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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 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 16th January 1889, to the 16th of April 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance, Unappropriated Account - -	189	9	1	Amount overdrawn on Grand Chapter Account -	55	2	1
Subsequent Receipts	489	16	10	Disbursements during the quarter -	307	10	8
				Balance - -	124	3	7
				Unappropriated Account - - -	192	5	11
	£679	5	11		£679	5	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 Johnson as Z., Joseph Witham as H., John Hatch as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Starkie Lodge, No. 1070, Southport, to be called "The Southport Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.)

2nd. From Companions William James Hunting as Z., George Gordon Ross as H., John Brain as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Clarke Lodge, No. 2080, Melbourne, Victoria, to be called "The Clarke Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, in the District of Victoria.

3rd. From Companions Henry Walmesley Little, Mus. Doc., as Z., William Clifford as H., John Knowles Hodges as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, Camberwell, to be called the "Sterndale Bennett Chapter," and to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road.

4th. From Companions James Eadington as Z., Edward Foster as H., James Carmichael as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, Blyth, to be called "The Blagdon Chapter," and to meet at the Mechanics' Institute, Blyth, in the County of Northumberland.

5th. From Companions John Read as Z., Charles Bennett Cooper as H., Horatio Henry Shirley as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin, to be called "The Cecil Chapter," and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

6th. From Companions the Rev. Richard Peek as Z., Samuel Green Carley as H., William Minter as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, to be called "The Henniker Chapter," and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, in the County of Suffolk.

7th. From Companions Eugene Montenuis as Z., George Henry Bué as H., Ernest St. Clair as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the La France Lodge, No. 2060, to be called "The La France Chapter," and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

8th. From Companions Samuel Victor Abraham as Z., Sigismund Pollitzer as H., Joseph Grünebaum as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to be called "The Montefiore Chapter," and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

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

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Chapter of Fortitude, No. 105, from the Huyshe Masonic Temple to the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall, 1 Princes-square, Plymouth.

The Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, Woolwich, from the Freemasons' Hall, Woolwich, to the New Masonic Hall, Plumstead, Kent.

The Grove Chapter, No. 410, from the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, to the Spring Hotel, Ewell, in the Province of Surrey.

The Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28, from the Freemasons' Tavern to the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have further to report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there are no longer English Craft Lodges in that Colony to which the Chapters meeting in New South Wales can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charters of the Chapters Nos. 390, 547, 817, 1653, 1654, 1762, 1795, 1898, 1943 be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the Chapters be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th April 1889.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, the 17th inst., on the invitation of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, the Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire (the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland) held a Provincial Grand Chapter and General Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull. There was a large attendance of Principals and Past Principals, together with members of the various Chapters. The attention of the Companions was drawn to the first Festival on behalf of the Educational Fund of the Province, which is being established for the purpose of educating the children of deceased or necessitous Freemasons, who were unable to obtain admission to the other

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Masonic Institutions. After the transaction of the usual business, the Earl of Zetland appointed the Officers for the ensuing year, amongst those receiving provincial grand honours being Comp. William Tesseyman, who was appointed First Principal, and Comp. J. R. Stringer, appointed Provincial Grand Organist.

FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford. The chairs were filled by Comps. H. Mason M.E.Z., the Rev. Thomas Cookrane H., and R. J. Warren J. Bro. H. T. Hardy was exalted to the supreme degree. The Chapter having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Mr. Reynolds. Comp. H. Mason was in the chair.

MARK MASONRY.

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JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, No. 172.

BRO. F. Baines has been installed for the second time as W.M. The other Officers were Bros. W. Mason S.W., Wright J.W., F. J. Sowby M.O., J. F. Johnson S.O., B. T. Adland J.O., Rev. C. E. Laing Chaplain, C. F. Liversedge P.M. Treasurer, Alfred Kirk P.M. Registrar of Marks, A. F. Curtis Secretary and Organist, E. Sutton I.G., and Scott Tyler.

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, No. 196.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, Chester, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Bro. J. E. Edisbury was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably rendered by Bro. R. C. Edwards, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. S. W. Ransden I.P.M., W. H. Finchett S.W., J. Morris J.W., J. Salmon Treasurer, H. Ellis Secretary, J. J. White M.O., John Willey S.O., C. K. Benson J.O., R. C. Edwards Registrar, G. B. Richmond S.D., D. Williams J.D., A. Warriner I.G., T. Smith Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together, the toast of the newly-installed W.M. being enthusiastically received.

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ST. KENTIGERN LODGE, No. 429.

THE members and friends held an evening party in the Lodge Room, on Friday, 12th inst. Bro. G. Laing R.W.M. presided, and discharged the duties of the chair in a very satisfactory manner. Over seventy ladies and gentlemen sat down to an excellent supper, purveyed by Mr. Hay, of the Royal Hotel. After supper, dancing was indulged in with great spirit to the lively strains of the quadrille band, under Mr. Baillie's leadership. Songs and recitations were contributed by several ladies and gentlemen throughout the evening, and did much to add to the enjoyable nature of the gathering. It was largely owing to the efforts of Bro. A. L. Tait as M.C. that the gathering was so successful.

On the invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, "Our Boys," from Wood Green, paid him a visit at Drury Lane Theatre, on Wednesday afternoon, to witness the representation of "The Babes in the Wood." The lads were accompanied by Dr. Morris, the Head Master, and his staff of teachers, and we need scarcely add one and all appreciated Bro. Augustus Harris's interest in their welfare. Bro. Binckes and several friends of the Institution were also present.

The National Great Priory of Knights Templar will assemble on Friday, the 10th May, under the rule of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior. The minutes having been read for confirmation, and the report of the council duly considered, the Great Officers will be duly invested, and the Treasurer elected. At the conclusion of this business a Priory of the Order of Malta will be held, under the banner of the Holy Palestine Preceptory, should a sufficient number intimate their desire to be installed before the 7th proximo. There is no particular business on the agenda.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 61.

A VERY interesting and pleasing ceremony took place at the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, Halifax, on Wednesday evening, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Nicholl, of Wigan, presented Bro. Robert Riley P.M. 408 1736 P.G.S.B. of West Yorkshire with Provincial Officer's dress suit, on behalf of several brethren. The Worshipful Master, in making the presentation, referred to Bro. Riley's past services to the Craft, also to the fact of his being the oldest P.M. and one of the founders of the Lodge, and stated that for several years he had held the position of Secretary with ability, and he (the W.M.) had only lately received a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary congratulating the Lodge on the efficient manner in which Bro. Riley had performed the duties of Secretary to the Lodge. Bro. Riley, in feeling terms, expressed his surprise at the handsome present, and assured the brethren that he would endeavour to carry out the duties which he might be called in the future to perform as he had hitherto done in the past. After the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the festive board and spent a very pleasant evening. The usual Masonic toasts were drunk. The Worshipful Master was supported by the following visiting brethren: Bros. R. T. Pearce 1194, Jas. Brindle P.M. 178, John Smith S.W. 2269, Thomas Margeson S.D. 2269, J. H. Marsden J.D. 2269, James Dawber, Mus. Bac., Organist, E. Weston 1302.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 23rd instant, to initiate Mr. William Thomas. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. Frank R. Thomas, brother of the candidate, assisted by Brothers A. S. Hendry P.M. and Secretary and C. F. Dumsterville P.M. A special feature of the ceremony was the rendering of the music by Bro. R. Pike P.M. 230, assisted by Bro. P. Elford 2025, with his cornet, and Bro. G. Miller 1099 with his violin. There were present in addition to those already named Bros. Moulder, Dr. J. Harrison, Stawell S.D., Stirling Graves, Parker, Peain, Massey, Dunsterville, Harcourt, Foden, Gidley, Pengelly 2025, Miller 159, Rodgman 105, Whitfeld 1099, Crouch 2025, Axworthy 102, and Taylor 223. At the close of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a luncheon provided by Bro. W. H. Bosworthick.

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 874.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, 17th instant, at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, when Dr. A. H. Tester, L.D.S., late of Brighton, and Mr. W. S. Le Grand, of Lambetburst, were duly initiated. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. Regan Martin W.M., and there was a full attendance. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a récherché banquet at the Wellington Hotel, Mount Ephraim, Bro. John Braby's catering being of the choicest description. The Worshipful Master presided, and in addition to the other brethren and the gentlemen newly initiated, Bro. John Wood, of the St. Cecilia Lodge, Brighton, was amongst the visitors. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in good style, and some capital songs were rendered by Bros. N. Strange, Tester, Le Grand, and others. Bro. Charles Braid proved an effective accompanist, and also took part in the vocal music.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THERE was a large gathering of this Lodge on Monday, the 15th inst., to welcome the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie). After the raising of a candidate the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. R. Bassnett Preston S.W. Bro. A. Pemberton P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Dawson P.M. was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. A. E. Ferne then moved that £20 be contributed from the charity funds of the Lodge towards the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The motion was duly seconded and carried. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master thanked the Lodge for the exertions which had been made towards the support of the local Masonic Institution. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton P.G.M. (Cheshire), who is an honorary member of the Egerton Lodge, Bros. George Mellor D.P.G.M., Horatio Lloyd D.P.G.M. (Cheshire), and James Heelis P.S.G.W. At the dinner subsequently the W.M. (Bro. J. Cookson) presided, and he was supported by the following visitors:—The P.G.M. (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie), Bros. James Maclaren, John Chadwick, S. W. Wilkinson, W. Goldthorpe, C. D. Cheetham, James Needham, Thomas Woodcock, Thomas Moore, Ben Brierley, W. O. Pettitt, and others. The usual Loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given. Musical assistance was very well rendered by many brethren, including Bros. Pettitt, Maclean, and Bickerton; and admirable recitations were given by Bros. Ben Brierley, McKim, and H. Smith. The total amount subscribed or voted to the Masonic charity on this occasion exceeded the sum of £60.

SYKES LODGE, No. 1040.

THERE was a very large attendance of the Craft on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great Driffield, when the annual installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. F. Creaser P.G.S.B. Londesborough Lodge. The following Officers were invested:—Bro. Walter Highmoor W.M., Henry Watson I.P.M., W. Overend S.W., Thomas Bell J.W., J. Bordass P.M. Treasurer,

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H. O. Piercy P.M. Lecture Master, Rev. G. T. C. Purchas Chaplain, Joseph Kirby Secretary, John Tate S.D., T. W. Mann J.D., W. R. Watson I.G., G. H. Potts D.C., James Elgey P.M. Almoner, R. H. Hamilton Organist, B. Smith Steward, J. Holtby, J. H. B. Goulds-borough, and M. Gage Assistant Stewards, B. Featherston Tyler. The visiting brethren were:—Bros. M. C. Peck G.S.B., T. Marshall P.P.D.C. (Constitutional), W. D. Keyworth P.P.G. Supt. Works (Humber), W. Woodall W.M. (Wilberforce), J. McFoden W.M. (Royal), W. Richardson W.M. (Constitutional), James Buckle P.M. (Camelodunm), T. M. Foley S.W., G. Shaw J.W. (Constitutional), G. W. Greenwood J.W. (Wilberforce), W. Thirsk M.M. (Minerva), T. Whitfield P.M. (De La Pole), D. Lamb P.M. (Kingston), Beevers P.M., Corris P.M. (Humber), J. Chapel P.M. (De La Pole). After the installation the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Holtby's, the Buck Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The capacious room at the rear of the hotel presented an exceedingly pretty appearance, whilst the *menu* was of the most elaborate description. A lengthy list of toasts were duly honoured, and the Craft spent a very pleasant evening.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT a regular Lodge meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on the 10th instant, Bros. C. Slaughter W.M., H. Creed I.P.M., W. Hickie S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. W. Ridley Secretary, W. A. Hukins S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., W. Ravenscroft P.M. D.C., H. G. Sherwin Organist, F. Brown I.G., T. P. Stewart and R. E. Hodder Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s E. Margrett, T. J. Pulley; Bros. W. B. Biddles, S. Biggs, E. Salmon, T. C. Margrett, W. E. Parkes, E. P. Silver, D. N. Heron, J. D. Brown jun., W. H. Kidgell, W. Treverton, B. W. Bennett; Visitors—W. G. Nottage W.M. 771, C. B. Tubbs W.M. 2043, D. Amos 1248, W. Bonny 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. J. Shilton was elected a joining member. Bro. E. Farrar, a candidate for initiation, was approved. Bro. Chittle was initiated, and Bro. N. Garrett was passed. Lodge was resumed, and the charge given by Bro. Creed. Certificates were signed in favour of applications by the widow of the late Bro. Biggs to the Board of Benevolence and Benevolent Institution. Bro. E. Margrett proposed a resolution, of which he had given notice; this was seconded by Bro. Ravens-croft P.M. and D.C., and carried. After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

TREGENNA LODGE, No. 1272.

THE annual meeting was held on the 15th inst., when Bro. R. S. Read S.W. was installed the Master for the ensuing year by Bro. C. F. Rowe W.M., assisted by Installed Masters Bros. James Wearne, J. B. Jones, J. T. Short, W. K. Baker, G. T. A. Staff, M. Daniel, Robert Williams, George Williams, James Martins, J. J. Ross W.M. 121, and F. W. Thomas W.M. 450. The following brethren were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. F. Rowe I.P.M., T. Thomas S.W., R. Carbis J.W., the Rev. J. B. Jones P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, J. T. Short P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Treasurer, James Wearne P.M. G.D.C. Secretary, E. Keskeys S.D., Edward Boase J.D., T. A. Taylor I.G., W. Blight D.C., W. R. Leah Organist, W. H. Trevorrow and G. G. Weller Stewards, J. P. Trevorran Tyler. Bros. J. Williams Senior Warden and W. Rowe J.W. 450, and J. R. Rowe 121 were also present. The banquet was held at Bro. Keskey's, Queen's Hotel, whose catering gave entire satisfaction. The usual toasts were drunk and a very comfortable evening spent.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place at the New Town Buildings, on Saturday, the 13th inst., and as the occasion was one of special interest, owing to the fact that the Lodge occupied its new home for the first time, a large number of brethren were present. Bro. E. C. Porter W.M. occupied the chair, and the business of the day consisted in initiating Mr. Thomas Scott Henson, after which the election of Master took place. The choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. George Coop P.M., who suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Bro. E. J. Acworth P.M. 133, P.M. 1612, P.M. 2077, and S.D. 2265, was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer. There being no other business to transact, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall. Here a capital banquet was supplied, in excellent style, by Bro. E. T. Brown, of the Broadway. The W.M. presided in his usual genial manner, and a most harmonious evening was spent. Bros. Beasley, Parsons, Field, Gay, and Burn contributed songs during the evening; they were ably accompanied by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Delevanté.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 2025.

THE installation meeting was held on the 23rd inst., in the Sincerity Masonic Temple, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, the W.M., Bro. C. C. Withell, presiding. Bro. W. J. Ford was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Blatchford, Lang, and Strathon were raised to the third degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. Francis Crouch, was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bros. J. Gifford, F. Hooper, and the retiring W.M. The work in the Lodge and the ceremony of installation was rendered more impressive by the admirable way in which the beauti-ful music was given by Bros. Pike, Elford and Miller. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. C. G. Withell I.P.M., W. J. Pengelly S.W., H. Reynolds J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, F. Hooper Treasurer, J. Gifford Secretary, C. F. Matthison S.D., H. Coleman J.D., T. J. Cole I.G., R. Brickwood D.C., J. H. Carty A.D.C., J. E. Weale Organist, P. Elford A.O., F. Full, J. H. Bannerman, James Harvey, and A. Aalatt Assistant Stewards. Bro. J. Griffin was unanimously re-elected the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward. It was stated that Bro. Griffin had been most successful as Charity Steward, 80 per cent. of the members of the Lodge being subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. The installation banquet was held in the room adjoining the Lodge, which was nicely decorated for the occasion by Bro. W. J. Pengelly, who is to be congratulated on the same. Over the W.M.'s chair were two banners, "Success to St. George, No. 2025," and "Health to the W.M. of St. George's," while at the other end was a banner, "Health to the Queen and Craft." Special prominence was given to the display of eight splendid shields, bearing Masonic emblems, which were presented to the Lodge by Bros. Bone and Bannerman, the decorative work being artistically done by the former. The banners referred to were specially made by Bro. W. H. Lang, and given by him and Bros. Blackford and Strathon. Over sixty brethren sat down to a splendid repast, which was admirably served up by Bro. W. H. Bosworthick. The W.M., Bro. Crouch presided, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. W. J. Pengelly and H. Reynolds, being in the vice-chairs. The usual loyal toasts were drunk and duly responded to. The S.W., in proposing the health of the W.M., said that Bro. Crouch, by his courtesy and affability, had won the respect, esteem and affection, not only of every member of the Lodge, but of the brethren generally. There was no more zealous Mason, especially in the higher degrees, in the two counties than Bro. Crouch, whose energy, ability, and love for Masonry had brought him into prominence, whilst his knowledge of the ritual and the working of the various Lodges was unequalled. The toast was received most enthusiastically. Bro. Crouch, in acknowledging the compliment, referred to the early absence of Bro. G. R. Barrett, whose health would not permit him to stay out late. Bro. F. Hooper gave the health of the I.P.M., and referred to the able manner in which Bro. Withell had carried out the work during the past twelve months. Bro. Withell proposed the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Hooper made an excellent Treasurer, while the success of the Lodge was due in a great measure to Bro. J. Gifford. The Lodge was reported by the Treasurer to be in a very flourishing condition, and the Secretary referred to the gifts of the brethren to the Lodge. Bro. Treeby gave the Visitors, and Bro. E. Spence Rate, in respons[illegible] the W.M. on having attained the position. It was a pleasure to see a Lodge conducted on temperance principles so successfully, as shown by their large gifts to the Charities. They had spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening, which showed very distinctly that it was not necessary for brethren to have stimulants on the table at a banquet. Bro. Frank R. Thomas W.M. 189 (the Mother Lodge of St. George) also replied. During the evening a capital musical programme was given by a small orchestra, under Bro. Sergeant P. Elford, who gave two cornet solos in his excellent style. Bro. Herbert sang in good form, and Bros. Kennedy and Keys contributed to the success of the evening.

THE HAVEN LODGE, No. 2022.

UNDER the presidency of Bro. Richard Dawes W.M., this Lodge held a most successful meeting on Tuesday, the 16th instant. It was one of the ordinary meetings, but special interest attached to it, inasmuch as the handsome and appropriate furniture which the Lodge has just acquired was used for the first time. By the kind permission of the Old Union Lodge, the Haven Lodge has hitherto used its furniture, but the Old Union, having recently made other arrangements for holding its meetings, the furniture was required, and the Haven determined to become possessors of their own furniture. The first use of the new furniture was made the occasion of a special function, the consequence being that at the appointed hour a large assemblage of the members of the Lodge and their friends mustered to do honour to the occasion. Previous to opening the Lodge, a brief though very impressive dedication cere-mony was performed by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Vicar of St. Peter's, Eltham, P.G.C., consisting of a prayer, an address, and a benediction, preceded by an appropriate Masonic hymn, the musical arrangements being under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Cunning-ham. The subject of the address was strictly Masonic, and delivered most impressively and eloquently by the Rev. Brother. The ceremony for the evening was the initiation of Mr. E. W. Nelson, the work being performed in a manner which spoke very highly for the efficiency of the Lodge. The banquet (served in the best style by Bro. Stevens) was presided over by the W.M., who, after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, alluded, in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, to the obligation the Lodge was under (through the kind intercession of Bro. Dumas) to the brethren of the Old Union Lodge for having allowed the use of the furniture and appliances for so long a period, and also to their indebtedness to the Rev. Brother for having so eloquently, and with so much taste and feeling, per-formed the dedication ceremony, and concluded by coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Simpson and Dumas, both Past Grand Officers. Amongst the Visitors present we noticed Bros. Drew-Bear, Ferrier, A. C. Tanqueray, Kirkman, Finlay, Ruston, Soarfe, Acworth, Linley, Casden, Harold Savery, and many others. During the evening, the toasts were interspersed with songs and musical recitations of exceptional quality, and the meeting will long be remembered as a red-letter evening in the Lodge, and as one of its most successful gatherings.

Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13.—On Thursday, 18th inst., at the Earl of Chatham, Woolwich. Present:—Bros. Davies P.M. Preceptor, Keeble W.M., Cox S.W., Dennison J.W., Ferguson S.D., Massey J.D., Stead I.G., Charlie Woods and Akers P.M. The Lodge was opened in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees respectively. The ceremony of raising was splendidly rehearsed, Bro. Woods candidate. Bro. Akers ably gave the traditional history. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in May. The Lodge was closed in the three degrees.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 27th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1393—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2046—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 29th APRIL.

23—Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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, Garden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1237—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, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1622—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1688—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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.)

68—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
349—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 30th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
213—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.)
961—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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 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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st 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 Horn, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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.
1684—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1685—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.)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1837—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 163 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, 302 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
328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
337—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)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
672—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.)
1065—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
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea

1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1630—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
2043—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 23 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. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd MAY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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
1309—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 at)
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.
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)
1604—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1636—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
1734—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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
1998—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, 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
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Mason's Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn

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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.
435—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.
1793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Pinnstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1069—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
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1472—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1600—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1604—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1613—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1690—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1694—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1696—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 336—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 58—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd MAY.

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).
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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

THE Committee of Inquiry appointed to investigate the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys presented their Report upwards of a week ago, with all the absurd display of secrecy which has characterised their labours throughout, and up to the time of writing it is not possible for the Subscribers to the Institution to obtain a copy of the Report, or satisfy themselves on the momentous questions that have arisen in connection with the inquiry. What is the reason for this delay? Is it accidental, or is it a part of a pre-arranged programme? Is the report of such a nature that the Committee are afraid or ashamed to publish it, or is it being kept back in the hope of creating further excitement? If this latter is the object, we believe it will nullify itself. Indeed, the Committee have created an unfavourable opinion, by the delay in the publication of their Report, which no action on their part will now remove, and they have robbed their verdict of any weight which might have attached to it, by disregarding the wishes of Subscribers for an early and exhaustive account of their deliberations. They have not allowed Subscribers of the Institution access to the meetings which have been held, and therefore it is impossible for the Craft to know on what lines the inquiry has been conducted, but we are in a position to judge of the amount of ability and business tact that has been shown in arranging for the publication of the Report, and if we judge the unknown acts of the Committee by their public action on this one point, it is safe to say their views are nearly, if not wholly, valueless. They must have very antiquated ideas of the capabilities of the printing trade to allow a week to elapse without supplying the copies of the Report ordered at the Quarterly Court held on Friday of last week, and the opinion they publicly expressed that it was necessary to have the Report printed in the country—"in order that the contents might remain entirely unknown until the Court was possessed of the Report"—is so gross a libel on the printing trade of the Metropolis, and shows such a lack of knowledge of business, as to stamp the whole affair as little more than a farce, unworthy the serious consideration of those interested.

What does the Report contain that it could not be put in the hands of a London printer? Are the contents of such importance to the world at large that the ordinary routine of offices which are in the habit of printing magazines, novels, books of travel, trade lists, &c., &c.—many of which would realise hundreds of pounds if made known a few hours before the appointed time—could not keep its contents from premature publication? The idea is absurd! What would the printers of the Grand Lodge Agenda Papers, for instance, say—if they cared to notice the slur which has been cast upon them, in common with other members of the trade in the metropolis? Could not they be trusted, or indeed is there any one of the thousand printers within a mile of Freemasons' Hall who could not safely have been employed to prepare the proofs of this precious document? Had such an arrangement been carried out it would have been possible to have forwarded the order given at the Quarterly Court within a few minutes of its being agreed to, when the printer could have delivered a sufficient number of copies the same afternoon to distribute among the subscribers present at the election, while the whole four or five thousand could easily have been posted to the subscribers the next day.

We know our subscribers and the Craft generally are anxiously looking for comments on this Report, and while we recognise it as something in the form of a private document, we imagine it will be possible to discuss its pros and cons in public. We are anxious that the matters referred to in it should be made known to the world as early as possible, as we know the uncertainty that now exists on the various subjects has done, and is doing, great harm to the Institution. It is on these grounds we have thus strongly put our views before our readers, and in conclusion we once more remind them that it is only possible to judge of the unknown deliberations of the Committee by taking into consideration such of their actions as have been made public. On this basis the delay which has taken place in issuing their Report is about the only piece of evidence we have by which to judge of their ability to discharge the duties with which they were entrusted. Does it present any features to recommend their verdict to the Subscribers of the Institution?

FROM LLORENTE'S HISTORY OF THE SPANISH INQUISITION.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

AS the following narrative from the above work seems to have escaped the notice of Masonic writers, I therefore without comment copy it for the information of the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Briefly Llorente says:—

"M. Tournon, a Frenchman, had been invited into Spain and pensioned by the government, in order to establish a manufactory of brass or copper buckles, and to instruct Spanish workmen. On the 30th April 1757, he was denounced to the holy office as suspected of heresy by one of his pupils, who acted in obedience to the command of his confessor.

"The charges were: 1st, that M. Tournon had asked his pupils to become Freemasons, promising that the *Grand Orient* of Paris would send a commission to receive them into the Order if they should submit to the trials he should propose to ascertain their courage and firmness, and that their titles of reception should be expedited from Paris. 2nd, that some of the young workmen appeared inclined to comply if M. Tournon would inform them of the object of the Institution. That in order to satisfy them he told them several extraordinary things, and showed them a sort of picture, on which were figured instruments of architecture and astronomy. They thought these representations related to sorcery, and they were con-

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firmed in the idea on hearing the imprecations which, according to M. Tournon, were to accompany the oath of secrecy.

"It appeared from the depositions of three witnesses that M. Tournon was a Freemason. He was arrested and imprisoned on the 20th of May. The following conversation, which took place in the first audience of *monition*, may be interesting to some readers. After asking his name, birth place, and his reason for coming to Spain, and making him swear to speak the truth, the Inquisitor thus proceeded:

Question "Do you know or suppose why you have been arrested by the holy office?

Answer: "I suppose for having said that I was a Freemason.

Q. "Why do you suppose so?

A. "Because I have informed my pupils that I was of that Order, and I fear they have denounced me, for I have perceived lately that they speak to me with an air of mystery, and their questions lead me to believe that they think me an heretic.

Q. "Did you tell them the truth?

A. "Yes.

Q. "You are then a Freemason?

A. "Yes.

Q. "How long have you been so?

A. "For twenty years.

Q. "Have you attended the assemblies of Freemasons?

A. "Yes, in Paris.

Q. "Have you attended them in Spain?

A. "No; I do not know that there are any Lodges in Spain.

Q. "If there were, should you attend them?

A. "Yes.

Q. "Are you a Christian, a Roman Catholic?

A. "Yes, I was baptized in the Parish of St. Paul, at Paris.

Q. "How, as a Christian, can you dare to attend Masonic assemblies when you know, or ought to know, that they are contrary to religion?

A. "I did not know that; I am ignorant of it at present, because I never saw or heard anything there which was contrary to religion.

Q. "How can you say that, when you know that Freemasons profess *indifference* in matters of religion, which is contrary to the article of faith, which teaches us that no man can be saved who does not profess the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman religion?

A. "The Freemasons do not profess that *indifference*. But it is *indifferent* if the person received into the Order be a Catholic or not.

Q. "Then the Freemasons are an *anti-religious* body?

A. "That cannot be; for the object of the institution is not to combat or deny the necessity or utility of any religion, but for the exercise of charity towards the unfortunate of any sect, particularly if he is a member of the society.

Q. "One proof of that *indifference* in the religious character of Freemasons is, that they do not acknowledge the Holy Trinity, since they only confess one God, whom they call the *Great Architect of the Universe*, which agrees with the doctrine of the heretical philosophers, who say there is no true religion but *natural religion*, in which the existence of God the Creator only is allowed, and the rest considered as human invention. And as M. Tournon has professed himself to be of the Catholic religion, he is required by the respect he owes to our Saviour Jesus Christ, true God and man, and to His blessed mother the Virgin Mary our Lady, to declare the truth according to his oath; because in that case he will acquit his conscience, and it will be allowable to treat him with mercy and compassion which the holy office always showed towards sinners who confess; and if, on the contrary, he conceals anything, he will be punished with all the severity of justice, according to the holy canons and the laws of the kingdom.

A. "The mystery of the Holy Trinity is neither maintained nor combated in the Masonic Lodges, neither is the religious system of the natural philosophers approved or rejected; God is designated as the Great Architect of the Universe, according to the allegories of the Freemasons, which relate to architecture. In order to fulfil my promise of speaking truth, I must repeat that in the Masonic Lodges nothing takes place which concerns any religious system, and that the objects treated of are foreign to religion, under the allegories of architectural works.

Q. "Do you believe, as a Catholic, that it is a sin of superstition to mingle holy and religious things with profane things?

A. "I am not sufficiently acquainted with the particular things which are prohibited as contrary to the purity of the Christian religion, but I have believed till now that those who confound the one with the other, either by mistake or a vain belief, are guilty of the sin of superstition?

Q. "Is it true that in the ceremonies which accompany the reception of a Mason, the crucified image of our Saviour, the corpse of a man, and a skull and other objects of a profane nature are made use of?

A. "The general statutes of Freemasonry do not ordain these things; if they are made use of, it must have arisen from a particular custom or from arbitrary regulations of the members of the body who are commissioned to prepare for the reception of candidates, for each Lodge has particular customs and ceremonies.

Q. "That is not the question; say, is it true that these ceremonies are observed in Masonic Lodges?

A. "Yes, or no, according to the regulations of those who are charged with the ceremonies of the initiation.

Q. "Were they observed when you were initiated?

A. "No.

Q. "What oath is it necessary to take on being received a Freemason?

A. "We swear to observe secrecy.

Q. "On what?

A. "On things which it may be inconvenient to publish.

Q. "Is this oath accompanied by execrations?

A. "Yes.

Q. "What are they?

A. "We consent to suffer all the evils which can afflict the body and soul if we violate the oath.

Q. "Of what importance is this oath, since it is believed that such formidable execrations may be used without indecency?

A. "That of good order in the Society.

Q. "What passes in these Lodges which it might be inconvenient to publish?

A. "Nothing, if it is looked upon without prejudice; but as people are generally mistaken in this matter, it is necessary to avoid giving cause for malicious interpretations; and this would take place if what passes when brothers assemble was made public.

Q. "Of what use is the Crucifix if the reception of a Freemason is not considered as a religious act?

A. "It is presented to penetrate the soul with the most profound respect at the moment that the novice takes the oath. It is not used in every Lodge, and only when particular grades are conferred.

Q. "Why is the skull used?

A. "That the idea of death may inspire horror of perjury.

Q. "Of what use is the corpse?

A. "To complete the allegory of Hiram, architect of the Temple of Jerusalem, who, it is said, was assassinated by traitors, and to induce greater detestation of assassination and other offences against neighbours, to whom we ought to be as benevolent brothers.

Q. "Is it true that the festival of St. John is celebrated in Lodges, and that the Masons have chosen him for their patron?

A. "Yes.

Q. "What worship is rendered him in celebrating his festival?

A "None; that it may not be mingled with profane things. This celebration is confined to a fraternal repast, after which a discourse is read, exhorting the guests to beneficence towards their fellow creatures, in honour of God, the great architect, creator, and preserver of the universe.

Q. "Is it true that the sun, moon, and stars are honoured in the Lodges?

A. "No.

Q. "Is it true that their images or symbols are exposed?

A. "Yes.

Q. "Why are they so?

A. "In order to elucidate the allegories of the great, continual and true light which the Lodges receive from the Great Architect of the World, and these representations belong to the brothers, and engage them to be charitable."

Next follows a bluffing caution by the Inquisitor, informing the prisoner that his statements disagree with the evidence furnished by witnesses, and he is exhorted in the name of God and the Holy Virgin to tell the truth. If he obeys, he would receive compassion and mercy, but if not, "he must be treated with all the severity prescribed against heretics by the holy canons, apostolical bulls, and the laws of the kingdom," to which the prisoner replied:—

"I have declared the truth, and if any witnesses have deposed to the contrary they have mistaken the meaning of my words, for I have never spoken on this subject to any but the workmen in my factory, and then only in the same sense conveyed by my replies.

Q. "Not content with being a Freemason you have persuaded other persons to be received into the Order, and to embrace the heretical superstitions and pagan errors into which you have fallen?

A. "It is true that I have requested these persons to become Freemasons, because I thought it would be useful to them if they travelled into foreign countries, where they might meet brothers of their Order who would assist them in any difficulty, but it is not true that I engaged them to adopt my errors contrary to the Catholic faith, since no such errors are to be found in Freemasonry, which does not concern any points of doctrine.

"It has been already proved that these errors are not chimerical; therefore, let M. Tournon consider that he has been a dogmatizing heretic, and that it is necessary that he should acknowledge it with humility, and ask pardon and absolution for the censures he has incurred; since, if he persists in his obstinacy he will destroy both his body and soul; and as this is the first audience of *monition*, he is advised to reflect on his condition, and prepare for the two audiences which are granted by the compassion and mercy which the holy tribunal always feel for the accused."

Poor Bro. Tournon was sent back to prison; the holy tribunal allowed him to choose an advocate, which the prisoner declined, "alleging that the Spanish lawyers were not acquainted with Masonic Lodges, and were as much prejudiced against them as the public. He therefore thought it better for him to acknowledge that he was wrong," and expressed a hope that his punishment would be light. Still, however, maintaining that he saw "nothing but beneficence practised and recommended in Masonic Lodges, without denying or combating any article of faith."

Bro. Tournon was doomed to imprisonment for one year, during which time he had to be very religious, to read one of De Loyla's books every day, also catechisms, &c., and at the end of the year he was conducted under an escort to the frontiers of France, and ordered "never to return to Spain without permission from the King or the holy office."

And that all I could learn about Bro. M. Tournon.

Boston, U.S., 19th April 1889.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE April Quarterly Court was held on Saturday, 27th ult., in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Institution, presided. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. C. H. Webb proposed the re-election of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall as Treasurer. Bro. A. H. Tattershall seconded the motion. Bro. Goodacre proposed Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, whose energies and abilities were well known, not only in London but in the provinces. Bro. J. Bateman Fox seconded. Bro. Sir John R. Monckton, on the two motions being put to the vote, declared that the choice of the brethren had fallen on Bro. Marshall. The Chairman, in thanking the brethren for his re-election, said that the discharge of the duties of Treasurer to this Institution was to him at all times a labour of love. It brought him in closer touch with the orphan, the widow, the fatherless and motherless, and he availed himself of this opportunity of reminding the brethren that there were seven "last time" cases upon the list of candidates for election that day. Notwithstanding that they hoped to put on 20 additional children, great efforts would have to be made by those who were responsible for placing candidates on the list in order that they might be elected. He always held it to be the duty of those who placed children on the list to make every endeavour to get them elected, and he also thought it was the duty of the Chairman of the meeting at which the election took place to support the last time cases. Consequently, he invariably devoted a portion of his votes for such cases, and on this occasion he should do so with 600 votes, appropriating them to the best of his judgment. The General Committee, on the motion of Sir John B. Monckton, seconded by Brother Charles H. Webb, were then re-elected. Brother Sir J. B. Monckton, for Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. Vice-Patron, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, moved :—

"That 20 additional vacancies (making 37 in all) be declared for the April Election, thereby raising the number of Elected Girls on the Institution to 287."

He said this was a most welcome task, and very little need be said to recommend it to the notice of the brethren, because, coming as a recommendation from the House Committee, the brethren would feel it was a proposition not of a rash or undue character, but that it could, and would, be carried out. The only remark he had to make in connection with the motion was that he should explain why this proposition had not been previously made. Of course, after the magnificent subscriptions in the Centenary year of the Institution, the Craft would look for some compensating advantages with regard to the admission of pupils to the School. Those who were interested in the Institution knew that a scheme for enlarging the buildings was in contemplation. But the House Committee felt that until they could be assured by the architects the spare room now available for the junior school would not be required during the re-building, it was not right to bring the subject before the Committee. They now found, from Bros. Hunt and Clutton, that the arrangements were of such a character that the building might proceed without removing a single pupil from the larger to the smaller portion, and on this assurance the Committee thought the time had arrived when the space might be utilised. That being so, it would be for the benefit of the past and the future of the Institution that this motion should be brought forward. He then read the motion, and added that if it was agreed to it would operate as follows: The House Committee had resolved, in the event of the motion being carried, that 20 candidates highest on the poll, if qualified by age, should at the next meeting of the House Committee, on the 23rd May, be taken into the School on that day, the remaining 17 being admitted at the usual time in August. It was hardly necessary to take in the whole 37 at one time, as there were matters of discipline in the way. Bro. J. H. Matthews Past G. Sword Bearer seconded the motion. One matter Bro. Monckton had not made quite clear. If they had 20 vacancies at the present moment, they did not occur till the end of the term, when the children left the School, so that they could not take in the seventeen till the 20th August. The motion was carried. Brother J. S. Cumberland moved

"That all Motions or particular business to be brought before the Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls shall be printed and distributed in the Room at the Meetings of such Courts for the information of the Brethren present."

Bro. Perceval seconded, and the motion was carried. Bro. Morley moved

"That the recommendation of the General Committee be adopted" as under :—

"That the following alterations and additions be made in the Laws of the Institution, viz." :—

1. "By altering Law 35 by the addition after the word 'admission' in the 9th line, of the words 'after having a report of the Petitions Committee,' and after the word 'audit' the words 'and Petitions.'"

"PETITIONS COMMITTEE."

2. "From the General Committee, Five or Seven Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee. They shall be nominated and elected in like manner, and at the same meeting as the House Committee. Three shall form a quorum. They shall meet from time to time as circumstances may require, and receive and examine Petitions of Candidates for admission, and investigate and make such inquiries relating to the circumstances stated in the Petition, or of the relations of the Petitioner, and may require such confirmation thereof as they may deem advisable, and they shall report the result of such examination or investigation to the General Committee, but they shall not have power to reject any Petition."

3. To add to Sub-Sec. 1 of Law 54: "Also such information, as may be required by the Petitions Committee, shall also be furnished."

4. "To alter Sub-Sec. 6 of Law 54, by providing that all Petitions must be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Meetings of the General Committee."

5. "That in the event of the above propositions being carried and confirmed, the first Committee be elected at the Meeting of the General Committee next after the above propositions become Laws of the Institution."

He said that as the object of the Institution was the admission of female children whose parents had been reduced by misfortune, he believed it was common ground to them all that anything which would tend to have in the Institution only such children who were daughters of necessitous brethren would be a great boon. At the present moment the practice was that the petitions came before the General Committee. The Secretary's duties were confined to receiving all the petitions, and the various requirements were in order. When the petitions came before the General Committee there was no one there who had had an opportunity sufficiently of examining them so as to satisfy himself that the case was not an improper one. The Committee which he proposed would have full information. The motion having been seconded, Bro. Cumberland thought they were going the wrong way about. By this motion they were defining the duties of the Petitions Committee before appointing a Petitions Committee. The proper way to go about it was to move first that such a Committee of Petitions be appointed, and that so many brethren shall serve on it. If Bro. Morley put it that way he would sympathise with him in his view. Bro. Morley thought that Bro. Cumberland had misunderstood him. His motion said:—"From the General Committee, five or seven Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee." A brother asked what precautions had hitherto been taken to be certain that the petitions placed before the General Committee were deserving of the benefits of the Institution. There was one case wholly unworthy of support in the list for that day, and it had been withdrawn, but not by the Committee. This invoked some discussion, but eventually the motion was put and carried, and Scrutineers of votes for the election were appointed. Bro. Russell said before the business of the Court terminated he wanted to draw attention to a circumstance which very vitally affected this Institution. In the reading of the minutes of the General Committee by the Secretary, he noticed that some very large transactions had been taking place with the Institution's invested funds, and he observed that very great skill had been shown in the management of those invested funds, and that great success had been achieved and a very large sum of money had been saved to the Institution. He thought, therefore, that the brethren should not allow the present opportunity to pass without some recognition of the very valuable services that had been rendered in the conversion of the funds under the scheme of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He would like to know whether any brother was entitled to their thanks for this, because if so he should like to include the brother who inspired the action of the Committee. About £1000 had been saved to the Institution. This was a very important matter and he did not think this service should pass without recognition. If a brother had caused a loss of less amount it would have created great dissatisfaction; but now the General Committee, under Bro. Fenn's advice, had saved a large sum of money to the Institution, and the least that could be done was to carry a vote of thanks to them. He begged to move a vote of thanks to the General Committee for acting on the advice of Bro. Fenn in the conversion of the Consols of the Institution, and to Bro. Fenn for giving the advice. The motion was seconded and carried, and the brethren then proceeded to the election of thirty-seven candidates. In our advertisement columns will be found particulars of those successful; the following gives the list of those unsuccessful, with the votes accredited to each at the close of the Poll :—

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
Wood, Dorothy Janet	600	921	1521
Watson, Mary Maud	—	1503	1503
Groombridge, Eleanor Faith	—	1481	1481
Butcher, Ruby Blanch Loetchen	314	1137	1451
Bingham, Alice Winifred	13	1436	1449
Burgess, Nellie	102	1253	1355
Bobli, Mabel Ann	—	1281	1281
Mountain, Ethel Sylvia	—	1214	1214
McCue, Alice Louise	33	1142	1175
Boyd, Ethel Mansfield	343	818	1161
Lane, Isabella Mildred Tomlinson	—	1138	1138
Dale, Alberta	—	914	914
Dixon, Florence Ethel G.	61	461	522
England, Helen Maud	297	97	394
Morris, Mary Ellen	371	1	372
Poore, Ethel Mary	—	370	370
Whitefoord, Eveleen Margaret Mary	—	238	238
Wilson, Annie	—	201	201
Fitzwater, Harriet	142	54	196
Le Gros, Agnes	47	102	149
Wilkinson, Jane Routledge	129	5	134
Wood, Mary Glover	—	106	106
Lamplough, Elizabeth	24	54	78
Griffiths, Emily Francis	41	6	47
Haylett, Ada	3	43	46
Hooke, Frances Emma	—	32	32
Cochrane, Beatrice (last)	14	17	31
Callis, Edith Fanny Hattie (last)	—	29	29
Johnston, Bertha	3	25	28
Robson, Mary Gwendoline	12	8	20
Blackler, Annie Lydia	—	19	19
May, Ellen Eveline (last)	—	17	17
Prout, Alice Katie Beatrice	10	—	10
Scholes, Mary Beatrice Woodroffe	—	8	8
Troop, Jane	5	—	5
Anthony, Dorothy Parnell	—	4	4

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held, on the 30th ult., at Stafford, and was attended by over 200 brethren from all parts of the Provinces. Special interest was also attached to the gathering from the fact that Bro. Colonel Foster Gough was installed Provincial Grand Master. It is now some years since a similar ceremony was performed in Staffordshire, the last Grand Master being Bro. Colonel Tudor, who succeeded the late Earl of Shrewsbury. Colonel Tudor, however, resigned his office about twelve months ago, since when Colonel Foster Gough has been the acting Provincial Grand Master. In March of this year his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales appointed Colonel Foster Gough Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, and he was duly installed to this high office. The brethren assembled at the Shire Hall at a quarter to one o'clock. The Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Tudor, Installing Master, accompanied by Bro. Colonel S. H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, Bro. J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. J. T. Collins D.P.G.M. of Warwickshire, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, entered the Lodge in procession, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. The roll of private Lodges having been called, the Installing Master addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, with special reference to the installation of the Provincial Grand Master Designate as Provincial Grand Master. He said it gave him great pleasure to meet so many of the brethren of Staffordshire. He had also the pleasure of installing as Grand Master one whom he had known for thirty years. He had been intimately connected with him in various matters, and he had always found everything he had done, had been done well. He felt quite sure if the brethren showed the same spirit towards Colonel Gough as they had shown towards him they would have reason to be satisfied with the manner in which Colonel Gough would perform the duties of Provincial Grand Master of this Province. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales might easily have selected one from outside to fill this distinguished position; but he had thought proper to provide a Grand Master from amongst themselves, thereby doing honour to Colonel Gough and the Province. The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate was announced, and his patent presented and read, after which the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies retired with seven Past Masters, and the Provincial Grand Master designate entered the Lodge, when he was installed as Provincial Grand Master by Bro. Colonel Tudor. Having been invested with his apron, chain, and jewel of office, he took the chair. Colonel Gough then briefly addressed the Lodge, and gracefully returned his thanks for the high honour conferred on him. He then appointed Bro. Lieutenant Colonel Bindley P.M. 624 as his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, after which Bro. J. Bodenham was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following as Officers.

Bro. Rev. W. Randall, D.D., P.M. 482	Senior Warden
Major F. Walton P.M. 1838	Junior Warden
Rev. H. Abud, M.A., 456	Chaplains
Rev. A. H. Talbot, M.A., 726	Chaplains
J. Bodenham P.M. 726	Treasurer
W. T. Copeland P.M. 637	Registrar
Major E. H. Thorne P.M. 526	Secretary
F. Mountford P.M. 460	Senior Deacon
H. J. Clarson P.M. 1060	Junior Deacon
J. Powell P.M. 347	Supt. of Works
G. H. Stanger P.M. 419	Director of Ceremonies
J. T. Eayrs P.M. 662	Assist. D.C.
J. Stevenson P.M. 1942	Sword Bearer
C. Gee P.M. 1941	Standard Bearers
W. E. Marsh P.M. 536	Standard Bearers
Dr. Taylor 726	Organist
F. E. F. Bailey P.M. 539	Assist. Secretary
Samuel Watson W.M. 2064	Pursuivant
Thomas Jones P.M. 698	Assist. Pursuivant
W. D. Batkin P.M. 726	Stewards
T. Evans P.M. 1520	Stewards
R. Longden W.M. 1838	Stewards
J. Godwin W.M. 98	Stewards
G. Vaughan P.M. 419	Stewards
E. J. Mousley W.M. 726	Stewards
W. Twist	Tyler

The Lodge then adjourned, when the brethren formed in procession and proceeded to Divine service to St. Mary's Church. The effect of the procession, which is always a very imposing one, was spoiled by the rain. The sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. Rev. H. Abud. The Provincial Grand Organist played Stainer's "Jubilant March" as an incoming, and Mendelssohn's "War March of the Priests" as an outgoing voluntary. The Lodge afterwards resumed, when several items of business were transacted. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 858.

A WELL-KNOWN marksman, Colour Sergeant W. H. Hobbiss, of the South Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, and formerly of the Bromsgrove Company of 2nd Worcester, was, on Thursday, 25th April, installed W.M. of this Lodge. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Major C. H. Reid-Todd. There was a good muster of visitors, principally representatives of Metropolitan corps. Hearty good wishes were forwarded from Bro. A. L. Shackleford and friends in the Leigh Lodge, Birmingham.

PELHAM LODGE, No. 1303.

THE annual meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Friday, the 19th ult. Bro. W. Wright was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Wilson S.W., J. J. Snelgrove J.W., R. Weston S.D., J. Woolgar J.D., T. White Treasurer, J. C. Berry I.G., F. S. Shenstone D.C., W. W. Turner Secretary, and H. Hall Tyler. The retiring W.M., Bro. W. W. Turner, was presented with a charity jewel, in recognition of his past services to the Lodge. Subsequently about 30 brethren sat down to a banquet, provided at the Bear Hotel by Bro. Whitcomb.

FRATERNITY LODGE, No. 1418.

ON Thursday, 25th ult., the annual festival took place, in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Bro. H. Tomkins S.W. was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. T. Bowman, and thereafter the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Gibson I.P.M., W. Thorman S.W., J. W. Gatt J.W., W. J. Watson Treasurer, T Browne Secretary, T. Preston Organist, J. L. Green S.D., W. Hutchinson J.D., C. W. Anderson I.G., J. P. Crosthwaite and James Wright Stewards. Subsequently the brethren and a number of visitors dined in the banqueting hall.

ANTIENT BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.

THE new Officers of this young though flourishing Lodge of Freemasons were duly installed, on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, there being a very numerous assembly of members of the Lodge and a large gathering of visitors from other Lodges. The Antient Briton Lodge is now in its fourteenth year, and it has progressed so rapidly that there are very few Lodges in this Province which contribute more to the Masonic Charities. During last year no less than £97 10s has been directly contributed to Charities, in addition to sums devoted indirectly to Charity. During the past seven years, in which Bro. Bottomley has officiated as Treasurer, the total amount contributed to charities has been £712. The retiring Treasurer on taking office had a balance in hand of £41, and the past year has closed with a balance to the good of £91. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, the presenting brethren being Bros. J. Hughes and T. H. W. Walker. The newly-installed W.M. was Bro. Samuel J. Hughes, the other Officers installed being as follows:—Bros. O. J. Rowlands S.W., W. Hawkings J.W., W. E. Coxen Treasurer, R. M'Gee Secretary, S. M. Leigh S.D., J. H. Peak J.D., J. Thomas I.G., R. R. Ellis S.S., J. J. G. Little J.S., J. Lane A.S., R. Lloyd A.S., J. T. Jones, Mus. D., and J. K. Cave Organists, M. Williams Tyler. Immediately upon the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the newly-elected W.M. presided. An excellent musical programme had been provided, and as the toasts were briefly proposed and responded to, and a couple of vocal or instrumental pieces were sung or played between each toast, the proceedings were naturally of an exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable nature. The musical brethren were Bros. Rowlands, Kirkham, Jones, Fargher, Nicholls, Little, Lane, Griffiths, Raymond, and Shaw (violin). In addition to individual items by these the brethren of the Cambrian Quartette were present, and sang several four-part songs. During the evening the retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

SUNBURY LODGE, No. 1733.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Magpie Hotel, Sunbury, on Wednesday, 24th April. Bro. Austin W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. Forty S.W. W.M. elect, Covell J.W., Clark Treasurer, Phillips P.M. 975 2032 Secretary, Fisk S.D., Jebbett J.D., Webster I.G., Tucker I.P.M., Blackburn P.M P.P.G.S.B., Raymond H. Thrupp Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and about thirty other brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Axford W.M. 809, L. Coubro P.M. 1365, Blasby P.M. 780, 2032, Hopkins 1512, &c. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Col. Harfield P.M. 145 and Bro. A. Stearns P.M. 1637, as joining members; the result was unanimous in their favour. A successful ballot was then taken for Mr. A. Aubert, and that gentleman was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a most impressive

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manner. The W.M. then proceed to instal Bro. Forty into the chair of K.S. The following were invested as the Officers:—Bros. Covell S.W., Fisk J.W., Clark Treasurer, Phillips Secretary, Jebbett S.D., Webster J.D., W. Clifford I.G., Wilkins D.C., Cathrow Steward, Sapsworth A.S. Bro. Austin was presented with an elegant P.M.'s jewel, voted at the last meeting of the Lodge, for his efficient services as W.M. for the past year. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was served by the host, Bro. Freeman, in his usual well-known style. Afterwards the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

AT the monthly meeting, on Tuesday, 16th ultimo, at Walton-on-the-Naze, Brother J. M. Scarlett S.W. was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Brother E. Osmond was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. J. James Tyler.

AGRICOLA LODGE, No. 1991.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd ultimo the annual meeting was held in the Hall, Castlegate. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. (Bro. Alderman White), and after some preliminary business was transacted the W.M. resigned the chair to Bro. Captain Hewson as Installing Master, who duly installed Bro. Taylor as W.M. according to ancient custom. Bro. Taylor afterwards appointed and invested as Officers of the Lodge for the year 1889-90:—Bros. A. M. White I.P.M., J. E. Wilkinson S.W., W. H. Wigham J.W., C. Garrood Chaplain, John Eccles Treasurer, Thomas Laverack Secretary, George Manton S.D., T. N. Lathom J.D., D. Young I.G., J. W. Dow D.C., W. H. Lumley Organist, G. Epworth, J. Colahan and E. Atkinson Stewards, E. Osborne Tyler. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from several brethren, and the Lodge was duly closed. The W.M., supported by nearly forty brethren, afterwards dined together at the house of Bro. Booth.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE, No. 2090.

THE installation meeting was held at the Vestry Hall, Hammersmith, on Thursday, the 11th ult. Bro. Arthur Williams was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. David Stroud, the outgoing W.M. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. F. Mander S.W., R. H. Williams J.W., R. Wimpey S.D., Gordon J.D., Watson I.G., F. Oliver Organist, Laundy D.C., Brittan W.S., Coat A.W.S., Arthur J. Barclay Secretary, Howard H. Room (Provincial Grand Secretary Middlesex) Treasurer, James Very Tyler. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. A. Marchant, Jesse Collings, E. Gilbert, W. Side, H. F. Williams, Jackson Garwith, W. C. Williams, E Lust, D. Long, G. Gardner, J. Sims, C. Breitbart, T. Biggs, E. Lucas, J. Davies, J. Morley, W. W. Williams, H. Waters and C. Hughes. A banquet followed, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Bro. A. Williams presiding, when the usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

CONSTANCE LODGE, No. 2135.

THE third anniversary of this Lodge was commemorated in the Masonic Hall, Consett, on the 24th ultimo, when there was a good attendance of visitors and members. Bro. Walter Brotherhood was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dr. G. Renton W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Wm. Logan, the Rev. J. P. de Pledge, and W. Compton. The new W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. Elsdon S.W., Prevell J.W., Shell S.D., McKay J.D., Hyden Secretary, Christopher Treasurer, Smith I.G., Berry Tyler, Calver Almoner, and Parkes and Culthard Stewards. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren present adjourned to the New Town Hall, where the festival of St. John the Evangelist was commemorated, the banquet being served by Bro. Edward Wylan, of the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, Consett, Bro. Brotherhood occupying the chair. During the evening Bro. Calvert, one of the oldest Masons in the Province of Durham, was presented with a handsome life-size portrait of himself, in full Masonic regalia; while Bros. G. Renton and T. Dunn were the recipients of gold medallions, suitably inscribed, for past services rendered to the Lodge.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THE brethren held the closing meeting of their Masonic year on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P. The chief features of the business of the meeting comprised the election of the W.M., and the appointment of Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. R. Clowes S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. W. H. Hallett resigned the office of Treasurer, and Major-General Barnett Ford was unanimously elected to succeed him. The Lodge having been formally closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Mutton, of King's Road, Brighton, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The W.M. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott presided. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Freeman responding for the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. The W.M. proposed the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Sussex the Duke of Connaught, and the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. The Duke of Connaught, he said, though not present, was with them in spirit; for he had not only consecrated the Earl of Sussex Lodge, but carefully watched its career; and, like his Royal brother the Prince of Wales took the deepest interest in Freemasonry. The universality of Freemasonry was exemplified that evening; their Prov. G. Master, of whom they were thinking, was at that time in India, and associated with them at their banquet was the Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Freemasonry had, indeed, spread its branches into all parts of the habitable globe. To the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, the Earl of Sussex Lodge owed a deep debt of gratitude. He had been instrumental in founding it, and he (Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott) could only hope that his child would increase and grow. He had great pleasure in calling upon Bro. Gerard Ford to respond. Bro. Ford, in acknowledging the two toasts bore testimony to the great interest taken in Freemasonry by the Royal Family. The Earl of Sussex Lodge had been named after the Duke of Connaught, and he (Bro. Ford) trusted that the ardent wish of the brethren to have the Duke once more with them would soon be gratified. With regard to the Province of Sussex he could not, he said, speak too highly of the assistance he had received from the Provincial Grand Officers, and particularly of the great support he had received from Bro. V. P. Freeman. Bro. Gerard Ford then proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. In Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott the Lodge, he said, had one who, notwithstanding the demands made upon him by the State, yet found time for Masonry, and entered into his duties with unsparing efforts. His presence among them stimulated them to great exertions, and all would regret when the time arrived for him to leave the Worshipful Master's chair. He trusted Bro. Marriott would continue his great interest in the Lodge; that he might be again found presiding over it; and that he would be long spared with health and strength to work for the benefit of Masonry and mankind. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott was warmly applauded on rising to respond. He thanked Bro. Gerard Ford for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. It gave him real pleasure to come amongst them, and, but for other calls upon his time, would be oftener with them. He was about to leave the Worshipful Master's chair; he must acknowledge his happy period of office had passed rapidly away, and he could assure the brethren that he would do his utmost to promote the success and prosperity of the Lodge. In proposing the Visitors the W.M. said hospitality was one of the greatest principles of Freemasonry, and the brethren of the Earl of Sussex Lodge were pleased that evening to find they had with them a representative of the Colonial Empire in Bro. Tarrant, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who held an office similar to that occupied in England by the Earl of Carnarvon. Though politics were not introduced into their gatherings, all would agree with him that it was of paramount importance to bind the Colonies to their mother country. They were all proud of their Colonies, and Lord Rosebery and Lord Salisbury appeared to emulate each other in perfecting the bond of union. They were bound to the colonies by blood, by law, and by the history of a great past, but no bond was greater than that of Freemasonry. He would ask Bro. Tarrant to respond, and trusted he would bear home with him pleasant reminiscences of their beautiful town of Brighton. He would also couple with the toast the name of Brother F. F. J. Greenfield, as the representative of cricket—another link between the Colonies and their mother country. Bro. Tarrant, who was warmly received, said that when he left Australia his Chief assured him that he would have a good reception in England, but he had entertained no idea that such kindness, consideration and hospitality would have been extended to him as that he had received. After twenty-two years hard work in Australia he had taken a holiday, and was chiefly desirous of ascertaining the working of Freemasonry and the management of the Masonic Charities in England. He had visited American Lodges, but he felt that as a basis for the Australian Masonic Charities he could not improve upon the English management. He gave interesting particulars of the growth of Freemasonry in Australia. Though theirs was a young Masonic body, he trusted all would accept his assurance that nothing would arise to weaken the bond between Australian Freemasons and the G and Lodge. He concluded an able speech by bearing testimony to the great popularity of Lord Carrington with Freemasons and all classes in New South Wales. Bro. Greenfield, in responding, said that Englishmen were proud that the colonists had taken up the national game of cricket. He eulogised the Australian cricketers, and remarked that Englishmen could now teach them nothing of the game. The W.M. proposed the Immediate Past Master and subscribing P.M.'s, who are not Officers, to which Bro. Major General Barnett Ford responded. Bro. General C. W. Randolph gave the Joining Members, which was acknowledged by Bro. L. Browne. Bro. Gerard Ford, in proposing the W.M. Elect and Officers of the Lodge, spoke in high terms of Bro. R. Clowes, the W.M. elect—one who was well known as a zealous Freemason in the Province of Essex, and whose many virtues had also endeared him to the members of the Craft in Sussex. Bro. Clowes thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of the Officers, and embraced the opportunity of expressing his gratification at being elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. He said he would do his utmost to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him, and to promote the happiness and success of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast completed the list. During the evening the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Alfred King, and a pleasing programme was sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, and Bro. King; a recitation being also given in excellent style by Bro. C. W. Hudson.

Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th April, at the Cheshire Cheese, Addle-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. C. M. Coxon W.M., J. Barnett S.W., Martindale J.W., Sparrow Secretary, A. Wells I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate; also the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Comyns as candidate. Sixteen brethren of the Mother Lodge were elected members. Bro. J. Barnett was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. After a vote of thanks to Bro. Coxon for his excellent working, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There was a full attendance. Comp. Lieut.-Colonel Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Cambridge, presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. Thomas Fenn Past President of the Committee of General Purposes as H.; and Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson P.A.G. Soj. as J. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the February Convocation, Col. Townley Caldwell declared H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.E.Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.E. Pro Z., the Right Hon the Earl of Lathom H., and the Right Hon. Lord Leigh J. The remaining Companions to hold office for the year were :—

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	S.E.
Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.	S.N.
Robert Grey	Pre. of Committee of G.P.
Edward O'Connor Terry	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Registrar
Sir Bruce M. Seton	P. Sojourner
Rev. T. B. Spencer	1st Assistant Soj.
Chas. Cheston Cheston	2nd Assistant Soj.
Dr. Jabez Hogg	Sword Bearer
F. H. Goldney	1st St. Bearer
Chas. Belton	2nd St. Bearer
R. G. Venables	3rd St. Bearer
Geo. Henry Haydon	4th St. Bearer
Frank Richardson	D.C.
Eugene Monteunis	Deputy D.C.
George Taylor	1st Assist. D.C.
Henry Garrod	2nd Assist. D.C.
Michael Maybrick	Organist
Alfred A. Pendlebury	Assist. S.E.
Henry Sadler	Janitor

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as given by us last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Comp. Robert Grey moved—"That as a consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there are no longer English Craft Lodges in that Colony to which the Chapters meeting in New South Wales can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations, the charters of the Chapters Nos. 390, 547, 817, 1653, 1654, 1762, 1795, 1898, and 1943 be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the Chapters be erased from the Register of Grand Chapter. This was seconded, and after some little discussion, agreed to. The appointment and election of the Committee of General Purposes was afterwards taken. Comp. Col. Townley Caldwell announced that the M.E.Z. had appointed Comps. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Leigh, Robert Grey (President), E. Letchworth, and R. T. Pigott as members. Comps. T. C. Walls 3, W. H. Perryman 1345, Charles E. Keyser 404, Gordon Robins 10, W. A. Dawson 382, and Lennox Browne 2108, were also nominated, seconded, and declared duly elected, after which Grand Chapter was closed.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th April, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Neeld P.Z. 169 M.E.Z., T. Grummant P.Z. H., F. Hilton P.Z. 1275 Preceptor and J., C. H. Stone S.E., Stone S.N., C. Woods P.S., and Addington M.E.Z. 1275. After minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for next meeting.

MASONIC OFFICERS.—The Officers of Masonic bodies give character to the Fraternity, and while merit ought to be the criterion for office in every case—civic as well as Masonic—the large majority of the members of our Fraternity evidence, by their actions, that the chief requisites for office in Masonry are ability, character, and a name that is held in good repute in the community. The best and noblest representative element should be the Office-bearers of our Fraternity. However exalted Freemasonry may be in its principles, it should be exemplified in practice by its members, and especially by its officers, in order to maintain its ancient and honourable prestige.—*New York Dispatch.*

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 engorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

We supplement the report of the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, which appeared in our last issue, by giving a list of the unsuccessful candidates, with the number of votes polled on behalf of each. The list of the successful candidates was by us published last week.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
Swornsbourne, Lewis Gordon Canston	218	1670	1888
Moreton, Harry Vernon	828	1006	1834
Wilkinson, George	1371	444	1815
Bedford, John Hillam	—	1758	1758
Jennings, William John	417	1303	1720
Carr, Samuel*	1160	476	1636
Pratt, Stanley Edmond Rolls	920	699	1619
Lumsden, Miller Bassett	1049	565	1614
Clunes, Alexander Sydenham Sheriff	1374	12	1386
Jarmain, Edward George	1165	219	1384
Clarke, Alfred William	959	320	1279
Harrison, William John	259	866	1125
Tiedman, Benjamin Henry	833	208	1041
Brown, Ernest James	857	182	1039
Hodgkinson, Edward Dunthorne*	336	667	1003
Bloomfield, Walter Woolcomb	473	492	965
Spain, William Augustine	—	811	811
Ravenscroft, Stanley Narborough	—	702	702
Mears, Walter Arthur	207	420	627
Jones, James Arthur Herbert	—	592	592
Browne, Arthur Thomas	186	392	578
Wells, Percy Howard*	473	54	527
Brereton, Herbert Walter	—	460	460
Siggers, Clement*	414	25	439
Smith, William James	—	348	348
Thompson, Hugh Hanley	—	292	292
Cooper, Frederick Eden Walter	—	263	263
Campbell, Archibald Wallace	99	120	219
Hill, Arthur Stanley	112	64	176
Levey, Richard William	—	76	76
Binoks, William Robson	15	56	71
Hart, Frederick George*	55	—	55
Wood, Basil Glover	13	42	55
Peters, Charles Wilfred	—	38	38
Seward, William Rennell	—	38	38
Carruthers, James	23	2	25
Bostock, Martin Bodwell*	18	1	19
Whale, Ernest Edward	18	1	19
Stanley, Hereward	—	19	19
Crossman, John	10	7	17
Lamplough, Benjamin	9	1	10
Gee, Redfern Edward	8	1	9
Drewett, Herbert John	5	3	8
Athey, Wilfred John	5	2	7
Fowke, James Frederick	—	7	7
Eastment, Reginald George	—	4	4
Perkins, Alfred Ernest	1	—	1
Pugh, William Ralph	1	—	1
Howell, Bernard Brookas	—	1	1
Young, Charles Lind Lamont	—	—	—
Williams, William Joseph	—	—	—
Denton, Norwood		Withdrawn.	

* Will be removed from List, under Law 53, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

COURTESY.—There is really no necessity that Masonic politeness should take the shape of intimacy and confidence. There is no obligation that requires it. There is no principle of the Order that makes it a duty. And yet the fact is apparent that many Masons on the evidence of a sign, grip or emblem, become strangely familiar. Many very undesirable acquaintances are made in this way that we find hard to shake off. All we are called upon to do is to treat the stranger within our gates with hospitality and that sort of courtesy that makes him feel at home and chase away any sense of loneliness that may haunt him. So far as the Lodge is concerned, courtesy, about which we hear so much, is really a very simple thing, and largely depends upon the Officers. The hailing brother should not be examined with suspicious rigour where other testimonials are clearly indubitable. A brother can be turned inside out if he is only handled kindly. Then some Masters make it a rule to receive strange visiting brothers with a few words of welcome. If neatly done, it goes a long way to make the visitor feel comfortable. The Senior Deacon may make it very pleasant in the amiable way he seats a brother in the Lodge. In our city Lodges, where visitations are numerous, we are liable to forget the individuality of a visiting brother and run through the preliminary duties and guarding tests with a sort of perfunctory coldness.—*Illustrated Pacific States.*

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed at the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction No. 1044, by Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on Tuesday, 21st instant, at the East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth. Bro. Binckes will by assisted by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, while the musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bros. Professor Gilardoni 235 and R. R. Monger Organist 1044. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 27th April 1889,

W. Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, Esq., J.P., Treasurer, in the chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 37 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 73 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on Poll	No. on List				Votes
1	3	Webster, R. R.	...	...	3434
2	13	Harling, A. H. J.	...	...	3069
3	11	Thaw, L. A. ...	...	...	2782
4	19	Codling, H. J.	...	...	2781
5	17	Liverd, H. M.	...	...	2467
6	16	Hemings, F. C.	...	...	2332
7	30	Venables, B. E.	...	...	2319
8	15	Lee, L. R. ...	...	...	2296
9	3	Staff, H. A. ...	...	...	2280
10	30	Gorton, A. F.	...	...	2195
11	24	Pether, E. ...	...	...	2113
12	1	Balch, G. ...	...	...	2060
13	21	Cookes, M. A.	...	...	2055
14	70	Schofield, M. M. S.	...	..	2038
15	34	Winterbottom, E.	...	...	2009
16	36	Collard, H. ...	...	...	2008
17	23	Towse, I. G.	...	...	1934
18	6	Campbell, F. C.	...	...	1910
19	9	Astington, L. M.	...	...	1867
20	53	Greenwood, O. L.	...	...	1859
21	71	Williams, F. G.	...	...	1849
22	41	Roberts, M. E. M.	...	...	1838
23	4	Tettenborn, O. K.	...	...	1833
24	22	Taverner, A.	...	...	1819
25	12	Gould, M. P.	...	...	1771
26	73	Cooper, E. J.	...	...	1767
27	53	Turner, B. E.	...	...	1733
28	18	Sumner, A. E. A.	...	...	1689
29	14	Swaebe, P. M.	...	...	1679
30	5	Bruce, M. E.	...	...	1673
31	37	Smith, M. A.	...	...	1666
32	66	Jones, E. L.	...	...	1633
33	63	Kassell, L. S.	...	...	1615
34	54	Hall, E. H. ...	...	...	1606
35	59	Michael, E.	...	...	1583
36	20	Thorne, A. M.	...	...	1579
37	68	Young, E. E.	...	...	1567

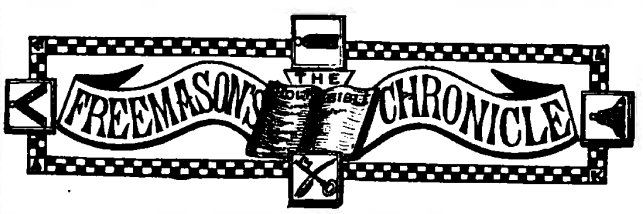
The number of votes recorded for the unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application to the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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27th April 1889.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

MRS. PODMORE wishes to convey her heartfelt thanks to all those Subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School who by their votes and assistance secured the election of her son, Austin R. Podmore.



SATURDAY, 4TH MAY 1889.

THE BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

THE annual meeting in connection with the two Masonic Charities of Belfast was held there, in the Ulster Hall, on Friday, the 12th ultimo, under the presidency of Brother Thomas Valentine D.P.G.M. There was a large attendance of brethren and ladies; among them being the principal officers of the local funds established for purposes of Masonic Benevolence, together with representatives of the Craft, Arch, Knights Templars and other bodies of the district. A procession was formed of the Provincial Grand Lodge and other officials, clothed in the varied insignia of their rank, and on their entry into the hall they presented a brilliant appearance. On reaching the platform the Knights Templars formed the arch of steel, through which the Prince Masons, the officers of the Charities, and the Provincial Grand Lodge passed. The Chairman expressed his sincere and hearty thanks for the reception that had been accorded him. He regretted the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, who, he was

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sure, would have been gratified in having to preside over so large an assembly. On behalf of the Order, and especially on behalf of their local Masonic Charities, he thanked the company for their presence and support.

All true Masons, said the chairman, felt it incumbent upon them to aid and assist their poor and distressed brethren. He thought he might venture to say that the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund had enabled them to fairly fulfil that duty, it having on many occasions provided help and comfort to homes where misery and want prevailed. With regard to the Masonic Widows' Fund, he need hardly tell them that these widows were not Masons, but at the same time the members of the Order felt it almost as incumbent that they should help and assist them as to assist brethren. He thought he would be justified on their behalf in appealing to the audience for their sympathy and aid and support. He found he would be followed by several gentlemen who would speak more efficiently on this subject than he could do, and he also saw behind him a great array of musical talent; he felt certain they would rather listen to music than to his words. He regretted to say he had just received a letter from the Mayor of Belfast, who was to have moved the first resolution, stating that a severe cold prevented him from being present, and that he regretted deeply being obliged to remain at home. The Mayor had expressed himself in the warmest terms of approval of the object of that meeting. They all knew perfectly well how sincere and earnest a Mason he was, and it was, therefore, with deep regret they would learn he was unable to be present.

From the report of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund —which was the twenty-seventh annual return—we gather that the work of the Charity has been successfully continued and extended during the past year.

The applications for assistance continue to be numerous and often painfully urgent; but the Committee are glad to say that, through the increased liberality of the brethren, they have been able to afford substantial relief to every deserving case, although in many instances larger grants would willingly have been made did the funds at their disposal permit. The cases now coming before the Committee are of a somewhat different class to those of some years ago, the applicants being of a superior social standing, and consequently requiring larger grants to be of any real service. The following, out of many cases that have come before the Committee, will serve as an illustration:—A respectable family, through the long-continued illness and death of the bread-winner, are left hopelessly involved in debt, to landlord, doctor, grocer. The members of the family might be able by their industry to support themselves and their mother, but are discouraged by an incubus they cannot get rid of. Meanwhile the landlord is pressing for his rent, and threatens to seize the furniture and turn them on the street. This means to them absolute ruin, the loss of a once happy home, and of every vestige of a chance of supporting themselves respectably, and a total scattering of the whole family, with possibilities of degradation too terrible to think of. This is not a fanciful picture, but condensed particulars of a real case which, during the present year, came before the Committee. It need scarcely be said that relief was promptly afforded; the more pressing claims were satisfied, and that sorrowing widow and her daughters are now respectably supporting themselves, full of gratitude to the Masonic brethren of the deceased husband and father.

During the year 72 cases of distress have been relieved, at an expenditure of £272 6s 3d, a slight increase on that of last year. The amount in money represents but a small proportion of the assistance rendered. The members of the Committee have been indefatigable in their efforts to obtain for respectable brethren and their families suitable employment, and to enable those who have been unfortunate in the battle of life to make a fresh start, encouraged by the sympathy and support of their brethren. During the past year death has been busy amongst the recipients of the relief afforded by this fund, but it is a source of great gratification to the Committee to think that medical aid and many comforts, which could not otherwise have been procured, soothed the last moments of the sufferers. The funeral arrangements in most cases were carried out under the supervision of the Committee, respectably, and with a due regard to economy. Cases remitted from Grand Lodge Committee of Charity were carefully investigated at the hands of the sub-committee before grants were made. A constantly increasing interest has been taken in the monthly meetings by the members of the Committee, and the utmost vigilance has been exercised by them in the disbursements of the funds committed to their charge. The statement of accounts shows that the total income for the year amounted to £256 1s 2d, including a donation of £20 from a bazaar held at Carnmoney, under the auspices of Lodge 645, a donation of £10 from Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, and a donation of £10, being part proceeds of St. John's Day services in Lisburn Cathedral. The receipts for the previous year amounted to £270 18s 2d, showing a gratifying increase in the ordinary income of the fund of £25 3s. The interest received from trustees remains practically the same. The ordinary expenditure during the year amounted to £294 0s 8d, being an increase of £26 4s 6d on that of last year showing an excess of income over expenditure of £2 0s 6d. The weekly allowances referred to in last year's report have been continued, but the Committee regret that with constantly increasing claims they have been unable to increase the amounts, though there are many cases in which they would gladly do so did the funds at their disposal permit. The Committee have to report with regret that a few Lodges meeting in Belfast are not subscribers to the fund. They are glad to know, however, that there is growing up in many of the non-contributary Lodges a fuller sense of their Masonic duty, and that with fuller knowledge of the work done by the Charity will come a higher standard of responsibility, and that Lodge will vie with Lodge, and brother with brother, who can labour best and do most for the noble cause of Masonic Charity.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund is also of a satisfactory character, and is presented by the Committee in the hope that the year's administration will be found to be of such a nature as will merit approval and continued support. The Committee have kept constantly in view the objects for which the Fund was started, viz.:—rendering assistance to poor and deserving widows and families of deceased Freemasons, and have given careful attention to every application, so that only those who were worthy were assisted, and with such liberality as the state of the Funds would allow.

During the year fifty-two widows and their families have been voted sums ranging from £4 to £14 each, the total amounting to £424 2s, and this aid, though apparently trivial, has in numerous instances enabled the sorrowing widow to make a fresh start in life's battle, and, backed by the sympathy and personal visits of some members of the Committee, has given increased courage to rear up her family respectably and well. The grants for the previous year amounted to £383 12s. The Committee are happy to report that during the year the subscriptions have been well sustained, and that the brethren generally seem to consider it to be not only a high privilege, but a labour of love to have the opportunity of contributing towards the "widows' mite." The amount subscribed last year was £345 1s 3d, and this year £340 10s 1d, showing a decrease of £4 11s 2d. This is most satisfactory when it is borne in mind that the members of those Lodges which meet in Arthur Square have, during the year, subscribed liberally towards the purchase of the Masonic Hall. There are still many brethren who have not yet seen their way to assist by contributing towards the Fund, but the Committee hope that, year by year, as the good which is being done becomes better known, this number will become less, and that the time is not far distant when the list of subscribers will embrace every member of the Order in Belfast and neighbourhood. The donations amount to 68, and are as follow:—£10 to qualify Preceptor of Ulster Preceptory, 22; £10 to qualify M.E.K. of R.A. Chapter, 97; £10 to qualify W.M. of Lodge 663; £10 to qualify J.W. of Lodge 109; £4 from Lodge 254, Holywood (being the second of three annual payments of £4 each) to qualify the chair of W.M.; £4 from R.A.C., 609 (being the second of three annual payments of £4 each) to qualify the chair of M.E.K.; £10 to qualify Brother Richard Knox as life member of Committee; £10 to qualify Brother David Hannay as life member of Committee. The Committee frequently felt the want of some system whereby uniformity could be secured in the amounts voted, and during the year they adopted a scale by which all applications are to be determined by the Masonic standing of the brethren through whom the claims arise.

Brother Hilton Provincial Grand Secretary proposed that the Reports, &c., should be adopted. He was glad to say that the Charity was prospering so far as funds were concerned; but, while the funds were accumulating and the charity of the brethren was being enlarged, yet they found a worthy object for all the subscriptions they could get, for the poor they had always with them. They prided themselves on the fact that they were not merely brethren in the ordinary sense of the term, but Masonic brethren, who felt called upon not only to extend the right hand of fellowship to their brethren, but when a brother was called away they felt it incumbent upon them to assist his widow and orphans by giving them an opportunity to go forward and succeed in life. The Charity fund during the past year had aided seventy-two families. That number was not large, yet what amount of distress might seventy-two families create in one district. These families had been helped, not sustained. He, therefore, wished it to be distinctly understood that they did not support families in connection with the Charity fund; but they assisted them by temporary relief. With regard to the Widows' Fund, he thought its claims came home to their hearts even more than those of the Charity fund. If anything came home to their hearts and feelings it was the suffering of their lady friends, and they as Masons had learned to care for them as best they could. The fund had been instrumental in assisting fifty-two widows and their families during the past year. The fund assisted the widows in their temporary difficulty, and further help was given to the children through the school in Dublin. These funds had been taken in charge by two committees, which had been most indefatigable in seeing that the funds were applied to the proper object. He thought the public and the brethren owed a deep debt of gratitude for the time and attention they had given, as

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every shilling subscribed was properly applied, and utilised to the best advantage.

The motion was seconded by Bro. John McConnell, and unanimously agreed to.

Rev. Dr. Crozier then moved,

That this meeting, recognising the continued usefulness of these funds, feels it to be its duty to urge upon Lodges and brethren the necessity of sustaining them by a liberally increased pecuniary aid, in order to meet their ever-increasing claims, and thereby promote the noble virtue of charity, the keystone of the Masonic Order.

The resolution, he said, expressed first of all its recognition of the usefulness of these two Charities, and then it urged upon all Lodges and brethren the necessity for increased efforts to sustain them. The reports, he hoped, would be carefully perused. He wished to draw attention to two special features connected with the Societies. The great aim of those who managed them was to give to each case of distress—whether it had been caused by temporary sickness of the bread winner, or the removal by death of the head of the house—just assistance as would enable them to make a fresh start in life. There were too many in these lands ready to stand on one side and let others fight the battle for them, and they had to help others to fight, and lift up those who had fallen in the race of life, and help them to run that race successfully. This was what their societies were doing. Those who managed these funds knew every man must bear his own burden, and fight the battle of life for himself. But at the same time they recognised that when sickness or trouble entered a home it was the best and truest Brotherhood that could help to lift up the fallen. There was another matter to which he thought their attention should be directed, and that was the vast and preponderating good that such societies could do in times of distress. It would be the greatest impertinence on his part were he to enlarge upon the fact that Charity was the great keystone in the Arch of the Masonic building. If Masonry had taught them no other lesson they had learned that the whole human race was one great family, high and low, rich and poor, together, and if they recognised this fact, as they ought to do, there was no fear that such charities as these should ever languish for want of help.

Bro. L. M. Ewart, J.P., P.G.S.W., who seconded the resolution, said it was very gratifying indeed to receive such favourable reports from the Committees and such satisfactory statements of accounts from the Treasurers of their local charitable organizations in connection with the Masonic body. The motion which had just been submitted called upon the Lodges and brethren to sustain these charities by liberally increased pecuniary aid. He thought, however, he might take leave to travel beyond the strict letter of the motion, and say it was very gratifying and very acceptable to receive assistance from ladies and gentlemen who were non-Masons. It was the custom in the larger Masonic Charities of Ireland—that is to say the Boys' Schools and the Girls' Schools—to receive assistance from a considerable number of non-Masons, and he did not see why they should not initiate the same system, and dispense their charity at home. The motion was passed unanimously.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Chairman, after which a programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through, amid continued evidence of approval and satisfaction.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held on the 25th ult., at Looe, under the banner of St. Anne's Lodge, No. 351. In addition to the usual annual business a further éclat was added to this convocation by its being officially visited by the Acting Provincial Grand Master of an adjacent Province, accompanied by his officers—a circumstance which has never previously occurred since the establishment of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall. The visitors were Bros. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., 35, Acting Prov. G.M. of Devon, Jno. Olver 215 Acting P.G.S.W., G. R. Barrett 35 P.G.J.W., E. Aitken-Davies 96 Acting P.G.M.O. 18 degree, W. M. Robins 35 Acting P.G.S.O., G. Perkins 169 P.S.G.D., C. Hunt 91 P.G.S.B., F. R. Thomas 35 Acting P.G. St. B., J. Gidley 169 P.G. Tyler. The Cornish brethren assembled at the East Looe Guildhall, tastefully fitted up with appropriate emblems and furniture as a Provincial Grand Lodge. Flags adorned its walls and plants its approaches. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 18 degree, the Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by his Officers. The Devonshire brethren assembled at Bro. T. Cook's, Ship Hotel. As soon as the Cornish Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, a deputation was appointed to proceed to the Ship Hotel, and invite the attendance of the Devonshire brethren. Bro. C. Spence Bate and his Officers then proceeded in full regalia, with the banner of Devonshire displayed, escorted by the deputation to the Guildhall, where they were very fraternally received by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. The report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. E. M. Cock, shewed balance in hand from last year, £12 8s; receipts, £19 18s; total £32 6s. Ten guineas subscribed to the London Girls' School, five guineas to the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund, £8 14s expenses of the Lodge, total £24 9s; balance in hand £7 16s. The Secretary, Bro. W. J. Johns, reported the members returned in the Province at the close of the year 321, and stated that an annuity of £30 per annum had been granted by the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund to Bro. Langdon the P.G. Tyler. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle was unanimously re-elected for recommendation as the Provincial Grand Master. Sir Charles, in thanking the brethren, said he had now been filling the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Province for nine years, and was much pleased to find that he had carried out the duties to the satisfaction of his brethren. On taking the office he had succeeded two very excellent Provincial Grand Masters—the late Sir Frederick Williams and Colonel Peard. He had suffered so much from ill-health that he had been at times thinking of resigning. While, however, the brethren wished to continue him in the office, he would endeavour to carry out its duties. He was glad to see the recent extensions which had been made in the Lodges of the Province, and he should endeavour all he could to further that branch of Masonry as far as he was able. Bro. F. Crouch then asked permission, on behalf of the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 351, to present a handsome Provincial banner to the Province. The new banner was then uncovered. The Provincial Grand Master accepted with thanks the very handsome gift. Bro. E. M. Cock was re-elected the Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master announced that all the Provinces were asked to go into mourning for three months for the decease of a very distinguished Mark Master Mason, the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A. He hoped that request would be carried out through all the Cornish Lodges. Bro. Portal was, in 1869, the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason. Five guineas were voted to the Cornwall Masonic Benevolent Fund, and five guineas to the Grand Mark Masters Benevolent Fund. Brother J. Langdon was re-elected the Provincial Grand Tyler. The following Officers were then invested:—

Bros. P. T. Chirgwin 78	D.M.
J. G. Henwood 351	Senior Warden
Dr. W. Nettle 378	Junior Warden
J. Rosewarne 175	M.O.
E. Venning 379	S.O.
W. J. Tredinnick 275	J.O.
J. Cressy Treffy 78	Registrar
E. Milford Cock 73	Treasurer
W. J. Johns 78	Secretary
Rev. — Murley 206	Chaplain
W. A. Bennett 101	Inspector of Works
Lieut. H. Shapcott 351	Org.
H. Searle 101	Director of Ceremonies
P. T. Chirgwin 78	Assistant D.C.
S. Trehane 357	Sword Bearer
Jno. Hill 351	Stewards
H. P. Vivian	Stewards
W. G. Hancock 379	Stewards
J. Langdon 78	Tyler

Helstone and Chacewater were proposed for the next place of meeting. The Provincial Grand Master said he could not at present decide. It is, however, believed that Chacewater will be preferred. In the evening the brethren dined at Bro. T. Cook's, Ship Hotel. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle presided. The Acting Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire and his officers were warmly toasted and thanked for their attendance. Bro. Bate proposed that an arrangement should be made on some future

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occasion for both Provincial Lodges holding their meetings on the banks of the Tamar, near each other, and afterwards dining together. The proposition was very heartily received.

