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## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

### THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST AT THE RECENT FESTIVAL.

AS the object of our analysis of the Subscription List at the last of our annual Festivals, namely, the one held in February for the R.M.B.I. has been misunderstood; as one brother, at all events, took us to task for the tone in which we commented on the partial character of the list; as he seemed to think our desire was to goad members into contributing by holding up sundry, "in all the conspicuousness of italics," to the reproach of their fellows, we may as well, at the risk of repeating ourselves, state here that all we wish to do is to point out to the energetic secretaries of our three Institutions and their almost equally active supporters, where they may break fresh ground with a very good chance of bringing substantial grist to the mill from virgin sources, or, at all events, from sources that, for some time past, have been overlooked or neglected. The idea of goading people into charitable acts is a silly one on the face of it. Gifts compulsorily or unwillingly bestowed come not under the category of charitable gifts. But while, for this reason, it would never occur to us to force members into contributing, we see no harm in pointing out what provinces have not contributed to this or that institution. It is one thing to say that certain Lodges or districts are unrepresented in a certain subscription list, another, that such Lodges or districts have deliberately stood aloof, and so neglected that most important of all Masonic duties, the duty of being charitable. The more we analyse these lists, the more convinced are we that all is not done that might be done on behalf of our Institutions. While the support that is accorded them is an increasing one, and beyond question liberal as regards amount, it is very far from being *general*. We demonstrated this in the case of the last list at the Benevolent Festival in February, and we confirm it in the case of the present list.

The amount of subscriptions in 1875 was stated at the time to be £7,268 3s, with thirteen lists to come in. This year the figure is £8,214, and there are still twelve lists to be received, so that, in round figures, the increase over 1875 is £1,000. This is certainly satisfactory, though we had fully expected the thousands would have reached ten. Of this sum of £8,214, more than one-half, or, to be as precise as possible, £4,674 16s 6d are contributed by the metropolitan districts, and the remainder by the provinces, Stations abroad, the Red Cross Order, Knights Templar, &c. There were, it seems, according to Grand Lodge Calendar for this year, 224 Lodges in the London district, that is, excluding those warranted since the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December last. Of these, eighty-seven figure in the list, and there are likewise four Chapters, of which one is put down conjointly with the Lodge. Of these eighty-seven Lodges, forty-two were among the seventy-three London Lodges which contributed last year. To put the matter in another way. Seventy-three Lodges contributed in 1875, of which forty-two contribute again in 1876, and eighty-seven this year, of which forty-five did not figure on the last list. Thus, in the two years, one hundred and eighteen Lodges have subscribed to the Girls' School, and of these six did not appear in Grand Lodge Calendar for 1875. It follows, of course, that nearly one-half the London Lodges are not contributors to this charity in either year, while close upon a fifth of the number in the roll in 1875 are contributories in both

years. To show, further, not only how partial is the subscription, but how frequently the same ground is travelled over, while other ground lies fallow or is untried, of the eighty-seven Lodges in the present list, not only have forty-two, as we have said, subscribed in both years, but nineteen of them have given three times, that is, twice to the Girls and once to the Benevolent, or, this year to the Girls and this and last year to the Benevolent, while nineteen have subscribed four times, that is, to both festivals of the Benevolent and the Girls. Of these seventeen were in the Boys' List in July last, and have thus subscribed at the last five anniversaries, namely, the two Benevolent, two Girls, and one Boys.

As regards the provinces, Berks and Bucks, with fifteen Lodges, represented by the Wycombe Lodge, No. 1,501, High Wycombe, contributed £141 15s, and also gave last year. Cheshire, with thirty-eight Lodges, is represented by Lodges No. 425 of Chester, No. 287 of Stockport, and 237 (? 537) of Birkenhead. Devonshire, with forty-six Lodges, is down for five guineas and a-half, Lodge Perseverance, No. 164, Sidmouth. Hants and the Isle of Wight has twenty-nine Lodges, of which Lodge 319, New Forest, subscribes twenty guineas. Kent numbers forty Lodges, and is represented by Nos. 820, for £29 8s, 1206 for ten guineas, 1208 for twenty-five guineas, 1464 for forty-two guineas, and 1531 for £24 17s 6d. The honour of East Lancashire, with its eighty-two Lodges (Manchester 17, Salford 5, Bury 5, Bolton 4, Ashton-under-Lyne 3, Rochdale 2), is left to a Bolton Lodge, No. 221, and figures for eleven guineas. Last year the province, with its then eighty Lodges, was down for forty guineas. Thus Manchester, with its seventeen Lodges, unless it contributed the whole or a part of the forty guineas just mentioned, has not given one farthing to either the Benevolent or the Girls' these two years, and was not as worthily represented at the Boys' Festival, as considering its enormous wealth and the number of its members it might have been. A small contribution of £6 11s from a Liverpool Lodge, No. 1086, is all we note from West Lancashire, with its seventy-one Lodges, while its contribution last year was only £63 11s, but at the Benevolent, in February, it figured for over £1,500, and to the Boys' in 1875 it subscribed considerably over £200. Lincolnshire last Festival gave only sixty guineas; this year, with Bros. John Sutcliffe (1226), Jack Sutcliffe (1264), R. J. Boyall, Charity Steward for the Province. Rev. Dr. Ace (1232), Jas. Robinson, and Wm. Marshall (792), Joseph Chapman (1224), and F. Long (1223), it appears for £543 14s. It gave an even larger sum to the Benevolent in 1875, and was also represented on the Boys' list. Middlesex is a handsome subscriber both years; in 1874, for £581 19s, and in 1875, £711 12s. One of the eight Nottingham Lodges, No. 1434, is down for forty guineas. North Wales and Shropshire, with nineteen, is also represented by one, No. 1124, Oswestry, for eleven guineas. Oxfordshire numbers only seven Lodges, but two of them, Nos. 357 and 478, are jointly down for £50. Somersetshire, with nineteen Lodges is represented by one, No. 1199. South Wales (East Division) has ten Lodges, and contributes £115 10s. A Sudbury Lodge, No. 1224, with twenty-five guineas, does duty for Suffolk. Three of the fourteen Surrey Lodges contributed among them thirty guineas. Warwickshire, per a Birmingham Lodge, No. 938, "Grosvenor," contributes two hundred and fifty guineas, and we may anticipate great things from it at the Boys' Festival, when its Grand Master, Lord Leigh, will take the chair. Wiltshire and Jersey also figure, the former for £115 12s, and the latter for one hundred guineas, while

West Yorkshire, with a long array of stewards, headed by its G.M., Sir Henry Edwards, contributes the sum of £707 16s, and in 1875 gave £580 17s. The Punjanh appears for ten guineas, and the Grand Council of the Red Cross Order for £119 13s. Thus of forty-one provinces, or with Beds, Channel Isles—exclusive of Jersey—and Isle of Man, forty-four, twenty-one are among the subscribers, and of these fifteen, Berks and Bucks, Cheshire, Kent, Lancashire East, Lancashire West, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, North Wales and Salop, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, South Wales East, Suffolk, Surrey, Warwickshire, and West Yorkshire appear both last year and this; eight others were represented in 1875, but not on the occasion just past. It remains that of the forty-four Provinces or Districts, fifteen are not comprised in either of the subscription lists, or, in other words, have not contributed these two years towards the support of the Girls' School. These are Beds, Cambs, Cornwall, Dorset, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Norfolk, Northampton and Hunts, Northumberland, Worcestershire, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man. Some of them, however, will be found contributing to our other charities, and others have local charitable institutions of their own.

It will be evident from the foregoing particulars that a very considerable number of Lodges are not to be found in this or indeed in any of the annual subscription lists. We do not say they are neglectful of their duty. We draw attention to the fact, in order that some of them may be led to contribute of their own free will, by sending up, and so swelling the number of the stewards on these important occasions; or that they may be induced to contribute by a zealous canvass on the part of some of the more active brethren. More than once have we pointed out that we are by no means the first to call attention to the subscriptions being only partial. By improved organisation, by a greater display of energy, this partiality may be remedied. We trust it may be, for the more general the support, the better for our charities.

## MASONIC PORTRAITS (No. 28.)

### THE FATHER OF THE LODGE.

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan that moves  
To that mysterious realm, . . . .  
Thou go . . . . sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, . . . .  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

IF these sketches of ours were not accurate transcripts from the life, we might often indulge in ideal dreams of Masonic perfection, or of Masonic wisdom, which perhaps would prove amusing enough, however baseless they might be in fact. We might draw, for example, a portrait of the modern Masonic sage, and for the due development of so august a figure we might turn to the sentimental school of fiction for our model of style or imagery. He, of course, should be a sort of Zanon, mysterious, solemn, awe-inspiring. Full of strange dreamy lore, and of still stranger fancies concerning human destiny and the tendency of human effort. We should surround our sage with all the theatrical accessories which, time out of mind, have formed a portion of the stock in trade of the pretender. Crabbed manuscripts, with here and there a mystic mathematical problem, strange instruments, Masons' tools, of antique type; while the feeble glimmer of the lamp in his cell should reveal weird pictures of the Pyramids, or the temple of Belus, or, more suggestive still, diagrams, amongst which the pentacle would, of course, be conspicuous. Our ideal sage would be deeply learned, an ardent collector of books and manuscripts, and a bold speculator in those obscure realms of metaphysics in which so many a dreamer has lost his way. His rank, of course, we could readily settle in a moment. He would be a Mason of the highest attainments, in whose presence even the Grand Master himself would seem of second rank. He should be an apostle of mystery in its most obscure form, but he should likewise be well practised in the daily business of the Order, and should carry its laws written clearly on the tablets of his brain. A judicial mind, and consequent calm judgment, a dignified bearing, and a silent

tongue! Such would be the sort of Masonic high priest which we might present to a fiction-loving public, and perhaps, like all fictions, it might contain a germ of truth, battered indeed out of all shape, or spread out like gold leaf to cover the coarser parts of the picture. Happily, few of us live in the realms of sentiment and romance; the first has ceased to be popular since Byron's poetry went out of fashion, and the latter has quite departed, to make way for realism, which is often in its way as repulsive as the mock emotions and the mock courage of the heroes of that school of fiction which was finally conjured away by the spells of Sir Walter Scott. In truth, there is enough matter for telling biographical writing within our reach to render any resort to the realms of pure imagination quite unnecessary. It may never be our province nor our good fortune to write the lives of the seven wise men of the Order, whoever they may be, but if we are not yet called upon to exhibit a sage to the admiring gaze of the brethren, we may venture to introduce to the notice of our readers one of the Fathers of the Craft, whose cheerful English face, with its venerable garnish of beard, smiles upon us from a life-like photograph as we write. It is the face, indeed, of a brother who appears to have taken the adverse strokes of fortune as placidly as he received its favours. A jovial, cheerful man, who has always a pleasant word for a brother, and wise counsel for those who seek it. He is a Masonic veteran, with experience which extends over half a century, and knowledge of the Craft as far-reaching and as deep as that of any of the galaxy of distinguished brethren. He was born in 1800, and is consequently in his seventy-sixth year, and was initiated, in 1827, in the Bank of England Lodge, of which he is now the father. Generations have entered and passed the chair since our neophyte nervously took upon himself the solemn obligations which Masonry imposes upon its members. The young have become old, have dropped out of the ranks of the Craft, and out of the interminable ranks of men. New faces and forms have come up in succession, like the never-ending processions in the dreams of an opium-eater, and the old comrades, some of whom were famous, seem to belong to an age long buried. O'Brien, author of "The Round Towers of Ireland," Douglas Jerrold, Dr. Crucefix, originator of the Institution for aged Masons, have passed for ever from the Lodge, and their places are occupied by living worthies, who regard the "Father" as a true patriarch. Sir Michael, and his kind brother Raphael Costa, Zachariah Watkins, and others, now grown grey in honours, are amongst the men who have made the "Bank of England" famous in the Masonic world. In spite of the ceaseless change to which every body corporate is subject, the Father of the Lodge, in response to the ever-welcome toast of "The Past Masters," smiles pleasantly upon his brethren, and his voice, unshaken by age, still trolls out the accustomed song—

"Time! Time! Time!  
Why ponder o'er thy glass  
To count the dull sand pass?"

He is the survivor of a zealous few who, forty years since, saved the old Lodge from premature extinction. In the year 1831 its members had so dwindled away that the propriety of surrendering the warrant and affiliating with the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, was seriously mooted. Wiser counsels, however, prevailed, and Dr. Davies, the W.M., with his help, carried the Lodge safely through its period of difficulty, and entered it upon that career of great prosperity which it has since so steadily pursued. The Lodge, now 263 on the roll of England, has proved grateful for the fostering care bestowed upon it, and bids fair to survive as many successive fathers as the father of it has seen generations of members come and go. May it see them, as the ideal of the poet has seen:—

"The thin tiny pineshrub peep up from the moss,  
The wren's foot would cover it, tripping across;  
The beechnut, down dropping, would crush it beneath,  
But 'tis warm'd by Heaven's sunshine and fanned by its breath.  
The eagle has seen it, upstruggling to sight,  
He has seen it defying the storm in its might,  
Then prostrate, soil-blended, with plants sprouting o'er,  
But the grey forest eagle is still as of yore.  
His flaming eye dims not, his wing is unbowed,  
Still drinks he the sunshine, still scales he the clond."

And may it be the type of many a good old Lodge of which the members may be as justly proud!

In the magnificent folio album commenced by the Lodge nearly forty years since there is a smiling face portrayed

in the heyday of youth. It is from the pencil of Edwin Dalton Smith, the eminent miniature painter, then also a member. Younger brethren, turning the honoured pages for admiring visitors, point affectionately to the lineaments of "the Father of the Lodge." Time has added wrinkles to the face, and tinged the hair, but his hand has been powerless to efface the smile which still adorns, in undiminished freshness, the features of our honoured veteran. Age changes the superficial but leaves the deeper marks of character untouched, or develops them in stronger and deeper lines. The genial goodness of the young Mason, mellowed like ripened fruit, is still conspicuous in the photograph before us. The Father of the Lodge must have been blessed through life with a good digestion and a clear conscience. The face is that of a man who can front Eternity with the unblotted records of a life well spent.

