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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

ON Saturday, at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, fifty-four Candidates presented themselves in competition one with another to fill the thirteen vacancies. As we recently pointed out, London furnished twenty candidates, Lincolnshire and West Yorkshire four each; Devonshire, and Hants and Isle of Wight three each; Kent, the District of Bengal and East Lancashire two each; the remaining fourteen coming from as many provinces or districts. Three London candidates were successful, namely, Clara Kingcombe, who stood first on the list, with 1,603 votes, Alice Warburton Cecil, who was fifth, with 1,339 votes, and Jessie Langley, eleventh, with 1,027 votes. Hertfordshire sent only one candidate, Hannah Mabel Ward, who obtained the second place, with 1,522 votes, and Wilts, which had likewise only a single representative, secured her election; Mary Jane Feltham, the girl in question, being third, with 1,487 votes. The District of Bengal had two candidates, both of whom were successful, namely, Kate Isabel Mills, for whom 1,355 votes were polled, and Kathleen Isabella Alicia Collins, who was thirteenth, with 896 votes. Ada Huyshe Clase, one of the Devonian candidates, polled 1,332 votes, and obtained the sixth place. She was immediately followed by Maria Edith Gregory, hailing from Kent, with 1,269 votes. One of the three Hants and Isle of Wight candidates, namely, Eleanor Amy I. Ludlow, stood eighth, with 1,233 votes. Then came two of the four West Yorkshire candidates, Ada Hartley Healey, ninth, with 1,162 votes, and Mary Ellin White, with 1,106 votes. The remaining successful candidate was from Lincolnshire, Mary Anne Johnson, who scored 916 votes, and so obtained the twelfth vacancy. The twenty-eight candidates who had already made one or more applications for admission brought forward among them an aggregate of 8,199 votes, ranging from Clara Kingcombe, who had standing to her credit as many as 1,220 votes down to Gertrude Henrietta Mey, who stood twenty-eighth on the list, and had as few as 7 to the good. Of the 17,409 votes cast on Saturday, 9,783 were given to old candidates, and 7,726 among the twenty-six new ones, or rather to twenty-three of the number, for there were three candidates who polled no votes at all, while one obtained only ten, another three, and a third two only. Of the applicants for the fifth time, one succeeded in obtaining the sixth place. No. 3 on the list, who had tried on three previous occasions, and is now ineligible to compete, only added 20 to her previous 209 votes, and drops from the list. Of thirteen candidates who were applicants for the third time, five were successful; a piece of good fortune in one case, seeing that age would have been an obstacle to her standing again. The twelve next on the list had made one previous attempt. Three succeeded, of whom one was ineligible to make further trial; while of the nine unsuccessful, one was similarly circumstanced, and will be excluded from the list in future. Of the twenty-six new candidates, four obtained places, and in one instance this was her last as well as her first chance. The friends of one of these four fought so gallant a battle as to secure for her the second place. Among the unsuccessful candidates, No. 16 stood highest, with 870 votes, of which 746 were polled on Saturday. No. 12 came next, with 838 votes, then No. 1, with 707, of which 107 were polled on Saturday, and then No. 28, with 697 votes, all but seven of which were given at this election. There is then a wide gap until we come to two candidates, Nos. 13 and 15, who

obtained each 477 votes, followed by No. 40, a new applicant, with 466. In all, and including the 8199 brought forward, the total votes distributed among the candidates amounted to 25,708, the thirteen successful ones scoring among themselves 16,247 of them, so that 9461 remain to be carried to the October election, or would so remain were the whole forty-one who failed eligible to try again. Two, however, will have no further opportunity, and therefore the 576 votes cast for them will disappear, and leave only 8886 to go forward for next October. Taking the thirteen successful candidates, a reference to the list will show that one has both parents living, one has lost both, ten have lost their father, and one her mother. In three cases the father had contributed to or served the office of Steward for one or more of our Institutions. The same remark applies to eight of the unsuccessful candidates. It should likewise be mentioned that among the successful is one girl who has had two sisters in the Institution (one was by purchase), and a third is in now. Appropriately enough, the title of the father's Lodge was True Friendship, No. 218, of Calcutta. In this instance, the widow has had tangible evidence of the *true friendship* of the Craft towards her fatherless offspring. To sum up the results. Twenty candidates hailed from the metropolis, of whom three were successful; thirty-one from the Provinces, of whom eight succeeded; and three from Districts abroad, of whom two have obtained admission. We subjoin a complete list of the candidates, showing the order in which they stood at the declaration of the poll.