UNION LODGE, No. 124.

ON the 25th ult. the annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Moor, presided, and the Lodge was honoured with the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. R. B. Reed, and some of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The preliminary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master and Officers were received by the brethren in due form. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in asking the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master to instal his successor in the chair of the Lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Pattison, was presented by Bro. Levy to Bro. Reed, by whom the ceremony was performed, in an able and impressive manner. The Officers for the ensuing year were afterwards appointed and invested by the newly-installed W.M., as follow:—Bros. J. C. Moor I.P.M., George Porteous S.W., R. Singleton J.W., J. Todd M.O., H. H. Pinkney S.O., F. S. Cowper J.O., R. Kinmood Treasurer, Rev. J. Brown Chaplain, John Deans Secretary, Remigious Blake S.D., J. J. Wilson J.D., F. Wade I.G., Thomas M. Watson Director of Ceremonies, B. Swain Tyler. The addresses to the Officers were afterwards given by Bro. Reed, completing the ceremony in a very able manner. After other business, the meeting terminated. In the evening the annual festival of the Lodge was held at the Grand Hotel, Bridge-street, Sunderland, where an excellent meal was served. The W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison, presided, and Bros Geo. Porteous and R. Singleton occupied the vice-chairs. The table decorations of the Grand Hotel were simply superb, and the repast was a very choice one. In the course of the evening Bro. Reed replied to the toast of the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, and alluded to the loss the Grand Lodge had sustained in the death of Canon Portal P.G.M.M.

ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE, No. 192.

ON the 25th ult. the annual festival was held, in the Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick. Bro. G. Riddell W.M. presided, and amongst those present was Bro. R. B. Reed. After Lodge had been duly opened, the Secretary (Bro. Ashworth) read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. The installation of Bro. H. T. Heron S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. G. Moor was the Installing Master, and the ceremony was beautifully and impressively performed, and at the close the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Riddell I.P.M., W. Green S.W., R. Weddell J.W., W. Weatherhead M.O., R. Grahame S.O., Serjt.-Major Ashworth J.O., Rev. Edwd. Thornton Chaplain, G. Moor Treasurer, A. Winlaw Registrar of Marks, G. F. Steven Organist, Peters Secretary, J. B. Johnston S.D., Darling J.D., and E. G. Sanderson I.G. The office of Tyler was left vacant for the present. On the motion of Bro. G. F. Steven, seconded by Brother Morrison, the cordial thanks of the brethren were awarded to Bro. Moor for having so excellently performed the installation ceremony. This being all the business, Lodge was closed in due form. Afterwards, the annual banquet was held in the King's Arms Hotel.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 235.

AT the installation meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday afternoon, the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Henry Creed, a handsome testimonial, subscribed for by the Lodges and individual members in the Province of Berks and Oxon, was presented to Bro. T. J. Pulley, of Reading, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him in the formation and subsequent development of this Province, in which he ably fulfilled the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary until failing health compelled him to vacate the office, about twelve months since. The testimonial consisted of a handsome illuminated address, the work of Mr. Pountney, enclosed in a splendid morocco case, artistically made by Messrs. Knill and Sons, of Reading, the address being accompanied by a purse of money. The presentation was made by Bro. Charles Stephens Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who read a letter he had received from the Earl of Jersey Provincial Grand Master, regretting his inability to be present, and conveying his best wishes for Bro. Pulley's health and happiness. Bro. Stephens said he felt confident the brethren shared in the mingled feelings of regret and pleasure with which he came forward to perform the duty assigned to him. They all regretted that impaired health, caused by overwork, had compelled Bro. Pulley to retire from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, which he filled for some nine years with so much credit to himself and advantage to the Province, and it gave him great pleasure to be the medium of offering to Brother Pulley some slight testimonial in recognition of the long and valuable services he had rendered to Mark Masonry in this Province. It was in a large degree owing to Bro. Pulley's untiring energy and perseverance that the Leopold and several other Mark Lodges, as well as the Provincial Grand Lodge, had been formed, and although Brother Pulley had retired from the active duties he had so well discharged for some years, the brethren entertained the hope that he would be spared to be amongst them, and be blessed with health and happiness for many years to come, and that the beautiful address, which he had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Pulley, would descend to his children and be treasured by them. Past Master Edward Margrett then read the address, which, with the purse containing cheque, was handed to Bro. Pulley, who, in reply, said that words failed him in his attempt to convey his thanks to the brethren for this beautiful and substantial token of their esteem and regard. It caused him great regret to be compelled to resign the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, through ill-health, and he certainly never expected such an ample and pleasing recognition of his services. What he had done in connection with Mark Masonry had indeed been a labour of love, and he was glad to know that the Province was in such a satisfactory state, and he had every confidence that his successor, Bro. Ravenscroft, would do his utmost to ensure the continued prosperity of the Province. Both the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and also Bro. Pulley, thanked the testimonial Committee,, and particularly the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Bro. Margrett) for the time and trouble they expended in the matter. The presentation ceremony was followed by the installation of Bro. Ravenscroft as Worshipful Master of the Leopold Lodge for the ensuing year. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. Creed, the immediate Past Master, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Flanagan, at the Great Western Hotel. Bro. Ravenscoft presided, and the usual Mark Masons' toasts were honoured, and some capital songs were sung by Bro. Cozens and others. The attendance included the following:—The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. C. Stephens P.M., Bros. Henry Creed, W. Ravenscroft W.M. elect, W. W. Ridley P.M., E. Margrett P.M., T. J. Pulley P.M., Rev. H. Wells, C. H. Tench, W. Hickie, J. T. Stransom, C. B. Tubbs, J. W. Lindars, J. Slaughter, B. W. Bennett, F. J. Cozens, J. Miller, G. S. Smallwood, F. Brown, C. E. Hewitt, W. Hemmings, W. G. Flanagan P.M., W. Bonny, W. Trevertoo, W. G. Miller, J. W. Martin, T. F. Wells, Rev. J. M. Guilding, Reginald Bird P.M. and W.M. elect 55, John Tomkins P.M. 225, H. J. Mount P.M. 257, Geo. J. Cosburn P.M. 27, Woollett 376, A. Turner 376, Cozens P.M., and other brethren. The Officers appointed and invested by Bro. Ravenscroft for the ensuing year were:—Bros. Creed I.P.M., Rev. J. M. Guilding Chaplain, C. H. Tench S.W., W. Hickie J.W., C. B. Tubbs M.O., C. Slaughter S.O., J. W. Lindars J.O., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, F. Brown Registrar of Marks, H. Creed Secretary, B. W. Bennett S.D., J. Miller J.D., J. E. Sydenham D.C., H. G. Sherwin Organist, C. E. Hewitt I.G., G. S. Smallwood S. Steward, J. W. Martin J. Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, BERKS AND OXON.

THE R.W. THE EARL OF JERSEY, PROV. GRAND MASTER.

It having come to the knowledge of this Prov. G. Lodge that the health of W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.G.S.D., Prov. G. Sec., P.M., &c., was impaired, and he having intimated his desire that he should not be re-appointed as Prov. Grand Secretary in consequence; at the Annual Meeting, held in Reading, on the 17th July 1888, it was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Jersey, seconded by W. Bro. Jno. Tomkins, P.G.S., P.P.G.W., Provincial Grand Treasurer:

> "That this Provincial Grand Lodge conveys to W. Bro. T. J. Pulley its cordial thanks for the valuable services rendered by him in the formation and subsequent development of this Province, and expresses the hope that by the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. he will speedily be restored to health."

It was also unanimously resolved, on the proposition of W. Bro. E. L. Shepherd, P.G.S., Prov. G. Warden, seconded by W. Bro. F. J. Ferguson, P.P.G. Warden:—

> "That in recognition of the services rendered to Mark Masonry in this Province by W. Bro. T. J. Pulley in the office of Provincial Grand Secretary during nine years, a presentation shall be made to him, and that the following Brethren be appointed the Committee for the purpose:—
>
> The R.W. Provincial Grand Master.
> The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
> The W.M. of each Lodge in the Province.
> W. Bro. W. W. Ridley, P.M., 235 Prov. G.W.
> W. Bro. Edward Margrett, P.M., 235 P.P.G.W. (Treasurer and Sec.)"

In pursuance of these resolutions, and in token of the cordial sympathy with them expressed by the Brethren of each Mark Lodge in this Province, the Committee have much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Pulley, together with this record,

A PURSE CONTAINING A HUNDRED GUINEAS,

accompanying the same with the heartiest best wishes of the Brethren for his restoration and future prosperity.

JERSEY, Prov. G.M.M.M.
C. STEPHENS, D. Prov. G.M.M.
E. MARGRETT, P.M., Treas. and Sec.

PORTAL LODGE, No. 127.

AN assembly was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley. Bro. C. W. Fincken presided. Bro. Edward Billington was formally installed. He appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. B. Smith S.W., W. Senior J.W., S. C. Alderson M.O., C. Lingard S.O., J. Sutton J.O., W. R. Massie Chaplain, J. H. Gration Treasurer, T. W. Embleton Registrar, E. J. Massie Secretary, Fountain S.D., Browne J.D., Braithwaite Organist, Fincken Dir. of Cers., Squire I.G., J. Wood and L. Davies Stewards. Afterwards a banquet took place, at which the Worshipful Master was supported by the Provincial Grand Master and many members of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 4th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
[143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1323—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1459—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

MONDAY, 6th MAY.

23—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
[174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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.)
1633—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
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
238—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
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
522—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
535—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
550—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Uxor-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1795—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
2163—Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford

TUESDAY, 7th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
[Illegible]—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-Bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
213—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)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
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.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, 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.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, [illegible] (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
304—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
573—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Brillington 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.
945—St. Barnabas, Mesonic 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, Retford
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Derry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1638—Browning, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Greyhound 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. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, old Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—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.)
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, 153 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 7.45 (Instruction)
R.A. 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C
M.M.—Connaught, Green Man, Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Preston, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John's, Knowsley Hotel, Derby Arms, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
291—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
293—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
455—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
755—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Ramsden, at 7.30. (Instruction)
857—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading

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1209—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
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
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 9th MAY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-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)
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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1078—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1159—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)
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1539—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, 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.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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.)
1642—Earl of Carrarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldbourch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
2168—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 758—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. (Inst. uction)
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
207—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
209—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Mason's Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasling'en
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
751—Temperance Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
794—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
796—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1065—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall Loughton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1589—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pre, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 230—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 10th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
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—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, 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)
2242—Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Amherst Road, Hackney
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Loigate Hizzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 11th 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)
1375—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
1695—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1888—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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. 1443—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Haymarket.—We are sorry to say that Mr. Henry A. Jones's new play of modern English life, entitled "Wealth," is not likely to prove so successful as could be wished. The author has built up a one part story,—interesting, but not sufficiently so to obtain a long run. The comedy features are bright points in the play, but there are not enough of them. The author evidently intended Ruddock's relations to be amusing, but we incline to the belief that they rather bore the audience. The story can be briefly told, as follows:—Matthew Ruddock, a rich financier and Sheffield manufacturer, has allowed the love of gold to become the passion of his life, and to prevent his name dying out, seeks to make his daughter marry his nephew, John Ruddock, whom she detests. On Edith's refusing to marry John, Matthew's mind gives way, and he fancies that instead of being one of the richest men in the City of London he is a beggar. In the third act we have a scene—far from new—with the old miser and his gold. Finally Ethel is allowed to marry the man of her choice, but Matthew dies after hearing from John of his enormous wealth. This is really all the play is based upon, and the love scenes are weak, while after a time old Ruddock's eccentric behaviour becomes wearisome. There are unquestionably amusing lines in the piece, and these were seized upon by the audience with infinite relish, but the play is far from what we might be led to expect from the pen of so experienced an author as Mr. Jones. The careful and studied acting of Mr. Beerbohm Tree certainly saved the piece; his Matthew Ruddock—supposed to be over sixty years of age—was well conceived, and he has to bear the burden of the play. In the first two acts Mr. Tree grasped the character thoroughly, while in the third, where the madness takes a more violent form, he rose to the situation, and came through with flying colours. In the fourth act he was more subdued, and his last scene had evidently been well studied, and was very impressive. Mr. Brookfield did justice to the part of John Ruddock, while Mr. Macklin acted in manly style as the friend, and, later on, husband of Edith. Miss Norreys and Mr. Edmund Maurice brightened the piece with their scenes, while Mr. Kemble made an excellent Doctor. Mrs. Tree was a loveable and affectionate daughter, enacting the part with care. Mr. Weedon Grossmith was amusing as a dressed up "cad," with an "idea" to break the bank at Monte Carlo. Poor parts were supplied Messrs. C. Allan, Hargreaves, Stewart Dawson, Miss Rose Leclercq, and Miss Ayrtoun, as Matthew Ruddock's relations, but they one and all worked loyally. The piece has been beautifully mounted, but it has been but indifferently received.

Comedy.—A new play, described as a farcical comedy, by Mr. H. M. Paull, whose name is new to us, was produced here on Wednesday evening, and was most favourably received. It is entitled "Tenterhooks," and contains more farce than comedy, and more pantomime than either. There is not so much an intelligible story as a series of diverting scenes, though the main interest is of rather a serious nature. Jasper Quayle, who has contracted a mésalliance four years previous to the opening of the piece, is a visitor at some hydropathic establishment, place not named, where he falls hopelessly in love with Beatrice Dubois, the daughter of a fire-eating French colonel. The lady is intended by her father as the wife of Captain Pinniger, who had saved the Colonel's life in the Crimea. Beatrice, who also loves Jasper and detests Pinniger, finding that the former will not propose seriously, requests him to agree to an assumed engagement in order to get rid of the corpulent captain. The complications that ensue may be readily imagined, but the story abruptly ends by the discovery that the wife has been dead some years and of course Jasper is free to marry Beatrice. These characters are splendidly portrayed by Mr. C. H. Hawtrey and Miss Lottie Venne, and undoubtedly the success of the piece is owing to them. M. Marius gives a capital rendering of the old French Colonel, a character well known in his repertoire, but Mr. Harry Nicholls was disappointing as Captain Pinniger, his demeanour being neither martial nor gentlemanlike, and he was sharply reminded by an aggrieved pittite that he was not at Drury Lane. Another pair of lovers were agreeably represented by Miss Vane Featherstone and Mr. T. G. Warren, some amusement being created by the fact that Doctor Spencer is mistaken for a medical man, whereas he is only Mus. Doc. Mr. W. F. Hawtrey brings into prominence the small part of Jasper's rascally brother-in-law by his clever acting, and Miss Susie Vaughan, as an old maiden lady, also makes her mark. After a few performances the piece will doubtless play closer—but the liberal applause bestowed upon the actors and author at the termination of the initial performance would seem to assure a prosperous run.

Adelphi.—It is not at all surprising to find that Messrs. Gatti have seen fit to revive the drama "The Harbour Lights" as a special attraction for their patrons during the holidays. The piece was highly successful on its original production, and to judge by the applause again bestowed upon it by crowded houses we may safely predict another prosperous run until such a time as the enterprising managers are prepared to present another novelty. Mr. William Terriss and Miss Millward again excite the sympathy of the audience, as the manly but persecuted David Kingsley and the impetuous, warm-hearted Dora Vane. The profligate Squire is well represented by Mr. W. L. Abingdon, and his revengeful assassin Mark Helstone by Mr. Charles Cartwright, while Mr. J. D. Beveridge gives a careful rendering of the scheming Nicholas Morland. The fun of the piece is amply sustained by Miss Clara Jecks, Mrs. H. Leigh and Mr. J. L. Shine; while we must not forget Miss Gertrude Kingston as the unfortunate Lina, Mr. E. Turner as Captain Nelson and Mr. Howard Russell as the gallant Commander of H.M.S. "Britannic." The play is followed throughout with alternate laughter and applause, while the appearance before the curtain of the various *dramatis personæ* enables the audience to indulge in their sentiments with respect to vice and virtue to their heart's content.

In consequence of the great success of Mr. Wilson Barrett's farewell performances at the Princess's, his engagement has been extended for another week.

"The True Heart," will be ready for production at the Princess's at the end of this month. The following ladies and gentlemen will take part in it:—Messrs. Julian Cross, H. H. Morrell, Bassett Roe, Leonard Boyne, W. Parkes, Horace Hodges, Yorke Stephens, and E. W. Garden; Miss Helen Leyton, Mrs. Frank Huntley, and Miss Grace Hawthorne. The scenery is being painted by Messrs. Bruce Smith, Julian Hicks, and Richard C. Durant.

The Al Fresco Fayre and Floral Fête, which, under the direct Patronage of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and five other members of the Royal Family, is to be held on behalf of the Grosvenor Hospital, has now been definitely fixed for the three days, 29th, 30th, and 31st May. It bids fair to become the Society Show of the season, and the Committee have been obliged to take the South Kensington Conservatory in addition to the Royal Albert Hall. In the latter the Village Fair will be held, and in the former the Floral Fête, but there will be no extra charge for admission. Real materials will be used in constructing the scenes, and the ladies, some 200 in number, will be in rustic costumes, while 20 village maidens will devote themselves to selling the 10,000 copies of the Golden Grain Guide. Among the stall-holders will be the Viscountess Coke, the Marchioness of Hertford, Mrs. Bancroft, the Lady Constance Howard, the Viscountess Torrington, Lady Coleridge, Lady Gough, Mrs. Ronalds, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Margaret Seymour, Mrs. Arthur Wegueliu, the Countess F. Lutzow, Lady Jane Taylor, Lady Decies, the Hon. Mrs. Evelyn Ellis, Hon. Mrs. Stopford, Hon. Mrs. A. J. Ram, Mrs. W. Cunard and Lady Dalrymple Elphinstone.

We learn that there is a movement on foot by which the whole of the pictures, which are necessarily rejected by the Royal Academy for want of space, will be received for an exhibition at Olympia, Kensington, during the months of June, July, and August. There will be no Hanging Committee, and any pictures sent to the Royal Academy during the years 1887-8-9, but not hung, will be admitted, a small fee being charged for each one. Prizes ranging from £50 to £5 will be awarded. There will be additional attractions in the shape of music, and a small charge will be made for admission to Olympia.

THE PROVINCIAL G.M. OF WEST YORKSHIRE ON THE "THREE HOURS' SERVICE."

DR. BOURNE, Vicar of Christ Church, Doncaster, in response to the wishes of the Rev. E. Barbett, Vicar of Carleton, conducted the "three hours' service" in that church, from twelve to three o'clock, on Good Friday. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire (T. W. Tew, Esq., D.L.) was present during nearly the whole of the Service. The church was all but filled with a devout congregation, and the Provincial Grand Master has since expressed gratitude for the service, both on behalf of himself and all in Carleton; the Provincial Grand Master intimated that the preacher's simple touching language and feeling manner were most appropriate to the solemn occasion, and that the service made a deep impression on the minds and hearts of the congregation, who, as one of the agricultural communities (he further adds), often wish that the beaten track of the Prayer Book could, as in this instance, be departed from, and such services as the "three hours" be more frequently adopted, by which they would understand better the beautiful lessons of Holy Writ.

Obituary.

BRO. W. H. JEWITT.

THE remains of the late Bro. W. H. Jewitt P.M. and Treasurer of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, were interred on Monday, the 22nd ult., at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. The chief mourners included Messrs. George and Henry Jewitt (brothers), and Messrs Taylor, Dwerryhouse, and Harreden. The members of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1093, mustered in full force. There were also present Mr. Churchwarden Joseph Woodcock, Mr. Benson M'Granahan, and Mr. James Thompson (Secretary of the Constitutional Association). The Dental Association was represented by Dr. W. H. Waite (President), W. Ladyman, M. Alexander, Cutter, M'Nair, &c. The presence of so large a concourse of mourners testified to the high esteem and respect in which the late Bro. Jewitt was held by his fellow-citizens.

BRO. EDWIN MIDDLETON JONES.

ON Saturday, 20th ultimo, the mortal remains of Brother Edwin Middleton Jones, were interred at the St. Sairiol's Cemetery, Holyhead. The service, both at the house and the church, was conducted by the Revs. Chancellor Briscoe, D.D., and Robert Price, B.A. A number of the members of the St. Cybi Lodge, of which Lodge the deceased was I.P.M., attended. Among the mourners were Mrs. Jones (widow) and the deceased's ten children. The deceased had been manager of the gasworks, at Holyhead for fourteen years.

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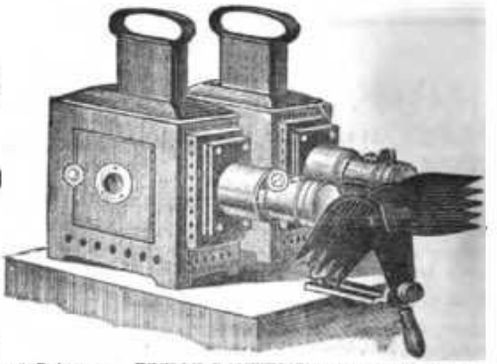
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THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE next few days promise to be busy ones in connection with the three Central Charities of Freemasonry, and it is not too much to say that the events of the coming week will for ever stand out prominently in the annals of Masonic Benevolence. First we may expect that the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Management and condition of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be distributed among the Subscribers of that Institution; then there will be the consideration of a letter of protest drawn up by its House and Finance and Audit Committees; next we may look to the sanctioning by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls of the expenditure of a sum of £31,000, on new buildings and other matters, as a part of the income of the Centenary Celebration of that Charity—a Special General Court of the Subscribers being called for Thursday next, to give the necessary powers; and, finally, there is the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held on Friday, when, if we mistake not, something more will be said on the subject of reform and alteration in the conduct of the business of the Masonic Institutions.

It is not necessary for us to repeat our remarks of last week in regard to the delay in sending out the Report of the Boys' School Inquiry Commission to the Subscribers. The Craft is still without copies, and the delay of a week which we then found fault with is now extended to a fortnight. As a consequence all manner of strange rumours are afloat as to what the Committee have discovered, what they find fault with, and what they suggest. We regret we are unable to give any official contradiction or confirmation of these rumours, but the following, which we extract from the *Yorkshire Daily Post* of Thursday, bears such a stamp of authenticity as to induce us to regard it as genuine, although why it should have found its way into a Yorkshire paper, when all information is denied the Subscribers and others most intimately interested, we are at a loss to understand. Our contemporary says:—

The conclusions unanimously arrived at by the committee are as follow:—

"1. The school is in an unsatisfactory state as regards its management. 2. The educational staff is satisfactory, the teaching good, and the school discipline well maintained. 3. There is an antagonism between the educational and domestic staff which seriously impairs the usefulness of the institution. 4. The effective control has fallen away from the House Committee. 5. The expenditure is extravagant and not properly regulated. 6. The feeding and clothing of the boys are not such as are represented by the expenditure, and their health and comfort are not satisfactorily attended to by the domestic staff. 7. The Finance Committee exercises no real check on the expenditure. 8. The accounts are not kept on a proper system, and those published are misleading. 9. The secretary has engrossed the control of the institution into his own hands, and to this and the friction between him and the domestic staff on the one side, and the head master and his adherents on the other, the great part of the present evils is to be attributed."

We therefore are of opinion that—

"1. An entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice, must take place before the management, discipline, and expenditure of the institution will be satisfactory. 2. There should be but one head authority (viz., the head master) at Wood Green, and the entire establishment there be subject to him. 3. The House Committee should be able and willing to take and keep the control in its own hands, must be in touch with the daily life of the school, and give more personal attention and exercise an intelligent authority in the institution. 4. The questions of sufficient playgrounds and proper appliances for health and cleanliness of the pupils require immediate attention. 5. The Finance Committee should regulate the expenditure under the House Committee, and not rest its efforts after merely checking the vouchers and books put before it. 6. The accounts should be kept as recommended by a qualified public accountant, and annually published as audited and approved by the Finance Committee. 7. The Secretary's duties should be strictly limited to the office, and he should not interfere at Wood Green save as the mere official channel of communication with the Head Master."

If this is the substance of the Committee's views on the several points submitted to them we think that far too much alarm is being shown by the supporters of the Charity, and it proves the evil of forming an opinion on hearsay evidence, or on rumour alone. We recognise the conclusions arrived at by the Committee, as given above, as being somewhat of a serious nature, as affecting the Institution and its management, but to say they are as bad as we have been led to believe is absurd. Putting the matter briefly, we may sum up the conclusions as something like a storm in a tea cup. The case that is made out shows a want of unanimity among the managers of the Institution, which is to be regretted, but which we regard as wholly inseparable from an establishment conducted on the lines of our Institutions. Domestic friction does, and must occur at all times in so large an undertaking, but it is only on special occasions that the proverbial "dirty linen" gets "washed in public." When this does unfortunately occur—and it is only necessary for our readers to look around and they will find instances of it in private as well as public life—it is usual for much to be made out of very little. This has happened in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which, if we may judge from the Committee's conclusions, is unfortunate in having numerous heads, without any one in actual authority to manage the whole concern. It appears to be the old story over again,—it is everybody's business to see matters go straight, and as a result no one does it, and until some recognised control is assumed by some individual or Committee we cannot expect much improvement. The Inquiry Commissioners appear to recognise this when they propose (see No. 3 above) that "the House Committee should be able and willing to take and keep the control in its own hands." This is undoubtedly necessary, and it must be carried out to the letter. Without question the present House Committee have been both able and willing to do this in the past, and if in this respect they have not proved themselves efficient it is because they have erred on the side of leniency. They may have allowed small matters to pass unnoticed, rather than be for ever grumbling or finding fault, which, as those of our readers who have had experience in managing large establishments will agree, is absolutely necessary to ensure efficiency. It is not possible among so many persons as are associated with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for all to go on smoothly year after year, and if the House Committee or other governing body does its work properly it will have to settle the many trivial as well as important grievances which arise; in doing so it is not always possible to satisfy every one. It is for the governing body to act fearlessly and zealously, to make rules and enforce them, without fear or favour, and they will earn the approval of those for whom they act, and will secure an amount of good feeling which is not possible by any other method. If, on the other hand, they are lenient, and allow each and all to

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manage their respective departments without proper supervision or control—as is said to have been the case with the House Committee of the Boys' School, at least in the opinion of the Inquiry Commissioners—then we may expect internal troubles and disagreements, such as have caused so much anxiety and ill feeling in connection with the establishment at Wood Green.

It is perhaps unfair on our part to ask our readers to wait for the full report of the Commissioners before forming any opinion on the subject, and at the same time express ourselves as we have done here, but, as we have said, the conclusions and suggestions given in the *Yorkshire Post* appear genuine, and warrant our accepting them as the actual verdict of the Commissioners, and accordingly we deal with them.

On the whole we think the suggestions, if carried out, will prove beneficial. We cannot see anything in the conclusions or suggestions before us which cannot be made to harmonise with existing arrangements, and a little unbiassed and careful consideration will convince others on the point and induce them to share this opinion. Let us briefly examine the verdict of the Commissioners. The school is in an unsatisfactory state as regards its management . . . . . the Educational staff is satisfactory, and its discipline is well maintained . . . there is an antagonism between the educational and domestic staff . . . . the effective control has fallen away from the House Committee . . . . the health and comfort of the boys are not satisfactorily attended to by the domestic staff . . . . the friction between the Secretary and the domestic staff on the one side, and the Head Master and his adherents on the other, is the cause of the great part of the present evils—in short, the house is divided against itself. To remedy this the Commissioners suggest there should be but one head authority at Wood Green . . . . the House Committee should take and keep the control in its own hands . . . . the Secretary's duties should be strictly limited to the office, and he should not interfere at Wood Green, save as the official channel of communication; that is to say, the work is to to be properly divided, the head of each department being made supreme in his own sphere, and, as a natural consequence, held responsible for what takes place in his section. This must be better than allowing numerous heads, without properly defined duties, with the certainty of their views clashing on casual points which each suppose to come within their special province. We fail to see in what way the suggested alterations need upset or interfere with the comfort of those at present associated with the management of the Institution, or why they should regard the verdict as reflecting on them personally or collectively. After all, if the work hitherto has been carried on without proper supervision, what is suggested is to introduce system and order, and surely the men who are now responsible recognize the desirability of both. Indeed, we know it has been the desire of all concerned to secure these two important factors, and if they have failed, it has been from tolerating—as previously said—too much leniency, rather than from any intentional opposition on their part. We shall be much surprised, now that the matter has been publicly brought to their notice, if they do not at once alter their mode of action, so as to secure all that is desired.

The letter to the Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry, from the House, and Finance and Audit Committees of the Institution (a copy of which we publish elsewhere) speaks for itself. The request contained therein for permission to see the shorthand notes is fair, and will, we hope, be readily accorded, for if the verdict is questioned, as being in opposition to the evidence, it loses much of the weight that would otherwise attach to it, besides which we know that the desire is to have a full and impartial understanding, now that the inquiry has been thoroughly started.

In regard to the Special General Court of the Girls' School, summoned for Thursday, it is only necessary to refer our readers to the advertisement, which appears elsewhere, to put them in possession of the necessary facts of the case. The proposition will doubtless be agreed to, and thus the outcome of the Centenary Celebration will be advanced another and most satisfactory stage.

The Annual General Meeting and election of Annuitants of the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution follows, the next day, Friday, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. As usual, a severe contest is expected for the vacancies which are to be filled up, and which, unfortunately, will not go far among the very large number of approved candidates who are awaiting the result of the contest. As shown by the balloting papers issued for the election there are one hundred and forty-three applicants, with only twenty-seven available annuities, and even of this number six are, as usual deferred annuities, only payable in the event of the death of some of those already receiving the benefits of the Institution. For the Male Branch of the Fund there are sixty-two applicants competing for the 17 annuities (14 immediate and 3 deferred), while for the Widows' Branch the number of applicants is 81, and the annuities to be awarded, 10 (seven immediate and three deferred). In addition to these declared vacancies available for the coming election we may reckon on others being announced at the Annual Meeting, which precedes the poll, to fill those falling in through the death of annuitants since the voting papers were issued, but in any case it is certain the number of annuities to be distributed will be far short of what is necessary to satisfy all who have been approved as eligible to receive them; indeed it will be most fortunate for the 143 candidates if sufficient vacancies are declared to enable one-third of their number to be admitted to a participation in the benefits of the Institution.

As we said at the outset of the present remarks, these several matters lead us to anticipate a busy time during the next few days. We hope they may all be carried out in the true spirit of Masonic feeling, and that all may result satisfactorily to the Craft and its members.

We regret to hear that Bro. John Mason's state of health will necessitate his taking a few weeks' rest from his duties as Collector of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We trust the genial weather we may look for at this season of the year will help to soon place our energetic brother in the band of workers again.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last. Bro. George Plunkett P.G.D. Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. Stone, Corble, Glass, Saunders, Miller, Daniel, Webb, A. R. Motion, T. A. Motion, Glass, Cumberland, Morgan, Scurrah, Mickley, Eve, Harper, Murray, Roebuck, Mather, Venn, Gillard, Maple, Moon, Soppet, Homewood, Dale, Tucker, Weeden, Richardson, Storr, Ramsay, Stiles, Griffith, Paas, Rayner, Dixie, Page and Binckes. The minutes of the last Committee having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, two petitions were considered, and the names directed to be entered on the list of candidates for the October election. The recommendation of the House Committee that a boy named Sugden should be educated out of the establishment was endorsed, and the usual allowance of £5 per quarter voted. A grant towards outfit was voted to an ex-pupil. The resignation of Bros. Charles Belton and Dudley Rolls, as members of the House Committee, and Bro. Henry Young as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee, were submitted and accepted. The following brethren were nominated for election next month as members of the House Committee, viz.: Bros. A. Brookman, J. S. Cumberland, Richard Eve, W. Masters, and Edward Terry, proposed by Bro. C. E. Soppet; Bros. George Corble and John Glass, by Bro. Andrew R. Motion; and Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., H. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, J. Joyce Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., H. Venn, and John Wordsworth, by Bro. Charles Daniel; 12 to be elected. The following were nominated for election as the Audit and Finance Committee, viz., Bros. Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, Thomas Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, W. A. Scurrah, and C. E. Soppet, by Bro. George Mickley. Nine to be elected. After some discussion, it was resolved that the customary mark of distinction should be retained in the voting papers, those who are "old members" to have an * against their names. The Report of the Audit and Finance Committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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I CONGRATULATE you over the completion of this beautiful temple. It is graceful and majestic in outline and proportion, and reflects praise on the skill of architect and builder. We have this day partipitated in ceremonies which dedicate this magnificent pile to the uses of the fraternity hereafter for ever. But this building and this room have taken on a deeper meaning this day. For months the populace of this busy city has rushed to and fro, past the closed door of this building; and although the people knew its intended purpose, yet as a temple it had no tongue to speak. But the solemn services of this day have given birth to the real meaning of this pile. And now every stone and brick have become vocal with instruction. True, among the unitiated there are those who complain because Masonry is so symbolical; and what to us are characters in the alphabet of love and fraternity to them is empty mummery. Yet the great brotherhood only conforms to the universal law, that which teaches men to express their dearest thoughts by signs and tokens. The plain golden band, which encircles the finger of the young bride, is eloquent in its symbolism. The Psalmist affirms: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." Nature is full of symbols, that talk English to us. Individuals and nations are constantly expressing some great idea by the use of symbols.

It is, as George Dana Boardman says: "What power there is in a symbol we need not go to the books to learn. Visit with me a Gettysburg of civil war. All around us the red sea of battle heaves and roars. But look! by yonder turn in the valley the billow swells highest and reddest. Here is the maelstrom of the fury; the crucial spot of the fight. Here platoon blends with platoon, bayonet crosses bayonet, breast hurtles against breast. And now another awful shock, fiercest of all; and then above the groan of dying and boom of gun swells a shout, long, clear, ecstatic, 'It is ours,' 'It is ours!' What is ours? A smoke-blackened, shot-riddled, bayonet-rent bit of bunting—as a piece of cloth, nothing—as the star spangled banner, everything.

"Into that banner are gathered country, and constitution, and government, and liberty, and glory, and fireside and altar. As a piece of cloth it is absolutely nothing; as a symbol it is the concentrated essence of the United States. And this is its power. So long as the flag floats over his ranks, the soldier feels that he has everything to fight for—everything to make him fight."

So to Masons this temple, and this hall, compose a symbol full of deep meaning and power. In it is concentrated the essence of those principles that go to make manhood glorious and worth contending for. This temple is but a human life symbolised. This temple hall is like a soul within a tabernacle of clay; here Masonic thought and activity are born; here that life courses which gives meaning to all the externals. The time was when the smooth and polished stones were in the quarry, rough and misshapen, when the bricks were unmolded in their native clay; when even the rafters and posts were without comeliness, and in the dark forest were smitten by every wintry blast. But master hands have quarried the stone, and pressed the brick, and planed the timber. And now, in a symmetrical and beautiful whole, the uncomeliness of the past overcome by struggles—perfected—is surmounted by the cross and crown! Such are the struggles of a man! He comes into the world naked and helpless; blind to the beauties of nature, and ignorant of antagonistic forces. But in due time he is brought to light. Wisdom and truth become his teachers. He learns that his thoughts and deeds are the forest, are the quarry, out of which shall come the timber and stone that shall form the temple of character. He wars with sin and temptation, and through the sign of the cross conquers. By the help of the "Master Carpenter of Nazareth" all uncomeliness is removed; in the dawn of the morning, the temple of his soul receives a crown and the "well done."

Never in the history of the world has there been a sacred building like unto the temple of Solomon. Beautiful for situation, magnificent in its appointments, holy in its uses, it became the earthly dwelling place of the Most High. When the pilgrim bands came together from all parts of the land to behold the beauty of the Lord and to worship in His temple, they stood enraptured with its unrivalled beauty, and they shaded their eyes from the burning glory that encircled it like a sun. The architectural design for the structure was drawn on a divine trestleboard and came down from heaven. The ark, which was the symbol of Jehovah's presence, was set down in the holy place. The hallowed worship of God was accompanied by all the accessories which tended to impress the minds of the people with a realism of God's near presence. There was roll and swell of music in hymns of praise; then the priest came before the people, and spread forth his hands in prayer, and all hearts were bowed in worship! Their external rites were expressive of the internal Spirit that dwelt in their courts. So in the more modern temple of Masonry, the services express our love for God, and our good will toward men. Like Solomon's building, in many respects the temple of Masonry serves to draw true manhood nearer to God! This may sound like "strange doctrine" to some who have been taught to look upon the fraternity as a Godless institution. There are those in every community who have the prejudiced thought that Freemasonry is the foster mother of atheism. But when they witness those whom they trust going up into the temple; when many of those they fondly love are the same devout, painstaking husbands, fathers and brothers in the home, church and state, they are nonplussed. We who handle the treasures of the "inner place" ought to be in a position to satisfactorily answer their inquiries concerning the Craft. Not that Freemasonry needs any defence! for, like Gibraltar, it has been lashed by the storms, and the mutations of time have passed over it; but its bosom of granite truth has hurled the divided waves back upon themselves, while its pinnacles tower higher than ever! Yet there are those who have been attracted by the symmetry and beauty of our fabric, and these might become nobler if the implements of our Craft were laid upon their characters. The laws of this great institution recognise the fact that man is struggling with sin and adversity, and that help may be given to him that he may better construct the moral and spiritual temple of his character. Let us therefore endeavour to make an exposition of some of the great principles which underlie this institution.

1. What is Freemasonry? Some erroneously think that the countersigns and ceremonials of our great Order are Freemasonry—but it is something beyond signs and degrees, beyond the grips and passwords. Freemasonry uses these things only that it may couple its power on to human life, just as a wire connects the electricity of the battery with one's hand. In the religious world it is not the hymn book, nor the order of service, nor the sermon, that contains the power which performs a good work in the worshippers heart—these are only a vehicle by which the Holy Spirit reaches the soul and performs His function. So you do find any well informed Mason laying great stress on the symbols and rituals. We may admire them as one admires the symmetrical proportion, the shining brass and steel rods, the great wheels and cylinders of the locomotive. But the power which we respect is within and cannot be seen; it is this unseen power that does the work and makes the brass and iron of value. The Freemason may commend some beautiful symbol, some impressive degree, but it is the living Spirit which fills the symbol and degree, and through them touches and uplifts the heart that he adores! The devout Catholic adores the crucifix, not because he thinks the brass and wood of which it is made have any efficacy; but because the truth behind the symbol, and which the crucifix helps him grasp, has power to aid him. Just so with Freemasonry! Back of the material which catches the natural eye, and the words that fall upon the ear, are great living principles which are the heart and lungs of the organisation. These manifold principles centre in truth—but what kind of truth? Oh, Freemasonry has never assumed the office of a prophet and claimed to present to men a newer revelation. It takes the principles of this old truth which Jesus and the prophets taught, and in its own way seeks to apply them to the needs of its craftsmen! Nowhere does Freemasonry assume the authority, or even attempt to bring before men novel inventions which have only the semblances of truth. In this respect Freemasonry is vastly more orthodox than

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some modern churches. Freemasonry takes the old landmarks by which the way to right living, a happy death and true immortality is to be found. It only gathers up the well known principles of truth as already revealed by God, and seeks to place them in such a garb that its members may make a successful application of them to an every day life. Freemasonry is a body of eternal principles which may be applied to the work of elevating human character. Its influence for good is not confined to the Lodge room. It goes out into everyday life, and through its members touches society as a player puts his hands to the strings of a harp! The institution is no fanciful thing dealing in historical reminiscences and social sentimentality! It recognises hard, everyday facts. Its laws comprehend the unalterable truth that no man liveth or dieth to himself. The influences of each man's life do their share of the work that moulds some neighbour's character. Some one will be the better or worse for our having lived in the world. Therefore it is plain to be seen that whatever elevates even a section of mankind benefits society at large.

Freemasonry stands just there. It endeavours to prepare the heart of a craftsman for the higher work of Christianity. It earnestly seeks to make a truer citizen and better man of him. To accomplish this, Freemasonry teaches its brotherhood how to best apply to an everyday life the principles of that body of truth I have mentioned. Well, in making an exposition of some of these great principles, which are the foundation stones, we find—

2. That Freemasonry teaches fidelity to religious duties? He that is true to God will be true to his fellow men. Masonry recognises this, and so in its instructions goes deeper than the rudiments of an intelligent and social training. It exhorts its craftsmen to be ever mindful of what they owe God. By the most impressive lessons does the Order seek to fasten this principle in the hearts of the brotherhood. Do you think of some unworthy man who calls himself a Mason? Remember that he may be able to give all the grips and whisper every pass word, yet, if he forgets God, and his habits are sinful and his language unchaste, he is not a true Mason, only a parody! Some delinquent brother may fail in his religious duties, but not because Freemasonry has been unfaithful in its teaching! A member of some household by disgraceful conduct may bring shame upon his parents, brothers and sisters; but no one is cruel enough to set him up as a criterion by which to judge the character of the family. He who is false to his oath of allegiance to the United States is not a sample of that nobler citizenship which is the glory of America. So the unworthy man who wears the Masonic badge is not to be taken as a specimen of Freemasonry. There are a multitude in the community who are widely known as honest men, pre-eminently virtuous, and devout worshippers of God. These are the specimens by which fair-minded people will judge of the handiwork of Freemasonry! Out in the diamond fields of Golconda no one thinks of picking up a stone in the rough and saying, "Look at its brownness, look at its angularities; if this be a diamond, I reject it." He waits until the stone has been shaped and polished and then exclaims, "Beautiful! let us seek another diamond." Wait, friends, allow the tools of Freemasonry to shape some of these diamonds in the rough, before you pass judgment. It is the glory of the Christian church that it is God's hospital on earth. It receives the morally blind and lame for upliftal. If, after uniting with the church, the old malady breaks forth, it patiently reapplies the bandages and ointments of the gospel. These are not pitilessly cast forth! True Freemasonry is not a church. It offers no salvation of its own. It never says, "Look unto me and be ye saved." But Freemasonry, handmaid of the church that she is, emulates that example, and is full of pity and compassion for those who err! Freemasonry is only another hospital; and as allopathy differs from homœopathy, so the treatment may be different, but the same Lord is God of both and moral health is the end sought in each.

The foundation for such soul upliftal is only found in the fidelity of religious duties! And Freemasonry begins with inculcating "Love to God." From the moment a stranger "seeking light" is admitted to the mystic chamber, he observes that through every part and detail of the ceremonies there runs one idea like a golden thread in a web of cloth—God. There is no travesty in divine things. No mummery. How the thought of God blazes from that letter of gold in the east! How the call to his service rises like the near words of a silver-tongued voice from the "Great Light" of the altar! God is everywhere. He was in the Lodge room when those sublimest of all words were spoken by the candidate. By rite and ritual; by sign and symbol; by words and precept Freemasonry endeavours to keep those vows, and God's reward for obediency before the mind of the craftsman. These are like the ring on the bride's finger; they are a memento of the pledge and what he promised to obey. Thus you see the tendency of the teaching of Freemasonry is to keep alive one's purpose to serve God, and to elevate the moral standard of the craftsman's living. Solomon, because of this "love to God," spared not himself in the building of the temple; his wealth and talents were devoted to the work. So he who has truly entered into the spirit of Freemasonry; he who really feels its sublime influence, has no hesitancy in applying himself and all that he has to the great work of making his soul a living temple for the indwelling of God; of which Solomon's temple was only a type. God in the temple! He who arched the blue dome and studded it with laughing worlds; who set up the pillars of the earth; and swung the planets into sockets that are not seen, dwelling with man, O! what an incentive for the Mason to restrain his passions, and to exercise his patience, and to carefully rear aloft the walls of his character, that the capstone may be brought forth with great rejoicing and receive the Master's approval.

This work of building the moral temple also involves the Mason's love for his fellow man. He who knew no guile said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself." O there is a luxury in doing good; to love men for God's sake is the noblest of aims! Christ, to whom we look for immortality, was a manifestation of God's love to men; Christ made that love real. But now, Freemasons share in the blessed work of making real to others that same love. This is part of every Mason's religious obligation. During the "working hours" of life many of these we call brethren fall sick through much weariness. There are times when adversity with a heavy hand smites. How frequently do the night shades, and chill damps of death gather in bright homes. It is the mission of Freemasonry to carry to that weary one an elixir of sympathy. To stand beside that fallen one and say, "Brother give me thy hand." O yes, it is the mission of Masonry to kneel by that bedside of death, and with soft touch wipe the sweat beads from the fevered brow, whisper of Beulah land, where tear drops are not seen, and graves are not cut, and where the happy song is always singing. It is here that the Freemason has the opportunity of proving his profession. He manifests his love to God, by loving the man that came from God's hand! The open palm, the sympathetic heart, the loving word, are the proofs of a man's Masonry! These are the "level and square" trying his character to see if it is worthy! Ornamental veneerings attached to a man's reputation are like a network of frost on a window pane, it is gone with the sun's looking—so heart deeds, and not sentimental superficiality, will stand a searching glance from "the all-seeing eye." Be sure the moral and spiritual structure we erect has a correspondence to that "Great Temple" true Mason's revere! Go to the "trestle-board" often. Photograph the design on your heart. O, Freemasonry is a life, not a gibberish of empty phrases! This is the secret of its golden years.

It is not built of hay and stubble, nor even of gold and silver, but of immortal mind. It is a temple of lively stones neatly joined together. Like the pyramids, unmoved in silent majesty it looks down upon the passing centuries. Empires who saw its infancy have scattered like dust, but, as the stars, Freemasonry ever shines in the night of human struggle. Go to those pyramids and test the stones by the square and plumb and level, and you shall learn that these monuments of the past endure because of Masonic honesty in the work! So Freemasonry abides, because of the patient, conscientious work that has cemented hearts together in the enduring bonds of an honest brotherhood. Its foundations of truth; its pillars of wisdom, strength and beauty; its dome of eternal brotherhood; its spires that touch the bright blue skies of immortality, reveal the skill of the Supreme Architect, to whom be the glory for ever. Yes, Freemasonry, while not a church, is religion in practical operation! It is in harmony with that golden precept, "pure religion, undefiled before God the Father is this; to visit the father-

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less and widows in their affliction and to keep ourself unspotted from the world." O, Freemasonry is human life in poetry. It is the discordant notes of toil blended into a symphony. Other principles of Freemasonry are found:

8. In the moral ethics taught the brotherhood! Freemasonry is not a modern frame structure, built of unseasoned material, quickly put together, and which rests on the shifting sands of some popular notion. Freemasonry is a fabric of granite. "Truth" is the rock upon which the builders have erected the towers and pinnacles. Out of that truth, as a natural sequence, have risen the mighty walls of "Duty to God" and "Love to man." Then most naturally follows this system of ethical doctrines. Through them Freemasonry aims to present to the community the best type of manhood. It seems to me that if the canvas of "The Virgin at Prayer," or "The Carpenter of Nazareth" be considered a specimen of artistic skill, that Masonry has lofty "ideals" of which it may be proud. Just think of that man who is fit to stand beside the immortal Lincoln! He who threw his all into the same scale with those struggling colonists of 1776. Think of his fidelity when untold English gold was temptingly placed before him. Think of his great noble heart so broken with pity for those starving patriots at Valley Forge, that, general though he was, he knelt in the cold snow and prayed for them and their cause. George Washington, the Father of his country, was a Free and Accepted Mason! I might mention other names that have been like "Tuscan pillars for strength," in the business world—or like "Ionic columns for delicacy and elegance" in the social world—or like the "Corinthian pillar for beauty and richness," in the religious community; and who were Free and Accepted Masons. I say Freemasonry has an honourable record!

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ANTIQUITY LODGE, No. 146.

AN innovation in the annals of Bolton Freemasonry was inaugurated on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when the brethren invited their lady friends to a social gathering at the house of Bro. Downs S.W. The novelty of the event proved a great attraction, and the company numbered upwards of sixty. The large saloon and entertaining rooms had been specially prepared, and the decorations were neat and effective. Masonic hospitality is proverbial, and was displayed in its most generous form. His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Barrett, J.P.), who occupies the position of W.M. of the Lodge, was present, and the company included several Past Masters and other Officers. From shortly after 8 p.m. until three o'clock in the morning song and dance alternated most enjoyably, the vocal talent being of the best, whilst the dance music, as rendered by Mr. Williams' band, included selections from the latest operas. Bros. W. Harrison, W. Long, and J. Hilson acted as hon. secs., and it is probable that the success of the gathering will make it the precursor of many similar assemblies.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 242.

THE annual meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at Doncaster, when Bro. W. A. Fretwell was installed Worshipful Master. The installing ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. F. D. Walker. The Officers for the ensuing year were afterwards invested. The annual banquet was held at the Reindeer Hotel.

FIDELITY AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 348.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., Bro. H. G. Crowe was duly installed as W.M., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton. The Installing Master was Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. afterwards appointed the following Officers:—Bros. W. Adams I.P.M., W. Bidgood S.W., G. Strawbridge J.W., J. Lewis M.O., C. Barrett S.O., J. Gill J.O., J. Showers Treas., C. R. Humphrey Secretary, F. B. Wickenden S.D., R. Knight J.D., J. Vile D.C., R. U. Hartnell R.M., T. Chaffin Org., E. Goodman I.G., and T. Tidbury Tyler.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

A LARGE number of brethren assembled on Saturday afternoon, 4th inst., at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, to witness the installation of Bro. Alfred Herbert Lee as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were present:—Bros. William Sparrowhark W.M., Alfred Herbert Lee S.W., John Hamlin J.W., Richard Durtnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. Secretary, F. P. Lee S.D., G. D. Kent J.D., W. H. Pascoe Dir. of Cers., Henry S. Strange Assist. Dir. of Cers., Charles Hooker I.G., W. Burfoot Steward, A. W. Duret P.M., Edward J. Dodd P.M., C. J. Birch P.M., Edwin S Strange P.M., R. Stevenson, N. Strange, C. H. Whitcombe, John Fyfe, L. G. Smith, T. Houldsworth, Josiah Willmot, Thomas Baker, Edwin M. H. State, N. Grunwell, T. H. Knight, S. Newman, George Dixon, A. Wallace Lloyd. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. H. Perryman 3, Thomas D. Hayes 913, John Burton 874, George Kennedy 1536, S. W. Shaw 1965, J. G. Calway 1619, F. D. Vine 173, James Stevens 1216, W. H. Cronk 1414, W. Drewitt 889, Geo. Gable 902, Thos. Clibbon 20, W. D. Keeble 913, Fredk. Gordon 1063, H. Pawment 700, Regan Martin 874, J. B. Groom 2046, J. W. Jull 1414, H. Harris 874, J. M. Broad 2255, F. Dangerfield 1260, B. C Colls 874, Geo. Gova 2250, J. I. Emberry 2250, F. Soman 2250 1585, R. C. Clark 874, G. S. Hunt, J. F. Miles 1585, Samuel Scovell 319. Bro. A. W. Duret was the installing Master, and the ceremony was performed in every respect to perfection. After the readmission of the brethren the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. W. Sparrowhawk I.P.M., Hamlin S.W., T. P. Lee J.W., Durtnell Treasurer, Jewell Secretary, Kent S.D., Hooker J.D., Pascoe I.G., Strange Dir. of Cers., Burfoot Assist. D.C., Dixon and Fyfe Stewards, South Tyler, and Birch P.M. member of the Charity Committee. Five gentlemen were proposed as initiates, and it is understood there are more names to be proposed at the next meeting. The new W.M. is evidently going to have a busy, and we trust a prosperous year of office. A first-rate banquet was provided by Bro. Waller, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THE installation meeting of this popular and prosperous Lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, on Wednesday, 1st instant. There were present Bros. W. C. Williams W.M., Wing S.W., Harding J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Sandalls S.D., Oliver J.D., Collings P.M. D.C., Stacey P.M. Organist, Gordon Assistant Organist, Page P.M. Steward, Coombe I.G., Walkley and Bowler Tylers. Also P.M.'s Boehr, Mansell, Collick and Pardoe jun. The Visitors' list was a long one, and comprised several distinguished brethren; among the Past Provincial Grand Officers were S. Pardoe sen. P.M. 511 P.P.G.D., Higerty P.M. 1044 P.P.G.D., G. Moorman P.M. 1638 P.G. Pursuivant Surrey; P.M.'s Williams 865, Causton 865, Wingfield 1360, Sims 334, Frank 1216, Wilkins 902, Read 511, Williams W.M. 2090, Luckhurst W.M. 1604, Cochrane W.M. 3, O'Connell W.M. 2157, Skar W.M. 1891, East W.M. 1642, Foan J.D. 1614, Robinson J.D. 704, Hall 1679, Nicholson 359, Bond I.G. 1665, Inglish 901, West 865, Higham 2090, Davis S.W. 902 and others. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. F. Thomas and W. P. Chapman, both proposed by Bro. Cox, and seconded by Bro. Morrish; also for Mr. D. Saines, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Harding. The ballot being unanimous in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. Wing, who at the last meeting had been unanimously elected W.M., was obligated, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed he was installed by the I.P.M., Bro. Williams, in a most masterly and impressive manner. Bro. Wing appointed and invested his Officers, as under:—Bros. Harding S.W., Sandalls J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson Secretary pro tem, Oliver S.D., Coombe J.D., Collings D.C., Stacey Organist, Wright I.G., Grundy Steward, Fayers Assistant Steward, Gordon Assistant Organist, Walkley Tyler. In investing the Officers, the W.M. spoke a few appropriate words to each, and in the case of the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Robinson, remarked how sorry the Lodge and himself would be at losing his services, but expressing his thanks that Bro. Robinson had consented to act pro tem, so as to give time to choose his successor. The auditors' report as read was adopted, and some routine business having been transacted the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till the first Wednesday in October. At the banquet which followed, to which 63 sat down, the toasts of the Queen and the M.W. Grand Master were enthusiastically received and accorded musical honours, Bro. Gordon Assist. Organist accompanying. The next toast, that of the Grand Officers, was followed by a song by Miss Silcock (the daughter of the host), "Angels, take me to your care." The I.P.M. proposed the W.M., congratulating him on his accession to office, and wishing him a most happy and successful year. Bro. Collick sang "Come into the garden, Maud," after which the W.M. responded. The next toast was the Initiates. Miss Greta Williams (daughter of Bro. R. H. Williams P.M. 865) sang "In the Chimney Corner," accompanied by Miss Silcock, and being encored, sang "Woodstock Town." The initiates briefly responded. The W.M., in proposing the Visitors, remarked upon the number of visitors and the elevated rank of so many of them, and called upon Bro. Cochrane Worshipful Master No. 3, and Bro. Read Past Master 511 to respond. Mr. Burn sang "The Distant Shore," and the two brethren named responded in a few well chosen remarks, particularly complimenting the Lodge on having such a genial W.M. and such an excellent host. The next toast was the Installing Master, and as he was also the I.P.M. the toast partook of a dual character. The W.M. expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. for the satisfactory state of the balance sheet. Bro. Heath performed, in masterly style a cornet solo, "Cavatina," and Bro. Williams responded. For the Past Masters Bro. Boehr responded. The Treasurer and Secretary was next given, Bro. Watkins responding, Bro. Robinson having had to leave. The Officers were then complimented, the Senior and Junior Wardens responding. The Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant meeting.

SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

ON Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, Bro. Alfred Trewinnard, Secretary, was presented with a handsome Secretary's jewel. There was a large attendance of the brethren and numerous visitors. Bro. W. Lewis W.M., in presenting the jewel on behalf of the Lodge, spoke in the most eulogistic terms of Bro. Trewinnard, pointing out how much the Lodge owed to their Secretary for the years of devotion and disinterested service which he had rendered them, and also referring to the personal regard in which he was held by every member of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master's observations were seconded by Bro. Tibbetts P.M., who also spoke most highly of the Masonic qualities and high principles

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possessed by Bro. Trewinnard. Bro. Alfred Trewinnard, who seemed to feel and to appreciate the compliment paid him, in a few well chosen remarks most heartily thanked the brethren, and expressed his wish that he might be amongst them for many years wearing the jewel as a souvenir of the good feeling and regard with which he was held in the Lodge.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE Centenary Festival was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. I. Botibol; Bros. Gardner S.W., Gardner J.W., Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Lyons Treasurer. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was closed in due form. An elegant banquet, bountifully provided, was served in elegant style. Bro. Madell, manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, was assiduous in his attentions to the guests, and full justice was done to cuisine and cellar. Brother Joseph Josephs superintended. For the first time in the history of the Joppa Lodge, ladies were admitted. The regular toasts were given. Bro. Abrahams Past Master, Chairman of the Benevolent Fund, had much pleasure in informing the brethren and their friends that this fund now amounted to a sum of £800. They were always liberal to brethren in distress, and they had given as much as £100 to a brother. Bro. P.M. Alexander, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary with a framed testimonial and a very handsome silver tea and coffee service. Bro. Lazarus thanked the W.M. and brethren in a characteristic speech. During the dinner an excellent band played, under the direction of Bro. Jacques Wynman. Later on, a very choice selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Signor Pagano. After the banquet the company retired to the ball-room, where Bro. Wynman's band played an enchanting selection of dance music, Bro. Wynman acting as Director and Hon. M.C.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. Edmund Dare W.M., J. P. Houghton I.P.M., Henry Sapsworth S.W., J. W. Marjason J.W., George Rowland Secretary, W. Forster Reynolds Treasurer, A. Crew S.D., A. Aldin J.D., B. Measum D.C., S. Covell I.G., J. Aldridge and J. H. Ford Stewards, B. E. Blasby P.M., C. I. Digby P.M., W. R. Phillips P.M., T. Skewes Cox P.G. Steward P.M. W.M. 8, and others. Visitors—Edward Terry G. Treasurer, Samuel Brooks P.M. 1608, Thos. Neal 1348, J. Brown P.M. 169, A. E. Adams 1767, J. E. Shand P.M., J. T. Briggs P.P.G. Senior Deacon Middlesex, James H. Jarvis P.P.G. Steward Surrey, Douglas Young Senior Deacon 1872, F. Hunt 1196, J. W. Rogerson 1196, R. R. Collick P.M. 1585, R. W. Forge P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, F. C. Austin I.P.M. 1733, W. Goldstein 1563, A. Loft P.M. 946, A. Tucker P.M. 1733, A. Collins P.M. 1733, W. J. Stratton 186, H. C. Lansdown J.D. 1542, W. J. Long 209, W. W. Lee 1897. Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Young was passed to the second degree. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. H. Sapsworth duly installed as W.M. by Bro. E. Dare I.P.M. Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. E. Dare I.P.M., J. M. Marjason S.W., F. A. Crew J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, A. Aldin S.D., T. Covell J.D., J. Aldridge I.G., B. Measum Dir. of Cers., S. Abell Steward, H. F. Nash Assistant Steward, F. G. Mitchell Tyler. The addresses having been delivered by the I.P.M., he was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the brethren, in recognition of his admirable work during the past year. Bro. Edmund Dare acknowledged the gift, assuring the brethren that he had performed his duties to the best of his ability, and expressed his gratification that his efforts had given satisfaction. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by the host, Bro. Mouflet. The usual toasts were afterwards given, Bro. Cox returning thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Dare, in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Sapsworth had shown his good qualities in every office he had occupied, and there was no one more deserving of the highest honour they could confer than the brother who had unanimously received it. The W.M. and he joined Masonry at the same time, and were workers together in their mother Lodge, in which he hoped to instal Bro. Sapsworth a year hence. Bro. Sapsworth said he regarded it as an honour and pride to be unanimously elected the Worshipful Master, and during his year it would be his endeavour to make the members as happy and comfortable as possible. The I.P.M. having been given and replied to, Bros. Blasby responded for the P.M.'s, and Bros. Briggs, Forge and others on behalf of the Visitors. The Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on the 3rd inst., at 5 p.m. Present:—Bros. W. Simpson (R.I., M.R.A.S.) W.M. in the chair, R. F. Gould P.G.D., Col. S. C. Pratt R.A., W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B., G. W. Speth, R. v. C. J. Ball, E. Macbean, W. H. Rylands Past Grand Steward, Professor W. Mattieu Williams and C. Kupferschmidt. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle:—Bros. Col. J. Mead, W. M. Graham, Rev. O. C. Cockrem, Professor F. W. Driver, James Stevens, G. J. Dunckley, W. Lake, Robt. A. Gowan, J. B. Mackey, Max Mendelssohn, F. A. Powell, G. A. Nock, C. F. Hogard P.G. St. B., and G. Greiner. Also the following visitors:—Bros. Rev. S. T. U. Saunders, S. Scott Young, G. R. Langley, and Francis Peglor. The minutes having been confirmed, the Secretary called attention to the gift by Bro. W. M. Graham of several photographs of a Lodge jewel, belonging at one time to Bro. Robert Burns, exhibited at the former meeting, which he had made and brought with him for the acceptance of the brethren. The following 11 Lodges and 31 brethren were admitted to the Correspondence Circle, bringing the total of intrants to 629, viz.: the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire, Shirley Lodge 1112, Southampton; Makerfield Lodge 2155, Newton-le-Willows; Humber Lodge 57, Hull; Stewart Lodge 1960, Rawul-Pindee; Lindsey Lodge 712, Louth; Cadogan Lodge 162, Chelsea; Menturia Lodge 418, Stafford; Marmion Lodge 1060, Tamworth; and Lurgan Lodge 134, Lurgan, Ireland; and Bros. General J. C. Smith, G.M. Illinois; H. S. Pike, Colchester; F. C. Robinson, Bradford; J. R. Ansdell, Hull; A. Hart, Crewkerne; W. V. S. Cockson, Hartebeestfontein, Transvaal; G. C. Cooper, Graaff-Reinet, Cape Colony; L. Lipinski, A. Levy, H. Levy, C. E. G. Cumings, B. Danziger, D. C. Stevens, Madge, all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; Capt. J. J. Vaughan, R.A., Quetta; J. A. Garner P.G. Reg., J. E. Thomas P.A.G. Secretary, both of Adelaide, South Australia; A. Kemp, Glenelg, South Australia; G. L. Young, Port Adelaide; R. S. Brown Grand Scribe E. of Scotland; J. T. S. Elliot S.G.W. of Scotland; J. Webster, Edinburgh; H. Manfield, Northampton; Major C. M. Howell P. Dis. Dep. G.M. Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. J. Y. Mitchell, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; S. D. Setos, Hong Kong; W. Shephard, Louth; W. L. Southwell, Bridgnorth; J. G. Koch, Penang; G. R. MacGregor, Bi[illegible]ley, Yorkshire; and George Kelly P.G.S.B. London. The routine business having been concluded, Bro. G. W. Speth read a paper entitled "The Foundation of Modern Freemasonry." In very concise language, perhaps too much so, he recounted the proceedings of the four old Lodges in London and Westminster in 1716 and 1717, which resulted in the formation of the parent Grand Lodge of the World. The subsequent fortunes of these Lodges were then glanced at, the growth of the organisation described, reference made to the two schisms of last century, and a short account given of the fees, clothing, officers, &c., &c., as they varied from time to time. The history was brought down to the beginning of this century, and notice taken of the Institution of the Girls' School and the various Committees of Grand Lodge. The paper was listened to with much attention, and some additions to the general knowledge were contributed by Bros. Rylands and Gould. A vote of thanks concluded the proceedings, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—At the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on the 7th instant. Bros. Garrard W.M., Goodinge S.W., Liscombe J.W., Ansell S.D., Poppmacher J.D., J. Davis jun. I.G., S. Dancyger Deputy Preceptor, R. J. Chillingworth Treasurer, H. Saqui Secretary; also Marcus, A. Botibol, G. H. Cohen, H. Waud, I. Botibol, A. Cohen, Jenkins, J. Dancyger, A. Quadratstein, J. Davis sen., Pege, White, Marks, &c. The business comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Quadratstein candidate. The election of Officers for ensuing year resulted as follows:—Bros. Dancyger Preceptor, Goodinge Treasurer, Saqui Secretary.

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CONTRIBUTIONS have recently been received from the following:—The Grand Chapter Club, the Drury Lane, York, and Grayston Lodges; Bros. the Maharaja of Kuch-Behar, G.C.I.E., J. C. Smith Grand Master Illinois; General Charles Roome Past Grand Master New York; H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D., Colonel Peters P.G.S.B., H. W. Partridge P.M. 79, H. F. Auldjo P.M. 92, G. Greiner J.W. 92, Sydney Shorter P.M. 92, A. J. P. Wise 92, John Taylor J.D. 328, E. W. C. Wilson 331, J. Coleman Hughes Past District Grand Registrar South China; and Martin Collins Grand Chamberlain Supreme Council 33° Southern Jurisdiction U.S.A.

An invitation smoking concert, given by the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, took place in the Assembly Rooms, Boston, on Monday evening, the 29th ult., and was attended by upwards of seventy brethren and friends. Bro. C. Lucas W.M. presided, and Bro. J. H. Padley acted as Director of the Ceremonies. A capital programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and recitations, had been arranged by Bro. G. H. Gregory P.G. Organist.

Captain H. Murrell, of the steamer Missouri, who rescued the passengers and crew of the Danmark, is a member of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Carlton Hill, Leeds. He is only twenty-seven, and passed the Board of Trade and obtained his master's certificate nearly six years ago, and soon afterwards had command of the steamer Surrey, about 4,000 tons register, built by Messrs. Gray and Sons, Hartlepool, for Messrs. Hooper, Murrell, and Williams, of London.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We shall be obliged by the insertion of the enclosed copy of letter, as delivered this day, to the Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry.

Yours fraternally,

F. W. RAMSAY, M.D.
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Chairman Committee of Inquiry.

V.W. SIR AND BROTHER,—The members of the House, and Finance and Audit Committees have had under consideration the Report of the Committee, presented by you as Chairman to the Quarterly General Court of this Institution on Friday, 26th ult.

They desire to avoid any want of courtesy to yourself, or any member of that Committee, yet they cannot—in justice to themselves—refrain from an expression of astonishment at the conclusions as set forth in the Report. With the knowledge previously possessed by some, and now acquired by other, members of the two Committees of the shorthand writer's notes of the evidence, this feeling is greatly intensified. They challenge the publication of those notes, as to them they would fearlessly appeal. Without unrestricted access to those notes it is manifestly impossible to draw up an exhaustive reply to your Report, but the members of both administrative Committees unanimously concur in entering a protest against decisions which were arrived at, in their opinion, contrary to the weight of evidence. They indignantly repudiate the suggestion that they have on any important point subordinated their views to any official influence whatever, and that they have failed to maintain the most steady allegiance to the important interests entrusted to their care. They deeply regret to mark the tone that pervades the whole Report, which is best exemplified by paragraph 1, p 29. In answer to that they can only say that they are all equally bound by the acts of the Committee, and every individual member rejects for himself the invidious distinction sought to be drawn by this unmasonic paragraph.

We are obliged to send a copy of this letter to the Masonic press, as it is the only ready means available for an appeal to the large constituency affected by the issue of the Report.

Faithfully yours,

F. W. RAMSAY, M.D., Rota Chairman,
On behalf of the House Committee.

CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD, Rota Chairman,
On behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee.

9th May 1889.

COMPLIMENTS—WHAT ARE THEY WORTH?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the 26th ultimo, at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and passed to the Committee appointed to inquire into the condition and management of the Institution, for their Report. This was *not read* at the meeting, and up to date of this communication is not in the hands of those entitled to receive a copy of the same. I would ask whether "business men" would proceed in such a manner? Surely before the brethren began to "compliment" they ought to have known what the work done amounted to. Later on they could have expressed their eulogy on its merits, or otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

ONE WAITING WITH ANXIETY.

9th May 1889.

BRO. L. P. METHAM, P.G.D. ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—I am desirous of saying a few words in furtherance of the object which Captain Edye in his circular commends to the attention of the Craft, having known Bro. Metham nearly all the half-century over which his valuable services extend.

Our distinguished brother has rendered valuable aid to the Masonic body by the manner in which he endeavoured in all times of emergency to assist the Orphans of Soldiers, Sailors, and Royal Marines connected with the Craft who may have fallen in the wars. Hence he has been able to put 85 Orphans of deceased Freemasons upon the lists, and to get them elected, educated, clothed and trained in the Orphan Asylum.

Brother Metham always took a great interest in Masonry, even before he became Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Devon. He was Steward for all the great Charities, and on three occasions he took up the highest sum recorded. He worked hard to establish the Devon Educational Fund, and by his admirable addresses from time to time did much to make the benign principles of Freemasonry thoroughly appreciated.

These facts, I hope, justify me in asking you, Worshipful Sir, to bring this subject before the Craft at the earliest opportunity, with the hope that you may be able to send a contribution to the Metham Portrait Fund, which I and others are endeavouring to make a success.

I am, Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ISAAC LATIMER, J.P.

For many years member of Lodge Fortitude, 104, and P.M. of Lodge Sincerity, 189, and P.P. Grand Sec., and P.P.J.G.W. of Devon.

Glen View, Mannamead, Plymouth, April 1889.

The following is a copy of the circular referred to:—

SIR,—On the 24th of May next it is proposed to commemorate the Jubilee of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum.

From its foundation Mr. Metham has been its Honorary Secretary, and it has been suggested that some acknowledgment of his zeal and devotion to its interests for the last 50 years should be permanently placed on record, and to him whose deep sympathy with and active benevolence on behalf of the Female Orphans of our Sailors and Soldiers is known and felt throughout the United Kingdom.

It is thought that a portrait of himself, to be placed in the Asylum, would be the most acceptable gift that could be presented to him on his and the Asylum's year of Jubilee, and as such, this proposal is commended to your most favourable consideration.

I have consented to be the Treasurer of the Fund, and subscriptions, which are earnestly solicited, may be sent to me.

Those who have been already consulted in this matter are unanimous in this desire to perpetuate the name of one who has so successfully laboured for this Institution for half a century.

Yours faithfully,

ADOLPHUS EDYE, Captain R.N.

8 Penlee Villas, Stoke, Devonport, 26th April 1889.

Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN COX.

THIS well known brother, many years host of the "Ship" Tavern, Gate-street, Lincolns' Inn-Fields, died on Monday last, after an illness of several weeks' duration. Our late brother was a member of the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, and had served the office of Worshipful Master therein. The "Ship," while under Bro. Cox's management, was a recognised Masonic resort. It was here, over a hundred years ago, the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, was consecrated. Bro. Cox had a troop of friends, who will all hear with regret of the fatal termination of his illness.

BRO. J. D. M'MILLAN.

THE funeral of Bro. J. D. M'Millan took place on the 4th inst., at Cardiff. The deceased was a member of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, and the following members of that Lodge took part in the funeral:—Bros. J. Munday P.M., J. Ingram P.M., W. C. Peace P.M., Varzpollo S.W., Philip L. Thomas, Eastabrook, R. E. Jones, and W. B. Ferrier. The funeral *cortège* started from the residence of the deceased. The coffin was covered with a number of beautiful wreaths and crosses, sent by the friends and relatives of Bro. M'Millan.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg presided, and there were present:—Bros. Cottebrune, Bywater, Blasby, Lacey, West, Berry, Cox, Money, Daniel, Bolton, Kempton, Brett, Tattershall, Newton, Forsyth, Cubitt, Farnfield, Belchamber, Hill, Masters, Cotter, Durrant, Bulmer, Stean, Perryman, Freeman, Pierpoint, Hogard, Hobbs, Larkin, Mickley, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read for verification, the Secretary reported the death of one widow annuitant and one widow candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also that of Mr. Griggs on the purchase of land at Croydon. The draft report of the Sub-Committee appointed to draw up the report of the proceedings during the past year was read and approved. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The English Horse Show Society's London Horse Show opens next Wednesday, the 15th inst., at Olympia, Kensington. The entries are far in excess of the most sanguine expectations of the executive. Judging will commence with the Hunters at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, and the strong classes will then be brought into the ring to face the Judges, followed by the Hack and Harness Horses. Each night there will be Jumping, by electric light, and on Wednesday evening the Committee will give three prizes, £5, £2, and £1, for the best turned out Hansom Cabs. This should prove an interesting and popular class—there being no entry fee.

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THE General Committee having passed a resolution as follows:—"That a Special Court be called for Thursday, the 16th May 1889, at 3 o'clock p.m., to empower the Centenary Committee to accept a tender for the New Buildings in a sum not exceeding £31,000.

In accordance with such resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 16th May 1889, at 3 o'clock precisely, to consider the business referred to in such resolution and, if approved, to adopt the following Resolution, to be moved by Bro. Charles Hammerton, upon recommendation of the Centenary Committee, viz.:—

"That the sum authorized to be expended under the resolution passed at the General Court held on the 14th day of April 1886, be extended to an amount not exceeding £31,000."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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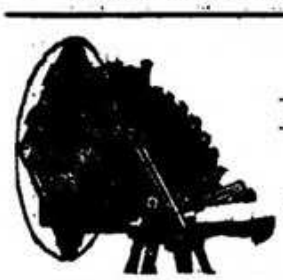
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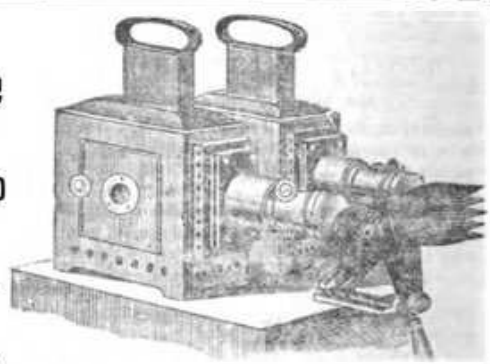
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 11TH MAY 1889.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire was held at the Queen Hotel, Harrogate, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The grand saloon and superb decorations so kindly placed at the services of the Local Committee by Mr. and Mrs. Heyden was specially furnished as a grand Sanhedrin to the unique and complete paraphernalia belonging to the 1001 Lodge and Chapter. At 2·30 p.m., and prior to the meeting, the Provincial Grand Superintendent, the Deputy, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of West Yorkshire Charity Committee held a special meeting, to receive from the special Committee appointed to investigate the same, their report of the Boys' School management; this will be printed and forwarded to the Life Governors and subscribers, and Lodges throughout the world. A Chapter of Emergency was summoned, and opened at 2 p.m. by Companions Thomas Riley 1001, John Richardson H., and John Ramsden Riley acting J., in the presence of the Acting and Past Principals attending; the Officers of the Local Chapter and Visiting Companions next were admitted. At three o'clock the M.E. Grand Superintendent Thomas William Tew and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter entered. An address of welcome was delivered by E. Companion Richard Carter P.Z. 1001, and suitably acknowledged by the Grand Superintendent, who opened the Provincial Grand Chapter in due form and was then saluted. E. Companion Tew then delivered his charge and also a very interesting discourse upon the symbolism of this supreme degree, which was listened to throughout with deep interest. The Grand Superintendent then proceeded to nominate and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Comp.	Richard Carter, J.P.	H.
	George Brooke	J.
	Henry Smith	S.E.
	William C. Lupton	S.N.
	Henry Oxley	Treasurer
	Frederick Cleeves	Registrar
	Joseph Dobson	P.S.
	John Wm. Bailey	1st Assist. Soj.
	Thomas Riley	2nd Assist. Soj.
	J. E. D. Darling	Sword Bearer
	Joseph Hartley	Standard Bearer
	Tudor G. Trevor	D.C.
	William Greaves	Assist. D.C.
	Geo. Fredk. Garr	Organist
	Herbert G. E. Green	Assist. S.E.
	Samuel Barrand	Janitor
	J. R. Welsman	Stewards
	John Gerrard	Stewards
	H. C. Pickersgill	Stewards
	Thomas Richards	Stewards

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his very favourable balance-sheet, which was unanimously adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Principals and Companions of the Harrogate and Claro Chapter, No. 1001, for their exceptional arrangements for entertaining the Provincial Grand Chapter, which was carried by acclamation. Upwards of eighty Companions remained for the grand banquet.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).

THE annual meeting for the Eastern Division of South Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, on Thursday afternoon, the 2nd instant. There was a good attendance. Bro. M. Tennant Grand Superintendent presided. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp.	S. Cooper	H.
	Rev. Canon Walters	J.
	G. Jones	S.E.
	T. Mathews	S.N.
	J. Hurman	Treasurer
	H. Simons	Registrar
	E. Roberts	P. Sojourner
	F. P. Adey	1st Assistant Soj.
	W. D. John	2nd Assistant Soj.
	W. J. Lloyd	Sword Bearer
	Thomas Phillips	Standard Bearer
	H. N. Davies	Director of Ceremonies
	H. White	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
	J. Munday	Organist
	George Bullerwell	Janitor

The business of the Provincial Grand Chapter having been concluded, the annual festival of the St. John's Chapter, No. 36, was held.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 36.