The Bank of England and the Burlington Lodges were the most active promoters of the scheme which has ripened into the present Institution for Aged Freemasons. The idea originated with the former Lodge, and our hero was active in the good cause; at the present time he is Vice-Patron of the Charity. He has been a member of other Lodges, and No. 26 sent him up as Grand Steward. He afterwards joined the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and passed the chair. He is one of the oldest members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and has vivid recollections of Peter Gilkes, who presided over it in Charlotte-street, Rathbone-place. He is, of course, a P.Z. of the Royal Arch, and a P.M. of the Mark degree, has been for years a 30°, and remembers the first introduction, as his guest, of the gallant Bayard to the Metropolitan Chapter of Rose Croix. The St. George's Preceptory of the Temple owns him for a Past Commander, and he has been for many years its Registrar. In the outer world the Father of the Lodge has led a painstaking and laborious life. The year 1826 found him, in partnership with a former secretary of the Girls' School, proprietor of a circulating library, which was frequented by the wits who made merry with George IV. While in this position, he was brought into communication with the late Rev. George Oliver, D.D., and published successively those works which take rank as the standard erudition of our Order. Until the author's death, they remained on terms of trustful and affectionate intimacy. Perhaps the proudest moment of both their lives was when present at Lincoln, in 1844, at the presentation of a testimonial of plate (purchased by world-wide Masonic Subscription) to Dr. Oliver, who was hailed with acclamation "THE SAGE OF MASONRY."

Our veteran was from the beginning interested in the Freemasons' Quarterly Review and Magazine, and from the year 1826 to 1875 Masonic literature is inseparably connected with his name. Many of our Lodges know him as purveyor of their paraphernalia, and upon adding to his own the business of Bro. W. Evans the jeweller, in 1856, he first styled his establishment opposite the Freemasons' Hall, "The Masonic Depot." Having delegated the minutiae of business to younger hands, he yet does not cultivate his well-earned leisure to the neglect of Masonic duties. He is a regular attendant at Lodge, a steady worker upon Committees, and on matters within his experience ever a courteous adviser and referee. He has served frequent Stewardships, is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and of that for Boys, whilst of the larger Charity, which is not published—which wells up from a heart in active sympathy with all misfortune—He that seeth in secret will finally testify.

### THE MASONIC PRESS.

WE never expected, when we made our bow in public, and announced our programme to be the furtherance of Masonic interests, that the Craft would take us at our own valuation, and at once accord us its support. We confess, however, we are highly gratified with the kind reception we have met with in all parts of the United Kingdom. Our progress, like that of every well organised undertaking, has been, and, indeed, still is slow, but it is a sure progress, not materially affected by the excitement of passing events. We have never experienced those extraordinary fluctuations which are the usual sign of a brief, uncertain career. We have not been all hope one week, all despair the week fol-

lowing. We have advanced, and are advancing by regular stages. The circle of our readers is an extending one. Those who cheered us onward at the beginning are pleased their anticipations have been thus far realised. Those who have since given us encouragement have done so with the evidence before them that we go on keeping steadily in view the original plan we carved out. We are an advertising medium, as all journals are; but we are not a medium for the advertisement of any special wares of our own. Our stock in trade is the "CHRONICLE." To keep that worthy of the increasing support we receive is a legitimate object of ambition; but there is no trading on Masonry lying hid behind that object. We encourage a class literature, as does every class organ, but that encouragement forms no part of any scheme for the promotion of our own success in trade. We should never insult our readers by telling them their support was a matter of indifference. Even the withdrawal of a single subscriber pains us, not so much for the shillings we lose, though they of course are needed, but because we fear it may be due to some error, either of omission or of commission, of which, unwittingly, we have been guilty. We naturally strive to give general satisfaction, but we know it is hopeless to aim at giving universal satisfaction. In short, we do our best, and thankful are we to say, that best has been most kindly appreciated by our clients. But do all we may, we find one obstacle to greater progress is well nigh insuperable. There are so many Craftsmen who fight shy of the publicity of the press. Such cannot see how a Masonic press, or even a Masonic literature of any kind, is consistent with the secrecy to which they are bound. Yet a journal may publish much without violating the secrets we have sworn to keep. Our Order has a history which is known of all men; what harm is there in discussing it? Again, and again, have we been denounced as the enemies of all religion and order. What harm in defending ourselves from so foul an aspersion? Masonry is spread over the whole surface of the world. Why may not the members in one country learn the doings of their brethren in other countries? We have a regular form of government. What harm is there in considering openly its merits? Different customs obtain in different places, yet a comparison of such differences is no sin. Here is ample material to fill a dozen Chronicles, and yet not a jot or tittle of our mysteries is ever divulged. On the contrary, the more we discuss publicly the history, the constitution, the proceedings of our Order, the more likely are we to satisfy the unbelievers that, in Masonry at all events, secrecy involves no wrong. Nor are we singular in holding this view. American Masons have long since settled that a Masonic press is not inconsistent with or an injury to the Craft, but perfectly allowable and a supreme benefit. This at least is the opinion we have arrived at after a pretty lengthened experience of several American journals, which are devoted, either wholly or in part, to the advocacy of Masonic interests. We often quote from them in our columns, for never a week passes but we find something worth reproducing. Very easily, indeed, might we fill our pages with articles borrowed from American and other sources, only our readers very justly require of us that we should have and express some opinions of our own.

It is not surprising there should be more organs of the Craft in the United States than in the United Kingdom. To begin with, there are more Masons. New York alone has almost as many subscribing members as all England put together. Then the public take a deeper interest in its welfare. They see and hear more of it than people do in this country, though certainly we have no cause to complain, the last year or two, for the British public has spoken kindly of us whenever the chance has offered. And then again another reason exists why there are so many Masonic papers which find support in America. They are invariably well conducted. As a rule their contents are both interesting and instructive. The *Keystone*, for instance, a weekly organ of the Craft, published in Philadelphia, has not only the local Masonic intelligence, but a series of well written leaders and notes, with valuable contributions from learned Craftsmen, and articles and news of interest to the general public. It is impossible to take up a number of this journal without deriving either pleasure or information. The *Hebrew Leader*, of New York, is, as its name betokens, an organ of the Jews, but it devotes no inconsiderable portion of its space to Freemasonry. It is a well-informed paper; its facts are well marshalled, its opinions well digested, its tone excellent. The *New York Courier and Pomeroy's Democrat*—now published in Chicago

—have, each of them, a Masonic department, containing for the most part reports of local news, but now and again there appear leaders which invariably possess a high degree of merit. The *Square*, of New York, appears once a month, and is now publishing, among other valuable matter, a *History of Freemasonry*, which, when complete, will make a useful addition to the Craftsman's library. The *Masonic Journal*, of Greensboro', North Carolina, is only in the first year of its existence, but, having regard to the variety and excellence of its matter, it deserves, if it does not command, the hearty support of our North Carolinian brethren. Then there is the *Masonic Review*, a Cincinnati monthly, wholly devoted to the advocacy of Craft interests, and the exposition of Craft doctrine. Last week we had occasion to refer to it as having reproduced in its latest numbers an old and valuable MS., a fact which stamps it at once as a periodical of the very highest. As the last number we have received, namely, that for the month of March, is a fair average specimen of its quality, we enumerate the contents, so that our readers may form for themselves some notion of its merits. We have, first of all, a brief portrait of Bro. Enoch T. Carson, the eminent American Masonic Bibliographer. This is followed by a sketch of "Early Masonry in New York," a summary of Foreign Masonic news, a list of the Templar Bodies which are announced to take part in the approaching Templar Re-union at Philadelphia, with the provisions and regulations issued by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Then come excerpts from Bro. Parvin's address at Keokuk in October last, accompanied by a running commentary, notes on the "Scottish Rite Re-union," held in the month of February, a few pertinent observations on "Profanity," and brief sketches of two worthy brethren, Bro. John M. Barron of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, New Jersey, apropos of well "Deserved Honours" recently paid them. These are followed by the concluding half of Mrs. Dodd's MS. already mentioned, "The Widow's Story," neatly recounted by Bro. S. C. Coffinberry P.G.M., Michigan, both here and in the *Masonic Advocate* for April, and a paper on the all absorbing question of the recognition of "Coloured Masons," by "J. L. Y." A series of notes and comments conclude the number. The value to the Ohio Craft of such a publication must be apparent to every one; and when we add that its guiding spirit is Bro. Cornelius Moore, that his associate editors are Bros. Henry D. Moore and Thomas J. Mellish, and that the *Review* is now in its forty-eighth volume, we adduce a triad of evidence that Masonic literature finds favour in the sight of our Ohian brethren. The *Masonic Jewel*, published at Memphis, and the official Masonic organ of the States of Mississippi and Tennessee, is devoted to Masonry, its Literature, History, Science and Teachings, and also to the Family Fireside. In these terms it is described on the title page, and the contents fully accord with the description. Its Editor and Proprietor is Bro. A. J. Wheeler, P.G.M., P.G.H.P., &c., to whose skill and judgment as a literary brother, the admirable programme which appears monthly under his auspices is the one and only voucher we need to specify. Prominent among the contents of the April number are an article on "Drones and Impostors," and the editor's valuable answers to queries of the most varied and abstruse character. Neatly written notes, choice extracts from American contemporaries, comments on the Masonic topics of the day, with an impartial and sufficient record of recent proceedings, go a long way towards completing the number. Though only in its sixth volume the *Masonic Jewel* deserves a place of honour among current Masonic literature. Of about the same standing, in respect of years, is the *Freemasons' Repository*, published at Providence, R.I., by Thomas S. Hammond, who is also the proprietor. This journal is published monthly, is "devoted to the cause of 'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,'" and takes for its motto a dictum of the illustrious General Washington — "The principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of Private Virtue and Public Prosperity." The articles in the *Repository* have always most favourably impressed us. There is in them an amount of life and energy which is highly creditable to its staff of writers. The matter is well arranged, and the tone throughout in keeping with its motto and the cause to which it is devoted. Stray numbers of the *Voice of Masonry*, published at Chicago and New York, reach us at intervals. When they come, they are always welcome.

Considering the reputation of Bro. Dr. Mackey, one of its editors, and among the foremost Masonic authors of our time, the valuable nature of its contents, and the fact that our learned countryman, Bro. Hughan, is no infrequent contributor to its columns, we should gladly see it oftener in our sanctum. However, we occasionally meet with it elsewhere, so that our knowledge of its character is by no means based only on the odd numbers which find their way to our office. Among the contributors we have noticed Bros. Rounseville and George Frank Gourley. Those Craftsmen who have need of enlightenment on Masonic history and doctrine (and we fear their number is legion) will find a careful study of this excellent periodical of the greatest service to them. The motto of the *Masonic Advocate*, published at Indianapolis, and the organ of the Craft in the State of Indiana, is "Masonry: the Light reflected from her Altars reaches the Homes of the Widow and the Fatherless." The Editor and Publisher is Bro. Rice, and the corresponding Editor, Bro. H. W. Hibben. It contains an admirable summary of news and articles of considerable merit. Moot questions are discussed with much ability and patience, while the general tone and character of the journal, leave little, if anything, to be desired. The *New England Freemason*, of which Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson was editor, no longer exists, its last number having appeared in December 1875. That this periodical, which we never opened without obtaining some rays of light should have ceased, is greatly to be deplored. The Craft in Massachusetts must have exhibited a singular degree of apathy in its support of Masonry, or we should not now be lamenting the cessation of so useful and well edited a magazine. The *Canadian Masonic News* is of comparatively recent origin, having only completed its first volume in March of this year. It is published at Montreal, and the Editor is Bro. the Rev. E. M. Myers, P.M., &c. &c. Among the contents of No. 12 are articles on "Parliamentary Law as applied to Masonic Lodges," "The Coloured Lodge Question," the first part of an able Review of that excellent posthumous work of Dr. Oliver's, *The Discrepancies of Freemasonry*, a history and sketch of the contents of "the Halliwell Poem and the Statutes," by Bro. Jacob Norton, an important contribution by Bro. Hughan, on "Masonic Parliamentary Law," a reprint of the "Address of M.W. Rev. Bro. Griswold, P.M. of Minnesota," on "Coloured Masons and Coloured Masonry," with correspondence, notes, and sundry items of news. Clearly the *Canadian Masonic News* is a magazine of which Canadian brethren have just reason to be proud. The editor's care and judgment are conspicuous in every number, and his staff of contributors support him loyally and with ability. Of our French contemporary, *le Monde Maçonnique* and its able editor, Bro. Caubet, we are so often indebted to its columns for news of interest and importance, that no words we can add here will express more than we have again and again expressed on previous occasions. We have always looked upon this organ of French Masonry as one of the best conducted and one of the most enlightened of Craft periodicals. Such has been, such is, and such, we are well assured, will ever be our opinion of *Le Monde Maçonnique*. To say more were unnecessary: to say less were unjust. We also obtain occasional glimpses at other Masonic publications. A Cape paper, the *Graaf Reinet Herald*, now and again visits us: and in such case, we invariably find some news to reproduce for the benefit of our readers. A number or two of the *Australian Freemason*, and a batch of the *Maçonniek Weekblad*, the organ of the Craft in Holland, have likewise reached us at odd times, and of these we can only say that their earlier visits having proved so agreeable, we shall extend to them a still heartier welcome whenever they see fit to repeat them. Nothing, indeed, affords us greater pleasure than to interchange courtesies with our foreign contemporaries. Many among them have the advantage over us in the matter of experience, but it may be our good fortune occasionally to cast hither and thither some rays of light, and in such case this interchange of courtesies may prove of mutual advantage, as well as a source of pleasure.

We add, by way of postscriptum, that since writing the above, the *Freemasons' Repository* for April has reached us. It, too, by a strange coincidence, has a leader somewhat similar in character to this. The treatment is entirely different in character, but the purpose is evidently the same, namely, to impress on Craftsmen that a Masonic Press, if well conducted, is a boon to the Craft. We take this opportunity of thanking the *Repository* for its compli-



mentary expressions respecting ourselves. We fear we are not worthy so favourable an estimate, but we shall always strive most earnestly to deserve the good opinion, not only of the *Repository*, but of all our Masonic contemporaries.

## RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

A meeting of the National Great Priory of England was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 12th inst., presided over by the Earl of Limerick.

The following members of Council were appointed :—

Lient. Colonel G. A. Vernon.  
A. Staveley Hill.  
C. Chandos Pole.  
Samuel Rawson (*vice* Tinkler, resigned).

And the following were elected by the Knights present :—

J. M. P. Montagu.  
Ch. E. Curtis.  
Beswick Royds.  
Dr. Woodford.  
Raphael Costa.

Lient.-Colonel Birchall, Beswick Royds and General Doherty were also elected members of the Grand Masters' Council.

A Priory of the Order of Malta was subsequently opened under the Sub-Prior of England, Major Shadwell Clerk, and several Knights of the Temple received therein.

## CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGES.

WHEN illustrating, last April (at page 210), the career of one who has attained to eminence in our Order, and adopting a heading for our sketch which seemed happily to typify the qualities of its subject, we could not suppose that its propriety would have been so soon recognised and enthusiastically adopted, as the short space of six weeks has proved. On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 17th inst., we had the gratification of attending the solemn consecration of

### THE BAYARD LODGE, No. 1615,

at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who is specially interested, declared his intention of performing the ceremony, but at the last moment his Lordship sent a communication to the Earl of Limerick, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, stating that urgent State affairs prevented his attendance, and conferring full powers upon the latter to officiate in his stead. Lord Limerick was supported by the Earl of Donoughmore, Senior Grand Warden, by the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, Junior Grand Warden, Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. of Surrey, Colonel Fr. Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, Revs. S. C. Arnold and R. J. Simpson, Grand Chaplains, John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and other brethren of distinction. The ceremony of consecration was impressively and solemnly performed, the W.M. designate—Lieut.-Col. H. Somerville Burney—being then installed, and the officers of the new Lodge invested by him. Many joining members and initiates were then proposed for next meeting's ballot, and votes of thanks passed to Lord Limerick, to the W.M., P.M. and Wardens of the Friends in Council Lodge, for their recommendation of the petition for a warrant, and all those brethren elected honorary members by acclamation.

The brethren, in number forty-two, adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at the Café Restaurant Royal. The usual toasts followed. Colonel Burdett, in responding for the Grand Officers, remarked that this was no ordinary Lodge, but one launched under auspices for which all had the highest respect. The W.M. alluded, in a complimentary manner, to what in London was unusual, the presence at our gatherings of a Past Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, Sir Edw. Borough, and of Captain Lumsden, a Grand Officer of Scotland. Sir E. Borough expressed his thanks and gratification, saying that though an Irish Mason, he first received the light, fifty-six years ago, in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford. The military element in the Bayard Lodge ensured its being *sans peur*, and he felt equally confident that it would be maintained also *sans reproche*. In response to the plaudits of those present, Lord Limerick said that three other Lodges, which it had been his pleasure to consecrate, were flourishing exceedingly; that it was evident this one would do no less, in fact, it bade fair to shine second to none. His Lordship then, in terms of high eulogium, proposed the health of the W.M. whom he had met elsewhere in Masonry, and whose zeal was known to him; he was therefore confident that he would so shape the course of his Lodge as to reflect continued honour upon the favourable auspices which heralded the commencement of its career.

Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Somerville Burney accepted the compliment. "as applied more to the Lodge than to himself. Alone they could not have merited such generous angury. The kind and influential co-operation of the Pro Grand Master marked a great starting point,

further honoured by the attendance of so many illustrious brethren. Whilst this made him very proud of the Lodge, he fully felt the great responsibility which thereby devolved upon him and upon his officers, to prove themselves worthy of the name it bore." He then proposed The W.M. and Wardens of the *Friends in Council Lodge*, who recommended the petition of this, which might, perhaps, be held the *Junior Friends in Council*, but, he continued, whilst pondering my purpose of starting a new Lodge, to supply a want which had been felt, and whilst in doubt for an appropriate name, my eye fell upon an article in the Masonic periodical,\* headed 'BAYARD,' and when I perceived that under that cognomen, so zealous, good and distinguished a Mason was personified, as he to whose influential assistance the illustrious support which has ensured a happy issue is chiefly due, who is at all times so ready and so courteous, upon perusing that most appropriate article, I jumped at it, and proposed the name of Bayard to my brethren. I may remark that this year is the fourth centenary of Bayard's birth, he was born just 400 years ago, in 1476."

Major General Clerk responded as W.M. of the Friends in Council, and Captain Phillips, who experienced a natural diffidence in being called upon to respond for BAYARD, returned his thanks and expressed his hope that the Lodge would do credit to the great Chevalier.

The W.M. then expressed the pleasure he felt, for the first time in the Bayard Lodge, of proposing "The Visitors," to which the Hon. Richard W. H. Giddy, District Grand Master designate of South Africa, replied in an effective speech.

Amongst others present were Major Shadwell Clerk S.W., and Major Barlow J.W. of the Friends in Council Lodge, the Chevalier Habicht, the Comte de la Chapelle, Colonel Sargent C.B., Sir Thomas Dyer, William Bulkeley Hughes M.P., Dr. Goldsboro, Hyde Pullen, Walter Richardson, James Johnstone, Colonel Attye, Captain Charles Hunter, J. M. Pulteney Montagu, Walter Spencer, &c., &c., &c.

The first Officers of the new Lodge are :—

Captain Leeson S.W.  
Alfred E. T. Watson J.W.  
Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain.  
Captain Compton S.D.  
Rev. Dr. Robbins J.D.  
Captain W. Portlock Dadson Secretary.

We cordially wish brilliant success to the Bayard Lodge, and that it may prove an elevating example during a prosperous career. We cherish the hope, moreover, that it will not be unmindful of our own efforts to reflect upon the Craft the chivalrous qualities of its prototype, nor altogether forget that to our humble pen the happy conception of its title may be traced.

## LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 1607.

A WARRANT for this Lodge having been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master the following brethren proceeded, in accordance therewith, to consecrate it on Thursday last, at the Alexandra Palace, viz.: J. Terry Prov. G.D.C. Herts, acting as W.M., J. Hervey, G. Secretary, as S.W., H. G. Buss as J.W.; these brethren were assisted by the members of the Lodge and several visitors. The Lodge having been duly constituted, Bro. J. Newton, P.M. 174, was installed into the chair, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. F. Brown S.W., C. W. Webb J.W., T. G. Glover Secretary, Legge Treasurer, Samuda J.D., G. J. Harris D.C., C. W. Smith I.G., and J. Verry Tyler. The W.M., having been saluted in due form, proposed that, in consideration of the kindness of Bro. Terry in consecrating the Lodge, he be elected an honorary member, this was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. next proposed that Bros. J. Hervey, H. G. Buss and C. G. Hill be also elected honorary members, in recognition of the service they had rendered to the Lodge that evening as S.W., J.W. and D.C. respectively, this being seconded by the S.W., was carried unanimously. Bros. Terry and Hervey responded in a few words, wishing the Lodge every success.

The following brethren were also present:—F. Binckes 12, W. H. Bateman 12, W. H. G. Radderforth 12, C. B. Payne 27, J. Green 27, E. M. Haigh 29, J. G. Middleton 29, J. N. Hoare 143, W. Corby 144, C. J. Moore 174, G. J. Hilliard 174, J. Wells 174, J. Appleby 174, S. H. Rawley 174, T. E. Morris 174, J. S. Johnson 174, J. Miller 174, J. Constable 185, J. E. Wyllie 186, A. Colston 228, Capt. Paul Boyton 236, J. Large 771, F. H. Cozens 907, T. J. Barnes 933, T. Austin 933, C. E. Hoekin 1185, J. Ticklo 1196, H. D. Stead 1297, J. K. Stead 1297, T. Lawler jun. 1297, L. T. Carter 1328, J. Cutbush 1385, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. W. Morgan jun. 1385, S. Carrington 1514, J. J. Chapman 1541, J. Somers 1602, C. Lacey, T. Lawler, J. S. Fraser, &c.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. said: "Brethren, the first toast I have to offer is one that is always received by Englishmen with the greatest enthusiasm, and I am convinced that it will be none the less welcome to an exclusive body of English Masons. I give you the "Queen and the Craft," which was followed with the quotation from Henry V.:—

"God and His angels guard your sacred throne,  
And make you long become it."

The National Anthem was then sung.

The W.M. said: "The next toast I have to offer is one that in his particular instance has special interest for us. It is the health of our M.W.G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. I feel my incompetency to do it justice. When we speak of him, it is of one who is most popular and dearly loved by every right-thinking brother; it is

only a few short months since he left us to perform a most arduous duty in the East, and the welcome accorded to him in that vast empire could only be exceeded by the loyalty exhibited towards him upon his safe return to the West. Brethren, we are cognisant of his worth, and you, I am sure, will always accord him the devotion so true a prince deserves.

"Do him homage as obedient subjects."—HENRY VI.

"Most welcome home."—HAMLET.

This was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The W.M., upon again rising, proposed the toast of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. He felt personally grateful to those august personages for the privilege they had accorded him in being appointed the first Master of the Lodge of Loyalty, and also to the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, for his kindness in assisting at and promoting the day's proceedings. We have also another worthy Grand Lodge representative in the person of our Bro. John Wright, P.G.P., he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in giving this toast, coupling with it the name of the Grand Secretary.

"All members of our cause."—HENRY IV.

"Done thee worthy service."—TEMPEST.

Song—"Norah"—by Bro. Large.

In reply, the Grand Secretary said: Worshipful Master, Bro. Wardens and brethren, under ordinary circumstances I should feel this a heavy task, I mean as to its import. There can be no doubt that the brethren mentioned in the toast are so well known, respected, and highly appreciated, that it removes from my mind any responsibility I might feel in the words I have expressed. The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters require no enlogiums on my part for the functions they perform. I thank you, Sir, and the brethren present for the honour they have done to the toast of the Grand Officers, and also for the kind manner in which you have been pleased to refer to me. There is little doubt that the noblemen mentioned have done good service, and merit the appreciation so kindly accorded them throughout the Craft. As to myself, and the rest of the Grand Officers, I can only say we are ever ready to assist in promoting the interests of the Craft; and although I have acted to-day only in a minor capacity, I cannot help alluding to the able work performed by my good friend Bro. Terry. We have often worked together; sometimes he first, and at others your humble servant, but whenever we have been brought in contact, it is a great pleasure to be able to say that we have always acted harmoniously, and I confidently assert that justice has been done whenever our services have been called into requisition; and you may depend that, while harmony of feeling exists, no broadside can upset our barque, but it will glide smoothly over the waters. I have no doubt your Lodge, Sir, will soon attain a position of proud pre-eminence, and I do not hesitate to add, that while the cause of charity enters into your hearts, you will add lustre to the cause we all espouse.

Bro. Terry, the consecrating officer, in assuming the gavel said: In the absence of a Past Master, it devolves upon me to offer for your acceptance a toast accorded by the programme—it is that of your W.M., and, in the words of the great bard,—

"In faith, he is a worthy gentleman;  
He bears an honourable mind."

And in submitting this to you, I feel convinced that he will do honour to the M.W.G.M., who has entrusted to him the warrant of your Lodge, as well as to the fraternity at large. I have long had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with him, and we have worked side by side in the cause of charity. I need hardly assure you, brethren, that he is entitled to your respect, being a brother of the most exemplary conduct and rare discrimination, and in whatever circle he moves, the good feeling of friends is always exhibited towards him, and you, brethren, have cause to rejoice in the selection you have made. Without further preface, I give you the toast of the First Master of the Loyalty Lodge. (Cheers.)

Part Song—"Maying."

The W.M., in reply, said: Bro. Terry, Bro. Wardens and Brethren, I rise with great diffidence to return thanks for the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received. As W.M. of this Lodge I shall endeavour, during my tenure, to discharge the duties appertaining to the proud position of the appointment in such a manner as I hope may meet your approval, and enable me to give a good account of my stewardship. A short time since a friend twitted me that I had forgotten something in naming the Lodge, and said, loyalty without charity was no use. I simply replied by saying, that time would prove that the association of the two words was not of that importance he attached to it. Brethren, it shall be my duty at all times to induce a liberal and just charity, and as time rolls on, I hope to prove to the M.W. Grand Master, that the confidence he has reposed in me has not been misplaced, and that, so far as our Lodge is concerned, I will, consistently with the principles of the Order, combine charity with the name of the Lodge. In thanking you sincerely I beg to offer for your acceptance the toast of the Consecrating Officer, Bro. James Terry,

"Whom zeal and charity hath brought to the field."

As he is next upon our list in the order of toasts, I beg the brethren will not interpret that his words in my praise should induce me to pass anything like a compliment upon him. But this I will say, our good turn deserves another. (Cheers.) You have all heard how ably he performed his duties to-day, and I will add further that anything he undertakes is sure to be done well, and whatever I might add in praise of his ability and exemplary kindness would not adequately convey my appreciation of his friendship and friendly disposition; we all owe him a deep debt of gratitude, and I ask you to drink long

life to enable him to perform throughout the land the ceremony we have heard. We wish him continued health and prosperity.

Song—"Vagabond"—Bro. Cummings.

Bro. Terry replied: I scarcely know how to interpret the words of the song just rendered, but I simply ask, who so contented as I? I am not ragged and torn, although I have been absent from home two days. It has afforded me intense pleasure to be here to-day, and to assist in promoting the wishes of my much valued friend; and in going over the ground of personal friendship, I cannot coin words to express my delight in being permitted to instal him in the chair of K.S., having a lively recollection of the hour when I saw our late lamented Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson instal him for the first time, now many years since. I had hoped there would have been a greater number of Grand Lodge Officers to witness his advent in this Lodge, but when I look around, and see so many friends, particularly from the East (and remember that in honour of two at the end of the table a grand event took place last week), it is highly gratifying, and must be to the W.M. Brethren, he has performed duties far beyond those appertaining to the table, and he will in the good cause of charity exhibit a continuance of those high aspirations, which it is the duty of every one to emulate. In conclusion, I wish a long career of usefulness to the Lodge, and hope the W.M. may be long spared to see his successors installed, and that the Lodge may remain a monument of loyalty, and that every future Master will strive to surpass his predecessor. Brethren, I thank you.