SUCCESSFUL.					
No. on Poll.	No. on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
1	10	Kingcombe, Clara ...	1220	383	1603
2	44	*Ward, Hannah Mabel ...	—	1522	1522
3	14	Feltham, Mary Jane ...	893	594	1487
4	20	Mills, Kate Isabel (<i>last</i>) ...	345	1010	1355
5	27	Cecil, Alice Warburton ...	705	634	1339
6	2	Clase, Ada Huyshe ...	443	889	1332
7	50	*Gregory, Maria Edith ...	—	1269	1269
8	7	Ludlow, Eleanor Amy I. ...	316	917	1233
9	37	*Healey, Ada Hartley (<i>last</i>) ...	—	1162	1162
10	35	*White, Mary Ellin ...	—	1106	1106
11	6	Langley, Jessie (<i>last</i>) ...	314	713	1027
12	5	Johnson, Mary Anne ...	498	418	916
13	22	Collins, Kathleen Isabella Alicia	365	531	896
UNSUCCESSFUL.					
16		Nichols, Annie ...	124	746	870
12		Tanare, Ada Blyth ...	310	528	838
1		Morris, Diana Gordon ...	600	107	707
28		Mey, Gertrude Henrietta ...	7	690	697
13		Cates, Annie Susannah ...	205	272	477
15		Hughes, Rosa Marian ...	282	195	477
40		*Cowley, Maud Mary ...	—	466	466
48		*Kirke, Amy Laura ...	—	384	384
11		Smith, Mary Mildred C. ...	221	141	362
24		Goddin, Maria Gertrude (<i>last</i>)	252	94	346
9		Fordham, Amelia Anne ...	180	143	323
17		Skeates, Agnes Martha ...	105	218	323
32		*Peele, Eleanor Margaret ...	—	255	255
38		*Potter, Annie ...	—	248	248
3		Lindeman, Alice Eveline (<i>last</i>)	209	20	229
19		Priestley, Emily Jane ...	44	180	224
25		Scott, Dorah ...	93	124	217
49		*Busher, Lucy Jane ...	—	214	214
41		*Carter, Ada ...	—	211	211
51		*Line, Amelia ...	—	—	198
52		*Corney, Annie Edith ...	—	190	190
4		Parker, Kate Louisa ...	160	18	178
47		*Pelham, Eveline Edith ...	—	173	173
8		Jay, Gertrude Alice ...	131	29	160
21		Spurgin, Eleanor Elizabeth...	31	112	143
23		Hood, Harriet Emily ...	47	52	99

No. on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
29	*Reed, Bessie	—	85	85
46	*Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth ...	—	63	63
18	Thomson, Louisa Marion ...	50	13	62
26	Moore, Emily Alice Gertrude	49	13	62
31	*Wilton, Florraine Eliza ...	—	57	57
39	*Weston, Florence	—	35	35
34	*Daly, Gertrude Annie	—	25	25
42	*Cooper, Marion Selina	—	25	25
36	*Piddock, Helena	—	23	23
54	*Hopkins, Florence Annie ...	—	10	10
45	*Hill, Evalina Mary	—	3	3
30	*Chrimes, Harriett	—	2	2
33	*Whyatt, Marion	—	—	—
43	*Nettle, Alvena	—	—	—
53	*Stephenson, Lilian	—	—	—