THIS Chapter met on the 2nd inst., at Cardiff, when the following were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. J. Munday M.E.Z., S. Coleman H., D. S. Varsapollo J., S. Cooper S.E., A. H. Roberts S.N., E. Dawson P.S., G. Clarry 1st A.S., C. H. Riches 2nd A.S., R. S. Fisher Organist, J. R. Wood Steward, and A. Jenkins Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the Park Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. Hunt, and a comprehensive toast list was afterwards gone through.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 3rd instant, at Camberwell. Companions Grummant P.Z. M.E.Z., F. Hilton P.Z. H. and Preceptor, J. G. Neeld P.Z. J., C. H. Stone S.E., C. Woods S.N., Stone P.S., and Addington M.E.Z. 1275. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. F. Hilton was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

SCOTLAND.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, on the 2nd inst., the Master Mason of Scotland Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, M.P., in the chair. There was a large gathering of members of the Order from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other parts. Amongst those present were Bros. F. E. Villiers Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire Acting Grand Master Depute, James T. S. Elliot Senior Grand Warden, James Dalrymple Duncan Senior Grand Deacon Acting Junior Grand Warden; D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary; Lieutenant-Colonel John Campbell Junior Grand Deacon; Rev. Robert Henderson Grand Chaplain; James M'Intyre Henry Grand Architect, James Crichton Grand Jeweller, David Reid Grand Bible Bearer, John Wilson Grand Bard, James Carmichael, M.D., Grand Sword Bearer, Emile Berger Grand Director of Music, R. Davidson Grand Organist, Colin Golletly Grand Inner Guard, Andrew Landells Grand Tyler. It was reported that the income for the first five months of the year amounted to £2343, and for the same period last year to 2294, showing an excess of income this year of £49. During the past three months the Committee of the fund of Scottish Benevolence had voted £184 to distressed Masons or the widows of Masons. A fitting reference was made by the Grand Master to the death of Bro. Kinnear Grand Cashier, and it was resolved that a vote of condolence be sent to his relations. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of a report by a special committee of Grand Committee to the effect that the office of Grand Cashier be discontinued, and that the duties of the office should devolve upon and be undertaken by the Grand Secretary, with the assistance of a chief clerk and cashier, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, at a salary of £150; and that the Grand Lodge should appoint an honorary Grand Treasurer, who should be *ex officio* chairman of the finance committee. Bro. James Caldwell moved "That the report be not approved of, and that Grand Lodge resolve to fill up the office of Grand Treasurer with a salary of £160 per annum, and on condition that when his services are not required on his special duties, he shall give assistance to the Grand Secretary when asked by him." He explained that he did not look on this as at all a personal matter, and did not ask Grand Lodge to legislate with a view to the present Office-bearers, but that he asked them to legislate with a view to Office-bearers being appointed that at present they did not know anything at all about. He was exceedingly sorry indeed to have to refer to the black time of Grand Lodge affairs, but his reason for opposing the report had reference to the unfortunate position in which Grand Lodge was placed some dozen of years ago. At that time Grand Lodge was brought into a state almost of bankruptcy, so that it behoved the Grand Lodge to take immediately at that time the most energetic steps to put an end to the possibility of that course being continued or ever occurring again. The checks which were introduced at that time had worked most successfully, and the finances were now in a very different state from what they were then; and it seemed to him the more extraordinary thing that, on the first opportunity, on the death of the Grand Cashier, any one should propose to set the office aside. The saving would be comparatively small, for although the Grand Cashier's salary was latterly £250, it was at first £200, and it was

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proposed to pay a chief clerk £150, and the Grand Secretary could not be expected to undertake new duties and new responsibilities without an increase of remuneration. Bro. Apthorpe seconded this motion. Bro. Col. Stirling moved the adoption of the Committee's report, and in doing so maintained that it was not proposed to go back to the former position of affairs. They had now got out of the serious mistakes of past years, and had the confidence of the brethren, or else the new scheme of benevolence would not have been subscribed to, for brethren would not have put their head into the noose it was formerly in. They had now a complete system of checks, and the chief part of that was the finance committee, of which Bro. Caldwell was convener. There was to be a reduction of income from New South Wales, and therefore the Committee desired to take advantage of this opportunity for reducing the expenditure. Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan seconded, and pointed to the checks now in force, and said that Bro. Graham, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, one of the chief accountants in Scotland, had told him he had looked into the matter, and was satisfied there was not an hour's work a day for the cashier. Bro. Fisher, Paisley, referred to the proceedings in Committee, and supported Bro. Caldwell's motion, on the ground that after the swindling and robbery twelve years ago, by which the Grand Lodge lost £40,000 or £70,000, the new system had established confidence throughout the Craft. Bros. Elliot and Crichton supported Bro. Stirling's amendment, and Bros. Baird and Hume the motion. The Grand Master stated that he had given the matter careful consideration, and had come to the conclusion that, with the checks that were imposed by the Grand Committee, and by the arrangements which Grand Lodge had made in its wisdom, he did not think the position of Grand Cashier was necessary now, whatever it might have been in times past. His reason for making the change was that with the extended benevolent fund, and their growing business, and the greater interest taken in it by the daughter Lodges, the Grand Secretary was having more work put upon him, and by giving him a thoroughly efficient, well-paid head clerk he would do that work better. Ultimately Bro. Caldwell deleted the latter portion of his motion, so that it read simply that the report be not approved, and that Grand Lodge resolve to fill up the office of Grand Cashier. In this form it was carried by 133 against 75. Grand Lodge then remitted to the Grand Committee to report on the salary and duties at the August Communication, and to submit a short list of candidates, from whom Grand Lodge will elect in November. Bro. Elliot reported from the special committee, recommending that there should be one bazaar only in behalf of the fund of Masonic benevolence, and that it be held in Edinburgh in 1891, that all the Lodges be asked to contribute, and that all Prov. Grand Lodges be asked to undertake the management of stalls, either individually or in groups; that all Scottish Masonic bodies be asked to contribute, that a paid Secretary be employed, and that a special committee be appointed with full powers. The Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Depute and Substitute Grand Masters, the Grand Wardens, and Bros. Crichton, Graham, Middleton, Stirling, and Villiers were appointed the committee accordingly to proceed with the arrangements as proposed. Bro. Thompson Past Master of the Lodge Rifle, Edinburgh (No. 405), handed to the Grand Master a cheque for 50 guineas, subscribed by the members of that Lodge, in behalf of the extended scheme of Masonic benevolence, and the Grand Master thanked them in name of Grand Lodge, which was shortly afterwards closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FORFARSHIRE.

THE quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire was held in Dundee on 30th ult. The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. James Berry, Dundee), who presided, was supported by Bros. A. D. Lowson, Provost Anderson Provincial Secretary, the Very Rev. Dean Crabb and the Rev. P. Stevenson Grand Chaplains. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Bailie Murison and J. H. Mackay. There was a very large attendance of the other office-bearers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, 20 out of the 25 Lodges in the Province being represented. The meeting, which lasted fully two hours, took up and finished a large amount of business.

IRELAND.

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DEDICATION OF A LODGE AT FIVEMILETOWN.

THE interesting ceremony of dedicating a Masonic Lodge has just been performed with the usual rites and observances at Fivemiletown. The want of a local Lodge was long felt by the resident brethren, and a few of them, animated by true Masonic zeal, determined if possible to have a warrant issued and a Lodge opened at home. Special thanks are due to the exertions and energy displayed by Bros. the Rev. E. Frank Naylor, Hugh Bracken and James Hall, with the cordial co-operation of Bro. William Ellison Macartney, D.L., and Bro. J. Ellison Macartney, M.P., and the assistance of Bro. Dr. Ternan Provincial Grand Secretary. Their efforts were successful, and the Lodge has now been duly opened, and Officers installed. Bros. Dr. Ternan, William Ellison Macartney, D.L., William Galt, William Pusden, C.E., William Ritchie, and W. H. Morrison attended from the Provincial Grand Lodge, and discharged the functions necessary on the occasion. Subsequently the members entertained the Grand Lodge deputation and a number of visiting brethren to a very excellent dinner in Young's Hotel. Bro. J. Ellison Macartney, M.P., the popular W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, the Chairman proposed the health of the deputation, and referred in very complimentary terms to the manner in which Brother Doctor Ternan had arranged and carried out the impressive ceremonial of the day. Bro. Dr. Ternan responded. Bro. Macartney said he was proud to be Masonically identified with the district in which he had grown up, and he was glad to see present so many he had known for years. Several other toasts then followed. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh subsequently met at Dungannon, when the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Dr. Ternan, brought up a report *inter alia*, to the effect that Lodge 482, of Fivemiletown, had been admitted into the Masonic family. The usual congratulatory words of welcome were spoken in reference to the Lodge, and wishing it prosperity. Bro. Reid, Dr. Montray Senior Grand Chaplain of the Province, in the absence of Sir John M. Stewart P.G.M. and Colonel Irvine P.D.G.M., occupied the chairs.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Royalty.—It is really surprising how two business men—as we presume Messrs. Robertson and Parker to be—could be found to produce so weak a piece as the so-called romantic comic opera, "Mignonette," proved, with any idea of its being a profitable transaction. The libretto is written by Mr. Oswald Brand and the music is the composition of Mr. Henry Parker, though it would appear that the words were written for the music, not the music for the words. An old legend of Bavaria is taken as the foundation of the story, which, however, is beneath criticism. The managers have certainly done all in their power to deserve success in the way of stage arrangements, the costumes are bright and pretty, and the scenery admirably represents the Tyrolean forests, while an excellent orchestra did their utmost with the music. The piece contains several ballads, which may possibly be heard again, disconnected from this opera, and were charmingly rendered by Mr. J. G. Robertson, Miss Ada Lincoln, and Mr. Henry Pope. Mr. Lionel Brough made the most of an impossible character, and Miss Agnes Oliver was a bewitching little lady's maid, but we are afraid that no amount of individual merit can cause "Mignonette" to have a long life. We wish it were otherwise, for there is plenty of room for native talent to be revealed in this direction.

St. George's Hall.—A new original comedy drama, entitled "Whips of Steel," by Joseph J. Dilley and Mary C. Rowsell, was produced here on Tuesday evening, and was received with the utmost enthusiasm by a crowded and critical audience. Some compression will doubtless occur before it is finally submitted for public approval (the performance on Tuesday being merely a rehearsal to secure copyright) and the play be reduced to three acts. The story deals with the loves of Paul Darroch and Beatrice Shardeloe, which is interrupted by the discovery that Paul's father was the cause of Mr. Shardeloe losing a large sum of money. The thief was really Ambrose Pollard, who now seeks to marry Beatrice. Unfortunately for his scheme, he has a wife already, in the person of Victorine, though the marriage having been performed on board ship, Pollard regards it as illegal. In the ordinary course of events this would be so, but the Captain who performed the ceremony was formerly a clerk in holy orders. Pollard does marry Beatrice, but on the wedding day he is denounced by Paul as the thief and the attempted murderer of Victorine. For the latter offence he is arrested and apparently sentenced to two years' hard labour. Finally Victorine's marriage is proved legal, and while quarrelling with Paul Pollard is struck down by a paralytic fit, leaving the lovers to pair off, and Victorine free to wed Josiah Budge, who had saved her life. Mr. Edwin Gilbert as Pollard was admirable; Mr. E. Lawford as Paul secured a hearty reception, and Mr. R. C. Aspinall was satisfactory as James Shardeloe. Miss Edith Jordan was easy and natural as Beatrice, and the part of the unfortunate Victorine was pathetically played by Miss Ellen Rutland. Messrs. E. Hodges, J. B. Haswell, and C. Lambourne, together with Mrs. C. d'Arcy, sustained the remaining characters, with credit and ability.

We understand that it is the intention of Miss Grace Hawthorne to produce at a matinée at the Princess's, early next month, a new play now being written for her by Mr. W. G. Wills, and at another matinée Miss Hawthorne will revive Mr. Richard Davey's play "Paul and Virginia," in which she originally scored so great a success.

Mr. J. W. Pigott, author of "The Bookmaker," has arranged to give a trial matinée, at Terry's, on the 12th June, of a new and original four act drama, entitled "Which Wins?"

During Mr. Edward Terry's recent indisposition his part of Dick Phenyl in "Sweet Lavender" was so well played by Mr. Prince Miller that, in commemoration of same, Mr. Terry has presented the latter gentleman with a gold pencil case with suitable inscription, accompanied by a letter of thanks.

Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins will give a Grand Evening Concert on Thursday, 16th instant, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. The following artistes will assist:—Madame Liebhart, Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Lavinia Walker, Miss Ethel Buckley, Madame Imes, Miss Van der Meulin, Madame Florence Winn; Messrs. Iver McKay, John Bartlett, Alfred Alderton, Franklin Clive, Albert E. Wilson, and G. Pritchard. In the course of the evening Miss Olive Stettith will give a dramatic recitation. Solo Violinist: Miss Kate Chaplin, accompanied by her sister, Miss Chaplin. Pianistes: the Misses Van der Meulin, Hetty Kennedy, Bessie Forss, Millie Russell, Hetty Napper and Annie Axtens. The Concert will commence at eight o'clock.

The Grosvenor Gallery.—This year's exhibition is somewhat different in character from that usually looked for by the visitor to the "Grosvenor," inasmuch as subject pictures are strangely lacking. The strong points of this exhibition are, undoubtedly, found in the portraits. Mr. John Pettie, R.A., is very much to the fore in his

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"Study of a Head" (23), a work with the air of Vandyke, yet reminding us of Reubens, altogether lovely; and Mrs. Coatts (75) is a grand picture in this artist's most complete style. Mr. J. J. Shannon (81) is really at his best in the execution of a portrait of "Mrs. Tower," excellent in drawing and arrangement. Sir J. E. Millais' "Shelling Peas," (58), a portrait we presume, is not at all worthy of so great a Master; it is feeble and chalky, more like pastel than painting; and in No. 215, "Mr. Wertheimer," however good the likeness may be, there is nothing to charm the spectator as to quality. Where we have a right to expect so much from the brush of so great a man, the shortcomings are very disappointing. Mr. William Logsdail's portrait (171) of "Frederick Villiers, Esq.," though rather black in colour, is full of strength and character. We believe this is the first portrait publicly exhibited by this talented young artist. In the portrait of "Robert Browning" (184), by R. Barrett Browning, there is much left to desire. Perhaps the painter was bent on a joke in giving us a brown cloak, a brown background, and very like a brown face—he might have been in a brown study. Landscape is ably represented. Mr. C. E. Johnson's "A Sussex Sheep Washing" (42) is an admirable piece of conscientious work, full of soft grey greens and browns, enlivened by the moving figures of the sheep washers. "The Weird Sisters" (8), by J. MacWhirter, A.R.A., gives us another version of his "Three Graces" of Academy fame. Although we have not space at our command to notice all the merits of the many other landscapes here, far more than a passing attention is due to the works of Mr. Keeley Halswelle for his poetry and glorious atmosphere, especially in his "Arundel Castle and Town" (64). Mr. Ernest Parton, likewise, if not quite so strong as usual, has three clever pictures; and Mr. David Murray, the indefatigable, instead of thirteen has only three this time, but they are worthy of his brush. Really, with so handy a catalogue and in such delightful rooms, to wander from landscape to landscape is like spending a holiday in the country. Then, for further notice there is Mr. T. Graham's delightful subject, Kismet" (67), full of beautiful colour and interest. It is an Algerian interior showing a magician tracing a chalk device on the floor for the amusement of a beautiful girl; and nobody should miss (121), Mr. W. Deny Sadler's "Darby and Joan." Here we have a couple of the happiest of well-to-do people, at middle age, seated at a dinner table with no one else present, taking wine with each other. A very charming picture indeed. Distributed throughout the galleries are sculptures of more or less importance and many statuettes. The principal figure is in green bronze, "A Water Nymph" (378), by C. B. Birch, A.R.A., and amongst the many marble heads, some of them by no means lovely, is one by Harry Bates (371) called "Spring," which is charming in its simplicity. We think, altogether, that *lovers of art* will leave the Grosvenor Gallery this year with a desire to re-visit it.

Saturday, the 11th instant, has been appointed for the private view of the Summer Exhibition (the eighteenth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will be opened to the public on Monday, the 13th instant.

THE "R.A. REJECTED."—The idea of an exhibition of pictures rejected by the Royal Academy has been remarkably well received, and from the first moment of the scheme being made public, applications have been pouring in to the management from artists in all parts of the country. Preparations at Olympia are being actively pushed on, and artists are reminded that entry forms should be sent in by the 25th inst., as after that date the fee will be doubled. The exhibition will open early in June.

Some two or three years since we had occasion to speak favourably of the artistic merit displayed by Mr. Harris Browne, a son of our good friend Bro. Henry Browne, of Northampton. We then ventured to prophecy—a friend at our elbow strikes in with, "You should never prophecy unless you know"—that this young man had a bright future before him if he continued to display the energy we then gave him credit for. We are not disappointed in our forecast; the following extract supports the favourable opinion we gave on the occasion referred to above:—

The notice of the Royal Academy in the *Northampton Mercury* appeared a day before the notices in the London papers. Mr. Harris Browne's picture, "One Little Maid from School," which hangs just above one of the finest works of the year, "The Passing of Arthur," by Frank Dicksee, A.N.A., is a pretty bit of work, very skilful in its arrangement of colour. The model for the work was Mr. Browne's sister, and the likeness is a very good one.

Messrs. Henochsberg and Pool, South African merchants, have requested us to notify that they have removed from 19 Australian Avenue, to 33 Jewin Crescent London, E.C., where in future all communications should be addressed.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs, and Kidneys.—Most diseases of these depurative organs arise from obstructions, over the removal of which these celebrated Pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for such chronic affections as liver enlargements, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering and if neglected lay the foundation of organic diseases. Holloway's Pills are specially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action ranks them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism, these Pills have achieved for themselves universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour.

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 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1248—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. (In
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.—Sinai, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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. 1425—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

MONDAY, 13th MAY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
138—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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
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.)
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.)
1933—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—Kleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2039—The Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Chatham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
685—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
983—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
989—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
1356—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1512—Legolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Sunderland
1519—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1692—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1811—Aboricum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1818—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1891—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1896—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackmore, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

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R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 806—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 879—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C.—Walton, Skelmeredale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 14th MAY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
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)
1260—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1591—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
1948—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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
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
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
686—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
966—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Surbiton, Greenhill Street, Warrington
1290—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1506—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
1790—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2060—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
2213—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
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. 890—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, 15th 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)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
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 Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278—Bardett 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, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1634—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1801—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1809—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)
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, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
129—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
231—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
295—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
343—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Baraleem
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
806—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Kilgmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
835—Riverton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
909—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
962—Sun and Becket, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st., Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1066—Watson, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Cuthbert, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1506—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North John-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon

1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1646—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Blackwall
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 491—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. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 16th MAY.

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)
185—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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)
1471—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1492—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1625—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)

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1607—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
1746—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)

R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 807—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 743—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1388—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. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 198—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

48—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
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
483—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Bun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
539—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
606—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1135—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1200—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1230—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1237—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1452—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1520—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1537—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 263—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 327—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 2035—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 17th 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
26—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
148—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.,
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
790—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)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaconsree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1365—Royal Standard, Builders 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, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2060—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 96—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 256—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
142—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
452—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
518—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
553—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Ecclesahill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesahill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Heathorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1903—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
2006—Brooke Forest Hotel, Chingford
2184—Royal Victorian Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 534—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 537—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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 Sbury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

THE Report of the Committee of Investigation, appointed to inquire into the discipline, expenditure and administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, has now been distributed throughout the country, among the Subscribers and Governors who, it was arranged, should receive it. It has, we believe, been posted to every registered subscriber of the Institution, and therefore it might be considered by some that its contents are available to all who have an interest in perusing them, and, accordingly, that any extension or reproduction of them in the public press is unnecessary; but such is not the case, for while the Report has been freely circulated among past supporters of the Institution, those on whom the Charity must rely for its conduct in years to come have no ready means of studying it, and it is on this account we propose to deal with it somewhat exhaustively in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Last week we were enabled to give the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee in full, although, as we then said, we were not in a position to vouch for their authenticity. It now proves they were correct in every particular, all that we omitted being the names of the brethren who were answerable for these opinions and suggestions. These were as follow:—Bros. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron of the Institution, who acted as Chairman of the Committee; John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., Patron; Alderman Sir Reginal Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., Vice-President; Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., Vice-Patron, of London; John C. Malcolm, P. Prov. G.R., Life Governor, of Leeds; Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, P.G.D., Life Governor, of Wells, Somersetshire; and Robert Wylie, P.G.D., P. Prov. S.G.W., Life Governor, of Liverpool. From this list it will be seen the Committee was a representative one, while those who know the character of the brethren, as well as their public positions, must admit they were qualified to discharge the duties with which they were entrusted. We only regret they did not have a more satisfactory task, or at least that they did not feel justified in recording more that was good against the long list of complaints they publish against the management and condition of the Institution. But in this respect it must be remembered—and it is very important to bear this in mind—that they were appointed expressly to investigate complaints and discover faults. Had they been entrusted with the work of impartially investigating the affairs of the Institution, with the view of preparing an elaborate and laudatory report of its management and condition, they would in all probability have been able to give as good an account of themselves as they do now, when, after a diligent search for evils, they do not appear to have lost sight of one matter—even of the most trivial character—likely to tell against the Institution. Knowing, as we do, much of what goes on day after day, both at Wood Green and in the offices of the School, we cannot help the feeling that the Commission of Inquiry have made the most of what is unsatisfactory, while they have overlooked much that might have been urged on the other side. Of course, they were justified in doing this,—from the fact, as we have said, that they were appointed to find out whether certain charges made against the Institution were justifiable or not. Doubtless they have proved there was ample justification for an inquiry, but we cannot believe they have done all they might have done,—in the interests of the Institution.

We do not for one moment question the sincerity of the brethren whose Report is before us; no doubt they are conscientious in their opinions and it is fair to believe they were justified by what was brought under their notice in strongly expressing themselves, but at the same time we question the wisdom of the course they have taken in printing and publishing everything they found out, without giving the parties interested a chance of amending their action, or, so far as we can yet see, any opportunity of defending themselves. We think their Report would have been equally satisfactory, and would have been more likely to do immediate good, if they had drawn up a separate section for the House Committee, another for the Secretary, and another for the Head Master, in all of which the matters personally concerning each should have been privately referred to; while the Subscribers to the Institution could have been informed that the Committee had discovered much of a personal nature that required amendment, all of which they had communicated to the parties concerned; at the same time all the evils of a general character might have been given in extenso, as they now appear in the Report. Such a course would have saved much heartburning, would have been equally effective, and would have been more justifiable than the course pursued, where individuals, whose very existence depends on their character, have been mercilessly attacked, and their whole actions held up to ridicule and contempt. It is because the Committee's Report appears so vindictive that we cannot regard it as wholly impartial, and such is the opinion we have heard expressed in various quarters. The principal cause of trouble appears to be the differences which exist among the officials, and these, we believe, could have been immediately set upon a proper basis if they had been officially, but privately, brought to the notice of the parties interested. Now we shall be much mistaken if the whole subject is not taken up by the supporters of the Institution, who, setting aside all other considerations, will elect to support one or the other side in the controversy that must ensue. Instead of the strife being a matter of unpleasantness between some half a dozen individuals, it will now become a popular question, and the wider it spreads the less likelihood there will be of its early settlement.

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There is, however, one way out of the difficulty, a method that would be hailed with delight on all sides, and that is for the officials referred to in the Report to endeavour to settle their differences among themselves, and then to fearlessly announce that they have done, and will continue to do, all that lies in their power to prevent the recurrence of unpleasantness such as is mentioned in the Report, ignoring for the time being all question as to whether such references are or are not wholly justifiable. The Secretary, the Head Master, the House Committee, and others, are each and all personally attacked—if the attacks are unjustified, why should they create fresh difficulties in trying to prove themselves innocent? if they are justified, would it not be best to promise reform, and ask for a further trial in order to prove the sincerity of their promises? We believe that by such a course the whole matter would speedily and satisfactorily adjust itself; while, on the other hand, if the question is to be freely and fully discussed to the bitter end, the Institution will be the worst sufferer, and those most intimately concerned will not add to their reputation. We believe the Subscribers have sufficient confidence in the present officials to still give them full powers, in their respective stations, they will not even lay down hard and fast rules for their future guidance, but it is fair for them to expect that complaints, such as are now made, will be impossible in the future; leaving out of consideration, for the time being, all question as to whether they are justified in regard to the past, or otherwise.

Recognising the importance of the conclusion arrived at by the Commissioners, that "to the friction between the Secretary and the domestic staff on the one side, and the Head Master and his adherents on the other, the great part of the present evils is to be attributed," we propose, first, to express our opinion on this point. Last week we urged that the conduct of the School and of the affairs of the Institution generally should be properly divided. That in each case a head should be appointed, and to him should be given supreme authority in his particular sphere. Undoubtedly the Head Master, for the time being, should have full control at Wood Green, not only over the masters and others engaged with him in the educational work, but over every servant and official of the Institution employed therein. We cannot see the utility or the reasonableness of any other course, and we regard it as quite impossible for the affairs of the School to be carried on harmoniously without some resident and recognised head to take supreme command and be answerable for all that goes on around him. To divide authority means to divide responsibility also, and if it is difficult clearly to define duties, it is far more difficult to decide on whom rests the responsibility when anything goes wrong. The House Steward and the Matron appear to particular disadvantage in the Report which has been drawn up, and we very much question if the Secretary gave them the instructions they refer to, that they were to "take no orders from the Head Master," or at least he never intended such instructions to be carried out as these two officials appear to have interpreted them. We have had some experience in the management of workmen, and without making too sweeping a condemnation we may urge, that the rule is to shirk work wherever it is possible, and all manner of excuses and contrivances are invented to justify what is really nothing more nor less than neglect of duty. We can well understand that the servants at Wood Green were only too willing to avail themselves of what they recognised as the commands of the Secretary in regard to not obeying any orders but his, and no doubt if the Secretary had gone to the Institution and given instructions for other work to be performed they would have retaliated by saying, that the orders for it should come from either the Head Master or some other authority—that is, if they dared do so, but perhaps they regarded the present Secretary as a man who would not be trifled with in such a manner, and we can but think that the Head Master ought to have prevented such proceedings as he now complains of, either by immediately dismissing or suspending the rebellious domestics, or by some equally severe measure. We cannot believe that either the House Committee or the Secretary would have resented such action on his part, but, on the contrary, they would have supported him in maintaining order and discipline. If the Head Master has not assumed the full powers attaching to his position we think he is personally answerable for much of what he complains, for it could never have been the wish of others in authority that he should be treated by the domestics in the way the Committee of Inquiry tell us he has been, and the sooner he assumes the authority which should and does attach to the Head Mastership the sooner we may expect reform at Wood Green. We would advise his taking the law into his own hands in case of any further display of insubordination among the domestics, and we are sure the general body of subscribers will support him. He has been chosen to fill a high position, and it is not the wish of those by whom he was appointed that he should be insulted, or his orders disregarded, as it is urged they have been.

Another part of the conclusion of the Commission we have here referred to states that the Secretary has engrossed the control of the Institution into his own hands. This may sound very bad, but is it not just what happens in almost every concern of life. Either the Secretary, the Chairman, the Manager, or some other official "appears" to have the entire control of the undertaking with which he is associated, and we do not know but that it is much better this should be the case. Let us suppose the opposite extreme, where every member of a committee or other governing body shows a desire to assert himself in the control, without recognising either of his fellows, as leader, guide or organiser. Do such bodies fare any better than those who seem to be led by one or other of their number, or is it not rather the case that when all are for themselves disorder reigns supreme and nothing effectual is done either one way or the other? How many of our Lodges are ruled by the silent influence of one man we should not like to say, but we venture the opinion that in nine cases out of every ten there is one ruling spirit in a Lodge, who, if he does not actually engross the control, virtually rules the roost and arranges matters much as he thinks best. After all, what does the control of the Secretary amount to? He has to attend officially the various Committees of the Institution, to draw up the agenda of business, to take note of propositions and amendments, and in the discharge of these duties it often happens that it is his words which are ultimately used in a proposition, from the fact that he has to put in writing the views or suggestions of the speakers, many of whom are not quite certain of what they actually require when first they rise to make a proposition. To say that the Secretary has ruled the House and other Committees of the Institution is hardly consistent with facts which might have been considered by the Committee of Inquiry. Had they searched the minutes of these Committees we believe they would have discovered, not one or two, but many instances in which Bro. Binckes disagreed with the Committees on subjects of a controversial character. In addition to these recorded instances there are many others where the Secretary has taken an opposite view to the Committees, and upheld it, sometimes with success, but often without converting the members to his way of thinking. If the Committees were the puppets in the hands of the Secretary which we are led to suppose, this opposition would not have been necessary or possible; but that it has

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often existed we are assured is the case, and this alone proves to our mind that the Secretary has not taken so much upon himself as has been accredited to him. No doubt the Secretary has assumed or acquired considerable power in the management of this Institution, but is this to be wondered at when we consider the many years during which he has filled the position he now holds, or the way in which the Charity has grown under his management. The Institution was very different when he became its Secretary, in 1861, to what it is now. Then it had no buildings of its own; now it possesses an establishment which has cost about £85,000, in addition to the site, of over fourteen acres, which cost about £9,000 additional. We do not claim that Bro. Binckes has been the means of securing these splendid results to the Craft, but we have no hesitation in saying that very much of the success of this Institution, and indeed of the other two Institutions also, is due to his personal exertions, and it is possible to urge this without implying any slur on their respective managements. We have always regarded the three Masonic Charitable Institutions as being inseparably associated, one with the other, and in this one respect is the affinity particularly noticeable. It is almost impossible for the Secretary of either one of them to advocate the support of his own without urging the claims of the others also. Those who know Bro. Binckes must agree that in this respect he has ever been most liberal in his views, and again we urge it is not too much to say that the present success of the three Masonic Institutions is mainly due to the work and influence of this one man. Such being the case, is it justifiable—from the standpoint of impartial judges—to make such severe and public condemnations as are contained in the Report before us? Long years of service and the peculiar growth of circumstances appear to count for nothing in the eyes of the brethren who signed this Report; and again we think it would have been much better if they had drawn up their complaints against the Secretary and other officials, and privately presented them to each, with the stipulation that unless they were at once acted upon they would be handed over to the Institution itself as public property.

We have already gone far beyond the limits we originally intended for our present remarks, but the subjects we have touched upon are of public importance; in addition to this, we consider that the parties attacked have no ready means of defending themselves, or at least they have not the power of giving equal publicity to their defence, to what has been given to the attacks made upon them, and on this account we have taken the earliest opportunity of expressing our views, which we assure our readers are neither "inspired" nor formulated by the parties concerned. We do not even know if those for whom we have spoken will endorse what we have written, but we conscientiously believe that we have pointed out one or two methods by which unanimity may be restored and future troubles prevented. We hope to have further opportunities of discussing the Report and its consequences in our pages.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Annual Festival of this Institution will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Wednesday next, when we hope that a large and influential gathering will result. Not only so, but that the amount of subscriptions and donations then announced will be in accord with the importance of this great Masonic Charity.

It is with great regret we learn that in consequence of a severe domestic bereavement Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, will be unable to take the chair on the occasion, as previously arranged. Fortunately for the Institution, Lord Henniker has a very efficient Deputy in the district over which he rules, in the person of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, and we are pleased to announce that that brother has agreed to take the place of his Masonic chief at next Wednesday's Festival. The Craft will unite with us in tendering sympathy to Lord Henniker, and we are sure, will, under the circumstances, do as much, in his absence as they would have done in his presence, to aid in the cause he has pledged himself to support. The Institution is to be congratulated in securing in this emergency so good a substitute as Bro. Martyn who is one of the most zealous and best friends of Masonic Benevolence to be found anywhere in Freemasonry. Let us hope that, for his sake, for the sake of the absent brother who has long been looking forward to this presidency, and last, but not least, for the sake of the orphan girls craving admission to the School, that the Festival of Wednesday will prove another great success, worthy of being chronicled among the brightest achievements of the English Craft.

The Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution was held on Thursday. Bro. Charles Hammerton presided. The proposition,

> "That the sum authorised to be expended under the resolution passed at the General Court held on the 14th day of April 1888, be extended to an amount not exceeding £31,000;"

was brought forward, and unanimously agreed to. The Building Committe have now full authority to proceed, and we feel convinced that practical results will immediately follow from their efforts.

THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL FUND.

AMONG the more recent contributors to this fund are Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., S.G.W.; Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Colonel R. Townley Caldwell Grand Superintendent R.A. Cambridgeshire, Josiah Houle P.M. and Secretary 92, J. Lambert Sim P.P.G.W. Surrey, Bertram Noakes P.M. 92, Robert McCoskry Graham 33°, New York, J. B. Mackey P.M. 257, Rev. W. Ronaldson P.M. and Secretary 844 District S.G.W. Otago, Professor W. Mattieu Williams 2076, R. Temple District J.G.W. Burma, J. W. Whitmarsh Grand Pursuivant, H. H. Crawford City Solicitor P.G. Steward J.W. 1, and Harold M. Carter P.M. 92.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM HILTON.

DEATH has indeed been busy in our ranks during the current year. The latest effort we have to record of the "grim destroyer" is the decease of the worthy brother whose name heads this notice. Bro. Hilton was a well-known attendant at the Committee Meetings of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He was a Past Master, and has conducted the Secretarial duties, for nearly twenty years, of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780. His funeral will take place at Brompton Cemetery on Tuesday next, at two o'clock.

BRO. S. BENNETT.

AT St. Dominick, on Thursday, the 9th inst., Bro. S. Bennett, a Past Master of 557, was buried amid considerable tokens of fraternal esteem. Abut two hundred friends assembled, including Bro. J. C. Betty W.M., J. Mornington J.W., J. Williams, W. Bond, G. Woolcock, and J. H. Cousins P.M.'s, W. Turner Secretary, W. Dymond Organist, J. Collins, J. Phillips, L. Reep, and J. G. Spear all of 557; E. Herring and J. Babbage P.M.'s of 1071; A. H. Bates S.W., R. P. Coath, W. Coulter, and W. Grylls J.D., all of Lodge 2166; H. Mortimore P.P.G.S.B. and J. Nettle of 159. The funeral was most imposing and impressive.

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WHAT FREEMASONRY IS.

An Oration Delivered at the Dedication of the Masonic Temple, at Waterbury, Conn., by the Rev. Bro. J. W. Richardson.

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IT places before its votaries an "ideal character," one that is true to God, true to his country, and true to his brother! It gathers a great brotherhood about a man and says, "Go forth a man: in battle we will reinforce you: be the largest man you can." And how does Masonry develop that power which tends to lead the brotherhood up toward the ideal man? Ah, Masonry is practical in its work.

Go with me to the Masonic convocation. I will dare lift the mystic veil for a minute. What do we see? Not a goat! but one hundred men in the attitude of deep comfort and delight. There are the revered clergymen of many contending sects sitting close together; there the capitalist with bank account, and the artizan who toils at the bench familiarly conversing; look again, it is not a vision, there are those political opponents who have differed over tariffs sitting hand in hand. And from him who presides in the east we hear a magic word, "Brothers." Am I told that this is a forced unity? That only the rigid exclusion of sectarianism and politics give us that boasted concord? Ah, this is just where Freemasonry is most practical in its working. True Masonry does exclude from the Lodge room that which creates heartburnings and strife. But Freemasonry goes further. Without asking any man to yield one iota of his soul convictions, it directly places before him a common platform upon which he and his neighbour may meet and for a while forget their differences. Then that common ground is surrounded with so much that is bright and comforting, that each man is led to realize, "how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity." What is the result of such teaching? Those craftsmen are led to dislike those divisions which prevail in the outside world; and while they recognise the truth that there must be difference of opinion politically and socially, yet broadened and deepened by that very Lodge room influence, these men look with greater patience and charity upon others. Not only this, but those Masons also seek to reduce to a minimum that which brings discord in the outside world. Here is where Masonry works practically for the upliftal of a race. This is the glory of Freemasonry—that it enfolds in its motherly bosom representatives from all sects and every social station of life, and from every trade, and successfully blends them all together into one purpose and aim! It is a wonderful fact, that no one enters a Lodge of Freemasons as a capitalist, or day labourer, or professional man; each one, regardless of his occupation and social standing, enters only as a man! Inside the portals they meet on a level. He whose lot calls him to the work-bench, weighs just as much in the estimation of Masonic law, as he whose income is ten thousand a year! This is its practical fellowship. This is practical levelling of the false distinctions of life. What a mighty influence is thus brought to bear on an individual, to lead him to treat the great subjects of the outside world in the same catholic spirit! To be good and true, are the lessons taught by Freemasonry. While influenced by such teachings a Mason will not be hypocritical and deceitful. Sincerity and candour will distinguish him in all things. His heart and his hand will unite in promoting the welfare of others. He will seek to apply those sublime lessons, so that the rough ashlar of his human nature may be converted into the perfect ashlar of a true manhood, that scorns those trifles over which men of an inferior mind fret and fume.

Then, too, that magnificent system of moral ethics set forth in the most sacred manner, the relations of Masons in matters of charitable benevolence.

We do not publish to the world our acts of love! But our secret giving and doing are often a cause of censure against us, when really our motives deserve commendation. Even here Masonic action is on the line of Revealed Truth. We hear the "Master Carpenter" of Nazareth say, "when thou dost thy alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Ah, Freemasonry makes no noise and stands on no street corner blowing trumpets to attract attention to its Charities.

Freemasonry does its work silently, but it is the work of a deep river that silently pushes on towards the ocean, and in that silence transforming the lowlands into carpets of green tessellated with daisy and clover; in silence bearing upon its bosom the commerce of a nation; in silence turning the machinery of a thousand factories until the hum of lathe and spindle fills the air with psalms of industry and gladness. But the noble old river is silent in its giving! Great forces that do good are generally silent in their work. There is no clanking of piston rod and puffing of steam accompanying the seasons as they roll on in their giving to man. Even the sun in great charity sends his messengers down to woo the seed up through the soil, and to open the blushing buds, and fill the woods and fields with light and fragrance. And yet the sun bestows his bounty silently.

So Freemasonry, in the great power of a united brotherhood, gives silently; with the force of a deep current, it sustains a true systematic benevolence! But it draws the veil of secrecy that the wants of the unfortunate may not be exposed to the sneers of a cynical world, and that the giver may be doubly blest in his silent giving. True benevolence is only found in that charity which is a blessing to giver and recipient. Masonic benevolence blesses all concerned. It makes the giver more sympathetic; it soothes and strengthens the recipient. Instead of publishing to the world a brother's misfortunes and irritating his sensitiveness, Freemasonry secretly prepares him for the next battle. O, like an angel of mercy, Freemasonry is skilful in its touch where there is heart hunger and material want. The world has no right to demand that we reveal the fallen brother placed upon his feet, or the widow sustained by many strong hearts, or the orphan educated and watched over by true men. Freemasonry, in its work, ever abides by the truth and plans its benevolence in the Father's way—silently.

Again we discover that Freemasonry teaches—

4. The rudiments of science and philosophy! Freemasonry is vastly more than a society whose sole aim is sociability, or co-operative insurance. True, these mutual benefit organisations have answered a deep need, and the Masonic brotherhood bestows honour where honour is due. But Freemasonry handles principles that are connected with the highest natural laws in the universe. Freemasonry not only deals with the religious and moral parts of a man's nature, but it also touches the eyes of his intellect, and bids him think and study, and promises him marvellous beauties for his reward.

The various orders of architecture, the senses of human nature, the literal arts and sciences are so interwoven with the symbols and principles of Masonry that a treasury of knowledge both useful and entertaining is opened to the man who will study. Masonry well studied will discipline the mind, as well as cultivate its moral and religious traits. Masonry is so connected with science and philosophy, through its rites and symbols, that the minute one begins to study their meaning and connection, he finds some great principle opening up an avenue of thought that bridges space and places his mind before the "throne of white," or carries his thoughts out into the universe to look up at the unwinding of some colossal law of nature. In these avenues of science and philosophy Freemasonry takes the hand of the seeker after Masonic light and says: "Behold the Majesty and love of God."

And finally, Masonry puts the capstone on the completed walls of its system of teaching by propagating the doctrine of immortality,

Symbolical everywhere else, Masonry retains its symbolism here. Masonic initiation and instruction are a drama of human life. The construction of the temple is only a type of the building up of human character. The cross and crown of the last Degree, and which, also surmounting the temple, is the last symbol reaching skyward, corresponds with the completion of a Master Mason's life; and that symbol reveals that after all his hopes for a crown lie in the cross with which the crown is inseparably connected. True, Freemasonry makes no covenant with God for salvation; but here its chart indicates how the true immortality may be attained. Oh, my brothers, have you thought on this great truth which the Craft teaches? Life, long after the sun has burned to ashes in its socket. Life, long after the stars have quitted their ebon thrones and passed into the sepulchre of night. Life, long after the old ocean has gurgled out its last groan on the sands. Life, long after the earth has been placed away in its wind-

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ing sheet of oblivion. How are we planning and building for that life? Our craft teaches care and vigilance. As Freemasons, knowing the use of the plumb and level and square, let us subdue our unholy passions and avoid the corruption of selfish practices, so that we may present to the Great Judge of the quick and the dead a pure, upright life, so given to love of God and our brother that we may receive the white stone with our new name written upon it.

Life eternal! O, to what an existence does Freemasonry call attention! I seem to see the winter of death passing into the spring-time of heaven. The pilgrims are coming home. Without seam, or wrinkle, or any such thing, they come up from the earthly tabernacle to the celestial Lodge. There are shining faces so bright that an archangel might light his torch by them. The working tools are laid aside. The battle with sin and care is over. They gather there before the throne in one wide sweeping arch that fascinates the eyes of admiring angles. But lo! the arch is incomplete, and as the angels begin to murmur, the Master Carpenter of Nazareth sits on his throne, and in marvellous beauty the royal arch of an eternal brotherhood is complete. And the trees of life clap their hands, and the crystal sea shimmers in the brightness of the King's presence, and voices like the music of many waters take up the song: Holy! holy! O, King brother, thou art worthy to receive honour and glory.—*Masonic Chronicle.*

MASONIC FAITH AND WORKS.

FREMASONRY has enjoyed the signal advantage which has been the making of the American people—various nations have united to give it form and direction, to inspire its faith, and to mould its works. As the American nation is a mosaic of the English, the German, the Spanish and the French, who have blended into the modern American, so the Fraternity of Freemasons is a result of the combination of the Turanian, Semitic, Celtic and Aryan races, and retains the noblest features of them all. Masonic tradition, corroborated by the authority of the First Great Light in Masonry, establishes in large part this assertion. King Hiram and King Solomon, Phœnicia and Palestine, Tyre and Jerusalem, were united in promoting the development of the noblest, most cosmopolitan and enduring fraternity known among men—that of the Freemasons.

The Architectural ability of our forefathers in the Craft was derived from the Turanian race. King Hiram belonged to that people, and in Egypt we find the most wonderful remains evidencing the race's scientific mind and deft handicraft. They were unsurpassed as architects, and from a period so remote as 3500 years B.C., in Egypt, when the oldest and the finest of the Pyramids and Temples of Egypt were erected, down to 1500 A.D., in the Middle Ages, in Europe, this skill was never lost, but always exemplified by a continuous succession of Freemasons, members of the related mystic fraternities of all the ages included between these remote dates.

Matched with the architectural ability of the Turanian race, Freemasonry possesses the religious faculty of the Semitic race. This race, in its purity, has always maintained its belief in the unity of God, a God underived from man, self-existent, and the creator of all things in heaven and earth—the Grand Architect of the Universe, the one only living and true God. Linked with this just estimate of the Deity, was the practice of a pure morality. In these we find the second characteristic of Freemasonry—faith in the All-Father, and the practice of morality—our Craft having been defined to be "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols."

Through intermingling with the Ayran race, our Craft fortified itself in its intellectual and moral features. They, too, worshipped one ineffable, incorporeal God. They were symbologists, as we are, and they never sunk the thing signified in the sign. The Sun and Moon, the Stars and Earth, were to them the visible manifestations of His power and glory. But the Aryans had not the artistic sense; they loved not architecture, and the decline of that noblest of arts in Europe, in the Middle Ages, and with it the Craft of the mediæval Freemasons, was the result of the spread and influence of the Aryan race. They were patrons of the useful, as opposed to the fine arts. But the influence of the Celtic race saved the Masonic Fraternity from possible extinction. The Celts are gifted with both enthusiasm and artistic taste. They have preserved architecture in modern Europe. The English Celts have been the revivers of the Masonic Fraternity, and to them we owe all of the glory of American Masonry, since we are descended from the Grand Lodge of England.

This brief racial history of Freemasonry furnishes us with the key to what were once, but are now no longer, the *secrets* of its faith and works.

The faith of Freemasonry is the purest known to man; and it is so simple that any people having a decided bias towards the truth may readily accept it. It is not dogmatic, nor sectarian. It is for all nations, all religions. It is for all who think, all who feel, all who are worthy. It is for yesterday, to-day, and to-morrow. It was, and is, and is to be. Nature and revelation—emanations from the same All-Father, are together its Corner-stone. The Sun is our ever-present emblem of the Deity—the type of that Masonic Light which it is our privilege to disseminate. Light-bearers we are, and Light-giving is our mission. And all of our moral light radiates from the First Great Light in Masonry—the Holy Bible, God's inestimable gift to man.

The works of Freemasonry are suggested by the name we confer upon every initiate—"Brother"—the original Sanscrit word from which it is derived signifying "he who carries, or assists." Freemasons assist each other, they have human sympathy, which they display first towards those united by the Mystic Tie, and next to mankind, whenever in sore distress. The benevolence of Freemasonry is an Aryan benevolence, which Charles Morris justly says "is loftier in its grade and far less contracted in its outreach than that of any other race of mankind." This race is destined to go on conquering and to conquer, and Freemasonry goes on with it—unless it should degenerate into lip-service, or be lost in a cloud of degrees. To-day, however, Masonic faith and works are enlightening the world of initiates.—*Keystone.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE 62nd anniversary of laying the foundation-stone of this Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull. The Lodge having been duly opened, the chief items of business were presentations to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. John Clark, and to Bro. A. King. Bro. W. Tesseyman P.M., in making the presentation to Bro. Clark, which consisted of a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, said he was sure that the manner in which Bro. Clark had conducted the duties of the Lodge during his year of office had given satisfaction to all the brethren. Having mentioned that a presentation would also be made to Mrs. Clark, by the brethren, he said the gift was made most freely, and from the hearts of the brethren. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. J. Clark, by the members of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, as a mark of their high esteem and appreciation for the zeal and ability displayed by him as their Worshipful Master, 1888."

Bro. Clark, in acknowledging the gift, appropriately thanked the brethren, observing that he had done his duty to the best of his ability, and if he had pleased them he was satisfied. Bro. E. Corris P.M. presented Bro. A. King with an illuminated address of thanks, engrossed on vellum, for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Hon. Secretary of the Lodge for five years. Bro. Corris gave a review of Bro. King's work during the seventeen years he had been a Mason, and expressed the high appreciation in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. King, in responding, said he looked upon the testimonial as a welcome gift, not on account of its intrinsic value, but as showing the depth of their affection, because he believed it was given with the best wishes and with the kindliest feeling of brotherly love. He should look upon it as a most valuable recognition of the little services he had been able to render the Lodge, and he felt that the compliment was far greater than those services deserved. Subsequently a banquet was held in the banqueting hall. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. E. Corris, T. Isles, Wilkinson, J. Sherwood, Mills, Hawley, Bristow, and others. Bro. J. R. Stringer presided at the pianoforte, and Bro. J. Thyer officiated as Acting Director of Ceremonies.

TYNWALD LODGE, No. 1242.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers paid an official visit to this Lodge, which met in its own room at the Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man, Bro. A. W. Brearey W.M. presiding. The Provincial Officers were received in customary manner by the brethren. The Provincial Grand Master, addressing the brethren, congratulated all members of the Craft in the Island upon the honour recently conferred upon the Province by his being asked to preside at the Grand Lodge in England—a mark of favour which had been generally appreciated. He also congratulated the Craft in the Isle of Man on their exertions in aid of

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the Masonic Charities, and urged the necessity of better organisation, so as to secure the benefits of the Institutions for Manx orphans. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, expressed his sense of obligation to the Provincial Grand Master for this visit, and trusted it would be frequently repeated. After the business, supper was served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasantly harmonious manner.

GROSVENOR LODGE, No. 1257.

THE installation meeting was held on the 7th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Henry von Joel, the outgoing Master, installed as his successor Bro. George Edwin Saunders, a member of the London Press. Bro. Saunders afterwards initiated Mr. Tilden Russell into the Order. Bro. Von Joel was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, with a valuable jewel. Among those present were several members of the Gallery Lodge, of which Bro. Saunders is a member.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon, on Saturday, the 11th inst. There were present:—Bros. J. Thos W.M., W. A. Scurrah I.P.M. and Secretary, Fraser S.W., A. H. Scurrah J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, G. H. Lewis S.D., A. A. Nottingham J.D., W. Langley I.G., A. J. Hearne D.C., E. W. Wheeler Organist, W. B. Parsons A.D.C., F. W. Hearne Assistant Organist, A. M. Parsons Wine Steward, C. H. Watts A.W.S., Whiting Tyler, and a full muster of brethren and several visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Edwin C. Davies, and proved unanimous in his favour. Being in attendance, the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry according to ancient form. Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. J. H. Catchpole, J. Mason, and H. A. Wheeldon, candidates for raising, were tested and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the last named brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., in the W.M.'s well known style. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently assembled at the banquet table. Mr. John Warner, the host, had provided an excellent dinner, the quantity and quality of which proved Mr. Warner a worthy successor of his late brother (Bro. W. P. Warner). The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Several of the brethren, including two of the visitors, contributed songs, recitations, &c., but the efforts of Bros. Thomson, J. Dobbs, G. Cronin, of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and Preece of the Henry Levander, No. 2048, merit special mention. The brethren separated early, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The Secretary of the Hendon Lodge of Instruction asks us to mention that the members meet on Wednesday evenings at 8·15, and that visiting brethren will be heartily welcomed.

FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

THE installation meeting of this new Surrey Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at Bro. John Mayo's, the Castle Hotel, East Molesey. Bro. R. T. Elsam, the first W.M., who has had an extended term of office, inasmuch as the Lodge was consecrated in December 1887, conducted the proceedings and was ably supported by his Officers. There was a large contingent of visitors, among whom we may mention Bros. John Pulling P.M. 144, H. W. Humphreys W.M. 1638, R. Church 901, John Clarke 901, D. Clarke 901, A. Ginger 901, R. P. Stevens I.P.M. 901, George Basset P.M. 969, J. Ellinger, W. Stuart P.M. 141, A. H. Smith P.M. 56, E. Faux 77, F. Bitckes P.G.S.B., W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, G. Moorman P.M. 1638, J. E. Swainson S.W. 700, F. C. Croaker 1981, C. Oldridge 1638, C. B. Adkins 2146, F. C. Wake P.M. 185, D. Beaumont P.M. and Sec. 901, John Drewitt W.M. 889, W. W. Lee 1897, W. Drewitt P.M. 889, A. Naylor 186, J. H. Jarvis P.M. 1627 P.P. Grand Steward Surrey. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Le Feuvre was passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Hughes P.M. and Treasurer of No. 901, was presented as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Hughes duly installed by Bro. Elsam. The Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. David Hughes P.M. S.W., Daniel Hughes P.M. J.W., J. Pritchard Treasurer, Thomas Weaver P.M. Secretary, W. Thomas P.M. S.D., R. Kerr J.D., J. Ellinger I.G., John Mayo jun. D.C., Lockett Steward, and W. Lane Tyler. This means that three brethren by relationship now occupy the three principal chairs in the Lodge, an incident that can but seldom occur. The addresses were rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Elsam, in an eloquent and dignified manner. The ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Wm. Lane, a candidate, and he was impressively initiated by the W.M. A Past Master's jewel and a Founder's jewel were next presented to Bro. Elsam. The W.M., in making the presentation, said he was sure that amongst the many jewels which adorned the I.P.M., none would be valued more highly than those from the Frederick West Lodge. Bro. R. T. Elsam thanked the W.M., and expressed his intention of exerting himself in the future, as he had in the past, for the benefit of the Lodge. A letter was read from Bro. West Deputy Prov. Grand Master in charge of the Province regretting his absence. After other business the Lodge was closed. An excellent banquet was then supplied by Bro. Mayo. After the loyal and preliminary toasts, the remarks upon which had to be curtailed in consequence of the lateness of the hour; in speaking of the Deputy Prov. G.M. in charge of the Province, Bro. Frederick West, the W. Master said he was obliged to associate with it a somewhat mournful incident, which was to express their regret at the decease of their late Prov. G. Master, Bro. Geo. Brownrigg. In consequence of that sad occurrence, the duties of Prov. G.M. had devolved upon Bro. West, to whose health he asked them to drink. Although he regretted Bro. West's absence, which had been explained to the Lodge, it was due to that brother that he should say a few words in commendation of him. All who had the honour of being present at the Prov. G. Lodge last year must have been struck with the able manner in which Bro. West conducted the onerous duties of his important office. They in that Lodge must always regard this as the toast of the evening, as he had assisted them in every possible way and guided them with advice; he had, moreover, adorned their Lodge with an honourable name. This Lodge must, therefore, always give prominence to the toast of his name; it was like music to every Mason in the Province, and every brother who had knowledge of Bro. West was proud to speak in his praise. The Prov. Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Moorman, Prov. Grand Purst.; being a young Prov. G. Officer, the brethren could not expect any lengthy remarks. Although their late Provincial Grand Master had passed away, they should remember him for many years to come. Bro. R. T. Elsam, in rising, said it was the first time in that Lodge that he had had the opportunity of acting as a Past Master, and of proposing the health of their W.M. He could assure them he did it with the greatest amount of pleasure possible. It afforded him the most lively satisfaction to have the opportunity of honouring Bro. John Hughes. In leaving the chair he (Bro. Elsam) might have felt regret, except that he had a worthy brother to follow him. The members knew and had seen the work Bro. John Hughes was capable of, and there was no doubt he was the right man for the chair. Bro. Hughes said he felt a certain amount of diffidence in responding. The I.P.M. had referred to him in such flattering terms that he could not adequately return thanks. He was glad to find that any services he had rendered to the Lodge had met with Bro. Elsam's approbation, for theirs was a young Lodge, and they must regard the I.P.M. as its father. He hoped that as the year went on he should meet with the approbation of every member. If he could only perform his duty as the I.P.M. had done, to the satisfaction of the members, he should consider himself very fortunate indeed. He was proud to occupy the position of W.M. in this young Lodge; as far as it had advanced it promised well for the future. They had done remarkably well, and could congratulate themselves on their first birthday. He trusted all would rally round him and his Officers. Nothing should be wanting during his year to advance the interests of the Lodge. The W.M. said the next toast required no recommendation from him. Bro. Elsam was one of the oldest Past Masters in the Province of Surrey, and one of the most experienced. The ability of their I.P.M. was acknowledged by all who knew him, and all were prepared to say he was a good, earnest, and true Mason. Anything Bro Elsam could do to further the interests of the Craft, and especially of their Lodge, would be done. Bro. R. T. Elsam said he could not find words in which to thank the W.M. for the very kind and cordial manner in which he had proposed the toast. He was only afraid the W.M. had over-rated his qualities. It had been a great pleasure to him to fill the chair of that Lodge during the past eighteen months, and he felt great gratification at its success during that period. He had the pleasure of initiating six brethren into Masonry, and their numbers had also been increased by three joining members, which was a good start for a new Lodge. He sincerely hoped their new W.M. would have as successful a year as he had had; he knew him to be anxious to show what work he was capable of performing. He (the I.P.M.) was in his 21st year of Masonry, and had been a P.M. for 18 years, and a Past Provincial Officer for 14 years; he was therefore not new to the work. He had felt somewhat diffident in becoming the Worshipful Master of a new Lodge, but as he had discharged the duties to their satisfaction, it afforded him great gratification. He sincerely trusted the Lodge would go on and prosper as it had done in the past, and he could assure them that so long as he had health and strength, and was able to be amongst them, it would be his greatest pleasure to attend. He hoped the day was far distant when he should not be with them. He thought that would be a good opportunity of explaining that Bro. Pillar, who was his worthy J.W. during his term in the chair, had for a considerable time past been suffering ill-health, and that was the reason why he did not go on to the S.W.'s chair. He again thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind proposition and cordial reception of the toast. Several other toasts followed, but the lateness of the hour compelled many to leave before the proceedings closed.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday last, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. S. Danoyger Preceptor, J. Goodinge W.M., E. Ansell S.W., Dodd J.W., H. Saqui Secretary, M. Cohen S.D., A. Cohen J.D., Garrard I.G. Visitors: Bros. A. J. Marks, J. Davis jun., A. Botibol, and A. Quadratstein. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Quadratstein candidate. This was followed by the working of the first section of the second lecture. Lodge resumed to the first, and the first and second sections of that degree were worked. Bro. Ansell was elected W.M. for ensuing Tuesday. Notice of motion was given that the W.M. take the chair at 8 p.m. precisely instead of 7 p.m. The Secretary notified that a ballot for a Life Governorship would take place next Tuesday.

East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463—The last meeting of the above Lodge, before adjournment until September next, took place on the 7th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present: Bros. Burn W.M., Ranson S.W., Hooper J.W., Lambert S.D., Fenn J.D., Edridge I.G., Streeter Treasurer, Hawes Secretary, H. M. Hobbs Preceptor; Harley, Bye, Dyball, Lloyd Symmons, Vickers, Dr. Nicholls, Budd, Redpath, Kilvington, Down, Buckley, A. Smith, and other brethren, with several visitors. Lodge opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bye candidate. Bro. Ranson was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on 3rd September 1889. Bro. Ridpath P.M. 2096 W.M. 1790 and P. Grand Steward Surrey claimed the indulgence of the brethren for a few minutes, as he had a pleasing duty to perform. Some time ago it was suggested that a recognition of something more than the usual vote of thanks should be accorded to Bro. Hobbs Provincial Grand Junior Warden Surrey, for his able services as

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Preceptor, and a small Committee was formed, with Bro. Kilvington as Secretary, and himself as Treasurer, to carry out this suggestion. Bro. J. S. Streeter P.P.G.R. Surrey and P.M. No. 463, said that the object of his rising was to second and edorse everything which had fallen from Bro. Ridpath, and that although this Lodge was known as No. 463, many members of other Lodges took advantage of it to learn their duties, and when Brother Hobbs undertook the office of Preceptor he had no easy task before him, knowing full well how much time he must devote to the work. All knew how well and ably Bro. Hobbs had done the work. At all times, and in all weathers, his attendance had been constant, and all the brethren must appreciate this and the time and trouble Bro. Hobbs has given to his duties. This had been recognised by the D.P.G.M. in charge of the Province. Addressing Bro. Hobbs, Bro. Streeter continued—you have done your duty in a most unflinching manner, and conferred great and lasting benefits on Masons; you have made this Lodge of Instruction a most popular institution, you have created Masons of high order, and the good you have done is incalculable. We appreciate the hearty good will with which you have acted as Preceptor. May you live long to act in that capacity. I have great pleasure in asking you to accept this vellum, and I call upon Bro. Kilvington to read the inscription on it; also this gold pencil case. Bro. Kilvington then read the inscription on the vellum, as follows:—

"Presented to Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.G.J.W. Surrey, by the brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Lodge of Instruction, together with a gold pencil case, as a token of their esteem and in recognition of his past services, and ability and assiduous attention displayed by him for several years past in his capacity of Preceptor to the Lodge. At the same time they tender him their cordial wishes for his prosperity and welfare, and further that he may continue for many years to come to hold that office, which he has hitherto filled with such credit to himself and advantage to the brethren attending these meetings."

The names of the subscribing members were engrossed on the vellum, headed by that of Bro. Fred. West Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in charge of the Province. A letter was read from Bro. West regretting his absence. Bro. Hobbs, in accepting the testimonial, said, "This work was first thought of in my absence, and it shows that when your Preceptor is away you do not confine your attention to Masonic work. Sometimes on a Preceptor relinquishing office a similar presentation is made, but I hope in this case you do not mean it as good bye, as I feel I have some years of work before me, and I shall feel it an honour and a privilege to officiate here as Preceptor, and I trust I may have health and strength to perform my duties. If anything could add to the pleasure I feel in accepting these marks of your esteem it would be from the fact that Brothers Streeter, Ridpath, and Kilvington are so intimately connected with it. Bro. Streeter was quite right when he said that my work here had been noticed in high quarters. I was some time since appointed Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, and last year, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master in investing me, commented on my duties here. I accept your gifts, and feel sure that they will remind me of many happy hours spent among you. The attendance has been numerous during this session, and it must be gratifying to our Secretary, Bro. Fox Hawes, to see that the care he gives to his work is so much appreciated. I note also that nearly all the names on the vellum are either Past Masters or Officers of their respective Lodges." Brother Edridge proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Streeter, and this was seconded by Bro. Fenn W.M. 538, and carried. Bro. Streeter briefly acknowledged the compliment. With a vote of thanks to the Committee the proceedings closed. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 3rd September 1889. Afterwards a meeting was held of the Old England Masonic Benevolent Fund. There were two ballots for Life Governorships; these resulted in favour of Bros. Edridge and Fox Hawes.

Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. W. W. Williams W.M., Cragge S.W., Coat J.W., Sims P.M. Preceptor, Long Secretary, A. Williams S.D., Fox J.D., Cummings I.G., Stroud and Davis. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davies the candidate. Bro. Cummings having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Cragge was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. A. Williams and D. S. Long were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the efficient services rendered in the past. Bros. Coat, Davies, and Cragge were elected auditors. The Lodge was then closed.

Kensington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1767.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Brothers Dresden Worshipful Master, Turner Senior Warden, Woods Junior Warden, R. H. Williams Treasurer, Hubbard Secretary, Turner S.D., Marsh J.D., Hett I.G., Read Preceptor, Sims, Stroud, A. Williams, Haynes, Robinson, Sidders, Betts, Swann, Cragge, Neville, Boyce and Fayers. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Keene, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Swann being candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Turner, for the benefit of Bros. Haynes, Boyce, and Robinson. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

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1. The opening of the Lodge was symbolised by the tribe of Reuben, because Reuben was the first born of his father, Jacob, who called him "the beginning of his strength." He was therefore appropriately adopted as the emblem of that ceremony which is essentially the beginning of every initiation.

2. The preparation of the candidate was symbolised by the tribe of Simeon, because Simeon prepared the instruments for the slaughter of the Shechemites, and that part of the ceremony which relates to offensive weapons was used as a token of our abhorrence for the cruelty exercised on that occasion.

3. The report of the Senior Deacon referred to the tribe of Levi, because of the slaughter of the Shechemites, Levi was supposed to have made a signal or report to Simeon, his brother, with whom he was engaged in attacking these unhappy people while unprepared for defence.

4. The entrance of the candidates into the Lodge was symbolised by the tribe of Judah, because they were the first to cross the Jordan and enter the promised land, coming from the darkness and servitude, as it were, out of the wilderness into the light and liberty of Canaan.

5. The prayer was symbolised by the tribe of Zebulon, in preference to his brother, Issachar.

6. The circumambulation referred to the tribe of Issachar, because as a thriftless and indolent tribe, they required a leader to advance them to an equal elevation with the other tribes.

7. Advancing to the altar was symbolised by the tribe of Dan, to teach us by contrast that we should advance to truth and holiness as that tribe advanced to idolatry, among whom the golden serpent was first set up to receive adoration.

8. The obligation referred to the tribe of Gad, in allusion to the solemn vow which was made by Jephthah, Judge of Israel, who was of that tribe.

9. The instructing of the candidate with the mysteries was symbolised by the tribe of Asher, because he was then presented with the rich fruits of Masonic knowledge, as Asher was said to be the inheritor of fatness and royal dainties.

10. The investment of the lambskin, by which the candidate is declared free, referred to the tribe of Naphtali, which was invested by Moses with a peculiar freedom, when he said, "O! Naphtali, satisfied with the blessing of the Lord, possess thou the West and the South."

11. The ceremony of the north-east corner of the Lodge referred to Joseph, because as this ceremony reminds us of the most superficial part of Masonry, so the two half tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, of which the tribe of Joseph was composed, were accounted to be more superficial than the rest, as they were the descendants of the grandsons only of Jacob.

12. The closing of the Lodge was symbolised by the tribe of Benjamin, who was the youngest of the sons of Jacob, and thus closed his father's strength.

Such were the celebrated twelve points of Freemasonry of the ancient English lectures, they indicate the great antiquity of the fraternity. The most ancient nations taught largely by symbols; the inscriptions upon the remains of ruined cities in both hemispheres, as well as works of art, indicate it. These points are also of interest to biblical students, and serve to afford information to those who believe that the Jewish people were classified by Jehovah, who does nothing without design or symbol.—*The Light.*

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Tuesday next, the 21st instant, is the day fixed for Bro. Binckes's visit to the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Binckes will be assisted in the rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration by Bros. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, who will act as Chaplain, and by Bro. Gilardini and Monger, who have undertaken the musical arrangements. The brethren will meet at the East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth, at 6·30 for 7 o'clock.

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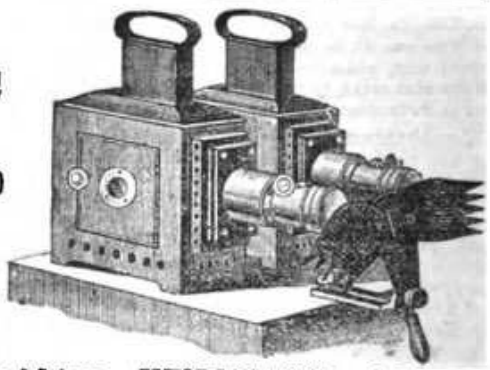
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THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 18TH MAY 1889.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of Mark Masons of the Province of West Yorks was held under the Banner of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14, at the Masonic Hall, Eastwood, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when the following brethren assembled:—Bros. C. Letch Mason Prov. G. Master, the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Deputy Prov. G. Master, Francis Smith Prov. G.S.W., J. W. Monckman P.P.G.W. as Prov. G.J.W., J. A. Thornton Prov. G.M.O., R. Nelson as Prov. G.S.O., Henry Smith Prov. G.J.O., the Rev. J. H. Evans Prov. G. Chaplain, George Normanton Prov. G. Treasurer, Thomas Gaukroger Prov. G. Registrar, Wm. Cooke Prov. G. Secretary, Wm. Ackroyd Prov. G.S.D., J. E. Craven as Prov. G.J.D., Thomas Myers Prov. G.I. of W., W. F. Tomlinson as Prov. G.D. of C., John P. Hewitt Prov. Assistant D.C., John J. Green Prov. G. Sword Bearer, A. F. Fitzpatrio Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, G. F. Carr Provincial G. Organist, Henry Oxley as Prov. G.I.G., Kendall and Collinson Stewards, Thomas Marshall P.P.G.O., Barrand 111, and Thomas Hodgson as Prov. Grand Tylers. The Prov. G. Lodge was duly opened and the Prov. G. Master and Deputy Prov. G. Master were saluted in ancient form. The Prov. G. Master, in replying to his salutation, said:—

Accept my very sincere thanks for the hearty reception you have accorded to Prov. Grand Lodge this day. It has been our privilege to assemble under the banner of Prince Edward several times, first in August 1872 and again in August 1875, September 1879 and September 1882, but this is the first occasion on which we have met here during the time I have had the honour of being your Provincial Grand Master. The Lodge of Prince Edward, No. 14, has the proud distinction of being high on the roll of Lodges in this Province, a position I feel sure it does not in any degree undervalue. Bro. Craven, in his "History of Freemasonry at Bottoms," states, "The Mark Lodge is one of the oldest, if not the oldest in the Province. At the time of the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge it was a disappointment to Prince Edward that it was not given No. 1 on the list of the Grand Mark Lodges, as it had been led to expect such a distinction. The date of its creation is not known. Several Mark Lodges have sprung from the Bottoms Mark Lodge. I am assured that at one time it was considered the chief and most important Mark Lodge, that brethren came to it from all parts of the country, and that it had between eighty and ninety members. I can recollect when it was attended by Mark Masons from Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Huddersfield, Halifax, Rochdale, and Oldham." Such, brethren, are the words of one well known to you, and who can speak much more confidently of the past of Prince Edward than I can. I see that at the end of 1887 you only had eighteen members; since then I understand you have had several additions, and I trust that the Lodge will go on adding good men and true till we see it one of the strongest and most active in the Province. It is not my intention to address you at any length to-day, my worthy and esteemed Deputy the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Prov. G. Chap. England, has kindly consented to deliver an address, to which we are all looking forward with pleasure. I must, however, trouble you with a few matters of detail. On the 29th January last, with the assistance of Bros. C. F. Matier P.G. Warden Asst. G. Sec., Robt. Berridge P.G.O. G. Dir. of Cers., and R. R. Bryant, I had the pleasure of consecrating the Danum Lodge, No. 398, at Doncaster. This makes the eleventh Lodge on the Roll of West Yorkshire. Since we last met in Wakefield, in October last, we have lost our much respected Bro. Fred Barber, of the Britannia Lodge, Sheffield. At that meeting he was appointed Junior Warden of the Province. Bro. Barber left immediately Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, as he was proceeding to America the next day. None of us, who then saw his happy face and bade him a safe and prosperous journey, thought it was the last time we should meet on this side of the grave. To fill the vacancy thus caused, I appointed our W. Bro. William Delancy, the first Master of "Danum," and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him long life and happiness and success and prosperity to the Junior Lodge of the Province. Grand Mark Lodge has recently taken a most important step, in securing the lease for 49 years of Bacon's Hotel, adjoining the Freemasons' Hall, in Great Queen Street, London. The importance of this step is hardly realised in the Provinces. Those of us who know the present headquarters of the Grand Mark Lodge will not fail to see the great advantage that will accrue to Mark Masonry, and I believe it is the one step of all others that will tend to the greater prosperity of the Order and raise its prestige still higher. To no one does Mark Masonry owe so deep a debt of gratitude than it does to our lamented and highly esteemed brother the late Canon Portal, whose recent loss we are mourning. Canon Portal was a Past Grand Master of the Order, and up to the day of his death the President of the Board of General Purposes. He took a most active interest in all that concerned the welfare of Mark Masonry, and in losing him we have lost a "Good Brother and True." I have just issued an appeal on behalf of our Mark Charities. I do not ask any large contributions, but I do ask that each Lodge will endeavour to do something. I firmly believe that hereafter our Charities will form a prominent feature in the Masonic Charities of England, and that their benefits will be as highly esteemed and valued as those of the larger ones. Let us therefore gradually strengthen our voting power, so that when the hour of necessity arrives we may be able to assist a brother in distress, or help in the education of the orphans of our less fortunate brethren. One word more and I have done. According to the laws of Mark Masonry and the terms of my appointment as your Prov. Grand Master it will devolve upon you to-day to nominate a brother for the office of Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. Whoever that may be rests entirely in your own hands. One object alone we all have, the welfare and prosperity of Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire.

The roll of Lodges being called, all were found represented, with the exception of two. The Provincial Grand Registrar read a report of the state of the several Lodges in the Province. The Prov. G.S.W. Bro. F. Smith proposed, the Provincial G.J.W. Bro. Monckman seconded, and Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain supported—That this meeting recommends to the M.W.G.M.M.M. the re-appointment of the Provincial Grand Master for a further period of three years, which was carried unanimously. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., read the following address:—

I have often spoken on occasions like the present, of Freemasonry as a source of edification apart from the social enjoyment involved in it, and the tie of the brotherhood, by which it binds together the various nations of the world. At the present time I would touch in a few words on the lessons which are taught through the journey of life by its different degrees. Especially alluding to those truths which Mark Masonry tends to inculcate. The neophyte in the Order is first directed to make himself acquainted with the principles of moral truth and virtue as a sure foundation upon which to "erect a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder." The Craftsman is next admonished on this basis to "extend his researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science," for no knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences can avail to make him a genuine Mason acceptable in the sight of God and man if his mental attainments do not rest on the sure ground of truth and virtue. In the third degree, with a mind well constituted and a life that has been squared on the principles taught to the Entered Apprentice, he is led to reflect on the close of existence, and is shown that "to the just and upright man death can have no terrors compared with the sting of falsehood and dishonour." Some may be present who have not been exalted to the Holy Order of Royal Arch Masonry, and therefore I confine myself now to observing that he who has been so privileged is conducted on to reflections upon that eternity of which death is the portal; to the thought of Him, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as but one day: "The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the First and the Last, who was and is and shall be, the Almighty," and with whom the faithful Mason may hope to inherit everlasting life and happiness. Between the second and third degrees comes our honourable Order, affording us a striking dramatic illustration in regard to the practical duties of this life, and a proof that patient continuance in well-doing, though it may for a time be despised and unrecognised will, sooner or later, receive a recompense. And I cannot but observe on the present occasion that those who estimate the work of Mark Masonry as teaching this great and cheering lesson must feel how lasting a debt of gratitude is due to him who has recently passed away from amongst his fellow workmen to receive his wages at the Master's hands. As the editor of the *Freemason* has justly observed, "it is given to few men to make trial of their ability in so many varied spheres of Masonic labour, and to win very high distinction in all, as was granted to Bro. Canon Portal. Only preferred to his highest honours a short while since, in constitutional Masonry as Grand Chaplain and Principal Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter, he may well be considered the reviver of the Mark degree in the form which it has now assumed, and to him T.G.O.O.U. was pleased to grant the satisfaction accorded in this life to very few, of seeing his labours well rewarded and his work appreciated. But above all, and crowning all with a halo of never failing brightness, is the sure reward in another world awaiting one who up to the extent and opportunity given him, has thought well and laboured well for God and man. How often it happens that men like our noble Grand Master Moses are not permitted to see the happy consummation of their life work with mortal eyes in accordance with the rule that "one soweth and another reapeth;" but a state there is in which "he that soweth and he that reapeth shall rejoice together," and "every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." No feeling will there be then of failure; no bitter cry "Alas! alas! my labour is lost;" but we shall obtain a recompense for things that were done when we have been buried for centuries, the fruit of the outermost branches of the tree which we had planted and had left a sapling. Brilliant as has proved the success of Mark Masonry even already, as revived by him whose loss we deplore, its grandest prosperity has yet to come; the work goes on although the worker has passed away. Let

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us take our share then in striving to advance it, although it may not be given to us, as it was to him, to act a great part in promoting its interest. We may not, like him, be privileged to witness the fruit of our labours, but if in following his bright example we strive to work as faithful Craftsmen we shall not fail, sooner or later, to receive the Great Overseer's approving smile and approving mark as fitted for a place in the spiritual structure, even the "House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

On the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Very Worshipful Brother, also to the Brethren of the Prince Edward, No. 14, for arranging for the Provincial meeting. Invitations were given from Bradford, Sheffield and Halifax for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to tea and spent an enjoyable evening.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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"To the W. Brethren F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Rota Chairman of the House Committee, and Chas. Fred. Hogard, Rota Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Lamb Buildings, Temple,
"13 May 1889.

"Sirs and Brothers,

"I have to acknowledge your letter of 9th May, received by me *after* it had appeared in the columns of the *Freemason* of 11th inst.

"In that letter it is stated that—

"'Without unrestricted access to those notes (*i.e.* the shorthand writer's notes of evidence before the Committee of Inquiry), it is manifestly impossible to draw up an exhaustive reply' to the report of that Committee.

"You thus plainly suggest that 'unrestricted' access to these notes had not been afforded to you.

"I now call your attention to the following facts: On 29th April, the Secretary (Bro. Binckes) by your instructions 'applied' to me for these notes.

"I replied, full *access could always be had here*, and, instructions, if more convenient, I offered to lend them you, to be returned to me when required.

"Accepting the offer I thus made, his clerk called and took all 15 vols. of the notes, on 3rd May, and signed the receipt for them, which I now hold.

"They have since remained in your possession. It is difficult to conceive how you could have allowed yourselves to sign a letter, thus directly suggesting an inference the reverse of the truth, had the Secretary informed you of these facts.

"I observe, however, that the letter of May 9th, down to the actual signatures, is *entirely in the Secretary's handwriting*.

"Brother Binckes well knew when he penned that letter that he then held these notes on your behalf, and that he had so held them for six days, at the moment he put that letter before you to affix your signatures thereto.

"I forbear comment on that which speaks for itself.

"Nor shall I enter into correspondence on the report which my colleagues and myself have presented to the Quarterly Court.

"If that body thinks right to publish these notes, the Committee of Inquiry cannot entertain the slightest objection—at least, so far as I am concerned, or may speak beforehand for the other members.

"Only the evidence must, in that case, appear in its entirety as given, and no part be suppressed. It will then be seen that it fully justifies every conclusion to which the Committee of Inquiry came.

"As, desiring 'to avoid any want of courtesy' to any member of the Committee or to myself, you sent your letter to the *Freemason* for publication before I received it, you will not complain that I am sending a copy of this letter for insertion in that newspaper.

"Yours faithfully,

"FREDERICK A. PHILBRICK,

"Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry."

[The above communication appears in the current issue of the *Freemason*; it has not been sent to us for publication, but as it is referred to in the communication which immediately follows, from Bros. Murray and Hogard, we feel justified in reproducing it.—ED. F.C.]

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly give insertion to the accompanying letter.

Yours fraternally,

JOYCE MURRAY.
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Chairman Committee of Inquiry.

V.W. SIR AND BROTHER,—Your letter of the 13th has been considered by a Special Meeting of the Committees of this Institution, held this day. We regret that our expression "unrestricted access" to the shorthand writer's notes of evidence was misapprehended by you. We—the House and Audit Committees—were given the fullest access to them for our own information, but as they were to remain for the present with the papers of the Committee of Inquiry (see your letter of 30th April 1889), and as the inquiry was private and confidential, we felt that we could not, without the sanction of your Committee, have "unrestricted access" to them for publication. From your letter of 13th May 1889, we gather that we must wait authority from the Special or Quarterly Court before we can have what we intended to convey by the term "unrestricted access" to the notes. The letter sent to you in the handwriting of the Secretary of the Institution was drafted at a Special joint meeting of the Committees by members of those Committees on behalf of the whole.

We are, V.W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOYCE MURRAY,
On behalf of the House Committee.

CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD,
On behalf of the Audit Committee.

16th May 1889.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Report presented by the Committee of Investigation I regret to observe that there are some surprising assertions, which I have no hesitation in saying are unjustifiable and misleading. If the Committee of Investigation had been personally cognisant with the working of the Institution, and not dependent upon hearsay evidence, they would not have propounded opinions so fallacious. I am at a loss to devise upon what basis such resolutions rest, but of this I am certain, that they do not represent a true state of things relating to the Boys' School. It is not, however, my present purpose to discuss the general tendency of the Report, but I do desire, in the interest and welfare of the School, to draw attention to two matters—one being the opinions expressed in the report that the boys are low in physique; the other, that Mr. Jabez Hogg, the eminent honorary Surgeon Oculist to the Institution, is made to say, in his very interesting description of the boys, that double the ordinary per centage of defective sight occurs amongst the pupils. He did not say this. What he did say was, "That the injury to the sight was not a bigger per centage than we get in such like schools, and in Germany it is double what we get in England." As applicable to the physique of the boys, Mr. Hogg stated, "They were quite up to the average, and very well nourished indeed." I select these subjects from many more which struck me in reading the Report, because of the vital importance which they bear on the character of the School, and to prevent a wrong impression being formed if they are left uncontradicted. It is not for me to dwell upon the style which characterises the composition of the Report, but having been Treasurer of the Institution for upwards of sixteen years, and on the House Committee previously, and knowing by experience the invaluable services of brethren who have given their time on the Committees, with the sole object of making the Institution as perfect as possible, and to correspond with the wishes and intentions of the Subscribers, my mind is impressed by the omission of any mention in the Report of the good which they have so successfully accomplished.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE PLUCKNETT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of remonstrance addressed to Bro. Philbrick, Chairman of Committee of Inquiry, by Bros. Ramsay and Hogard on behalf of the House and Audit Committees of the above Institution, which appears in your columns of to-day, is in many respects a remarkable document, and it suggests at least the two following points, which seem to me to demand immediate attention and explanation.

1. Had not Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, with each and all the members of their respective Committees, ample opportunity and every facility afforded to them of assisting in the recent investigation by the Committee of Inquiry? And if they had, how is it that they announce so much ignorance of the *nature* of the evidence then submitted?

2. If Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, or any or either of the members of their respective Committees, heard, or know anything of this evidence; and if they have *not* "subordinated their views to any official influence whatever," nor "failed to maintain the most steady allegiance to the important interests entrusted to their care," how comes it that they so positively and "unanimously concur in entering a protest against decisions" which have been arrived at by an impartial Committee of Inquiry, selected from different Provinces?

It appears to me, then, that the two simple issues which present themselves for consideration in regard to this matter are:—

In the first place, that the members of the House and Audit Committees, individually as well as collectively, have been guilty of mal-administration and neglect of a very reprehensible character, or they are not guilty. And in the next place, that the "conclusions" of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry are either in accordance with the "weight of evidence," or contrary to it.

In other words, that the Inquiry Committee have reported on *Facts*, or they have invented them, as Bros. Ramsay and Hogard would seem to imply.

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Thus, this "remonstrance," by the Chairmen of the House and Audit Committees, becomes nothing less than a very serious charge against the Committee of Inquiry, and the Craft can only a true verdict find, on appeal, after knowledge of the "shorthand writer's notes of the evidence."

I therefore strongly urge the prompt and full publication and circulation of these "notes," together with the Inquiry Committee's Report; and pending these, I, for one, shall be content to hold over my judgment.

Nevertheless, I cannot help repudiating the suggestion that the Inquiry Committee had deliberately forsworn their Masonic integrity for the base purpose of gratifying feelings of personal animosity of any kind or degree, by the issue of a Report *contrary to evidence*, more particularly when I remember that its members are all of them well known brethren and honourable gentlemen, and that many of them, like Bro. Malcolm the Coroner for this Borough, possess special judicial experience and ability.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that you will permit a full and free discussion in your columns of this very important matter, involving, as it does, not only the welfare of a Royal and most useful Institution, but also the characters, official and personal, of those to whom the management of its affairs has been confided; and further that all communications may be signed in full, so that no masked batteries may be brought into use during the inevitable conflict which must now unfortunately ensue.

Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR,

P.M. Prudence, 2069, Leeds.

Leeds, 11th May 1889.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Alexandra Palace.—This popular place of amusement will re-open for the season on the 1st June, under the direction of Mr. S. Lee Bapty. Among other things the Directors have arranged to hold a grand exhibition of monkeys, commencing on the 1st June. In this exhibition it is intended to show, as fully as possible, monkey life in all its various phases, and as nearly according to nature as circumstances will permit. For this purpose the whole of the large conservatory will be utilised, and it is intended that at least a thousand monkeys of various species shall be shown. For the delectation of those for whom monkeys have no charms a series of entertainments will be provided. The finest variety show which can be produced will play twice daily on the large stage in the Great Central Hall, Frederick's Grand Circus will also give two performances each day, the great American Parachutists, Williams and Young, will ascend twice weekly with their large fire balloon, and descend by means of parachutes, and Professor Baldwin has been engaged for the season to repeat his daring ascents of last year. The large theatre will be occupied at intervals by leading London and Provincial Companies. Mr. A. Gwyllym Crowe has been specially engaged with his celebrated orchestra, and a chorus of 800 voices, for a series of grand concerts on the great orchestra. The above are only a few of the items put forth in the prospectus, and we trust that a successful season will result. We may add that season tickets (10s 6d each) can now be obtained.

Miss Alice Lingard will create the leading part in Mr. J. W. Pigott's new comedy drama, "Which Wins," to be given at Terry's, on the 12th June. Miss Lingard, with the exception of her performances at the Haymarket in old comedy, has not been seen in London since her appearance in "Sister Mary" in 1887.

In consequence of the success attending Mr. Alexander's matinée of "The Grandsire," at Terry's, on Wednesday, the performance will be repeated on Wednesday next at three p.m.

The opening ceremony of the Al Fresco Fayre and Floral Fête will take place on Wednesday, the 29th inst. Season tickets may now be purchased from Captain the Hon. F. C. Howard, at the Grosvenor Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.