In response to the toast of the W.M. and Wardens of recommending Lodges, Bro. Haigh said: I regret extremely the absence of our W.M., Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who would have been able in his usual eloquent terms to do justice in thanking you for the honour conferred upon us. I however beg to say, that for a young Lodge, the Alexandra Palace Lodge, over which he presides, has at least acted up to the tenets of the Craft, and when I first heard that your Lodge was to meet on Saturdays, I feared we should clash, but, as explained, there is little fear of such calamity. As it is evident that the Lodge of Loyalty is determined upon adopting a course in support of our Charitable Institutions, I hope we may laudably vie with each other in this noble effort.

The toast of the Visitors was given by the W.M., who said it afforded him pleasure in according to the visitors a right hearty welcome, and it would be the aim of the Loyalty Lodge to continue constant hospitality. Upon such an occasion as the present there were more visitors than members, but this would not be likely to continue. He hoped the brethren would go away with pleasurable recollections of the day's proceedings. (Cheers.)

"You are welcome all."—TAMING THE SHREW.

At this juncture, just as a glee was being proceeded with, the sound of a rocket from the grounds intimated that the fireworks had commenced, and the brethren adjourned to witness the display. Upon their return Bro. Wright, in response for the visitors, asked to be allowed to be brief in his remarks. For the very ample repast, kind hospitality, and hearty greeting, he thanked the Master and brethren. The toast of the Charities followed.

"'Twere good you do so much for Charity."—MERCHANT OF VENICE.

"Who can sever Love from Charity?"—LOVE'S LABOUR LOST.

In reply, Bro. Binck's, after referring to the mottoes, said the ground had been cut from under him by the speakers during the evening; they had literally left him nothing to say.—(Oh!)—He thought, coming down in the train, that he had "Struck Oil," and would be able to make reference to the title of the Lodge in connection with the other watchword—Charity; but, like all human wishes, they were vain. What he desired to see was a funded property for the Boys' School, such as was held before the recent large necessary expenditure took place; upon such being accomplished, he would be content with six feet of quiet earth, and rest in peace; but till then, he would strive to go forward and onward; if he had to die, he would die hard in his self-set task.

We are glad to announce that the eloquence of Bro. Binckes brought forth a Steward for the Boys' Festival, in the person of Bro. Fred Brown S.W. who, in reply for the officers, in a very able speech, hoped the Lodge would render him the necessary support to commemorate the inauguration of the Loyalty Lodge by adding to it the bright ornament Charity.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren returned to town.

We may here add that the banquet, from first to last, was of a very *recherché* character, and, combined with the attendance, does great credit to our able brethren, Bertram and Roberts.

## THE DRAMA.

A MORNING performance of the *School for Scandal* is in preparation for the benefit of the veteran comedian and dramatist, Mr. J. B. Buckstone. It is to take place on the 8th of next month, at DRURY LANE THEATRE. Nearly every artiste of celebrity is announced to take part in the performance. Miss Helen Faucit returns from her retirement to play Lady Teazle, and Mr. Phelps is to sustain the part of her testy lord. Mr. Charles Mathews is to play Charles Surface, Mr. Irving Joseph, and Mr. Santley Sir Harry Bumper. All the other parts, even to the waiting maids, are to be filled by actors and actresses of high position.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A frequent cause of gout and rheumatism is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion and general debility. A few doses of these Pills, taken in time, are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism, but any one who has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful properties of which, combined with the effects of the Pills, must infallibly effect a cure. These Pills act directly on the blood, which they purify and improve; they also regulate the secretions, and give tone to the stomach, and thus the whole system is invigorated, and put into a condition which enables it to throw off disease or check its approach.

# ELECTION, ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE subjoin the result of yesterday's ballot for the vacancies in this Institution. The whole of the male candidates were accepted without any formality, while the following were chosen to fill the twenty declared vacancies and one that had occurred since the voting papers were issued. We also give the votes for the unsuccessful candidates, which, as our readers are aware, will be carried forward as a credit to the next election.

## RESULT OF BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF TWENTY-ONE FEMALE ANNUITANTS.

SUCCESSFUL.					
No. on Voting Paper	NAMES	Forward	To-day	Total	No. on poll
16	Hoare, Henrietta	...	480	589	1069
17	Blackburn, Eliza W.	F.A.	...	1044	2
26	Burton, Jane	...	F.A.	903	3
4	Gidney, Lydia	...	100	663	763
25	Johnson, Harriet	...	F.A.	703	5
13	Keen, Mary	...	11	673	684
12	Cowen, Harriet	...	131	545	676
20	Harvey, Honor	...	F.A.	654	8
32	Keddell, Martha F.	...	F.A.	634	9
8	Redick, Maria	...	460	160	620
30	Brown, Sarah	...	F.A.	619	11
11	Charlton, Sarah	...	72	544	616
24	Govier, Elizabeth	...	F.A.	615	13
21	Froud, Mary	...	F.A.	592	14
31	Wingfield, Frances	...	F.A.	590	15
22	Rogers, Frances	...	F.A.	552	16
1	Tidswell, Susannah	...	342	199	541
9	Edwards, Eleanor	...	88	451	539
29	Lundy, Charlotte	...	F.A.	538	19
6	Wilkes, Elizabeth	...	159	354	513
14	Russell, Sarah	...	43	403	446

UNSUCCESSFUL.					
7	Dark, Ann	...	4	439	443
28	Trotter, Ann	...	F.A.	...	351
27	Packwood, Emily	...	F.A.	...	273
3	Churchill, Elizabeth	...	62	141	203
2	Wreyford, Elizabeth	...	162	33	195
23	Thompson, Julia	...	F.A.	...	177
15	Shearer, Anne	...	84	2	86
10	Chipehase, Emily	...	35	9	44
5	Elliott, Isabella	...	19	5	24
18	Dowse, Sarah, withdrawn by Order of Committee	...	...	...	—
19	Stansfield, Alice	...	F.A.	...	—

Votes brought forward ... 2252 }  
 Votes issued ... 17930 }  
 Votes polled ... 13457 }

F.A. denotes First Application.

## PRESENTATIONS TO BROS. BARNES AND AUSTIN.

ON Wednesday, the 10th May, an interesting meeting was held at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Mile-end, which was presided over by Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554 and P.Z. 933, who was assisted by Bro. Jonathan Taylor, W.M. 933, as vice-chairman, and about forty brethren. The occasion was the presentation of an album and an address to Bro. T. J. Barnes, and a gold watch and chain and a vellum testimonial to Bro. Thos. Austin, P.M. 933 and M.E.Z. 933.

Bro. Stevens, in presenting the testimonials, observed that it was with much pleasure he was permitted to preside. He had known Bros. Barnes and Austin for many years; indeed, he made the acquaintance of Bro. Barnes on the night of his initiation, and of Bro. Austin about a week after that event, and he could say sincerely that they had worked hard for the Order. A large number of Brethren were anxious to acknowledge the very eminent services Bro. Barnes had rendered to Freemasonry, and especially in his capacity of Preceptor. To be spokesman on behalf of those brethren was a great honour, while it enabled him to express, more emphatically than otherwise he could have done, the personal gratification he felt at presenting this testimonial. They had been associated together for some time, and he had always looked, and should always look upon Bro. Barnes as one of his sincerest friends. As to his Masonic career, it was unnecessary to say more than that Bro. Barnes had distinguished himself in every position he had filled, while in respect of that important part of a Mason's duty—the duty of charity, he had shown himself to be true and earnest; without, however, any ostentatious display of this virtue. In short, Bro. Barnes, in every word and act of his life was a true Mason, and the testimonial it was now his pleasant duty to hand him, must be taken as a slight recognition of his Masonic worth; while the address accompanying it expressed truly and sincerely the feelings which animated the subscribers. Bro. Stevens concluded by handing Bro. Barnes the Album and List, after reading the following address:—

To Bro. THOMAS JOHN BARNES P.M. of Lodges 554 and 933 and P.Z. of Chapters 829 and 933.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—In the name and on behalf of a large number of Freemasons principally resident in the eastern part of London, this address is intended to acknowledge your many valuable services to them, and to convey the very sincere regard and esteem they entertain for you.

Your untiring and patient exertions during many years as Preceptor, and the eminent and valuable services you have thereby rendered to Freemasonry, are well known and universally acknowledged, while with regard to the charities connected with the Order, you have been, for many years, not only a liberal supporter, but by your powerful advocacy been the means of inducing many to enrol themselves as governors and subscribers to them who otherwise might not have done so.

It is also desired to express their high regard and esteem for the uniform kindness, urbanity and courtesy which they have at all times experienced during a long acquaintance and association with you, and it is with much gratification they believe that individually they possess your continued friendship.

They appreciate the motive which prompted you to decline to receive a more costly offering at their hands, and sincerely hope and believe that this address, though of less intrinsic value, will be more acceptable and congenial to you, as it represents the goodwill and affection of a large number of persons linked together in the bond of brotherhood, of which you form so distinguished an ornament.

They wish, moreover, to add that you have shown such undoubted zeal and ability in the cause of Freemasonry (particularly as regards the Ritual), that they are largely indebted to you for their knowledge of the ceremonies and lectures connected with the Order, while your integrity of character, coupled with honesty of purpose, are so well known and deservedly appreciated.

In conclusion, they desire to assure you that you have by your kindness endeared yourself to them, and to express their fervent hope that for many years they may have the pleasure and advantage of your friendship and advice.

We annex hereto a list of the committee and subscribers, and, on their behalf,

Remain, Worthy Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JNO. G. STEVENS, Chairman.

E. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

JAMES BRENT, Hon. Sec.

Bro. Stevens next handed the other testimonial to Bro. Austin. Bros. Barnes and Austin then severally acknowledged the presentation in very feeling terms, each expressing a hope that the remainder of their Masonic career would prove them worthy of the honours that day conferred upon them. The proceedings, which were of an unusually interesting character, shortly afterwards terminated.

Representatives from the following thirty-three Lodges were present:—Doric, Yarrowburgh, Langthorne, Victoria, Friars, Henley, Egyptian, Prince Leopold, United Mariners, Albion, Bargoyne, Lily of Richmond, Sincerity, Bardett-Contts, Faith, Israel, Zetland, Robert Burns, Joppa, Crystal Palace, St. John, Wapping, Euphrates, Prosperity, Earl Zetland, Kent, Patterson, Copper, British, Enoch, City of London, Southern Star, Rose of Denmark, and Perfect Ashlar.

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## JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Would you or some of your readers kindly express an opinion with respect to the following:

In the event of the W.M. not taking upon himself the work of his Lodge, i.e., the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising, has he the power to invite any other Installed Master, not a member of the Lodge, to perform those duties for him, when his I.P.M. and several other P.M.'s (all able and willing to do the work) are present?

Is it not the privilege and duty of the I.P.M. to take upon himself all work appertaining to the "Chair," provided the W.M. shall not do so, or, in the absence of the I.P.M., then the oldest P.M. present, in the same manner as if the W.M. were absent altogether? Awaiting a reply through the medium of your valuable columns,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally

A COUNTRY P.M.

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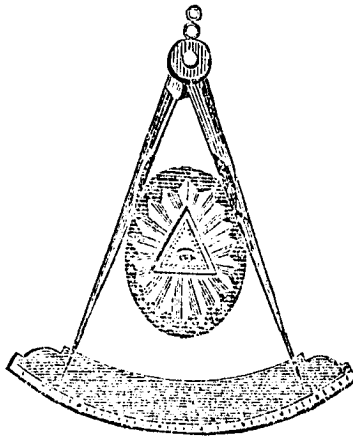
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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 19th May 1876, W. Bro. Colonel J. Creaton, Vice-Patron P.G.D. in the chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election of Twenty-one Female Annuitants from an approved list of thirty-two candidates (the whole of the Male candidates being placed on the list without election), when the following were declared duly elected:—

Votes.		Votes.	
Mrs. Hoare, Henrietta.....	1069	Mrs. Charlton, Sarah.....	616
„ Blackburn, Eliza W.....	1044	„ Govier, Elizabeth.....	615
„ Burton, Jane.....	903	„ Froud, Mary.....	592
„ Gidney, Lydia.....	763	„ Wingfield, Frances.....	590
„ Johnson, Harriet.....	703	„ Rogers, Frances.....	552
„ Keen, Mary.....	684	„ Tidswell, Susannah.....	541
„ Cowen, Harriet.....	676	„ Edwards, Eleanor.....	539
„ Harvey, Honor.....	654	„ Lundy, Charlotte.....	538
„ Kendall, Martha F.....	634	„ Wilkes, Elizabeth.....	513
„ Redick, Maria.....	620	„ * Russell, Sarah.....	416
„ Brown, Sarah.....	619		

Marked thus \* elected to fill a vacancy occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Copies of the result sheet, with number of votes polled for all candidates, may be had on application to the Secretary.

By order,

JAMES TERRY, SECRETARY.

4 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
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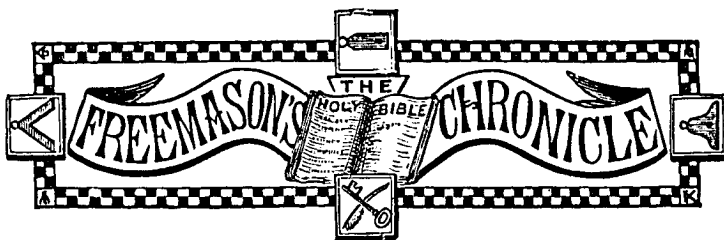
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### OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE serene atmosphere of the House of Lords has been disturbed this week by a conflict, in which the Liberals, led by Earl Granville, sustained defeat at the hands of the Government, by 148 votes to 92. The question was one of amending the laws relating to the Burial of the Dead, but Ministers, supported by the whole bench of bishops, save Bishop Temple of Exeter, while admitting that some modification of the existing laws might be made, resisted the abstract resolution of the Opposition leader, and their resistance prevailed. The treatment of Coolies in the Mauritius, brought under notice by the Earl of Kimberley, and the second reading of a Union of Benefices Bill, proposed by the Bishop of Exeter, have been the other chief points of interest.