* Denotes first application.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held on Monday, at the usual hour. When the minutes of the previous Court had been read and confirmed, the regular business was rapidly disposed of. On the motion of Dr. Ramsay, seconded by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, it was resolved that it be an instruction to the General Committee to take the necessary steps for calling a special meeting, for the purpose of taking into consideration the report of the House Committee as to the enlargement of the School. It was subsequently stated by the Secretary that a letter had been received from Bro. Monckton, announcing that an amateur performance would be held at the Opera Comique, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 5th prox., the proceeds of which would be divided equally between the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The poll was then opened, and, in due course, the result was declared, fourteen of the fifty-nine candidates being elected. The number of vacancies was originally twelve, but at the last moment had been increased to thirteen, and as Nos. 2 and 6 on the list obtained exactly the same number of votes, it was unanimously resolved by the Court that both of the boys should be admitted. We have already stated that London furnished twenty-one of the fifty-nine candidates, that five hailed from Warwickshire, that Devonshire, North Wales and Salop, and East Lancashire, sent three each, while the rest were distributed, in two's or singly, among nineteen other provinces and districts. The result of the election is as follows:—London secured the first four places on the poll. Herbert Pattison Wisby, the highest unsuccessful candidate last October, obtained the first place with 2,129 votes, 1,198 of which were cast on the occasion of his first candidature. The friends of Clifton Sparks and Henry John Owens, being aware this was the last chance their respective *protégés* had of being admitted, worked hard to secure success. Their labours were rewarded, for Sparks was a capital second with 2,100 votes, out of which no less than 1,690 were polled on Monday, while Owens stood third with 1,895, 798 of which were obtained at his two previous applications, and 1,097 on this occasion. No. 4 was William Glen Barnett, who has been a candidate at three previous elections, and had 985 votes already to his credit. This number was increased to 1,755, and so obtained for him the fourth place. A provincial candidate, hailing from North Wales and Salop, stood fifth with 1,706 votes, and then came another Londoner, whose credit of 1,102 votes from two previous trials was now increased to 1,620. West Yorkshire had two candidates in the field, of whom William Arthur Sutton, an applicant for the first time, obtained 1,571 votes, and the seventh place on the poll. East Lancashire sent up three—William Emmott and two others, of whom Emmott, also an applicant for the first time, succeeded in securing the eighth place with 1,563 votes. Next in order was another London boy, for whom his friends worked hard, and successfully, to the extent of obtaining for him 1,553 votes, otherwise, the name of Batley would have disappeared from the list. One of the Dorset and Gloucestershire candidates stood tenth, the whole of his 1,549 votes being the result of one application only. The next candidate was Hatton J. H. Edwards, the only one of the five Warwickshire candidates who obtained admission, his votes amounting to 1,523, of which 163 were cast in October last. The solitary candidate hailing from Cambridgeshire, who had figured in four previous lists, and whose name would have been removed if unsuccessful on this occasion, was placed twelfth, with

1,497 votes. A second North Wales and Salop candidate, by name Richard George Head, and an applicant for the sixth time, tied with John Butterwith, of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, for the thirteenth place, the number of votes cast for each being 1,491. Butterwith had made four previous attempts, and secured 651 votes in so doing. It will be noticed that the contest among the last eight candidates was a very close one, there being only eighty votes between No. 7, who scored 1,571, and Nos. 13 and 14, who scored 1,491 each, while the first of the unsuccessful candidates only lost his election by nine, the number polled for him being 1,482. The total number of votes declared for fifty-eight out of the fifty-nine candidates was 37,564, of which 12,529 were already distributed among the forty candidates, who had made one or more applications, while the votes polled on Monday were 25,035. Only one candidate obtained no votes whatever, though there were three old candidates for whom no fresh votes were cast. One of these has been on the list at three previous elections, yet the number of votes now standing to his credit is *eight*. There were as many as nine boys for whom ten or less than ten votes were recorded. The highest number recorded on Monday for any single candidate was 1,690, and next to this came the votes polled by three of the successful candidates who were applicants for the first time, they obtaining respectively 1,571, 1,563, and 1,549. Previous to the election it was announced that, by the operation of Law 52, which fixes eleven years as the maximum limit of age for candidates, nine names should be removed from the list if they were unsuccessful this time. Four of these nine were elected. Of the other five, one increased his score from 115 to 196, another from 103 to 155; a third, by obtaining eight additional votes, raised his total from 137 to 145, the fourth just exceeded his century, having obtained 84 votes at three previous trials, and increasing this number to 102. The remaining one obtained *two* votes.

As usual, we feel it incumbent on us to offer one or two remarks on the results we have noted or omitted. George Samuel Cox, whose name headed the list as an applicant for the seventh time, increased his total from 381 to 551—that is, by 170 votes. Fortunately Cox has one more opportunity, and we trust, as his case is spoken of so highly, that he will obtain the requisite addition to his score, and find himself among the elect in October next. We have further to ask why brethren will go through the farce of putting a boy's name on the list of candidates when they can only obtain for him two votes at his one and only chance of admission? This was the case of Sam Woodhouse. It is also worthy of record that a Cambridgeshire boy is, or will shortly be, a pupil in the School. Is it asking or expecting too much of Cambridgeshire that, as she has gone the length of patronising the Institution by obtaining its benefits for one of her own boys, she will now reciprocate the kindness and contribute handsomely to its funds. We know the Province has only four Lodges on its roll, but they are neither the least wealthy nor the least influential in the kingdom. To speak, *more Hibernico*, the reciprocity must not be all on one side. Subjoined is a complete list of the candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, showing the order in which they stood when the poll was declared.