Nineteenth Century Art Society.—A very bright and interesting exhibition, numbering in all 455 pictures and half a-dozen sculptures. This institution is admirably fitted to the young artist, in which to try his prentice hand, by exhibiting small and carefully finished work, especially as the galleries are well lighted, and much care is bestowed upon the hanging. There are many landscapes both in water colour and oil; the portraits are few, and works in *genre* are not so numerous as formerly. The chief feature is the number of landscape gems. Amongst the larger landscapes are to be noted:—"The Vale of Commaniole" (167) by M. Edwin Bookree, for its bold, rugged treatment and Constable effect of clouds. "The End of the Estuary" (64) by Arthur J. Ryle, with its barges at rest: a work full of mellowness and repose. "Evensong" (101) by Peter Macnab. A fine old Church, with its surroundings poetically treated; but the greens in the foreground are too green. "The Star and Garter, from Twickenham" (36) by Theo. Hines; and "At Nelwyn: Coming from the Spring" (55) by Joseph Bakie, are examples of harmony and repose. Amongst the gems of landscape are (123 and 139) two "Devonshire" views by Edward Henry Holder, charming for their brightness; "The Moel-y-Golfa, from the Severn at Port Quay (136), by Richard S. Marriott, for the transparency of its water; "At the Top of a Steep Hill near Orton, Staffordshire" (302) by R. A. K. Marshall, for its rendering of woodland and distance; and "A Surrey Village" (330) by E. Brace, for its faithfulness in detail and general interest. The best piece of sea painting is "Passing the Reefs" (188) by F. W. Hayes, A.R.C.A.; and amongst the many flower pictures "Roses" (7) by W. C. Sanders, heads the list for composition and quality. In the *genre* works "The Carnival of Venice: 'Beauty, Mirth and Sunshine'" (42) by Herbert Sidney; "Mine Inn" (57) by George Jarvis; and "A Gift: 'twas but a simple flower'" (91) by T. K. Pelham, will be sure to arrest attention. Of the few portraits, the "Portrait of a Lady" (232) by Emily Dixon, is a well-executed painting of a very handsome woman; but the most striking portrait is that of the Rev. W. J. Knapton, Vicar of St. John's, Great Marlborough-street" (144) by A. Leicester Burroughs. This is an important work, an admirable likeness, and strong in effect without any trick of forcing. In concluding this notice, all too short to do justice to this exhibition, growing in popularity every year, we should call attention, amongst the sculptures to the marble bust of the late "John Bright" taken from life (456) by John Adams-Acton.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE NEW EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE first festival of the New Educational Fund in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, which took the form of a grand Masonic banquet, was held, on the 8th inst., in the York Lodge, Dancombe-place, York, when about a hundred brethren from all parts of the Province were present. Though the Craft possesses three benevolent funds, which have their centre of management in the metropolis, for the sustenance of the Boys' and Girls' Benevolent Institutions and for the maintenance of decayed and unfortunate members, it has long been felt that there was need in the North and East Yorkshire Province for an educational fund for children of Freemasons, who by death or penury are left unprovided for. Some of the children thus left are too old or too young for the present Masonic Schools, and the new funds will furnish grants in such cases for the completion of their education. In the case of the younger children, educational provision will thus exist until they become by age qualified for candidature in the Masonic Schools, and opportunities will be given for continuing their education should they fail—as is, unfortunately, too often the case—to be elected; whilst in the case of the children who may be too old for the Masonic Schools, education will be completed, and that which has already been partially given will be saved. When the scheme was first mooted, about two years ago, it was taken up with that heartiness which is characteristic of the benevolence of the Craft in North and East Yorkshire, and, on the 8th inst., the first festival of the Educational Fund gave cheering prospect of success and of the power and extent of charitable relief which in a brief time hence is likely to be possessed by the Province. At the banquet the Earl of Zetland Rt. W.P.G. Master presided, and was supported on his right by His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor P.G. Warden, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.G.W. and D.P.G.M., M. C. Peck P.G. Standard Bearer Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. Walter Reynolds Prov. Grand Treasurer, and on his left by the Dean of York P.G. Chaplain, Bros. J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer P.P.G.W., T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W., and W. Lawton P.P.G. Registrar. After the banquet, the noble Chairman proposed the toasts of the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, both of which were most loyally received. He then proposed the toast of His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Wales R.W. Past Grand Warden of England, in connection with which he said he could not exactly say what he would in the presence of His Royal Highness, though he knew it would be received with all the enthusiasm which it justly deserved. His Royal Highness held a high Masonic position, and when he knew that this festival was to be held, he did not hesitate for a moment in giving it the honour of his company. And in doing so, he had distinctly given an impetus to Masonry in the Province, and aid to the fund of their most charitable organisation. He had shown that he took a loyal interest in all their surroundings by following the example of those of his predecessors whose memory would ever be revered. His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor said he felt difficulty in expressing himself for the very kind way in which the toast had been received, and still more so for the Worshipful Grand Master's flattering terms. He assured them of the pleasure which it afforded him to be there that evening; very great pleasure, indeed, he could assure them, especially on an occasion of that sort of the establishment of an educational fund started for an excellent and good work. He took the greatest interest in Masonry, and therefore he was only too glad to be a participator in a festival of that kind. He again thanked them for his reception, and sat down amid great applause. The succeeding toasts were the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, which latter toast was in flattering terms proposed by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, and was received with great applause. The noble Chairman, having responded, proposed the Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire, and called on Bro. M. C. Peck P.G. Sec. to read over the list of subscriptions which had come in, from 102 Stewards, and which in the aggregate amounted to £2928, a result which was received with immense applause. Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.T., P.P.G.W. gave the Great Masonic Charities. Other toasts followed. Prior to the banquet, the following brethren, who had taken an active part in the promotion of the educational fund, were presented to his Royal Highness Prince Victor:—Bros. Woodall, J. Todd, M. C. Peck, W. Reynolds, Colonel R. G. Smith, and Border.

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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 MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cook 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
1694—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 264—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
455—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1404—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 69—Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 20th MAY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gamden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
48—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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gamden 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, Pembroke 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)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1699—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
2285—Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. 224—Menatechin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
256—York, Masonic Hall, York
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
369—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
456—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Horsley Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 21st MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (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.
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, 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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1490—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
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 Instruction, 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. 1643—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.

215—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
284—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
419—Manuria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
453—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
607—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
889—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1278—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1554—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 150 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
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Bugeley
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
R.A. 4—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 130—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 445—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 450—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall at 6
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnabury, 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)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Bourgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
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. 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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
353—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
RA. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 32—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 615—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 23rd MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Goldsmith-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

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704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
748—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1448—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, Bell Hotel, 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.)
1648—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. (In.)
1745—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1781—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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. 667—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
79—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
202—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
604—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
794—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 314 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1489—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1569—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1893—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2184—Royal Victorian Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford
R.A. 223—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 753—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 24th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
766—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
769—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
826—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)
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1648—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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. (Instruction)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 205—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)

452—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1362—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
2089—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE result of the One Hundred and First Anniversary Festival of this Institution, which was celebrated on Wednesday, comes as a surprise to a great many. It was fully anticipated the total of the subscriptions announced on the occasion would be widely different to anything the Craft has become accustomed to in connection with the Annual Festivals of the three great Masonic Institutions, but it was hardly expected the total would go quite so low as it has done, the actual announcement being £5,354. The immense falling off in the amount, as compared with the totals of recent years, is due to the special efforts made last year in connection with the Centenary Festival of the Institution, and it is perhaps unfair to consider the result of the meeting just held apart from the result of the corresponding one of last year, for it was universally recognised, as we have said, that the present year would be an exceptional one. So much so is this the case, that we hardly know whether to regard the £5,354 announced on Wednesday as a success or otherwise. Of course we know it is far below what is actually required to carry on the Institution for a single year, but on the other hand it is a large sum to be subscribed by the Craft, in face of what has been done for the Institution during the last eighteen months.

The Festival was presided over by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, who occupied the chair in the absence of the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, the chief of the same province, who had promised to preside, but who was unfortunately prevented from attending in consequence of the death of the Dowager Lady Henniker. Elsewhere we give further particulars of the Festival and of the various amounts subscribed, from which it will be seen that of the total of £5,354 15s, London contributed £2,979 13s, and the Provinces £2,375 2s.

We do not suppose any difficulty will arise, or that any complaint will be made in regard to providing for the current year's expenses—so far as the subscriptions just announced fail to meet them—from the funds already in the hands of the Institution, providing future years realise sufficient to provide for their current expenses, but as there is so wide a difference between the result of Wednesday's Festival and the annual requirements of the Charity, some anxiety is natural as to what will be the outcome of future appeals. It would be idle to frame any opinion as to what is likely to be subscribed next year, or in years to come, on the basis of what has just been done; but we cannot help feeling that it will be difficult for the Institution to recover the position it has so long enjoyed in regard to the amount of its annual receipts. We cannot believe that with the Festival just concluded the special efforts made in connection with the Centenary will be wholly adjusted, and on that account consider it is none too early to begin looking ahead, especially as the Institution has just undertaken considerable enlargements, which, as a matter of course, must add to the future annual expenses, unless the additions are to be allowed to remain idle, a condition of affairs far from what is desired.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

WE do not propose to say anything this week in regard to the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as we think it best to leave the subject just as it stands in the hands of the Governors and Subscribers, who will consider the various questions raised at a Special General Court of the Institution, to be held on Thursday, the 6th of June, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, at 12 o'clock noon. We hope this Special Court will be numerously attended, that the discussions on that occasion will be free from malice and recrimination, and that such resolutions as may then be agreed upon will result in lasting benefit to the Institution.

WASHINGTON AS A MASON.

THE event of the past month in the city of New York was the Centennial of the inauguration of Washington as the first President of the United States, and it is a fitting occasion to recount the debt of gratitude the nation owes to its great hero, not only as a great military chieftain, but equally as a sagacious and far-seeing statesman. So long as liberty has a votary, or Freedom a friend, the name, fame and deeds of Washington shall live. His great services, and his aid and wisdom in founding and inaugurating a republican government will go down into uncounted ages.

The eulogies of Washington have been pronounced in every land and in every tongue of the civilised world, by the greatest of orators and the most distinguished of poets. He was the first of soldiers, was likewise the most exemplary of citizens, and the wisdom which gave him pre-eminence in the field was equally useful in guiding the ship of state. Now, those who fought for and saved the Union see in him not simply the patriot, but the lofty statesman, with prophetic vision pointing out the path of national power, greatness and happiness.

It is conceded that one of the glories of Freemasonry is that the greatest, the wisest and the best men of all ages have been enrolled under our banners; and among the honoured names which are recorded in Masonic annals there is none more high, none more honoured by our American and foreign Brethren, than that of Washington. The time when he received his first lessons in our Institution is fully and accurately authenticated.

Washington was born in the year 1732, and the recorded facts of his Masonic history are to be found in the records of Fredericksburg Lodge in the State of Virginia. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on 4th Nov. 1752; advanced to Fellow Craft on 3rd March 1753, and was exalted to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 4th August 1753. This is the record of his entrance into the Institution. Some years later he was Master of Alexandria Lodge.

After the admission of Washington as a member of our Fraternity, and through all his subsequent career, he maintained his connection with our Fraternity, keeping up his Lodge in the tented field, through all the war of the Revolution, and frequently visiting Lodges in the various cities of our land. He honoured our Fraternity with his

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occasional presence, and the Craft delighted to point to him as a Master Workman among them, in which the Fraternity for generations, have been so long engaged. Bro. Washington laid the Corner-stone of the Capitol at Washington, D.C., in 1792. He was buried with Masonic honours by the Lodge of which he was the first Master, in 1799.

The Great Masonic principle of preserving Fidelity, in appointed duty, shone most conspicuously in Bro. Washington. Never was a man more truly right upon principle, or more systematically persevering in following his chosen principle of right. A perfect recognition of the great subordinating rule of order governed him in every act. And from the time that he became a member of the Institution, to the day when, as a wise Master builder, he set the key of his arch, and brought forth the capstone of his excellence as a man, he was eminently distinguished by the most modest fidelity in every duty which he was called upon to perform.

As an example of greatness for the rising generation, it is our privilege and duty to commemorate the name of Bro. Washington, to contemplate and revere his character, and to transmit to each generation, not only the memory of his excellence, but also the example and the evidences of our estimation and appreciation of it, in each succeeding age—for the love and reverence for the memory of the "Father of his Country" seems to grow every year. This spiritual presence in our country was never so vivid and powerful as to-day.

The character, the living example and influence of Bro. Washington we should perpetuate—a character which the people of this country should ever venerate, and to the utmost of our power should exalt and honour. Never may a member of the Fraternity violate the principles or stain the reputation of Bro. Washington. May the glorious Union be perpetuated, which his fidelity in war obtained, which his wisdom in administration cemented, and which his life and character honoured and adorned.

—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE 101st Anniversary Festival took place, on Wednesday evening last, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, when a large number of brethren assembled to celebrate the event, a goodly show of the fair sex filling the gallery. In the unavoidable absence, through domestic affliction, of the Lord Henniker P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, the V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, presided, and was supported by Lord Euston, Sir John Monckton, &c., &c.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and acknowledged, Lord Euston proposed the health of the Chairman in felicitous terms. The Chairman, in rising to give the toast of the evening, was loudly applauded, and his subsequent speech was also frequently interrupted with cheers. He said that the Institution had been established 101 years that very day, and had done a grand and noble work in its time. He wished all the brethren would go down to the School and judge for themselves of the wonderful way in which the girls were cared for and their comfort studied. The success of the girls in the Cambridge Local Examinations was highly satisfactory, no less than 18 per cent. passed; on the other hand they were taught domestic work and cookery, so that they would be fitted for any position it might please God to call them to. Owing to the grand success attained last year, the Committee did not feel it was right to compete with the other Institutions, so they left it to the brethren to do what they could. The Anniversary of the Boys' School would be shortly coming on, and he hoped it would receive large support, that every one would put his shoulder to the wheel, and would sympathise with those who are carrying on that noble work. Bro. E. Letchworth, a member of the House Committee, responded, and said that though they could not expect more than a moderate amount of subscriptions, this year there was no lack of energy, and he could assure the brethren and the Craft generally that they were all animated by one desire—to render the Institution as admirable as possible.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, the Secretary, then read the various Stewards' Lists of Subscriptions, amounting to a total of £5,354 15s, of which sum £2,979 18s was contributed by London, and £2,375 2s by the provinces. The announcement was heartily received.

Sir John Monckton gave the other Masonic Charities and success to them, to which Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, who was most cordially greeted, replied. He said it would be dificult to say how many times during the last 28 years he had responded to this toast; but at the present time it was a source of intense gratification to him to be called upon. He hoped he could rely upon the numerous friends he had made during past years for support in the future. He congratulated the Girls' Institution on its success, and would remind the brethren that all the three Charities belonged to the Craft, and as they increased so the brethren must be called upon for increased support.

Bro. James Terry also responded, and stated that though his Institution had had a hard struggle, he trusted a sufficient amount would be raised to pay the Annuitants during the coming year.

Bro. Peter Lande de Long acknowledged the toast of the Stewards, and Bro. St. Clair responded for the Ladies, which toast was proposed by the Rev. H. Whyte, Chaplain of the Savoy Chapel.

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a capital concert was given, under the direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

IN the unavoidable absence of Lady Henniker, through a domestic bereavement, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, distributed the prizes on Tuesday. A large number of the supporters of the Institution were present. Among these were the Earl of Euston, Bros. Edward Terry Grand Treasurer, Rev. Richard Peck P.P.G.C. Suffolk, C. F. Matier, Thomas Fenn, Frank Richardson, Kingston, George Gardner; Mrs. Edward Terry, Miss Nellie Terry, Miss Kingston and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The proceedings commenced at four o'clock, when the following was the Official Programme:—

The "Old Hundreth" to be sung by all present.
Selections by the Pupils.
Distribution of Prizes.
Calisthenics and Marching.
"God Save the Queen."

PRIZE LIST.

BY THE INSTITUTION.

Maude Hill, the gold medal for proficiency, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Norah Beely, the silver medal for good conduct, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Cambridge Local examination, 20 entered, 18 passed. Class III. Honours—Maude Hill, Ethel Fallding, Helen Foxall. Satisfied Examiners—Georgiana Smith, Mary Sherington, Isabel McLeod, Caroline Weare, Annie Brookbank, Amy Cutbush, Edith Matthews, Hannah Inglis, Kate Wortley, Florence Habgood, Daisy Capon, Dorothy Ainsworth, Louise Haigh, Marion Warner, Norah Beely.

College of Preceptors' examination, 30 entered, 29 passed. Prize winners—Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, Lucy Smith, Jane Turner, Beatrice High.

General Proficiency. 3rd Class—Ettie Chapman; 4th Class—Ellen Grammar; 5th Class—Hester Burt; 6th Class—Ethel Sanders; 7th Class—Helena Tims.

Mary Hirst, Ethel Hippey, Kate Allatt, for Needlework.

Florence Dunlop, Ethel Gothard, for Order and Attention, as proved by conduct marks throughout the year.

Kate Sharland, for Personal Neatness.

BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Religious Knowledge—Maude Hill.

By Bro. William Winn, for General Proficiency—Ethel Fallding, Helen Foxall.

By Bro. Thomas Fenn, for Arithmetic—Ethel Fallding.

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Music (first prize)—Louisa Pincombe.

"Wentworth Little" Memorial, for Music (second prizes)—Gertrude Greenwood, Jane Hutchings, Maud Keily.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music (third prizes)—Kathleen Gibson, Amy Cutbush.

By Bro. Eugene Montenuis, for French—Maude Hill.

"John Boyd" Memorial, for Drawing—Ruth Byers, Maud Skurray, Matilda Bennett.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Elocution—Maude Hill, Evelyn Conti, Bertha Dean.

By Bro. Col. Ward, for the best Perfect—Georgiana Smith.

By the Supreme Council 33°, for Good Conduct (first prize)—Florence Mason.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (second prizes)—Hilda Newman, Kate Wortley.

By Mrs. D. P. Cama, for Needlework (first prize)—Millicent Wotton.

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By Mrs. D. P. Cama, for Cookery (first prize)—Ruth Byers.
By Bro. Ralph Clutton, for Cookery (second prize)—Esther Robey.
By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (third prize) — Minnie Wedgwood.
By "Yates" Memorial, St. James's Lodge, No. 842, for Usefulness in Domestic Duties—Esther Robey.
By Bro. Col. James Peters, for Calisthenics and Deportment—Charlotte McMillan, Hetty Wrightson.
By Miss Godson, for Swimming—Mary Nicholson, Jane Smith, Lucy Smith.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (selected by her School-fellows)—Mary Tanner.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for General Proficiency—Winifred Chinneck.
By "Henry Levander" Memorial, for Arithmetic—Margaret Carter.

The following is a list of the amounts contributed at the Festival of the Girls' School.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

		£	s	d
Br	Ralph Clutton	16	16	0
	Thomas Fenn	15	15	0
	Robert Grey	36	15	0
	Charles Hammerton	100	0	0
	H A Hunt	21	0	0
	E Letchworth	31	10	0
	P de Lande Long	32	11	0
	H B Marshall, J.P.	10	10	0
	J H Matthews	10	10	0
	Sir John B Monckton, F.S.A.	10	10	0
	James Moon	10	10	0
	Colonel James Peters	105	0	0
	Frank Richardson	21	0	0
	Aldmn. Joseph Savory (also Lodge No. 7)	24	3	0
Lodge				
1	Br Col. Frederick Gadsden	26	5	0
2	C B Bivington	33	12	0
3	John Larkin	25	4	0
4	Herbert de Stern	10	10	0
5	John Chandler	36	4	6
6	Bonamy Dobree jun.	21	0	0
8	Edward E Cooper	42	0	0
9	Wm H Holroyd	60	0	0
11	Louis Polak	15	15	0
14	Walter E Sampson	5	5	0
18	J H Champness	21	0	0
21	Capt W C Woollett	28	17	6
26	William B M Bird	10	10	0
29	P H Waterlow	27	6	0
33	William Matthews	29	8	0
46 and 2127	Russell Gole			
55	Herbert W Roach	45	3	0
91	Thos Geo Nicholson	16	16	0
101	Frank Williams	26	5	0
172	W H Bailey (see also Staffordshire)	42	0	0
181	Edmund Yates	56	14	0
193	Samuel Smither	40	14	6
197 and 1118	Br Wm Masterman, D.C.L.	78	15	0
198	William Webber	26	5	0
222	A R Stenning	31	10	0
235	Ashurst Morris	15	15	0
259	O T Hodges	67	9	0
534	Edwin Bowley	21	0	0
832	Henry G Heather	27	6	0
879	C H Freyer	78	15	0
901	W R Haylock	96	11	6
902	John C Cross	43	1	0
969 and 1361	Br G D Lister	58	15	0
1383	Major-Gen E C Sim	111	6	0
1397	Nowell Stanhope Stott	54	12	0
1420	John Merry	46	0	0
1441	F J Eedle	152	5	0
1539	Fredk B Smith	37	5	6
1571	Joseph T Dormer	15	15	0
1586	Geo Henry Finch	36	15	0
1615	Br Lieut-Col V Bailey	21	0	0
1629	Rev C J Martyn, M.A. (see also Suffolk)			
1707	John Webb	41	7	6
1719	David W Sugg	26	5	0
1745	H J Lardner	27	6	0
1772	Hubert J Poole	26	5	0
2060	Ernest St Clair	68	5	0
2291	James Boulton	102	7	6

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1804	Br R R Green	102	12	6
Duke of Cornwall Benevolent Association	Bro Max Mendelssohn	42	10	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro	Asher Barfield	10	10	0
	W Belchamber	15	15	0
	Robert Berridge, F.R.G.S.	21	0	0
	Thomas G Bullen	13	13	0
	Charles Corby	10	10	0
	T H Gardiner	11	11	0
	W Kendal-Grimston	16	16	0
	R J Harnell	15	15	0
	W G Kentish	13	13	0
	H B. Marshall jun., B.A.	10	10	0
	T Hastings Miller	21	0	0
	William Morley	26	5	0
	Oscar Philippe	191	2	0
	Capt Clifford Probyn	30	9	0
	William Shurmur	10	10	0
	E W Stanton	15	15	0
	Colonel J Ward, J.P.	21	0	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge				
574	Anthony T Kersley	15	15	0
945	Maurice Wheeler	64	1	0
1899	Major E Ball	22	11	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

809	A W English	57	15	0

CHESHIRE.

104	Joseph D Kain	21	0	0
1565	Wm Hy Pugh			

CORNWALL.

The Province, Bro Major Jno Jas Ross		99	15	0

DEVONSHIRE.

Unattached, Bro Rev T W Lomon, M.A.		94	10	0

DURHAM.

The Province, Bro John Heppell		134	8	0

ESSEX.

Chapter				
276	Comp. A C Durrant	23	2	0

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge				
76	Br W H Jacob	57	15	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	Rev W d'A Crofton	33	12	0
Unattached,	Br F Sumner Knyvett	21	0	0

KENT.

The Province,	Br J S Eastes	115	10	0
Lodge				
1414	Br A St. G McA Laurie	40	19	0

LANCASHIRE (East Division).

348	John Kenyon	10	10	0
645	Carl Götz	21	0	0
1009	George Hunt			
1030	James Cookson	10	10	0

LANCASHIRE (West Division).

314	T M Shuttleworth	42	0	0
680	James De B Adam	10	10	0
730	Thomas Sharples	5	5	0
986	James Ashton			
Unattached,	Br Thomas Banner Newton	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

Lodge				
1326	Br John Amey	10	10	0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

The Right Hon the Earl of Euston, D.L.		26	5	0

NORTH WALES.

Unattached,	Bro C K Benson	52	10	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Lodge				
357	Br Rev H Sayers	60	18	0
357	J W S Godding			
357	R G Pearson			
357	P Colville Smith			
1895	Edward Carlisle	15	15	0

SHROPSHIRE.

Unattached,	Bro A C Spaull	55	13	0

SOUTH WALES (West Division).

Unattached,	Bro John Bourne	52	10	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province,	Bro W H Bailey (see also Lo. 172, London).	89	5	0

SUFFOLK.

The Right Hon the Lord Henniker		23	5	0
Unattached,	Br Rev C J Martyn, M.A. (see also Lo. 1629, London)	68	5	0
Lodge				
81	Br Edward Smith	53	0	6
114	Robert Tidbury, M.D.	47	5	0
114	W Clarke	5	5	0
225	Rev Samuel Maude	21	0	0
332	Joseph C Norman	31	10	0
376	N Tracy	32	11	0
383	Eaton W Moore	21	0	0
516	C G Hayward	36	15	0
555	S G Carley	42	0	0
936	James M Harvey	12	1	6
959	John White	36	14	0
959	A R Trew			
1008	William Pead	37	16	0
1224	W Inglis Mason	63	0	0
1452	Hugh W H Elwes	11	11	0
1592	James Hodges	31	10	0
1663	H Gedny	0	10	6

SURREY.

452	Daniel R Wise	21	0	0
889	William Drewett	27	6	0
1638	Harry Curtis	30	0	0
1920	James Easterbrook	18	7	6
Unattached,	Br H M Hobbs	42	0	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Unattached,	Bro A F Godson M.P.	15	15	0
Unattached,	Bro Thos R Arter	21	0	0

YORKSHIRE (North and East).

The Province,	Bro W Holder	42	0	0

YORKSHIRE (West).

Lodge				
289	Br Alfred Williamson	255	15	0
904	Fredk Cleeves			
904	E Isle Hubbard			
974	George Beanland			
974	Herbert A Foster			
1019	Herbt G Green			
1239	J J Pickford			
1301	James Sugden			
1513	T W Embleton			
1736	Geo P Sunderland			

ISLE OF MAN.

1242	Arthur W Brearey	10	10	0

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

BENGAL.

232	W Girling	21	0	0
Unattached,	Bro W Franks	36	15	0

PUNJAB.

Lodge				
1485	Br Seva Ram	10	10	0

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

2118	John R M Thomson			

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COMMITTEES OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WITH the exception of Massachusetts, every Grand Lodge in the United States has a Committee of Correspondence. The Committee usually consists of three brethren; but in reality the Chairman of the Committee is *the* Committee. One would naturally suppose from its name or title that its function was to correspond with Foreign Grand Lodges, that the reports of the said Committees are filled with translations into English of all the letters they sent or received; but this is not the case, for they neither send nor receive any letters. In short there is no correspondence carried on between them and any one. Their title is a *misnomer*; it ought to have been named THE ILLUMINIZING COMMITTEE, for its function is to make known the doings of other Grand Lodges, both at home and abroad; their information is collected from the printed Proceedings of said Grand Lodges; these Proceedings are arranged by the Chairman in alphabetical order, he begins with a report of a Grand Lodge whose first letter is A, for instance, *Alabama*, and so goes on to the end or near the end of the alphabet.

After an American Grand Lodge is opened, and some necessary matters are disposed of, the Grand Master delivers an oration: if he is very pious the oration will be peppered with piety, if he has a taste for history he will enlighten the Grand Lodge in that line. As during his one year office he receives numerous questions about all kinds of Masonic laws, &c., some pages are filled with his answers or descriptions; and if he is a Gourgasite, he will endeavour to prove from history, jurisprudence, &c., &c., that the Cerneauites are bogus, spurious, illegitimate, and what not, and they therefore ought to be expelled from all rights and privileges of Masonry. As a rule, however, every Grand Master in his oration is apt to *stickle* for "ancient landmarks." Now in 1869 I heard a G.M. of New York deliver his oration—of course he believed in ancient landmarks—and among his jurisprudence decisions there was one derived from the laws of the old operative Masons about "sound limb." But the New York Grand Master went even further than the requirement of the bricklayers and stonecutters of olden times, he said: If a man has a speck in one of his eyes he is disqualified for Masonry. The G.M. was a lawyer, but he reasoned like a parson of the last century, viz.: because Moses wrote in Leviticus that a "blind, broken, or maimed animal shall not be offered to the Lord," therefore, said the G.M., a defect in one eye disqualifies a man from being offered to the Lord at the Masonic altar. Another Grand Master has recently decided that if a man has lost one finger he cannot be initiated into Masonry, and another G.M. went even so far as to disqualify a man for Masonry (as I shall show hereafter) who lost only a joint of one of his fingers. Of course, we now and then find here and there more sensible Grand Masters than those above described, but I have met with very few who do not believe in some kind of ancient landmarks.

The same variety of sensible and foolish may be found among the Chairmen of Committees of Foreign Correspondence, and of course a sensible Chairman of such a Committee will point out the faults of a foolish Grand Master, and a foolish, superstitious, or prejudiced Chairman will censure a sensible Grand Master. The majority, however, of the Chairmen of said Committees either lack courage to argue or feel themselves unable to do so, so they content themselves with merely giving extracts from the various Proceedings, and acknowledge some compliments they received from some other Chairmen. Sometimes they try to show off some wit, and more than once a Chairman makes a "new departure," viz., in *guessing* historical events, as our Bro. Fellows, of New Orleans, has done.

Now, the Grand Lodge of Dakota appointed, in 1887, Bro. F. J. Thompson for Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and his first Report appeared in 1888. It has produced a commotion among the pious and Conservative Chairmen of said Committees. I will just give a few specimens from his Report. The Grand Master of Montana, in 1887, began his address as follows:—

"Since our last meeting, another year has come and gone."

Bro. Thompson—"This is a very strange occurrence, and with peculiar force. The following is very remarkable."

G.M. of Montana—"Again we are permitted to meet in in an annual convocation for purposes of the future."

Bro. Thompson—"Did this Grand Lodge ever meet in annual convocation for purposes of the past?"

G.M. of Montana—"The right of individual opinion and the grand principles of civil and religious liberty, in the maintenance of which Past Grand Master Washington and his followers gained a crown of glory, are fundamental axioms among enlightened Masons."

Bro. Thompson—"A good many things have been laid to George Washington, but this is the first time we have ever heard him accused of having been a Grand Master."*

The Grand Lodge of Texas always was a model of piety, and it has during the last thirty-five years expelled from Masonry a number of brethren for disbelieving in the inspiration of the Bible. Now this, if consistently carried out, every Mason who disbelieves in witchcraft or driving out of devils, &c., &c., ought to be ignominously expelled from Masonry. Bro. Thompson makes the following comments thereon:—

"The Grand Master [of Texas] declares that a belief in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is an indispensible pre-requisite to Masonic admission. I would recommend that in addition to the questions now required to be asked the candidates, that the following be added: 'Do you believe in the divine authenticity of the Scriptures?'"

Bro. Thompson thus continues:—

"The case of a brother who was charged with the heinous offence of asserting that he did not believe in the divine authenticity of the Bible, was brought on an appeal before the said Grand Lodge, and because the Lodge had acquitted him, the committee, to whom the question was referred, said that a fair trial cannot be had in that Lodge [it therefore] reversed the decision of the Lodge, and ordered the D.G.M. to attend the new trial and to see—as we read through the lines—that the brother was found guilty."

There is a specimen of Texas jurisprudence which I referred to above, viz.: that "the loss of a joint of one finger is a physical disqualification." Upon this Brother Thompson remarks:—

"As to the physical qualification question, that is a mixed one, but our observation leads us to believe that the more intelligent the members of a Grand Lodge are, the more liberal it is in its constructions of qualifications."

Bravo, Bro. Thompson! there never was more truth given in as few words as the above paragraph contains. You have indeed called things by their right name, viz.: if leading men of our Grand Lodges were sensible, they would not have such foolish laws. Our brother then goes on to say:—

"As to the requirement of belief in the divine authenticity of the Bible, we are led to but one conclusion, that such a regulation makes a farce of the word 'Ancient,' as Masonically understood, and substitutes either the word Jewish or Christian; to either of which I have no personal objection, if applied to the proper thing, but for an Institution which declares that it knows no creed; either one of the above appellations would be out of place. Our understanding in this matter is that belief in a Supreme Intelligence is required only, and we have thus far failed to see or hear from any legitimate source anything connected with Masonry which requires a person to believe the Bible is of divine authenticity. If such a belief were to be required, then we could not as a logical sequence recognise a person as a Mason who had taken for himself our obligations with his hand upon any other sacred writings except that of the Bible, and thus it would make our much vaunted claim to the universality of Masonry but an idle dream."

Some two or more years since, I referred to a Grand Master who expelled a Mason for being an agnostic, and Bro. Wheeler Grand Secretary, and also Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, approved of the doings of the Grand Master of Canada, while Bro. Thompson deals with him even shorter than he did with the Grand Master of Texas. He says:—

If it be essential to believe in God, is it necessary to believe in the God of Adam? Thus, "He made man in his own image," consequently is similar in form to man.

If it is necessary to believe the Old Testament to be an inspired revelation from God? We mean, is a belief in these things necessary for the Masonic admission. If they be true, then God must be like a man in form, or else it is untrue.

Bro. Wheeler does not believe that Masonry came to us through

* Bro. S. D. Nickerson, on perusing the above, assured me that he saw a medal to commemorate Washington's Grand Mastership. It was struck off, he believes in 1797, and it is not impossible that the Grand Master of Montana may have seen the medal in question and supposed it all right.

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Solomon. If so, then it is unnecessary to believe in the God of the Old Testament, for reason that Masonry is not of Jewish origin.

We would further ask, is it necessary in order to be eligible for the degrees that one must have a blind, unquestioning faith in a personal God?

Is it true that as soon as one's faith begins to wane, and he can no longer positively and conscientiously assert that there is a personal God, he can be tried and expelled from Masonry, or is it not eligible for Masonic admission?

Is it a Masonic crime to say, I don't know whether there is a God or not?

We mean by God, not the laws of nature as understood by that term, but a personal God.

What proof have we that such a Being exists? We want proofs, not sentimental talk about a blade of grass and how it grows and that sort of thing, nor the question, "How did all these things come *if* there was not a God?" nor do we want theories, for we are full of them.

What Bro. Wheeler, of Connecticut will say to the above questions I do not know. But I do know that Bro. Thompson's predecessor in the chair of the Foreign Correspondence Committee moved, in the Grand Lodge of Dakota, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Thompson for his very able Report, &c., and that the motion was *unanimously* passed or approved by the Grand Lodge.

BOSTON, U.S., 6th May 1889.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1024.

ON Tuesday, the 14th inst., the members met at the Masonic Hall (the tower of St. Peter's Church), to elect a Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. Joseph Sadler S.W., Mayor of Maldon, to be W.M., and Bro. H. J. Sansom was again unanimously elected Treasurer. It is expected that Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Essex, will be present at the installation, on the 11th prox.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

ON Thursday, the 16th inst., the monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, Bro. Thomas Russell W.M. presiding. There was a large attendance of members, and the following visitors were present:—Bros. J. T. Hansell W.M., Frank Hansell S.W., P. Buchanan J.W., Dr. Longford P.M., Z. Bright P.M. Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, T. Smith P.M., Smith W.M., William de Grey, Restoration Lodge, Darlington. Bros. Sam May and Jacob Henrick were raised to the third degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Russell W.M., assisted by Bros. J. S. Walton P.M., J. S. Winn P.M., and Joseph Fairburn P.M. The brethren afterwards took supper together.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 14th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W. There was a very large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. Miller W.M. was supported by Bro. S. Lancaster S.W., H. Moss J.W., Joseph van Praagh S.D. A. F. Casperd J.D., J. Siegenberg I.G., Baron B. D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, Loewenstark P.M. Treas., H. Casperd P.M., Kinsbury P.M., B. Fuld I.P.M., Quensey P.M., Oberdoerfer P.M. Tyler. There were also present Bros. Thomas Bond, J. Poppmacher, A. Fish, J. Lamber, L. Schuler, S. J. Magson, Rev. Larter, A. P. L. Tebbett, Necessrian, Samuelli, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. I. Botibol W.M. 188, Henry H. Meyer I.P.M. 1017, A. Levy 65, Jowitt Lane 185, J. Hebron 462, William Van Praagh 1491, E. Bibra 1669, A. H. Sanger 1280, S. C. Kaufman 1766, A. H. Atkin 1016, Jacques Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the usual preliminaries observed, Bro. S. Lancaster was presented for the benefit of installation. Having assented to the usual interrogatories and accepted the responsibility of the high office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Lancaster was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. On the readmission of the brethren the new W.M. was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours. Afterwards he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. B. Fuld I.P.M., H. Moss S.W., Joseph van Praagh J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, B. D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, A. F. Casperd S.D., J. Siegenberg J.D., E. Hayn I.G., J. Nash Dir. of Cers., A. F. Levy and Tebbitt W.S. The ancient charges were delivered very impressively by Bro. Baron D. Barnett, who acquitted himself in a masterly manner throughout the ceremony; the addresses to the newly-installed Master and Officers were especially well rendered. Some routine business having been transacted, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the party now adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent menu was provided. The following toasts were duly honoured:—The Queen and the Craft, H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Afterwards Bro. Fuld I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He might congratulate the Lodge on having so popular a man and Mason as their new W.M. to rule over them. The toast was received with great applause. The W.M., after returning thanks, said with the assistance of such an able body of Past Masters and Officers he would strive to give the brethren every satisfaction. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. the W.M. said that there could be but one opinion—that Bro. Fuld had fulfilled his duties to the satisfaction of every member. The I.P.M. suitably thanked Bro. Lancaster for his kindness in proposing his health; he also thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they received the toast; he also assured the W.M. that the jewel presented him that evening would be prized as long as he lived. The toast in honour of the P.M.'s came next. Bro. Kinsbury thanked the W.M. for his kind references, and congratulated him on the excellent way he was installed by P.M. Barnett. He (Bro. Kinsbury) was very sorry he could not attend regularly, but no doubt the W.M. would receive the assistance of the other Past Masters and Officers, and thus make the Lodge prosperous. Further, he wished the W.M. a successful year of office. Bro. Baron D. Barnett said it was with the greatest of pleasure that he had had the honour of installing the W.M.; he had been ably assisted by Bro. Lancaster. What the W.M. had already done was done in an admirable manner. Bro. Barnett thanked the W.M. for his good wishes; as Secretary he would do all in his power for the benefit of the Lodge and the comfort of the visitors. Several other P.M.'s also responded. The W.M. now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Visitors. All were pleased to see so many present; he felt sure every member of the Lodge agreed with him in this. Bro. Levy was the first to reply. He returned sincere thanks for coupling his name with the toast. He had known the W.M. many years, and was at his initiation. He did not doubt for a moment but that the W.M. would give the greatest satisfaction. Bro. Heilbron 462 also replied; he was very much impressed with the excellent working of the installation ceremony, and should look forward to being invited again. Several other visitors responded. In proposing the health of the Secretary and Treasurer, the W.M. said they were brethren who had Freemasonry at heart, and did everything in their power to advance its interests. Bros. Barnett and Loewenstark suitably responded. Bro. H. Moss S.W. thanked the W.M. for having appointed him Senior Warden. In time to come he hoped he might occupy the honourable chair in which the W.M. now sat. After other replies, the Tyler was summoned, and he concluded the proceedings. A capital programme of songs, &c., was rendered during the evening.

TORRIDGE LODGE, No. 1885.

AFTER the general business of this Lodge, on Monday, the 13th inst., at Torrington, the W.M., Bro. H. Holwill, on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bros. H. L. Mallet P.M. P.P.G.S.B. and P.M. Tapley P.M.'s jewels as a slight token of appreciation of the services rendered by these brethren in connection with the late election of a candidate for the benefits of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

CORDWAINER WARD LODGE, No. 2241.

THE 1st anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., Col. P. Cowan, Alderman, being installed in the chair as second Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Among those present were Bros. Frank Tayler, the W.M. of the past year, F. West P.G.D. acting I.P.M., Col. P. Cowan S.W., W. T. Buck J.W., Rev. R. Colvin Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, H. J. Adams P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Henry Lovegrove P.M. Secretary, C. S. Buck S.D., J. F. Hepburn P.M. J.D., E. J. Jones P.M. I.G., J. R. Reep D.C., F. J. Laughlin Organist, H. Carter Steward, together with the following visitors:—Alf. Buck P.P.S.G.W. Essex P.M. 453, H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928, R. Tilling P.M. 765, E. H. Quicke W.M. 1017, G. Watson P.M. 21 P.G.S., C. B. Lorne, W. Eldridge Johnson P.M. 134, J. W. Jeffery I.G. 134, J. Solomons P.M. 20 P.P.S.G.W. Kent, R. Ellis 1910, A. F. Aslow P.M. 1395, H. H. Montague 1718, M. Brown S.D. 1997, J. L. Sadler S.W. 1024, C. Bennett 22, W. H. White 1589, J. Tatloch P.M. 142, J. Wild P.M. 96, J. H. Parker Wilson 259, W. Hunt 172, S. N. Challoner 1427, J. Renals W.M. 1657, Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., C. J. Inglis, &c. Bro. Tayler performed the ceremony of installation in efficient style, and later in the day was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the way in which his services to the Lodge were appreciated by its members. The assistant officers for the year having been appointed, and matters of routine business disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. At its completion the Worshipful Master gave the customary toasts, that of "the Queen and the Craft" being followed by the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the Grand Master, Col. Cowan referred to the great interest taken by the Prince of Wales in the affairs of Freemasonry, which had prospered marvellously since His Royal Highness had so prominently associated himself with it. He had always evidenced a sincere desire to promote its welfare, and his thorough love for the Craft was amply demonstrated by the early introduction of his son among its members. The toast of the Grand Officers was next given. The W.M. regretted the Lodge had been deprived of the several Grand Officers who had been expected, either on account of ill health or other engagements, among them being the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell Clerke, Sir Reginald Hanson, and others. But they were fortunate in having among them Sir John Monckton, Bro. West, and Bro. Adams; with such a goodly array of Grand Officers they had good reason to be proud of the interest taken in their Lodge by those at the head of the affairs of Freemasonry. Sir John Monckton replied; it was very gratifying to him to hear from the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Frank Tayler, that the Lodge had prospered so well during the first year of its existence, and he was sure the Grand Officers shared with him in this gratification. The Lodge started only twelve months back with sixteen members, and had since doubled, its present roll being thirty-two. This was a fair and desirable increase; it was not, perhaps, so great an increase as some Lodges could point to in their first year, but it was a very satisfactory growth, and probably more to be commended than a much more rapid one. He considered the Lodge now stood in a splendid position, and he hoped it would continue to represent Freemasonry in the Ward of Cordwainer as well as it did at present. He was very much privileged in being allowed to propose the toast of

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the evening—the health of the newly-installed Master of the Lodge. On behalf of the members and visitors he tendered to Bro. Cowan the heartiest of good wishes, and hoped he would have a cordial and happy year of office. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the kind and brotherly love that had been shown in the toast just honoured. If his remarks had been short in proposing the health of others, how much more so was it likely they would be in speaking of himself; besides which, it was his constant desire to follow in the footsteps of one whom he regarded as his guide in such matters—his paternal brother, who, among other matters, had taught him that the expression of gratitude should be brief. In accordance with this injunction he simply said he thanked them most sincerely. The health of the Installing Master was next on the list. Had he only to introduce this toast to the members of the Lodge the Worshipful Master felt it would merely be necessary to mention the brother's name to secure a hearty reception, but they had visitors present who were, perhaps, unaware what Bro. Tayler had done for them. He had sat under his ruling, he had seen what he was capable of, and he knew how to appreciate him. The Lodge itself owed its existence to the inception and hard work of Bro. Tayler. There was no doubt he had been assisted in the work by others, but it was he who had first introduced the matter and had seen everything properly carried out. Bro. Tayler replied. He could not take all the credit to himself for the foundation of the Lodge. There were two or three members who had been quite as enthusiastic as he, and who had worked quite as hard in bringing the Lodge to its present state. The success of the Lodge was really due to the many kind friends and brother Masons they had met with in the Ward of Cordwainer, and he hoped it would always occupy a proud position among them. He was especially indebted to the members, and particularly to the officers, for the support they had given him during the past year, and particularly for the jewel they had been good enough to present him. He should always regard this with pleasure, as being a mark of esteem from his fellow workers in the Ward. The toast of the Visitors followed, the Master thanking those present for their attendance and support. He regarded so large a gathering as a compliment to himself and a mark of honour to the Lodge. Bros. Renals, Solomon, and Jacobs having replied, the Master gave the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, eulogising the way in which those brethren discharged the work of their respective offices. He thought they were particularly fortunate in having such a Secretary as Bro. Lovegrove, a Mason who brought with him great and varied experience, and seemed to take an interest in efficiently performing the duties which devolved upon him. Bro. Lovegrove replied. He had had the honour of presiding over twelve different Masonic Orders, and might claim that he had taken great interest in the work of Freemasonry. He had devoted himself zealously to the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, and should always do all that lay in his power to advance its welfare. The next toast was that of the Officers, who were thanked for their past, and urged to continue their efforts in the future. The Senior and Junior Wardens acknowledged the toast, and then the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. An enjoyable programme of music was provided for the meeting, and its rendering gave satisfaction to all present.

LODGE OF HOPE, No. 2153.

AT the meeting of this Lodge at the Lodge-room adjoining the India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. H. Crisp was installed as the W.M. for the year ensuing, in succession to Bro. T. Stretton. The ceremony was performed in a skilful and impressive manner by Bro. F. Powell, who received high compliments for the manner in which the duties of the evening were carried out. The following were appointed as the Officers for the year:—Bros. T. Stretton I.P.M., W. J. Pawsey S.W., T. W. Holdstock J.W., Rev. R. Measham Chaplain, G. Dunbar Treasurer, R. W. Downing Secretary, H. Apps S.D., E. Braham J.D., C. Seidenstucker D.C., J. M. Graham Assist. D.C., W. Leonard I.G., E. H. Buck and R. G. King Stewards. The newly-installed W.M. presided at the banquet, held subsequently to the proceedings in Lodge, and was supported by a large and influential gathering of the Craft, representing the various Lodges in the District. The proceedings were enlivened with some excellent singing, in which Bros. G. F. Lancaster, T. F. Wilton, Buck, King, and others took part.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Gauden-road, Clapham; Bros. W. W. Westley Preceptor, Folkard W.M., Mitchell S.W., Harvey J.W., Andrews Secretary, Beavan S.D., Ellson J.D., Donaldson I.G.; Bros. Livitt, Russell, Steele, F. Hill, Cochrane, Smith, Colman, W. Hill, J. P. Wright, Poole, Windsor, Spencer, Woods, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Evans candidate. The first and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, and the second section by Bro. Donaldson, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mitchell was elected W.M. for the 27th inst.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington. Present:—Bros. Altman W.M., Mathews S.W., Cruttenden J.W., Chalfont P.M Assist. Preceptor, Read Treasurer, Debane Secretary, Goslin S.D., Milnes J.D., Buckwell I.G., Corrie Steward, Craig, Hakim, Wood, Death, Major Ferris, Battley, Conway, Spyers, and Smith. Bro. Jones 1441 was a visitor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being the candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hakim was duly installed. Brother Altman, after investing the Officers, gave the addresses in a very able manner. Bro. Jones was unanimously elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. A vote of congratulation to Bro. C. A. Bond W.M. elect 1425, on the occasion of his marriage, was unanimously passed. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed with the family of the late Bro. F. G. Baker. After "hearty good wishes," the Lodge was closed.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—On Thursday, the 9th May, at the White Hart Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., Bros. Hobbs Preceptor, Brewer W.M., C. W. C. Webb J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Hall S.D., De Paiva J.D., Godfrey I.G.; Bros. Burne and Leaver; Visitor—Bro. Wood. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leaver candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed in the second. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Burne acting as candidate. Bro. Marshall was re-elected W.M. for the next meeting; Officers in rotation. The ceremony of passing will be rehearsed, and the explanation of the tracing board given. Bro. Wood was elected a member. Lodge was then closed.

Our gallant Brother, Captain Hamilton Murrell, was the guest, on Thursday evening, of the United Northern Counties Lodge, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields. Bro. Murrell was presented with a jewel, in commemoration of his gallant conduct, while in command of the s.s. Missouri, in rescuing the passengers of the disabled emigrant vessel the Danmark, whereby he was instrumental in saving the lives of 735 individuals. We hope to be able to give a full report next week.

The Masons of West Bromwich have begun to erect new buildings in Edward Street, adjoining the District Hospital. There will be Lodge rooms, ante rooms, and a large banqueting hall. The foundation stone will shortly be laid by the Mayor (Councillor Heelis). The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., and the Freemasons of the Province of Staffordshire, will take part in the proceedings.

The preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at the Apollonian Hall, and the Dinner at the Town Hall, Dover, on Wednesday next, the 29th instant, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst. Both the S.E. and L.C. and D. Railway Companies have kindly consented to issue return tickets at a single fare for distances over 10 miles, on presentation of circular or certificate.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 17th May 1889,
W. Bro. Captain S. G. HOMFRAY P.A.G.D.C.
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 20 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 39 Candidates, and 13 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 31 Candidates. The following have been declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Bro. Kelly, Henry Charles ...	3175	Bro. Holmes, Graham ...	3187
Dodson, Edwin	2918	Pigot, Joseph	2175
Fry, Robert Henry ...	2908	Briggs, Henry	2031
Ward, Henry John ...	2563	Stevens, Frederick K. ...	2029
Moss, Thomas	2551	*Jennings, James M. ...	2015
Anderson, Ralph	2474	*Johnson, John	1998
Oliver, William G. ...	2431	*Freeman, John I. ...	1963
Warren, Charles	2416	Edgson, Jesse T. (Deed.)	1907
Taylor, John Daniel ...	2193	Stevens, Joseph (Deed.)	1901
Wilkinson, Francis ...	2187	Mills, Robert (Deed.)	1887

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Holland, Mary A. ...	2993	*Mrs. Franklyn, Mary E. ...	2906
Jackson, Elizabeth R. ...	2894	*Weston, Julia	2895
Adkins, Lucy A. ...	2557	*Horsfield, Sarah	2877
Godtschalk, Clara ...	2882	Whitehead, Eliza (Deed.)	2854
Manson, Mary B. ...	2096	Munro, Eliza (Deed.)	2466
Truslow, Jemima S. ...	2085	Shearmouse, C. J. (Deed.)	2446
Mahomed, A. M. ...	2007		

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 voting papers were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll both (Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

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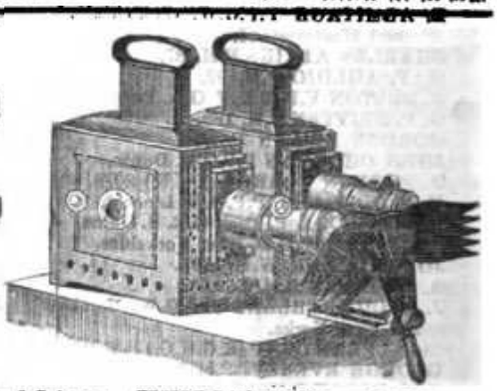
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IN compliance with a requisition delivered to me, and signed by a Trustee and several other Brethren, being Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life-Governors, and Subscribers, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 30th May 1889, at three o'clock p.m. precisely, to consider the following resolution, viz.:—

"That the minutes of the Special Court, held on 16th May 1889, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
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23rd May 1889.

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BRO. H. C. KNILL desires to thank his numerous supporters who, by their Votes, placed him at the head of the Poll at the recent Election of the above Institution.

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 25TH MAY 1889.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Are we in the "silly season" prematurely, or has the crop of "big gooseberries" failed? The way the Report of the Boys' School Inquiry Commission has been dealt with by the journals of the day, or the week, as the case may be, would lead me to suppose there is nothing but stagnation afloat as regards topics of the day. I have not the honour of being personally acquainted with the redoubtable Secretary, "Bro. Binckes," but I should like to make his acquaintance. A man who can "lead by the nose" the members of his Committee, and keep them so abjectly in control, as we are led to believe he has done, from my point of view is a man to be admired. I have heard him designated as "Our Hercules," but that worthy, did he live in these degenerate days, would have to take a back seat as against Bro. Binckes. Freemasons often dine out, are the members of Bro. Binckes's Committees the dummies or the imbeciles the writers for the hour would lead us to believe? I know two or three of them;—I say they are not.

Yours faithfully,
A LOOKER ON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me to reply to Bro. Tudor Trevor's first inquiry in his letter of the 11th inst., viz., "Had not Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, with each and all the members of their respective Committees, ample opportunity and every facility afforded them of assisting in the recent investigations?"

I received an intimation from the Secretary of the Institution that I, as a member of the Audit Committee, could attend the meetings of the Committee of Inquiry, but on the 3rd November 1888, when I presented myself at the meeting, I was informed by the Chairman, Bro. Philbrick, that they had decided that the inquiry was to be considered private, and that I could not be allowed to be present at that stage, but that I could do so when the question of accounts was under consideration. I heard nothing more until I received the following letter from the Chairman:—

"Lamb Building, Temple,
"19th November 1888.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you, as a member of the Audit Committee of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, kindly attend the Committee of Investigation, at Freemasons' Hall, at 11 a.m. Tuesday 27th, or Wednesday 28th, as best suits your convenience, to explain to us the course of business adopted at the audits, &c.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,
"(Signed) FRED. A. PHILBRICK."

"C. F. Hogard, Esq.

I accordingly attended the Committee and explained all matters that were put to me. I was not informed that any exception was taken to the accounts or the manner in which they were presented, either each quarter or the annual statement as laid before the General Committee. This was the only invitation I received during the course of the Inquiry.

I remain, yours fraternally,
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

21st May 1889.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since my letter to you of the 11th inst. I have had an opportunity of reading the whole of "The Report of the Committe of Investigation" appointed under Resolution of the Quarterly Court of the above Institution, held on 27th July 1888. I have also read the reply, dated 13th inst., of V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick to the remonstrance addressed to him by W. Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, together with the rejoinder thereto, dated 16th inst., signed by Bros. Murray and Hogard respectively on behalf of the House and Audit Committees. May I, therefore, briefly state my opinion on these three documents, holding over, as I have already said, my final judgment until I have read "the shorthand writers' notes of the evidence," the immediate publication of which seems to be rendered imperative by the contradiction direct given by the House and Audit Committees to the conclusions of the Investigation Committee.

1. The Report of the Investigation Committee strikes me throughout by its strictly judicial and moderate tone, and a painstaking desire to avoid all undue or unnecessary reflections upon individuals, and to confine itself to the allotted functions of the Committee.

2. Bro. Philbrick's reply, dated 13th inst., to the remonstrance addressed to him by Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, reveals a most trenchant fact which, as he pithily remarks, "speaks for itself, and needs no comment." The inference of that remonstrance most undoubtedly was, that the evidence given before the Investigation Committee was unknown to the House and Audit Committees, either as a whole or in part. It now appears that the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. Binckes, had possession of the whole 15 vols. of the notes of the evidence for six days before, and even at the very moment of penning the remonstrance in question.

3. The rejoinder of the House and Audit Committees, dated 16th May, to Bro. Philbrick's reply of the 13th inst. to their remonstrance, I find most difficult to characterise. My first impression of it remains undisturbed, though I have re-read it over and over again, and is best described by the single word "shuffle." If this view of it is justifiable, then I think the establishment of the truth of the conclusions of the Investigation Committee has been materially assisted by this last utterance of the House and Audit Committees.

Yours fraternally,
TUDOR TREVOR, P.M. 2069.

Leeds, 20th May 1889.

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HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 309.

THE annual meeting for installation of Principals took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, Comp. G. F. Lancaster conducting the ceremony, with his customary ability. The Principals installed were:—Comps. J. W. Gieve M.E.Z., A. R. Holbrook H., and W. A. Hill J. The other Officers were appointed as follow:—Comps. the Rev. A. A. Headley Treasurer, H. Cooke S.E., W. H. Bolitho S.N., H. E. Bate P.S., C. O. Smith and T. E. Smith A.S., E. Izod Organist, T. H. Williams D.C., R. Eames Janitor. Two interesting presentations have been made to the Chapter. The retiring M.E.Z. (the Rev. A. C. Hervey) has presented three candlesticks, made by himself from wood taken from the chancel of Fareham parish church, and estimated to be 800 years old. Mrs. H. Cooke has presented a very handsome pedestal cover, worked on white silk from a design by Comp. Lancaster.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 17th inst., at Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Lyon P.Z. M.E.Z., Moore Z. 169 H., Neeld P.Z. 169 J., C. H. Stone S.E., Stone S.N., T. Grummant P.Z. 1275 P.S., C. Woods A.S. 1275, and V. S. Marché A.S. 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Woods candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was unanimously decided to close the Chapter during June, July, and August. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Woods for an act of kindness towards the Chapter.

The opening ceremony of the Al Fresco Fayre and Floral Fête, in the Albert Hall, has been fixed for three o'clock on Wednesday, 29th inst., and the Committee have decided to keep the show open an extra day, namely, Saturday, 1st June.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire. After preliminaries, the Report of the Auditors was read, agreed to, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The following is the Annual Report of the Committee of Management :—

The Committee of Management have 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., Vice-Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 27th February last, the Right Honourable the Earl of Euston, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire being in the chair. The Board of Stewards which assisted his Lordship consisted of 361 brethren, who voluntarily gave their services on the occasion, and had the satisfaction of raising amongst them the very considerable total of £13,508 4s 6d. This, though less by between £1,700 and £1,800 than was obtained at the Festival of 1888, and probably also far less than many may have been led to expect from so numerous a Board of Stewards, must nevertheless, it is hoped, be regarded as a satisfactory result considering how heavy had been the demands made upon the Craft during the previous year; and, therefore, the Committee is most anxious to record still more prominently than it has yet had the opportunity of doing its heartfelt thanks to the noble Chairman who presided with so much zeal and ability; the Stewards, who exerted themselves so energetically and with what, under the unfavourable conditions just mentioned, must be declared to be such conspicuous success, as well as to the brethren and others who contributed with their accustomed generosity.

The Committee has, likewise, to express its thanks to the United Grand Lodge for the payment of the sum of £2,000, which was voted in 1887, in commemoration of the Jubilee Anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne; but which had not been paid in consequence of the absence from England of the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and one of the Trustees of Grand Lodge. It also expresses its gratitude to the same body for the renewal of its annual contribution of £70 towards providing the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the Winter months.

At the election in May 1888 there were upon the funds of the Institution 409 Annuitants, namely, 180 men and 229 widows; and to-day there are 140 approved candidates, of whom 61 are men and 80 widows—the numbers as stated in the Voting Papers having been reduced by the death, since their issue, of one male and two female candidates. This is a more formidable number than has ever been known before during the existence of the Institution, and the Committee is greatly afraid that as matters stand at present there is every likelihood of its being increased rather than diminished in future years. But the very frequent additions to the number of Annuities on the two Funds that have been made during the last few years have so largely increased the permanent expenditure, while the falling off in the Festival receipts since 1887 has been so considerable, that with every desire to afford as much relief as possible to the distressed candidates, the Committee consider it would involve too severe an increase of responsibility, and one for which no adequate justification could be offered, if it recommended any augmentation of the numbers at present on the Male and Widows' Funds. There will consequently be no additions made to the number of vacancies as declared in February, namely, 17 men (14 immediate and 3 deferred), and 10 women (7 immediate and 3 deferred), so far as the creation of any fresh Annuities is concerned; but during the period that has elapsed since then there have died 3 men and 3 widows, so that the number to be elected to-day will be 20 men and 17 widows. There will consequently be, as there was after the election of 1888, 409 Annuitants provided for by the Institution, namely, 180 men each receiving £40 per annum, and 229 widows each receiving £32 per annum, the total sum distributable amongst these old people being £14,526. To this must be added a further sum of £400, divisible under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 20 widows of recently-deceased male Annuitants, so that the expenditure in respect of Annuities will be £14,926.

The Committee is desirous of expressing thus publicly its most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those of the Annuitants, both resident and non-resident, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their advice and assistance.

The Committee has much pleasure in announcing that it has purchased the narrow slip of land between the Asylum grounds and the adjoining railway, over which Mrs. Morland, owner of the field rented by the Institution, had retained the right of way—this was rendered imperative, as the field, since her death, has been sold for building purposes, and the use of the right of way for the cartage of materials, &c., would have been most objectionable. The Committee has caused the necessary fences for the protection of the property thus newly acquired to be erected. The arrangements for the purchase were entrusted to Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, who has carried them out satisfactorily.

It has also the gratification of being able to state that the building at Croydon is in a satisfactory state of repair, and will only need that cleansing and other attention which is necessary to preserve it in that condition.

The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 1889 has been prepared with the utmost care, and has undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee is confident that the Governors and Subscribers, on inspecting it, will find it is no idle boast on its part when it asserts that the funds of the Institution have been administered with the most scrupulous care, and a due regard to economy.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to express its most earnest hope that the general body of English Freemasons will be even more ready in the future than they have been in the past in supporting this valuable Institution, and more particularly as regards the present; that they will take note of the increase this year in the number of candidates, and the natural tendency which all such increases exhibit towards further and still more considerable augmentation.

It is greatly to be regretted that nothing can be done or recommended by the Committee which is likely to assist this increase, for the time being at all events; but the Committee is not without hope that the Craft, when it realises still more fully the difficulties of the situation, will make a more than usually vigorous effort to reduce the list of Candidates to more manageable proportions.

On motion made and duly seconded, this Report was ordered to be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. The following brethren were elected on the Committee of Management :—Bros. Bennett, C. H. Driver, Alex. Forsyth, Dr. Jabez Hogg, L. Stean, Raynham W. Stewart, E. West, C. L. Astley, and W. H. Makin. Bro. J. S. Cumberland was elected to fill the place of Bro. W. Hilton, whose death was announced at the meeting. Bro. W. Clarke Past Grand Pursuivant moved the re-election of Brother John A. Farnfield as Treasurer of the Institution. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry and Charles Kempton were elected Auditors, Bro. Charles Kempton to fill the place of Bro. John Newton, who retires, he having been elected on the House Committee. The election of 20 male and 13 female candidates was then proceeded with. On another page will be found the names of those successful. We append the list of unsuccessful candidates, and the number of votes each secured :—

MALES.

No. on List		Forward.	Polled.	Total.
27	Stevens, Joseph	835	1026	1861
23	Smith, Thomas	1340	428	1768
48	Fauequez, Adolphe			1745
47	Chase, Thomas Hayter			1717
54	Truman, John Osbertus			1563
17	Windus, Arthur Edward	711	620	1361
24	Robinson, Elmit	377	864	1241
31	Warr, James Richard	455	507	962
10	Cooper, George	541	343	884
59	Webb, Charles Gibbs			765
56	Philipe, Edmund Herbert de Rhe			736
9	Mole, Alexander	614	62	676
1	Sarl, Charles	500	146	646
50	Ware, George Robert			630
21	Deller, Thomas	35	522	557
36	Middleton, William			411
53	Hatt, Charles William			239
3	Nichol, Robert	118	108	226
37	Cloves, William			177
32	Stevens, George	—	143	143
4	McLean, William John	105	12	117
33	Higgs, Richard	46	62	108
6	O'Kelly, William	80	13	93
29	Chapman, Thomas	22	64	86
2	Musham, John	44	16	60
15	Glover, Richard	18	29	47
35	Horstead, James	8	39	47
13	Sellar, Alexander	22	16	38
7	Dale, Joseph Barker	23	12	35
12	Fox, George	12	5	17
19	Miller, Henry	3	4	7
51	Pitts, Robert			6
41	Winsor, Henry			5
16	Close, John	3	—	3
62	Nicholson, Samuel			2
43	Hall, William D hown			1
52	Shepherd, William			1
39	Stourton, George William			—
42	Wright, Jonathan			—
55	Dickson, James			—
58	Gidley, Thomas			—

FEMALE.

36	Warren, Frances Elizabeth	1462	981	2443
27	Taylor, Rosetta Harriett	803	1593	2396
34	Cooke, Mary	1247	1100	2347
12	Coles, Emma	1271	829	2100
29	Ransby, Alice	873	1087	1960
5	Heppel, Mary	667	803	1470
60	Baab, Jane Hannah			1305
33	Page, Hesse	536	727	1263
11	White, Mary	894	304	1198
79	Hellmore, Jessica Sophia			1182
40	Jones, Caroline Sarah	480	610	1090
64	Clements, Sarah			1070
14	Haskins, Emily E.	717	275	992

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28	Richmond, Rebecca	552	426	978
37	Gibson, Fanny	625	350	975
3	Timms, Susan	698	274	972
13	Vile, Maria	454	121	575
68	Radford, Ellen			543
69	Middleton, Louisa			523
55	Everett, Phœbe			520
1	Copeland, Charlotte	157	298	455
15	Baker, Ann E.	307	69	376
4	Lovelock, Louisa	228	97	325
57	Morris, Catherine			272
50	Morton, Clara			241
74	Young, Ann Emma			231
54	Welsford, Sarah			215
21	Thomas, Elizabeth	198	8	206
75	Howard, Eleanor Maria			182
20	Russell, Olivia	169	1	170
76	Luff, Rose			167
44	Faulkner, Catherine Ann	92	55	147
61	Schmidt, Fanny			147
10	Mannington, Eliz. Atkinson	96	29	125
18	Foot, Mary Ann	117	4	121
71	Lewis, Mary			110
42	Brooks, Ann	57	40	97
2	Rigarlsford, Sarah	50	44	94
7	Redman, Mary	70	13	83
51	Thomas, Amelia			76
43	Green, Mary Ann	21	52	73
47	Parsons, Margaret	17	42	59
70	Rolfe, Hannah			56
80	Wills, Sarah			48
67	Meader, Sarah			44
39	Burfield, Sarah Ann	24	7	31
25	Cowell, Nancy	6	23	29
66	Stanton, Ann			26
23	Olive, Elizabeth	20	5	25
8	Salisbury, Jane	15	2	17
52	Polkinghorne, Jane			10
19	Ionn, Elizabeth	3	2	5
41	Best, Elizabeth	3	2	5
68	Eynon, Jane			5
56	Burke, Elizabeth			4
72	Mann, Sarah			4
77	Dyer, Mary Ann			3
78	Carter, Sarah			3
53	Cartledge, Annie			2
65	Eves, Ann			2
81	King, Louisa Lyford			2
62	Corson, Mary Ann			1
30	Lemon, Charlotte	—	—	—
38	Russ, Jane Mary Ann	—	—	—
48	Clarke, Elizabeth			—
49	Newman, Jane			—

The Monthly Meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, Past Grand Pursuivants, occupied their respective chairs. The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper of Grand Lodge of 5th June was read. The Board of Benevolence confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master at the April meeting to the extent of £260. There were forty cases on the new list, and during the course of the sitting four of these were dismissed and four were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £725, which sum was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £60, and two recommendations of £50 each. There were four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, three of £30 each, ten grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, seven of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

The Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire has offered the Grand Chaplaincy of his Province to the Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, M.A., Congregational Minister at Crowle, Doncaster. This is the first time in the history of the Province that this honour has been conferred upon a Nonconformist.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervousness and want of Energy.—When first the nerves feel unstrung, and listlessness supplants energy, the time has come to take some such alterative as Holloway's Pills to restrain a disorder from developing itself into a disease. These excellent Pills correct all irregularities and weaknesses. They act so kindly, yet so energetically on the functions of digestion and assimilation, that the whole body is revived, the blood rendered richer and purer, while the muscles become firmer and stronger, and the nervous and absorbent systems are invigorated. These Pills are suitable for all classes and all ages. They have a most marvellous effect on persons who are out of condition; they soon rectify whatever is in fault, restore strength to the body and confidence to the mind.

Obituary.

BROTHER ALEXANDER WILLIAM ADAIR.

THE death of Brigadier-General Alexander William Adair is an event which may well claim notice in this column. Those who knew him well, we are sure, confirm our description of him as the beau ideal of an officer and a gentleman. His achievements in the "playing fields of Eton," like those of so many of his old schoolfellows, were but the ante-types of greater distinctions gained in the world's broad field of battle in the bivouac of life. In his case they were considerable. After some years of active and distinguished service in the army, both in the Crimea and in India, he attached himself to the reserve forces of his native county—of which, by the way, he was a magistrate and a deputy-lieutenant, and had filled the office of High Sheriff—for many years holding the command of one of the Militia battalions. He will, however, be better remembered for his Masonic than for his military career. Freemasonry never had a more ardent disciple, and it is not too much to say that much of the *élan* which distinguishes the Craft in Somerset is due to "the Colonel's" influence and personal example. He first "saw the light" in the Apollo Lodge, at Oxford, but his first Mastership was, we believe, that of the Lodge of Honour, at Bath. It was in the fitness of things, therefore, that on his appointment as Grand Master of the Province, in succession to Colonel Tynte, he should choose Bath for his installation. It is an interesting, if melancholy coincidence that the week, almost the day, of his funeral should synchronise with the anniversary of his accession to the charge of the Province a quarter of a century ago. Brigadier-General Adair (Major he was then) was installed as Colonel Tynte's successor, at the Assembly Rooms, on the 23rd of May 1864, and on the same day the New Provincial Grand Master laid with Masonic ceremonial the memorial stone of the Albert Wing of the Royal United Hospital. The day and the scene are not to be forgotten by those who took part in it, but the number is gradually decreasing. We have mourned the loss of Charles Kemble, of Charles Raikes Davy, of John Elkington Gill, of Dr. Falconer, and Captain Bridges—and many less distinguished—and we have but now placed the wreath on the tomb of him who was the chief actor in that imposing function. *Requiescat in pace.* May his brethren in the Craft emulate his good deeds, and fulfil the precepts and follow the practices of which he was so worthy an exponent!—*Bath Chronicle*

BRO. J. RAYNER.

ON Saturday last the tidings reached us of the death of Bro. Joseph Rayner, of the Londesborough and Anglo-American Lodges. The sad event occurred on Friday, the 17th inst., after only a few days' illness. Bro. J. Rayner was well known at the West-end resorts of the members of the Mystic tie, and was a staunch supporter of the Charities. We trust his widow may have strength to support her in this her bitter hour of affliction.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

THE annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Merrion-road, took place on the 16th inst., in the Leinster Hall, Hawkins-street. It was the ninety-ninth anniversary meeting in aid of the Institution, which, besides the school and home in the handsome buildings at Merrion-road, in which there are 74 girls, has now attached to it a school at Rich View, Clonskeagh, attended by 56 boys. The hall presented a brilliant appearance, the balcony, gallery, and a large portion of the area being crowded with visitors, all in full dress. At eight o'clock the Duchess of Abercorn arrived, and was conducted through the hall, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Shekleton, Q.C., and a large number of the principal members of the Grand Lodge and of the other Lodges of the city, all wearing aprons and insignia, according to their rank, preceding her Grace in procession. In the course of the evening a number of vocal and instrumental selections were performed by the pupils. After some observations from the Deputy Grand Master, who presided on the occasion, the prizes were distributed by the Duchess of Abercorn. A vote of thanks to the Duchess of Abercorn having been passed, the pupils went through calisthenic exercises, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung by the pupils first, and afterwards by the whole assembly. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

We are gratified in being in a position to announce that the Ninety-First Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 3rd of July next. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, will preside on the occasion. Bro. Eve is a Patron of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, and has at all times taken a lively interest in their proceedings. Upwards of 300 Stewards have already signified their intention to support the Boys' School on this occasion.

"Engaged to be Married" is the title of a new Serial Story, by L. T. Meade, which will be commenced in the June Number of "Cassell's Magazine."

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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 MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1397—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)
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
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 176—Cavean, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1488—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1494—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1992—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 27th MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
48—Strong Man, Bell and Stock, 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.
869—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, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7·30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1436—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
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
1628—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1662—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1748—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1904—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield

49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
146—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
383—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 446—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 28th MAY.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
213—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
256—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)
1821—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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 Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1869—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 Charter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
257—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—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1018—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton

1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1486—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1669—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1836—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1838—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1876—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2035—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—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY.

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 9. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
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, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—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)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
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
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
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
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 30th MAY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6·30. (Inst)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Park, 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 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. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1998—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bala
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Cook, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 380—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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.)
766—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Bawleigh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)

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1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beaconsfree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, 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)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)

K.A. 1278—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
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

153—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1365—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 1st 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—East of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 178—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1232—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1452—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1807—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1928—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2206—Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

ROYAL MASONS.

CAPTAIN H. F. Beecher, Deputy Grand Representative-at-Large of the Sovereign Sanctuary, Royal Masonic Rite of the United States of America, is establishing, with the aid of assistance, Chapters, Senates and Councils in Francisco, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Fresno and other places throughout the State. They communicate from the fourth to the ninetieth degrees inclusive of the Rites of Misraim, Rites of Memphis or Egyptian Rites, and the Ancient and Primitive Rite, all included in the Royal Masonic Rite. Already Chapters, Senates and Councils have been established in Washington Territory and Oregon, while the Order has now 550 Chapters, with a membership of 15,000, composed of Masons of all degrees, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite Masons, and York Rite Masons in the United States.

Said Captain Beecher, in talking over the matter with a *Daily Report* reporter: "This Rite is in no sense the Scottish Rite, nor is it the so-called York Rite. These bodies, being of the lesser degrees, can have and know nothing of the Royal Masonic Rite except by receiving the same in a constitutional manner. The larger proportion of Royal Masonic Rite membership is composed of Knights Templar and thirty-second degree members of the Northern and Southern jurisdictions of the Ancient and Accepted, or Scottish Rite. The organisation is recognised by all the Sovereign Sanctuaries of Egyptian Rite Masonry of the world, including the Sovereign Sanctuaries of Canada, France, Scotland, Italy, India, and the Argentine Confederation; also by the Imperial Confederation of Rites of the World at Naples, Italy, of which Count Giamb de Pessina is the Grand Master.

"I will now give you a brief sketch of the history of the Royal Masonic Rite.

"According to traditional and documentary evidence in possession of the Union Sovereign Sanctuary of the Royal Masonic Rite, Masonry had its origin in Egypt. All ancient Masonry is entirely Egyptian. All who take the higher degrees have convincing proof that many centuries before Christ Egypt practised Masonic work. Men of Tyre received their education by initiation into Egyptian Masonry. Hiram of Tyre gave Solomon King of Israel authority to establish and work the lower degrees.

"Masonic degrees were worked by the Colleges of Builders of Rome 715 B.C., and Masonry in Great Britain was derived from these Colleges. In A.D. 926, King Athelstan gave to British Masons a Constitution, now called the Charter of York, authorising the working and conferring of the lower or symbolic degrees. Edward III. revised this Constitution in A.D. 1350. In A.D. 1314, Robert Bruce King of Scotland gave Masons the right to work certain degrees, and in 1685 the Knights of St. Andrew were worked by authority claiming to have been derived from James III. King of Scotland. In 1754 twenty-five degrees under the name of the Rite of Strict Observance were worked at Paris, France, by Jesuit priests. In 1758 twenty-five degrees, under the name of the Emperors of the East and West, were worked at Lyons, France, by Jesuit priests. In 1789, twenty-five degrees under the title of a Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret Rite of Perfection, were worked at Bordeaux, France, by questionable authority. It is claimed that from these twenty-five degrees the so-called Scottish Rite of thirty-three degrees was arranged at Charleston, S.C., in 1801, but by what authority no one has ever been able to ascertain.

"It is a well-known fact that philosophers, kings and priests, prior to 1750, were generally instructed in Egyptian Masonry (Egyptian Mysteries); therefore it will be seen how easy it was for this class of men to establish new rites from the old mysteries.

"But all Masonic degrees came, directly or indirectly, from Egypt and the Ninety-sixth degree of the Royal Masonic Rite includes all ancient Masonic work. The most direct transmission of the entire Ninety-sixth degree of Masonry from Egypt to Europe occurred about 1766, after which, for several years, a portion of the degrees were worked under different names in various countries. The first recorded work by Egyptian Rite Masons of high degrees in the United States was the establishment of Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, at Providence, R.I., in 1796, Thomas W. Morse, Twenty-eighth degree, Peleg Clarke, Twenty-eighth Degree, and Moses Seixas Forty-fifth Degree, Deputy Inspector General of all Masonry in Rhode Island officiating. These facts are now to be seen on the records of Providence Chapter. Ninety-degrees, under the name of the Rite of Misraim, were established, under a self-constituted Grand Body, at Milan, Italy, in 1806. The degrees of this so-called rite were introduced into the United States in 1862. Ninety-six degrees, under the name of the "Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis," were established at Montauban, France, under a self-constituted Grand Body, in 1814.

This Sovereign Sanctuary was transferred to Paris in 1833, and established the first body of the rite in the United States in 1856. In 1865 a few of the members in New York claimed to have reduced the degrees of the Rite of Memphis to Thirty-third Degree, under the name of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, in consequence of which differences arose, and, in addition, three Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ninety-sixth Degree were finally organized in the United States—two of these united in 1868.

"In 1884 a careful and thorough investigation was made concerning the origin of the charters of these different sanctuaries, and it was thought best to organise anew, by a convention which was held in Boston 8th December 1884, in response to a summons, properly prepared and mailed to every person known to have received the Thirtieth, Thirty-third, Ninetieth, Ninety-fifth, or Ninety-sixth Degrees of these respective rites or bodies.

"At this convention all working bodies in the United States were represented; 1007 members were present, representing twenty-four States of the Union, and since the convention nearly all the working bodies have ratified its action. It was unanimously voted that the proposed union was very desirable; that the first three degrees (Craft Masonry) be left to the control of the Craft Lodges and Craft Grand Lodges, and that, as representatives of all the working bodies in the United States of the three rites, they ignore all former charters and constitute and proclaim themselves the Union Sovereign Sanctuary of the Royal Masonic Rite, controlling all degrees above the third, heretofore known as Egyptian Masonry, viz., fourth to the thirty-third, fourth to ninetieth and fourth to ninety-sixth. A Constitution was unanimously adopted and officers elected. Nearly all the officers are Knights Templar, and a large majority are members of the A. and A., or Scottish Rite.

"Of the entire membership (16,000) nearly all are Knights Templar. Charters have already been granted to Sovereign Sanctuaries in Turkey, India, France, Scotland, and the Argentine Confederation, and other applications are pending, while the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada has entered into a treaty of alliance and friendship with this Sovereign Sanctuary. The Royal Masonic Rite has no fight with any other Rite of Masonry. It does not in any way interfere with or confer the degrees of any other rite of Masonry, but adheres strictly to its motto—'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them'—and so far as is known, there is now no opposition to this rite from any respectable source.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

AS we said last week, our intention was to postpone further reference to the various questions raised by the Committee appointed to inquire into the management, &c., of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys until after the meeting of the Special Court of the Institution, which has been summoned to consider the Report of this Committee; but in face of what has been said of late in the general press of the country we think absolute silence on our part would be out of place. As one of our correspondents said last week, the Report of the Committee of Inquiry appears to have supplied a topic for the journals of the day, or the week, as the case may be, to treat, as they are in the habit of treating a "big gooseberry" or a "sea serpent," in the height of the "silly season."

We are certainly agreeably surprised to find so much interest has suddenly developed itself in the outside Press of the country in regard to Masonic affairs, for assuredly those who are now taking a prominent part in running down our "muddled Charity," will be equally active in advocating its interests when it can be shown that reform is intended, and is being carried out as far as human power can arrange it. At the same time we cannot forget that it is very easy to find fault; also that it is not customary for those who grumble at or abuse others to take any pains to remedy the mischief they may have caused when they find matters of which they complained have been set right, or that effort is being made to do so. Unfortunately by far the greater portion of mankind find infinite amusement in throwing mud at some of their fellows, and if a part of it does not stick it is no fault of theirs; they seem to glory in securing the downfall of a fellow creature, no matter at what cost it may be secured or how little it is deserved.

Even now we do not propose to enter minutely into the Report to which we have referred; all we urge is that justice shall be done on all sides, as far as lies in the power of the Craft to secure it, and we once more ask all who propose to attend the Special Court, to be held on Thursday next, to go there determined to act on what will be then brought forward, rather than on any pre-arranged plan which may have been formulated by those who are biassed one way or the other, or who are actuated by even more unworthy considerations.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1178, held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Thursday, 23rd ult. Bro. Walter Martin was the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. G. Milbourn as S.W., and Bro Edward C. Talbot as J.W.

The monthly meeting of the New Forest Lodge, No. 819, was held at the Bugle Hotel, Lymington, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. After the transaction of Lodge business, those present sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Dore.

HISTORICAL RELATION OF FREEMASONRY TO ANCIENT EGYPT.

A Lecture delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, before Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., at a special meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 25th February 1889.

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PART FIRST.

WITHIN the last few months an interest has developed towards certain things connected with the antiquity of Freemasonry, which has a tendency to broaden and become more intense as the subject is brought nearer the inquiring mind of the Masonic student. Not that the early origin of this venerable institution has been in doubt, or that its sublime truths have grown dim to its votaries, but circumstances have occurred, which, like the advent of anything new, or strange or startling, always directs attention to the object and frequently, indeed most generally, brings to light things which before were unknown or misunderstood. Such has been the effect of the decoration of this room.

Egyptian Hall, one of the Lodge Rooms of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, was known to all the Craft whose meetings were held in the Temple, and also to the many thousands of visitors, non-members of the Fraternity, who have passed through this grand building, admired its architectural proportions and speculated as to the use and meaning of the paraphernalia with which it is furnished. But the Brethren, in the discharge of their Masonic duties, entered the doors of their Lodge Rooms, assisted at the ceremonies and departed, perhaps without a single thought as to why a place dedicated to the instruction of the neophyte of Freemasonry should be known as Ionic, Norman, or Egyptian; and if for a moment a passing curiosity suggested an inquiry into the meaning of these peculiar appellations, the solution was found in the form of altar, column, pedestal or furniture, which corresponded to the title, Ionic, Norman or Egyptian, and the inquirer was satisfied with the result.