On Friday, the Ministry experienced a somewhat heavy defeat in the House of Commons. Mr. R. Smyth moved a resolution, having for object the closing the public houses in Ireland on Sunday, and in spite of the opposition of the Government, gained the day by 224 to 167. On Monday, on the motion for the second reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, a Mr. Rylands proposed a resolution questioning the financial policy of the Government on the ground of its extravagance, and a long debate followed. On the division taking place, Mr. Rylands, though supported by the whole strength of the Opposition, was defeated by the very considerable majority of 88, there being for his motion 175, and against it 263. On Tuesday, Mr. Butt obtained leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for University Education in Ireland, and Mr. Walpole also obtained leave to bring in a Bill for making further provision respecting the University of Cambridge and its Colleges. On Wednesday, Mr. Cowen moved the second reading of a Bill for altering the present system of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors, by taking away the power now vested in justices of the peace and transferring it to licensing Boards, but he found only 109 supporters, while his opponents mustered 274. On Thursday, Lord Sandon obtained leave to introduce an Amending Bill on Elementary Education, and Mr. Hubbard moved a resolution on the Income Tax, but was beaten by 241 to 121.

The Prince of Wales, since his return home, has not been permitted the enjoyment of much rest. On Friday, he and the Princess attended the Drawing-room held at Buckingham Palace by her Majesty, and himself presented several of the gentlemen, including Major-General Probyn and Captain Carr-Glynn, who returned with him in the Serapis. On Monday, by command of Her Majesty, his



Royal Highness held a levee at St. James's Palace, the Gentlemen-at-Arms being on duty, under their captain, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and the Yeomen of the Guard, under Lord Skelmersdale. The Dukes of Edinburgh, Connaught, and Cambridge, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, his Royal Highness Prince Christian, and the Duke of Teck were present. On Wednesday, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, Princess Louise, the Dukes of Connaught and Cambridge, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, he attended a congratulatory concert at the Royal Albert Hall, given in honour of his return from India. He was received by the Duke of Edinburgh, and on reaching the Royal box the whole audience rose and cheered him again and again with the greatest enthusiasm. The concert had the merit of being a short one—a matter for congratulation, as it was merely a means to bring his Royal Highness once again face to face with the fashionable British public. Yesterday was fixed for the grand banquet and ball at the Guildhall, a report of which we necessarily reserve for next week. This, our readers will admit, is a tolerably full programme for the eight or nine days the Prince has been back among us, and as the Queen was to leave yesterday evening for a brief sojourn in Scotland, the labours of the fashionable world will no doubt engross a large share of his attention; indeed, as the ex-King and Queen of Hanover are over here on a visit, and Sir Salar Jung and a number of Indian Princes will arrive shortly, the season, no doubt, will be a very active one.

The fish in the Westminster Aquarium are in a bad way. Some have died, while the rest have a very emaciated appearance. This is said to be owing to the hardness of the water, caused by an unavoidable excess of lime in solution, and is an evil with which, according to the sub-manager at Westminster, all Aquariums have to contend at first. We hope the evil will soon be overcome. Aquariums are most deservedly very popular places of resort.

The dinner of the Royal Dramatic College was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Thursday the 11th instant, the Lord Mayor presiding, assisted by a large number of friends and supporters of the drama. It seems that owing to a falling off in the funds of this institution, it is unable to do as much good as it is capable of doing. There are now only thirteen inmates of the College, while twenty can be accommodated, and in proposing "Prosperity to the Royal Dramatic College," Lord Mayor Cotton drew attention to the favourable auspices under which the College began its career, the late Prince Consort laying the first stone, the Prince of Wales having laid the first stone of the Central Hall, and the Queen being an annual donor to the funds. Subscriptions to the extent of £650 were subsequently announced.

On Saturday, the Lord Mayor, entertained the representatives of Science, both English and Foreign, at a grand banquet at the Mansion House, the guests numbering close upon three hundred, and including such celebrities as Dr. Hooker of Kew, President of the Royal Society, Sir John Hawkshaw, President of the British Association, Sir George Airy, Astronomer Royal, Sir Henry Rawlinson, President of the Royal Geographical Society, Professor Adams, President of the Royal Astronomical Society, Lieutenant Cameron, Sir Albert Woods, Garter, Sir Henry Thompson, Sir John Lubbock, and Professors Owen, Duncan, Leone Levi, Geikie, &c., &c. The toast of the evening, "The Representatives of Science" was proposed in felicitous terms by his Lordship, and received very cordially. Dr. Hooker, Sir G. Airy, Sir J. Hawkshaw, and Dr. Risdale Bennett, severally acknowledging the compliment.

The same evening, at Willis's Rooms, the Archbishop of York, presided at the annual dinner of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution. This society has been in existence for over sixty years, and has dispensed close on £45,000 in relieving distressed artists, their widows, and orphans. The guests numbered about 250, and by way of response to the toast of "Prosperity to the Institution," a subscription list, a little in excess of £2000, was read out by the Secretary.

In theatrical circles we must mention the first appearance this season, at the Queen's Theatre of Signor Salvini, in the character of Othello. The theatre, is under the management, temporarily, of Messrs. Mapleson and Coleman, and from the accounts we have heard the great Italian actor appears to have repeated his triumph of last year, the applause of the audience being both frequent and genuine. The next character which Signor Salvini is

announced to appear in will be that of Macbeth. The same evening (Monday), Sir Randal Roberts made his first appearance on the London stage, in a piece written by himself, and entitled "Under a Cloud." The Court Theatre has been honoured by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duke of Connaught. At the two Opera houses there have been the usual run of performances, but nothing to call for any special comment.

In the Volunteer world there has been a grand competition at Wormwood Scrubs this week, held under the auspices of the Middlesex Rifle Association. The principal competition was for the Middlesex Battalions Challenge Cup, value £100, for which there were sixteen entries, and which was ultimately secured by the St. George's, with a score of 744 points, the Queen's Westminster, who won it last year, coming second, with a score of 726, and the London Scottish third, with 708. Several other prizes have been contended for, among them being bronze medals, and a large sum of money divided into small amounts. On Tuesday, the Spring meeting of the National Rifle Association, was held in the theatre of the Royal United Service Institution, the chair being occupied by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, President. After discussing at some length the programme of the forthcoming Wimbledon meeting, and noting sundry new features which would be introduced at it, a cordial vote of thanks to His Royal Highness for presiding was agreed to unanimously.

The Zoological Gardens, Regent's-park, is one of the most popular places to visit, especially at this season of the year, and on Saturday, when a band of one of the regiments of the Household Brigade is always in attendance, or on Sunday, when none but Fellows and their friends have the right of entry. This year will be especially attractive, as the Prince of Wales has brought over with him from India a very large collection of different kinds of animals, including bears, elephants, tigers, &c., &c. Preparations for their reception have been made by the indefatigable secretary, Mr. Bartlett, to whose son, Mr. Charles Bartlett, was entrusted the care of the collection during the voyage.

A number of deputations have waited upon ministers, but no more important one than that which called on Mr. Disraeli at his official residence in Downing Street, with a view to direct his attention to the very serious difficulties Merchant Captains will have to encounter if the decision of one of the metropolitan magistrates, by which a Captain Barnes of the Locksley Hall was sentenced to a term of imprisonment without the option of a fine, is to operate as a precedent. Captain Barnes had put a man in irons for disobedience, and the deputation urged that, where so much depended on the captain, his authority should be supported, and he should be allowed full power to inflict reasonable, that is necessary, punishment. Mr. Disraeli read an opinion from the highest legal authority in the kingdom, condemning the magistrate's decision, and concluded by promising that the matter, which was of the gravest importance, should receive the serious attention of the Government.

The news from France chiefly concerns the Amnesty question now under discussion, but one of those whom we looked forward to taking a conspicuous part in it, M. Ricard, Minister of the Interior, died very suddenly some days since of *angina pectoris*, and has been publicly interred with a considerable degree of pomp. The sad outrage at Salonica has caused great excitement, but the action of the Turkish authorities has been very prompt. A large number of arrests has been made, and already six of the prisoners have been found guilty and executed. No doubt, the prompt action of the Great Powers in sending ships of war to the scene of the murder has had something to do with this display of energy. Meanwhile, the three Great Eastern Powers have been conferring together respecting the Eastern Question. From the United States, we hear of serious conflicts between the Whites and Negroes in Louisiana, several of the latter having been killed, while the latter are arming. Our Minister, Sir Edward Thornton, has given a grand banquet at Philadelphia, to President Grant and the Emperor of Brazil, the guests numbering some 200. Everything passed off magnificently.

We must apologise to our West Yorkshire brethren for having omitted their very handsome contribution from the list we published last week, of the sums subscribed at the recent Festival of the Girls' School. It was mentioned in

our Weekly Budget, that West Yorkshire had becomingly supported its Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, who so kindly presided on the occasion; but by an inadvertence, which we sincerely regret, the list of the Stewards and the amount of the contribution were not stated. We hasten at once to rectify the omission:—

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

No. of Lodge.		£	s.	d.
	Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Chairman ...	52	10	0
	Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. H. Smith ...	105	0	0
	Bentley Shaw, P.G.D. ...	10	10	0
	T. W. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M. ...	275	J. Lowenthal	...
	J. Batley ...	275	Wright Mellor	...
	Henry Day, J.P. ...	275	Thos. Ruddock	...
	Thomas Hill ...	290	Wm. Harrop	...
	Rev. E. B. Chalmer ...	296	John Ridal	...
	W. H. B. Tomlinson ...	302	Hanson Farrar	...
	Henry Smith ...	304	Robert Craig	...
	T. Collinson ...	337	John Hirst jun.	...
	J. Wordsworth ...	837	Charles Pegler	...
	Rev. E. Sewell ...	974	Wm. Frith	...
139	J. A. A. Andrews ...	1102	John Barker	...
139	Charles Dixon jun. ...	1221	Wm. Glover	...
139	Dr. F. Griffiths ...	1221	T. H. Good	...
139	Wm. Jervis ...	1542	Thos. J. Kassell	...
139	J. C. Shaw ...	1542	W. W. Macvay	...
154	J. C. Cadman ...	1542	John Simpson	...
275	G. F. C. Hoerle ...			
Total ...		£707	16	0

Mdlle. Van der Mëersch, better known in Paris as the "Bird-fairy," has just returned to London. This lady has made a life's study of the education of birds, and the wonderful intelligence which her little feathered troupe are made to exhibit is a marvel to all who have witnessed the entertainment. By means of an immense number of cards, from which the little artistes make their selection, they are able to answer questions which would puzzle many bipeds of a larger growth. They can tell the day of the week, the state of the weather, and answer profound psychological queries. Mdlle. Van der Mëersch only accepts engagements for private parties, which we are inclined to regret, for every one ought to have the opportunity of seeing this wonderful performance.

The following has been forwarded to us for insertion, and we have great pleasure in complying with the request:—

Helston, 15th May 1876

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the W.M., Wardens and Members of the "True and Faithful Lodge," No. 318, Helston, fraternally solicit the votes of your Lodge and the members thereof, for an Educational Grant of £10 per annum, for five years, on behalf of Richard Henry Cade, aged 11 years, the son of the late Bro. R. H. Cade, our lamented W.M. (of 1875.) The W. Bro. William James Hughan, of Truro (P.S.G.D. of England, &c., &c., &c.), owing to the lad being too old, was unable to procure his admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and joins with us in supporting this application for aid from the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund."

We shall be pleased to answer any enquiries respecting the applicant, and on behalf of Mrs. Cade (his mother), we beg to strongly recommend your Lodge to grant the favour we seek for the child of our deceased Brother, and to kindly fill in the voting papers (which will be sent) accordingly.

Yours fraternally,

HUMPHREY TREMBATH P.M. W.M. 318.  
T. N. CURRY P.M. 318, P. Prov. S.G.D.  
P. GRENFEEL HILL P.M. 318, P. Prov. G. Reg.  
THOMAS TAYLOR P.M. 318, P. Prov. S.G.D.  
THOMAS DAVEY P.M. 318.  
JOHNSON Q. JAMES P.M. 318.  
W. H. BLOXSONE P.M. 318, P. Prov. G. Chap.  
A. T. GRANT P.M. 318, Prov. G. Steward.

## MASONIC CEREMONY AT EDINBURGH.

ON Monday, the Foundation Stone of the New Royal Blind Asylum, at Edinburgh, will be laid, with the usual Masonic ceremonies, by M.W. Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Grand Master of Scotland. Grand Lodge will meet and be opened in ample form by the G.M. at Freemasons' Hall, 98 George-street, at 1.30 p.m.; the other brethren will assemble in Charlotte-square, half-an-hour earlier. Grand Lodge having been adjourned, the members will place themselves under the direction of the Grand Master of the Ceremonies, while the other brethren will be arranged by the Grand Marshals according to seniority of Lodges, and under the superintendence of their

several W.M.'s and Office-bearers. At a given signal the procession will move off in the following order:—Detachment of Cavalry, Band of Music, Guard of Honour, the Members of Subordinate Lodges, three abreast, Junior Lodge in front; Band of Music, Members of the Grand Lodge, viz.: Masters or Proxies and their Wardens, in the like order; the Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by their proper Officers; the carriage of the M.W. the Grand Master; Rear Guard of Cavalry.

When the Junior Lodge reaches the entrance to the site, it will halt, take open order and the whole Lodges in the rear shall follow the like example, so that the Grand Lodge may pass through the ranks to the platform.

The route will be from Charlotte-square, along George-street, Frederick-street, Princes-street, Mound, Bank-street, Parliament-square, where it will join the Civil Procession, and proceed thence to the site of the stone.