Fifteen years have elapsed since the dedication of the Temple, and during that time the Brethren have remained content with the Lodge rooms as they found them, without any attempt being made to explain the connection existing between the Fraternity of Freemasons and the nationalities typified in the titles originally given to these gathering places of the Craft. But now, with a desire for knowledge, which is one of the governing principles, and also a beneficent attribute of the Institution, we turn to the annals of the past, and seek in the legends and in the written histories, the marks, signs and symbols used by nations long extinct, for the origin of those mystic observances and the foundation of those occult sciences which, coming down to us from the early dawn of light and civilisation, make Freemasonry the most interesting of all existing institutions.

In what I shall say this evening, I propose to show to the Brethren:—

First—The connection of Masonry with Egyptian history, by reference to the progenitors of the Egyptian people, the country from whence they came, and the race from whom they sprang.

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Second—To institute a comparison of the manners, customs and doctrines of the ancient Egyptians, their Priesthood, Societies and Mystic Brotherhood, with the corresponding parts of what is known to us as Ancient Craft Masonry.

Third—That on these massive columns, and in the compound image of the Sphinx, the winged globe, the cartouches, lines, marks and emblems which so profusely adorn the walls around us, are to be found the original symbols of the Craft, as known to our ancient Brethren of Egypt, thousands of years before Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan, to establish their Kingdom in the promised land of Canaan.

To carry out these propositions it will be necessary to quote largely from well-known authors and authorities on Egyptian history, such as Wilkinson, Rawlinson, Gliddon, Brusch Bey and others, and I mention this to the Brethren now so as to avoid calling attention to those names as I proceed in the lecture.

I will take up the different lines of evidence which modern discoveries have placed within our reach, and with their assistance endeavour to trace out the resemblance existing between the Masonic Fraternity of our own times and the Mystic fraternities, associations and societies, priestly and otherwise, prior to and contemporary with the Pharoahs. I shall strive to prove to the Brethren that the peculiar means of recognition, the universal language of the Craft, by the assistance of which we build and sustain this Masonic structure, and without which it would soon disintegrate, crumble and disappear, were derived from those early inhabitants of the valley of the Nile, and that the oft-repeated axiom in Freemasonry, "that it was co-existent with the creation of the world," will be strengthened and made good when we can go back "to the remotest periods of conceivable post-diluvian times, when the Pelasgians were yet unborn, the Greeks, the Persians and, perhaps, the Phœnicians had not been dreamed of, more than fifteen centuries before Troy fell," and much more than thirteen hundred years before Solomon foundod the Temple of Jerusalem, "till we shall approach the very hour when mankind dwelt together upon the plains of Shinar," ages before Abraham left his native land, Ur of the Chaldees, to start the movement which was finally to rest upon the sumit of Mount Moriah in the gorgeous and immortal masterpiece of Freemasonry.

And if we can, of which I do not doubt, find in this Egyptian history, in this most ancient of profane records, corroborative proofs that Masonry lived and flourished, and was great in the early times when history had scarce began to write upon her tablets, then we shall have still greater cause to be proud of this grand institution, which, though hoary with age, abounds in all its pristine vigour. Of all the ancient nations, Egypt is the one whose history can be traced the furthest back into the beginning of man's existence. And that the evidence of Egyptian antiquity is the most reliable of all other historical proofs is due to the fact that whereas other histories depend largely on traditions, translations and retranslations, in which the imagination, feelings, prejudices, malice, ignorance of the events, have so changed and distorted the original facts that they have become totally unreliable; in Egypt we have the original records, the monuments, the stones, the papyrus, upon which in characters now readily understood are depicted the establishment of her dynasties, the rise and fall of her kings, the battles, the conquests and the conquerors, the days and dates, the months and years, her priests, poets and philosophers, astronomical observations taken almost when the stars first began to move, important events in the progress of her government and people, and those records marked and carved and sculptured upon imperishable granite at the times of their occurrence by the actors themselves; and now through the work and studies of modern scientists, those once mysterious and unknown figures, those strange and curious hieroglyphics, are as easily deciphered, translated and read as a verse of Homer, a page of Aristotle, a problem of Euclid, or a theory of Newton. I am aware that of late much has been spoken and written on these subjects. Brethren have delivered learned and interesting addresses on the mythology of the ancient Egyptians, the mystic meaning of the numerous figures we see around us, the names of their deities, male and female, how they were worshipped and the peculiar rites so far as known of the Egyptian mysteries; but I am not cognizant of any serious attempts to connect or to show the close association of ancient Masonry with the men that descended Mount Ararat with Noah, and who afterwards, passing from Asia into Africa along the valley of the Nile, were the progenitors of that extraordinary race who for many centuries were foremost in art, science and civilisation of all existing nations. But to establish and make good the claim of this Fraternity to an antiquity coeval with the creation itself, there must be shown an affinity with those early dwellers on the banks of the mighty river, upon whose bosom floated the frail vessel containing the infant Moses, and in sight of whose yellow waters stand those stupendous monuments, from whose summits unknown ages look down upon the degenerate race that now people those famous localities.

We will digress a few moments from the direct line of our discourse and ask your attention to some explanation relating to the manner in which the darkness that had so long enveloped Egyptian history was dissipated, and the key found to open the door of hieroglyphical knowledge.

For many centuries those singular characters have remained as a sealed book. Volumes had been written, the learned and scientific of all nations had given time and study, historians had sought for an exit out of the perplexing labyrinths, but still they groped in vain. When Napoleon landed in Egypt, in 1798, he had with him a corps of scientific men, for the purpose of studying the architecture, monuments and inscriptions on the tombs of the country. Upon the return of the expedition there was published, at the expense of the French government, a great work on Egyptology. It was the result of the labour of those French savants, and was the first real progress towards a true knowledge of the hieroglyphical characters, that had so long baffled science. I believe the Carpenters' Company of Philadelphia has a copy of this great work in their library, and it is probably the only copy in the United States. But, valuable as was the information contained in those magnificent volumes, still it was only general, and related more to the pyramids, obelisks, sphinxes, drawings made from tombs, and remains of temples as they lie scattered over the country; but the meaning of this unique language, the translation of those mystic signs, still remained in obscurity.

In the meantime the scientists of France, Germany and England were busy in examining a broken stone, which fortunate circumstances had brought to light, and which ultimately proved to be the key to the long sought explanation. A French officer of engineers, named Bonchard, in August 1799, while engaged in digging the foundations of Fort St. Julien, on the Nile, near a place called Rosetta, discovered a "block of black basalt," about three feet long, two feet five inches wide and twelve inches thick.

On the upper face of the Rosetta stone were three separate inscriptions, two in the Egyptian language and the third in the Greek.

The first or uppermost inscription was in hieroglyphics; the second was in "enchoral" or "writing of the people of Egypt;" the third, in Greek, was a translation of the hieroglyphics, and also of the second, or "writing of the people."

This invaluable relic was captured by the English, and is now in the British Museum, in London. The discovery of this "broken stone," mutilated and disfigured as it was, marked a new era in Egyptology. It was the light breaking forth after a long continuance of storm and darkness. Like the new world, that rose up out of the sea to gladden the weary eyes of Christopher Columbus and his incredulous followers, so did this discovery open up the long buried treasures of Egyptian history.

Egyptologists all over the world at once set to work to decipher the inscriptions. Plaster casks were made and sent to all the scientific institutions, and the learned men of the day struggled and fought over this new-found treasure with all the professional ferocity doctors display over a new discovery in anasthetics, or an audacious operation in surgery.

Finally it was agreed that the inscription on the stone referred "to the coronation of Epiphanes, which took place at Memphis, in the month of March, 196 years before Christ," or more than two thousand years ago.

I would like to give the translation to the Brethren; but it would be going too far from the subject proper of our discourse. I may state, however, that the solution of this great problem, "the dissipation of this Egyptian darkness" that had covered the country for so many centuries,

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appears to have been accomplished by Champollion, an able and energetic French scientist, although the honour is disputed by Drs. Young, Lepsius and others; but to Champollion, according to Gliddon, the credit is due. He not only rendered into the modern languages the hieroglyphics of the Rosetta stone, but also composed a dictionary and grammar of these ancient sign languages, which makes their study comparatively easy to the students of the present day, and carries us back into speaking distance of the Pharoahs that sat upon the Egyptian throne long before Joseph's brethren sold him into the slavery which was ultimately to result in the preservation of his kindred; and I might say that without the labours of this great French scholar you could only look upon these curious figures and wonder what they were intended to represent.

Our first proposition refers to the progenitors of the Egyptian people, the country from whence they came, and the race from which they sprung; and that, naturally leads to the inquiry, When was Egypt first settled, and by whom? Whether it was populated before the Deluge does not enter into our discussion, nor does it concern the Masonic connection with Egyptian history. It is only Post-Diluvian times that interest us; but it is of importance that we choose out of the many and divergent dates assigned to that vital epoch in the world's history, the one that most approximates to reason and sound judgment, and will bear the test of historical analysis when compared with Egyptian records and Masonic legends.

I do not propose to weary you with long and unprofitable speculations relating to the numerous and conflicting opinions as to the correct date of the Creation, or of the Deluge; but will quote from a distinguished historian to show how the opinions of men differ as to the times of the occurrence of the most important events of the world's history. "Thus for the three most important events recorded in the Old Testament, *i.e.* the Creation, the Deluge and the Exodus, the inquirer after truth is lost in a chaos of three hundred different published human opinions on the eras of the same events; opinions conflicting with each other."

Now it must be borne in mind that of those "conflicting opinions" as to the dates and eras of those "important events" a very large number of them are of learned and conscientious men, who base and maintain their judgments upon data obtained from the several versions of the Old Testament, but unfortunately in the numerous compilations and translations, and in the long procession of centuries through which the "Book of the Law" has passed, from the day that the great Hebrew Prophet caused the Levites to place his finished work in the "side of the Ark," the original has been changed, and even mutilated, to serve the purpose both of Jew and Christian, and it is not strange that so much diversity should exist as to the actual times or dates of the events of five thousand years ago. One of the most reliable Egyptologists, Gliddon, accepts the Septuagint version of the Bible as the most correct from which to draw deductions relating to the settlement and history of ancient Egypt, and he quotes the great Jewish historian, Josephus, in support of his assumption, which is an authority irrefutable in itself, and no one will be far from the truth who is sustained by such evidence; so that in this lecture I have in most instances adhered to those authorities for facts and figures.

In the year 240 B.C. there assembled at Pharos, an island at Alexandria, Egypt, by order of the reigning King, Ptolemy Philadelphus, a body of seventy learned men, for the purpose of translating the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek. "It was a faithful translation of the copy of the Law sent by the High Priest of Israel to Philadelphus in return for his liberation of one hundred thousand Jews from bondage. This Hebrew copy came from Jerusalem to Alexandria, written on parchment in letters of gold."

This translation was accepted by all the authorities of the day, as a perfect copy of the original, and for several hundred years there was no dispute as to its correctness, until after the birth of Christ, when it was challenged by the Jewish Rabbis for reasons altogether false, and not necessary to insert here.

We will take the Septuagint as our guide, so far at least as it relates to Egyptian history, and accords with Masonic tradition. By the Septuagint computation, the Deluge took place about 3200 years before the birth of Christ, and it is of importance for us to fix that era, because it gives a base from which to start the peopling of Egypt. When the Ark rested upon the dry land, and the Patriarch ventured forth to begin the task assigned him by the Almighty, and the glad voice of humanity was again heard upon this scene of desolation, there went forth with him his three sons—Shem, Ham and Japhet.

"These are the three sons of Noah, and of them was the whole earth overspread," Gen. ix. 19.

"Shem and Ham were twins" and although Japhet was the older brother, yet we always find them named in this order— Shem, Ham and Japhet. There appears to have been an allotment of the different parts of the earth to the offspring of Noah, and Egypt was assigned to Ham and his descendants. His sons were, Cush, Mizraim, Phut and Canaan. Mizraim was the one who took the Delta or lower part of Egypt for his portion, and from him came this great nation of antiquity.

Of course we cannot, out of the multitudinous catalogue of epochs, eras, years and dates which spring up on every side around us, name the exact time when the grandson of Noah, accompanied by his father, his family and his followers, left the banks of the Euphrates in Asia, and crossed the Isthmus of Suez into Egypt, but it was probably within a century after the flood.

That Ham also migrated into Egypt there can be no reasonable doubt; because hieroglyphical translations show us that ancient Egypt was known to its inhabitants as the land of Ham and Kheme.

KHEM, Kah, the land of Ham.

(Gliddon.)

The names of Shem, Ham and Japhet are familiar to those who have been exalted in Freemasonry, and we have dwelt upon them here because they are the first connecting links that bind Freemasonry to ancient Egypt, and it must be accepted as indisputable evidence of the close relationship existing between those early settlers on the Nile and Ancient Craft Masonry.

Thus we learn that the country which gave to Egypt its first inhabitants was Asia; the original home of the human race, and it naturally follows that they were "White or Caucasian," and not, as has been erroneously asserted, "Black or Ethiopian." So that from the son of Noah, or his grandson, came this people which for nearly three thousand years dominated the fairest portion of this earth's surface, and who in a remarkably brief period after the first settlement of the country became the most powerful, the most civilised, the most enlightened of all the nations of antiquity; where art, science and all the attendant blessings of a refined and cultivated people flourished to an extraordinary degree, and whose architecture assumed such stupendous proportions that to this day it remains the wonder of the world, and which will continue to excite the admiration of mankind for ages yet to come. The form of government first adopted in Egypt, no doubt, was Patriarchal. It was natural that the sons and grandsons of Noah should continue, in their new found country, the system to which they had been born and nurtured. But the rapid increase of population and the natural conditions and formations of Lower Egypt were unfavourable to the perpetuation of the Patriarchal system. The family had grown too large, and a Theocracy, or Government of Priests, as was generally the case with the ancients, soon took its place. The Theocracy lasted for about four hundred years, until the times of the first Pharoah, "Menes." The Brethren understand that "Pharoah" was the common appellation of all the Kings of Egypt, and not the proper name of any one King. "The term Pharoah is derived from *Phré* or *Phrá*, the God, Sun. This deity was symbolised by the hawk-headed god, surmounted by the solar disc, and sacred asp, holding the emblem of eternal life.

Josephus tells us that the word Pharoah meant king; and as the image of the sun on earth, an incarnation of solar dominion and benevolence, the King of Egypt was symbolised in the sacred character by the "solar orb."

In the Bible, this name of the kings of Egypt is in the original Hebrew letters spelt *Thréoli*; rendered Pharoah in our version, and corrupted into the sound of *Fayray-o*. But even after the rise of a kingly form of government, the Theocratical or Priestly, if not in name, yet in fact, was all powerful in the State, and we find in all their laws and edicts constant references to the Priests, and through them to the numerous gods and goddesses which the people of Egypt worshipped. The government of the Pharoahs or Egyptian Kings continued until the invasion

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of Egypt by the Persians, under Cambyses, the son of Cyrus, when the Pharoahs ceased to reign, and another dynasty seized the government, which in its turn was conquered by Alexander, the Macedonian, 232 years B.C., who brought with him the florid mythology of the Greeks, and its attendant Theocracy of Priests. Jupiter took the place of Amon, Juno of Isis, and the massive and everlasting architecture of the ancient Egyptians was superseded by that of the light and volatile Greeks. Finally, the all-conquering Roman, under Augustus Cæsar, subjugated the Greeks, and under their dominion the ancient history of Egypt may be said to have ended.

(To be continued.)

NUTMEG MASONS AT ODDS.

CAN THE GRAND LODGE'S CONTROVERSY WITH HIRAM LODGE BE PATCHED UP?

FOR about two years there has been a great gulf fixed between the Masonic Grand Lodge of Connecticut and Hiram Lodge, No. 1, Free and Accepted Masons, the oldest and largest Lodge in the State. Hiram Lodge contains to-day about 900 members, among them many well known business and professional men.

Here are the names of a few:—Ex-Governor Henry B. Harrison, ex-Governor Charles R. Ingersoll, H. Lynde Harrison, Julius Twiss, J. D. Dewell, and N. D. Sperry.

Hiram Lodge was formed 143 years ago, when Connecticut owed allegiance to King George, and is much older than the country—a fact that its members pride themselves on particularly.

Some two years ago Hiram Lodge got into a controversy with the Grand Lodge of the State over the working of degrees by its officers. The officers of Hiram Lodge claimed the right to work their degrees in the ancient form, and refused to recognise the innovations in Masonic matters as laid down in Lockwood's "Manual," edited by Luke Lockwood. H. H. Green, of Danielsonville, Conn., was the Grand Master of the State Lodge, and members of Hiram Lodge say he was mainly responsible for the trouble.

Any how, proclamation was made against Hiram Lodge and it was expelled from the Grand Lodge and its members declared to be clandestine Masons. Individual Masons in many Lodges sympathised with Hiram Lodge, although they are prohibited from having Masonic intercourse with its members. As it now stands Hiram Lodge is out in the cold, and it is alleged, more than that, at least eight of its officials were expelled by order of the Grand Lodge. It is alleged by well posted Masons in Hiram that the Grand Lodge exceeded its authority in this respect. They assert that a Grand Lodge could properly expel only the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of a Blue Lodge, and that the only way they can reach the Treasurer of the Lodge or the Secretary is to prefer charges to the Lodge to which they belong and demand that they be tried. This was not done by the Grand Lodge.

Despite its expulsion by the Grand Lodge, Hiram Lodge has been working right along during the last two years as if nothing had happened and the Grand Lodge did not exist. Since the trouble began the membership of Hiram Lodge has become nearly 200 greater than before. Indeed the Lodge has been making Masons so fast that members of rival Lodges allege that Hiram Lodge canvasses for new members and takes them for as little as 5 dollars instead of ten times that amount. This is vehemently denied by the members of Hiram Lodge.

Grand Master Swartout, Postmaster of Stamford, is now in charge of Masonic affairs in Connecticut, and it is said that he regrets very much the unfortunate split in the ranks of the Fraternity. Of late there has been a disposition on the part of individuals in the Grand Lodge and also in Hiram Lodge to have the trouble patched up, so that Hiram may be reinstated among the Blue lodges. Ex-Governor Harrison and others of Hiram Lodge have said that they would meet the Grand Lodge half way. The matter has been talked up recently to such a point that 150 members of Hiram have signed a petition to have the charter, which was revoked two years ago, restored to the Lodge. The petitioners recommend I. F. Graham for the Master of Hiram Lodge, Albert L. Preuss for Senior Warden, and David F. Wiser for Junior Warden.

As less than one-quarter of the members of Hiram Lodge have signed the petition some of the non-signers profess to believe that the whole affair is a scheme of the Grand Lodge to overreach them. Not a member of Hiram Lodge, however, even among the signers of the petition, has any idea of giving up the ancient form of exercises or acknowledging that Hiram's position is wrong.

As a result of the petition a special session of the Grand Lodge has been called for 8th May, at 11 a.m., in Hartford, when an attempt will be made to heal the differences. It is said that the Grand Lodge is willing to take in the newly made Masons of Hiram Lodge.—*New York Herald.*

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 combination 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 engorged 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.

ROYAL ARCH.

CONSECRATION OF THE BLAGDON CHAPTER, No. 659.

THE consecration of this new Chapter for the Province of Northumberland took place at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, on the 27th ult. The Consecrating Officers were—Comps. Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., as Z., George Spain P.G.H. as H., G. F. Charlton P.G.J. as J., Joseph H. Bentham P.P.G.H. as S.E., J. S. Wilson P.P.G.H. Director of Ceremonies, John Nicholson P.P.G.O. Musical Director. The Principals installed were:—Comps. James Eadington Z., Edward Forster H., James Carmichael J. The incidental music was rendered by Comps. John Nicholson, Walker, Whitehead, and Nuttoo.

FORTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 105.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-square, Plymouth, on the 21st ult., to instal the Principals for the year ensuing, viz.:—Comps. Geo. Horswill Z., J. W. Parsons H., and A. W. Spinney J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. W. Allaford P.Z. 202, assisted by Comp. Edward Pillar, the retiring First Principal. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Comps. E. Pillar I.P.Z., T. W. Soper S.E., M. M. Joel S.N., S. Edgcombe P. Soj., W. J. Sweet 1st A. Soj., G. Finch 2nd A. Soj., J. T. Browning Treasurer, and W. H. Phillips Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the Companions retired for refreshment to the club, where the usual toasts were duly honoured, a pleasant evening being spent by all.

FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 230.

THE annual meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on Friday, the 24th ult., to instal Comp. W. H. Swiss as Z., Comp. J. J. Meadley as H., and Comp. Frederick Orchard as J. The installing Officers were Comps. R. Pike, W. Allaford, James Gidley, assisted by a large Board of Installed Principals. The other Officers were invested, as follow:—Comps. E. H. Littleton I.P.Z., J. R. H. Harris P.Z. as S.E., A. Maddock S.N., W. V. Harris P.S., S. Lewis 1st A. Soj., W. Routledge 2nd A. Soj., John Whitford Treasurer, and G. T. Veale Organist. Among the Visitors were Comps. A. W. King 1205, Thomas Shears 202, Jackman 202, Lucas 202, M. Axworthy 202, J. Maunder 202. The election of Janitor was deferred to the next regular meeting of the Chapter. During the evening two candidates were exalted to this sublime degree. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the refectory in this building, where an excellent supper was laid by Companion Bowyothick.

ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276.

THE annual meeting was held at the Chelmsford Corn Exchange, on Monday, the 20th ult. Comp. Arthur Mead was installed M.E.Z., Comp. Cavill H., and Comp. R. G. Kellet J. The installation was ably performed by Comp. Vero W. Taylor. Comps. A. Durrant was elected Treasurer, Rev. F. B. Shepherd S.E., J. P. Lewin S.N., F. P. Sutthery P.S., A. G. Maskell 1st A.S., A. C. Durrant 2nd A.S., F. H. Meggy Steward, and T. S. Sarel Janitor. In addition to the above there were present Comps. T. J. Ralling and G. Ward Verry. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a banquet was provided in excellent style by Bro. Hipkin

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 328.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, Torquay, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when amongst the Companions present were W. E. Warren, W. Taylor, W. H. Probert, John Dodge, F. C. Frost, R. H. Rae, John Chapman, John Lane, John Taylor, J. W. Morgan, John Salter. Companion Rae occupied the throne as Z., and performed the ceremony of installing the three Principals, in an impressive and able manner; the Principals being Comps. John Lane M.E.Z., John Chapman H., J. W. Morgan J. The M.E.Z. then invested the Officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year, as follow:—Comps. T. J. Crossman Treasurer, John Salter S.E., T. Prust S.N., John Taylor P.S., A. W. Searley 1st Assistant Soj., W. Hill 2nd Assistant Soj., T. Beckett D.C., T. Brooks Organist, W. Hersey and R. L. Mugford Stewards, and G. Bwit Janitor. At the conclusion of the business a cold collation was admirably served in the banquet room of the Masonic Hall. The loyal and patriotic toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and duly honoured. The usual Masonic toasts followed, that of the Grand Chapter being responded to by Comp. W. J. Hughan, in an interesting speech. A pleasant social evening was spent.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 24th ult. Present:—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, G. L. Moore M.E.Z., Grummant H., Jackson J., Stone S.E., Woods S.N., Stone P.S., Powell P.Z., &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell as candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the last meeting this season (yesterday).

WONDERS OF COAL TAR.—In connection with the above a lecture entitled "Some chemical Wonders produced from Coal Tar, was delivered on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week by Mr. Ernest L. Ralling (one of our "Old Masonians") at the Public Hall, Reigate. By special request the lecture was repeated on Thursday afternoon. The lecture was illustrated by a most interesting collection of specimens, which, not being self explanatory, the lecturer had been granted permission by the executive committee of the Reigate and Redhill Industrial Exhibition to say a few words upon; most eloquently did Mr. Ralling acquit himself.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 390.

THE first annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Deal, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master of Kent, Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., installed Bro. William Deane in the chair.

FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, in the province of Surrey. Present:—the W.M. Bro. D. R. Wise, C. G. Scott P.M. acting S.W., Chas. M. Ohren P.M. acting J.W., Magnus Ohren P.M. Treasurer, James Waterman S.D., Aubrey M. Ohren J.D., Wm. F. Payne I.G., and Harold J. Levett Senior Steward; also Past Masters Arthur J. Dickinson, A. T. Jeffery, and Wm. Geo. Hunter. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. E. Poole of the Abbey Lodge 2030, and John Rhodes P.P.G. Organist for Surrey. Letters, messages, and telegrams were laid before the Lodge, from the following Past Masters: Wm. Sagg, J. W. Sagg, Fred. A. Manning, J. C. F. W. Rogers, Wm. Geo. Batchelor and H. E. Frances Sec., Wm. Ackland J.W., and Walter King Junior Steward. The W.M. drew attention to the fact that the Lodge was draped in black, and the brethren wore emblems of mourning, and referred in feeling terms to the great loss the Province had sustained by the death of the R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, their late Provincial Grand Master, and moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to his widow and family, expressing the sorrow of the members of the Lodge, and their deep sympathy with the family in this their time of trouble. This was seconded by the W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, and carried unanimously. The other Masonic business having been got through, the W.M. stated that he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz., the presentation to the Treasurer, the W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, of a large photographic portrait of himself, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, as a mark of their respect and esteem. The W.M. referred to the eminent services Bro. Ohren had rendered to Freemasonry in general, as well as to the Frederick Lodge of Unity in particular, for a long series of years. Bro. Ohren joined the Lodge in 1867, and had since that time promoted the welfare of the members in every way; he had been the Secretary for many years, and for the last nine years the Treasurer. He was a P.P.Grand J. Warden for Surrey, and Past Grand Officer of England. This being the first meeting after the Jubilee of the Lodge, the brethren had availed themselves of the favourable opportunity for marking so important an event. Bro. Magnus Ohren, in accepting the portrait, said he fully appreciated the sentiments expressed by the W.M., and the fraternal good will of the members, of those present as well as those who sent their fraternal greetings. Many of the members present had been introduced by him into the Lodge, and as he felt sure that it would be a pleasure to many to look upon the portrait of an old friend, after he had been called "to the Grand Lodge above," he hoped that the brethren would allow the portrait to remain in the Lodge, and become the Lodge property, that he might leave behind him a reminder of one who had spent so many happy hours with them in Lodge; he assured them that he should ever remember their great kindness to him, and felt honoured by knowing that they would have the portrait hung in the Lodge, as a memento of that day's proceedings. This was unanimously agreed to, and the Lodge being duly closed, the brethren sat down to one of those nice little dinners always provided for this Lodge, and a very agreeable evening was passed, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and recitations by the W.M., Bros. Charles and Aubrey Ohren, Harold Levett, and others; Bro. John Rhodes, the Prov. Grand Organist, presiding at the piano. The Tyler's toast was given soon after 9, as the majority of the members live at some distance from Croydon, and generally catch the 9·45 train to London and intermediate stations.

SYMPATHY LODGE, No. 855.

THE annual installation took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Wotton-under-Edge, when Bro. W. Heath was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Frank Millman, and the following brethren were chosen as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year by the W.M., viz.—Bros. L. White S.W., E. H. Healy J.W., A. Perrett Treasurer, R. M. Worlock Secretary, F. Millman S.D., W. Clifford J.D., C. M. Pealy I.G., W. Windon Tyler. The following brethren were also present: Bros. W. T. Gould P.M., G. H. Perrin P.P.G.S.W., H. Perrett P.M., W. T. Adams, H. O. Lansdown, and W. T. Vigor. The visiting brethren were:—Bros. S. Partridge, R. I. Weston 493, Edward Hulbert 702, H. Blandford 761, H. I. Small 761, J. B. Champion 761. The banquet was served at the Swan Hotel, about 20 being present, the usual Masonic and other toasts were given and duly honoured.

WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

ON the 20th ult., the dedication of the new lodge building of this Lodge took place at Monkwearmouth, when the ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Canon Tristram, D.D., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. There was a very large attendance of brethren. The brethren assembled at three o'clock at the new hall, and the Williamson Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. G. W. Bain. A procession of the Prov. Grand Officers and Past Masters, with the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. at their head, were received by the brethren standing. After the usual formalities, Bro. R. Hudson, the P.G. Secretary on behalf of the Williamson Lodge, requested the R.W. P.G.M. to dedicate the Lodge room for Masonic purposes. The P.G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., expressed the pleasure it gave him to perform the ceremony, especially considering the name which the Lodge bore. The solemn ceremony customary to the dedication of similar Masonic premises then took place. The prayers were said by the Chaplains, and the anthems and sanctus were sung by a choir under the direction of Bro. E. J. Gibbon. Afterwards, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., the Deputy P.G.M., who responded to the call of the P.G.M., delivered a most eloquent address to the brethren. The erection of a Lodge at Monkwearmouth, he said, was a Masonic duty which had been only too long delayed. When they remembered that Monkwearmouth had an ecclesiastical and architectural history, by the side of which such modern creations as Sunderland and Bishopwearmouth were mushrooms; that Monkwearmouth Church was one of the oldest edifices in the kingdom, and that Benedict Biscop had been its presiding genius; that Benedict Biscop and others were not only scholars but men of the world, and held the secrets of architecture and science, as far as they were then known, in their hands, he could not but feel that Benedict Biscop knew very well, and valued the secrets of Freemasonry as acquired by him. He (Canon Tristram) felt it was peculiarly appropriate that Monkwearmouth, the mother of ecclesiastical architecture, the first recipient of the Oriental arts and sciences in the West of Europe, should at last have offered a permanent home to that Masonry which was part and parcel of all Oriental and mediæval civilisation, and the best wishes he could offer to the Freemasons of Monkwearmouth was that their Lodge, and its material representation of it, might be represented in that true and massive form as long as the representative of Christianity had stood in their midst in the church, now nearly 1,250 years old. In the course of an eloquent address, he proceeded to say there was a far higher revelation of Masonry in the subsequent revelation of Christianity that did not do away with the advantages and blessings of Masonry, because Masonry, springing from the idea impressed alike upon Solomon and upon his Phœnician allies, of the spirituality and simplicity of divine worship, bound all men together; and, therefore, Masonry was in itself the very foundation and at the bottom of all monarchical and democratic constitutions. It was impossible to have a true monarchy or a true democracy unless they were founded upon the very principles upon which Masonry existed and was built—"Order and liberty, founded on subordination to authority." He congratulated their P.G.M., and the brethren of Monkwearmouth upon the erection of their new hall. The P.G.M. asked to be allowed, in their name, to thank Canon Tristram for his eloquent address. They congratulated him upon his return, in restored health, to this country, and he (the P.G.M.) congratulated the Lodge upon the successful ceremony that had taken place. He remembered that he was the first W.M. of the Lodge upon its foundation in 1868, and he was very pleased to see some of the original members present that day, viz.: Bros. Liddell and Halfnight. After the dedication of the new hall, the ordinary business of the Williamson Lodge proceeded, the W.M., Bro. G. W. Bain, in the chair. Bro. Bain was also reinstalled as W.M. by Bros. G. Porteous and W. Liddell. Bro. Bain invested the following as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Maddison I.P.M., Remigius Blake S.W., L. R. Davies J.W., J. G. Kirtley Treasurer, A. Logan Secretary, J. S. Chatt S.D., T. Hunter J.D., G. Porteous D. of C., J. McCullum Organist, L. R. Simpson I.G., Brady Swan Tyler, R. Cook and J. Turner Stewards. The Lodge business afterwards terminated. In the evening the Festival of the Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, Fawcett-street, the W.M. presiding.

HESKETH LODGE, No. 950.

ON the 15th ult, the members assembled at the Crown, Fleetwood, for the installation of Bro. J. D. Faussett, for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. Fowler, the retiring Master, and Bro. H. M. Ormsby. The Officers appointed for 1889-90 were: Bros. J. D Faussett, M.D., W.M., J. Fowler I.P.M., G. Sobjoth S.W., J. N. Clarkson J.W., Rev. J. K. Turner and Rev. E. J. Reeve, M.A., Chaplains, R. N. Horsfall Treasurer, B. Ainsworth Secretary, S. Williams S.D., H. Humphreys J.D., H. M. Ormsby, M.A., D.C., F. Drakeford Organist, S. Lewthwaithe I.G., Captain J. Robertson, T. Mabir, and G. P. Muloch Stewards, J. Gibson Tyler. The business was followed by a banquet, which had been laid under the superintendence of Bro. J. Smith, and the table presented a most creditable appearance, with its fairy lamps and lighted tapers.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE installation meeting was held at the George Hotel, Stockport, on Monday, the 20th ult., when Bro. R. Barnett Preston S.W. was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. James Cookson, the retiring W.M., in an able and efficient manner, assisted by some of the past Masters. The following Officers were invested by Bro. Kennett Maclean, viz.:—Bros. Joseph McKim S.W., William A. Vaughan J.W., Rev. Addison Crofton Chaplain, A. Pemberton Treasurer, Walter H. Vaughan Secretary, Thomas Knott S.D., Henry Smith J.D., James Abbott D.C., H. Wilson I.G., H. Dawson Tyler. Bro. A. Ferns was re-appointed Charity Representative. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cookson on his retirement from the position of W.M., the new Master remarking that the Lodge had been most successful under Bro. Cookson's rule. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Geo. L. Vaughan, that to the Wardens by R. A. Pemberton, and that to the brethren by Bro. Jas. Wm. Abbott. Letters of apology were read from the Prov. G.M. and other distinguished brethren. The company afterwards partook of an excellent dinner provided by the host, Mr. Parish, in his usual satisfactory style. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and a musical programme was rendered.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE last meeting for the season of this successful Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 8th May, when the following members and visitors were in attendance:—Bros. C. Slaughter W.M., H. Creed I.P.M., W. Hoare S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. W. Ridley Secretary,

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W. A. Hokins S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., H. G. Sherwin Organist, F. Brown I.G., T. P. Stewart, G. S. Smallwood, and R. E. Hodder Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters E. Margrett, T. J. Pulley; Bros. W. B. Reed, E. J. Lewis, R. P. Hart, E. H. Salmon, W. E. Parkes, W. B. Biddles, T. Chettle, W. Treverton, D. N. Heron, W. H. Kidgell. Visitors:—Bros. C. J. Hawkes I.P.M. 414, R. Bradley P.G.S.B., Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks, D. Amos 1248, Geo. Stubbington J.W. 2043, C. B. Tubbs W.M. 2043. After preliminaries, Mr. Edward Oliver Farrer was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Thomas Chettle, having replied to the usual questions, was entrusted. After the candidate had retired, the Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Chettle was re-admitted and passed by the W.M. The charge to the initiate was given by Bro. H. Creed I.P.M. After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ELLAN VANNIN LODGE, No. 2049.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday, the 7th ult., the Senior Warden was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S., in succession to Bro. R. Whiteside, for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M. was voted a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his past services, and Bro. W. P. J. Pittar, the Secretary, was accorded the jewel of a Past Provincial Grand Steward, for his efficient work as Secretary of the Lodge.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

THE members of this popular Lodge were invited to attend a Special Emergency Meeting, on Thursday, 23rd May, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, W.C. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. J. Wood, who called upon Bro. W. Masters (acting Secretary) to read the circular convening the meeting. The principal business therein set forth was to receive "Bro. Hamilton Murrell, Captain S.S. 'Missouri,' who is a member of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Leeds, by whose gallantry, and that of his crew, the passengers and crew of the S.S. 'Danmark,' of nearly 800 persons, were saved, under the most terrible circumstances, in the Atlantic, and to present him with a Masonic Jewel as a memento of his bravery." Bro. J. S. Cumberland D. of C. formally introduced the gallant Captain to the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Wood, addressing Captain Murrell, stated how gratified he and the members of his Lodge were at being honoured by the visit of a brother who had so eminently distinguished himself, and whose noble conduct would ever live in the memory of Englishmen, whether at home or abroad. The following address was then read by the acting Secretary, and was formally presented, along with the Jewel therein referred to:—

London,
23rd May 1889.

To Bro. Hamilton Murrell,
Captain Steamship "Missouri,"
Atlantic Transport Company.

Dear Brother,—

We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, welcome you in our Lodge, and offer you our most fraternal and hearty congratulations for your distinguished bravery—as well as that of your gallant Crew—in rescuing, in Mid-Atlantic, on the 5th April 1889, during a heavy gale, the passengers and crew, numbering 735 persons, of the disabled steamer "Danmark," and we ask you to accept from us a small gold Masonic Jewel as a memento of that event.

On the obverse of the Jewel are the Arms of our Lodge (the Seal of Prince Edwin of York, Grand Master 926), surmounted by the Prince of Wales' Feathers, and on the reverse the Inscription:—

"Presented to
"Bro. Hamilton Murrell, Captain S.S. 'Missouri,' by the Brethren of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, of A.F. and A.M., for his Distinguished Bravery, in Mid-Atlantic, 5th April 1889.

G. J. Wood, W.M.

"London,
"23rd May 1889."

We hope you will consider this trifling gift, not for its intrinsic value, but as an expression of admiration of your gallant conduct as a Man, a Seaman, and a Mason.

We are, Dear Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. J. Wood W.M.	G. B. Davis S.D.
W. Masters I.P.M.	Frank Wright J.D.
W. H. Bullock S.W.	J. S. Cumberland D.C.
J. M. Peake J.W.	W. G. Stott Organist
E. Carr Treasurer	C. R. Lee I.G.
S. B. Bolas Secretary	H. J. Giller Steward

J. Lockett Assist. Steward.

Past Masters Smithson, G. Ralliffe.

Members and Visitors:—

J. Terry, J. Kershaw, R. Davison, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. S. Batting, William Lake, E. C. R. Oxley, W. J. Brown, Fred. Maddison, A. W. Chapman, Henry Smith D.P.G.M. W. Yorks, E. St. Clair, John Dixon, W. H. Grimshaw, Thos. Owen, Henry Johnson, S. Jennings, J. E. Terry, H. Bertram, &c., &c.

Captain Murrell gracefully acknowledged the compliment and honour paid him. Later in the evening he would furnish the brethren with a few details as to what actually did take place. What he had done was only what would have been done by hundreds of others under similar circumstances, but he was almost overwhelmed with the many kind things which had been said regarding him. He had the satisfaction of realising that throughout he had acted in the spirit of knowing that he had striven to do his duty. In the course of the proceedings letters were read, regretting the several writers' inability to be present. One from Lord Charles Beresford was especially well received, inasmuch as it conveyed that gallant seaman's high appreciation of Captain Murrell's behaviour under the trying circumstances in which he was placed. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of refreshments, which were served in ample form, under the supervision of the manager of the Inns of Court Hotel. The after-proceedings were of a most agreeable character, Captain Murrell gave a graphic account of the main incidents, from the time the "Danmark" was first sighted, flying signals of distress, till he was enabled to land his passengers,—in the first instance, at St. Michael's; how he afterwards proceeded to Philadelphia, whither he was originally bound, and how he was received by the American people. The Captain modestly recounted these adventures, and testified to the bravery and noble conduct of the Captain and Officers of the "Danmark." It was owing to the splendid organization that prevailed in that vessel that the transfer of passengers was effected, and that without a single casualty. Captain Murrell also referred to the meeting that was to take place the following day, at the Mansion House. Here he was to be accompanied by his Officers and as many of his Crew as could make it convenient to attend. In all that had been done his Officers and Crew nobly fulfilled their duty; without such help he would have been powerless. Some capital songs enlivened the proceedings, Bros. Weston and Stevens especially distinguishing themselves.

SURBITON LODGE, No. 2146.

THE installation ceremony of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 21st ult., at the Surbiton Assembly Rooms, when Bro. Francis C. Hill was installed W.M. for the year. At the banquet which followed the toast list was interspersed with songs and glees, artistically rendered by Messrs. Dungate, Hardy, and Harding, principal soloists of H.M. Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, of which choir the W.M. is a member, assisted by Bros. Herbert Hart and J. H. Martin.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st May, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. Saqui W.M., Garrard S.W., Dodd J.W., Goodinge Treasurer, C. Cohen S.D., Marcus J.D., P. Cohen I.G.; Bros. Liscombe, Poppmacher, H. Lazarus, Marks and A. Botibol. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with the traditional history, Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. Bro. Garrard was elected as W.M. for next week. It was proposed and carried that in future the W.M. take the chair at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. A ballot took place, and Bro. A. J. Marks secured the amount; he desired that the same, £5 5s, be sent to the Boys' Charity.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Special Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held on Thursday, 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Charles Hammerton in the chair. There were also present Bros. Alfred C. Spaull, Ralph Clutton, J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson, Peter de L. Long, C. H. Webb, Willoughby Masters, Edward Terry (Grand Treasurer), and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The business before the meeting was to confim the resolution come to a fortnight since, authorising the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £31,000, on the enlargement and alteration of the School buildings at St. John's Hill, Battersea-rise. The resolution was duly confirmed. This completing the business of the day, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed.

The General Committee met later on, on the same day, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, E. H. Finney, H. F. Nash, E. J. Anning, H. Massey, Alfred C. Spaull, Peter de L. Long, Ralph Clutton, Robert Berridge, C. H. Webb, Edward Terry, E. M. Money, J. J. Caney, Wm. Morley, and F. R. W. Hedges. The Chairman reported that the Special Court had been held that day, and the resolution to accept the tender of £31,000 for the enlargement of the Buildings at Battersea Rise, come to at a Special Court of the Subscribers held on the 16th May, had been confirmed. The salary of one of the Governesses was, on recommendation of the House Committee, raised from £40 to £50 a-year. A legacy of £5 to the Institution was reported by the Chairman. Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for certain liabilities of the Institution. Two petitions for candidates to be placed on the list of girls for election into the School were before the brethren. On the motion of Bro. W. Morley, they were referred to a Committee of four, the said Committee to report to the next meeting, with any other petitions coming in before the June meeting. Bros. Morley, A. C. Spaull, Money and Nash were named as this Committee. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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

IN compliance with a requisition received by me from the Treasurer of the Institution—in accordance with Law 31—I hereby give notice that a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1889:

To consider the Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed under Resolution of the Quarterly General Court of 27th July 1888, which Report was presented to, and received by, the Quarterly General Court of 26th April 1889, and to take such steps thereon as may be determined.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock noon precisely.

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

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
24th May 1889.

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THE NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD AT THE
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WOOD GREEN, N.
On WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY 1889,
UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
The V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE,
Patron of the Institution,
Grand Treasurer,
Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

President Board of Stewards:
V.W. Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, J.P., P.G. Treasurer, Patron of the Institution,

Hon. Treasurer:
W. Bro. CHAS. FRED. HOGARD, P.G. Standard Bearer, Vice-Patron of the Institution.

Full particulars will be duly announced.

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

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
31st May 1889.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most earnestly solicited.

The Annual Stewards' Visit, Entertainment, and Distribution of Prizes to Pupils, will take place at the Institution, at Wood Green, on Saturday, the 29th June.

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ON Friday, June 7th, Special Express Trains will leave Euston Station at 10·20 a.m., for Windermere, Morecambe, Ingleton, and Keswick; and at 1·10 p.m. for Blackburn, Fleetwood, Southport, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Kendal, and Windermere. On the same date, a special Express will leave Euston at 6·25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland.

On Saturday, June 8th, Special Express Trains will leave Euston Station at

8·55 a.m. for Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, and Aberystwith.

10·20 a.m. for Windermere, Morecambe, Ingleton, and Keswick.

1·10 p.m. for Blackburn, Fleetwood, Southport, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Kendal, and Windermere.

4·25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham.

Special Express Trains will also leave Birmingham (New-street) on this date at 2·10 p.m. and 4·5 p.m. for Northampton, calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby, the ordinary trains leaving Birmingham at 2·0 p.m. and 4·0 p.m on June 8th not conveying passengers for these places.

On Whit-Monday, June 10th, numerous residential trains will not be run.

For full particulars see the Company's Time Books, Bills, and Notices.

G. FINDLAY, General Manager.

Euston Station, May 1889.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

EXCURSION TRAINS will leave PADDINGTON as under:—

SATURDAY, June 8th, at 8·5 a.m.—For **Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter,** Torquay, Plymouth, and other Stations below Exeter.*

At 9·30 a.m.—For **Gloucester,** Cheltenham, Hereford, &c.; the principal stations in South Wales, and Waterford, and other Stations in South of Ireland. Passengers return June 17th, except those to Ireland, who return any day to June 24th, inclusive.

At 10·45 a.m., For **Newbury,** Marlborough, **Devizes, Frome, Wells,** Yeovil, **Dorchester,** Weymouth, &c.*

At 11·30 a.m.—For **Shrewsbury,** Hereford, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c.; to return June 10th or 13th; also for Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., to return June 13th.

At 12·15 p.m.—For Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, &c.*

At 1·55 and 7·15 p.m.—For **Bath,** Bristol, &c.; to return June 10th, 11th, 17th or 24th.

At 6·50 p.m., For **Oxford,** Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c.; to return June 10th or 13th.

WHIT-SUNDAY at 9·15 a.m.—For **Maidenhead,** Reading, Oxford, &c., to return same day. Oxford passengers can also return June 10th or 13th.

WHIT-MONDAY at 8·15 a.m.—For **Bath,** Bristol, &c., to return June 10th, 11th, 17th, or 24th.

At 8·20 a.m.—For **Oxford,** Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., to return same day, or on June 13th.

At 7·40 a.m.—For **Maidenhead,** Reading, Hungerford, Didcot, &c., to return same day.

* Passengers return June 17th or 24th, but in most cases they can, on payment of 20 per cent. on the fares, return on the intervening Saturdays or Sundays during the time their tickets are available.

During the week preceding Whitsuntide, Ordinary and Excursion Tickets may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 123 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 269 Strand, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street, London Bridge, 62 Queen Victoria Street, 43 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside; also at Westbourne Park, Kensington, Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush, Latimer Road, Victoria, and West London Stations. For fares and full particulars see Bills.

HY. LAMBERT, General Manager.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY WEEKLY EXCURSIONS.

TO WEST of ENGLAND and WEYMOUTH, on every Saturday during June, EXCURSION TRAINS will leave Paddington, as under:—

At 8·5 a.m.—For **Bath, Bristol,** Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Minehead, **Taunton, Ilfracombe,** Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, &c., to return following Monday, Monday week, or fortnight.

Also for **Trowbridge,** Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., to return following Monday week or fortnight.

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FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 1st JUNE 1889.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th June 1889, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th April for confirmation.

3. Communications from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, submitting and recommending an application from the Body styled "The United Grand Lodge of Victoria," for recognition.

4. Appointment and investiture of the President 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."

(Vide list of the brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees.)

9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 1832, Crediton	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 1193, Wymondham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 213, Norwich	100	0	0
A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Amity, No. 137, Poole ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	50	0	0
A Brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	60	0	0

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5863 7s 2d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance of library £10 4s 1d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
21st May 1889.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 21st 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 17th May 1889, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. W. Raynham Stewart P.G. Deacon:—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes.

PAST MASTERS.

HENRY BISHOP	66
JOHN RUSSELL CLIPPERTON	66
WILLIAM GEORGE LEMON	165
GEORGE READ	511
HENRY PRITCHARD	1415
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
WILLIAM ALFRED DAWSON	1768
JOSEPH CLEVER	1818
FREDERICK ERNEST POCOCK, M.D.	1891
THOMAS WILLIAM RICHARDSON	2029
JOSEPH DAVID LANGTON	2096
WILLIAM MASTERS	2128
JOHN SPRIGHT CUMBERLAND	2128

MASTERS.

WILLIAM HARRY RYLANDS	2
HARRY E. POLLARD	4
GORDON SMITH	14
ARTHUR C. TANQUERAY	33
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	167
EBENEZER CHARLES MULVEY	179
JOHN LIONEL ALEXANDER MONCKTON, M.A.	197
CAPTAIN THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1656
HARRY TIPPER	2054
ARTHUR GIRAUD BROWNING	2140
THOMAS CATLING	2190
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	2192
LENNOX BROWNE	2256
GEORGE GARDNER	2309

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

JAMES BRETT	177
COL. FREDERICK GARSDEN (Madras)	434
REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU	1537
ALBERT ESCOTT	1539
CAPT. THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1656
JOHN SPRIGHT CUMBERLAND	2128
LENNOX BROWNE	2256

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	140
ROBERT GRIGGS	228
JOHN E. DAWSON	404
MAJOR ALFRED DURRANT	569
HUGH COTTER	554
CHARLES ALEXR. COTTEBRUNE	783
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	1155
CHARLES KEMPTON	1287
ISAAC DIXON	1567
WILLIAM HENRY HUBBERT	1625

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2303—The Trentham Lodge, Trentham, Victoria.
2304—The Mooroopna Lodge, Mooroopna, Victoria.
2305—The Stour Lodge, Ashford, Kent.
2306—Toowong Lodge, Toowong, Queensland.
2307—The Friendship Lodge, Ajmere, Bombay.
2308—The Viator Lodge, Fleet Street.
2309—The George Gardner Lodge, Datchett, Buckinghamshire.
2310—The London Scottish Rifles Lodge, Golden Square.
2311—The Saint Alkmund Lodge, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

THE FOURTH CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of this Association (which is affiliated with the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174) took place at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Monday, the 27th May. Present:—Bros. J. Newton President, G. Ward Verry Treasurer; J. S. Fraser, L. C. Haslip, C. Lacey, H. Magee, and C. H. Webb, members of the Committee, Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs Secretary, and other brethren. The balance sheet for the first year of the Society's operations was duly audited; it showed that £287 10s 6d had been collected, and 25 ballots for Life Governorships of 10 guineas each had been obtained. The Treasurer further intimated that he had sufficient in hand for six ballots, and the following members drew sums of 10 guineas each, viz.: Bros. A. Toulmin, H. J. Tippett, Arthur Adams, W. T. Abnett, C. E. Ferry, and T. Huntley.

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WANDSWORTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1044.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., a very large and representative gathering of the Craftsmen of the South Western District of London took place, at the East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth. The members of No. 1044, which is one of the most, if not the most prosperous Lodge of Instruction in the vicinity, had invited Brother Frederick Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation. The arrangements for the meeting were entrusted to Bro. A. Higerty P.M. 1044, one of the Preceptors, and who on this occasion took upon himself the functions of Director of the Ceremonies. Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211 had consented to assist Brother Binckes, while Brother R. R. Monger Organist 1044—who had the help of Professor Gilardini 235, G. T. Peterkin 704, and E. Curtis 834—superintended the musical arrangements of the evening. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Higerty, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Higerty then advanced the Lodge to the third degree, and explained to the brethren the motives that had resulted in their having secured the attendance of Bros. Binckes and Morgan. He now asked Bro. Binckes kindly to take the chair, and proceed with the business. Bro. Binckes, before commencing the ceremony, asked for the sympathy of the brethren—both for himself and for Bro. Morgan. The latter, through serious and protracted illness, had been compelled to forego many Masonic engagements, and for his (Bro. Binckes) own part, he was suffering acutely, and in the earlier part of the day felt almost inclined to communicate with the brethren and crave their indulgence. On consulting with Bro. Morgan, however, they both came to the conclusion that their good friends would sympathize with them, and they decided to present themselves. He (Bro. Binckes) was intensely gratified at seeing so goodly an attendance, and he would now formally proceed with the ceremony. Bro. J. Parsons, as Secretary, recapitulated what had been done by the brethren, who were desirous a new Lodge should be constituted, and the presiding Officer gave the necessary directions for reading the Petition and Warrant. This having been done, and the Officers named having been approved by the Founders, Bro. Morgan was called on for an Oration on the principles of Freemasonry. Bro. Morgan's efforts in this direction are well known, and on the present occasion his address was most attentively listened to. Bro. Binckes then continued with the ceremony, the impressiveness of which was much enhanced by the solos of Bros. Peterkin, Curtis, and Monger, while the accompanist, Professor Gilardoni, brought to work the full strength of his musical ability. On the completion of the ceremony all concerned were complimented on the success that had attended their efforts. After an interval of ten minutes, the installation ceremony was proceeded with; Bro. J. G. Carter P.M. 1044 (one of the Preceptors of the Lodge of Instruction) was presented as W.M. elect, and duly placed in the chair. Bro. Carter invested the following as Officers:—Bros. Forge S.W., Baker J.W., Parsons Secretary, Curtis S.D. Grundy J.D., Cowley I.G., Monger Organist, Bond Tyler. The W.M. was then formally proclaimed and saluted, and Brother Binckes gave the customary addresses. Brothers Binckes and Morgan were cordially thanked for their attendance, and had the compliment of Honorary Membership of the Lodge conferred upon them. The services of the musical brethren were also gracefully recognised. In the course of the evening reference was made to Bro. Higerty's approaching Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It is gratifying to know that the amount on his List already reaches 55 guineas, and that the bulk of this amount has been subscribed by the members of the Lodge of Instruction, in their individual capacity. The Lodge of Instruction itself voted £5 5s on this special occasion. In addition to those already mentioned, there were present:—F. Larkham 1564, G. Lintern 1564, M. A. B. Huggins 1638, W. N. Barnes 1564, P. Manson W.M. 1194, H. Sapsworth W.M. 2032, H. Baker I.G., A. E. Lean S.W. 1564, A. Grundy, G. Edmunds P.M. 1695, J. W. Melton 1641, E. Percival 172, A. W. Blake 780, J. Featherstone P.M. 1656, S. A. Thomas I.G. 217, J. Baker 1507, J. Beddoes 902, C. Cowland 902, G. H. Heathcote 2157, T. G. Ball, T. Poore P.M. 720, J. B. Thomson 1047, G. Alcitori S.W. 1044, R. W. Forge P.P.G.D.C. 1793, T. Higgs P.M. 106, C. Ellis P.M. 1044, Constantine W.M. 1545, A. Clay 1638, H. P. Bray 1564, H. Spooner, 87, W. Allan 87, M. Cutting 1564, F. Wormsley 65, J. G. Yolland P.P.G. Sword B. Herts 71, R. Scott 87, C. Butcher 1564, E. Tucker 1638, J. Dench 1564, T. Richmond 902, W. Westcott, M. J. Gill 902, H. W. Humphreys W.M. 1638, J. Morley, F. H. Green W.M. 2032, H. F. Whyman Organist 2046, A. S. Hunt S.W. 243, M. R. Arnold W.M. 1789, J. Letchford J.D. 1658, C. A. Pugh W.M. 1624, R. Cleaver S.D. 73, R. Sarson 192, J. W. Fisher 192, W. Baker I.G. 1815, C. Horton W.M. 902, R. Bell W.M. 1398, G. W. Perry S.W. 1446, J. B. Thomson W.M. 1047, J. S. Tavenor 1044, G. Cowley W.M. 1044, H. Bond 1656, C. A. Milnes 2187, E. R. Buckwell 80, J. Middleton 1563, T. J. Cuthbert J.W. 1815, H. Semory 1815, T. F. Krubb 1158, C. Barnard 1558, T. Brooks W.M. 382, &c.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It having been brought to the knowledge of the House Committee of this Institution that a rumour has been circulated that certain officials have received notice of dismissal, I am instructed by the Committee that the question of the dismissal of any official has never been suggested, entertained, or considered.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 29th May 1889.

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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Notes on the Ceremony of Installation. By HENRY SADLER, P.M. and P.Z., Grand Tyler, and Sub Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C.

WE must confess to a feeling of disappointment on reading this latest addition to the literature of Freemasonry from the pen of Bro. Sadler. If we were asked, however, as to what it was we expected to get in the shape of "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation" we should be at a loss to give a satisfactory answer, and on that account we may be to blame for grumbling at what has been provided. We have often heard it stated that "every respectable book should have some kind of a Preface," and as the words we here quote are extracted from Bro. Sadler's book now under notice, it may be taken as certain he is also aware of the rule. But we have also heard that no one ever thinks of reading a Preface, and it is perhaps because we depart from this implied custom that we are disappointed with what Bro. Sadler has presented us in his "Notes." In his Preface, Bro. Sadler says:—"We have heard a great deal of late years about 'Uniformity of Ritual,' a subject to which I personally attach very little importance, being fully satisfied that if by any possible means we could next year establish an uniform system of working the ceremonies, even in London, in the course of a few years we should find variations cropping up similar to those now complained of. The fact is, we never have had exact uniformity, and under our present system I do not see how we can secure it." Having made the mistake of reading this part of Bro. Sadler's Preface we looked forward to very different "Notes" to those which are provided, and which, in brief, may be said to prove the desirability for "Uniformity," and the strenuous efforts made by the rulers of the Craft since the Union in 1813 to secure it. Indeed it seems to us that Bro. Sadler's aim in the work under notice is to prove the illegality of the ceremony of opening a Board of Installed Masters, previous to formally inducting a Mason into the chair of a Lodge. This we are told is a modern innovation, probably the original form of "making a Brother a Past Master without Installing him in, and communicating the secrets of the W.M.'s chair, to enable such Brother to be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, in accordance with an old custom restricting that Degree to those who had passed the chair in a Craft Lodge." Later on Bro. Sadler speaks of "another innovation," one to which we think attention should be drawn, and, if it be possible to arouse the authorities of the Craft on such subjects, something should be authoritatively communicated in regard to it. It has reference to the "practice now in vogue of visitors below the chair resuming their seats on their return to the Lodge after the Installation, and not performing the usual perambulations, &c., &c." We have long looked upon this custom as a most undesirable innovation, one showing a lack of respect for the regularly appointed rulers in the Craft, and only to be excused on the ground of laziness, or, as is probably the case, a desire to hurry through the work in order to get to the more attractive ceremonies—in the minds of some—associated with the working of the knife and fork. In conclusion Bro. Sadler urges "those who are in search of Masonic knowledge to ascertain for themselves, by conversation with, and inquiries of, *the oldest Masons* they know or can know, what are the old and authorised ceremonies of the Order, and having satisfied themselves on this point let nothing tempt them to deviate from the recognised forms and established customs." At the same time he advises them "to carefully abstain from pedantic quibbles on points of mere phraseology, which only tend to create friction and unpleasantness."

Having said thus much in regard to what Bro. Sadler's Preface led us to expect, and what we have actually learned from his "Notes," we cannot withhold a word of praise in regard to the entire compilation. The book throughout is of an interesting character, showing a part of the work done by the Craft in days gone by, and introducing the reader to most of those who took a prominent share in its affairs. Bro. Sadler apologises for his "Notes" resolving themselves so much into biographical sketches of departed worthies, but they are none the less entertaining on that account, the peculiar facilities enjoyed by Bro. Sadler, of searching the records of Grand Lodge, enabling him to publish many items of interest inaccessible to the ordinary Masonic student. He gives the Warrant which was granted for the creation of a Lodge of Reconciliation, whose mission was the "effecting an uniformity of ritual," and arranging the future ceremonies of the Craft, at the time of the Union, in 1813; also the Warrant for the creation of a Special Lodge to settle the practice of installing the Masters of Lodges, and traces the work performed by these bodies, all of which matter is worthy the consideration of brethren who care to look a little below the surface of modern Freemasonry, and leads us to hope that Bro. Sadler may find other subjects, worthy his attention, which are likely to prove of sufficient interest to enable him to publish them to the world; for of course it can be well understood that the production of such works as the one under notice entails further outlay than the "labour of love" which we know Bro. Sadler willingly and zealously devotes to it.

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WHITSUNTIDE RAILWAY FACILITIES.

THE Great Western Railway Company announce that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8·5 a.m. on Saturday, June 8th, reaching Exeter in 5¼ hours and Plymouth in 7¼ hours, and that excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and other Stations on the Great Western System; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain Stations in the South of Ireland.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary Trains on Saturday, June 8th, the Company will run in duplicate, the 9·0, 11·45 a.m., 1·0, 3·0 (by which 3rd class Passengers are now conveyed), 5·0 and 9·0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 3·30 and 6·30 p.m. trains from London to the North; and the 10·20 a.m. and 12·0 noon trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 9·0 a.m. 1·0, 5·0 and 9·0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8·55 a.m., 12·55, 4·55, and 8·55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised Stations to take up and set down passengers. Passengers for Windsor who are usually conveyed by the 6·20 p.m. train from Paddington will be taken by the 6·30 p.m. train instead.

On Bank Holiday Excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and other stations.

They have made arrangements for the issue of Tickets during the week preceding Whit Sunday, at their City and West End Office, viz.:—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 269 Strand, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Cratched-friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside.

The booking offices at Paddington Station will be open all day on June 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, when passengers can obtain tickets at any time for use on either day.

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, 3rd June, to Monday, 10th June, 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 following Town Receiving offices of the Company:—15 Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C., 13 Eastcheap, Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22 Alderagate-street, E.C.; 65 Aldgate, E.; 30 West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C., Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet-street, E.C., 116 and 117 Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, High Holborn, W.C.; 43 New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria-street, S.W.; 231 Edgware Road W.; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.; 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C.; Lion, 103 New Bond-street, W.; 496 Oxford Street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford-street, W.; 33 Hereford Road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34 Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33 High-street, W.; 117 Borough S.E.; 233 and 234 Blackfriars Road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138 Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.; Islington, "Angel," 5 Pentonville Road, N. 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 Station. On Friday, 7th June, special express trains will leave Euston Station at 10·20 a.m. for Windermere, Morecambe, Ingleton, and Keswick; and at 1·10 p.m. for Blackburn, Fleetwood, Southport, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Kendal, and Windermere. A special express will leave Euston at 6·25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland. On Saturday, 8th June, special express trains will leave Euston Station at 8·55 a.m. for Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, and Aberystwith; 10·20 a.m. for Windermere, Morecambe, Ingleton, and Keswick; 1·10 p.m. for Blackburn, Fleetwood, Southport, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Kendal, and Windermere; 4·25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham. Special express trains will leave Birmingham (New-street) at 2·10 and 4·5 p.m. for Northampton, calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby. On this date the ordinary trains leaving at 2·0 and 4·0 p.m. will not convey passengers to Stechford, Coventry, Rugby, and Northampton. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Monday, 10th June. 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, Aberystwith, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—All lovers of the dramatic art must accord a hearty welcome to the French company brought over by Messrs. H. E. Abbey and Maurice Grau, and few people will let the opportunity now offered pass by without witnessing one or more of the performances, which fully realise the truth of the proverb "Ar summa selere artem." If it be the mission of the actor to hold the mirror up to nature, it must be confessed that the Parisian professionals are far in advance of our own artistes, and the difference is easily perceptible, even to the ordinary playgoer. With the French company there is no striving after effect on the part of any one performer, all appear to play up to one another, almost without noticing the audience, and hence the best results are attained, and "naturalism" in its highest form is presented. A different play is given each evening, and though this must be most trying to the performers, the pieces are played with a perfection that elicits the highest praise. The principal performers are M. Coquelin, of the Comédie Française, and Madame Jane Hading, of the Théâtre Gymnase, and they are assisted by an efficient company, including the names of Messrs. Duquesne, Mayer, Marsay, Chambly, and Ramy, and Mesdames Lemercier, Gilbert, Jenny Rose, and Kerwich. We are compelled, on account of limited space, thus to speak in general terms of the performers, but we can assure our readers that whichever evening they may select for their visit they will experience the delight of witnessing a play acted to perfection.

Prince of Wales'.—Planquette's comic opera "Paul Jones" is rapidly advancing in public estimation, and to-day will reach its 140th performance, while the crowded state of the theatre exhibits no sign of diminution. Miss Agnes Huntingdon has now mastered every detail of the music, and doubtless feels quite at home in her impersonation of the hero, while Miss Wadman may be equally congratulated on her assumption of Yvonne. Miss Phyllis Broughton makes a vivacious Chopinette and Mr. Templar-Saxe sings the ballads allotted to him with exquisite taste. The humour of the piece is amply sustained by Messrs. Harry Monkhouse and Albert James, while Mr. Frank Wyatt causes considerable amusement in the last act as the Spanish Don Trocadero. The chorus has been well trained, and gives due effect to the pretty music. We may mention that the music of two dances given at the Queen's State Ball on Monday last was taken from this opera.

Toole's.—The revival of "Artful Cards" at this theatre has been most enthusiastically received; at this we are not surprised. The many years that have elapsed since it was produced at the Gaiety does not seem to have dimmed its popularity, while the recent club raids have made it even more interesting. To see Mr. Toole in the many comical situations he is brought into must engender laughter; indeed our old favourite seems to have fully grasped the situation, and never misses an opportunity. The descent of the police upon the Countess Asteriski's gaming salon, and the suspension of the mysterious game of Kackorka forms a capital burlesque on the recent raids, and is nightly thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Toole is well supported by Miss Eliza Johnstone, Miss Kate Phillips, Messrs. John Billington, George Skelton, and H. Westland, who work with a will to "keep the game alive." "Ici on parle Français" is still in the bill, with Mr. Toole in his original character of Mr. Spriggins.

The Novelty will be re-opened, for seven nights, on Friday, the 7th instant, with "A Doll's House," by Henrik Ibsen, translated by Mr. William Archer. Messrs. Charles Charrington, Herbert Waring, Royce Carleton, Miss Gertrude Warden, and Miss Janet Achurch are in the caste.

Messrs. E. S. Willard and John Lart will open the Shaftesbury on Saturday, the 8th instant, with a revival of "Jim the Penman." Mr. Willard will play his original part, and will be supported by Messrs. Mackintosh, William Herbert, Elwood, Fred Terry, Cecil Crofton, Ivan Watson, Blatchley, Royston Keith, Miss Lindley, Mrs. E. H. Brooke, Miss Mabel Hardinge, and Lady Monckton. Mr. W. H. Griffiths is the acting manager.

An extra matinée of "Which Wins," a new and original four act comedy-drama, by J. W. Pigott, will be given at Terry's, on Wednesday, 12th instant.

Crystal Palace.—On Whit Monday, 10th inst., it will be thirty-five years since the Queen, speaking beneath the great arch of the Centre Transept, declared the Crystal Palace open, and expressed the hope that the enterprise would elevate and instruct, as well as delight and amuse all classes of her subjects. Since that memorable day the Palace has been visited by nearly seventy millions of people. The Crystal Palace has, therefore, become the Palace of the People's Pleasures, a fact which will, we may safely predict, be abundantly proved on Whit Monday, for which day a great Anniversary Fête has been organised. The special list of free entertainments and amusements is, without doubt, the most liberal and attractive that has ever been provided for a single festival. It includes national promenade concerts, comic pantomime and novel variety entertainments on lawns, balloon ascents, fountain displays, military assault-at-arms, out-door sports, ventriloquial and musical entertainments, race between bicycle and trotters driven in sulkies, and a grand Garden Fête and Feast of Lanterns, with illumination of the great fountains, and special anniversary display of Fireworks.

A grand festival performance, on the Great Handel Orchestra, of Mendelssohn's Oratorio, "Elijah," has been arranged for Saturday, 22nd inst., at the Crystal Palace, when the principal vocalists will be Madame Albani, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Signor Foli, assisted in the double quartette and concerted pieces by Miss Emily Squire, Miss Jesse King, Mr. Maldwyn Humphreys, Mr. Ffrangcon Davies, and Mr. Plunket Greene. The chorus and orchestra will number three thousand. Mr. August Manns will conduct.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 1st 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
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
2205—Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

MONDAY, 3rd JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
846—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.)
1237—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)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1588—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
281—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
283—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
295—Guy, Crown Hotel, Lesmington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
479—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1390—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, 4th JUNE.

Grand Mark Festival, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
554—Hartington, 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, Turnmill-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1054—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Hertford-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1340—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)
1605—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 Instruction, 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.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—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)
865—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
864—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
893—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
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
1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bedcar
1332—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—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. 1081—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, 5th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
8—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)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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, 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)
1903—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)

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, Kearsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1364—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1506—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—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. 301—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 309—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 38—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 6th JUNE.

Special Court Boys' School, at 12
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
57—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)

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425—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1308—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)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1906—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
280—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.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
532—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1162—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1262—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, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1839—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2060—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 439—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 908—Welshpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welshpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1184—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaumont, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1299—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1469—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—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M 385—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
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
937—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welshpool Railway, Station, Welshpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1367—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

SATURDAY, 8th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Rochester, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1926—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7. (Instruction)

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Prince, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 211—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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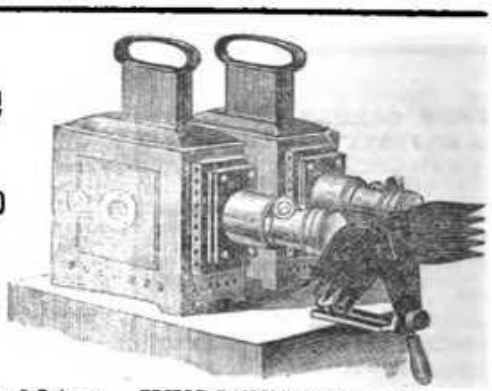
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WE scarcely know how to approach the task that this week devolves on us,—to report in a suitable and explicit manner even a tithe of what has taken place in regard to the future action to be taken as to the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Unfortunately the unruly element has prevailed, and the welfare of the Charity we were all so proud of has been seriously, if not fatally, jeopardised. In writing thus strongly, we may, perhaps, be accused of adopting a pessimistic view of the situation. This is not our intention; we, however, cannot forget the fact that the demands on the funds of our several Charitable Institutions are of a very heavy character, and that the means for their supply do not rest on a permanent foundation, consequently the flow of occasional contributions should not be checked or their passage diverted by any unwise agency or ill-considered verdict, whether arrived by individual members of the Craft, or Lodges in their corporate capacity. It is all very well to say, "we will not subscribe," or "not a penny piece shall leave my pocket;" do those who thus express themselves know what this declaration means? It is a recognised fact that last year the expenditure on behalf of the Boys' School exceeded the receipts by a considerable amount, but this result had been discounted by the special efforts made to make the Girls' School Centenary a feature, and until this cloud had "lowr'd upon our house" every hope was entertained that the financial position would adjust itself, and that the Boys' School coffers would be replenished ere the year 1889 came to a close. The anticipations for the coming Festival were of an eminently satisfactory character; a strong board of Stewards had tendered their services; rumours were abroad of strong lists already made up, and every phase of the scene looked hopeful and encouraging. But what is the situation now? Doubt, Gloom and Misapprehension reign supreme, and some of the most sanguine of the Institution's supporters seem appalled at the hapless prospect before them.

Now, are all these woful prognostications and dreadful forebodings to be absolutely received? We say, emphatically,—No. Let us take a glance at the situation. The Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed to inquire into the discipline, expenditure and administration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys presented to, and approved by, the Quarterly General Court which met on the 26th April last. At that meeting a decision was arrived at that the said Report should be printed and universally circulated amongst those who had subscribed to the Institution, and were interested in its welfare. We are bound to say a vast majority of those who studied the Report and the recommendations therein laid down, came to conclusions, that from our point of view, were extreme ones; while others, from motives we cannot solve, are striving by every means in their power to exaggerate the evil. When the Committee of Investigation recommend "an entire change in administration," it need not be construed that an entire change of management must result, or that those brethren who have so long given their services and their time to the Institution should stand back and let their places be taken by the first recruits who fancy they have the seasoned experience of well-tried soldiers. By all means strengthen your controlling forces, but do not disband your veterans until your youngsters know how to carry and utilize their weapons.

We will now, as briefly as possible, sum up the events of the week as regards the Institution under notice. On Saturday, the 1st instant, the General Committee of the School held their monthly meeting, at Freemasons' Hall. There was a very large attendance, but we regret to say very little business resulted. Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a strong discussion ensued. In the end, it was proposed that the meeting stand adjourned for four weeks. This proposition was eventually agreed to, and there for the present the matter rests.

We now come to the proceedings at the Special General Court, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 6th instant. The meeting must be congratulated on having secured for its Chairman so experienced a President as the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, the Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; while the representative men who were in attendance testified by their presence that our Provincial brethren are fully alive to the magnitude of the issues that are at stake. As in the case of the meeting on Saturday last, we are not disposed to give a detailed account of what transpired. Suffice it to say, many cruel assertions and unwarrantable charges were formulated; but let us come to issues. The Report was considered, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Its adoption was then formally proposed, and this was unanimously agreed to. A long and stormy discussion followed, and this resulted in a proposition being made by Brother Bevir (Wiltshire) that a Provisional Committee be immediately appointed to watch the interests of the Institution, such Committee to consist of the following brethren:—Bros. Fred. A. Philbrick, Sir Reginald Hanson, John Derby Allcroft, Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Sir Robert Fowler, George Corble (Essex), J. Glass (Essex), Major George Lambert (London), Lord Euston, Captain S. G. Homfray, R. V. Smith (Gloucestershire), W. F. Smithson (West Yorkshire), Col. Perkins (Somerset), Alderman Harwood (E. Lancashire), J. S. Eastes (Kent), Gerard Ford (Sussex), Le Feuvre (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), A. C. Spaull (Salop), Bodenham (Staffordshire), Wylie (West Lancashire), and Edward Terry Grand Treasurer. The functions of this Provisional Committee will be to consider the Report, and advise as to the best means to be adopted with a view to carry out the recommendations therein contained. It was also decided that the conclusions to be arrived at should be submitted to a Special Court of the Governors and Subscribers. Brother Philbrick here remarked it was his opinion that the brethren who composed the Investigation Committee would best consult the interests of the Institution and their own feelings if the present meeting would not ask them to discharge any further duty of an official nature. However, they would readily give any assistance that was needed in the way of explanation of the recommendations. Bro. Bevir's proposition was seconded by Bro. W. F. Smithson, and carried unanimously; whereupon Bro Philbrick said, if it was the wish of the meeting, he would put aside personal feelings and act as desired. The Chairman thought the matter might very well be left in the hands of the gentlemen whose names were embodied in the resolution, and so

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the meeting was brought to a close, after a cordial vote of thanks had been given to Brother Beach for presiding.

During the last few days we have received several communications in regard to the School We select the following as embodying the general opinions of our correspondents :—

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I, and doubtless other Provincial Masons, went up to London, on Saturday last, to attend the meeting called to elect the House Committee. No voting took place, and the meeting was adjourned for a month.

Now, as I, and possibly others, cannot afford either the time or the money to go up again, cannot some resolution be proposed so that the opinion of Provincial Brethren can be taken without putting them to the expense of going up to London again ?

Can we on this crucial question be allowed to vote by proxy ?

Yours obediently,

M.M. 236.

4th June 1889.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND,—I think it right that you should be made aware of what occurred at the meeting held on Saturday, the 1st of June, at the Freemasons' Tavern, which was *supposed* to consist of Life Governors of the Masonic Boys' School only, but from what I saw I hope they were not all Freemasons, otherwise we have descended in the scale since I was initiated.

It was much to be regretted that the Secretary, with his large experience, had not secured a larger hall, as the room in which we met was much too small for the assembly, but perhaps he was unable to secure one. The room in which we met quickly filled, to the exclusion of yourself and many others (whose presence there would have been most desirable), and in a short space of time they were packed literally like herrings in a barrel. The heat was most oppressive, and the atmosphere became almost pestiferous, so as to render it scarcely endurable.

I have, as you know—as a Member of Parliament and a Magistrate of many years' standing—had *some* experience of political and other public meetings, where bitterness and rancour had full swing, but I never saw a body of men behave more disgracefully than those who disturbed the meeting on Saturday. Order and Brotherly regard were out of the question. They stormed, howled, and shrieked at the top of the voice, like raving maniacs let loose from a lunatic asylum ; in fact, I doubt if the maniacal patients would not have paled into mildness itself by their side. Unfortunately, the Chairman was unequal to the occasion, and very soon lost any semblance of authority ; in truth, one of the "shouters," whose views were voted out of order, took upon himself the right to call for a show of hands, and virtually declared the Chairman himself to be out of order.

Now I should have thought that the Chairman would then, when he found that his authority was not supported, have dissolved the meeting. The more especially as previously (notwithstanding a motion was proposed to the contrary) the minutes and other data, giving full power to the existing Committee and other officers had been confirmed by the meeting. Further, in opposition to a motion for adjournment, the Chairman ruled that the election of the Committees must proceed, and be completed that day. Then came the *deluge*. The Chairman and the gentlemanly element being soon overpowered by the ravings of the malcontents, who eventually appeared to carry the adjournment, but not until after the hour when, by the rules, further business was inadmissible.

Believe me, very truly yours,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF 40 YEARS' STANDING.

London, 4th June 1889.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I have been much grieved by the reports lately as to the management, &c., &c., of the Boys' School, and must say that, according to my experience as regards my son, who has now been there five years, the evil complained of appears to me to be exaggerated ; for I can truly say that he has fared better than his elder brothers—who were placed in private schools—in respect not only of health, but also of moral and mental training. My son has had illness and accidents, but these take place in every school, in spite of Masters' watchfulness ; but when illness occurred, the care and kindness shown exceeded that of the private schools where my other boys were. I think that the mothers who have been satisfied with their boys' health, training, and education should be called upon to send in their names, and I feel sure that over half (within the last five years) will have no hesitation in doing so. This would be the surest test to satisfy subscribers that their generosity and kindness has not been thrown away, nor "Charity Muddled," and that whatever faults may be found, the thanks and blessing of hundreds of mothers and their boys will still be theirs for the inestimable benefits conferred.

I hope, Dear Sir, that you may be able to act upon my suggestion, as it strikes me as unjust to the School's kind Masters and its general staff that no voice should be raised in their favour at this crisis.

THE MOTHER OF A PUPIL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I am a Lewis, and my father constituted me a Life Governor of one, if not two, of the Masonic Charities, and I feel assured looks forward with great pleasure to the time when, he said, he might initiate me (three months hence by the way) into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

On Saturday last, the 1st of June, I agreed to meet a friend at the Freemasons' Hall, he having occasion to attend a meeting there of Life Governors. The time appointed was between 4·30 and 5 o'clock, with the view of our proceeding afterwards for a ramble in the country. When I arrived I was told to proceed along a dark corridor, where I prepared to await my friend. I had no sooner entered than I was made painfully aware of loud howling and shrieking, emanating from a room at the extreme end of the corridor, which, by the way, seemed to have the effect of inducing several gentlemen who were in advance of me to retrace their steps and retire. The noise was so great, and the violence so extreme, that it brought to my mind most vividly what I had read of the scenes in Paris during the Reign of Terror, only that there were no women in it. After a little time I ventured to push open the door, which was not fastened, and the scene which I then beheld baffles my powers of description. Many were standing on tables and chairs, vociferating and gesticulating violently, and all speaking at the same time. I need not say that I quickly beat a retreat and regained the street, where I awaited my friend, who arrived overpowered with emotion. I thought it prudent to make no remark as to what I had seen, but I made up my mind from that moment that if such was the conduct of Masons at their meetings, I should think, "once, twice—aye, thrice," before I became a Freemason.

Yesterday I casually mentioned what I had seen and heard to another friend, who was kind enough to say that I was a "Novice," and that it was all quite right. He, however, suggested that it would be wise to send an account of what I saw to the Masonic Journals, hence my sending you this, in the hope that it may reach the eyes of the better class of Masons. I can, however, aver that the Freemasons whom I have occasionally met at my father's table were a very different class of men to those whom I saw on Saturday, otherwise I should never have thought of becoming a Freemason.

Yours faithfully,

"A NOVICE."

London, 5th June 1889.

[We have heard a great deal said as to whether or no the House Committee has ceased to exist. We venture to reply as follows :—The House Committee still live. The meeting at which they should have been re-elected, or otherwise, stands adjourned. When the meeting re-assembles, the business on the original paper can be considered and adjudicated on.—ED. F.C.]

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Second Quarterly Communication of this year was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Rt. Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Bro. Colonel Sir F. Burdett acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Brother Hugh D. Sandeman as Past Grand Master. Before commencing the proceedings Brother Beach intimated that it had been the intention of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon to be present, but he was unexpectedly prevented from doing so. The formal business then commenced ; the minutes of the Communication of March, and of the Grand Festival in April, were read and confirmed. Bro. Beach next explained the position held by the Freemasons in the Colonies of New South Wales and South Australia, and how United Grand Lodge of England had recognised these independent Grand Lodges as being lawful and regular. He was authorised by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to say that a report had been received from the Freemasons of another colony in Australia, viz., Victoria, stating that the Lodges belonging to their various jurisdictions have regularly and constitutionally formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, and that the movement is practically unanimous, 140 out of 142 Lodges having joined the new Grand Lodge ; and that the new Grand Lodge had elected Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., who had hitherto held the appointment of District Grand Master of the three District Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, as their new Grand Master. As the action thus taken appears to be similar to that followed in the case of the other two Australian Grand Lodges the Grand Master now recommends that the request be recognised and granted, with the distinct understanding that should the two Lodges which have not joined the new Grand Lodge still refuse to do so, and wish still to belong to the Grand Lodge of England, their position should be acknowledged and recognised by the new body. He had now, on the part of the M.W. the Grand Master, to move that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria be recognised. Bro. Philbrick seconded the motion, which

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was carried without a dissentient voice. Bro. Beach then officially announced that H.R.H. the Grand Master had received a request from the newly recognised Grand Lodge of Victoria to become its Patron, and that, subject to their recognition by Grand Lodge that evening, His Royal Highness had given assent. Bro. Thos. Fenn was then formally re-invested as President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Chairman announced that there would be no election for the Colonial Board, as only the requisite number of members had been nominated, but the Most Worshipful Grand Master had nominated Lieut-Col. Haldane Chairman, Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker as members, and Bro. Gadsden to be Vice-Chairman. On the motion of Bro. Belton, Bro. John Smith (Harding and Co., accountants) was appointed Auditor of Grand Lodge. The brethren nominated for the Colonial Board and for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, as given in our last issue, were declared duly elected. Bro. Beach announced that the Grand Master had appointed the following brethren on the same Committee:—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Robert Turtle Pigot, D.C.L., Dep.-Insp.-Gen. Thomas Purchas, M.D., R.N., Frederick Mead, Thomas George Bullen, James Brett, Henry Garrod, William Henry Perryman, and David Dixon Mercer. The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence were confirmed. The report of the Board of General purposes, taken as read, was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Brother Beach now said that Bro. Fenn had stated there was no proposition arising out of the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, and I quite agree with him; but I think there is a circumstance stated in those minutes which, though no doubt it is before various members of Grand Lodge, ought not to pass without some statement, and that is the resolution which is at the end—"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be given to the Very Worshipful 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." There can be only one opinion as to the justness and appropriateness of this resolution of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Raynham Stewart's resolution:—

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.

was carried. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The following is the result of the ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes:—Bros. T. Hastings Miller W.M. 2192, Lennox Browne W.M. 2256, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 167, Capt. T. C. Walls W.M. 1656, E. C. Mulvey W.M. 179, Gordon Smith W.M. 14, J. L. Alex. Monckton, M.A., W.M. 197, George Gardner W.M. 2309, F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, Joseph D. Langton P.M. 2096, George Read P.M. 511, Tom Drew Bear P.M. 1584, William G. Lemon P.M. 165, and Henry Pritchard P.M. 1415.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

ON Monday, 27th ult., the annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle, under the presidency of the Most Excellent Companion Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent. There was a large attendance of Principals and Past Principals of the several Chapters in the Province. After the transaction of some formal business, the consecration of a new Chapter—the "Blagdon Chapter," No. 659—was proceeded with. This we recorded last week. The new Lodge having been duly constituted, the installation of Officers for the Province was duly proceeded with, as follows:—

Compe. G. E. Macarthy	... ...	H.
M. J. Bird	... ...	J.
J. H. Bentham (re-appointed)	...	S.E.
R. L. Armstrong	... ...	Treasurer
J. Armstrong	... ...	Registrar
J. C. Ridley	... ...	P.S.
W. Macgall	... ...	1st Assist. Soj.
Jas. Eadington	... ...	2nd Assist. Soj.
G. D. Duncas	... ...	Sword Bearer
Read	... ...	Standard Bearer
George Spain	... ...	D.C.
J. Nicholson	... ...	Organist

The Convocation was afterwards closed in due form. The company then adjourned to the County Hotel, where a banquet was provided. Col. Addison Potter presided.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A REGULAR Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on the 27th ult. Comp. Lewis Myers, the M.E.Z. (whose year of office is thus completed), opened the Chapter punctually at 4 o'clock, assisted by the following Comps.:—H. P. Isaac P.Z. H., J. W. Dewsnap P.M. P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Hon. Treasurer, W. Littaur P.Z., E. Liebman P.S., R. W. Goddard P.Z. Janitor, S. Lazarus P.Z. (founder of the Chapter), I. Botibol, A. Botibol, I. Meyers, Joseph Davis, Genese, Lewis Isaacs, W. Lyons, Straus, Weigel, Jacques Wynman, and several others. Visitors:—Comps. D. H. Jacobs P.Z., John Maclean, J. Ludlow Cross, &c., &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Comp. H. P. Isaac P.Z. was unanimously elected M.E.Z., Comps. J. W. Dewsnap P.Z. H., L. M. Myers I.P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., T. M. Lazarus P.Z. Hon. Treasurer, I. Botibol S.N., E. Liebman P.S., W. Lyons 1st A.S., A. Botibol 2nd A.S., R. W. Goddard P.Z. Janitor. Afterwards, Comp. J. W. Dewsnap H. proposed that the I.P.Z. should be presented with a jewel, towards which the sum of three guineas should be taken from the Chapter funds. This was unanimously agreed to. The I.P.Z. thanked the Companions for the way they had received the proposition, and hoped the M.E.Z. elect might have a still more profitable year than he had had. After the usual routine, the Chapter was closed, until the last Monday in November. The Companions partook of a most excellent banquet, at the Guildhall Tavern (where the Chapter will hold its future meetings). The M.E.Z., who presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. J. W. Dewsnap asked the M.E.Z. if the lady visitors might now be admitted; this was agreed to. Comp. Dewsnap again rose; now that we have the pleasure of the ladies' company, he might say he trusted that they would never be angry if their husbands were occasionally late in coming from the Chapter; the working that had to be done therein was of a very difficult character, and he might urge that the present M.E.Z. had laboured hard during his year of office. He (Comp. Dewsnap) would now propose his health. Comp. Myers, in reply, said he was sorry to leave so honourable a chair, but it would only be for a short time. He hoped he had given satisfaction. The M.E.Z. elect, in responding to a toast given in his honour, thanked the M.E.Z. and Companions for having elected him to so proud a position. If the members brought him candidates they would see his heart was strong, and no doubt he would give them the same satisfaction as in former years. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, coupling with the toast the name of Comp. S. Lazarus, who is 94 years old, and a founder of the Chapter; he hoped that the Great Architect would grant him many more years of health. Comps. S. Lazarus, Littaur, Lazarus (Treasurer), Emanuel, and several others responded. Comp. I. Botibol S.N. also thanked the M.E.Z. for appointing him one of the Officers. The M.E.Z. had much pleasure in proposing the health of the Visitors. Among them was an old friend, Comp. Maclean; also Comps. Cross, Jacobs and several others, who all responded in most suitable terms. Comps. Joseph Davis, H. S. Isaac, L. Myers, Maclean, W. Lyons, and several other Companions exerted themselves with excellent effect to enliven the evening's proceedings. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Abrahams for favouring the Companions with some excellent songs.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 31st ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell. Present—Comps. F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, Moore Z. 169 H., Jackson J., Stone S.E., Woods S.N., Wingham P.S., Towers A.S., Neeld P.Z., Addington Z. 1275, Geo. Powell P.Z. Z. 1185, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, 6th September. Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, was congratulated on the proud position of the Chapter. The name of Comp. Stone S.E. was coupled with this congratulation. Deep sympathy was expressed with Comp. Cowley P.Z. in his sufferings; a vote of sympathy was passed, and a hope expressed that he might soon be restored to health.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will this year be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock, under the Presidency of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

We regret our inability to attend the consecration meeting of the Viator Lodge, on Saturday last. The gathering was essentially a successful one, and this new Lodge may be congratulated on the bright future it, to all appearances, has before it.

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HISTORICAL RELATION OF FREEMASONRY TO ANCIENT EGYPT.

A Lecture delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, before Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., at a special meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 25th February 1889.

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PASSING from those interesting historical associations which in themselves are so fruitful that they tempt us to an indefinite extension, we take up the second part of our discourse, relating to the manners, customs and doctrines of ancient Egypt, and will endeavour to establish an intimate relationship with the corresponding parts of Freemasonry as they exist to-day.

Manners and customs are almost synonymous terms, at least when applied to a nation, and they are generally shaped and fashioned by the laws of the established government.

Now, in Egypt the entire system which dominated all classes, and consequently made the manners and customs of the people, was an esoteric or unwritten creed, known only to those who had been initiated into the Egyptian Mysteries, which was to be kept inviolate, and the divulgence was punished with inflexible severity. While it was true that there existed an innumerable mass of sects, orders, societies and fraternities, each having its own peculiar signs and observances, yet the one known to the priests of Egypt, and which no doubt was given to them for the preservation of those sublime truths "derived from the Omnipotent," imparted by Him to the patriarchs, preserved through the storms and terrors of the deluge by Noah, and from him to his sons, and by them transmitted to the Egyptian priesthood, was the only secret organisation worthy of comparison with the Masonic Fraternity.

What were those mysteries which were so zealously guarded by those early workers in the valley of the Nile? All the nations except one were idolators or worshippers of false gods. It was in punishment for those iniquities that the flood-gates of heaven were opened, and for "forty days and forty nights" the storms raged that finally engulfed the earth.

But the desire of mankind for a multiplicity of deities again asserted itself. The "curse of Canaan" appeared in the numerous heathen mythologies; but among them all, before or after the deluge, Egyptian, Assyrian, Persian, Greek or Roman, there was always one mysterious, undefined, ineffable, unknown Being, to whom these people, heathen though they were, erected a temple, set up a column, inscribed a tablet or outlined a cartouche. Sometimes without a name, a mark or symbol, but generally either in their written language or in hieroglyphical lines, they dedicated it "to the unknown God."

Thus the great First Cause asserted Himself, and whether walking in the Garden of Eden, smiting the first born of Egypt, speaking out of the thunders of Sinai or glowing from the mercy-seat of the Shekinah, *He* was ever present. That universal feeling which pervades all diversified humanity, and runs through all creation, savage, civilised and enlightened, ancient and modern, was just as full of life and being five thousand years ago, among the priests and kings and people of Egypt, as it is to-day around the known and unknown globe.

One of the most striking characteristics of the ancient Egyptians was their intense devotion to the worship of the numerous deities found in the Egyptian pantheon. There is no people on record whose religious ceremonies were so ostentatiously displayed, and apparently so sincerely kept, as with the people of Egypt, and the multiplication of deities went on unceasingly. Each succeeding king was assigned a place in the pantheon and received divine honours, while beasts, birds and reptiles were held sacred and even worshipped; and we find monstrous additions made to their gods and goddesses, such as heads of crocodiles, goats, serpents and hawks. Even Temples were erected and dedicated to animal worship. "Apis has his priests and priestesses, and a 'white bull, and a 'sacred heifer' are also mentioned as invested with a divine character."

But while it may seem strange that a people whose advancement in arts and sciences, even at that early period, compares favourably with those of the present day, could indulge in such strange and even brutal customs; yet it is not difficult to account for such anomalies in Egyptian humanity.

The country itself was of unique and even wonderful formation. A mighty river, emerged out of an unknown region, into which no white man had ever penetrated, and this river, flowed nearly fifteen hundred miles through a narrow plain, the lands of which had been formed by the deposits made by the waters through countless ages.

You cannot speak of Egypt without mention of the Nile, just as you cannot treat of Freemasonry without reference to the Temple; and as the one was and is the great Masonic symbol, so was the "river of Egypt" to the Egyptians, the head and life and source from whence was born their country, and to the action of which was due its continued existence.

During the intervening months, from November until June, the river pursues its course smooth and tranquil to the sea. Suddenly and without apparent cause the waters begin to rise, and in a few days the whole country is submerged, the banks are lost, the river becomes a broad and continuous lake. The waters are dark and heavily charged with the alluvium brought from the unknown lands down in the interior of Africa, and so it continues for several months, when almost as suddenly as it rose, it subsides, and is again within its proper channels, leaving the country on either side covered with a rich soil, the most prolific in the yielding of bounteous crops and the most easily cultivated of any known religion under the sun.

A soft, dry, delicious climate, no storms, no rainfall, a sky never clouded, almost constant sunshine, beats tempered with cool breezes from the Mediterranean sea, all these circumstances combined to make an indolent, imaginative people devoted to the mysterious and supernatural. Those of the population who had been initiated into the Mysteries, being the educated and most intelligent portion of the community, encouraged the diversity of worships, and even assisted to increase them, and while pandering to the popular demand for the curious, the strange and even the monstrous, so shaped and directed the idolatry of the masses, that, unknown to themselves, the ignorant and superstitious Egyptians were paying homage to the one, true God. To those who will make themselves acquainted with the mythology of ancient Egypt, these facts will present themselves, and it is a comparatively easy task to commence at the entrance of the Egyptian pantheon, and by successive steps follow the different gradations of gods and goddesses, until we reach the head and source from which they all emanate, beginning and ending in the One I Am.

Amon or Ammon was the head Divinity, out of whom emanated all the others. He was the great being corresponding to the Jehovah of the Israelites. "His name signified concealment or that which is concealed." He is the one whose voice might be heard, but whose face could not be seen, the dispenser of life, the creator of all things. Ammon is sometimes confounded with Osiris; but they were entirely distinct. One was spiritual, known only to the initiated, the other universal through all Egypt, before whom the dead were judged and sentenced.

Ammon to those initiated into the Mysteries was the "king of the gods," the "Lord of heaven," the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end. He is represented standing or seated upon a throne, holding in his hands the emblems of eternal life. The colour of his body when painted is blue, "which was supposed to indicate his exalted and heavenly nature." Ammon, originally a distinct and single god, was afterwards combined with *Ra*, the sun—one of the curious features of Egyptian polytheism, which made and unmade gods at the pleasure of the priests, and joined them together or separated them at will; thus *Ammon* in time became *Ammon Ra!*

Perhaps the deities most frequently mentioned in Egyptian mythology are Osiris and Isis. The titles given to these two deities are very numerous and conflicting. Osiris, generally taken as symbolic of the sun, was really the sun of the lower world, "the great deity of Amenti or Hades," while Isis is represented in the several characters of mother, sister, daughter and wife to Osiris, and is seen nursing their child, Hor or Horus. The story of those two Egyptian deities has been told so often that it is almost superflous to mention it here. The legend as known to the Egyptians was that Osiris was at one time King of Egypt. Leaving the government in the care of Isis, he

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made a journey to foreign countries and was attacked by the evil spirit, Set (who is also said to have been his brother), and his body was cut into numerous pieces and scattered throughout the country. After a long and patient search Isis succeeded in recovering the remains of her husband, while the son Horus sought for the murderer, discovered him in the form of a serpent, and killed him. There has been drawn from this myth an analogy of the serpent in the Garden of Eden and the fall of Adam, but we think the comparison is far fetched; yet it must be conceded that in most of those mythological legends there runs a vein of resemblance to the Genesis of Moses, and the several narratives of the Pentateuch.

It is not unreasonable for us to claim an affinity with those early searchers after truth. Did not they, as we, assert the everlasting principle of the immortal soul? In word and deed and ceremony, in their Temples and on their altars, and in the complicated and strange combinations of material and spiritual forms typifying the rising, the diurnal progress and setting of the material sun, was symbolised the same teachings, though in different forms, that Freemasonry imparts to her disciples. It was first in the East that the Ruler of the day came to warm and vivify the Earth and its inhabitants. In the West he descends and leaves the world to gloom and darkness; but the great light is not extinguished, it glows along the progress of time to all eternity, and with each succeeding revolution of the planet comes forth, all the more glorious, to shine for ever.

That these were the teachings and doctrines, that this was the end and aim of the Egyptian Mysteries, we cannot doubt, and who came after them, whether the Mithradates of Persia, the Eleusinians of Greece, the Druids of ancient Britain, all based their Mystic doctrines upon the assertion of the great first cause and the sequence of an immortality.

On the column at the left of the Worshipful Master, we have a representation of "the judgment of the dead"—the trial of a departed soul, conclusive proof of the belief of the ancient Egyptians in the everlasting life and the eternity of the spiritual existence. Why should they represent its judgment if they did not uphold its immortality? He comes before the tribunal, the dread judges of the dead, who sit in council to try the issue. He is weighed in the balance "by the goddess of truth and *Thoth*, who holds the office of writer in heaven," and if found worthy is again sent forth to complete his earthly pilgrimage, finally to be assigned a place in the imperishable temple.

A German author, Brugsch, gives a translation of the Egyptian doctrines relating to this important subject, and we will introduce it here as pertinent to our discourse.

"Each human soul was considered a part of the world-soul, Osiris, and was united to him after the death of the body, and thenceforth took the name of Osiris. The Egyptian cosmos consisted of the three great realms, the Heavens, the Earth and the Depths. Over the vast ocean which girdles the vault of Heaven, the sun moves in a boat or car, drawn by the planets and fixed stars. On this ocean, too, the great constellations circle in their ships, and there is the kingdom of the blissful gods, who sit enthroned above this heavenly ocean under a canopy of stars. The mouth of this great stream is in the East, where the Sun-god rises from the mists and is born again, as a child, every morning. The surface of the earth is inhabited by human beings, having a share in the three great cosmic Kingdoms. They receive their souls from the heights of heaven, the seat and source of light; their material body is of the earth, and the appearance or outward form by which one human being is distinguished from another at sight—his phantom or shadow, belongs to the depths. At death, soul, body and shadow separate from one another. The soul returns to the place from whence it came, to heaven—for it is a part of God; the body to be committed to the earth, from which it was formed, in the image of its Creator; the phantom or shadow to descend into the depths—the kingdom of shadows. The gate of this kingdom was placed in the West, among the sunset hills, where the sun goes down daily—where he dies. Thence arise the changeful and corresponding conceptions connected with being born and dying.

"The careful preservation of the body after death from destruction, not only through the progress of inward decay, but also through violence or accident, was in the religion of ancient Egypt a principal condition (perhaps introduced by the priests on sanitary grounds) on which depended the speedy deliverance of the soul, and with this her earthly appointed union with the source of light and good, which two properties were, in idea, one and indivisible.

"In the Egyptian conceptions the soul was supposed to remain in a certain sense connected with the body during a long cycle of solar years. She could however quit the body from time to time at will, and could appear to mortals in various forms and places; these appearances differed according to the hour, and were prescribed in exact words and delineations."

It is scarcely necessary for me to point out to the Brethren the extraordinary resemblance between this ancient Egyptian cosmogony, and certain ceremonial known to the initiated in Freemasonry . . . . . So closely are they allied that if it were possible that some one of those ancient mummies, perhaps once a Master of the Egyptian Mysteries, had shaken off the linen bandages which so long had swathed his withered limbs, and been again endowed with life and being, coming down to us out of his massive tomb to instruct and direct the work of a Masonic Lodge, it could not in form and ceremony, in word or deed more nearly resemble the rising and setting, the birth and death and resurrection of the Egyptian soul.

Then again, on rolls of papyrus representing the Book of Fate, was written the history of the early times, when Mizraim first came out of the unknown to rule over his allotted possessions. In that book was the story of a creation, the coming into existence of a new being, the advent of a cherished people, the gods they should worship, the laws for their government, the nations they should conquer, the countries they should overrun, the Kings that should reign over them—to those initiated in the esoteric mysteries, as well as to the *uninitiated*, it was the "great light," the guide to all their actions.

But not only were their ceremonies similar to those of ancient Craft Masonry, the pre-requisites for admission into the mystic brotherhood were precisely the same.

(To be continued.)

SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

A SPECIAL Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow took place on the 29th ult., in St. John's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Bro. John Graham Provincial Grand Master presided, and Bro. Major F. Allan was present as an honoured visitor. Bro. Halkett was called to instal the following commissioned Office Bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. Richard Barnwell 607 Depute Master, James Boyd 607 Substitute Master, James M. Oliver 360 Senior Warden, George C. H. M Naught 536 Junior Warden, David Reid 465 Secretary, W. W. Tulloch 607 and John Watt 607 Chaplains. The next business was the presentation to Bro. Halkett, Treasurer to the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, of a handsome marble clock and ornaments on the occasion of his golden wedding. The Provincial Grand Master said he felt honoured at having been asked by the Provincial Grand Lodge to make the presentation. Bro. Halkett was held in deserved esteem by the brethren, because he was a model Mason, had done much for the Craft, and admirably discharged the duties of Treasurer to the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Halkett returned thanks for the generous gift. It would be a memorial of the kindness of the brethren to him, and of his connection with the Benevolent Fund. He had made many endearing friendships during his Masonic life, and this mark of their kindness was one of many proofs. The brethren had afterwards a harmony meeting.

THE FORTHCOMING MASONIC BAZAAR.

IN connection with the bazaar organized by the Grand Lodge in Scotland, with a view to providing funds for their new endowment scheme, Bro. William A. Davis, accountant, Edinburgh, has been appointed secretary. Bro. Davis is well known in Masonic circles, and is one of the original founders of the new Dramatic and Arts Lodge of Edinburgh, which is rapidly assuming the position of one of the principal Lodges in Scotland. He is also secretary to the Albert Hall Company, and secretary to the company for the projected Southside Theatre, so that his appointment cannot but be regarded as a fit compliment, at the hands of the Grand Lodge, to all who are interested in art and the drama.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT a meeting held (by dispensation of the D.P.G.M.) at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, Stonehouse, on Monday, 3rd inst., the W.M. Bro. Frank Thomas presiding, Bro. J. B. Moulder S.W. was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. G. Hawken Treasurer. The installation meeting will be held on 8th July, and the annual banquet at Routley's Farley Hotel on the Wednesday following.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

ON the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. William Jones was, in the presence of a large assembly of members and visiting brethren, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The Installing Officer was Bro. S. L. Fraser, the retiring W.M., the presenting Officers being Bros. P. B. Gee and Pemberton. The other Officers initiated were as follow:—Bros. S. L. Fraser I.P.M., W. Kohn S.W., J. J. Harley J.W., Alex. Cotter Treasurer, E. B. Ironside Secretary, W. Fish D.C., J. H. Linaker S.D., W. F. Pemberton J.D., Edwin Berry I.G., T. S. Tickle S.S., T. Clark J.S., W. Cantle A.S., J. H. Ordish A.S., W. Hudson Organist, and Peter Ball Tyler. The visitors present included Bros. F. A. Rainbow 1393, W. Pye 1094, J. Maddox 823, Robert Foote, J. C. Robinson 249, Latham 594, R. W. Gow 823, G. Willings 667, Herbert Ellis 721, J. Killy 1313, J. Hughes 1675, A. Bucknall 667, R. S. Milne 823, W. Rawstborne 1182, J. Proctor 667, W. J. Guilbert 823, and R. Shacklady 249. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. J. Casey, the house steward. During the post-prandial proceedings, the retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel, a necklet for Mrs. Fraser being also handed to him. The musical items were contributed by Bros. Eaton Batty, W. Sweetman, H. Cambridge, J. Humphreys, E. B. Ironside, and H. J. Nicholls. Bros. W. Hudson and E. Pugh officiated as accompanists.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held on Saturday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, Bro. Goodman W.M. presiding, Bro. Nathaniel Read S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Philp was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Kevern as representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions, Bro. C. Mutton as Charity Steward, and Bro. W. H. Phillips as Tyler. It was decided to have an outing in the course of the coming month, similar to that which was held last year, with so much success, when a large number of brethren and their friends visited the beautiful grounds of Flete and the caves at Kitley.

ST. GILES'S LODGE, No. 1587.

THE brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Savings Bank, Cheadle, when there were present:—Bros. J. A. Cooper P.M. acting W.M., E. Welsh S.W., H. Bostock P.M. as J.W., Henry Wardle P.M., L. Bradford, C. T. Barnes, T. B. Cull P.M. P.P.G.P. Hon. Secretary, E. E. Almond P.M., A. J. Beard P.M., James Alcock Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Smith, Faram, Vernon, and W. Torrance. Letters of apology for absence were read from several brethren. The installation ceremony was performed by Bros. Smith and Faram, Bro. E. Welsh being installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. made the following appointments:—Bros. Cooper I.P.M., Bradford S.W., Barns J.W., Cooper Treasurer, Cull Secretary, Wardle D.C., Richards S.D., Almond J.D., Beard Organist, Bostock I.G., Alcock Tyler. After the business was finished, the brethren adjourned to the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, to partake of an excellent banquet, prepared by Mrs. Hammond. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Treasurer's report showed the funds to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

GARDEN LODGE, No. 1726.

ON Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., the annual banquet of this Lodge took place at the Assembly Rooms, Canada-grove, Bognor, when the ceremony of installing Bro. Henry Layton Staffurth as W.M. was performed by Bro. A. Lloyd, who was presented by the Lodge with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year. The company numbered about 35, and included several Provincial Officers and W.M.'s of other Lodges in the vicinity.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE, No. 1745.

THE members met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. G. Herbert W.M., E. Schultz S.W., Sinkind J.W., H. J. Lardner Treas., Capt. T. C. Wall, J. Young, T. Sharpe and E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Organist. A ballot was taken for Bros. G. Manners, C.C., and M. H. Wohlgemuth as joining members, and for Mr. C. Bachhoffer as an initiate. Capt. Wall having assumed the chair, inducted the latter gentleman into the mysteries of the Craft. He also, at the request of the Master, installed Bro. E. Schultz as W.M. for the year ensuing. The following appointments and investments then took place:—Bros. Sinkind S.W., Webber J.W., H. J. Lardner Treasurer, Jackson Secretary, Sharpe S.D., Prower J.D., Kent I.G., Wallis D.C., N. P. Lardner Asst. D.C., Lott Organist, Bennett W.S., Herbert Asst. W.S., Matthews Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Herbert, in recognition of his services during the past year. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, the Audit Committee's report was received and adopted. The Lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet was partaken of. The proceedings were enlivened by a capital programme of music, under the direction of Dr. Lott.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 1763.

THURSDAY, the 23rd ult., being the annual festival, the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Thame, to instal Bro. G. Briars W.M. for the year ensuing. Owing to various causes, several of the members were unavoidably absent. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Sutton, assisted by his Officers, opened the Lodge in accordance with ancient usage, and the ceremony of installation was afterwards commenced by Bro. H. M. Humphreys conducting to the chair the W.M. elect, Bro. Briars, who received the charge and took the customary obligation. The newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow, viz.:—Bros. W. R. Sutton I.P.M., J. Tanner S.W., J. Mears J.W., C. F. Howland Treasurer, E. Bond S.D., H. J. Webster J.D. W. H. Kirby I.G., P. Payne Tyler. Bro. W. R. Sutton performed the ceremony of installation in an admirable manner, and impressively addressed the new Officers upon their respective duties. The Lodge was duly closed in ancient Masonic form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Spread Eagle Hotel, and sat down to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Lidington. The newly-installed W.M. presided, the Vice-Chair being occupied by Bro. J. Tanner, and on the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

GORDON LODGE, No. 2149.

THE festival of St. John, and the installation of Bro. James Charlesworth as W.M., took place on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley. There was a large number of brethren present. After the ceremony of installation, the following brethren were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. Palmer I.P.M., J. B. Ashwell S.W., G. W. Bradford J.W., E. D. Boothman Chaplain, C. Adams Treasurer, F. H. Lodge Secretary, E. D. Boothman S.D., W. J. J. W. Heath J.D., T. Taylor D.C., F. Mountford Organist, J. Clare I.G., A. R. Moody, C. H. Phillips Stewards, and W. Wood Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of fifty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, by Bro. Munro, whose catering gave the utmost satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and most of the brethren whose names have been given were present. The Queen and the Craft having been honoured, the W.M. proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The W.M. also gave the toast of the Right Hon. the Earl Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., and the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. J. B. Ashwell next proposed the R.W. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. Staffordshire, P.G.S.B. England. He said all the brethren would regret the domestic affliction which was now troubling the Grand Master. They in the north of the Province had reason to be gratified that he had been appointed Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, because Colonel Gough had always looked well after the interests of the north of the Province. Bro. H. Palmer then submitted the health of Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Bindley, Deputy P.G.M., and P.G. Officers of Staffordshire, present and past. Bro. F. Mountford responded, after which Bro. J. L. Hamshaw proposed the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. (Bro. Charlesworth). He said Bro. Charlesworth was not only esteemed as a neighbour, but he lived in the affection of the populace of the town, which was an infallible test of a man's popularity and worth. As a Mason he was also held in high regard, and he had the reputation of being not only a careful workman, but a conscientious workman. In the offices he had filled, from the door of the Lodge to the J.W.'s chair, he had shown not only an anxiety, but also an ability to properly and efficiently discharge the duties which belonged to the various offices he had filled. In the important office to which that day he had been installed, there was no doubt he would come up to every one who had preceded him. The health of the W.M. having been heartily drunk, Bro. Charlesworth responded. He said since he had been a member of the Gordon Lodge, it had been a great source of pleasure and Masonic profit to him. The Gordon Lodge was a very harmonious Lodge, and the brethren were very united. He had a good set of Officers, and in the ensuing year he should rely on their support and assistance, and he hoped they should work with that concord that had previously characterised the Lodge. He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Palmer, the I.P.M., who acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Adams gave the toast of the Visitors, to which Bros. Hales and Kent replied. Bro. Hamshaw, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, said they were proud of their Masonic Institutions, to which they yearly contributed a sum of £50,000. He also referred to the inquiry that had been recently held into the Boys' School, and said the thanks of every brother was due to Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliffe for the part they had taken in that investigation. Bros. Piercy and Tunnicliffe responded. Bro. Tunnicliffe remarked that at the recent Conversazione they had made a profit of over £70; this had been lodged in the Bank in the name of Secretary and Treasurer. But before dividing the money amongst the Masonic Charities (and all were anxious the Charities should not suffer), the Lodge was anxious to know what alteration was intended to be made in the management of the Boys' School? If the present House Committee intended to retain the services of the Secretary, the Steward, and Matron, it was useless to send more money to London. The Committee of the Girls' School had recently raised the salary of their Secretary from £500 to £700 a year; if that state of things was to go on, we must in future spend our money in Staffordshire. Bro. Bromley proposed the Officers of the Gordon Lodge, which was acknowledged by Brothers Boothman and Clare. During the evening, songs were contributed by Miss Basford, and Bros. G. W. Bradford, Howson, Berron, and Mountford.

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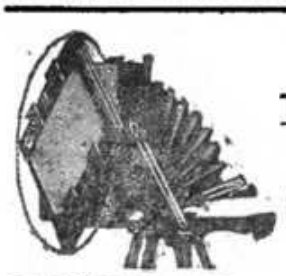
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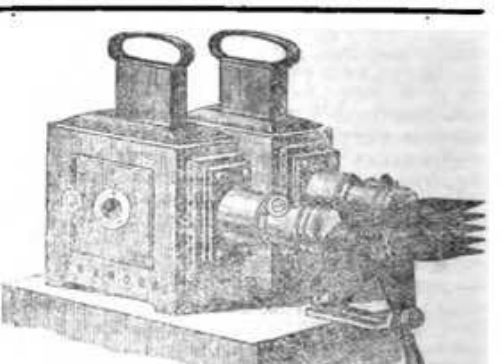
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 1889.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of Freemasons of the Province of East Lancashire was held on the 29th ult., at Newchurch. Grand Lodge was opened in the National Schools, at half-past twelve o'clock, by the Provincial Grand Master Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie. Bro. C. Beswick Royds acted as Deputy Grand Master in the absence of Bro. G. Mellor, and the Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. G. Heelis and J. J. Meakin, were also present, together with a large number of Present and Past Provincial Officers and other members of the Order. The roll of Lodges was called, and it was found that all were represented save two. The minutes of the Provincial meeting, held on the 16th November last, were taken as read, and confirmed. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. J. W. Allison, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. Chadwick presented the financial statement. It appeared that on 1st April last year there was a balance in the Bank of £279. Contributions from Lodges amounted to £480, and with other items the sum received was £911. The expenditure included donations of £50 to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, £105 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and payments to annuitants, and there remained a balance on the year of £285. Bros. J. Studd and W. R. Sowter, who had audited the accounts, moved and seconded their adoption. The motion was passed, and on the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Brother Heelis, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the auditors. The report of the Provincial Grand Secretary stated that during the year there had been an addition of one Lodge—the Thornham, No. 2279, Royton—making the number of Lodges in the Province 98. The total number of members was 4316, being an increase of 202 over that of last year. Inasmuch, however, as the number of resignations, exclusions, and members in arrears was unusually large, this increase was hardly regarded as satisfactory, and Lodges were urged to exercise the utmost care and vigilance in order to ensure that none but proper persons should be admitted into the Order. The meeting then proceeded to the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Barker proposed, and Bro. W. R. Sowter seconded, the election of Bro. J. W. Edwards, Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester. Bro. Rome P.G.S. said that Bro. G. Hunt, Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, Manchester, had also been selected as a candidate for the office, but he had resolved to withdraw in favour of Bro. Edwards. The Provincial Grand Master said this was a most commendable and Masonic course of procedure. No other candidate being proposed, Bro. Edwards was declared duly elected. The report of the Charity Commissioners was presented by Bro. E. G. Harwood. It referred to the loss sustained by the death of the late Bro. J. A. Birch, the Chairman of the Committee, and stated that there were last year elected upon the London Masonic Institutions two boys, two girls, and three aged Masons; and this year one boy, two girls, and two aged Masons. He moved the adoption of the report. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, in seconding the motion, alluded to the loss caused to Masonry in East Lancashire by the death of Bro. Birch. The Provincial Grand Master, in putting the resolution, also spoke in terms of high commendation of the services rendered by Bro. Birch during a long series of years to the Masonic Charitable Institutions and to Freemasonry generally. The report was adopted, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the deceased Brother. Upon the motion of Bro. Heelis, the sum of £50 was contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Provincial Officers :—

Bro. J. O. S. Thursby 1064	Senior Warden
N. A. Earle 62	Junior Warden
Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot	Chaplains
Rev. E. T. Wigg 2279	Chaplains
J. W. Edwards	Treasurer
W. Slater Boddington 1253	Registrar
J. Chadwick 44	Secretary
Hamlet Lees 1868	Senior Deacons
E. Hardman 274	Senior Deacons
W. T. Schofield 1219	Junior Deacons
J. Butterworth 367	Junior Deacons
F. A. Huet 1009	Superintendent of Works
T. Woodcock 191	D. of C.
C. E. Collingwood 298	Deputy D. of C.
S. B. Priestley 219	Assist. D. of C.
C. Brierley 42	Sword Bearer
W. O. Petit 1055	Organist
J. Newton 37	Assist. Secretary
H. Taylor 286	Standard Bearers
J. W. Thompson 1534	Standard Bearers
J. Bridgford 1077	Pursuivants
W. Cartwright 633	Pursuivants
K. Maclean 1030	Stewards
E. G. Lingard 1030	Stewards
J. Cookson 1030	Stewards
J. H. Edmondson 274	Stewards
J. Taylor 274	Stewards
A. Law 274	Stewards
T. Higson 348	Tyler

The Lodge being closed, the brethren attended a special service in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, and a collection was made in aid of the East Lancashire Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. At the close of the service there was a banquet in the Oddfellows' Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge and General Communication of Mark Masons for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held in the Temperance Hall, Driffield, on the 28th ult. There was a large attendance of members, who wore mourning for the late Canon Portal, Past Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, accompanied by his Officers present and past, opened the proceedings, and, after the usual formal business, appointed and invested his Officers. At night the brethren, to the number of about fifty, attended a banquet at the Bell Hotel, the company present including Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, R. G. Smith P.G.D. England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, J. Woodall Woodall Past Provincial Grand Master, and most of the newly-appointed Officers.

PREPARATORY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Apollonian Hall, Dover, on Wednesday afternoon, the 29th ult., Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master presiding. The brethren present numbered nearly a hundred and fifty, and some important business was transacted. The date of the Grand Festival was fixed for the 2nd of July, at Bromley. It was decided to give to the Widows' Benevolent Fund twenty guineas in the names of ten Lodges (£210), beginning at the oldest Lodge, and working upwards. The sum of £105 was voted for the Girls' Schools in the names of five Lodges; and also £199 10s to the Boys' Schools in the name of the Provincial Grand Master to enable him to become a Vice-Patron. The resignation of Bro. Thorpe Provincial Grand Treasurer was received, and it was decided to submit the name of Bro. Russell, of Gravesend, to succeed him. Certain sums of money recommended by the Charity Committee to be given to widows were ordered to be paid. At 4·30 o'clock a banquet was given at the Town Hall, about a hundred of the brethren being present. The hall was decorated with flowers and plants. In the balcony was stationed the Town Band—which, by the way, has greatly improved of late—and during the evening the proceedings were enlivened by its strains. The Right Hon. Earl Amherst presided, the usual toasts being given. The catering was carried out by Bro. A. T. Dartnall, and gave the utmost satisfaction. The proceedings terminated about half-past eight o'clock.

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G. LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

AND

THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE Half-yearly Communication was held on Tuesday, at the Holborn Restaurant. In the absence of the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and the Pro Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton, the chair was occupied by the Right Worshipful the Deputy G. Master the Marquis of Hertford. The post of Deputy Grand Master was filled by Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, Prov. G. Master of Leicestershire, while the Grand Wardens' chairs were filled by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, and Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P. There was a very large attendance. After the formal opening, and salutation given to the Deputy Grand Master, the minutes of Grand Mark Lodge of 6th December 1888, and of the Special Grand Lodge of 25th February 1889, were read and confirmed. The Report of the General Board, which had been printed and distributed, was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Marquis of Hertford then rose:—Before passing to the next business, I think that as this is the first regular Grand Lodge that has been held since the very great loss that Mark Masonry has sustained, it would be hardly decent if I did not say a word with respect to that loss. Of course I refer to the death of Canon Portal. I am sure you all agree with me that by the death of Canon Portal Mark Masonry has lost a brother whom we could ill afford to lose. I believe that there was no one in Mark Masonry who took more trouble for the good of the Mark, and all Masonry I might say, than Canon Portal did. Many of you, brethren, Mark Masons of much older standing than myself, know better than I do all that Canon Portal has done, and the way he worked as President of the General Board, and in every way he possibly could for the good of Mark Masonry. I think when you heard the minutes of the 25th February read, you must have noticed that he was then working hard to try to get our Mark Grand Lodge settled in the new building—Bacon's Hotel—and put in proper form, and was doing all he could to arrange that Mark Masonry should have a proper home there; and when we go, as I hope we shall before no very long period, into the new Grand Lodge room at what was Bacon's Hotel, I am sure we shall all feel that it is owing in a great measure to Canon Portal that we go in to what I hope will be a proper abode for Grand Mark Lodge. I have no resolution to move, but you will agree with me that we could not pass over the death of Canon Portal in absolute silence on this occasion, Bro. W. Kelly Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire: As representing the second Province on the roll of Mark Grand Lodge which was constituted after the formation of Grand Lodge—the first being Devonshire—I had the honour and pleasure of knowing Canon Portal. For many years he was in our Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, and during the whole time I have been Grand Master of that Province, which is thirty-one years, I have been in correspondence with him. With the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I think that no one could have Mark Masonry more at heart than had Canon Portal. Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar, next moved the adoption of the following recommendation arising out of the Report of the General Board:—

That in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown the title of "Provincial Grand Lodge" should be changed to "District Grand Lodge," and that powers be given to such District Grand Lodges to regulate the fees payable to their own Funds, subject to the approval of the Board.

He said this matter had been taken into consideration by the General Board, in consequence of the various applications from the Colonies, and it had been considered by the Board a fit matter to submit to Grand Lodge so as to bring the Constitutions of Mark Masonry into accord with the Constitutions of the Craft. Years ago the Craft changed the title of Provincial into District. It made no difference in the rank or status, because Provincial and District Grand Masters took rank from the date of their appointment; but in the Colonies they seemed to think it was a higher title, and that being the case, the General Board thought it would be a very nice thing to cede to the Colonies this point. They also felt that the brethren generally would fall in with the views of the Colonial brethren that they should regulate their own fees. In some cases they wanted to raise their fees a little more than they were in this country. In other cases—in New South Wales, for instance—they wanted to raise their fees, so as to form a Fund of Benevolence. The General Board thought that was a very desirable object, and that brethren so far away from us, and so difficult for us to get at, should have a voice in their own affairs. That being the advice of the General Board, he begged to move the adoption of the recommendation. Bro. Deputy Controller Bake, in seconding the motion, wished to say that the Colonies were rising in importance, and, though they were members of this great country, still they were an independent race. Although they acknowledged that they owed everything in Masonry to this great country, yet there were many things which they considered could be best managed by themselves. If Grand Lodge gave them a separate Board to manage matters, so that their funds might be appropriated to any purpose for which they wished to use them it could not matter to Grand Lodge. They would be distributing them according to their own intelligence, to the best of their knowledge and belief. Having passed a large portion of his life in the Colonies, he had much pleasure in seconding the motion. The motion was carr'ed. Brother Frank Richardson next moved—

That the rank of Past Master be conferred on the Most Worshipful Bro. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, and that the Adelaide Lodge, No. 41, be authorised to carry this resolution into effect.

He (Bro. F. Richardson) had the honour of knowing Bro. Way personally. When he went out to Australia, three years ago, he had heard of him, and he could say his reputation extended far and wide. At the installation, a few weeks ago, of Sir Wm. Clarke as Grand Master of the Province of Victoria, Chief Justice Way made the most powerful speech he (Bro. Richardson) ever read. He had the newspapers from the Colonies, in which the speech was reported, sent to him, and he must say it was a treat to read it. From the position Chief Justice Way held in South Australia, the General Board thought it would be a pleasant thing to confer the rank of Past Master upon the Chief Justice, because, having only lately taken this degree of Mark Mason, it would be some years before he would take that rank. He (Bro. Richardson) could speak personally of Chief Justice Way's Masonic qualifications. Three years ago, when he was in Australia, he had hardly been in Adelaide three hours when he received a visit from the Grand Secretary, with a message from the Chief Justice that he hoped he would pay him a visit. Chief Justice Way had heard from some one in Melbourne that he (Bro. Richardson) was going to Adelaide, and he said when he found there was a member of the Grand Lodge of England going to Adelaide, he must invite him. His (Bro. Richardson's) visit there was made by Chief Justice Way most enjoyable. He had the greatest pleasure in moving this resolution. The Earl of Euston seconded the motion, which was carried. The next business was to confirm a grant of £20 to the widow of a late brother. The report of the Board was formally adopted. The Marquess of Hertford then said that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been unanimously re-elected as M.W.G.M., and he congratulated the Order on the fact. The following brethren were appointed Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton	...	Pro G.M.
Marquess of Hertford	...	D.M.
Lord Cremorne ...	...	S.W.
Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.	...	J.W.
Richard Vassar Vassar Smith	...	M.O.
W. G. Lemon ...	...	S.O.
Butler Wilkins ...	...	J.O.
Rev. Dr. Herbert Kynaston	...	Chaplains
Rev. Trevor Parkins ...	...	Chaplains
Henry Faija ...	...	Treasurer
Frank Richardson ...	...	Registrar
Earl of Euston ...	...	President General Board
F. Binckes ...	...	Secretary
Felix Sumner Kuyvett	...	S.D.
W. Goodacre ...	...	S.D.
Henry Stocker ...	...	J.D.
H. E. Cousans ...	...	J.D.
Rowland Plumbe ...	...	Supt. of Works
Robert Berridge ...	...	D.C.
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Thomas Troman	...	Organist
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Joseph Manwaring	...	I.G.
J. Unwin	...	Assist. I.G.
A. Walkley	...	Tyler

Grand Stewards:—Bros. J. M. Collins Bon Accord Lodge, E. M. Money Old Kent Lodge, Philip Saillard 144, Edwin Storr 234, T. E. Biddlecombe 244, G. H. Newington Bridges 333, J. W. Howard Thompson 144, Henry Fisher Warwickshire, William Denne 378, G. J. Brady Dorsetshire, W. R. Felton Gloucester and Hereford, S. Knight Berks and Oxon, K. McEwen North Wales, and G. P. Airey 247.

The following are the members of the General Board:—Nominated by the Grand Master—Bros. F. Davison, Alfred Williams, James Moon, C. H. Driver, Thomas Cubitt, and George Cooper. Nominated by the brethren—Bros. Dr. George Mickley P.M. 97 P.G.D., John E. Dawson D.P.G.M. Herts, R. Loveland Loveland D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, A. F. Godson, M.P., Provincial G.M. Worcestershire, and Rev. Hayman Cummings P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Kent.

Letters of apology were announced by Bro. Binckes as having been received from a large number of distinguished brethren, explaining absence. Grand Lodge was then closed. A choice banquet was subsequently partaken of in the Venetian Room, presided over by Bro. W. Kelly, when the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 67.

A MEETING in connection with this Lodge was held at the Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport, on Thursday the 30th ult., when there was a satisfactory attendance. Bro. John Williamson was elected to the chair for the ensuing year. The Lodge, which has not long been re-opened, promises to become a strong and successful one. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Grand Master of Mark Masons in Cheshire, has since the resuscitation of this Lodge, manifested a lively interest in its welfare.

RECOVERY OF A MISSING MASONIC CHARTER IN KEITH.

EVER since the dissolution of St. James's Lodge of Freemasons at Keith, nearly fifty years ago, the charter and books of the Lodge have been missing. No trace of them could be found until one day recently, when the charter turned up rather unexpectedly. It has been for many years in the possession of an old and respected resident, who had forgotten all about having the missing document in his possession, until it came to light when he was looking over some other things. It was generally believed that the gentleman who acted as the last Secretary to the Lodge, Mr. Donald Cameron, schoolmaster, Newmill, had taken the books and other documents along with him when he emigrated to America at the time of the dissolution of the Lodge. But the discovery of the charter in so unexpected a way has given rise to the hope that the books too may some day turn up and find a safe and honoured resting-place in the Keith Museum. The Saint James's Lodge was again resuscitated about four years ago, and we are glad to learn that some of the regalia belonging to the original Lodge has been handed over to it by the descendants of the members of the old Lodge. These, like the original charter, are in a fine state of preservation. The charter is written on a finely-dressed sheepskin, and is a fine specimen of the beautiful and careful penmanship of the period in which it was written. The charter reads thus:—

Charter of Constitution and Erection in favour of the Saint James's Operative Lodge of Keith, 5th May 1794.

To all and sundry, to whose knowledge these presents shall come greeting in God everlasting.

Whereas, upon application to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the kingdom of Scotland, by John Shand, William Shand, John Milne, John Mitchell, Peter Robb, James Murray, James Robb, Robert Young, John Chapmand, George Russell, William Barber, Hugh Mackay, James Thomson, John Bremner, all operative masons, residing in and about the town of Keith, in the county of Banff, setting forth that they being influenced by the love of Masonry, and animated with zeal to advance the reputation and extend the benefit of the Craft, do apprehend that it would be of public utility, and for the general good, and without prejudice to any Lodge that there should be one erected at Keith. They therefore humbly prayed that a charter of constitution and erection for holding a regular Lodge in the said town of Keith under the style, title, and denomination of the St. James's Operative Lodge of Keith; and they proposed the said John Shand for Master, William Shand for Depute-Master, William Smith for Senior Warden, John Milne for Junior Warden, John Mitchell for Treasurer, Patrick Robb for Secretary, James Murray for Clerk, James Robb for Senior Deacon, Robert Young for Junior Deacon, and John Chapmand and George Russell for Stewards. Which petition, with two ample certificates from the Lodges of Banff and Saint James's Lodge, Macduff, in favour of the petitioning brethren, having been considered by the Grand Lodge, the present charter was ordered accordingly. Know ye, therefore, that the most noble and most worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge thereof have constituted, erected, and appointed, and hereby constitute, erect, and appoint the Master, wardens, brethren, and office-bearers above named, together with the other constituent members of the said Lodge, and their successors, to be now and in all time coming a true and regular Lodge of free and accepted Masons, under the style, title, and denomination of Saint James's Operative Lodge of Keith. And appoint and ordain all regular Lodges to hold, own, and respect them as such, giving, granting, and committing to them and their successors full power and authority to meet, assemble, and convene as a regular Lodge, and to admit and receive apprentices, pass fellow crafts, and raise Master Masons upon payment of such composition for support of their lodge as they shall see convenient, and to elect and choose masters, wardens, and other office-bearers annually or otherwise as they shall occasion, recommending to the brethren aforesaid to reverence and obey their superiors in all things lawful and honest, as becomes the honour and harmony of Masonry. The said brethren by accepting of this present charter becoming faithfully bound not to desert their said Lodge so constituted upon any pretext whatsoever, to make any separate or schismatical meetings without the consent of their Master and Wardens for the time being, nor to collect money or other funds separate from the common stock of their Lodge to prejudice the poor thereof. They and their successors in all time coming being also obliged to obey and pay due regard to all acts, statutes, and regulations of the Grand Lodge, already made or hereafter to be made, for the utility, welfare, and prosperity of Masonry in general, and to pay and perform whatever is stipulated or demanded of them for the support of the dignity of the Grand Lodge. And, in particular, that they do account and pay into the funds of the Grand Lodge at least half a crown for each entrance and member made in their Lodge from the date hereof, and that the names of such members be transmitted to the Grand Secretary or Grand Clerk at Edinburgh, to be recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge, with the usual fee to the clerk; and that they do record in their books (which they are hereby authorised to keep) this present charter of constitution and erection, with their own regulations and bye-laws, and their whole procedure from time to time as that shall occur, to the end the same may be more easily seen and observed by the brethren, subject always to the review of the Grand Lodge; and also the brethren aforesaid and their successors are hereby required to punctually attend the whole general meetings and quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge by their representatives, being their Masters and Wardens for the time, or by lawful proxies in their names. Providing such proxies be Master Masons or fellow-crafts of some established Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, to the end they may vote and act in the Grand Lodge, and to be duly certonated of the proceedings thereof, declaring always their precedency in the Grand Lodge to be from the date hereof, and to the end that these presents may be more effectually kept and preserved, the same are hereby appointed to be recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. Given at the Grand Lodge held in the City of Edinburgh upon the fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, Legho five thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and by the Most Noble and Most Worshipful George, Marquis of Huntly, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Right Worshipful William Douglas Olephan, Esquire, and the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable Viscount Doune, Grand Wardens: the Right Worshipful John Hay, Esq., Grand Treasurer. And the seal of the Grand Lodge here appended in presence of William Masson, Esquire, Grand Secretary, and Robert Meikle, Esquire, Grand Clerk.

Witness, WILLIAM MASSON, G. Secy.	THOMAS HAY, Sub. G.M.
Witness, ROBERT MEIKLE, G. Clerk.	JOHN CLARK, Senior G.W.
	THOMAS BROWN, Junior G.W.
	JOHN HAY, G.D.

(Composition of four guineas paid).

A matinée performance, for the benefit of the National Association for employment of reserve and discharged soldiers will be given by Miss Grace Hawthorne, at the Princess's, on Thursday afternoon, the 27th inst., when will be performed "Paul and Virginia," a drama in five acts, by Richard Davey.

The Kennel Club's summer dog show has been arranged to take place this year at Olympia, Kensington, on July 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. This will be the thirty-third show held under the auspices of the club, and should be a great success. There will be about £2500 in prizes awarded in the 215 different classes.

THE "R.A. CROWDED OUT AND REJECTED."—It is announced that the date for receiving entries of pictures, without extra fee, at Olympia, Kensington, has been extended until Monday, 3rd June. The pictures will be arranged in three separate sections. Section 1.—The R.A. Doubtful, which have been crowded-out; Section 2.—The R.A. Rejected; and Section 3.—Pictures which have, or have not, been exhibited at any exhibition. Strong representations have been made to the management to admit the latter class. There is, moreover, a proposal that the public who visit the Exhibition shall be the judges, and by a simple method of voting, determine which are the pictures to receive the prizes, ranging from £50 to £5, according to the number of votes.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 8th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7. (Instruction)

303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1657—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

MONDAY, 10th JUNE.

27—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Buah, 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)
853—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1436—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham. 8. (Inst)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1932—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T. 5—Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn

TUESDAY, 11th JUNE.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—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)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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 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)
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 71—Bavard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
151—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
180—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
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 o" Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1.65—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
2222—Frederick West, Castle Hotel, East Molesey
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 18—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdsto-road, 6. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1260—John Harvey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1586—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.)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Bonconsfield, 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, 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)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
88—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
126—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Bolton
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
697—United, George Hotel Colchester
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
862—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
864—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

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1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewisee, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1484—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1646—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
2216—Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, near Manchester
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 86—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 13th JUNE.

97—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
425—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1617—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1378—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1862—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1960—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)
1698—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

IN previous notices of the History of this Lodge, as compiled by Bro. George Norman, we have reviewed the doings of its members up to the time the Lodge was removed to Cheltenham, in 1822. For some time thereafter, we are told, its history flows in an even channel. The days of meeting were altered, the first and third Friday of each month becoming the regular nights of assembly. Nominations of candidates were frequent, and the Lodge flourished both financially and numerically. As an illustration of Masonic life some sixty-six years ago, reference is made to the minutes in regard to the first St. John's Festival, celebrated by the Lodge at Cheltenham, on the 27th December 1822. From these it appears the Lodge was opened at 11 a.m., when an initiation and a raising, with an interval for refreshment "during pleasure," added to the installation ceremony, made up the work of the meeting. This occupied the "middle hours of the day," after which the brethren adjourned until 5 p.m., when, having again assembled, they partook of an "elegant dinner." A pleasant incident is recorded in connection with this banquet—a deputation from the Foundation Lodge, which was then holding its Festival, attending, and bringing the best wishes of its members for the success of the Royal Union Lodge. These visitors, having partaken of refreshment, withdrew, amid the acclamations of the brethren, and a reciprocal embassy from the Royal Union Lodge was at once deputed to convey the thanks and greetings of its members to their fellows of the Foundation Lodge. This courteous interchange was repeated at many subsequent Festivals, and served to promote the good feeling which has continued between them to this day. About this time a slight disagreement took place in consequence of the W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. Samuel Moss) refusing to allow certain letters from Bro. Claret to be read in open Lodge. The Provincial authorities were appealed to, and upheld the decision of the Master, who, it was considered, had acted in a manner strictly Masonic and correct. By a peculiar freak of fortune, one of the members of the Lodge received, some forty-five years later, the outline of the address delivered by Bro. Moss when he retired from the chair at the time to which we are now referring.

This touches upon the matter of Bro. Claret's letters, and leads us to suppose that some of the members severed their connection with the Lodge in consequence of what then occurred. Indeed, the "History" states that several Brethren resigned in consequence, and for some time the attendance was prejudicially affected. Two years later another secession took place among the members, the leader on that occasion being Bro. Moss himself, while a Bro. Harper came to the front as the "moving spirit" of the Lodge. On the 19th August 1823 an emergency meeting of the Lodge was held at the Horse and Groom Inn, Gloucester, "for the purpose of joining the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of deciding the best means of aiding the subscription to be made after dinner;" the subscription referred to being a collection for erecting a monument to the memory of Bro. Dr. Edward Jenner, the discoverer of the efficacy of vaccination. From the facts set out by Bro. Norman in connection with this meeting, we learn that Bro. Jenner's father was Provincial Grand Master of Bristol towards the close of last century, while Dr. Jenner himself was a prominent man in the district. The Provincial Grand Lodge on this occasion attended Divine service in the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by Bro. the Rev. T. D. Fosbroke, the well-known county historian. The *Gloucester Journal* of that time gives an interesting account of the meeting, and is largely quoted in the book under notice, the number of brethren who attended on the occasion being given therein as nearly two hundred. This event is, we consider, among the most interesting recorded in the History of the Lodge, and shows the interest taken by the Masons of that day in matters somewhat outside the actual scope of Freemasonry. Another event of general interest was celebrated this same year, for on the 8th September following, another Lodge of Emergency was held, at Tewkesbury, for the purpose of assisting the Dep. Prov. G.M. in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the "Tewkesbury Severn Bridge." The particulars in regard to this event are very interesting, and give evidence of careful research on the part of the compiler. On the 4th May 1825 the Lodge had another opportunity of appearing in public, the Provincial Grand Lodge then laying the foundation stone of the Pittville Pump Room, with full ceremonial.

In 1827 the expediency of attaching a Royal Arch Chapter to the Lodge was considered, but nothing of any importance appears to have been done in regard to the matter. Several removals of the Lodge took place about this time, but in the beginning of 1830 an arrangement was concluded between it and the Foundation Lodge for the joint use of the Lodge Room at the Masonic Hall, and for the common use of the furniture belonging to the two Lodges. This arrangement did not work wholly satisfactory, for in 1834 a proposition was made for a committee to be appointed to procure "a suitable place to meet in." The troubles, however, in this respect, appear to have been adjusted, and harmony prevailed between the two Lodges.

The Royal Union Lodge then passed several years in a somewhat unsatisfactory manner. In 1838 there were only six brethren present to witness the installation. Meetings were held at irregular intervals, sometimes as long as two years apart, and it was not until after 1850 that any improvement took place. From this period the Lodge progressed in a most satisfactory manner among the items recorded being the election, in 1853, of the future D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Brook-Smith, as a member. He speedily made a position for himself, and his influence upon its policy at once became manifest. In 1854 he accepted the office of Senior Warden, and on the first occasion of occupying that chair proposed that the Lodge meet in future in a building devoted to Masonic purposes rather than at an hotel. As the result of this proposition the Lodge again met at the Masonic Hall, its occupation of which has not since been broken. Bro. Brook-Smith succeeded to the chair in 1856, and ruled over the Lodge for two flourishing years. In the first year of his Mastership the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was re-established, and a period of great Masonic prosperity was started upon in the district. The Royal Union shared in this prosperity, and continued to take an active part in the various works in it neighbourhood with which Freemasonry was associated. There are many more items recorded in the History which will repay perusal, but

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we do not propose to refer to them at any length here, as the student has equal opportunities with us of securing a copy of the volume we have quoted from. Bro. Norman deserves the thanks of the Craft for the way in which his part of the work has been performed, and for the many interesting items he has collected relating to the doings of the brethren of the Royal Union Lodge and the surrounding district.

HISTORICAL RELATION OF FREEMASONRY TO ANCIENT EGYPT.

A Lecture delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, before Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., at a special meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 25th February 1889.

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The life and character of the candidate was subjected to the closest scrutiny, and only on positive proof of his fitness to mingle in the ranks of the enlightened could he obtain an entrance. It was considered one of the greatest privileges to become a member of the Fraternity, and it was asserted that "those who have been initiated in the mysteries entertain better hopes, both as to the end of life and the whole of futurity." The penalties inflicted for divulging any part of the mysteries were of the most extreme character. "To divulge them was considered a sacrilegious crime, the prescribed punishment was immediate death." We may also find in the History of the Children of Israel, which in itself is a part of Egyptian history, a close relationship between the esoteric observances of the Egyptians and the secret ceremonies of the Hebrew priests, so far as has been brought to light in the Masonic ritual.

The Jews derived much of their knowledge of supernatural matters, excepting that revealed to Moses by the Almighty, from the Egyptian priesthood; and one of the reasons why the priests and soothsayers of Egypt so violently opposed the liberation of the Hebrews was because Moses had been initiated into the Egyptian Mysteries.

Most of the Masonic degrees are based upon certain events in the early history of the Hebrew nation, and it happens that the descendants of Abraham were the only people of antiquity admitted into Egypt, or with whom the Egyptians were on terms of close intimacy. The direct descent from the Hebrew Patriarchs was known and acknowledged, and the laws, civil and religious, were largely identical with those of the Hebrews, so much as to warrant the assumption of a common origin. Moses was said to be "learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," and his great legacy to the Israelites, the "Book of the law," contained many ordinances derived from the "wisdom" of the country in which he was born and educated. True it was to him and his people a "land of bondage," but the laws and mystic rites of their taskmasters were engrafted upon the Hebrew stock by four hundred years of close cultivation, and appear in most of the customs of the ancient Hebrews.

If "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians" he must have been initiated into their Mystic ceremonies, versed in the signs, grips and passwords of that organisation. It was this knowledge which enabled him to stand up with so much confidence before the Egyptian King, and demand the release of his people, and so far from being intimidated by the Pharoah, we find the Hebrew Prophet threatening both him and the people of Egypt with the vengeance of the God of Israel. We will say a word or two more relating to the Egyptian Mysteries and then pass on to the third and concluding part of the lecture.

It is true that we have but little actual knowledge of what are called the Egyptian Mysteries. The hieroglyphical translations have made us acquainted with Egyptian history, her kings and priests, her tombs and monuments, her pyramids and obelisks, her sphinxes and temples; but of the actual working signs, symbols and passwords of those well guarded and carefully protected mysteries, we can only draw deductions from analogy and comparison, and still are compelled to acknowledge our uncertainty. But in addition to the comparison and analogies to which I have directed your attention, there is a certain sign or figure which to the Freemason is a plain, palpable representation of a doctrine taught now, and exemplified with the Masonic Temple, as, we believe, it was in those ancient Egyptian Temples dedicated to the illustration of their solemn rites and doctrines.

The names of the Egyptian kings and the record of the great deeds they had performed, are found in those elliptical ovals you see above you. Those figures or ovals were given by Champollion the rather curious appellation of "Cartouche." "To each king was devoted two 'cartouches;' the first of which is called the prenomen, and is generally *symbolic*, containing titles; while it is always the designatory oval by which the individual Pharoah is known—the second is called his nomen, and is generally altogether *phonetic*, containing his proper name, like our *surnames* and *Christian names*." Or, in other words, the hieroglyphics contained within the ovals, give the names and record, civil and military, of the Pharoah. Hieroglyphic is defined as Emblematic; expressive of some meaning by characters, pictures, or figures. Literally, a sacred character, applied to a species of writing first practised by the ancient Egyptian priests, often called picture writing, which expressed a series of ideas by representations of visible objects. This system of writing, to those who understood it, was an easy mode of hoodwinking the ignorant and uninitiated, and it was a practical exemplification of the quoted saying that language was given to us to conceal our thoughts, and the priests most probably used it for that purpose. It certainly was a most comprehensive system of expressing ideas and at the same time of defending or keeping sacred a mystery, just as the initiated of our days meet in the presence of the profane and by well guarded signs recognise one another. The number of figures used in the ancient hieroglyphical writing was almost unlimited, every kind of being, all the geometrical figures, beasts, birds, reptiles and insects, were brought into requisition, and if you will turn your gaze upon the decorations of this room, you will see almost every known thing on the earth, or above the earth, depicted in this ancient Egyptian language. While hieroglyphical figures were also used by other nations of antiquity, none ever reached the extent and perfection in pictorial writing found in Egypt, and this curious art must have been a very important part of the study and education of the Egyptian priesthood. It was abolished at the advent of the Christian era, as naturally were most of the Pagan customs, and complicated and ingenious as it was, its study has been made comparatively easy to the modern hierologists, through the discoveries of Champollion and others. Returning to the direct line of our discourse, from which we wandered in our hieroglyphical dissertation, which was the discussion of the Ovals descriptive of the lives of the Pharoahs, and which abound on all the tombs and monuments of the Egyptian kings, we find one peculiar to itself, without a mark or sign, or symbol, simply a plain, blank *cartouche;* but it was the most impressive and significant of them all, because it meant something higher, better, grander, more sublime than all those known or unknown Pharoahs, whose names were carved on temple tomb and obelisk, and to the initiated it was the symbol of the "ineffable, unpronounceable name of God." But it must be borne in mind that it was only a symbol, not a written name. A compound word indicative of the name was known to the priests, and was transmitted in a certain time and manner, and it was used as a password in the Egyptian mysteries, "by which the candidate was admitted to the chamber of initiation." The Hebrews learned from the Egyptians the figurative mode of symbolising the *name*, and though they adopted another figure, yet the signification was the same, and all the heathen nations of antiquity when they had exhausted their vocabulary for names of gods and goddesses, found a geometrical figure symbolical of the name of *him*, whose face they never saw, whose image they dare not make, and whose name, unknown, they could not pronounce.

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GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND
versus
GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE London Grand Lodge of 1717 styled itself "Grand Lodge of England," and in the middle of the latter half of the last century the York Grand Lodge called itself "Grand Lodge of *all* England." Some years ago I asked a learned brother if he could explain the difference between "of England" and "of *all* England?" This question he could not answer. I next asked him if he could give any reason as to why the unnecessary word "*all*" was added to the York Grand Lodge title? After a short pause, he said: The Bishop of Canterbury is called Archbishop of England, and the Bishop of York is called Archbishop of all England, hence, he inferred, that the York Grand Lodge derived its "*all*" from its Archbishop's title. As the answer was plausible I made no further inquiry.

Last week I came across a book, viz., "Truth and Fiction of the Middle Ages," by Sir Francis Palgrave, wherein I find that my learned friend was mistaken about the respective titles of the English Primates, that the Archbishop of Canterbury was "of all England," and the one of York was merely "of England." Such being the case, the Southern Grand Lodge, having adopted the title of the northern Primate, the Northern Grand Lodge therefore appropriated the title of the southern Primate.

And now for something about the book and its contents. The author professes to have obtained his information from the writings of the Monk of Croyland; the Monk, however, is a *myth*, and the narratives given are purely imaginary. But, nevertheless, they are designed to exhibit a picture of the customs and ideas of Englishmen of the middle ages. The book contains several chapters, respectively headed, The Rectory, The County Elections, Guildhall, Parliament, The Prior's Study (viz., Roger Bacon); the last chapter is headed Knowledge. There is, of course, a basis of truth in the description of the customs of those days; for instance, Roger Bacon and Marco Polo visit the Guildhall. Law breakers are there tried for their sins. If one of these demands to be tried by a jury, the sheriff makes no secret that he can pack a jury that will surely find the prisoner guilty. One prisoner, however, claimed "the benefit of the clergy," another pleaded that by misrepresentation he was induced to leave a sanctuary, and so on. The origin and functions of guilds, and of the development of the City of London Government are hinted at more or less. The information above referred to about the titles of the Primates is connected with a very curious story. How much truth there is in it I do not know; but in olden times something of the kind may have occurred. I shall therefore describe, as briefly as I can, a scene alleged to have taken place in Parliament.

Now, in the first place, men were not then very ambitious to get into Parliament; instead of bribing voters to elect them, as is the custom in our own generation, they would have bribed them to get rid of Parliament. The King's Parliament meant money for the King, and people were always reluctant to part with their money. If the King could have grabbed the people's money without a Parliament he would have done so, but as he could not do that very well, the Parliament took advantage of the King's necessities by demanding certain conditions before they parted with their money. The Parliament referred to was summoned by Edward I. Before the Parliament was opened the courtiers were annoyed to learn that the members not only bickered about the sum demanded, but also stipulated that the King should confirm the Magna Charta. The time at last arrived for opening Parliament, the Chancellor was on the woolsack, but for some unknown cause the two Primates were absent. The King was uneasy, the members wondered, and everybody was impatient, when suddenly news arrived which astonished all concerned.

In order to explain the reason, I must state that there existed an old feud between the Church rulers of York and Canterbury. So much so, that King Edward deemed it necessary to give special order to the Chancellor to take all possible precaution to protect the Primate of York during his journey to Parliament, from the threatened violence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The King's uneasiness, therefore, arose from a suspicion that something of the kind prevented the two Archbishops from being present in Parliament. Well, in the midst of the suspense above referred to, the King's Pursuivant rushed into the Hall in great excitement, exclaiming: "The Archbishop of Canterbury has murdered the Archbishop of York." The King thereupon flew into a passion, and threatened the Chancellor for neglecting his duty, and the Chancellor dropped down from the woolsack on his knees, assuring His Majesty that it was not his fault. But just then, to the surprise of all present, in walked the two Primates into the Hall, "both unhurt and unwounded, both round and sound," but each looking fiercely at his adversary. In short, there had been an actual fight between the parties, for "the Abbot's cope was all tattered and torn, and his bleeding nose bore testimony to the prowess of the Prior, while the Prior's shaven crown equally displayed the dexterity with which the Abbot had wielded his weapon—the crozier, the dire cause of this most indecorous contest."

The origin of the trouble between the two Archbishoprics, Sir Francis dates back to the era of the Saxon Bretwaldes. "The conflicting pretensions preferred by the two Archbishops of the English Church (says Sir Francis) had been legally settled by the celebrated decision, from which Parliament never departed, that York should be Primate of England, and Canterbury of all England. Canterbury always sat as the premier Peer of the realm." To which Sir Francis adds:—"All Doctors of the realm, excepting perhaps the learned professor who wrote the treatise, 'De omnibus hus et quibus dam aliis,' might have been confounded by being called upon to explain in what manner a whole can be less or greater than itself, or how a Primate of England could find a spot from which the jurisdiction of him of all England was excluded."

The "Monk of Croyland" evidently knew nothing about Masons and Masonry. We all know, and *Scotch Rites* are very positive, that 27,000 Masons followed the Crusaders to the Holy Land, but it seems that *this Masonic fact* the Monk of Croyland did not find in the writings of either Roger Bacon or of Marco Polo, and it is evident that Sir Francis Palgrave himself never rode on the Masonic goat. Indeed, I am very sure that he did not know of the existence of such a goat, for all he wrote about the mysteries of Masons, either directly or indirectly, is comprised in the following extracts. He says:—

"Other means were practised for the purpose of keeping the secrets of the trade, and defending the monopoly. Oaths, awe-inspiring ceremonies, initiations, sometimes terrific, sometimes painful or ludicrous. Here a candidate trembled beneath the arch of steel, the swords suspended over his head; there, unless his agility preserved him, the incipient workman enjoyed the full application of the lash or the cart whip.

"Even in this our age of triumphant publicity, some curious vestiges of this ancient stem may be traced. 'The gentleman who reports for our paper,' at whose presence every other door stands open, has never been able to obtain the slightest insight into the proceedings of the Lodge Cosmopolite Freedom, meeting at the Yorkshire Stingo, Gray's Inn Lane * * *, as my intended quarto will show, of the Masons' Company in London."

I must here only add, that as far as I can judge, all the authors of books about the Guilds in the middle ages seem to know next to nothing about the existence of Masonic Lodges in olden time. And I was particularly surprised that in Toulmin Smith's book on the Guilds, except in the Introduction, by Brentano, neither reference to Mason nor Freemason could I find in the said work.

Boston, U.S., 30th May 1889.

MORAL USES OF FREEMASONRY.

SEVERAL illustrations of the power and usefulness of the Masonic organisation are given in a little work, entitled "The Genius of Freemasonry," published at Providence, R.I., in the year 1828. One incident therein narrated greatly impressed our thought. It was told as an actual occurrence which took place in a Southern Lodge, presided over by a Brother of distinction, whose honoured name is still familiar as a household word throughout our whole country. We give the account substantially as it appears in the book named.

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Toward the close of an evening's labour, when the charge was about to be given to one who had that night been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and he had been brought to the chair to receive it, the quick eye of the Worshipful Master saw, at a distance, the brother of the candidate, sitting dark, moody and silent. Between the two brothers there had long been a deadly feud—one that had eaten like a cancer into their hearts, and spread a leprosy over their lives, tainting all around them, or connected with them.

The one about to receive the charge, though of good reputation in the community, was generally regarded as the more obdurate in this unhappy alienation. The Master began his charge. He said he would depart somewhat from the ritual generally used, and would quote from the language of him who spake as never man spake: "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." The miseries of contention and discord were strongly depicted by the Master. He dwelt upon the deadliness of the moral poison of family contentions—a poison that earth cannot suck up or time destroy—a poison that often springs afresh from the grave of those who concocted it to curse their descendants for succeeding ages.

The candidate trembled as he listened to these earnest words; his soul was a witness to their truth; he looked wistfully and wildly around the room, fearing, yet wishing, to catch the eye of the brother between whom and himself there had been long continued and bitter opposition of feeling. The Master noticed the effects of his words and changed his tone, portraying the kindly influences of brotherly love, telling how far it softened the calamities of earth and plucked the sting from death itself. He dwelt upon the new obligations the initiate had assumed, and reminded him that the place where he then was should be considered sacred to fraternal sympathies, a place in which every pledge was given to cultivate purest affections, to quench at once in the overflowing of love and forgiveness all heartburnings of enmity, and to wash away the long scenes of rancour and bitterness which so much degrade the soul. The brother who had sat retired, as he heard sentence after sentence of the eloquent charge, had moved by timid steps nearer to the altar, and watched with earnest feeling the effect of such words on his brother's mind; at last their eyes met, and volumes were spoken in the glance. Oh! what a moment for the two men who had drank the stream of life from one maternal bosom; they looked once more, and then rushed into each others arms. "Brother, forgive me," broke from the hearts of both in half suffocated and almost inarticulate words. They were reconciled. What a wreath for eloquence! What a triumph for Freemasonry!

The incident thus related shows how the principles and precepts of the Masonic system may have prevailing force where the conditions are favourable, and where there is a wise and judicious teacher to apply the lessons of that system. The moral uses of Freemasonry are many, affecting character on all sides, the most potential for good when there is a faithful application of the truths taught and illustrated to the conduct of life. Wisdom and grace are requisite for such an enforcement.

—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Sir Charles Lanyon died recently at his residence, White Abbey, near Belfast. Sir Charles was the youngest son of the late John Jenkinson Lanyon, and was born at Eastbourne in 1813. He practised in Ireland as a Civil Engineer and Architect since 1832, and was head of the eminent firm of Lanyon, Lynn and Lanyon, architects. He was president of the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland, and a member of the Royal Hibernian Academy. He was Mayor of Belfast in 1862, and represented that city in Parliament, as a Conservative, from November 1866 to November 1868, when he received the honour of knighthood. He was Grand Master of the Province of Antrim. Sir Charles married, in 1837, Elizabeth Ellen, daughter of Mr. Jacob Owen, of the Dublin Board of Works, and was father of the distinguished soldier and administrator, the late Sir Owen H. Lanyon.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT are particularly recommended to persons who have to pass their lives in confined and crowded places; hundreds of thousands of our fellow creatures toil from morning until evening in factories and workshops to the detriment of their health, and the deterioration of the race. They suffer in consequence from indigestion, flatulence and want of appetite, and these complaints, if neglected, bring about nervousness and failure of the vital powers. Holloway's remedies can be used by such sufferers to their very great advantage, as they are mild in action, and certain in their effects. No one need therefore lose a day's work when using them, a matter of consequence to those whose daily bread depends on daily toil.

REVIEWS.

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Ars Quatuor Coronatorum. Being the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. London: Vol. II., Part 1.

THE editor of this interesting miscellany, Bro. G. W. Speth, must be congratulated on the growing excellence of the "Craft Magazine," for such it really is, with which the literary fortunes of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and Circle are so closely associated. The first number of the new volume is a handsome pamphlet of eighty-two pages, of which no less than three are taken up by the annual financial statement, wherein the income and expenditure of the past year are clearly shown, and thus brought fully home to the comprehension of the most distant members of both Circles.

As the transactions under review only cover the proceedings of two Lodge meetings, the number of papers read falls slightly below the usual average, but as in each case the lecturer gave ample measure, while in both, the subsequent discussion—oral and written—was well sustained, the editor has not been reduced to any shifts in order to fill up the columns of the publication.

The first paper of the present series was read by the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Simpson. It is entitled "The Worship of Death," and is the sequel or complement of a previous essay—"The Three-Fold Division of Temples"—by the same brother, which will be found in Volume I. of the Transactions.

"The Worship of Death" embodies the results of much reading, careful observation, and painstaking delineation. Bro. Simpson has studied, not only in books, but also in the architecture and monuments of many lands, the interesting subject of his most recent lecture, to which an additional charm is given by the numerous illustrations, drawn in so many instances by Bro. Simpson himself.

The paper must be read through to be appreciated, but a short summary of the discussion which followed at its close, will afford in some measure a glimpse of its contents, as well as indicate the general interest taken by the members of the Lodge in this, the special feature of their meetings.

The Rev. C. J. Ball, I.G., quoted extensively from the Hebrew, Arabic, Ethiopic, Aramaic, Chaldee, Egyptian, Coptic, Assyrian, and Greek languages, the whole going to prove *(inter alia)* that the "Ark of Jehovah" did not originally mean "the Coffin of Jehovah."

Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.G.S. and W.M. 2, criticised the paper at considerable length. He thought that "the worship of death, as a *worship*, in the ordinary acceptation of the word, had no existence in fact."

Bro. Dr. Woodman, P.G. Sword Bearer, thought the Ark of the Covenant could not be considered a Symbolical Coffin. Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M., suggested that the one great and pressing duty of the Freemasons was to try and recover the lost meaning of many Masonic Symbols. Professor T. Hayter Lewis, S.D., thought that "the Worship of Death *unto Life*," or "of Life through Death," would better express the W.M.'s arguments, and remove a good deal of misconception from them. Bro. E. Macbean, Steward, commented on the Phallic tendencies, and the Theosophy of the Jews, and Bro. C. Purdon Clarke believed that the W.M. would prove his case with respect to the Worship of Death, and even a step farther, as Worship of the Devil was much mixed up with most cults, and in India was the most powerful of them all.

Next follows a very exhaustive reply by the W.M., noticing and dealing with the objections raised to the various theories propounded in his paper. This will well repay perusal, as the Quatuor Coronati Lodge is the reverse of a Mutual Admiration Society, and while opinions may differ as to the W.M. having deserved the harsh things that were said of his speculations, there will be a unanimity of opinion that in his general reply he quite held his own, even if he did not succeed in completely vanquishing his opposers. The second paper—A Word on the Legends of the Compagnonage—also a sequel, was read by Bro. W. H. Rylands, and in the discussion which ensued Bros. Gould and Speth took part. The latter Brother also wrote some further remarks in the *addenda*, apropos of the real meaning of the word "Devoir," which, in his opinion, resembles that understood by the term "Old Charges," a view strongly combated by Bro. Rylands in a final note.

The remainder of the number is made up of the following:—Masonic Notes and Queries, among which there is an interesting reference to Masonic Signs among the natives of Queensland; Reviews, including notices of a Lodge History (No. 246), Engraved List (1734), recently printed in fac simile by Bro. Hughan; and the Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry, by Bro. J. F. Finlayson; and lastly, the Obituary, which in the present instance records the lamented decease of Bros. the Rev. J. G. Wood, Yeargitt W. Maughan, William Nott, and the Rev. Canon Portal.

We here bring our review of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" to a close, but in so doing may observe that in "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," the first volume of which was issued during the current week, Bro. G. W. Speth has provided an entirely new and particularly choice selection of intellectual food, for the Lodge and Circle whose caterer he delights to be in the department he has so completely made his own. A fac simile of the old Masonic poem printed by the late Mr. Halliwell is given in this publication, together with a full commentary upon it from the pen of Bro. Robert Freke Gould.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, has adjourned till Wednesday, 2nd October next, when it will re-assemble, at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N.

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A MASONIC GRAND LODGE FOR QUEENSLAND.

A MEETING, convened by advertisement, was recently held for the purpose of considering the advisableness of following the example of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and other colonies, in the establishing of a Grand Lodge in this colony. In all 216 brethren responded to the advertisement, and assembled in the lower room of the Masonic Hall, Alice-street. The platform was occupied by the following brethren:—Dr. Thomson, Theodore Unmack, J. G. W. Barnes, Dr. Taylor, and the Hon. J. R. Dickson. Dr. Thomson was voted to the chair, and he read the advertisement convening the meeting. The Hon. J. R. Dickson moved—"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a Grand Lodge of free and accepted Masons of Queensland be formed, and that immediate steps be taken to that end." He said that the question they had met to consider was of the greatest moment to Freemasons, as it was proposed to establish a United Grand Lodge of all the Constitutions at present represented in the colony. The object held in view in taking this step was the promotion of the welfare and prosperity of the Craft in Queensland. The nine brethren whose names were appended to the advertisement calling the meeting had long considered that the establishment of a Queensland Grand Lodge would be a great advantage to Freemasonry, and at an informal meeting they had considered what course should be adopted. Information had been obtained as to the constitution of the Grand Lodges of the other colonies, and that meeting had been called as the initiatory step in the direction aimed at. He firmly believed that if their object was carried into effect it would be advantageous in every way. It would remove all the petty rivalries and jealousies that were bound to exist while there were three distinct Constitutions. Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania had established Grand Lodges, so that Queensland was the only large colony in the group that had not done so. This in itself was sufficient to justify Queensland in following the same course. The movements in these colonies were not conceived or carried out in any feeling of antagonism to the Grand Lodges of the old country, and it would not be in this colony either. The time had arrived when they felt that they could walk alone, and in this he believed they would have the support of those who had retired from the ranks of Masonry on account of the rivalries alluded to, and also of "young Queensland," to whom the distinctions between the then Constitutions were meaningless and unintelligible. In desiring to establish a Grand Lodge they only desired local self-government, and to participate in the responsibilities and privileges that Grand Lodges held with regard to the Lodges connected with them. It was also to be remembered that the Grand Lodges were by no means inimical to proposals for the formation of new Grand Lodges, when it was shown that they could go alone. The brethren who had originated this scheme in Queensland had no selfish or interested motive in view and no desire for personal aggrandisement. They only desired and aimed at the welfare of the Craft generally. Bro. T. Finney seconded the motion. He said there could be no doubt that the time had arrived when a Grand Lodge should be established in this colony. There were at present about sixty Lodges working under the three Constitutions, yet the Grand Lodge of England was formed in the year 1717 with only four Lodges. By forming a Grand Lodge here they would do away with many of the tedious and vexatious delays they were now subjected to in transacting their business at the other side of the world. They would also keep their funds in the colonies, and would in time be able to establish the educational and charitable institutions which they so much desired to see in existence. Up to the present the Masons of Australia had done nothing towards rearing up such monuments to the usefulness of Masonry, and had nothing tangible to show the outside world such as there were in other countries. When they had their own Grand Lodge steps in this direction might be taken, but not before, as they were disunited, and did not work together. Bro. A. E. Harris supported the motion, and contended that the Masons of England approved of the establishment of colonial Grand Lodges when the severance was loyally and courteously effected. Dr. Taylor also spoke in favour of the motion, and argued that the proposal was perfectly regular and in order, and did not in the slightest degree infer, as some people seemed to think, that there was a schism in the Craft. Bro. J. G. W. Barnes read communications that had been received from various Lodge Officers in the country districts, expressing concurrence in the scheme. Bro. G. H. Pickburn, Master of the Laidley Lodge, said his Lodge would work under the proposed Grand Lodge if it was established. Bro. W. Garteide said it was a mistake to suppose that Masons were unanimously in favour of this proposal. So far as his own Constitution was concerned they were perfectly satisfied with the working of the Grand Lodge. They only paid 7s 6d per member initiated, and he had known six occasions when sums of money up to £50 had been received from the Grand Lodge. It was now proposed to do away with this, but what were they going to receive in its place? And, in addition, they would lose a great deal of the prestige they now enjoyed. The motion was then put and carried, only seven voting against it. Bro. R. J. Kessell then moved:—"That the brethren present now undertake to use their best efforts to carry out the first resolution and form a Masonic Union." The motion was seconded by Bro. E. Mansfield, and carried. On the motion of Bro. G. S. Hutton, seconded by Bro. V. Larsen, it was resolved:—"That Bros. Dickson, Deighton, Thomson, Taylor, Carter, and Drane of the English Constitution; Bros. Barnes, Sweetman, Skiller, Potts, Macgregory, and Larsen of the Scottish Constitution; and Bros. Unmack, Mac Donnell, Hutton, Hipwood, Ayscough, and Echlin of the Irish Constitution be appointed an Executive Committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of taking steps for carrying out the objects of the Masonic Union." A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the business of the meeting.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF A NEW MASONIC BUILDING.