The ceremony over, Grand Lodge will be closed in the Hall of the Blind Asylum, and the brethren will then dismiss. Full Masonic costume to be worn. Bands of music must consist of not less than eight performers, and will be under the absolute control of the Director of Music.

We subjoin copy of circular letter issued by Bro. Laurie, Grand Secretary:—

FREEMASONS' HALL,

EDINBURGH, 11th May 1876.

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I am directed to inform you that the Foundation or Memorial Stone of the New Royal Blind Asylum at Edinburgh, will be laid, with full Masonic honours, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., &c., &c., and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on Monday, the 22nd current, at Two o'clock p.m., when it is expected that a very numerous assemblage of the Craft will attend to support the Grand Master and I have to request that you will make an effort to be present on the occasion.

Every possible attention will be given to the arrangements being made convenient for those attending, and it is specially hoped the gathering will be a great one.

A Programme, containing full particulars of the entire proceedings, is enclosed herewith.

I remain, yours fraternally,

JOHN LAURIE, Grand Sec.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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*The Country House Library of Standard Authors.* London: Ward, Lock and Tyler. Vol. I., "The Mad Willoughbys," by Mrs. Lynn Lynton. Vol. II., "False Beasts and True," by Frances Power Cobbe. Vol. III., "The Blossoming of an Aloe," by Mrs. Cashel Hoey. Vol. IV., "Country House Essays," by John Latouche.

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*The Prince and the Craft.*—Words by G. BLIZARD ABBOTT, Music by Michael Watson. Also, by the same Authors, *The Apron Blue.* London: W. W. MORGAN, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE Office, 67 Barbican.

IN the desert of bathos presented by our so-called Masonic songs, from the "Master's" which, according to Dermott, was of too great a length to be sung at one time, to the "Entered Apprentice's," which is something like a *Te Deum* on a tin whistle, these two little ballads come upon us with a refreshing surprise.

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In both songs the symphonies are simple in character, but they possess in a marked degree the merit of originality, a rare quality in these days of mechanical adaptation.

## 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 Meeting, &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 MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

## MONDAY, 22nd MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-square, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
183—Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate, E.C.  
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 23rd MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.  
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gover-street, Derby.  
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.  
1153—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Watworth.  
1223—Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

## WEDNESDAY, 24th MAY.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
1039—St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.

## THURSDAY, 25th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 657—Canonbury, Masons Arms Tav. Masons-avenue, Basinghall-st., E.C.  
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.  
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.  
R. A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborn-street, Hull.  
R. A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
R. A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

## FRIDAY, 26th MAY.

861—Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Islington, N.  
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1273—Burdett Contts. Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.  
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

## SATURDAY, 27th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## THURSDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.  
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

## FRIDAY.

R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

## SATURDAY.

1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

## MONDAY.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.

## THURSDAY.

1418—Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

## FRIDAY.

K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.  
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.  
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.  
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.  
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.  
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

## GLASGOW DISTRICT.

MONDAY—219—Star, 12 Trongate.  
" 32—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street.  
541—Marie Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill.  
TUESDAY—113—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street.  
R. A. 67—Cathedral, 25 Struthers-street.  
WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.  
114—Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Buchanan-street.  
THURSDAY—570—Kenmore, Freemasons' Hall, Springburn.  
R. A. 117—Govan, Portland-Hall, Govan.  
" 153—Royal Arch, School-room, Pollok-shaws.  
" 347—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Rutherglen.  
SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kilmilloch.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Salts, P.G. Chaplain of Lancashire, will preach to the brethren in St. Luke's Church, Grafton-street on the 21st, at 7 p.m., and in Hyde Park Hall, Springburne, on Monday, 22nd, at 7.30.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73.**—This Lodge met on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at Glasgow, Bro. McDonald in the chair, who was well supported by his office bearers. There were two candidates initiated, one being for the Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4. An emergency meeting was also held, by the courtesy of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 571, when Bro. G. W. Wheeler raised Bro. John Brownlow to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, Bros. Jackson S.W.; C. McKensie J.W. 354 acting J.W. Bro. Bannerman D.M. 73 thanked the Dramatic Lodge for their kindness.

**Thistle Lodge, No. 87.**—This Lodge met in the Hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on 16th May, Bro. J. Booth R.W.M. presiding. Bros. F. Ritchie S.M., W. Stewart S.W., R. Barr J.W., T. Payton Treasurer, A. McPhie Secretary, J. W. Burns I.P.M., James Fraser P.M., and a goodly muster of the brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. M. Olive 360 and Ernest B. Herling 251 (E.C.) The Lodge having been opened, the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge was received. It consisted of Bros. Sinclair acting as P.G.M., A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Secretary, James Gillies P.G. Treas., J. Miller P.G.J.D., A. Bain P.G.B.B., J. Allison P.G. Jeweller, J. Balfour D. of C., D. Reid P.G.I.G., and J. B. Hardie P.G. Tyler. The P.G.S. expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to make such a favourable report of the affairs of the Lodge, which was generally working in accordance with Grand Lodge Laws. Bro. Sinclair acting P.G.M. expressed his regret at the continued illness of their P.G.M., which necessitated his filling that office, yet from the way in which they were received, it became a labour of love. Bro. Booth thanked the deputation for their courtesy, and said the Lodge was deeply indebted to them for their visit.

**Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction.**—This old and excellent school of Freemasonry held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday last, at the White Hart Tavern, College-street, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, when the fifteen sections were admirably worked under the presidency of that universally beloved veteran, Bro. John Noke P.M. No. 87, now, we believe, in his seventy-eighth year; upon which occasion the Craft met in considerable numbers. He was supported by Bros. Hy. Landfield P.M. 1343 as S.W., C. Nott J.D. 87 as J.W., J. G. Bond P.M. 87 Secretary, and C. S. Jolly P.M. 87, acting as P.M. The sections were executed by the following brethren:—

## FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. J. G. Bond.
2nd "	...	...	Bro. C. S. Jolly.
3rd "	...	...	Bro. C. Nott.
4th "	...	...	Bro. Rumbold.
5th "	...	...	Bro. Landfield.
6th "	...	...	Bro. C. S. Jolly.
7th "	...	...	Bro. J. Noke.

## SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. C. Nott.
2nd "	...	...	Bro. G. Mattock P.M. 1441.
3rd "	...	...	Bro. Phillips.
4th "	...	...	Bro. Landfield.
5th "	...	...	Bro. Noke.

## THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. H. Ball.
2nd "	...	...	Bro. J. De Solla.
3rd "	...	...	Bro. G. Mattock.

A vote of thanks having been passed for Bro. Noke's kindness and ability in the chair, he, in a few well chosen words, presented Bro. Landfield the Preceptor, with £10 10s, voted by the Lodge as a mark of recognition of the valuable services received at his hands, to which Bro. Landfield briefly responded, and a very enjoyable evening terminated.

**Faith Chapter, No. 141.**—A regular meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 17th inst. There were present—Comps. Nardus Gluckstein M.E.Z., Frederick Hogard II., John Constable J., W. E. Gompertz S.E., J. D. Barnett as S.N., M. Bamberger Treasurer, Pinder P.S., Hollands 1st Ass., C. C. Taylor I.P.Z., E. Gottheil P.Z., T. Mortlock P.Z., and a considerable number of lay Companions, amongst whom were the following visitors—J. Copestick 227, W. C. Thne 1239, F. C. Chapman "Lion and Lamb," Prosser "Harmony," Jersey, and Ell'sdon, 51, Colchester. The only important part of the proceedings in the Chapter consisted in exalting to this degree Bro. S. Albu, S.D. of the Mortefiore Lodge. After an excellently well served and ample repast, the usual toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Albu, the newly exalted Companion, in his response, heartily thanked the Companions for their kind reception, and remarked that a German wit once advised that people should marry first and love after, as it frequently happens that those who love first and marry after experience unlooked for disappointment. Having been initiated into Freemasonry, I show my love for it by becoming a member of the Royal Arch. But when I entered Craft Masonry I found numbers of Brethren and no Companions, and to-night I find a number of Companions and no Brethren. I hope to prove myself a true and useful Companion among you. Comp. C. C. Taylor I.P.Z., in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., expressed his admiration at the patience and assiduity of Comp. Gluckstein, who, being a foreigner, yet managed to master the difficult ceremony, and to conduct it to every one's satisfaction. There was, he thought, great credit due to the M.E.Z. for his perseverance, for which the Companions, he was sure, felt exceedingly grateful. Comp. Gluckstein was greatly obliged to Comp. Taylor and the members generally for their kindness and indulgence, but he assured them he knew his

shortcomings, and although trying to do his best, felt that the work was not done to his own satisfaction. The visitors, who replied individually, concurred that, from the highest to the lowest, the officers had performed their respective duties admirably, and some were of opinion that the manner in which the work was done could not be excelled. Comp. Ellisdon P.Z. 51 proposed "Prosperity to the Faith Chapter," which was duly responded to. There was some excellent singing. Comp. Constable introduced a new song, the words by Bro. G. W. Abbott of 1385, published at the office of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, entitled, "The Prince and the Craft," which was well received. Comp. Mortlock sang "Welcome, ever Welcome, Friends," after the Visitors' health had been proposed. Comp. Henley gave "England shall Weather the Storm," in his usual spirited manner, and a whistling duet by Comps. Mortlock and Henley produced considerable applause. Except an emergency, this Chapter will not meet again until October.

**Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.**—There is nothing so essential to render brethren perfect in Masonic Ritual as a punctual attendance at Lodges of Instruction; there they will find that every detail is properly explained. Many brethren, duly qualified, and holding high positions in the Order, feel it a pleasure to give instruction as Preceptors, and the members of the above Lodge determined to give the brethren a Masonic treat by having the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation worked. The brethren, numbering between eighty and ninety, met on Tuesday, when Bro. Jas. Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, occupied the chair. Bros. Reed S.W., Cameron J.W., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. as P.M., C. Hill D.C., Scott P.M. Secretary. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Rhodes I.G. 1328, and Knight Smith. The programmes, which were of artistic design, were presented by Bro. Reed, of Oxford-street. The ceremony was most impressively and perfectly delivered, and was followed by the ceremony of installation. Bro. Terry, at the conclusion, was warmly congratulated by every one present. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Terry for the admirable manner he had performed the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. C. Hill, and those brethren who had so efficiently assisted, also to Bro. Reed for presenting the programmes, and to Bro. Lamb for his kindness in lending the elegant consecrating vessels. Several brethren were elected joining members, and the Lodge of Instruction was closed. The brethren then sat down to a collation, provided by Bro. Cole, that gave great satisfaction. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. He then gave the health of Bro. Jas. Terry, who had come that evening to perform the ceremonies. The brethren had listened to his working with great pleasure. He had been associated in Masonry with Bro. Terry for many years, he was now the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and through his exertions at the last festival they had received over £9,000; the aged ought to be cared for in their declining years as well as the young. Bro. Jas. Terry responded, and thanked Bro. Cottebrune for his kind expressions. He hoped, as Secretary to their noble institution, he had done his duty. He gave an account of the expenditure, and the requirements annually for the annuitants. The President then proposed the toast of those brethren who had so ably assisted at the ceremony. Bros. C. Hill, Cameron, and others returned thanks, and each Brother paid a compliment to Bro. Terry for his working. Bro. Terry then said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose the toast of their worthy Preceptor, the occupant of the chair. Many brethren who have received the benefit of his excellent teaching have attained high position in the Order. Brother Cottebrune would not have been chosen to fill that office had not his talents been appreciated, he had been selected to be a Grand Officer, and he hoped he would be spared for many years to give them the benefit of his valuable assistance. (Cheers.) Bro. Cottebrune responded: When the Lodge of Instruction was first started they were but few in number; they did not succeed, but were not disheartened. They took a small room; the attendance was continually fluctuating, but it gradually increased, and they now meet with never less than 20 or 30 present. They were proud of this Lodge of Instruction, and he hoped they would follow out the precepts advocated therein, so that when they go to their Lodges they would be able to carry out the duties required of them. He hoped at all times to meet their approbation. (Cheers.) Several other toasts followed, and the brethren passed a very harmonious evening. Bros. Cantle, Knight Smith, S. Webb and G. Henley gave some excellent songs. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Stiles, W. Side, C. J. Scales, Young, J. L. Thomas, T. Bull, H. Massey, J. Jacobs, B. Solomon, Harper, Caffall, Weston, Hunt, Scott, B. Swallow, W. Mann, H. Lewis, Lamb, Rhodes, Campbell, Baker, Shaud, H. M. Levy, &c.