THE ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the new Mason's Hall for West Bromwich took place on the 27th ult., and was performed by the Mayor (Councillor Heelis, J.P.) and Colonel Foster Gough. Representatives from a large number of Lodges assembled in the Town Hall, where a procession was formed, and proceeded, via Victoria-street, to the site of the new building, in Edward-street. The building is to consist of a large lodge and assembly room, banqueting room, caretaker's residence, store rooms, kitchen, lavatories, &c. The building will be fitted with every requisite for Masonic purposes, and for letting to the public for outside gatherings. All the rooms will be lofty, well lighted, and well ventilated, and the elevations will be faced with best bricks and stone dressings, the style adopted being renaissance. On the stone is the inscription:—

"This stone was laid by his Worship the Mayor of West Bromwhich, E. W. W. Heelis, Esq., J.P., and by his brethren and the Right Worshipful the P.G.M. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D. of the Freemasons of Staffordshire."

The vessel containing the coins and documents having been presented to the Mayor by the different officials, the engraved plate was handed by the P.G.S. of West Bromwich to his Worship, who called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the inscription, which was as follows:—

"This stone was laid by E. W. W. Heelis, Esq., Mayor of West Bromwich, and tried and proved by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Mason of Staffordshire, Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., and his Officers.—May 28, 1889.—B. Heelis, builder; Wood and Kendrick, architects."

At the ceremony there were a number of Masonic formalities observed; but after the final descent of the stone upon its bed, his Worship the Mayor called upon the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire to try and prove the stone in accordance with the established customs and ancient forms used by his Craft. Having replied to the Mayor, accepting the request on behalf of himself and the brethren of the ancient Craft over which he presided in this Province, the Provincial Grand Master said:—Men and brethren here assembled to behold this ceremony, know ye that we be the lawful Masons, ever true and faithful to the laws of our country, and bound by solemn obligations to erect, or assist in the erection of, handsome buildings, to be useful to the brethren and mankind, and to serve God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, sealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honourable, and are not repugnant to the laws of God or of man, for they were entrusted, in peace and in honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired even to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have had amongst us so many illustrious brethren, ever ready to obey our laws and to promote our interests. We are assembled before you this day for the purpose of trying and proving this foundation stone, and as the first duty of Freemasons in every undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon their work, I will ask you to unite with our Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace. The Provincial Grand Chaplain then offered prayer. A silver trowel for the ceremony, bearing an inscription of the date and the event, was presented to the Mayor by the architects. The P.G.M. then placed himself on the east side of the stone with the D.P.G.M. upon his right, and the two Wardens placed themselves on the west side, each bearing the badge of his office, other officials and bearers of the mallet, corn, wine, and oil being near. The usual questions were put and answered, and after having applied the plumb, rule, level and square, with appropriate ceremonies, the Provincial Grand Master said: In the name and by the authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and in his worthy and worshipful behalf, I declare this foundation stone, having been first tried and proved, according to the ancient Freemason's Craft, by the square, level, and plumb rule, to be well and truly laid in every particular. Subsequently corn was strewn, and oil and wine poured, upon the stone. Following a short address, the National Anthem was sung, and the procession re-formed and proceeded to the Lodge-room. Later in the afternoon the Masons and Officers dined together at the Town Hall. A large number of people witnessed the ceremony.

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MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SOCIETY.

AT the half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors, held at the Schoolhouse, Ballsbridge, on the 4th inst., the ballot for the election of nine pupils was declared, as follows, viz.:—E. A. Caddy, 1355; J. M. Charles, 2097; A. Johnston, 3299; E. T. Jones, 3028; L. E. Macguire, 3035; J. C. Mecredy, 2338; E. Midgley 800; M. M. Newburn, 2471; M. Niblock, 2785; M. J. Porter, 3087; E. M. Rockford, 1265. Johnston, Porter, Macguire, Jones, Niblock, Newburn, Mecredy, Charles, and Caddy were accordingly declared elected.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the day fixed for the distribution of prizes at Wood Green stands for Thursday, the 27th instant, and not for Saturday, the 29th, as originally announced by us. The change of date was necessitated through the adjourned meeting of the General Committee being fixed for the 29th June, and it is to prevent these two events clashing that the alteration of date has been made.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ALKMUND LODGE, No. 2311.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., this new Lodge was consecrated, at the Town Hall, Whitchurch. Amongst those present were the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman Bart. Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Rowland G. Venables Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. H. Spaull P.G. Secretary, W. Bull, G. T. W. Claridge, R. Lucas, A. E. Hicks, T. Whitefoot, A. T. Ackroyd, F. Cox, W. Belton, O. Townsend, J. Avery, H. Major, S. Bennion, T. Roberts, D. Smart, J. Salmon, H. Cooksey, W. Putman, William Norton, T. Pratt, T. W. Thomson, J. Ginders, H. C. Wise, William Dunning, R. Finlow, T. H. Tait, all representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and there were also present about sixty other brethren. The Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman performed the consecration ceremony, and the Worshipful Bro. Rowland G. Venables, assisted by Bro. W. H. Spaull, the installation. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. V. C. L. Crump W.M., M. H. Davenport S.W., John Brayn J.W., T. B. Stevens Treasurer, Barrow Jones Secretary, W. Belton D.C., W. A. Powell S.D., Arthur Joyce J.D., T. T. Chubb I.G., W. C. Joyce and W. Adams Stewards, Thomas Evans Tyler, Barrow Jones Almoner, and William Baxter Charity Representative. After the transaction of the remaining business, the members and visitors went to the Fox and Goose Hotel, where a banquet had been provided. About seventy of the brethren sat down, the W.M. elect being in the chair.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1024.

THE annual installation ceremony, which took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., had been looked forward to with more than ordinary interest by the Masonic fraternity, not only in Maldon, but in all parts of the Province of Essex, owing to the fact that the W.M. elect was no less a personage than his Worship the Mayor of Maldon, Bro. Joseph Sadler, and that the Provincial Grand Master of Essex Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., had signified his intention of honouring the Lodge by his presence on the auspicious occasion. Lodge was opened at 3·30 p.m. by Bro. Arthur Barritt W.M., who afterwards, in a most impressive manner, performed the installation ceremony. The spacious Lodge room was crowded, among the Visitors being Bros. Lord Brook, M.P., H. J. Ward 650, W. H. Scarlett 1799, F. J. Motum 697, H. Harper 160, F. Quilter 51, J. F. Wiseman 160, A. Buck 453, P. S. Buck 1702, W. H. Saunders 1503, G. A. Eustace 1977, John G. Renshaw 697, W. Langham 276, Rev. E. H. Crate 697, T. J. Ralling, H. J. Skingley 697, W. E. Sutton 1799, W. A. Rigden 160, Jas. Holt 1977, Thomas Sadler 25, E. A. Basham 1977, W. Strut 1977, M. W. Mead 1977, and Arthur Gibbs 1678. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Sadler, having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Arthur Barritt I.P.M., W. Gower S.W., C. Dibben J.W., W. Clover S.D., C. R. Finch J.D., C. R. Gowers I.G., C. F. Rush Organist, F. H. Bright and W. Howard Flanders Stewards, Rev. E. R. Horwood Chaplain, H. J. Sansom Treasurer, F. Geo. Green Secretary, George Huxtable Tyler. The W.M. was elected as representative on the Essex Charity Committee. Subsequently the brethren, numbering over 50, sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the King's Head Hotel; the W.M., Bro. Joseph Sadler, presided, having Lord Brooke on his right.

HIGH PEAK LODGE, No. 1952.

ON the 10th inst. the annual festival and installation ceremony took place, in the Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, when there was a large gathering of the Craft from Buxton, Glossop, Chapel-en-le-Frith, New Mills, and other places. Bro. John Hallam was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. E. Jones and J. Lingard, and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Major Lingard I.P.M., J. St. Leger S.W., Dr. W. S. Anderson J.W., Rev. W. P. Stamper Chaplain, J. Broadhurst S.D., E. Walker J.D., W. Ward I.G., R. H. Hyde Treasurer, James Whitehead Secretary, R. Longden Tyler.

STRIGUEL LODGE, No. 2186.

ON Wednesday, the 29th ult., Brother Alexander Miller was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony taking place in the new Masonic Hall, Nelson-street, Chepstow. The installation was performed by Brother G. Yockney. The newly installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. C. W. Wualley S.W., C. J. Lindham J.W., Rev. Watkin Davis Chaplain, A. Price Treasurer, W. T. Garrett Secretary, J. A. Miller S.D., T. S. Davis J.D., S. Callaghan D.C., J. S. Evans I.G., A. E. Kingsford Organist, T. Coombs Tyler. There was a large number of distinguished brethren present, including Bros. Colonel Lyne P.G.M., Captain S. G Homfray D.P.G.M., George Higgins P.M. 457, &c. After the installation was over 50 of the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Beaufort hotel, provided by Hostess Garrett. The W.M. presided, being supported by his officers and the distinguished brethren present.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

AN ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present:—Bros. James Thom W.M., W. A. Scurrah I.P.M. and Secretary, Fraser S.W., A. H. Scurrah J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, G. H. Lewis S.D., A. A. Nottingham J.D., W. Langley I.G., A. J. Hearne D.C., E. W. Wheeler Organist, W. B. Parsons A.D.C., F. W. Hearne Assistant Organist, C. H. Watts A.W.S., Whiting Tyler, and a full muster of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. King and Davies, candidates for passing, answered the usual questions and were entrusted. Lodge was then advanced and Bros. King and Davies were duly passed to the degree of F.C. The brethren then proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, Brother Fraser, the S.W., being unanimously chosen to fill the office. The W.M. elect thanked the brethren in suitable terms for the high honour they had conferred upon him. Bros. Stiles and Whiting were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bros. King, Davies, and Hudson were appointed members of the Audit Committee. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. There being no further business the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren subsequently assembled at the banquet table, which Host Warner had furnished in capital style, worthily sustaining the reputation of the Old Welsh Harp. The usual toasts were duly honoured and responded to. The Hendon Lodge is well provided with musical talent, and several songs and recitations were given, which were much enjoyed by the members and visitors. The brethren separated at an early hour. The installation of the W.M. elect takes place on the second Saturday in September. The Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday at the Old Welsh Harp, at 8·30; visitors will be heartily welcomed.

Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743.—At the meeting on Monday, the 27th May, at the Old Cheshire Cheese, Addle-street, E.C., Bros. C. G. Sparrow W.M., J. L. Mather S.W., Park J.W., Coxon S.D., Martindale I.G. This was the last meeting before the recess, and at the special request of the brethren, Bro. C. G. Sparrow P.M. 1743 (Secretary of the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction) occupied the chair. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lloyd acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board. In accordance with the Bye-laws, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until the first Monday in September, when it is hoped a goodly muster of the brethren will attend.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. Brett P.G.P., Bolton, Masters, Daniell, Cotter, Smith, Fairchild, Hubbert, West, Lacey, Berry, Daniel, Perryman P.G.P., Strugnell, Kempton, Stedwell, Perceval, Dr. Mickley, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Haslip, Mead, Webb, Tattershall, Durrant, Dixon, Hobbs, Cumberland, Money, Newton, Bullen, Purchas, Making, Maudslay P.G.D., Scurrah, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary read a list of the Committee of Management for the year, and reported the death of two male and one widow annuitants. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the receipt of cheques, for £29 5s from Brother Sir J. B. Monckton, in respect of the John Hervey Memorial Fund, for distribution amongst four highest unsuccessful candidates (two men and two widows), and Brother Thomas Fenn on behalf of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, for £10, for division between the next highest unsuccessful candidates, was reported. Thanks to Sir J. B. Monckton and the Emulation Lodge for the remittances were unanimously passed. Bros. Tattershall, Murlis, Hogard, Brooks and Lacey were re-elected to serve as a Finance Committee for the ensuing year; and Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and J. Newton were re elected as the House Committee. It was resolved that the Summer Entertainment to the residents of the Institution at Croydon should be arranged for by the House Committee, the cost to be defrayed by the Institution. Eight petitions (five male and three female) were duly considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for the election in May 1890. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The House and Audit Committees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls seem to be alive to the exigencies of the situation in which their confrères of the companion School are placed. On Wednesday a joint conference was held, with a view to see what changes may be effected that will advantage the Institution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Friday next, the 21st instant. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5·30, and a banquet will be served at 6·30 o'clock. Further particulars will be found in our Advertisement columns.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Free masonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

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Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 3rd July next.

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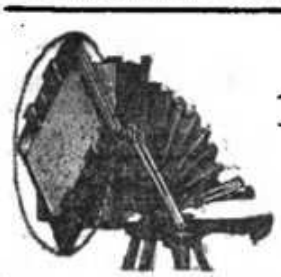
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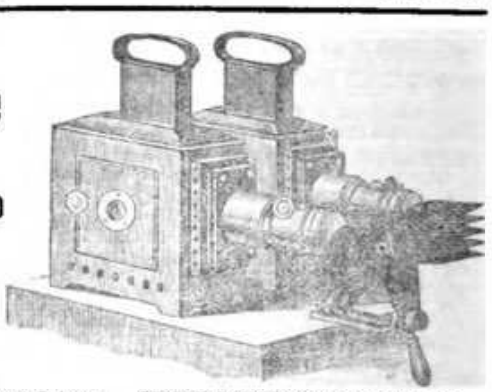
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The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Friday, the 21st June 1889, when all the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are *summoned* to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5·30 o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective ranks (Masonic mourning).

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,
WM. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. P.P.G.S.W., &c.
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

108 Fenchurch Street, E.C.
7th June 1889.

Banquet at 6·30 o'clock.
Dinner Tickets £1 each (Including wine).

Brethren intending to be present at the banquet should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary, on or before 18th June.

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Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the TOWN HALL, Twickenham, on Saturday, 29th June, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

30 Hardley Cresent, Earl's Court, London, S.W., 15th June 1889.

N.B.—The Town Hall is in the centre of the Town.

Banquet at the Town Hall at 5·30. (Cold). Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a remittance) to the Prov. G. Secretary on or before 26th June, otherwise it will be impossible to make satisfactory arrangements, and in order to secure the comfort of those brethren who have obtained tickets, none can be issued after that date.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I extremely regret I was not able to be present at the meeting on the 6th instant. From what I have read and heard, I fear that on that occasion any appeal to the sense of justice of the meeting, or any defence of the House Committee of 1888-9 would have received scant hearing. It is impossible, in any letter that I could expect you to print, to go into one-tenth of the points raised by the Report of the Committee of Inquiry. Still, with your permission I propose to touch upon some few of the most important matters therein advanced.

We, the House Committee of 1888-9, are blamed for the sins of omission and commission of all our predecessors, while no praise is given us for what we and they have effected in the last few years. The improved educational tests and discipline in the School, the establishment of a New Hall and Preparatory School, the improved heating, &c., are all passed by without a sign of recognition.

It is well the Craft should understand that, owing to the fact the members of the House Committee are engaged in business, and that the Inquiry Committee naturally consulted their own convenience as to the time of sittings, it so happened that more than one witness gave his evidence in the absence of any representative of the House Committee. The Secretary appeared for himself. It would, therefore, have been fairer and more in keeping with ordinary justice if, when I offered, on behalf of the House Committee, to give any explanation or information on any point the Inquiry Committee might wish for, that questions should have been put to me on all the points on which they have reported so strongly against us and our predecessors. Most confidential communications, respecting the future government of the Institution, passed at that interview, no reporter being present during a great part of the time. Had any hint been given me that censure would be attached to any member of the House Committee, past or present, I should have asked for time to produce evidence to rebut the charges now fulminated against us. Unfortunately, I was completely deceived; and, at the next meeting of the House Committee, I stated that no charge had been formulated against us by the Inquiry Committee. The few notes that were taken will show that I was justified in so believing. I may therefore claim to deal as shortly as I can with the most important among the many points raised.

1st. The Inquiry Committee state (Report, p 17, par. 3) that "our conduct in dismissing all the Assistant Masters at once, in June 1887, subjected the discipline of the School to a severe strain." Now, on p 18, par. 6, they state that, "The Masters who inflicted corporal punishment, against the rules, were dismissed, and the rules are now adhered to." They forget to state that several of the Masters the House Committee dismissed (as mentioned on p 17) were those who broke through such rules. They consequently blame us and praise us for the same thing. We supported the Head Master in the dismissal of three of these, but we found that others he did not dismiss had also broken through the School Regulations. We applied an equal measure to all. That we were right is proved by the admission of the Head Master—"that he never had so good a body of Assistant Masters as he has now, and that the discipline of the School has much improved since they came."

2nd We are accused of being a "one man" Committee. This is not complimentary; in fact it is equivalent to saying of a barrister that his clerk writes his opinions. One telling instance to the contrary can be deduced in the calling into existence of the Inquiry Committee itself. This, although it is not mentioned in the Report, was brought about by a resolution proposed by me, on behalf of the House Committee. There were differences of opinion in our Committee, and the Secretary was appealed to on several of the points raised. The Secretary thereupon gave his opinion, and though that coincided with the adverse views previously expressed, yet the proposal was carried. Had the "one-man" prevailed, the Inquiry Committee would never in all probability have been called into existence. Not one instance of the House Committee allowing their opinions to be over-ruled has ever been proved.

3rd. The great "vermin" question (Report, page 21, paragraph 1), "We had evidences of neglected heads—cases of vermin." As I read the evidence, only two cases are suggested. It is difficult to say what number of cases the evidence refers to, inasmuch as no witness could give any time, date, or name of boy affected, nor was any boy produced who suffered, so it was impossible to test this evidence.

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The Masters (two) who said they detected the cases were among those dismissed by the House Committee. Until the Inquiry Committee sat, the House Committee had not heard a word of any such thing happening. It was every Assistant's duty, if he saw such a thing, to at once communicate with the Head Master. These dismissed Masters never pretended that they had said a word to him, and the Head Master denied that he knew of any such cases.

The first Master called, after he had made his statement, was interrogated by me. After a question or two he showed such a malignant feeling against the House Committee that the Inquiry Committee told me I need not ask another question, and that his evidence "was unreliable," and "should be struck out." I did not ask another question, and the witness left the room. Now comes the curious part of this case. This "struck out" evidence appears in full in the transcript of the shorthand writer's notes, without any comment to show that it was struck out, and it is clear that this "struck out" evidence was used in preparing the Report.

On the other hand,—no boys in the School, the Head Master, the Matron, the Steward, the members of the House and Audit Committees, the Secretary, the Surgeon, the Hon. Surgeon Oculist, the hairdresser and his assistants ever saw such a case.

The next witness on this point was also a Master. The "vermin" case, therefore, as reported upon against the House Committee, depends upon the evidence of one dismissed Master, which was ordered to be struck out, and of one other dismissed Master. Both these were examined by the House Committee, "before their services were dispensed with," and the then unanimous conclusion arrived at was, that any statement of theirs was absolutely unreliable. The Inquiry Committee agree with us as to the "unreliability" of one witness; we now ask the Craft to agree with us as to the other, and we call upon our brethren to conclude that the Inquiry Committee have committed an error of judgment in lending the weight of their authority to this unfounded stigma upon our boys and the Institution.

4th. The Inquiry Committee report (page 21, par. 6) that though many complaints were made about the bad heating of the school-room, "nothing was actually done until July 1887." Let the Craft compare with this assertion the following accounts (laid before the Inquiry Committee) of monies actually expended in improving the heating apparatus during the time that "nothing was done." Up to 1884 about £2000 had been spent upon the heating apparatus. In 1884 we spent £136, and in 1885 £468. In 1886 we spent £300. Again, it was known to everybody concerned that the old boiler power was weak and worn out, and that until the new boilers for the new School and Laundry could be put in, the system of warming the School, &c., could not be perfected. This was accomplished, in 1888, at a final expenditure of £374. And yet it is asserted "that nothing was done up to 1887." Moreover, these amounts do not include the sum of £1700 expended with the same object in connection with the New Buildings.

5th. As to the bad sight prevalent among the boys. Complaint was brought to the House Committee on this subject, and immediately we heard of this the Medical Officer was instructed to make inquiries and report to the House Committee. This was done, and then new lights were put in, and in some of the rooms the lights were lowered. The boys complained that this caused great heat to their heads. I may add, further efforts were under consideration.

But a most damaging and erroneous statement has been circulated in the Report, which has been brought before the notice of the Inquiry Committee in a letter of our Treasurer, a fortnight ago, but to which no answer has been vouchsafed. The Report asserts (p 14, par. 2) "that the Hon. Surgeon Oculist told us that double the ordinary per centage of defective sight occurs among the pupils." During the last few days I have been obliged to consult Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg professionally, and I learnt that this assertion of the Committee had "astonished him." As he allows me to refer to his evidence given to the Inquiry Committee, I will quote what he did say:—

Question:—There was a larger per centage (of short sight) than you would expect in boys in such a school?

Answer:—Just so; but the shortness of sight was not a bigger per centage than we get in such like schools, and in Germany it is double what we get in England.

He explains the amount of bad sight prevalent as partly due to constitutional causes, to which causes he more especially refers.

I have now examined cases which show, 1st, that some of the Inquiry Committee's conclusions are negatived by convincing proofs; 2nd, in other cases their conclusions have been founded upon rotten and tainted evidence, contradicted by all who could testify to facts; 3rd, in others assertions are contradicted by documentary evidence; and 4th, in another case the authority they quote in support of their conclusion directly negatives that conclusion.

One word as to the bathing arrangements. The Head Master should have seen that the boys had their baths in divisions, on different nights, and then there would have been plenty of water for all.

So much for the past. As to the future—in my opinion, expressed to the House Committee and others—that if the Inquiry Committee did their duty they would report in favour of an expenditure approaching £10,000 to bring the Institution up to modern requirements. They have done so, and more, inasmuch as their recommendations will, unquestionably, in addition to this capital sum, entail an increased annual outlay of some £400.

The House Committee have, for a long time, considered the necessities referred to, and are glad to find that their views have been generally accepted by the Inquiry Committee.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. F. Godson.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the 25th ultimo you were good enough to insert—though in a "maimed" fashion—a communication from me. May I again trouble you?

"'Old' Binckes is to go!" everybody says this; so, it must be true. Yet, I ask—Why, why; why? Has he committed "Forgery?" Is he worn out? Or, has he lost interest in his work?

He has laboured for us, consistently, for nearly thirty years—have we already had too much of him? Or is it to "new blood" that we must look for success in the future?

Oh! that horrid cockroach in the bread.

Oh! the dreadfully unsatisfactory condition of the meat.

Poor half-starved, over-worked boys.

Head Master,—So curbed he cannot govern the unruly element.

Inhuman House Steward,—Likes flowers, does he? The villain.

Secretary,—Monarch of all he surveys. Crush him!

I would suggest, in the words of a popular author,—"All's a muddle."

Yours fraternally,

A LOOKER ON.

[We recognise our correspondent as a staunch supporter of the Masonic Institutions, but while we plead guilty to the "maiming" he refers to, he must pardon us if we exercise our prerogative and occasionally use the "curb" over his utterances.—ED. F.C.]

The following Circular has been sent out to the members of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928:—

93 Chancery Lane, W.C.
15th June 1889.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You are aware that I have undertaken the office of Steward to represent our Lodge at the forthcoming Festival which will celebrate the completion of the ninety-first year of the existence of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This Festival will be held at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, on Wednesday, 3rd July, when Very Worshipful Brother Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Hants and Isle of Wight, Patron of the Institution, and of the Girls' School, and of the Benevolent Institution, will preside, and dinner will be on the table at six o'clock. Ladies will dine with the brethren on the occasion.

I am anxious—very anxious—to take up to that Festival as large a total as possible on my list, knowing from a personal experience of a quarter of a century the extreme value of the Institution, and, I may add, its extreme wants. My interest in it has never faltered since I first became acquainted with it, and I rely upon the Brethren of the Gallery Lodge, who may not know so well as I do its merits, to take upon trust, from a Brother who has always received from them the utmost confidence, the assurance that whatever amount they may please to honour him with will be applied towards advancing the best interests of a charity which has not only done much good work in the past, but is destined to take a far higher place in the immediate future as an educational establishment, and as a home for the sons of Freemasons, than ever it has attained before.

I enclose for your careful perusal some particulars which are issued from the office of the Institution, and I shall be happy to receive your name as a contributor to my list.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

H. MASSEY,
P.M. 619, P.M. and Treasurer 1928.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset and the various Lodges in the Province will go into mourning for six months in memory of the late Bro. Brigadier-General Adair P.P.G.M., and the late Bro. Sumner Toms P.G.J.W.

The s.s. "Herald," which now runs twice a-week, on Tuesday and Saturday, from Blackwall to Boulogne, offers a pleasant and economical means of visiting the Paris Exhibition and other attractions on the Continent, and we anticipate it being well patronised during the present season. A call is made on each journey at Margate, and the fares charged are so moderate that, for this service alone, we imagine the accommodation of the vessel will be taxed to the utmost. The command is entrusted to an experienced seaman, while one of the most enthusiastic brethren of the metropolis is interested in the venture, which on this account alone should recommend itself to the general body of the Craft. A list of the fares and other particulars will be found among our advertisements.

Obituary.

BRO. CAPT. W. H. FIELD.

THIS worthy brother, who was a member of Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, and of the Royal Savoy, No. 1744, departed this life on the 31st ultimo. At his funeral, which took place at Brompton Cemetery, a number of Brethren and personal friends and comrades assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to a kind and genial companion. The proceedings were carried out with military honours.

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MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held in the Masonic Hall, at Grimsby, on Thursday, the 6th instant. The Right Worshipful Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.L., Provincial Grand Master, was present, and was supported by a very large number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers. Every Lodge in the Province was represented, about 260 brethren being present. The statements of the Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, the P.G. Registrar Bro. H. Watson, the P.G. Secretary Bro. P. Vickers, and the P.G. Steward Bro. H. E. Cousens, having been received, the Grand Master announced that the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. Major E. Loocock, whose failing health compelled him to relinquish the duties. He had intended investing Bro. Sissons with the office, but a family bereavement had rendered that impossible, and he had therefore selected Bro. James Fowler as his Deputy. Bro. J. Fowler, having been duly installed into the office, was presented with the hearty good wishes of all the Lodges in the Province. It was resolved to present Bro. H. E. Cousens with a jewel, in recognition of his services as Charity Steward during a period of two years. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt was re-elected Treasurer. It was decided that the Girls' Institution should be the Charity to receive the support of the Province during the year, and Bro. H. T. Bellamy and Bro. J. Ward were elected Stewards. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year. It was announced that Provincial Grand Lodge would next year be held at Sutton Bridge. The Lodge was opened and closed by Bro. J. B. Morton W.M. and the Officers of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, who entertained the visiting brethren in a most hospitable manner. By the permission of the Provincial Grand Master the brethren were subsequently grouped and photographed in their Masonic clothing. The usual banquet took place in the Town Hall, 178 brethren being present.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—The nautical drama by Henry Byatt, entitled "True Heart," has proved a success. We need not wonder at this, the piece is a good one of its kind and deals with exciting events. These are well put together, and with the excellent comedy parts supplied the work cannot fail to amuse and interest an audience. The author has not found much that is new to build his plot upon; the villain has everything his own way, except when he desires to get rid of the heroine. She, with the help of a brave skipper lover, and the help of her mother, manages to brave the troubles heaped upon her by the enemy. Such items as a woman falling from a balcony, drugged champagne, with a shipwreck and rescue by the lifeboat, are happily brought in, with result that the hero and heroine are eventually made happy and the villain defeated. The balcony scene is effective, but puts us in mind of the scaffold scene in "Drink," while the lifeboat business is capitally managed, under the direction of Mr. Richard Douglass. When the company get into better order, and work closer, this scene should prove very effective, but on the first night it was marred by lack of vigour. The company is all that can be desired, and each individual does credit to the author. Mr. Leonard Boyne makes a brave skipper of the barque "True Heart," while in the love scenes he is in his element. Mr. Bassett Roe presents the villain who causes so much trouble to the young couple, and he does his work well; while Mr. Julian Cross also scores as a rascally marine store dealer. Mr. Yorke Stephens has a part that suits him—a kind of Mr. Barnes of New York—and his "repose" denotes careful study. A very objectionable task is cleverly got through by Mr. H. H. Morell, while other parts are splendidly played by Mr. E. W. Garden and Miss Helen Leyton. Miss Grace Hawthorne, as the heroine, makes the most of her opportunities in the more serious parts; she is seen to best advantage, however, in the love scenes. Mrs. Frank Hoatley has but a small part, but, as usual, enacts it creditably. Excellent scenery has been painted by Messrs. Bruce Smith and Richard C. Durant. We hear the piece now runs much closer, and during the week has secured popularity. It deserves to do so for some time to come.

Novelty.—A great deal has been, and doubtless will be written on Mr. William Archer's translation of Henrik Ibsen's play, "A Doll's House." That it will hardly suit the present taste of playgoers we are ready to admit, but now the management has decided to keep the piece on for another fortnight, we advise our readers to see it. The moral of the play is hardly likely to become a popular one, while the idea of the wife giving up both husband and children because she has deceived her husband, who does not shield, but, on the contrary, upbraids her, is hardly true to nature. Still these faults are not to be attributed to Mr. Archer; he has simply translated the work. It is in three acts, and from start to finish is interesting. The quarrel is worked up to in masterly fashion, and makes one anxious to know the end. Still, when the play is over, the audience leave with an unpleasant feeling, and the reflection suggests itself could a mother be found who would leave her home as does Nora Helmer in this case? What is the all-important cause? True, it was brought about by her, and with the husband's honour at stake, one can easily conceive him being annoyed. When he learns the secret is safe he is willing to forgive, but this his wife will not listen to. The skill shown by the interpreters of the piece is of the highest order. Miss Achurch, as the wife, in the earlier scenes is capital, and when trouble comes to her she rises to the situation admirably. This portraiture will advance her a rung on the ladder of Fame. Mr. Royce Carleton's villain is another sterling piece of acting, carefully studied and well brought out. Mr. Herbert Waring makes the husband an interesting character, one much to be pitied; and his last scene is especially good. Mr. Charles Charrington realizes the peculiarities of an old doctor with marked success; while Miss Gertrude Warden is painstaking with the small part that has been allotted her. We conclude by saying "A Doll's House" is worth seeing.

Shaftesbury.—The new lessees of this theatre have preferred the prudent policy of presenting to the public an assured success to the bolder policy of putting on the boards a new play, and the enthusiastic applause which greeted Mr. Willard on his first appearance, and at every suitable opportunity during the play, as also at the conclusion, showed that the lessees were not mistaken in their opinion as to the drawing powers of the late Sir Charles Young's drama, "Jim the Penman." The play is too well known to need description or criticism. The same may almost be said of Mr. Willard's impersonation of James Ralston the Forger. It is a masterly performance, and not less so when the actor is compelled to be silent as when it is his province to speak. It says a great deal for Mr. Willard's art that although Ralston began his successful career by ruining a friend and depriving him of his intended wife, and ends by thieving his future son-in-law's diamonds, and is, in fact, a thorough-paced blackguard, yet the prevailing note is one of pity for a hunted, conscience-stricken man, whose every gesture reveals the depth of his mental anguish. The present writer had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Willard on his first appearance in London, when he supported Miss Helen Barry at the ill-starred Imperial Theatre. His acting then gave promise of a successful career, and he has more than justified the impression he made. To return to the play. The honours of the performance were shared with Mr. Willard by Lady Monckton, who repeats her impersonation of the forger's tortured wife. This is Lady Monckton's best part, if we may except her acting at the Opera Comique, when she almost saved Mr. Tristram's unfortunate play from being laughed off the stage. Miss Henrietta Lindley adequately resumes the rôle of Lady Dunscombe. For the rest the cast is new. Mr. Mackintosh takes Mr. Beerbohm Tree's part of Baron Hartfeld, but gives an independent reading of it, and presents the Baron as a Dutch Jew. Mr. Mackintosh acted well, but suffers by comparison with Mr. Tree. Mr. Herbert is not yet quite at home as Lewis Percival. Mr. Elwood as Captain Redwood, Mr. Fred Terry as Lord Drelincourt, Mr. Crofton as George, Ralston's son, Mr. Keith as Dr. Pettywise, Mr. Watson as Dr. Netherby, M.P., Mr. Blatchley as Mr. Chepstow, Q.C., and Mr. Rimbault as a servant were adequate exponents of the parts allotted to them. Mr. Fred Terry, perhaps, deserves special recognition, and there is a future before him if he will but seize his opportunities. Mrs. Brooke as Mrs. Chepstow, a lady as inquisitive as her husband is loquacious, and Miss Mabel Hardinge as Agnes, Ralston's daughter, who did her love making prettily and without affectation, completed an adequate cast. Mr. Willard, in returning thanks at the end of the performance, promised the production of new plays by popular authors. One of these may be a social study by Mr. H. A. Jones. But as far as one can judge from first night appearances a new play will not be needed yet awhile.

Gaiety.—Cordial support continues to be extended towards the French company now in possession of the boards of this theatre, and, in spite of the present changeable weather, the house shows each evening those appearances so devoutly wished for by the managers. Playing in a different piece each evening must be very trying to the performers, but no sign of slowness or inaccuracy is perceptible, and each play is presented as smoothly as though it had been some time in rehearsal. Although comedy forms the principal portion of the programme, it is exhibited in various phases. Thus, in sequence, we have had "Les Précieuses Ridicules," "L'Etrangére," "L'Aventuriere," "Les Surprises du Divorce," and the dramas "La Dame aux Camelias" and "Denise." In each of these plays Madame Jane Hading and M. Coquelin sustain the principal characters, and though several of them are widely different in thought and action the spectator still enjoys with satisfaction a perfect presentment of the authors' ideas. Several of the pieces have been adapted to the English stage, and it is interesting to note the different conceptions of the personages from a French and English point of view. We may add that for the benefit of those of the audience whose French is rusty, an admirable translation of each piece is obtainable at the theatre.

We dropped in here on Tuesday evening to see M. Coquelin play the rôle of M. Perrichon in M. Labiche's comedy, "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon." There was some discontent at the long waits between the acts, but this was unreasonable considering the elaborate nature of the scenery. But for this the play went merrily enough, and M. Coquelin, as M. Perrichon, kept the audience amused from beginning to end. The plot of the play is somewhat thin. M. Perrichon's daughter has two lovers, and prefers the one whom her father through a misunderstanding dislikes. But all comes right in the end. Those who wish to see an exemplification of the statement that the highest art is to conceal art should go and see M. Coquelin.

"Æsop's Fables," by J. P. Hurst, will be produced at the Strand, on Wednesday evening next, with Mr. W. S. Penley in the cast.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held at Tewkesbury, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. It was attended by nearly one hundred and fifty of the principal Freemasons of the province. A banquet followed.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 15th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1375—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1384—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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
468—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfeld, Todmorden
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow
M.M. 354—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 17th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8 (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, Ganden 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.)
1595—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.)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
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. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Falcon 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
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
672—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1338—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 18th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (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, Mona Hotel, Hanover-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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—Connect, 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.)
1733—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 Instruction, 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. 1385—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

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
445—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
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. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th 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 (Inst)
533—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.)
885—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
972—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
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, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, 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)
2230—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)
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Canbatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Rawtenstall
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lenton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
591—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
760—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1441—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsham, Sussex
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Rawtenstall
1698—Browning, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1882—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Ryhope
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Empress Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawdsley, St. Ann's Buildings, Barnstaple, N. Wales
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Preston
R.A. 324—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Ryde
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 817—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1397—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

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THURSDAY, 20th JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 9. (Instruction)
1237—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
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)
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)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1990—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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, Buralem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
269—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1330—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1383—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1537—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 21st JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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)
786—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)
1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beaconcree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1395—Royal Standard, Builders 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)
1643—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. 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. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
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, E.C.

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
483—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
995—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)
2005—Brooke Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 82—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 22nd 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instructi n)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

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THE COMING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

NEVER has the result of one of the Annual Charity Celebrations of Freemasonry been looked forward to with greater anxiety than is the case at the present time, in connection with the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is fixed to take place on Wednesday week, the 3rd July. It is quite unnecessary to tell our readers, or for matter of that to tell any one just now, that the Institution is passing through a most severe ordeal, for the general as well as the Masonic press has made frequent reference to the matter during the past few weeks. Suffice it to say its management has been inquired into, its organization has been scrutinized, and its general efficiency has been investigated. An unfavourable report has been issued by the Committee appointed to conduct these examinations, and the report itself has led to such a torrent of bitterness and ill feeling as has, happily, been unknown in connection wich Masonic affairs for many years past, even if ever before the doings of the Craft called forth so much adverse criticism.

We do not propose to say much on the present occasion as to the justice or injustice of the Committee's report, but we believe it is becoming generally recognised that much more has been made of the verdict than was anticipated or intended by the Judges, and in the minds of many well able to form an opinion a reaction is already setting in—an opposition to the violent antagonism that was rife a few weeks ago, and which would have led its votaries anywhere and everywhere, provided it produced a change from existing arrangements. Things may be very bad, but they cannot be improved by making out they are worse than they really are, and some of the strongest among the objectors are beginning to ask themselves whether more advantages are certain to arise after the most severe and most radical of changes than are to be anticipated from a thorough and consistent reorganisation?

The Festival to be held on the 3rd of next month will, in a measure, set these doubts at rest, for on that occasion we shall have gathered together a large and influential body of Masons—men who are actual supporters of the Institution, and who, by their donations during the present year, have won for themselves the right of a first voice in its present management. But above all this, there is another and a far more important consideration:—On the result of the coming Festival may be said to hang the future of the Institution itself. A satisfactory Festival will restore confidence in the Charity, while an unsatisfactory one will give additional cause for anxiety among those who regard disagreement and strife as almost the worst surroundings possible to be met with. If next month's Festival shows a falling off as compared with previous years, those who are to be entrusted with the reorganization of the Institution will be doubly fettered, and it is not too much to say that success will be almost impossible on their part. No matter how the management may be reformed, or what new features may be introduced into the conduct of the Charity, the first work to be accomplished will be to find the funds to meet current expenses, and this is what is actually required from the Festival of next month. We have been told that the funds have been spent most extravagantly, but it will be some time before any appreciable difference in the outlay can be made apparent, no matter who undertakes the work of reformation, or how zealously they may work to secure economy. There is no getting over the fact that every boy in the Institution must cost a given sum to maintain, and if the average of the past has been a high one, that of the next year or two will not be materially lessened, for reforms of such a nature as are here deemed necessary are not capable of immediate adoption, much less productive of immediate benefit. Besides all this, the Craft will have to be very careful to convince themselves, before they make any change, that what they are about to attempt is certain, aye, even likely, to prove beneficial, for it is not every change that results satisfactorily, and with such an Institution as our Boys' School at stake, it will never do to make fresh and greater blunders in attempting to remedy existing ones, which, on mature, careful and impartial consideration, may turn out to be more apparent than real.

Then again, who are the men to whom is to be entrusted the work of reform? We already have a Provisional Committee, whose powers may be said to be supreme, but will they care to continue the work; or will it be possible to secure other competent men to take their place, if the Institution is in such a state as regards finances as to render it impossible for the management to carry out the reforms they propose, or devote the whole of their time to improvements, without being harassed to find the necessary funds to pay current expenses? The only real way to secure a speedy and satisfactory reform is to place the Institution in an easy position as regards funds, and then await the decision of the brethren who are now devoting their attention to the subject.

The Festival will take place at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, as we have said, on Wednesday, the 3rd July. The chair will be taken by Bro. Richard Eve, a Patron of the Institution, Past Grand Treasurer, and Past Grand Senior Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Those who remember the election of Bro. Eve to the office of Grand Treasurer of England will agree with us that he is a most popular man among his brother Masons, as the hundreds who on that occasion attended Grand Lodge and gave him their votes testified. He will be supported in this new office by many, if not all, who then supported him, while his occupancy of the Grand Treasurership has made him even more widely known

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and more generally appreciated. We shall look for a strong body of supporters being present from his Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, while, as he is almost equally well known in London, it is but reasonable to expect many of his Metropolitan friends will rally round him. Altogether, it may be said his prospects are most satisfactory, and we trust, for the sake of the Institution whose cause he is championing, as well as on his own account, that the result of his appeal will be a grand addition to the funds of the Institution.

The Alexandra Palace itself is well suited for the Festival, indeed we may say that its attractions are in many respects unrivalled. There is ample accommodation for a very large number in the banqueting saloon, more than are likely to attend on this particular occasion, while there are many other benefits to be met with here which are not to be found elsewhere. The management of the Palace are striving their utmost to make their part of the programme satisfactory, and have arranged for a special firework display for the occasion, while other novelties will be presented and attractive features introduced. The Palace is within easy distance of the metropolis, either by road or rail, and all that is wanted is a fine day to render the locale of the Festival all that can be desired. We must not forget the attractions of the Monkey Show, which will be open to the visitors on this occasion. We recently paid a visit to this exhibition, and afterwards learned, from a conversation with those in charge of the animals, much to interest us. It would seem the work of catering for this large family is in itself a Herculean task. We have recently heard that the food supplied to the Boys in the Masonic School close by the Palace was unsatisfactory as regards quality, but never a word of complaint came from the boys. The large family of monkeys at the Alexandra Palace are not so considerate, for if the "underdone mutton chop and glass of old port" prescribed for one of the company, or the afternoon cup of tea required for another, are not exactly as they should be, nothing is said, it is true, but the chop or liquid is flung with unerring aim at the head of the attendant. In this respect our "great ancestors" have the advantage, so to speak, over "more advanced members of the species," many of whom would, however, very much like to show their disapproval in a similar way, only that it would be regarded as a return to savage ways, and would go far to support the conclusions of Darwin and his followers.

Having devoted thus much of our space to the coming Festival we may once again refer to the special features which surround it. The Institution on whose behalf it is to be held is just now under a cloud, and if an exceptionally good return of subscriptions is announced much of the trouble will be at once dispelled; if, on the other hand, a meagre amount is the result, then the action of those to be entrusted with the work of reform will be so hampered as to almost prevent anything like agreement resulting. We hope therefore that all will end satisfactorily, and that the future of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will amply repay those who are working on behalf of its Ninety-first Anniversary Festival.

We should have said that the number of Stewards already enrolled on the list is upwards of three hundred, a goodly number, it is true, but at the same time there is ample accommodation and need for many more, the names of whom will be thankfully received and their services fully appreciated.

It seems that the annuities, amounting to £155, which were voted by the Annuity Board of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, leave £345 for disposal by the board at its meeting next month. Applications for these have to be lodged not later than the 27th inst.

HISTORICAL RELATION OF FREEMASONRY TO ANCIENT EGYPT.

A Lecture delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, before Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., at a special meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 25th February 1889.

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PART THIRD.

IN searching the records of the ancient nations historians are greatly assisted in their labours by the Architectural remains, which are often found in good preservation long after the governments and people by whom they were constructed have become extinct. The advancement of architecture to the dignity of a science must be attributed to the Egyptians, at least until the records of some earlier nation can be found to disprove the material evidence still existing of Egypt's prior claims. Of course the primeval inhabitants of the earth sought shelter from the elements in some form of building.

Caves and rocks could not long have served the rapidly increasing population, the "rude hut" was soon followed by the dwelling filled with the improvements man's intelligence naturally suggested. Those advantages caused others to follow in their train. He soon claimed the right of "eminent domain," which in turn was assumed by the state. This brought into existence the science of Geometry, through which the landmarks securing to each individual the boundaries of his title became "sacred and inviolate."

This great principle, incorporated in the Mosaic law, was derived by Moses from the Egyptians. To preserve and transmit to posterity the evidence of their advancement in the art of building, was and is the aim of all civilised nations. Hence arose the several orders or styles peculiar to the foremost nations of antiquity—the Egyptian, the Assyrian, the Hebrew, the Grecian, and others not so distinctly marked as to establish a national type, but sufficient to afford the means of judging as to their high or low stage of civilisation. In most of the nations the exemplification of their religions appear to have been the reigning motives for which they built, consequently in temples dedicated to the worship of their deities they sought to perpetuate their religions. Not so in Egypt. "Life," said the Egyptian Philosopher, "is but a sleep; we shall not awake to our true existence in the kingdom of Osiris till the hour of our death."

Consistent with this idea, Egyptian constructors were great in tombs and monuments for the preservation of the bodies and memories of the dead.

"They call the habitations of the living 'places of sojourn,' since we occupy them but for a short time; but to the sepulchres of the dead they give the name of 'eternal abodes,' since men will live in the other world for an infinite period." True. Temples and churches abounded throughout the land, many of them grand specimens of Egyptian architecture, but not one of them remains intact; rows of columns, heaps of ruins to fret the traveller, while the great monuments which entomb the dead are yet standing erect, imperishable, mute but eloquent witnesses to the Egyptian doctrine of the eternal existence.

The great fraternity whose disciples are assembled here this evening, also build material structures, wherein they congregate around their altars, and in appropriate ceremonies exemplify their doctrines, but not alone in Gothic piles or Grecian temples does Freemasonry seek to perpetuate her memories, but in the "spiritual building," designed by the grandest of all architects, which "without beginning and without end" will live for ever in her immortal truths.

In the preceeding remarks we have endeavoured to show the general relationship that existed between the Egyptian mysteries and speculative Masonry, and in concluding we shall briefly refer to some of the practical elements of the two systems, and their close resemblance. There is in Freemasonry, as in every system, society, association or fraternity, certain means of recognition, which are necessary to distinguish its members from the non-affiliated, and this fact holds good whether the society is a secret organisation or not, whether it is esoteric or exoteric, whether it is a mystery or open, written and published. Now, in Freemasonry these peculiar means of

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recognition are a part of the Landmarks of the Craft, not to be altered or disturbed, "sacred and inviolate." How they are to be given, taught and communicated is known to every Master Mason, and from whence some of those Landmarks were derived is a legitimate subject in connection with Ancient Craft Masonry and Egyptology.

Two thousand and seven hundred years before the Christian era, there was erected at the entrance of the Temple of the god "Amun Ra," in the city of the Sun, in Egypt, two great pillars or obelisks representing the sun and the moon—Osiris and Isis.

"The term Obelisk is derived from the Latin *obeliscus*, a diminutive of the Greek word *obelus*, meaning literally a *spit*, to indicate the peculiar form of this species of monument."

There were many of these peculiar shaped monuments erected throughout the land of Egypt, which appears to have been the only nation of antiquity that adopted them. They were not built of successive layers of stones but consisted of a single shaft, generally of red granite. Of all the obelisks the largest and most beautiful was that of Karnac, at Thebes, cut by Queen Amensé, about B.C. 1760; it is a single shaft of the purest and most exquisitely polished syenite, in height about 90 feet, and in weight about 400 tons.

When we remember that those immense blocks of stone were transported hundreds of miles from the quarries to the place where they were erected, we must accord to those ancient craftsmen the credit of moving great weights and masses for distances beyond anything attempted by modern engineers. "The two Obelisks were of unequal size, the one representing Osiris, the sun, was the larger, and the smaller one the moon, Isis." Those pillars were always set in pairs before the entrance, or "in the outer porch of the Temple," and behind them over the doorway was a winged globe, surmounted with the head of an asp, the emblem of royalty. This symbol with the two obelisks, Osiris and Isis, "formed the trinity of the gods, the main feature in the Egyptian mysteries and foundation of their religion," and there they were always found, that impressive trinity, as landmarks to the initiated and subjects of admiration and wonder to the profane. You see them frequently in another form, the head and breasts of the woman, the body of the bull, the paws and tail of the dog, all compounded in the sphinx, one of the most significant and ingenious creations of the Egyptian priesthood, and it was found in the apex of the obelisk within a right angled triangle couchant before the corresponding deity; while upon all the obelisks this image was depicted either as it is here described or in hieroglyphical figures.

Those two obelisks had been erected to commemorate an astronomical event in connection with Egyptian history.

It was the time when the sun, moon and the dog-star all appeared in the heavens on the same day, two thousand seven hundred and eighty-two years before the Christian era, and it was called "the year of light."*

Once in the great cycle of 1461 years, those three orbs were seen shining in the firmament at the same time, and they were adorned as representing the power and majesty of the Being by whom they were created, and to whose glory they were dedicated. As upon all their monuments, and in the curious but significant ways of the ancient Egyptians, those obelisks were covered with hieroglyphical characters, and the people paid homage to the beings symbolised in those figures without knowing what they represented; it was a blind worship, prompted in part by that innate feeling which craves a deity, and it was also directed and encouraged by the initiated.

The priests and masters of the mysteries understood their meaning, but not the masses. It was all part of a system by which a few could direct the many, and by means of "words engraven upon stones" lead a community along "paths they had not known;" but in the direction of eternal truths, just as now, after the lapse of ages, a comparatively few of the enlightened travel along the same road, teaching and illustrating the same doctrines.

In the progress of time centuries rolled on, nations rose and fell. The Israelites had broken the bonds that held them in subjection to their Egyptian task masters. The Pharoah "that knew not Joseph" had driven their chariots into the miry bed of the Red Sea, and the overwhelming flood had covered the pursuing hosts, while Israel went forth unharmed upon her sacred mission.

* Ward.

Beyond the Jordan amidst the hills of Palestine had risen a city which, if not as extensive or as popular as Memphis, or Thebes, or Heliopolis of ancient Egypt, yet, in the interesting associations that attend upon its foundation and are connected with its history, far excels them all. On one of the hills upon which was built this famous city was erected a temple, whose splendour and costly magnificence outshone all similar works that had preceded it. Before the entrance of this majestic temple, as before the entrance to the temple of "Amun Ra," stood two pillars or columns, one on the right hand and one on the left hand. "And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple; and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz." 1 Kings vii. 21.

The designer and builder of those pillars was a Phœnician, of the city of Tyre. He was a famous worker in metals and in stone, and was sent to Solomon by the King of Tyre to assist in the building of the temple.

The Phœnicians, one of the celebrated nations of antiquity, founders of great cities and the executors of grand architecture and engineering works, were indebted to the Egyptians for all they knew in science, mathematics and astronomy. To the Phœnicians have been assigned the art of writing, the origin of making glass, the science of Navigation; when in fact all those arts and sciences were known and practised in Egypt long before Phœnicia had seen the light of day, centuries anterior to the time when the man of Tyre—Hiram the builder, was born.

This skilful workman was an adept in all the knowledge necessary to constitute a great architect, and he must have been a member of those mystic associations that kept concealed, and only imparted to their initiates the explanation of those mathematical and geometrical problems such as the supporting powers of the arch, and its life giving principle, the Keystone; the manner of determining altitudes, the results of the studies of the ancient Egyptian philosophers, all of which was carefully concealed from the great mass of ignorant workmen, "hewers of wood and bearers of burdens." There were no mystic characters or monstrous figures engraved upon those brazen pillars: but the ornamentation was in keeping with the sacred building of which they formed one of the most striking adjuncts, and the great Phœnician had bestowed upon them the impress of his prolific genius. What those pillars represent to the Freemason is known to all present, and you cannot fail to comprehend the analogy between the obelisks that stood in front of the Egyptian sanctuary and the pillars erected by the man of Tyre before the temple dedicated to the great Jehovah. Nowhere is there to be found a more striking resemblance or such indisputable evidence of the derivation of Masonic exemplification from the ancient Egyptians than in those grand and massive columns; while the time and mode and place of their erection, the events they commemorated, the sacred character of the edifice in front of which they stood, formed at least a wonderful coincidence.

That they had the same significance, that they were to the initiated in the Egyptian Mysteries what the Boaz and Jachin are to the initiated in ancient Craft Masonry, is a reasonable and just deduction, and as the descendants of Noah received through him those sacred revelations for the preservation of which the Patriarch had been saved when all mankind sank beneath the waters of the deluge, so do we recognise in those majestic pillars, "that stood in the outer porch of King Solomen's Temple," the symbolism and strength and truth of an established faith, taught and believed and exemplified to-day in Freemasonry, as it was five thousand years ago in the esoteric mysteries of the ancient Egyptians.

My Brethren, in the strange and weird emblems so graphically depicted on the walls and columns of of this hall, in those geometrical figures we behold the signs and symbols of the religious faith held by a long extinct race, whose shadows are thus thrown across the intervening centuries down to this age of truth and enlightenment, and as we look upon these curious mementos of that singular people, we must recognize and acknowledge the affinities which bind the Freemasonry of to-day to those early workers of the Craft who, in the person of the great Hebrew leader, stood before the Pharoah of four thousand years ago and demanded the freedom of Israel, so that he might take them forth upon the journey leading to the hill of Zion.

The same bright orb, which to the Egyptians was born with each succeeding day, still shines upon those fertile

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plains, and the sacred river flows onward to the sea, as when Mizraim first pitched his tents upon its banks, and laid the foundations of a mighty nation; but all else is changed.

Let us for a moment turn back the page of history and look upon one of those great cities which in the days of Egypt's greatness stood in majestic splendour along the banks of the Nile. The wealth and civilization of the day had concentrated, as it does in our own times, all the improvements, comforts and luxuries that science so freely contributes to mankind. In the busy marts commerce flourished, the merchant sold his wares, the artizan plied his trade and the crowded streets were life and bustle and activity; while above them all went up the rush and roar of a great city. Statesmen and philosophers and priests wrestled and strove over creeds and theories and doctrines. Great temples reared their imposing fronts, tall monuments pierced the sky. Forth through an hundred gates the warrior led his hosts to battle and returned crowned with laurel wreaths of victory, his "thousand captives chained to his chariot wheels." Poets sang the great deeds of their country's history, and men predicted that those towers, walls and battlements would endure for ever. But the inevitable fate of all material structures has overtaken those grand monuments of Egyptian greatness.

> " * * * Time, war, flood and fire
> Have dealt upon the great city's pride
> Chaos and ruin! Who shall trace the void?
> O'er the dim fragments cast a lunar light,
> And say "here was, or is," where all is doubly night.

But if decay and ruin have come upon what was once the pride and glory of Egypt; if her temples have fallen, and even the very sight of her once great cities is unknown, and all those wondrous works, the "Colossi of Amenophis" and the stupendous Pyramids alone are standing, "serene and vigilant, still keeping their untired watch over the lapse of ages and the eclipse of Egypt"; if all else has passed into the unknown, there yet remains the doctrines of undying truth which time cannot touch, or storm or tempest shake, and they still exist, firm and unbroken to-day as in the times long gone by, when in the sanctuary of the old Egyptian temples the master taught and exemplified them to his initiates.

My brethren, God reigns, though Egypt dies; but Freemasonry lives. Upon her sacred altars throughout the world, wherever the beneficent teachings of this universal brotherhood have penetrated, the "Great Light" shines, and it shall continue to glow and burn for ages yet to come, even when the Pyramids, last vestiges of Egypt's greatness, have sunk into the deserts, and time merges into eternity.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE first volume of a new serial, entitled "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," and edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, having been lately published, we think a brief description of this new literary venture will be acceptable to our readers, and the more so, because the rich provision of materials included between its two covers wholly forbids our subjecting them to anything like a critical review in the current number of the CHRONICLE.

The publication, as its title imports, is composed, though not entirely, of Masonic Reprints. Part I. consists of Facsimiles and Transcripts of the "Masonic Poem," *MS., Bibl. Reg.* 17. *A. I.*; "Urbanitatis," *Cott. MS. Caligula, A. II., fol.* 88; and of "Instructions for a Parish Priest," *Cott. MS. Claudius A. II., fol.* 127—the press marks being in each case those of the British Museum.

Part II. comprises No. 51 of the "Plain Dealer,"—14th September 1724—containing an article on the Freemasons, and several letters alluding to the Gormogons, "An Ode to the Grand Khaibar," 1726; "A Defence of Masonry," originally printed in 1730; and "Bro. Euclid's Letter to Dr. Anderson," reprinted from the "New Book of Constitutions," 1738.

Part III. contains "A Commentary on the 'Masonic Poem,' 'Urbanitatis,' and 'Instructions to a Parish Priest,'" by Bro. R. F. Gould.

Lastly, there is an Appendix, presenting us with three carefully executed Maps, and a Glossary, all of which are the work of the Editor, Bro. G. W. Speth.

The reproduction, in facsimile, of the oldest document of the Craft, would of itself justify the issue of the handsome volume in which it appears, but the value of the publication is very sensibly enhanced by the attempt which is now made, strangely enough for the first time, to penetrate beneath the mythical colouring with which the earliest written traditions of Masonry are surrounded. This, as we are told by Bro. Gould, in his Commentary, is a portion of the task which he set himself to perform, and upon a future occasion we shall hope to lay before our readers the result of a fuller and more critical examination of the various positions which that Brother claims to have established, as well as a general review of the entire subject matter of the volume.

The present notice, however, cannot, in mere justice to Bro. G. W. Speth, be brought to a close without awarding the highest possible praise to his editorial supervision, the excellence of which is apparent on every page. Nor can we stop here, but must go on to say that his versatility in original work, as evidenced by the Appendix, leads us to hope that further examples of his skill as a draughtsman and philologist may be given to the readers of "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha" in future volumes of the series.

WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

ON the 29th ult. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., of York, gave a lecture to the above newly-formed society, in the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield; Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, presiding. There was a large assemblage of influential brethren. The originator of the society is Bro. J. Matthewman P.M. 1019, Prov. Assist. Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire, and Bro. T. W. Tew Prov. Grand Master is the President. The meeting having been opened with sundry formalities, the lecturer was introduced by the Chairman, in a complimentary manner. Bro. Whytehead then proceeded to give an address on the origin and objects of Speculative Freemasonry. In doing this he glanced at the earliest notices of Masonic gatherings, where persons were introduced as members who were in no way connected as operatives with the guilds. He traced this movement down to the period when the Four Lodges met in London, at the Appletree Tavern, noticed the several schisms that occurred, gave a brief sketch of the career of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, and finally related the story of the junction of the two remaining ruling bodies in 1813. During this sketch he spoke of the early Christian character of the Order, not finally lost until the union in the present century, the suggested origin of the various Christian Degrees, and the extraordinary spread of Freemasonry in modern days, reminding his audience that, after all, Freemasonry as now known was wholly derived from this country, and that any variation made by bodies since the first origin of the present Order about 1720, was no part of Ancient Freemasonry. Whatever existed in 1717 was justifiable if practised by those bodies who derived existence from England during the eighteenth century, and that, therefore, those Grand Lodges on the Continent who maintained the distinctly Christian character of the Order were not only within their rights, but were actually more orthodox than their later brethren who had eliminated all Church teaching. The Lecturer then went on to state what were the objects of the foundation of the Order in the early portion of the eighteenth century, showing that they were principally for charitable purposes of the highest kind, not merely for the collection and doling out of alms, but for mutual support and moral protection of the brethren. He then proceeded to indicate by what means the Freemasons could best preserve and uphold the intentions of the founders, and gave many hints as to the conduct of the Lodges, both during and after working hours. He advocated the advancement of Masonic teaching, urging that it was absurd for brethren to go aimlessly and parrot-like through the offices, unaware of the reasons for the existence of their Society, ignorant of its history, and looking upon it as a sort of mixed or Republican Club. He thought there was encouragement in the fact that so many Societies were being formed for the extension of Masonic knowledge, and instanced the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in London, and the Provincial Literary Societies springing up under the auspices of the Craft, as showing that the fraternity were no longer disposed to drift helplessly and rudderless along the tide of careless ritualism, but were becoming anxious to be able to render an account of the faith that was in them. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the speaker, and after some routine business the meeting was closed.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, has adjourned until the second Thursday of October.

Bros. Berridge and Driver, the architects for the alteration of the premises, lately Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, have received tenders ranging from £5,873 to £4,943. The lowest, that of Mr. Lawrence, has been accepted.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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APOLLO LODGE, No. 301.

THE installation of Bro. E. King, as Worshipful Master, took place at the Town Hall, Alcester, on the 12th instant. There was a fair attendance of brethren, including Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, Colonel Raikes, G. H. Fosbroke, C. E. Hobbes, T. Cox, Byrch, G. M. Fayreman, S. C. Smith, J. Sladden, J. F. Burke, G. Boyden, J. Smith, S. A. Gothard, E. Birch, Freer, Tolladay, &c. The installing Master was Bro. Fayerman, of Guy's Lodge, Leamington, the ceremony being very impressively performed by him. This is Bro. King's second year of office. After the charge the W.M. invested his Officers, the Senior and Junior Wardens being Bros. Byrch and Gothard. The Apollo Lodge is of considerable antiquity, having been consecrated in 1794, so that it will soon attain its Centenary. After the installation the brethren sat down to a choice banquet, at the Swan Hotel, the repast being admirably served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted in appropriate terms, and, in responding to his health, the W.M. expressed a hope that on the occasion of the Lodge's Centenary the position to which he had been re-invested that day would be taken by Bro. Lord Hertford. This hope was very cordially endorsed by the brethren present. A very pleasant evening was spent.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 325.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Fowey, Bro. A. Cossentine was installed into the chair for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. A. Collins, assisted by Bros. F. B. Williams, J. Doney, Dr. P. Davis. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. P. Davis I.P.M., Joseph M. Williams S.W., T. W. Perry J.W., J. A. Collins Treasurer, A. Davis Secretary, S. Davis M.O., C. Slade S.O., John Williams J.O., J. Mitchell S.D., W. J. Graham J.D., P. Giles I.G., J. T. Baker Registrar of Marks, W. J. Samble Dir. of Cers., J. Graham Tyler. After the business of the day the brethren adjourned to Bro. Joseph M. Williams's, Ye Olde Ship Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

ON Tuesday, the 18th inst., the usual monthly meeting was held at Hanley, where in addition to a large attendance of members there was a considerable muster of visitors from adjoining Lodges. During the evening Mr. T. Rusforth was ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. H. Windle, after which he, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bros. E. V. Greatbach and W. Tunnicliff with two Past Master's jewels. The presentation was a recognition of the services rendered by Bros. Greatbach and Tunnicliff in connection with the recent searching inquiry that has taken place as to the Masonic Boys' School, Wood Green, London, both these brethren having in a great measure been the prime movers in the matter. On the ribbon is an Etruscan vase in gold, on the shoulder is a broad band, on which is inscribed "Menturia, No. 418." The terminals of cover and foot being formed of the Acanthus leaf, on the obverse side of the jewel is a suitable inscription—viz.

"Presented to Wor. Bro. W. Tunnicliff, I.P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Craft in promoting and assisting in an Inquiry into the management of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, by the Brethren of Menturia Lodge, No. 418, June 1889."

The other jewel is similar, with Bro. Greatbach's name and rank in the Craft—viz.

"Presented to Wor. Bro. E. V. Greatbach P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, &c., &c."

Bro. H. Windle W.M. made the presentation, and addressing the brethren present said they all knew the deep interest Bros. Greatbach and Tunnicliff took in the various Masonic Charities. About four years ago Bro. Greatbach took an interest in gaining the admission of a boy into the Institution, and thereby became aware of what struck him as an improper expenditure of the funds, which caused him to examine the accounts, and since that time he has always urged the need of reformation in the management. When the recent Committee of Inquiry was proposed, Bro. Greatbatch pressed the importance of appointing thereon one-half from the Provinces, which was done. When the Committee was formed, Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff themselves gave evidence, and obtained many other witnesses from various parts of the country. They had devoted a considerable amount of time and labour in the investigation, with the result that it was found that the Institution was managed, or rather mismanaged in the most gross way; in fact, the revelations were a scandal. However, it was hoped that all this would be altered, and that in the future the Boys' School would be conducted properly and successfully, and if that result followed, the Menturia Lodge would have cause for congratulation on the action of their two zealous brethren. W. Bro. Bromley supplemented the remarks of the W.M., and said he felt proud that they had two brethren in the Lodge who were possessed of such indomitable pluck and courage as Bros. Tunnicliff and Greatbatch had evinced in the matter of the inquiry with regard to the Boys' School. They were entitled to the gratitude, not only of the brethren of the Menturia Lodge, but all the brethren in the country. Bro. Crapper, Bro. Robinson, and several visiting brethren also bore their testimony to the excellent and beneficial services rendered by Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff. The jewels were then fastened on the two brethren, who acknowledged the handsome gifts. Bro. Tunnicliff said the distinction of first attacking the gross mismanagement of the Boys' School belonged to Bro. Greatbatch. A sum of £14,000 a year was being expended in educating about 250 boys, and they also found that that money was not being made the best of. They had devoted a great amount of time and labour to the investigation, and they had the satisfaction that those labours had been successful in bringing about a different state of things in the future. Bro. Greatbatch also suitably returned thanks, and in doing so gave some interesting details with regard to the inquiry. He said their only object had been the welfare of the Institution, and to see that the large sums of money contributed annually by the brethren should be devoted for the purpose for which it was intended. He thought one result of the inquiry would be that in future they would be able to educate and provide for three boys, where they had only been able to educate two in the past. What they had done had been for the good of that best of all Masonic virtues—charity. A banquet followed, at which after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts and the health of the W.M. the health of Bros. Greatbatch and Tunnicliff was heartily drunk.

HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE, No. 764.

THE installation of a W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool, on the 18th inst., in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Henry Lamb, the W.M. elect being Bro. John Sinclair, who chose for his Officers Bros. H. Lamb I.P.M., W. Hodge S.W., W. B. Staveley J.W., T. Bower Chaplain, R. B. Harpley Treasurer, E. Hudson Dir. of Cers., J. Monkman Secretary, W. R. Harworth Organist, W. T. Ryan S.W., J. Lilly J.D., J. Mark I.G., W. B. Foxton S.S., L. Robson J.S., W. Atkinson Tyler.

CROXTETH UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 786.

THE ceremony of installation of Bro. W. Marwood as Worshipful Master and investment of Officers of this Lodge was performed in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on 12th inst., in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The Installing Officer was Bro. E. Sherwood, the brethren acting as presenting Officers being Bros. P. B. Denchar and C. Wise. The brethren invested for the ensuing year were Bros. W. W. Jones I.P.M., J. Chisholm S.W., R. Robertson J.W., F. J. Bailey P.M. P.P.G.R.D. M.C., E. Sherwood P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Sherwood Secretary, A. Cornett S.D., R. Wilson J.D., W. Hogarth Org., C. E. Percival I.G., G. S. Browne S.S., and H. H. Ragg J.S. A banquet was subsequently served, under the direction of Bro. Casey, the House Steward.

BEAUREPER LODGE, No. 787.

ON Thursday, the 13th ult., the anniversary meeting was held at the Public Hall, Belper, and was largely attended by brethren of the Derbyshire and neighbouring Provinces. Bro. C. W. Southern was installed W.M., and invested the following Officers:—Bros. F. Bennett I.P.M., J. Wheatcroft S.W., J. T. Lee J.W., E. A. Hillyard Chaplain, S. Stone Treasurer, F. Handley Secretary, W. Nesum S.D., J. Hunter J.D., E. J. H. Hoskyns D.C., W. W. Windle Organist, M. Hunter I.G. During the evening Bro. F. Bennett was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services. A banquet was afterwards held, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE celebration of St. John's Festival took place in the private rooms, Boroughgate, Otley, on Friday, the 14th inst., when the installation of Bro. William Weegman as Worshipful Master was proceeded with. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. H. Harrison, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. William Laycock. At the close the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren:—Bros. J. H. Payne I.P.M., W. H. Dawson S.W., Fred Cobley J.W., W. Laycock Treasurer, Phil. M. Slater Secretary, F. Barraclough S.D., J. Etchells J.D., T. Houlding D.C., W. H. Tetley Steward, H. Harrison I.G., A. Walker Organist, and J. Mason Tyler.

ARLECDON LODE, No. 1660.

ON Wednesday, the 5th instant, Bro. H. Hartley was installed as W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by Brother George Dalrymple, and after the installation Brothers R. C. Airey and G. Dalrymple were each presented with a Past Master's jewel, on the part of the members, by Bro. James Routledge. An excellent spread was provided at the close of the proceedings by the newly-installed Worshipful Master.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 12th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Plympton, to instal Bro. G. S. Strode Lowe S.W. as W.M. for the year ensuing. The installing Officers were—Bros. Hambly P.M. 1855, T. J. R. Chalice P.M. 1855, G. T. Goad P.M. 1855 and W. D. Stamp P.M. 1855, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. J. B. Skinner 1855, W. H. Lister 1855, John Lavers 1855, M. Tracy 2258 1847, John R. Lord 1247, S. Jew 105 2258, D. Cross 1208, W. H. Hearder 105, W. K. Michell 156, E. Davies 1099, C. H. Cooper 105, D. Box 156, G. H. Sellick 1550, W. H. Michell 156, W. Powell 1205, W. H. Hunt 1205, R. Dickson 1205, and James Gidley 2025. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Worshipful Master invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Martin I.P.M., J. D. Folley S.W., F. Hunt J.W., T. J. R. Chalice Treasurer, R. Hambly Secretary, J. C. Revill S.D., S. Hicks J.D., J. Hellings I.G., Osborne Director of Ceremonies, Williams Assistant D.C., Joseph Pearce Organist, John Pearce and J. F. Harris Stewards, James Gidley Tyler. Bro. Hambly was appointed Representative of the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Chalice Charity Steward. Among the Visitors were Bros. Major Dick, R.M.L.I., 2258, Major N. Page, R.M.L.I., 2258, Lieutenant Thomas Reynolds, 3rd D. Regiment 2258, John Cole I.G. 2025, John Lavers S.W. 223, J. N. Taylor 209, Thomas Taylor

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105, J. H. Turner 230, and W. Letherby 850. The Treasurer reported favourably as to the financial position of the Lodge. The brethren, to the number of forty-two, adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent dinner was prepared, and under the genial presidency of the Worshipful Master a pleasant evening was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. W. Hearder, Tracey, J. N. Taylor and J. Hellings.

PERSEVERENCE LODGE, No. 371.

A MEETING in connection with the above, to instal Bro. J. H. Raven as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was held at Maryport, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Raven as W.M. was impressively performed by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, ably assisted by Bro. J. C. Thompson. Subsequently the following Officers were invested:—Bros. S. Bettoney S.W., T. W. Melrose J.W., Jos. Reed Secretary, Jos. Nicholson Treasurer (for the 45th time), T. Dacres S.D., T. Annison J.D., J. W. Pattison I.G., Stoddart D.C., J. Smith Organist, J. Park and J. Skelton Stewards, and J. Messenger Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, a very enjoyable banquet was partaken of.

DE MOULHAM LODGE, No. 1146.

THE annual meeting was held at the Mowlem Institute, Swanage, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when Brother A. Taylor J.W. was installed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were about 40 present, including several visiting brethren, amongst whom were Bro. H. J. Mason, who ably performed the ceremony. The officers were elected and invested for the year. Afterwards the brethren adjourned for refreshments, when the usual toasts were afterwards given, and a pleasant evening was spent.

DORKING LODGE, No. 1149.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Public Hall, Dorking, on Monday, the 17th inst, when Bro. F. Flood presided, and Bro. H. T. W. Blakeney was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. S. T. Attenborough was appointed S.W., the Rev. E. A. Chichester J.W., A. G. Turner Treasurer, J. Churchill Secretary, Challacombe S.D., C. W. G. Evelyn J.D., C. Robinson I.G., and G. Letts Tyler. At the close of Lodge business, the members repaired to the White Horse Hotel, where a banquet was served. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and among the visitors were the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. of England, and Bro. R. Eve P.G. Treasurer of England. The company numbered about 30, there being several visitors from other Lodges present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

KENLIS LODGE, No. 1267.

THE installation of Bro Armstrong and investment of Officers took place on Tuesday, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Egremont. The Officers for the incoming year were duly invested as follows:—Bros. J. Nelson I.P.M., J. Lowery S.W., R. Jukes J.W., P. Wylde Secretary, J. Muncaster Treasurer, G. B. Armes Chaplain, J. Wakefield S.D., A. E. Lamb J.D., J. A. Parker I.G., J. Stout D.C., J. G. Anderson Organist, M. Barnes, T. M'Leod, T. Miller, W. Irving Stewards, S. Braithwaite Tyler. After the business had been gone through, the brethren adjourned to the Market Hall, where a banqet was held, provided by Bro. G. S. Wilson, of the Cat Inn.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow. The chief working was that of the installation as Worshipful Master of Bro. H. J. Gaskin, one of the first initiates of the Lodge, and who has successfully filled every office up to the chair. The installing Master was Bro. Oscar von Holtorp, who performed the ceremony in an excellent manner, that called forth high praise from the brethren present. Following the ceremony a banquet was held, the new W.M. presiding.

GROVE LODGE, No. 1957.

ON Wednesday, the 5th inst., the Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Cock Inn, Hazel Grove. A sumptuous banquet was placed upon the tables by host Gosling, and about 30 were present. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. R. Brady P.M. 322, Clarkson W.M. 104, T. W. Stanley 104, John Lomas 104, H. H. Royle W.M. 322, R. B. Preston W.M. 1030, E. L. D. Bradbury P.M. 322. Bro J. P. Bardsley installed Bro. R. Clayton W.M. Bro. Bardsley presented Bro. Maxwell I.P.M. with a handsomely-framed coloured photograph of himself. Bro. Maxwell requested the Lodge to accept the photograph, and have it hung up with the other Past Masters. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. W. H. Maxfield I.P.M., Henry Lomas S.W., J. Herbert Foster J.W., James W. Higginbotham Treasurer, J. P. Bardsley Secretary, John R. Domakin S.D., Arthur F. Grundy J.D., Charles Higginbotham I.G., Thomas Mills S.S., Albert Lomas J.S., John Scott Tyler. A banquet followed.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. Councillor McVicar S.D. of this Lodge, was presented with a silver cigarette case engraved with a suitable inscription. The W.M., Bro. John Beavis Groom, made the presentation on behalf of the Officers and brethren, and said the present was a tangible proof of the respect the brethren entertained for their S.D., and their appreciation of his services to the Lodge. Bro. McVicar briefly and effectively replied.

ASHBURTON LODGE, No. 2189.

ON the 13th inst., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Commercial Hotel, Ashburton, to instal Dr. W. S. Gervis S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. J. Olver P.M. 1138 P.P.G.S.B. and W. Vicary P.M. 1138 P.P.G.M., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—C. G. Vicary P.M. 1138, J. G. Scevil P.M. 248, W. B. Maye P.M. P.P.G.D.C. 716, J. Cole I.P.M. 710. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow':—Bros. C. G. S. Acock S.W., W. Pengilley J.W., F. J. W. Crowe S.D. Organist, G. C. Foot J.D., H. M. Firth I.G., E. Penwarne-Wellings Chaplain, H. Stevens Treasurer, W. J. Fraser Secretary, E. J. Sawdye D.C., J. Eales Steward, and Bro. G. Furneaux was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. H. Steele I.P.M. was appointed representative of the Committee of Petitions and Almoner. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Baker, D. A. Fraser, W. Pearse, G. L. Loam, and J. Callard from Lodge 710; and J. Heywood and L. Stevens W.M. from 1138. The Treasurer reported very favourably on the financial position of the Lodge. The brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where dinner was prepared by Bro. Sawdye. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE House Committee having, as soon as the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination was known, and at the instigation of the Head Governess, accorded to those children who went up (and of whom it will be remembered 18 out of 20 passed) an entire day's treat away from the School, the same came off on Friday, 14th inst. Windsor was selected, firstly on account of its beauty, secondly of its historical associations, and thirdly because none of the 20 girls had ever been there. Train was taken from Clapham Junction at 9·30, and Windsor reached about 10·45. After seeing the State Apartments, St. George's Chapel, the Memorial Chapel, &c. &c. &c., all dined together at the Castle Hotel, and then drove through the Park and Forest to Virginia Water, where a capital tea had been provided. After enjoying the beauties of that lovely place they all drove in the cool of the evening through Egham, Englefield Green, and Old Windsor to Datchet, where the train was again taken and home safely reached at 9·45, after a most enjoyable day, and one that will be remembered by them for many years to come as a red letter day. The children were of course accompanied by Miss Davis, the Head Governess, and Miss Buck, the Matron; Miss Redgrave, the first Assistant Governess, and Miss Mary Norrish, one of the teachers, the two who had had most to do in training the children for this examination, also went, and the whole party were under the care of Bros. Frank Richardson and J. H. Matthews, two active members of the House Committee, to whom a very great deal of the day's success is justly due.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday afternoon, Bro. Peter de Lande Long, the President of the Board, being in the chair. The various accounts were submitted, approved, and passed for payment. The customary gratuities, but on a reduced scale, in consequence of the smallness of the festival, than usual, were voted to those who assisted in preparing for, and on the day of, the celebration. It was further resolved that the usual sum of fifty guineas (£52 10s) should be devoted to the cost of treating the school to a visit to the Crystal Palace—a practice which has been observed by successive Boards of Stewards for several years past. The balance, however, did not allow of more than this being done, and consequently no sum was voted as a donation to the funds of the Institution, as was done at the Centenary Festival last year, when out of the balance remaining from the Stewards' Fees 280 guineas (£294) were presented to the Institution. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

An interesting feature in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be that of Saturday next, the 29th inst., when Ex-Pupils' Day will be celebrated. All ex-pupils are cordially invited to attend, at Battersea Rise, and we are assured a large number of "Old Girls" will take advantage of the opportunities thus offered to renew acquaintanceship.

The *Daily Telegraph* says, That those members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons are proposing that they should have a Lodge of their own, and an informal meeting to consider the suggestion of petitioning the Prince of Wales to grant a warrant for the purpose will be held in the terrace room of the club at half-past eight next Tuesday evening, when Mr. Croxden Powell, who is a member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, will make a statement to the brethren. As the club is situated at Whitehall it is thought that a suitable name for the Lodge would be the Whitehall Lodge.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Free masonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

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Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 3rd July next.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., at 6'30 precisely.

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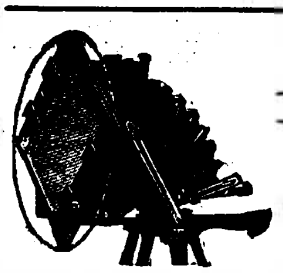
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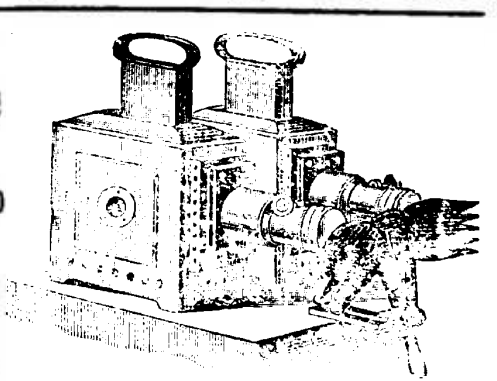
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THE R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.
Past Grand Senior Warden of England,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the TOWN HALL, Twickenham, on Saturday, 29th June, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

30 Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, London, S.W., 15th June 1889.

N.B.—The Town Hall is in the centre of the Town.

Banquet at the Town Hall at 5·30. (Cold). Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a remittance) to the Prov. G. Secretary on or before 26th June, otherwise it will be impossible to make satisfactory arrangements, and in order to secure the comfort of those brethren who have obtained tickets, none can be issued after that date.

Trains from WATERLOO, 2·0, 2·10, 2·17, 2·20.
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There will be a short service at the Parish Church, Twickenham, at 4·30 p.m. (Saturday being Market Day at Twickenham, the brethren will not go to Church in procession or in Masonic clothing).

MORNING DRESS.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

The M.E. Comp.' Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.
PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 6th day of July, at Three o'Clock p.m. precisely.

By command of the M.E. Grand Superintendent,
WILLIAM HENRY LEE, P.Z.
Prov. G. Scribe E.

32 Shakespeare Road, Herne Hill, S.E.
22nd June 1889.

Banquet at the Greyhound Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 6s 6d each, exclusive of wine.

N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. Grand S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the 4th of July, as tickets will not be issued after that date.

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June 22.—GRAND POPULAR CONCERT. Stedman's Choir. Conductor, A. Gwyllym Crowe.
June 25.—GRAND HOSPITAL SATURDAY FETE. Visit of the Lord Mayor.
July 3.—ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION for BOYS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL and DINNER.
July 4.—AMERICAN FETE.
July 6.—GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT. Orchestra and Chorus, 1000. Conductor, A. Gwyllym Crowe.
July 9.—SALVATION ARMY.
Note.—All amusements closed on this day, and no intoxicants sold.
July 12.—GRAND ROSE SHOW and CROWNING of the ROSE QUEEN.
July 15.—OPENING of the GREAT GOLD MINING EXHIBITION.
July 15.—MR. SIMS REEVES' GRAND BALLAD CONCERT.
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S. LEE BAPTY, General Manager.

THE FREEMASON'S HOLY BIBLE CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE 1889.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is one point in the letter of Bro. A. F. Godson, which appeared in your last issue, which calls for immediate attention. I allude to that portion in which he tells us that a mistake has been made in considering evidence that was cancelled. I feel sure that Bro. Philbrick, and those who worked with him, will readily admit the mistake, if it is a mistake, into which they have fallen—no doubt most unintentionally—now that the matter has been brought under their notice, and I await with impatience the next issue of your paper, in which I hope to see the whole matter put right, so far as personal explanation can do it. It would be unfair to say more on the subject at present, as only having one side of the question to work on, it is impossible to make surmise as to the true state of affairs, but in face of what Bro. Godson tells the Craft it must be evident that "some one has blundered."

Yours fraternally,
LIFE GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Are we to be ruled by the minority, and to stand aside and let King "Mob" have it all his own way?

We have all heard of the tailors of Tooley Street; what of the TEN or TWELVE brethren who were present at the meeting called to represent over 400 Lodges,—so called UNITED Provinces?

Yours faithfully,
A LOOKER-ON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a Steward, I beg to protest against the issuing of the circular emanating from the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School. How two such eminent men

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and Masons as my Lord Euston and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., could attach their names to such a misleading and unwarrantable statement, which is calculated to damage the forthcoming Festival *materially*, I cannot understand. Every Steward who has discussed the matter agrees with me that the brethren above named evidently support the scandalous statements made by a certain brother at the Special Court—statements which I trust the individual against whom they were made is taking legal proceedings to refute.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W.M., V.P.

I append a copy of circular—the italics are mine.

"To Brother ———

"A Steward for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"The Provisional Management Committee appointed at the Special Court, on the 6th June, in fulfilment of the duties entrusted to them, most earnestly entreat the Stewards to spare no exertion in obtaining a liberal response to their appeal for aid.

"The circumstances under which the Institution is placed imperatively demand a most generous response from all its friends.

"The Committee has arranged with the Treasurer of the Institution that all contributions which may be remitted to him *shall be paid into a separate account, and applied by this Committee in the interest of the Institution.*

"We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts,
"Chairman.

"Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.,
"Vice-Chairman."

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER CHAPTER, No. 555.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Monday, the 17th inst., when a new Chapter, to be known as the Henniker Chapter, No. 555, was consecrated. The Companions present included:—the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk (Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Prin. Soj.), Comps. W. Clarke, N. Tracy, S. R. Anness, G. F. Crane, H. Harvey George, J. B. Fraser, Hugh W. H. Elwes, James M. Harvey, Rev. Richard Peek, G. H. Cooper, J. H. Loveless, Richard Allen, H. Sadler, F. A. Mann, A. R. Abbott, S. S. Carley, B. Gall, Wm. Chapman, W. Minter, John Martin, Rev. R. O. Davies, and George Gould. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. H. W. H. Elwes officiating as H., and Comp. J. B. Frazer as J. After the consecration, which was performed in a most impressive manner, the first Principals were installed by Comp. G. F. Crane, as under:—Comps. Rev. R. Peek M.E.Z., S. G. Carley H., W. Minter J. The collars and jewels for the second and third Principals were presented to the Chapter by the Grand Superintendent (Rev. C. J. Martyn). The ordinary business of the Provincial Grand Chapter was then proceeded with, under the banner of the newly-consecrated Chapter. The roll of Chapters and the roll of Officers having been called, the report of the Board of General Purposes was read, and on the motion of Comp. W. Clarke, seconded by Comp. J. B. Frazer, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. On the proposition of Comp. J. B. Frazer, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, Comp. W. Boby was unanimously elected Treasurer. The Grand Superintendent then invested the Prov. Grand Officers, as under:—

Bro. S. R. Anness	H.
H. H. George...	J.
N. Tracy..	E.
Rev. N. Peek	N.
G. H. Cooper...	P.S.
E. Smith...	1st Asst. S.
W. B. Hanson	2nd Asst. S.
W. Chapman	Registrar
A. J. L Reeves	Sword Bearer
H. C. Pratt	Standard Bearer
W. Clarke	Director of Ceremonies
F. A. Mann	Organist
G. Gould	Janitor

The Grand Superintendent briefly addressed the Chapter. He said he had little to say respecting Royal Arch Masonry in Suffolk, but he had had great pleasure in consecrating the Henniker Chapter that day, and seeing that he also consecrated a new Chapter last year, he thought he might say they were making very favourable progress, although, of course, he should like to see a little more life shown in the Order. On the motion of Comp. Elwes, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Grand Superintendent for the present of the collars and jewels to the 2nd and 3rd Principals in the newly-consecrated Chapter. The proceeds of the offertory were devoted towards the expense of some Masonic work which is being executed in Framlingham Church. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the Principals of the Henniker Chapter resumed their chairs, and closed the new Chapter in due form. A banquet was subsequently held, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, and the usual Masonic toasts were drunk.

EMULATION CHAPTER, No. 40.

THE installation meeting was held at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms, Hastings, on Monday, the 17th inst. The installation ceremony of the three Principals—Comps. C. W. Duke as M.E.Z., T. W. Markwick H., and the Very Rev. Currie, D.D., J.—was ably and impressively performed by Comp. Dr. Trollop, who was most heartily received by the Companions on this, the first appearance at the Chapter meetings since his late illness. The M.E.Z. invested the following Officers:—Comps. Rossiter Treasurer, Pearce S.E., Jordan S.N., B. Hughes P.S., Allen 1st A.S., Botley 2nd A.S. The business of the Chapter being ended, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where the dinner was served by Mr. H. Boyce, the manager, in a satisfactory manner. In addition to those already mentioned the M.E.Z. was favoured with the presence of Comps. J. Farncombe, A. Kingston 862, G. C. Chapman 311, J. Easte 916, F. Duke, Captain Alderman Hennah, W. H. Russell, W. Dawes, Edmed, Sergeant, and A'Vard. Letters expressing regret at being unable to attend were read from several Companions of the Province, including Comps. Gerard Ford P.G. Superintendent, General Randolph, &c. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given by the M.E.Z. in a very pleasing manner, and responded to by those Companions with whose names they were associated. In the absence of Comp. Muscat, Mr. Guy accompanied the vocaliste, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

HAYLE CHAPTER, No. 450.

THE annual convocation was held in Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, on the 14th inst. There was a large attendance of Companions, and as visitors Comps. G. H. Small P.Z. 121, M. Sampson P.Z. 121, William Colenso H. 121. The following Companions were appointed Principals for the ensuing year:—J. C. Barrow Z., H. P. Vivian H., George Williams J., and the following Officers:—J. M. Richards S.E., Richard Rowe S.N., J. B. Pearce P.Z. Treasurer, J. T. A. Staff P.S., W. Trevenen 1st A. Soj., W. Wagner 2nd A. Soj., F. W. Thomas Chaplain, R. S. Reed D.C., W. Vial and J. W. Jackson Stewards. The installation ceremony was ably carried out by the retiring P.Z., Comp. Robert Williams, assisted by Comp. W. K. Baker P.Z. The financial statement showed a small balance in hand. After the Chapter was closed the Companions adjourned to the hall, where the annual banquet was spread, and a pleasant evening spent.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER, No. 1589.

THE Companions held their installation meeting last week, at Anderton's. Comps. W. E. Farrington was installed as Z., Farthing H., T. A. Woodbridge J. Comps. T. C. Walls S.E., F. Farrington Treasurer, Beningfield S.N., Gaze P.S., C. Moore 1st Assistant Sojourner, F. H. Clemow 2nd Assistant Sojourner, and Gilbert Janitor. In the course of the evening Comp. W. H. Clemow was presented with a Past Principal's jewel.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT CHAPTER, No. 1793.

THE second Convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington. Present—Comps. R. W. Forge P.P.G.P.S. Z., Charles Stevens P.P.G.Org. H., R. R. Collick J., H. Austin S.E., H. Sapsworth S.N., A. Simmonds P.S., Mitchell acting Janitor; also Comps. Porter and Sage. Visitor—Comp. E. Dare 3rd Principal 946. Chapter was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. S. P. Hoddinott and W. R. Playford, and they being unanimously elected, were admitted and exalted to the R.A. degree, the whole of the duties pertaining to the several offices being efficiently carried out. Comps. Warner and Porter were unanimously elected to the offices of Dir. of Cers. and Organist, and Comp. Mitchell Janitor. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from Ex. Comp. Thrupp P.G. 2nd Principal, Rev. T. H. Saunders Secretary P.G.S.E., Margason, Covell, Warner and others. It was incidentally mentioned that two Companions of this Chapter would probably receive Provincial honours at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter. After which the Chapter was closed in regular form.

At the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Saturday, the 15th instant, Bro. R. W. Bilby was duly installed W.M. of the Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, Bro. J. Tickle, one of the founders, was invested Treasurer, and Bro. John Hill was re-appointed Secretary. A well-served banquet followed.

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

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—A timid little man, borne along by the crowd an unwilling actor in the Trafalgar Square riots, who on the strength of being in possession of a stick with a red handkerchief at the end of it, which somebody has thrust into his hand, gets hauled up and punished at Bow Street. A gigantic lady, of Spanish extraction, afflicted with the monomania that the police are the natural enemies of mankind, and who believes that no man is a hero unless he is perpetually fighting with somebody. A dyspeptic hypochondriac, the intimate friend of the said little man. These are the materials out of which Mr. Hurst has constructed a farcical comedy which bristles with improbabilities from beginning to end. How Mr. Penley, as Horace Rudderkin, the little man in question, falls in love with Miss Alma Stanley, as the gigantic but not unlovely Paquita, how the size and spirit of his sweetheart frighten him into running away, how Mr. Giddens as Æsop Brooks, to oblige his friend, gives out that Ruddeskin has died fighting against savages in Africa, how he then falls in love and marries Paquita, only to find that she has accepted him in order that she may continually expatiate on the valour of the said Horace, how at Nice all three unexpectedly meet, and the complications that ensue; how, to adopt the language of children's story books, everything ends up so that every body lives happy ever afterwards—all these things those who go to the theatre will see. But it is not fair to criticise from a literary standpoint a play written with the evident purpose of providing Mr. Penley with a part similar to those by which he has worked himself into popular favour. And, despite the unfavourable reception accorded to the play on the first night, if Mr. Penley will work up his business and get to know his part thoroughly there is no reason why "Æsop's Fables" should not be a success. The divinely tall Miss Alma Murray makes love to the diminutive Mr. Penley, who has to stand on a chair in order that her head may reach his shoulder is hugely amusing, but gets monotonous. Miss Alma Murray played very cleverly, but could at times hardly control her own amusement, and one was afraid she was going to burst out laughing when she simulated the opposite emotion. Mr. Giddens acted remarkably well, and extracted every morsel of comedy out of an unthankful part. A few words with regard to the incidental characters. Mr. Forbes Dawson as Major Haviside is in love with a widow, Mrs. Harrington Cunliffe, who is represented by Miss Rose Saker. Mrs. Cunliffe chaperoning her sister, Lucy Maynard, who is a very unemotional young lady, represented by Miss Ellaline Terriss. To Mr. Walter Everard is arranged the part of Baron Achille de Volnay, and Miss Gabrielle Goldney is his wife. Mr. Walter Herat has the small part of Captain Hector Sabretache, while Mr. Dagnall makes a good German waiter, but cannot be congratulated in his disguise as a German Baron. Mr. Forbes Dawson will not give up the habit of jerking, shouting out his words, and it is entirely unnecessary for him to repeat in this part the slouching walk which characterises him as Captain Wilton in "Ruth's Romance," which precedes "Æsop's Fables." Miss Saker has a very attractive face when she smiles, and her naturalness strongly contrasts with Mr. Forbes Dawson's style. Miss Ellaline Terriss suits herself to her part, or rather her part suits her, for it is dangerously calculated to develope the chief fault of her acting—a want of nerve and a lack of animation. This is a pity. Miss Gabrielle Goldney's light blue gown is a dream of delight, and her husband may almost be forgiven for being so jealous about so charming a wife. In conclusion, it rests with Messrs. Penley and Giddens to make the piece "catch on," and we shall be surprised if these capital actors fail in their endeavours.

Gaiety.—The average English player who has seen Mr. Wyndham in "The Candidate" will naturally compare his rendering of his part with that of M. Coquelin in Le Député de Bombignac. It is hardly necessary to say that M. Coquelin's and Mr. Wyndham's style are very unlike. In M. Coquelin's rendering there is more thought, in Mr. Wyndham's there is more, if we may use the phrase, human nature. M. Coquelin appeals through the head to the heart, Mr. Wydham appeals directly to the heart. But after all it is a good old truth that comparisons are odious. M. Coquelin's rendering of De Chantelaus afforded an intellectual treat, it is a part in which he is inimitable, and the incessant laughter which he provoked proved that the audience keenly relished the comic side of De Chantelaus's difficulties. M. Jean Coquelin, as the Radical Pinteau, and Madle. Kerwich, as Renée, deserve special mention. The other parts were adequately rendered. M. Coquelin and his company afford opportunities for study, not only to English playgoers, but also to English actors and managers.

Mr. R. D'Albertson, the acting manager of the Avenue, gives his annual matinée on Monday, when, besides a host of incidentals, the new comic opera "Gironette" will be given, with a strong cast.

"Our Flat," a farcical comedy recently tried at a matinée, will be put into the evening bill at the Opera Comique on Tuesday. The cast will include Messrs. Willie Edouin, C. S. Fawsett, L. Rignold, H. Eversfield, B. Nainby, R. W. Brame; Misses Fanny Brough, Annie Goward, May Whitty, and Enid Leslie.

On Tuesday next, the 25th instant, a special Matinée performance, under distinguished patronage, will be given by Miss Grace Hawthorne at the Princess's, for the benefit of the Middlesex Hospital. Miss Hawthorne on this occasion will revive "Heartsease," adapted from Alexandre Dumas's famous play of "La Dame aux Camelias," by James Mortimer, in which drama Miss Hawthorne will impersonate Marguerite Gautier.

Once more the Agricultural Hall, at Islington, is being occupied by our military forces, for their annual Military Tournament. Proceedings commenced on Thursday, and will be continued every afternoon and evening next week.

AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

91ST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, 1889.

To those in manhood's Summer strength,
To those in sober Autumn prime,
To those in Winter's full-blown years,
Appeal now earnestly is made;
That we, at Spring-time's hopeful shrine,
May, though in sadness looking back,
Still gladly there, our off'rings bring,
Thus solacing our by-gone years.
And nurturing Masonic Youth,
Enjoining in the world's hard fight,
To shun the wrong, maintain the right,
And, all in all, our God to trust.
To Him, Great Architect, on high,
Of the vast universe, with song,
To render worship, thanks, and praise,
Exalting the chaste torch of truth;
While gaining knowledge, wisdom, lore,
Gauge dark impostore with sure ken,
And ne'er admit within the door,
Save those of good report, and free!
Be, to our Boys, bright beacons these,
Illumine ever, this my pray'r:
"May ye, once vers'd in antient rite,
Rely on Compass, Centre, Square!"

J. H. DE RICCI.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A NUMEROUSLY-ATTENDED meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Friday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. Duncan jun., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity. Applications were made on behalf of 20 candidates for election at the next Court of Governors, and the whole of these were received, special monetary grants being made in two cases. It was resolved to call the attention of the Lodges in the Province to the present financial state of the Institution, and to ask for increased liberality in connection with the yearly contributions.

The members of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, had a very pleasant meeting, with their Lady friends, at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 12th instant. The banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Palmer, who successfully strove to emulate the prestige of old days at this popular resort. As the season progresses, we hope many similar bodies of our Masonic brethren will avail themselves of the facilities the Alexandra Palace offers. The space at command is unequalled at any similar place of entertainment round London. Parties of 100 to 1000 can easily be accommodated, and Bro. Lee Bapty, who has undertaken the management at the Alexandra Palace, brings to bear on his labours an experience that proclaim him to be the right man in the right place. On the occasion we more especially refer to the Band of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys attended (by permission). The votaries of Terpsichore availed themselves of these opportunities to their hearts' content.

Obituary.

BRO. S. STEELE.

THE death is announced of Bro. S. Steele, a member of the firm of Messrs. Steele and Fraser, outfitters, of Victoria Street, Derby. Bro. Steele, the son of a Baptist Minister, lived in Derby for upwards of 30 years, and for 20 years had been in business. He passed the chair in the Lodge of Repose, nine years ago, but he had been initiated in the Hartington a long time previously. In 1881 he was appointed Treasurer to the former Lodge, and was also appointed an Officer of Provincial Grand Lodge. Brother Steele has left a wife and family to mourn his loss.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

WANTED.—To Purchase, for Cash, OLD BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY. State full Title, Date, and style of Binding; with prices required. Address, F. W., 44 Thornhill Square, Barnsbury, London, N.

Four days' silence a negative.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 22nd 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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 24th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
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.)
1633—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)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 25th JUNE.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
458—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)
890—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, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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 Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1844—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1260—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
257—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
810—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
873—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1676—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stevenage, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
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
972—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1534—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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
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
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
432—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 228—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1358—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 27th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys Wood Green
General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
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. (Instructional)
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)
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)
1904—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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.)
1777—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
754—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, Staffordshire
1313—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1682—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Broughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 28th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).

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507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
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THE BOYS' SCHOOL CRITICS.

WITHOUT for one moment wishing to imply that Bro. Philbrick and those who were associated with him in the inquiry they recently conducted into the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are unable to answer the criticisms which have followed on their Report, we unhesitatingly characterise the reply of Bro. Philbrick, which appeared in the *Freemason* last week—and we presume he acts on behalf of the whole Committee of Inquiry—as no response to the challenge of Bro. A. F. Godson, who, in our issue of the 15th inst., touched upon some few of the most important matters advanced in the Report. We know that a full copy of Bro. Godson's letter was addressed to our contemporary, the *Freemason*, the editor of which journal, in the exercise of his discretion, mutilated it by cutting out the paragraphs relating to the evidence which Bro. Godson says was considered "unreliable," and which was ordered to be "struck out." This was really the most important item in the communication; at least we so regarded it, and our opinion has been endorsed by many supporters of the Institution. Bro. Philbrick is too good an advocate not to take advantage of this mutilation, and we can only hope that on some future occasion he, or some other member of the Inquiry Committee, will give the Craft their version of the point at issue. Of course we must give Bro. Philbrick the benefit of the doubt, and accept his view when he tells us—as he probably will—that the omitted paragraphs never came under his notice, but we can scarcely believe he was unaware that Bro. Godson especially challenged this "unreliable" and "struck out" evidence, for, in addition to the publication of Bro. Godson's remarks in our pages, some thousands of copies of the complete letter have been circulated throughout the country. We suppose Bro. Philbrick and the other members of his Committee do not read everything that is addressed to them, else we should be convinced they had a knowledge of this particular matter. However, as it stands, there is a charge against the Committee of having acted on evidence which they considered unreliable, and which they had ordered to be "struck out," and as they are in a position to at once set at rest all doubt on this point, it is not asking too much to expect from them an early explanation.

In other respects the reply of Bro. Philbrick reads very much like the work of a man who feels he has "might" at his back, and who treats those who question his views as being on the losing side; accordingly, open to all and to any taunts he may choose to level at them. He and his fellow workers on the Committee of Inquiry have made out a case for themselves, and have won the approval of the "mob;" we have yet to see what benefits will result from the very high handed way in which they drew up their Report, or whether the actual supporters of the Institution will stand by and give these conclusions the full measure of their encouragement. We are told the Committee of Inquiry undertook a laborious and a thankless office, and that it would have been easier, and far more agreeable for them, to make matters pleasant all round. This latter they were not asked to do, but we still question the expediency, or the justice, of attacking men and Committees, as they have done, without first telling those men what they intended to do. They were not supposed to be a bench of judges, trying a band of hardened criminals, but an assemblage of gentlemen, inquiring into the actions and duties of other gentlemen, equally entitled to consideration as themselves; and, for all we at present know, as likely to be right as their "savage critics."

If the work of inquiry was laborious and thankless, how much more so is that which devolved on the House and other Committees, month after month, in the management of the Institution. It would have been far different if a number of paid officials alone had to be considered; then, perhaps, hard words might be used by those who regarded themselves, for the time being as masters of the situation; but when one Honorary Committee takes upon itself to severely condemn the actions of another Honorary Committee, we think a little common courtesy might be introduced, even if we leave out of the question any consideration of Masonic spirit, or brotherly regard. The members of the Committees attacked have shown their feeling in the matter, by throwing up all responsibility in regard to the future, and were it not that silence on their part might have been misunderstood, we should have advised them to say nothing in reply to the Committee's Report;—they should simply have resigned their offices, and have left the Craft to find out whether or no they deserved the severe, and, in a manner of speaking, harsh criticisms heaped upon them. The Report is most unjust; it makes grave charges against a number of individuals, which charges have been widely circulated, while it is next to impossible to ensure similar publicity for any defence, unless indeed the men who are attacked care to spend a matter of £100 or £150, in printing and postages, to place their views with equal prominence before the Craft. If this is meting out justice with an even hand it is certainly a surprise to us, and we do not wonder that those who have been attacked should feel annoyed at the treatment they have received.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Town Hall, Beccles, on Wednesday next, the 3rd July. Prov. Lodge will be opened at 12·30. The Great Eastern Railway Company will issue "privilege" tickets for Beccles, at a reduced rate, at any of their principal stations, on production of the summons.

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MASONRY LIVES IN ITS PATRONS.

Address of Bro. W. D. Todd, Most Worshipful Grand Master, at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the New Masonic Temple, in Denver, Colorado, 8th April 1889.

MEN and brethren here assembled, be it known to you that 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 mankind, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of others, secrets we do not divulge; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted, in peace and honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and, having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them to the latest posterity.

In the morning light of sunshine men forget the long hours of preceding darkness and the small beginnings that lead to complete fruition. We see here to-day not merely the sturdy labour of a few weeks or months, but the foresight, the patience and the waiting of many years. The Fraternity to-day could not erect the stately edifice destined to grace this corner had there not a generation ago been men equally zealous, who made it possible by laying the foundation for the fund which you are now expending. Most of those brethren have gone to their eternal reward. They sowed and we reap. They laid a corner-stone which we may well recall on this pleasant occasion, for Masonry loves to be true and give unto every man his just dues, without distinction. The foundation stone of this temple was laid down deep in the ground many years ago, and it has been our privilege to perfect the work thus modestly begun. Our ceremony to-day is but brief, but not too brief to deprive us of a kindly thought for the services of our pioneers and those who followed on, fostering and caring for the ultimate end, through a long series of years.

It is not necessary to more than allude to the foundation of a Fraternity whose origin is more or less uncertain, but as to whose antiquity there is no division of opinion; nor to the ceremonies with which you are familiar. But among our customs, which have come to be recognised as well beyond as within our precincts, none is more general than that the corner-stone of important public buildings should be laid by the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and according to their time-honoured ceremonies; and if this is desirable in public buildings, it is still more so in edifices to be devoted to Masonic purposes as this is to be.

But, my brethren, it is not of the character of Masonry as an operative art, or its ceremonies as they appear to the uninitiated, that I shall briefly address you, but in its speculative character. We do not now attempt the erection of buildings such as King Solomon's Temple, whose practical workmanship, architectural skill and effects, as seen through the long vista of ages which have rolled by, has never been excelled or even approximately equalled; but an attempt to emulate the character of the Grand Master, whose temple is not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So that as we can no longer as a Craft lay claim to operative workmanship, our reputation must be established on a speculative foundation. This magnificent building, with no architectural superior in our beautiful city, and not many if any in our great country, and which will stand as a monument to the character and liberality of the Masonic Fraternity in Denver when we now present shall have so long smouldered into dust that the living shall have never heard our names, is after all a mere mass of brick and stone, differing only from other buildings in various details of material and arrangement.

But Masonry, as it is now practised, is moral and not physical. While it is true that the great temple erected by our ancient brethren has long since passed into the elements or been buried deep in the rubbish of ages, and its very existence, perhaps, to the cynical, a mere myth of history, not so with its builders, for though dead they still survive as then. Our ancient Grand Masters still live—live in the love and veneration of the thousands upon thousands of their brothers, scattered all over the habitable globe, and not only do they live now, but will continue to live until time shall be no more.

Nor is Masonry kept alive by mere empty forms and ceremonies, or by such exercises as we have held to-day, nor by the work that is done within our tyled Lodges; if that were true the mould would long since have been heaped over its grave; it would long since have taken place amongst the forgotten orders and societies of the past. While it is quite unnecessary to attempt to trace our Masonic antiquity or to feel that our existence in any degree depends upon the truth or fiction of its origin, yet we do know that this is the oldest living organisation, and that its members are yearly increasing. Then, if that much be true, which is unquestionable, there must be some reason for it, and that reason is its inner character.

The world at large can see its public ceremonies, can read its public rituals, can see its members in their daily walks of life, but Masonry, as it is, is reserved for you, my brethren, and that which is not seen by men is that to which Masonry owes its present and future existence. Masonry is the character of its members, and this the world sees, quietly measures and understands at its true worth. Its effects the world sees; its causes they can only surmise.

Now, my brethren, if this corner-stone has been successfully laid, not merely as a trifling part of a material structure, but if its moral application has touched the hearts of the Masonic Fraternity of Denver, the future of Masonry here will exhibit it, and I will be proud of the humble part I have had in these ceremonies. Perfection is not earthly, has never been attained by man, and we do not pretend to claim impossibilities for ourselves or Masonry, but if we continually strive to make each day better than the next preceding, we shall come as near perfection as men or organisations ever reach.

A few words to you, my brethren of Denver, who are building the magnificent temple dedicated to Masonry. The higher our pretensions the more scrutinising the public examination, and therefore the greater the necessity of conduct in the daily walks of life that shall be above just criticism, that the cause we represent may not suffer. Strive to keep in mind that the Masonic character should be in keeping with this temple—broad, generous and towering upwards. Let it not be said that hearts and hands are less ready to be stretched forth to a needy brother than when our home was more humble and less pretentious. Never forget that it is the giver in this brief walk of life who most enjoys gifts bestowed and kindly acts performed, provided he be influenced by love and not by display.

Remember, too, that as you preserve the high character of Masonry, you elevate the community in which you live, and so unconsciously become better citizens, and by example and influence elevate the standard of general society. Remember, again, that although you are but an infinitesimal part of the great brotherhood, existing in every clime and speaking every tongue, who appreciate and honour the proud title of Master Mason, yet every part of every machine, however humble, influences and affects the character of the whole, and is essential to its universal harmony.

But I have already gone beyond the limit which I fixed. To you, my brethren of Dnver, and especially my brethren of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Association, I tender my congratulations, and I feel that I am authorised to say as much from every citizen of our city. Your proposed temple will not only be a credit and source of pride to yourselves, but to all our citizens as well. Colorado is almost a wonderland. It does nothing by halves, and your temple will lose nothing by comparison with those of the few most important ones in the United States; and yet our young State has just entered her teens.

I will close by expressing the hope that, as you will receive the commendation of my successor, when your labours on this temple are completed, so may you win by equal zeal in the moral work before you the commendation of the Grand Master of all, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—*Voice of Masonry.*

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DID ASHMOLE EVER RIDE ON OUR MASONIC GOAT?

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

BEFORE Bro. Findel's History of Masonry was published no one doubted in Anderson's list of pre-1717 Grand Masters, but now no intelligent Mason believes that either of the dignitaries in the said list *were even* in any way connected with a Masonic organization. Again, within four or five years no one doubted the statement of Bro. Fellows, printed at Leipsic, in 1848, that the German operative Masons in the middle ages used to open their Lodges every morning in due form before they went to work, and closed their Lodges in due form after their day's work was finished. Bro. Speth, in the first part of the Proceedings of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, has, however, demonstrated that the German Masons in the middle ages knew nothing of opening or closing a Lodge, or about any other kind of Masonic ceremony. Still again, we all believed that Chevalier Ramsay was the manufacturer of Masonic "High Degrees;" but Bro. Gould clearly proved that Ramsay was not the maker of High Degrees. The above facts should satisfy every one that Masons can be deceived for a long time. Now, it seems to me, that we have been deceived in claiming Elias Ashmole as a Brother Mason.

The doubt about Ashmole's Masonry entered my mind when I was writing my criticism on Bro. Fellow's theory about "Speculative Masons," *as he called Ashmole*, and his conclusion that the "upper ten" class of Masons in the middle ages must have invented some kind of high degrees. Well, I had some conversation about my doubt in Ashmole's initiation into Masonry with a well informed brother, who seemed to agree with me. I should, however, not have troubled the *public* with my doubts, at least for some time, if I had not happened to read an article by Bro. Hughan, in the *Freemason* of 1st June, headed "Ashmole as a Freemason." As Bro. Hughan refers to the best informed writer upon the question, viz., to Bro. Ryland's article in the *Masonic Magazine*, December 1881. I re-perused the said article, which, however, failed to remove my doubt. Briefly, then, the evidence of Ashmole's initiation into Masonry rests upon two paragraphs in Ashmole's Diary; 1st, he says:

16th October. Hor. 30 minutes *post merid.* I was made a Freemason at *Warrington* in *Lancashire*, with Colonel *Henry Mainwaring*, of *Kartcham*, in *Cheshire*. The names of those that were then at the Lodge, Mr. *Richard Penket* Warden, Mr. *James Collier*, Mr. *Richard Sankay*, *Henry Littler*, *Richard Ellam*, and *Hugh Brewer*.

About the said Warrington Lodge, Bro. Ryland says:

If I were asked to express an opinion on the Warrington Lodge of 1646 [when Ashmole joined it] I should feel obliged to say that, so far as I am able to judge, there is not a scrap of evidence that there was a single *operative* Mason present on the afternoon of the 16th October 1646. In fact, the whole of the evidence seems to point quite in the opposite direction.

That a town guild in 1646 consisted of *non-operatives* is not very surprising, for in a recent published book on English Guilds (I forget its name) I found that Alderman Cotton (I believe) stated, before a Parliamentary Commission, that even five hundred years ago the majority of the members of each guild were not of the trade which the guild represented, and I doubt very much whether the London Guild of Masons in the days of Charles 2nd numbered many who were connected with the building trade, and it is not impossible that when Ashmole visited the London Guild, in 1682, that not even one of its members was an operative Mason or builder. But be that as it may, it is certain that the London Masons' Guild, since the days of Charles 2nd, were *an un-Masonic body*, according to our notions of Masonry; hence, I have not the slightest doubt that the Warden and even the Master of the said London Guild of the 17th century could never have been allowed to visit a Lodge of *our* progenitors, merely because they were dignitaries of the London Masons' Guild"; for in order to gain admission into a Lodge, of *our* progenitors, such, for instance, as the Lodge in St. Paul's of 1717, it was necessary to show a *sign*, to give a *grip*, and to whisper a *word*, but the London Masons' Guild was *signless*, *gripless* and *wordless*. In short, the mysteries appertaining to *riding the Masonic goat* were unknown in *Masons' Hall* in the City of London. While, on the other hand, the mystic Masons, our forefathers, as described by Dr. Plott, a friend of Ashmole, were so skilled in Masonic science that a sign given by a Mason would bring another Mason down from the top of a Church steeple to inquire what he wanted. Now Dr. Plott, who was a great friend of Ashmole, and was under obligations to Ashmole, was the first man who undertook to *ridicule Masonry*. As he wrote during the lifetime of Ashmole, it seems to me that the Masonry which Plott ridiculed must have been a different kind of Masonry to that which Ashmole received at Warrington in 1646.

In order to satisfy myself about the above suggestions, I consulted about half-a-dozen histories of the guilds, but found very little about *Masons'* Guilds in either of them. I next rummaged here and there in Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry, and in the 2nd Volume, on page 305, I found as follows. Bro. Gould says:

"Also it does not seem clear whether the building trades generally [meaning the *Goat Riding Masons*] had any connection with the Masons' Company of London, and I should be inclined to think that the building trades associations [meaning those Masons who had grips, words, signs, and secret ceremonies] were trades union societies, differing from the guilds, which partook more of a corporate character, and which, hence, more closely resembled the Collegia."

The second entry in Ashmole's Diary about Masonry is as follows:—

"1682, *Mar.* 10. About 5 *Hor. post merid.* I received a summons to appear at a Lodge to be held the next day at *Masons' Hall*, in *London*.

"11. Accordingly I went, and about noon was admitted into the Fellowship of Freemasons, by Sir William Wilson, Knight; Captain Richard Borthwick, Mr. William Wodman, Mr. William Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, and Mr. William Wise.

"I was the *Senior* Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were present, besides myself, the Fellows after named:—Mr. Thomas Wise Master of the *Masons' Company* this present year, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, Waidsfford Esq., Mr. Nicholas Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. William Stanton. We all dined at the Half-Moon Tavern, in Cheapside, at a noble Dinner, prepared at the *new* accepted Mason.

The reader will see now that the London Lodge, which summoned Elias Ashmole to a dinner in 1682, and of which he claimed proudly the title of "Senior Fellow," was no other than the London Masons' Guild, which, as already shown, had neither any sign, word, grip, or ceremony, save and except that of a grand *dinner* (the last, however, was not peculiarly a Masonic ceremony). The inference, therefore, is, that the Lodge at Warrington, where Ashmole was Masonized (after a fashion), in 1646, was also minus of Masonic words, grips, signs, and the Masonic essential of *riding upon the goat* Such being the case, Elias Ashmole is no more entitled to be called by us "Bro. Mason" than the gentleman who was Masonized by the London Guild in 1682, and who paid for the grand dinner, as above stated, can consistently be called *our* "Bro. Mason." The members of the London Masons' Guild, of 1682, did not recognise *our* "ancient brethren" as Brother Masons, their successors of to-day do not acknowledge us *of the* "mystic tie" as Brother Masons, and *vice versa*. In short, except the name, there was no sympathy or connection then, any more than there is now, between the said Masons' Lodges. Hence, unless either Bro. Hughan or Bro. Ryland can prove that the Warrington Lodge, in 1646, as well as the London Guild, in 1682, when Ashmole claimed to be its "*Senior* Fellow," were *Masonic* in accordance with our idea about *Masonics*, it would be high time, in my opinion, to erase the name of Elias Ashmole from *our* list of "Old Masonic Worthies."

Boston, U.S. 14th June 1889.

A Lodge, established upon a temperance basis, in connection with the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, having proved so satisfactory, the Royal Arch Masons have established a Chapter upon the same basis.

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

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAM.

THE annual summer meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Nottingham was held at the Pelham Lodge, Worksop, on the 20th inst. The ordinary meetings of the Lodge are generally held at Nottingham, and the summer meetings in one or other of the smaller towns in the county. The members present numbered about 120. The members met at the Lodge, Criterion Hall, at two o'clock, the room having been specially decorated for the occasion, the various implements, &c., of the Craft being arranged round the room, and the entrance draped with flags and lace curtains. The principal business was the installation of the Very Worshipful Brother the Rev. Frederick Vernon Russell, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The installing Officer was the right W. Bro. Tew, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. Amongst the other brethren present were Brothers the Rev. E. St. John Morse P.G. Chaplain, E. C. Patchet P.C.T., John Hously P.G.R., H. R. Hatherley P.G. Secretary, J. P. W. Marx P.G.A.D.C., Joseph Derry P.G.S.B., Evan Powell P.G.S., Henry Saxton P.G.S., W. Allen P.M. 939, R. F. Watson P.M. 939, H. E. Wilson W.M. 47, J. H. Runge W.M. 909, C. B. Truman P.M. 411, J. Walker P.M. 1882, J. Sansom P.M. 1852, J. H. Tomlinson P.M. 1661, J. M. Perry P.P.G.S.W., G. H. Cullen I.P.M. 1493, W. Sibley 852, J. T. Spalding P.M. 1909, A. T. Mitchell P.P.S.G.D, S. Green S.W. 1485, J. Severn S.D. 1405, W. Shepherd P.M. 227, G. S. Fish W.M. 411, G. G. Carver W.M. 1,493, B. F. Stiebel P.P.G.J.W., A. Lawson P.P.G.T., W. Hickling P.M. 411, H. Walker W.M. 1434. The banquet was served in the Town Hall.

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PROVISION FOR POOR MASONS.

THE Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Frank R. Lawrence, called the Grand Lodge of New York to order promptly at nine o'clock, on the 5th instant, and after prayer by Grand Chaplain Bacon, and the reading of the minutes, the Grand Secretary announced that he had received checks from Tessler Lodge, 50 dols.; Acanthus Lodge 100 dols.; Hope Lodge £100 dols.; and Tabernacle Lodge 200 dols., to be forwarded to the Masonic sufferers by the Johnstown floods. With Bro. Brodie in the chair, Bro. Page nominated Bro. Frank R. Lawrence as Grand Master, and he was elected by a unanimous vote, but declined on the score of his need of rest. Bro. John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer county, the Deputy Grand Master, was then elected Grand Master unanimously. William Sherer, of Brooklyn, was nominated and elected Deputy Grand Master. James Ten Eyck, of Albany, was re-elected Grand Senior Warden, and John Hodge, of Lockport, was re-elected Grand Junior Warden. John J. Gorman was elected Grand Treasurer in place of Washington E. Connor, who refused a re-election. E. M. L. Ehlers was re-elected Grand Secretary, and E. B. Harper was elected a member of the trustees of the hall and asylum, to take Justice Gorman's place. The new Grand Master, John W. Vrooman, was born in Herkimer county in 1844. He is a lawyer by profession, and has been for ten years clerk of the Senate at Albany. Last year he was elected vice-president and manager of the Herkimer Bank. He has been elected nine times to positions in the Grand Lodge, and is a member of Herkimer Lodge, No. 423; Iriquois Chapter, No. 236; Utica Commandery, No. 3; Zigara Temple of the Mystic Shrine; Helmer Post, No. 404, G.A.R.; Holland Society, and of the Republican State Committee. A telegram was received from Clifford B. Mc Calla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, conveying the thanks of the Grand Lodge of that State for the 2000 dollars sent on Tuesday for the sufferers from the flood. M.W. William A. Brodie Chairman of the Committee on the Asylum, presented an elaborate report. Sites were offered at Auburn, Binghampton, Ithaca, Lockport, Rome, Syracuse, Unadilla, and Utica. All these were visited, and the unanimous opinion of the Committee was that the Citizens' Driving Park, at Utica, was the best place seen. Its value is about 80,000 dols., but the asylum trustees can get it for 20,000 dols. cash. The Committee recommended that this site be chosen, and the report was adopted unanimously without debate. The second half of the report speaks of the objects of the new asylum. It must be a home for indigent Masons and a school for the orphans of Masons. From the best information the committe could obtain it will cost 200 dols. a year to maintain each adult or child. This includes all charges. With the present income 250 persons can be provided for—100 adults and 150 children. The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, on the 5th inst., elected as Officers for the coming year:—Helen E. Robins Grand Worthy Matron, Edwin Selvage Grand Worthy Patron, Rachel Steifel Assistant Matron, J. W. Merriam Assistant Patron, Pauline J. Isaacs Grand Treasurer, and Christina Buttrick Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of New York resumed its session on the 5th inst. with the Grand Master in the chair. During the session the following sums were subscribed by the various Lodges for the sufferers from the Pennsylvania floods:—Corner Stone Lodge, 50 dols.; Joppa, 100 dols.; City 25 dols.; Puritan 50 dols.; Lodges of the First District, 210 dols.; Herman, 100 dols.; Montauk, 50 dols.; R.W. John J. Gorman, 50 dols.; Empire City, 250 dols.; Stony Point 50 dols; Continental 50 dols.; Ubland, 50 dols.; Polar Star, 100 dols.; Anglo Saxon, 50 dols.; a member of the Grand Lodge, 15 dols.; Pythagoras, 20 dols.; Chancellor Walworth, 50 dols.; Lebanon 25 dols.; Reliance, 100 dols.; Covenant 25 dols.; Elmer 25 dols.; representatives of the Eleventh District, 25 dols.; King Solomon's 100 dols. The report as presented by the special committee on the Asylum was unanimously adopted without debate. De Witt C. Smith moved that a committee, consisting of one member from each judicial district of the State, be appointed, and that this committee, with the trustees, be known as the Asylum Building Committee. It shall be authorised to secure deeds of the site selected, plans and designs for the grounds and main buildings in accordance with the report of the special committee. It shall advertise for proposals to carry out such plans and have power to reject or accept those offered. It may proceed to erect the main building, provided the cost does not exceed 100,000 dols.; and provided also that the approval of the Grand Master be given to the plans. Referred. A telegram from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania was received, acknowledging the receipt of the money sent on Wednesday. The report on exemplification of the work was presented by R.W. Brother Howard, and adopted. M.W. Jesse B. Anthony, from the Finance Committee, reported as follows:—

	Dols.
Balance on hand at the beginning of the year	36,261
Received to May 6	24,367
May 6 to June 3	7,826
Interest received by the Grand Treasurer	400
Disbursements	60,660
Balance on hand	38,798
Due from Lodges	1,783
Deposits—Union Trust Company	30,921
Garfield National Bank	7,876

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales be deferred until official notice has been received of its recognition by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was extended to M.W. Frank R. Lawrence for his work as Grand Master. A discussion took place about the number of trustees for the Masonic Home and School, and it was finally decided to increase their number to seven, and not to restrict the Grand Lodge in its choice. The committee of one from each judicial district was made an advisory to the trustees. It was suggested that the Legislature be applied to to increase the limit of property to be held by the trustees. The new Grand Officers were installed and the Grand Lodge closed. A fine painting of M.W. Frank R. Lawrence was presented to the Grand Lodge, and Grand Secretary Ehlers received a set of resolutions from Kingston Lodge.—*New York Herald.*

MASONIC TEMPLE REOPENED.

THE Masonic Temple on Toronto Street was crowded to the doors last night with members of the Craft assembled to witness the opening of the Lodge-room since its renovation, and to listen to a lecture by R.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, Deputy Grand Master, on meeting places of the Craft from the earliest times, with an account of the early Lodge-rooms in Canada. The chair was occupied by V.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and the Hall Board formerly turned the Lodge-room over to the city Lodges. Among those present were V.W. Bro. F. Manly, W. Bro. T. Sargent, W. Bro. D. Rose, W. Bro. M. Gibbs, V.W. Bro. Hovendon, a number of the city masters, and a host of past masters and members of the association. The lecture was of a very interesting character, and at the same time instructive. The temple is now decorated in a style becoming the Craft in Toronto. The walls are blue, with the three Masonic pillars, the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic, on each wall. The ceiling and cornice is frescoed with the symbols, emblems, and working tools of the Order. The carpet is tesselated, and woven in are the symbols of the Craft. The predominating colours are green and gold, the colours of a Blue Lodge. The work was done under the supervision of Bro. Hovenden, and after original designs furnished by him. The members of the craft in Toronto now congratulate themselves on the possession of a Lodge-room second to none in beauty on the continent.

CONNECTICUT'S MASONIC MESS.

ON Thursday night, the 16th ult., there was a special and memorable meeting of Hiram Lodge, No. 1., F. and A.M., at their lodge rooms, which lasted from eight o'clock until nearly midnight. It was an effort on the part of a large number of the members to accept the conditions of the Grand Lodge for the restoration to Masonic privileges of the largest and most prominent Masonic Lodge in the State. Had it been a young and weak Lodge it would probably have stayed out until the beginning of the 20th century. But in warfare or difference of opinion between two bodies of nearly equal importance and power there must be some concessions made by both sides. The membership of old Hiram contained men who were too powerful and influential to be treated with contempt and harshness.

So after being in a peculiar position for about two years, and having made over one hundred and fifty members in the meantime, it was finally concluded by a large majority that Hiram should accept the charter recently granted by the Grand Lodge. Hiram's old charter is safely guarded, it is said, and a refusal to surrender it and other important records to the Grand Lodge by Secretary William A. Beers started the trouble. He and the other seven form the eight expelled Masons of whom so much has been said and who are not yet healed as are the other members of Hiram, who were raised over two years ago.

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But it is quite probable that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge a petition for their reinstatement, unanimously signed by the members of Hiram, will be favourably considered. Their names are James D. Dewell, H. Lynde Harrison, John R. Hutchinson, F. M. Wiser, Julius Twiss, N. F. Burritt, George E. Frisbie and William A. Beers. Then the new members that have been made since Hiram has been going on her own hook will probably all be healed in the twinkling of an eye, or as soon as the Grand Master can sign a proclamation to all interested Masons that they are to be recognized as upon the same footing as other Masons.

There was a lively discussion of nearly four hours' duration, but most of the speakers favoured the restoration of the charter. The eight expelled Masons were nearly all willing to be left out in order that matters might be harmonized. Judge Harrison sent word from Hartford that his personal interest must not stand in the way of a settlement and that he could wait until January 1890, for his case to be acted upon. James D. Dewell expressed the same sentiment. John R. Hutchinson stood out against the present acceptance of the charter. F. M. Wiser wished to see the case settled at once by an affirmative vote. Julius Twiss and N. F. Burritt wanted the charter accepted. George E. Frisbie was not enthusiastic, and Secretary Beers said that he would do as most of the others had done and was in favour of settling it at once.

Of other prominent members of the lodge ex-Mayor Henry G. Lewis counselled his brethren to go slow and postpone the ballot rather than act without due deliberation. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas Benton wished to accept the charter. Lucius Hinman said that Hiram ought not to surrender, and ought not to take the charter at the expense of their eight expelled fellow members. And so it went pro and con. There was a good deal of the feeling that Hiram had been unjustly and harshly treated, but that many concessions must be made for the sake of peace. They believed in the ancient work and not in the new methods, as laid down in Lockwood's work. Finally, toward half-past eleven, when most of the members began to grow tired and sleepy, a vote was reached, and out of about one hundred and fifty voters one-twentieth perhaps were opposed to any surrender or concession on the part of Hiram.

After the meeting there were many adverse opinions expressed. One member did not hesitate to say that old Hiram had ignominiously surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and the action taken meant that George E. Frisbie and William A. Beers would never be taken back. There is no doubt but that this Masonic trouble has put back all the higher Masonic business in the State.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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MERCHANTS LODGE, No. 241.

BRO. WILLIAM M'LACHLAN was, on the 24th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Captain J. M'Nab W.M., the presenting officers being Bros. T. Salter and T. Whitehead. After his installation, Bro. W. M'Lachlan proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Captain J. M'Nab I.P.M., Joseph Cornish S.W., R. Proddah J.W., Joseph West S.D., J. Moore J.D., F. Norris I.G., T. D. Jones S., Dr. Philpot S., A. E. Povey S., A. B. Ewart Org., Roger White D.C., Ralph Robinson Treas., Ralph Capper Sec., Peter Ball Tyler, for the twenty-fifth year. The brethren subsequently proceeded by special train from the Central Station to Southport, where the installation banquet was partaken of at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

SUN AND SECTOR LODGE, No. 962.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland-square, Workington, on the 19th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Isaac Dickinson as Worshipful Master for the year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Charles M'Kerrow W.M. The minutes of last Lodge were read and confirmed, and Brother Dr. M'Kerrow presented the W.M. elect to Bro. J. Paterson, who discharged the duties of Installing Master in an able manner, assisted by Bro. G. Dalrymple. The following brethren were invested as Officers, viz.:—Bros. Dr. M'Kerrow I.P.M., A. Ashmore S.W., G. B. M'Kay J.W., J. Paterson Treasurer, J. Wood Secretary, Rev. E. M. Rice Chaplain, Ed. Losch S.D., J. J. Little J.D., Jas. Cooper Organist, A. D. Holliday Dir. of Cers., B. M. Unwin and P. Whitehouse Stewards, W. Whitehead Tyler. There has not been such a muster since Bro. J. C. Thompson was installed, when to all appearances it was more like an annual Provincial gathering. We could not but remark the number of old Past Masters that attended to do honour to the Worshipful Master, that are now the chief supporters of the Eden Lodge, the infant of the Province, No. 2285, and it speaks well for the spirit of Freemasonry in Workington, and is worthy of imitation by the sister Lodges of Cumberland and Westmoreland. On the ceremony of installing the Master being completed, and a ring of compliments from Lodges 119, 371, 872, 962, 1092, 1400, 1660, 1989 and 2285, the Lodge was closed, and at the Worshipful Master's invitation all adjourned to the Assembly-room, where an excellent banquet was prepared by the host and hostess of the Central Hotel (Mr. and Mrs. Morris), and ample justice was done to the good things provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th inst. Bro. H. R. Grover was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. A. St. Paul P.M. then addressed the Lodge on past difficulties and successes, and thanked the officers for their valuable assistance, especial reference being made to the secretary, Bro. Ivimey. Bro. Grover thanked the brethren for his election, and Bros. Catford and J. Blackford were elected treasurer and tyler respectively. The sum of 5 guineas was voted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. At the conclusion of the business, the W.M. was heartily thanked for his diligent services during the past year.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 1184.

ON Thursday, the 20th inst., the installation meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Battle. There was a large gathering of Masons. The incoming W.M. was Bro. Rashell Thomas Davison, M.D. The ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. W. T. Jordan, the retiring W.M. Bro. Davison then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. T. Jordan I.P.M., W. A. Raper S.W., J. B. Foster J.W., the Very Rev. E. R. Carrie, D.D., Chaplain, H. G. F. Wells Treasurer, R. Hughes Secretary, B. H. Thorpe D.C., J. W. Pepper S.D., D. White J.D., J. Fielding Organist, Avis I.G., C. Leary Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Star Hotel, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

STANLEY LODGE, No. 1325.

ON the 24th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Thomas James Jarman was duly installed by the present Grand Senior Warden of West Lancashire, Bro T. M. Shuttleworth, as Worshipful Master. The presenting officers were Bros. J. H. Bradshaw and R. B. Burgess. The new Worshipful Master proceeded after his installation to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. T. Guile I.P.M., E. Collister Jones S.W., J. Woodward J.W., T. Guile Treasurer, W. H. Hodges Sec., W. Evans S.D., Martin Nicholas J.D., W. Carson I.G., T. A. Bradshaw S., J. Barrett S., T. Jones S., W. Hudson Org., W. H. Ball Tyler, and J. H. Bradshaw D.C. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet, served by Bro. Casey, the house steward.

HAMER LODGE, No. 1393.

BROTHER JAMES R. HANKEY was, on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, duly installed as Worshipful Master. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. W. C. Erwin and James Pilling, and was installed by Bro. F. A. Rainbow, the retiring master. Brother J. R. Hankey W.M. subsequently invested his officers:—Bros. F. A. Rainbow I.P.M., J. C. Brookes S.W., J. A. Hignett J.W., R. J. L. Kynaston Treas., G. W. Baron Sec., R. B. B. Nisbet S.D., T. A. Laidlaw J.D., T. Pierrepont P.M. D.C., E. A. Pugh Org., Dr. J. Pinkerton I.G., J. O. Jones S., J. Pearson S., N. Christensen S., Dr. J. M. Murray S., and M. Williamson Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, excellently served by Bro. Casey, house steward, and during the post prandial proceedings a very handsome Past Master's jewel and gold albert were presented to the retiring W.M., together with a handsome gold brooch and earrings, set in diamonds, and a gold chain for Mrs. Rainbow. The musical programme was furnished by the Cambrian Quartette (Bros. D. J. Davis, D. Williams, J. T. Jones and O. J. Rowlands), W. Lace and W. H. Latham, with Bro. E. A. Pugh as accompanist.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when a large amount of Masonic business was transacted. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, and it was nearly half-past seven before the Lodge was closed. This fact speaks well for the sincerity and hard work of the members that they could endure a ritual extending over four hours on a sultry summer's afternoon without exhibiting any signs of weariness. Bro. W. W. Snelling W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. E. Wilding S.W., H. H. Shirley J.W., J. R. Stacey P.M. Sec., Larchin P.M. Treasurer, H. Gush, H. Sammon, Kearney P.M., Headley, Newton, Braby, Gardner, Wright, Arnott, Neale, Linton, Tustin, Lockhard, Mayo, Drummond, Toovey, Browning, Snowdon, Bryant, Lansdowne, Stubbins, and R. J. Ward P.M. Among the visitors were Bro. Colonel Wilson of New York, Bros. Rough, Cruickshanks, W. Gibson, and Orlton Cooper. The first business was to pass Bros. Harris and Tustin, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, and subsequently Bro. Neale was raised to the sublime degree, both ceremonies being admirably worked by the Worshipful Master. The installation of Bro. E. Wilding into the chair next took place, and the brethren afterwards saluted him in due form, according to ancient custom. Bro. W. W. Snelling I.P.M. acted as installing master, and Bro. Gush was director of the ceremonies. Mr. Moritz Immisch having been duly balloted for, the newly-elected master proceeded to initiate him, and proved by his working that he was well qualified to perform the duties he had undertaken. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bro. H. H. Shirley S.W., Bro. J. E. Richardson J.W., Bro. Gush was invested as treasurer for Bro. Larchin (absent abroad), Bro. P.M. Stacey secretary, Bro. W. Newton S.D., Bro. Walter Braby J.D., Bro. H. Lansdowne I.G., Bro. H. Sammon D.C., Bro. Browning organist, Bros. Linton and Snowdon stewards, and Bro. B. Banks tyler. Before the Lodge was closed the W.M. presented on behalf of the brethren a past master's jewel to Bro. W. W. Snelling in recognition of his services during the past year. The labours of the afternoon being finished the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and a very enjoyable evening followed.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE sixth anniversary of the consecration occurred on Thursday the 20th inst., and as an emergency Lodge happened to be summoned for that evening, an unusual amount of interest was evinced in the proceedings. Bro. M. W. Meade W.M. opened the Lodge, and was supported by Bro. W. Rudrum S.W. and J. Grout J.W., and about 20 brethren. Bros. West and Ward were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Robert Smith P.M. 697. After labour an adjournment was

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made for refreshments, and a pleasant evening was spent in toast and song. The Visitors included Bros. R. Smith P.M. 697, and Walter H. de Caen P.M. 1024.

DAGMAR LODGE, No. 2262.

THIS new Lodge, consecrated twelve months back, when Bro. Williams was installed W.M., held its first anniversary on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraysbury, on the banks of the Thames, near the Bell Weir, when Bro. Hattersley was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of members and Visitors, among whom were Bro. J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., several Provincial Grand Officers, and many well known South London brethren. The W.M. having invested his Officers, proceeded to work the third degree, and afterwards performed the ceremony of initiation in favour of four candidates. He was very much complimented for the admirable manner in which he worked. There being no room in the Hotal large enough to seat the brethren, a large marquee had been provided by Bro. Robins, in which the banquet was served. The usual toasts were given, and the evening enlivened with songs by Bros. Eidle, Malham, C. Williams, Miss Adeline Skegg, &c. Amongst those present were:—Bros. W. Wingham, H. W. Clemow, F. Croaker, L. J. Dunham, R. E. Catterson, T. Youldon, G. Millson, G. Skegg, W. G. Cannon, C. G. Hill, E. W. Lewcock, W. Colbrook, H. A. Bridges, W. Pottinger, W. T. Harrold, P. Johns, Mitchell, R. Forster, H. Dawkes, J. Walker, &c.

PRIZE DAY AT WOOD GREEN.

NOTWITHSTANDING an exceptionally fine day, the attendance at the School on Thursday was nothing near as large as we have been accustomed to in past years. True, the day (Thursday) was not so convenient to business men as the Saturday, which had become almost the recognised day for this gathering. Still the air of gloom that pervades the minds of those more immediately connected with the management had its effect, and the surroundings were not so agreeable as we had hoped to find them. We missed familiar faces; we saw but two members of the old Committees present, viz., Bros. Thos. Hastings Miller and C. F. Hogard. Bro. Edward Terry (Grand Treasurer) was present, while Bro. James Terry (Secretary of the Benevolent Institution), Charles Lacey, and many other friends of the Institution and supporters of the Boys were in evidence. The chair was taken by Bro. Richard Eve, who was supported by Bros. Frederick Binckes (Secretary), and the Head Master, the Rev. Dr. Morris. At three o'clock, the proceedings commenced, and the following is the official

PROGRAMME.

Chorus - - "Britons, arise!"—(Bellini) - - The Choir.
Conductor—Bro. H. Dutton.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class—Scripture, F. W. Lewis. Shakespeare, H. R. Graves. Geography and History, J. P. Seagrave. French and Latin, F. F. Coleman, W. B. Macqueen. Mathematics, H. R. Graves, S. Gibson. General Improvement, F. K. Manning, E. B. Hickinbotham, F. H. France.

Second Class—Shakespeare, G. E. Haines. History and Geography, J. D'Oyly. French, G. E. Haines. Latin, G. W. Figges. Mathematics, H. Beaumont. General Improvement, H. Lewis, F. Higgison.

Third Class—English, F. A. Moorcroft. French, L. J. T. Harvey, M. B. Jones. Latin, H. R. Lane. Mathematics, H. N. Angier. General Improvement, B. H. Robey, O. L. Brister, J. H. Oscroft.

Pianoforte Solo - - "Scherzo." - - - (Schubert)
F. W. Higgison.

Part Song - - - "Departure." - - (Mendelssohn)
The Choir.

Fourth Class—English, F. C. Boulter. French, A. L. Pedley. Latin, R. A. Fortune. Mathematics, C. Campbell. Mapping, F. C. V. Basham. Good Conduct, G. H. Sutcliffe.

Fifth Class—English, J. B. Marless. French, A. O. Crompton. Latin, J. M. Macmillan. Arithmetic and Algebra, H. M. Harrison. General Improvement, F. Carter, J. D. Davis.

Sixth Class—French, G. R. H. Aitken. Latin, C. Staden. Arithmetic, W. Collinson. Writing, W. D. Pronger. General Improvement, C. Green.

Seventh Class—General Improvement, A. H. Grimsey, R. T. G. Biggs.

Chorus - "Allegiance we swear."—(Bishop) - The Choir.
Solo—W. E. Cordingley.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

First Class.—General Proficiency, A. Stephenson, R. T. Groombridge. General Improvement, W. Land. Efficiency as Monitor, G. Thaw.

Second Class.—General Proficiency, F. Bland. General Improvement, A. E. Davey, P. Parker.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, R. Chinneck. General Improvement, R. G. Bindley.

Pianoforte Trio "Extract from the First Concerto." (Mendelssohn)
F. W. Higgison and J. Heinke.

Part Song - - - "Song to Spring." - - - (Berger)
The Choir.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Writing, 1st F. C. Basham, 2nd J. Heinke. Dictation, 1st C. W. Limpricht, 2nd H. R. Graves. History, 1st G. E. Haines, 2nd F. W. Lewis. Geography, 1st F. W. Lewis, 2nd F. F. Coleman. Mental Arithmetic, 1st J. P. Seagrave, 2nd H. R. Graves. Shorthand, 1st H. R. Graves, 2nd J. Heinke, F. Coleman. Vocal Music, 1st W. E. Cordingley, 2nd J. A. M. Baily, R. D. Williams. Instrumental Music, 1st J. Shaw, 2nd F. B. Kent, H. J. Lillywhite, R. D. Williams. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st A. W. Wyatt, 2nd C. J. G. Roddam, J. A. M. Baily. Proficiency in Drill, F. P. Salter. Band, E. A. F. Mayne. Pianoforte, J. Heinke.

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Song - - - - "Cherry Ripe" - - - - (Horn)
W. E. Cordingley."

1889.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct—Presented by the Institution.—J. P. Seagrave.

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The Chairman's Address.

Part Song - - "O, hush thee, my baby" - - (Sullivan)
The Choir.

Pianoforte Solo - - "The Rivulet." - - (Mendelssohn)
J. Heinke.

Musical Drill.—By the Pupils of the Preparatory School.

Quartette - "Softly fall the Shades of Evening." - (Weber
Cordingley, Gay, &c.

"God Save the Queen."—The Choir.

The athletic sports resulted in a very satisfactory display; the programme was a full one, and some keen rivalry resulted. The potato race, the charioteers, the sack race, and finally the obstacle race, evoked much enthusiasm. The boys leave school for their holidays on Monday next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 27th inst., Bro. J. H. Matthews, Patron of the Institution, in the chair. Among those present were Bros. Peter de Lande Long, Wm. Morley, C. H. Webb, Herbert Dicketts, W. M. Bywater, Wm. Bailey, W. G. Kentish, H. F. Nash, Henry Cox, A. E. Gladwell, S. H. Parkhouse, and others. After reading the minutes, the following report of the Joint Committee of the House, Audit, and Finance Committees were received and unanimously adopted:—

The Joint Committee have, as a result of several meetings, reported upon an improved system of book-keeping.

They have called in chartered accountants (Messrs. Schröder and Chappelow), and instructed them to open a new set of books, commencing 1st January 1889, and make out a balance-sheet at the end of the year.

They make the following recommendations:—

1.—That the Audit and Finance Committee be resolved into a Finance Committee only, and meet monthly, or oftener, if necessary; and that their number be increased to 12; three to form a quorum.

2.—That in future the accounts be audited, and the annual balance-sheets prepared by a firm of chartered accountants.

3.—That the cheques for all payments ordered by the General Committee be signed by two members of the House Committee and countersigned by the Secretary; that the signatures be given to the bankers, who are to be instructed accordingly.

It was resolved that Bro. Dicketts give the necessary notice of motion at the meeting of the General Committee for the next Quarterly General Court, to carry out the various alterations in the laws rendered necessary by the recommendations of the Joint Committee.

(Signed) PETER DE LANDE LONG, Chairman.

26th June 1889.

Bro. Dicketts then handed in several notices, which were of a technical character. On the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to examine petitions, 11 petitions in all were approved and one deferred, making 50 candidates in all for the October election, for which nine vacancies, caused by girls leaving, were recommended. After other matters had been dealt with, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Free masonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

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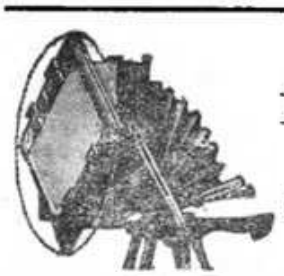
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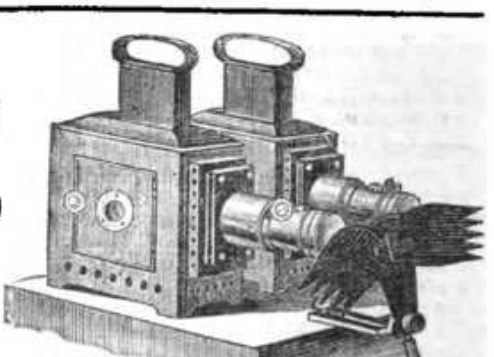
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The M.E. Comp. FREDERICK WEST, P.A.G.S.,

Grand Superintendent in Charge.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at Half-past 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. H. E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, enclosing 7s, 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 in Charge requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4·30 p.m.

By dispensation from the Grand Superintendent in Charge, Brethren will walk in procession to the Church in Craft Clothing.

Down trains from Charing Cross at 12·57 and 2·5; and from Cannon Street at 1·9 and 2·17, arriving at Caterham at 1·55 and 3·7.

Up trains from Caterham at 6·35, 7·40, 8·50, 10·10; arriving at Cannon Street at 7·35, 8·42, 9·45, 10·58.

Up trains from Caterham at 5·40, 6·35, 7·40, 8·50, 10·10; arriving at Charing Cross at 6·58, 7·47, 8·52, 9·57, 11·12.

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The R.W. Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D.

Grand Master in Charge of the Province of Surrey.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1889, at 3·30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

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P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Grand Master in Charge, been placed under the direction of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095, Caterham.

The Dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Bro. Herbert E. Stenning, Greenlands, Caterham, Surrey, enclosing 7s, which will not include wine.

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The R.W. P.G. Master in Charge requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at St. John's Church, Caterham Valley, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Edward A. Chichester, P.G. Chaplain.

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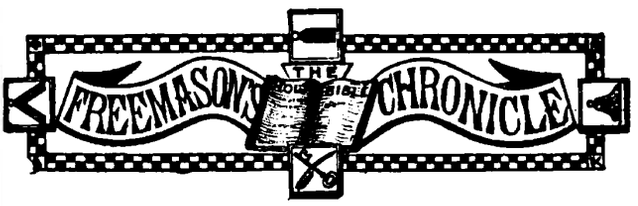
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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I will not be led astray from the main issues by following the Chairman of the Inquiry Committee in his travels on personal matters. The Chairman's letter has put before the Subscribers the Inquiry Committee's idea of their authority and the mode in which they proceeded to work. Truth we all seek for, but the House Committee do not think it will be found by searching for it through unreliable and tainted witnesses, verbal correction of statements, and the partial setting out of facts. Putting it shortly, their view appears to be that they were to be a secret Old Bailey tribunal, governed by "Crowner's-quest Law," throwing to the winds the spirit of Masonry with its traditions and sympathies. "Tace" used to mean be silent of a fault of a brother. The Inquiry Committee's new rendering is wash all your dirty linen in public. The idea of those who appointed them was, that the Inquiry Committee should act in open Court as Masons, investigating the affairs of a Masonic Institution, taking care that no injury came to the Institution, which they were bound to protect. No one can deny that their Report has done an incalculable amount of harm, and has unjustifiably raised the bitterest personal feeling against the members of the Old Committees, and has turned aside from the Institution many of the oldest and hardest working subscribers.

Let us then sum up the vermin case. The House Committee are pleased to find that the Inquiry Committee, by their Chairman, now say "that on the vermin question the House Committee was not implicated." Why did they not say this in their report? How does the case stand even against the officials?

The Inquiry Committee admit now that they have affixed this stigma of vermin on the School on the evidence of one man. He is a Master, dismissed by the House Committee, and his evidence is tainted with a most maligant bias against them. He could not say whether he saw one or two cases; he could not mention the time, place, or name of the boy affected, or the name of any boy who had seen vermin on any other boy in term time. He only launches this trumped-up lie when before the Inquiry Committee, to delude them, and he was entirely uncorroborated except by the "unreliable" witness.

The matron denied that this state of things ever did occur at any time when the officials were responsible. She is corroborated in this denial by the head master, the surgeon, the hair cutter (with

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20 years' monthly experience), the surgeon-oculist, and everybody who must have known of such a thing had it occurred in term time. Shortly, then, the Inquiry Committee (seven in number) believed the "tainted" witness against all the others.

The House Committee (12 in number) believe, and with confidence ask the subscribers to believe, the respectable witnesses who contradict this uncorroborated maligner of our boys and the Institution.

2. As to the badness of sight, Dr. Hogg's evidence is perfectly consistent in itself. He says: "I did not expect to find so high an average of badness of sight, but, finding it, I can only say that it is but the average of similar Institutions."

This allegation, that it was double the average, did us great harm in the minds of the subscribers, and now that it is shown to be "directly negatived" by evidence, it is attempted to be explained away by "a verbal correction" that "the average" may be understood to mean "double the average."

In my last letter I pointed out what the House Committee did to mitigate this evil (unfortunately too prevalent everywhere now-a-days, and when they did it; yet the Chairman says (paragraph 27) that "I preserve silence on the point." Certainly, in paragraph 30 he contradicts his own assertion, for he says, that I "told the Inquiry Committee what was done to alter the lighting, to which this evil is attributed, and when it was effected."

3. As to the heating apparatus, in my last letter I mentioned the sums spent by the House Committee in 1884-5-6-7 on this. The Chairman objects that a sum of £300 had nothing to do with this matter. This is not so,—but let that pass. The objection to this £300 admits that the other sums had been paid for this purpose. How, then, were we "doing nothing?"

The Chaiman says, "The first complaint was 19th November 1885. The first notice on the books of the House Committee is 12th July 1887." What a pity the Inquiry Committee did not read the minutes of the House Committee for 1885.

In April 1885 the House Committee considered the question of heating, and on the 27th May 1885, at a special meeting, the question of new boilers was thoroughly discussed, and contracts for the same were accepted. At a special meeting, on 11th June 1885, this question was again before them, and on the 19th June a special meeting was held for the purpose of considering the same question of proposed improvement to boilers, among other things.

The Chairman says that new boilers were not put in till 1887, and yet the accounts show that they were completed on 21st November 1885.

The resolution of 12th July 1887, which has misled the grossly careless draftsman of the report and the Chairman, refers to some final alterations made to some of the old heating apparatus, which originally we had every reason to believe would do its work properly after the new boilers had been started, but which, unfortunately, had to be altered at the cost mentioned. The heating apparatus has worked well ever since.

"There are 43 recorded complaints," says the Chairman. The House Committee only met 33 times between Nov. '85 and July '87, and five of these were special meetings for matters outside this question, and one-third of the remaining 28 would be summer meetings, when the heating apparatus would not be at work. This leaves an average of over two for each meeting. The Head Master's report and complaint book is produced at each monthly meeting.

I have, in another way, now proved that this Report is founded upon "unreliable" and "struck-out" evidence, upon "tainted evidence," upon a "direct misrepresentation" of the evidence of a scientific witness given on the most important of all the allegations (having as a lad suffered much myself with my eyesight, I think so), and upon a direct charge of gross negligence. The last is contradicted up to the hilt by a class of evidence to which the Chairman refers, but which, it is clear, the Inquiry Committee never read.

So much for this precious Report, which has hounded on the noisiest of the subscribers against the governing bodies of the Institution, which in turn have indeed received "their support," as shown at the quiet and truly Masonic meetings of 1st June and 6th June.

Is it not a fact that all the personal statements as to condition of the boys, &c., is founded upon a few hours' visit of the Inquiry Committee (one absent) on a cold Saturday afternoon in November.

"Cui bono," to whom has the Report done good? It has disgusted a large number of brethren by the spirit in which it is penned, it has done more to assist those who wish the local funds to be distributed in each locality than 50 years of propagandism would have done; and, finally, it has affixed a stigma on our boys and the Institution, which, though foundationless, will never die away.

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

A. F. Godson.

CLASS LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—With reference to your quotation from the *Daily Telegraph*, in your last issue, to the effect that "those members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons are proposing that they should have a Lodge of their own," &c., seems to me to invite the serious consideration of *every Craftsman* who treasures the traditions of the Order as hitherto regarded in our country. The suggestion that a Lodge should be instituted for any political section of men who are Masons is to my mind a dangerous innovation, and not in keeping with the spirit of British Freemasonry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.A.G.D.C. England.

London, 25th June 1889.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THIS Grand Lodge met, for their annual meeting, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Friday, the 21st inst. Among those present were Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master who presided; he was supported by:—

Bros. G. Gordon Robbins, Rev. Jas. Hutchins, C. Hammerton, W. A. Scurrah, W. G. Brighten, P. Dakin, Jno. Larkin, C. Slater, S. Fountaine, F. R. Hales, W. Potter, P. Saillard, G. J. Dunkley, C. Pullman, D. P. Cama, J. K. R. Cama, G. H. Newington Bridges, W. Poore, H. Lovegrove, T. Clark, J. M. Klenck, Egbert Roberts, E. Hoare, J. T. Briggs, Ernest Flower, J. H. Clare, John Barnett junior, George Graveley, T. C. Edmonds, W. T. Heath, Hugh M. Hobbs, H. J. Sparks, C. W. Mapleton, S. H. Parkhouse, H. E. Vickers, J. Cater, J. S. Fraser, Rev. G. W. Weldon, J. T. Calloway, J. Barrett Lennard, R. H. Cowan, G. Gregory, H. Burgess, H. H. Wells, W. S. Neale, C. W. J. Bird, W. G. Wise, E. Storr E. C. Bliss, H. Tipper, J. T. Griffith, W. M. Stiles, R. A. Hose, J. N. Forge, Chas. Lee, J. H. Thomson, E. H. Wilkinson, W. H. Forge, R. J. Chitson, Nelson Prower, T. Rushby, J. T. Rowe, W. W. Lee, &c. &c.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the roll of Lodges was called, and goodly response made. The report showed an increase both in number of members and in Lodges. The Treasurer's accounts showed a satisfactory balance, and on motion made and duly seconded, were unanimously adopted. The warrant of re-appointment of the Prov. G.M. for the ensuing period was read. This document dates from the 29th December 1870, from which period Bro. Col Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has regularly been re-appointed every three years, and the warrant endorsed accordingly.

The following Officers were invested to serve during the ensuing year:—

Bro. F. Davison	Deputy Master
Henry Lovegrove	Senior Warden
J. F. Griffith, M.D.	Junior Warden
G. H. Wilkinson	M.O.
J. Hugh Thomson	S.O.
Nelson Prower, M.A.	J.O.
Rev. R. W. Joseph Cater, M.A.	Chaplains
Rev. G. H. Weldon	Chaplains
C. Hammerton	Treasurer
Phillip Saillard	Registrar
W. G. Brighten	Secretary
William Heath	Senior Deacon
J. H. Clare	Junior Deacon
Wm. Lloyd Wise	Inspector of Works
T. C. Edmonds	Director of Ceremonies
F. R. Hales	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
W. F. Potter	Sword Bearer.
R. J. Chitson	Standard Bearer
Charles Lee	Organist
Harry Tipper	Inner Guard
Hy. Burgess	Stewards
J. T. Briggs	Stewards
John Barnett jun.	Stewards
J. N. Catley	Stewards
J. Byford	Stewards
John Gilbert	Tyler

Bro. Dunkley was appointed a Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on the proposition of the Provincial G. Secretary, seconded by Bro. Storr, the sum of ten guineas was voted to his list. The Lodges in the Province having the privilege of nominating Stewards for the Grand Lodge are taken in rotation, and the following were accorded the honour for the forthcoming year:—Croydon Lodge, Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, and Royal Savoy Lodge. Bros. Scratchley, Robbins, Stiles and Newington Bridges were elected as members of the Committee for General Purposes. The Prov. G. Secretary stated that the brethren had every reason to be satisfied with the year's progress; although the increase in numbers was small it was in the right direction, and there was also a good balance to the credit of the Provincial Funds. In conclusion, he congratulated them on the re-appointment of their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, who he hoped would reign over them for many years to come. This completed the business of Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren now adjourned to an excellent banquet. In giving the toast the Queen and Mark Masonry, the Prov. Grand Master said there was nothing he could say in Her Majesty's favour of which the brethren were not already aware. This toast

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was always accorded the foremost place, and there was no body of men who drank it more enthusiastically than the brethren of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. The next toast, Col. Burdett said—that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.—would be received with equal enthusiasm; his Royal Highness had for a considerable time ruled over them, and during that time the brethren had been perfectly satisfied with what he had done. They hoped his Royal Highness would continue to rule over them for many years to come, he had done what he could for the Order, and had induced his son and others to become M.M. Masons. In giving the Pro G.M. and the rest of the G. Officers, the Prov. G. Master remarked that the brethren knew what those Officers were, and what they has done for the Order, and how they were always ready to come forward to assist. They had had some excellent Grand Masters, who had performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner. Without trespassing upon the time of the brethren, he would ask them to drink the toast, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Brighten. Brother W. G. Brighten said that as the virtues of those whom the brethren had honoured were so great and his own so small, and as the brethren were waiting for the fragrant weed, they would take the will for the deed, as far as his speech was concerned. He fully acknowledged the manner in which the brethren had recognised the merits of the Present and Past Grand Officers. Brother Rev. J. Hutchens proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, and said the honour devolved upon him in consequence of the regrettable absence of Bro. Davison, who should have occupied the Deputy's chair. He was quite sure the toast would be received by all present with the honour which should be accorded to it. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., who was heartily received, said he would not hesitate to rise quickly, after the toast so kindly proposed and received, and thank them most sincerely for the kindness they had shown, not only that night, but on many previous occasions when they had had the pleasure of meeting together. For nearly 20 years he had been Provincial Grand Master, and they might begin to think he was getting too old, but as long as he was able he would do all he could for the interest of the Province, particularly when he found he was so kindly supported by all. He had found so many kind friends that he could not express the feelings of gratitude he owed to the whole of the Brotherhood in the Province. He had been re-elected for terms of three years until nearly 21 had elapsed since his first appointment, and he began to find he was an old man; but, at the same time, wherever he was, he should always look with the greatest gratitude upon the kindness he had received. He thanked them sincerely for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received his health.

The Provincial Grand Officers was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, who referred to them as a body of brethren who had always exerted themselves and done much, not only to support him, but for the good of the Province in general. On this occasion he had the honour of calling upon a brother who had exerted himself not only in this Degree but in all others—one whom they all loved and honoured, and whom they all felt glad to have the opportunity of seeing in the chair. He asked them to drink the health of Bro. Lovegrove and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. H. Lovegrove Prov. G.S.W. said he felt very proud at being able to respond for the Prov. Grand Officers. Middlesex and Surrey comprised a very large Province, being practically London—with the exception of some few Lodges which for some reason stood aloof. He had laboured considerably in Middlesex and Surrey, where Ark Masonry had taken firm hold, but in the Provincial towns they required assistance. On all occasions in the Mark he spoke upon one subject—the Mark Benevolent Fund—in which he was a firm believer, and for which some years ago he represented this Province. It was a fund which had no expensive buildings or officers, and practically the whole of the sum subscribed was devoted to Charity. A certain portion went to indigent Masons and their wives, and another part to assist in the education of the children of Mark Masons without taking them from their homes, which was a very praiseworthy object. He was never tired of advocating this fund, and only hoped the brethren would do their best to send their Steward—Brother Dunkley—with a good sum, for the money would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. The officers appointed that night thanked the Provincial Grand Master for his kindness in promoting them, and they would do their best to perform their duties to the best of their ability. Every Prov. G. Lodge sent up one Grand Steward, but they sent four. They could not speak too highly of their P.G. Master, for, wherever they met him, he was not only a thorough Mason, but a courteous English gentleman. He felt sorry the Dep. Prov. G.M.—Bro. Davison—was not present, but he hoped that brother would yet be with them. Of their great Executive Officer—Bro. Brighten—he could only say, if some of the Craft Provinces were managed in the same way as theirs, greater success would ensue, for Bro. Brighten left no stone unturned, and kept the entire Province in a first class state. Bro. Rev. J. Hutchens gave the Visitors, which was replied to by Bro. Sparks, and the Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville.—"The Old House," a new comedy-drama by Mr. Robert Buchanan, has been favourably received here. The play appears to be an Anglicised version of the comedy above mentioned, "Le Gendre de M. Poirier." In the present instance the father-in-law is Septimus Porter, a wealthy colonist, whose only child has married Sir Charles Fenton (le Marquis de Presles) a ruined baronet, much against the wish of Matthew Bramble (Verdelet), a hard headed man of business, and Poirier's (we beg pardon) Porter's partner. Sir Charles has been restored to his estates and position in the world by Porter's kindness, which he repays by neglecting his wife and flirting with Mrs. Waldegrave (la Comtesse), a former sweetheart. His friend Major Dashwood takes advantage of this state of affairs, makes love to Lady Fenton, and causes her to believe that Sir Charles has betrayed Mary Mason, one of his father's tenants. His overtures are rejected, but Lady Fenton decides to leave her husband and return to her old home in Australia. Mary is found, and confesses it was Dashwood who deceived her; Sir Charles is forgiven, on promise of amendment; and the Major is rewarded by a severe horsewhipping, inflicted by the indignant Porter. Underlying the main interest in the story is a scathing satire on the follies and privileges of modern society, and for this purpose the Honble. John Hackabout, a young man of the "masher" type, and Dolly Drew, a burlesque artiste, are brought on the stage. These characters, evidently the reflection of certain personages in real life, are cleverly portrayed by Mr. Cyril Maude and Miss Edith Bruce, and caused considerable amusement. Mr. Tom Thorne gives a fine representation of the simple minded old squatter, but the frequent use of the big, big D, might be toned down with advantage. Miss Winifred Emery gives a graceful and pathetic rendering of Lady Fenton, and Mr. Wallace Erskine does well as the weak-headed Sir Charles. Mr. C. W. Garthorne looks and acts admirably, as the wicked society man, Mr. Fred Thorne is excellent as Bramble, while Misses Marion Lea, Fanny Robertson, Ella Banister and Mr. F. Grove must be congratulated on their assumption of the minor characters. Mr. Sydney Alport, the courteous and capable acting manager, announces his annual benefit for Saturday next, 6th July, when the Vaudeville Company will appear, and several eminent artistes will take part in a miscellaneous entertainment. We heartily wish him success.

Gaiety.—The engagement of the French Company at this theatre came to a brilliant termination on Tuesday last, when a crowded audience assembled to witness and enjoy the final performance of these clever artistes. The piece selected was "Le Gendre de Monsieur Poirier," the part of the old bourgeois being undertaken by M. Coquelin. This is a character he plays to perfection; it is full of minute artistic touches, while his facial expression and tone of voice are so precise that even persons not conversant with the French language might readily follow the action of the play. M. Coquelin was admirably supported by his son Jean, as Verdelet, the friend and partner of Poirier—another artistic performance, when it is considered the actor is so young a man, and which sufficiently proved him to be a worthy follower in his father's footsteps. Mdlle. Alice Lody, as Antoinette, and M. Duquesne as le Marquis de Presle, also played with considerable spirit, and materially assisted in the success achieved. The comedy was received throughout with acclamation, and the curtain had to be raised again and again at its conclusion to enable the performers to witness the enthusiasm of their admirers. The Company will certainly not regret their short visit to London. The regular Gaiety troupe return here this (Saturday) evening, with the successful burlesque "Faust up to date."

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 29th JUNE.

Meeting of Old Scholars, Girls' School, Battersea Rise
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (I)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Twickenham
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 1st JULY.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (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)
833—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)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
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, at 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1966—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 26—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, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
164—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
186—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
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street, Durham
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
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—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1350—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—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
2163—Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 2nd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Lennox, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Chilton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—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, Mona Hotel, Hunter-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 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 Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1585—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1638—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 Instruction, 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. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ledbroke 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.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
848—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
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevelon.
1970—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.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Alexandra Palace, N.
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 (Inst)
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
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, 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, 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. 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. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, Town Hall, Beccles
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Bristol
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Bilston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Southgate
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chancery-lane
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1364—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Lytham, Lancashire
1456—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1463—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1481—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1649—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1820—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Bear, Woodstock
1962—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1756—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. 64—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 260—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Everton
M.M. 30—Furness, Burlington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 4th JULY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Yituvian, White Hart, Borough-road, Southwark, at 8 (Instruction)
148—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
167—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Conch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)

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1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1378—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)
1381—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 5:30. (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
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)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, 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.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte 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
1966—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
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.
128—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
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
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.
537—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Iron Bridge Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Fall, Bruton, Somerset
1081—Royal Standard, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1252—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1367—Braminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1512—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranborune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
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. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 5th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).
807—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, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1281—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham at 7.30. (Instruction)
2238—Old Westminsters', 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenw
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (In
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Clev Paddington, W. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instru
M.M 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Grange, Chorlton
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. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 6th JULY.

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, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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 (Instructi n)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

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