**Phoenix Lodge, No. 173.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th May, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. W. Wills W.M., J. D. Massey S.W., Burford J.W., E. W. Matthews Secretary; and P.M.'s Bros. F. R. Vine I.P.M., W. Watson, G. Wilson, Sherman, C. R. Green, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Guterbock and H. W. Davis, were raised to the 3rd degree. Ballots were taken for several gentlemen, but they were not present. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, and a balance carried forward of £97 12s 5d. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. J. D. Massey, W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and Bro. F. R. Vine I.P.M. occupied the chair, and duly installed him into the chair, in a careful, perfect, and impressive manner. Bro. Jekyll, W.M. Asaph, ably officiating as Organist. On the admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient form, and then invested his officers: Bros. W. Wills I.P.M., Phillips S.W., Finch J.W., J. Burford Treasurer, E. W. Matthews Secretary, F. W. Allen S.D., J. Blyth J.D. and W.S., J. Andrews I.G., W. C. Davidson D.C., F. D. Vine A.W.S., and Speight Tyler. The

W.M., in investing his officers, exhibited his proficiency for the office by his pertinent remarks, which showed the brethren the selection they had made was one that would in every respect reflect credit. Bro. Vine then gave the customary addresses, and the encomiums paid to him on his concluding, showed how admirably he had performed the ceremony. Bro. Jekyll W.M. 1319 was elected an honorary member, and was afterwards invested with the Collar of Organist of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 58 in number, adjourned to the Crown Room, where a banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. Francatelli, superintended by Bro. Knill. Bro. Rev. I. W. Goucher 1017 b'en said grace. The W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and Bros. Wills, Sharman and Jekyll sang the National Anthem. The W.M. in proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., alluded to the great enthusiasm shown for him by all classes, from the moment of his landing at Portsmouth, and the grand reception he had experienced. Bro. G. Wilson P.M. then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," amid great cheers. Bro. Wough P.G.P. returned thanks for the toast of the Grand Officers. Bro. Watts sang, very sweetly, "Stay with me, darling, stay." Bro. Wills I.P.M. then rose and said he would ask the brethren to drink a toast that he was sure they would heartily respond to; that was the health of one whom they all respected, the W.M. (cheers). He might congratulate himself on having the hearty support, not only of the officers but of every brother in the Lodge. The toast was received with great cheering. Bro. Henson then sang "Once Again." The W.M. thanked the brethren for drinking his health in so cordial a manner. He had been elected to fill the chair, and nothing should be wanting on his part to give them every satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors; it was always a pleasure on the part of the Lodge to receive them. Tonight they had many distinguished Masons present, and all felt honoured by their presence. He then mentioned their names serially. Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. 65 responded, and was followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Several other brethren also complimented the W.M. on his able presidency, and Brother Vine for his excellent rendering of the Ceremony of Installation. The W.M. said he was about to propose a toast out of the ordinary course, but one, he was sure, that would be welcome—it was the Masonic Charities. There was an institution that should never be forgotten—that for the aged. There was a brother among them who had devoted his energies successfully to the service of the old folks. He referred to Bro. Terry—(cheers)—and so long as he was among them as W.M. those Charities should never be forgotten. Bro. Jas. Terry responded to the toast. He thanked the W.M. for bringing his name before the brethren. At the election on Friday next there were 57 candidates, all over 60 years of age, and all descending the ladder. As the W.M. said, it was only Freemasons who support those Charities. £8,695 will be required next year, and £30,000 is annually wanted to support the three Masonic Charities. There are now 130 male annuitants receiving £10 per annum, and 110 widows receiving £32 per annum, and he hoped to receive the cordial support of the brethren present. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., and in the course of an eloquent speech presented him, in the name of the Lodge, with a very elegant P.M. jewel, with suitable inscription. He hoped he might live for many years to wear it, and that it might be transmitted from generation to generation. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Bro. Wills, in suitable terms, responded for the valuable gift. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He was pleased to see so many present. They had had an opportunity of witnessing this evening what they could do, and he was sure they were always ready to render valuable services to the Lodge. Bro. Cusworth gave a very humorous recitation, and after this Bro. G. Wilson P.M. responded. The toasts of the Wardens, Officers, Treasurer and Secretary were given, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable evening. The visitors were Bros. J. L. Mather P.M. 65; J. Holmes 87; C. Jekyll W.M. 1319; W. Ough P.G.P.; J. Terry, P.P.G.D.C., Herts; W. A. Smith, 1298; J. Cusworth, 873; C. Fry, 913; R. Perkins, 34; E. Bowyer, P.M., 1471; R. J. Smith, 34; S. Godfrey-Morton, P.M., 1056; Bracebridge, P.M., 871; Watts, S.D., 1381; and H. M. Levy P.M., 188.

**Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, No. 382.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. C. J. W. Davis occupied the chair. Bros. W. Smith P.G.S. S.W., Halliday J.W., Coulton P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, W. Webb S.D., G. E. Cook J.D., Lonsdale I.G., Russ D.C., Dayson W.S.; and P.M.'s Bros. B. Swallow, Fehrenbach, T. A. Adams P.G.O., and Lonsdale. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Burgess was raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Cecil and Cooper were passed to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. E. F. Deneubourg, E. T. Brown and A. J. Hanson were initiated into the Order by the W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a capital banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. That of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. meeting an enthusiastic reception. The W.M. said the wishes for his safe return in renewed health were now verified, and the reception he had met with from all classes must have shown him how dear he is to the nation, and to none more so than to the brethren of the Order. Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. returned thanks for the toast of the Grand Officers. Bro. Fehrenbach P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. He said the Lodge might be congratulated on their selection; their brother was able, in every respect, to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. The W.M. suitably replied, and in proposing the toast of the initiates, said he was pleased with the attention they had paid to the ceremony; they were the sort of brethren the Craft required, and if all brethren would be sure of the respectability of a candidate before proposing him, the Order would indeed be benefitted. Bro. Brown returned thanks for the toast. The impressive manner the beautiful ceremony had been delivered by the W.M. fully impressed him, and would never be forgotten by him and by his brother initiates. The toasts of the P.M. and Officers were given, the latter being



eloquently responded to by Bro. W. Smith P.G.S. The Tyler's toast was given and the brethren returned to town.

**Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 16th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present—Bros. William Stanley Masterman P.P.G.D. for Surrey W.M., J. W. Sugg S.W., George Wright J.W., Magnus Ohren P.M. P.P.G.J.W. for Surrey Sec., James Robins P.M. Treas., A. T. Jeffery S.D., C. Edmonds J.D., Pawley I.G., Speight Tyler. Bro. Dickinson I.P.M. and a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Charles Horsley, T. Boulton, J. Constable, J. H. Wright, H. Massey and W. W. Morgan. The Lodge was opened punctually at the time stated on the summons, when the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th August last, at Sutton, and of a Lodge of Emergency, were read and confirmed. The brethren, it was announced, were now assembled at old quarters, where, in days gone by, many happy gatherings had taken place, which brought forward some pleasant recollections. Reasons were given why the members had considered it necessary to remove from Sutton to Croydon, and it was announced that proper notice had been given of this resolution to Grand Lodge. The ballot was then taken for Mr. George Robins, son of the respected P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge, which was declared unanimously in favour of that gentleman. Bro. Masterman then rose, and stated that, in consequence of domestic affliction, he did not feel quite himself, and if the Past Masters of the Lodge would kindly grant permission, he would ask his esteemed friend Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, to work the ceremony of raising in favour of Bro. Frederick Cassell, who was that evening a candidate for the sublime degree. This request was graciously acceded to by the several P.M.'s present, and Bro. Constable took the chair. Bro. Cassell, who had previously answered the customary questions, was then introduced, and the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Constable in his well known able style. Bro. Masterman then resumed the chair, and the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year took place. The choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. J. W. Sugg, the Senior Warden, while Bro. James Robins was re-elected Treasurer. After these brethren had severally thanked the members present for the honour that had been accorded them, Mr. George Robins was introduced and duly initiated into the Order, the ceremony being conducted by the W.M., Bro. W. S. Masterman. Routine business was then gone through, and the Lodge was closed in due form. A banquet followed, which was done ample justice to by all present. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Masterman, who presided in a most happy and genial way, gave the customary toasts. Those of the Queen and the most Worshipful the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, were most loyally received. In giving that of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, Bro. Masterman paid a just eulogium to the high Masonic qualities possessed by our noble brother. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, was also a thoroughly good Mason, and he was sure that full honour would be paid to the toast. The health of the Grand Master of the Province, Major-General Brownrigg, was next given, and with this toast was coupled the names of P.M.'s Magnus Ohren and James Robins. To this Bro. Ohren replied. He referred to the number of members of their Lodge who had been favoured with Provincial rank, and said that all must be gratified at the proud position the Lodge held. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Dickinson, I.P.M. Bro. Masterman replied, and then proposed the health of his young friend, the initiate of that evening. He was glad that his old friend, the Treasurer of their Lodge, had given the name of George to his son, he was reminded of the young gentleman's ancestor, of whose fame and renown so much had been said or sung, he was not sure which. He was also gratified to know that their younger brother had selected the same occupation in which his ancestor was so famous. He was sure all present would cordially drink his health. Bro. George Robins thanked those present for the way in which they had received the toast. It would be his great ambition to become a good Mason, and he was very much gratified at having been made a member of the Order. The toast of the P.M.'s was replied to by the I.P.M., Bro. Dickinson, and was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Robins replied, and paid a just tribute to Bro. Magnus Ohren, whom he described as always ready to do all in his power to further the interests of the Lodge. As for himself what he had done was only his duty; he knew that if the prosperity of the Lodge was to be maintained, the demands of the brethren must be kept within reasonable bounds, and if in doing so he had met with their approval he was amply repaid. The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. John Constable, and Bro. Charles Horsley made some remarks expressive of the pleasure it had given him to be present. The next toast was "The Masonic Press," and with it was coupled the names of Bro. Massey on behalf of *The Freemason*, and of Bro. Morgan in connection with this journal. Both these brethren briefly replied, and the toast of the W.M. elect was proposed, and wittily responded to by Bro. Sugg. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

**Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556.**—This Lodge met, in their own Hall, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 11th inst. Bro. Wm. Phillips R.W.M., who was well supported by his office bearers. Amongst the visitors were Bros. P. Brownlie J.W. 3 b s., G. W. Wheeler 73, P. Young 347, J. Stewart 360, J. Ferguson I.P.M. 543. There were three candidates for initiation, Messrs. Johnson, Downe, and McWilliam, and there being no objection, they were initiated in a very careful manner by the R.W.M. The P.G. Lodge deputation was then received. Bro. McTaggart said, with very slight exceptions, he found the books in excellent order; their fund in hand was no very large at the date of audit, but he found that last year they paid off £138, and the hall was now free, which, for so young a Lodge, was highly creditable. Their working of the degrees he found to be equally satisfactory, for although they had initiated the large number of 61 candidates, he found that only 17 had received the three degrees

at once, and these were all well-ascertained cases of emergency. He regretted that Bro. Neilson was still too ill to be with them and rejoice in their prosperity. Bro. G. Sinclair acting P.G.M. congratulated them, as a very young Lodge, on sitting under their own vine and fig-trees in that nice hall; it said much for their Master and the rest of the officers that they had accomplished this. Bro. Phillips thanked the deputation for their visit, and the good report they had made. It had been his constant endeavour to merit it. He had not spared himself in working, neither did he intend to do so in the future, but it was gratifying to the young members of the Lodge to know that the work had been inspected by those who were fully competent for the task, and that they had given them so very flattering a report by declaring they were second to none in the province. He thanked them for coming with so large a deputation to this out-of-the-way corner of the city, but he was determined to leave the Lodge equal to the best in the heart of it. As some of the deputation were not members of the Lodge, he requested Bro. McTaggart to now affiliate them as honorary members. Bros. J. Gillies, Sinclair, and Allison were then affiliated. Bros. Young 347 and Ferguson 543 were also affiliated for services rendered. The Lodge was then called to refreshment, and a couple of hours were spent in harmony.

**Dramatic Lodge, No. 571.**—Bro. Dobson R.W.M. opened this Lodge on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 2 p.m., and proceeded to initiate two candidates, Messrs. John Cameron and Henri Ludwig, in a very careful manner. At 4 o'clock the P.G.L. deputation, consisting of Bros. Gillies P.G.T. acting as P.G.M., A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S., J. Miller P.G.J.D., J. Allans, J. Ritchie, Jas. Balfour D. of C. and J. B. Hardie entered. The P.G.S. said the present was rather a complimentary than a critical visit, as they were only extended over six months, but if it had been a critical one they would have passed it remarkably well for he had found nothing to find fault with. The Lodge had experienced some trouble in getting their charter, but the working of it proved that those who had supported them were perfectly justified, for in no Lodge had there been a truer Masonic spirit exhibited than in the Dramatic Lodge. Bro. Gillies as acting P.G.M. was glad to bear his testimony to the thoroughly efficient state of the Lodge, and he was sure while Bro. Dobson was its Master, and he was supported by such able officers as those by whom he was surrounded, all would be well. He was surprised, but at the same time very glad, to see so large a meeting at such an early hour; it augured well for Masonry. Bro. Dobson thanked the deputation for having come at this unusual hour to see them, and also those brethren of other Lodges who had honoured them with their presence. The only thing he was afraid of was that they had been fluttering him too highly. He had simply tried to do his duty; he knew that the professional brethren required a Lodge, as their business engagements often quite prevented them attending to their Masonic duties. Having got the charter with difficulty, he felt it incumbent on him, and so had all his officers, to do their best to prove that it had not been unworthily granted. He then proposed that the deputation, who had left their ordinary engagements to come to do honour to them, be made honorary members, and the whole of the brethren named above, except the P.G.S., who was already a member, were affiliated, as were also Bro. Wheeler 73, Morgan R.W.M. 219, Ferguson I.P.M. 543, and Aikman 570, for services rendered. Bro. Gillies returned thanks, on behalf of the whole of the brethren, for the honour that had been done them, and the deputation retired.

The same deputation, at 8 p.m., paid a visit to St. Mary, No. 177, Patrick, and were able to congratulate Bro. William Wylie and his office bearers on the successful working of the Lodge, and also to express their pleasure at meeting them in the fine new hall they have lately erected, the consecration of which we noticed some few months ago.

**Panmure Lodge, No. 720.**—The installation banquet of this perfect working Lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Batham Hotel, Batham. Present—Bros. Pulman W.M., Trussler S.W., and a numerous assemblage of the brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The Treasurer presented the report of the audit meeting, which showed the flourishing position of the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Trussler W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Poore P.M., in such a manner as only could be expected from this worthy brother, whose efficient working is so well known and admired in the Craft. The W.M. having been saluted, invested his officers:—Bros. Burgess S.W., Payne P.M. as J.W. pro tem, McKay S.D., Wolfe J.D., Smith I.G., McMurray D.C. and a W.S. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Wiltshire and Mills, to the satisfaction of the brethren. We hope, however, that the W.M., whenever time will permit, will take each candidate separately, as the impressiveness of the ceremony is thereby greatly increased. The Lodge was then closed, and 34 brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Lilley. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Pulman I.P.M. in an eloquent speech proposed the toast of the W.M., who briefly replied. Bros. Wiltshire and Mills replied for the newly initiated. To the toast of the P.M.'s Bro. Poore P.M. replied. The W.M. then presented, in the name of the Lodge, to Bro. Pulman I.P.M. an elegant jewel. Bro. Pulman, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions and valuable present. Bros. Thompson 2.M. 177, 1158 and 1426, and Wright P.M. 946, replied for the visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Baker S.W., Stockwell S.D. 1379, the 141, Hardcastle 374, Best 723, &c. The toast of the Wardens, officers and Tyler were given, and a very agreeable evening was passed, to the enjoyment of which Bro. Poore greatly added, by giving a recitation of the "Canonizing of Jim Crow."

**Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732.**—The Spring banquet of this Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thurs.

day, the 11th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. M. Kidd. A very sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Reynard and the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. He mentioned as a pleasing fact that the meeting was held on the day H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. the Grand Master, had returned to his native shores, in health, to gladden the hearts of all, more particularly his brother Masons. A telegram had been received announcing his arrival, and it might be considered a red-letter day that they were there to celebrate their festival on that auspicious occasion. The toast of the W.M. was given, who was congratulated on the manner in which he had discharged his duties. There was a goodly number of the brethren present, and among the visitors was Bro. E. J. Furner, D.P.G.M., whom every one was pleased to welcome after his recent serious accident; there were also Bro. Knhe, Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of England; Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; W. H. Hallett P.G.S.W.; J. H. Scott P.G. Secretary, and several others. The gathering was one that gave pleasure to all, and a delightful evening was passed.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle Hackney, on the 16th May. Bros. P.M. Wallington W.M., Smith S.W., Brown J.W., Wiege S.D., Barke J.D., Johnson I.G.; also P.M.'s Bros. Ashburner and Musto, and several other brethren. Bro. Musto having answered the usual questions, was raised to the 3rd degree, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The 1st and 3rd sections were then worked by Bro. Musto. Lodge was then closed down to the 1st degree, when the 1st section was worked by Bro. Musto. Bro. Smith, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the following Tuesday and appointed the officers in rotation.

**Priory Chapter, No. 1000.**—The installation meeting of this flourishing Chapter, and first anniversary of its consecration, was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There were present Comps. Rev. S. R. Wigram P.Z. 214, Grand 1st Asst. Soj. M.E.Z., E. E. Phillips H., A. Lucking J., J. C. Johnstone Scribe E., S. R. Weston Treas., J. A. Wardell Prin. Soj., Jas. Willing jun. and T. W. Gower Asst. Sojs., J. R. Hemmann, F. V. Jillings, E. Judd, W. Pissey, F. Cantor, T. Williams, H. H. Child, J. Wiseman; Visitor, Comp. Rev. — Skelton P.Z. 214. The Chapter having been opened and the Companions admitted, the minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. Four candidates for exaltation were balloted for and unanimously elected. Bros. F. Wood P.M. 1000 and F. Calrouz 197, being present, were duly exalted to this supreme degree, the ceremony being impressively performed by the M.E.Z., Comps. H. and J. giving the symbolical and historical lectures. The Principals were then installed for the ensuing year, viz.—Comps. E. E. Phillips M.E.Z., A. Lucking H., J. A. Wardell J. The following officers were invested—Comps. J. C. Johnstone Scribe E., W. Pissey Scribe N., S. R. Weston Treas., Jas. Willing jun. Prin. Soj., T. W. Gower 1st A.S., Rev. H. J. Hatch 2nd A.S., J. R. Hemmann D.C., E. Judd and F. V. Jillings Stewards, Mountain Janitor. The report of the audit committee, which was favourable, was received and adopted. The M.E.Z., in the name of the Chapter, then presented the I.P.Z., Comp. Rev. S. R. Wigram, with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of his invaluable services as the first M.E.Z. of the Priory Chapter, and also congratulated him on the high office to which he had been appointed in the Supreme Grand Chapter. The Chapter was duly closed and the Companions adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given, and duly honoured. Comp. Rev. S. R. Wigram returned thanks for the Officers of Grand Chapter, and Comp. Rev. — Skelton for the Visitors. The Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close, after a very pleasant and instructive meeting.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 10th May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. J. T. Freeman W.M., Margaret S.W., Welch J.W., Ivry P.M. Secretary, Strasson Treasurer, Flanagan S.D., Bailey acting J.D., Dowsett Organist, Ferguson and Newman Stewards, Danks I.G., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Brown, Chancellor, Eglington, Hurley, and ten members. Business—The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Henry Creed passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. A very interesting and animated discussion arose upon a notice of motion by the S.W. "That a vote of £31 10s for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, passed at the last regular Lodge meeting, be rescinded; as due notice was not given to the brethren on the agenda." On a division this was carried by a majority of one, upon which Bro. Brown P.M. gave notice of motion, "That the sum of thirty guineas, from the Lodge Funds, be applied to the list of the Chaplain, who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." It is understood that there will be a unanimous vote for this at the Lodge meeting in June, which will be in time for the Festival. The Lodge was then closed.

**Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.**—An emergency meeting of the Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bros. J. A. Smith W.M., W. Batchelor S.W., T. W. Lover J.W., F. B. Cusworth P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Secretary, F. Garbett S.D., J. Stock J.D., J. Porter D.C., G. J. Grace P.M., J. H. Hamsworth P.M. The Lodge was opened, and Bros. F. Shaw, J. R. Fenwick, D. Murdoch, E. Harms, and W. Hancock, were raised to the 3rd degree; Bros. J. Quincey, G. Williamson, E. Bridges, F. W. Stump, and T. Clark were passed to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. F. Bridges, A. Barman, C. M. Whipp, J. Wakelin, and E. T. Atlinge were initiated in to the Order. It was unanimously resolved that a summer festival take place. The Lodge was then closed, and slight refreshments followed. The Visitors were Bros. J. F. P. Wooley, late 1326, J. Hooper 1314, E. Malet J.W. 141, J. W. Adams 765, E. W. Devereux S.D. 1423, G. S. Wintle P.M. 148, P. Magee J.D. 548, J. Shipley 30, and C. J. Jones 829.

**Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. M. Watts W.M., E. J. Harty, S.W., Taylor J.W., H. Mander P.M. Treas., Watts P.M. Sec., Saul S.D., Richardson as J.D., Lloyd as I.G., and Lee as Organist; Bros. Dobbing, Walker, Grey, Remenotzky, Sturm, and Dr. Lloyd. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. J. G. Rush, Newton, and Driver were raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Egan and Brooks were raised to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. Green, C. H. Brandon, and A. Bensor (an Arabian) were initiated into the Order. Bros. I. and J. Botibol, No. 188, were elected joining members. The initiation fee was raised to £10 10s, and the joining fee to £5 5s. Bro. E. J. Harty S.W. gave a notice of motion that the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens for the time being be endowed annually with the sum of £10 10s, to enable them, in the name of the Lodge, to become Life Governors of the three Masonic Charities. Bro. E. J. Harty S.W. proposed, and Bro. Dobbing seconded—That an address be forwarded to H. R. H. The Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. on his safe return to his native country, and the happy and successful results of his journey, and that the Secretary, be desired to communicate the same to the Grand Secretary to be forwarded to H.R.H. This was carried unanimously. Two propositions were handed in for initiation. The working throughout was unexceptionable, and the Lodge was closed. There was no banquet, as this Lodge only has one on the Installation meeting, the surplus funds being devoted to the Masonic Charities.

**Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction.**—On Friday, the 12th inst., the members held their usual weekly meeting, at 8 o'clock. Bros. Ashburner W.M., Allen S.W., Hugh Cotter J.W., Livermore S.D., Wallington J.D., Peal I.G., Chitson Secretary. Lodge opened with the usual preliminaries; first degree was worked, Bro. J. K. Pitt acting as candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Fairbank was passed. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and the 3rd and 4th sections of first lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. G. W. Verry, who formerly acted as Preceptor to this good working Lodge, was asked to resume that position, and to this request he kindly consented. The brethren are satisfied all labour will prosper in his hands, and in this we heartily concur.

**Era Lodge, No. 1423.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton. Bros. J. Baxter Langley W.M., E. H. Thielley P.G.A.G.P. Middlesex S.W., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treasurer J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Secretary, E. W. Devereux S.D., S. Wolff J.D., H. Farja, C.E., as I.G., E. W. Mackney P.M. The Lodge was opened, and Mr. T. E. Henman was initiated by the W.M., by whose courtesy Brother J. W. Baldwin passed Bros. Beckwith and Wingate, and raised Bro. A. Rolington. The Lodge was then closed, and refreshments followed. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Smith 447, R. Giggis W.M. 228, H. A. Hart 1339, and F. Fisher 621.

**Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556.**—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, the 13th inst., at the Alma Tavern, Addiscombe. Present—Bros. S. J. Turquand W.M., Mullett S.W., J. Parsons Smith J.W., Masterman P.M. Treasurer, Frances P.M. P.G.S.D. Secretary, Gray S.D., Pitt J.D., L. Turquand I.G., Carpenter D.C., Lambert W.S., and several other brethren. Visitors—Bros. J. Beare 493, Dr. Dixon and Green 890. Bros. Beare, Cooper, Chumley and Foss were duly passed to the second degree. All Masonic business ended, twenty-three brethren sat down to an excellent repast, which was provided by the worthy hostess.

**Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge, No. 1602.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge, which was lately consecrated, met at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bros. E. Somers W.M., E. G. Sim S.W., G. J. Coombs J.W., J. Osborn Secretary, J. Weston Treasurer, A. F. Rowley S.D., F. Allen J.D., W. Norris D.C., W. F. Poulton Steward, J. G. Glover I.G., H. De Solla Organist, Steedman Tyler, and Bros. Lee and Dyer 43. The Lodge was opened, and Messrs. S. Rowley, H. Oppenheim, W. Payne, R. G. Thomas, and H. Bevis, who had been previously balloted for, were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. J. Crocker 1489, H. Field 1489, T. Upward 487, and W. A. Dawson 820, were elected joining members. The Lodge was then closed. The next meeting will take place on 26th May. The brethren then sat down to very excellent cold collation, provided by Bro. Sawyer. The W.M. gave the usual toasts. Bro. Lee proposed the toast of the W.M. The newly initiated brethren severally responded. The Wardens and Officers toasts were given, and the harmony of the evening was enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. A. De Solla, Upward and Sim, and by a very capital recitation from Bro. Dyer.

**East Sussex Lodge of Mark Masons.**—The annual meeting and Installation was held on Tuesday last, at the Castle Hotel, Hastings. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. C. W. Duke P.G.A.D.C. Sussex, was installed W.M. and invested as his officers Bros. G. Maren of Heathfield S.W., C. M. Norris of St. Leonards J.W., Dr. Croucher of Hastings P.G.O. M.O., C. Ashenden S.O., T. H. Cole J.O., E. F. Cave P.G.C. Chaplain, G. Wellard Treasurer, J. Dorman Registrar of Marks, Dr. Trollope G.D.C. P.M. Secretary, T. H. Wadd S.D., R. J. Reed J.D., Rossiter I.G. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Gaze, the worthy host. The usual toasts were given and duly responded to. Bro. Kirkham was unable to be present from indisposition, and among those present were Bros. F. Binckes G.S. of England, Dr. Cunningham V.W.D.P. G.M., Wood of Brighton, and G. Smith W.M. of Lodge 76 Brighton, and several brethren from London, Brighton, Eastbourne and the surrounding neighbourhood.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.**—This evening, RIGOLETTO. On Monday, LES HUGUENOTS. On Tuesday, TAN HAU ER. On Wednesday, ROMEO E GIULIETTA. On Thursday, GUGLIELMO TELLO. On Friday, LE NOZZE DI FIGARO. On Saturday, LA TRAVIATA. Each evening at 8.30. FLORAL HALL CONCERT this day.

**HER MAJESTY'S OPERA, DRURY LANE.**—This evening, and Thursday, ROBERT LE DIABLE. On Monday, NORMA. On Tuesday, FAUST. On Saturday, SEMIRAMIDE. At 8.30 each evening. On Monday morning, and Wednesday and Friday evenings, SIGNOR ROSSI in ITALIAN PLAYS.

**QUEENS.**—At 8.30, SALVINI as OTHELLO. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**LYCEUM.**—At 7.30, NATURE AND PHILOSOPHY. At 8.30, RICHELIEU. On Monday, THE BELLS.

**ADELPHI.**—At 7.0, COLLEEN BAWN and STRUCK OIL.

**PRINCESS'S.**—ABEL DRAKE, &c.

**HAYMARKET.**—At 7.30, THE HUNCHBACK, &c.

**STRAND.**—At 7.30, HIS LAST LEGS. At 9.0, L'AFRICAIN. At 10.30, THE RIVAL OTHELLOS.

**GAIETY.**—At 7.45, BLUE DEVILS. At 8.30, MY AWFUL DAD. At 10.30 COOL AS A CUCUMBER.

**CHARING CROSS.**—At 8.0, PAMPERED MENIALS. At 8.45, THE GUILTY GOVERNESS. At 9.45, YOUNG RIP VAN WINKLE.

**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.30, FASCINATING FELLOWS. At 7.45, THE GASCON. At 10.20, UNDER A VEIL.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, OURS.

**ROYAL AQUARIUM THEATRE.**—At 7.30, THE TAILOR MAKES THE MAN. At 8.15, JO.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.30, SQUARING THE CIRCLE. At 8.0, MISS GWILT, &c.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and a FEARFUL FOG.

**COURT.**—At 8.0, A SCRAP OF PAPER, and A QUIET RUBBER.

**ST. JAMES'S.**—NOTHING TO NURSE, and THE SULTAN OF MOCHA.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—LE PETITE MARIE.

**CRITERION.**—At 8.0, MARY'S SECRET, and THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE, &c.

**ALHAMBRA.**—LE VOYAGE DANS LA LUNE, &c.

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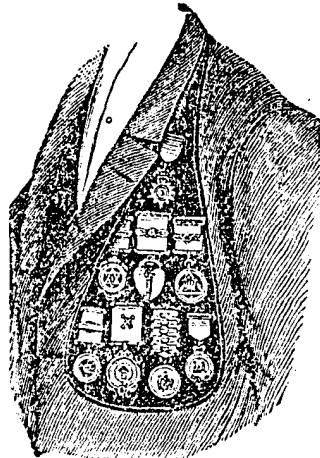
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