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
SUCCESSFUL.					
1	40	Wisby, Herbert Pattison ...	1198	931	2129
2	22	Sparks, Clifton	410	1690	2100
3	19	Owens, Henry John	798	1097	1895
4	9	Barnet, William Glen	985	770	1755
5	34	Cunnah, Edward Shaw	706	1000	1706
6	17	Pow, Frederick Wildman ...	1102	518	1620
7	55	*Sutton, William Arthur ...	—	1571	1571
8	56	*Emmott, William	—	1563	1563
9	18	Batley, James Henry	229	1324	1553
10	49	*Percy, Hugh Joscelyn	—	1549	1549
11	38	Edwards, Hatton Josiah Henry	163	1360	1523
12	5	Bryant, Wrightson Robert ...	166	1331	1497
13 {	2	Head, Richard George	814	677	2491
	6	Butterwith, John	651	840	1491
UNSUCCESSFUL.					
24		Stevens, Alfred	415	1067	1482
16		Searle, Harry Bulmer	691	450	1141
39		Stanton, William	382	667	1049
12		Shury, Solomou Hiram	641	356	997
59		*Waddington, Thomas Herbert	—	940	940
50		*Dyer, Frederick	—	726	726

No. on List.	NAMES.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
58	*Shrapnel, Harold Vivian N. S.	—	701	701
32	Johnston, William Studer	40	562	602
1	Cox, George Samuel	381	170	551
23	Sharp, Colin Bell	354	141	495
21	Mackay, Jas. Montague Hele	373	75	448
30	Crew, Frederick Alt	167	239	406
44	*Fairman, William Harry	—	399	399
4	Gurney, John Henry	321	39	360
33	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	154	204	358
36	Wait, Emanuel	121	217	338
8	Day, Arthur Harris	262	47	309
52	*Watkin, Hugh Robert	—	249	249
42	*Deeley, Richard Percy Francis	—	238	238
48	*Taylor, Ernest George Wm. J.	—	237	237
53	*Busher, Samuel Longton	—	230	230
43	*Ceeley, John Robert Gordon	—	215	215
26	Watkins, Alfred Charles	115	81	196
28	Green, Charles William	116	71	187
31	Rogers, Gordon	77	92	169
13	Furze, William Ernest	105	58	163
29	Tippler, Leonard Charles	103	52	155
3	Slate, James Thomas London	137	8	145
11	Williams, George Alfred	128	—	128
14	Johnson, Arthur Edwin	84	18	102
37	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	31	62	93
57	*Barclay, Henry Gavin Hacket	—	93	93
47	*Denton, Herbert	—	46	46
35	Marshall, Robert James	38	—	38
7	Gover, Joseph	29	4	33
20	Newbould, Harry	3	24	27
10	Evans, John McMillan	21	5	26
27	Cole, Alfred Thomas	10	10	20
46	*Frost, Christian Frederic	—	10	10
15	Morley, William Moore	8	—	8
51	*Allin, Charles James Fox	—	4	4
25	Edmonds, Richard Herbert	—	3	3
45	*Woodhouse, Sam	—	2	2
41	*Matthews, Robert	—	2	2
54	*Minshull, Sam Bradford	—	—	—

* Denotes first application.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THIS Institution was founded in the year 1863, and the report for the year 1876 presents several features which are eminently satisfactory. The cash account opens with a balance brought forward of £388 11s 7d. Including this, the total receipts from all sources—donations from Masonic Ball at Stockport, Amateur Performance at Birkenhead, and Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren; subscriptions, fees, interest on invested moneys—amount to £923 12s 10d. The expenditure reached only £447 6s 10d. Of this £122 17s 1d was expended for the education of nineteen children, and £18 13s 11d for the advancement of four. £270 was invested on mortgage of two houses, at 5 per cent., and there were sundry items for stationery, printing, &c., amounting together to £35 15s 10d. Thus there remains a balance of £476 6s, of which £345 11s 9d is in the North and South Wales Bank, and the remaining £130 14s 3d in Treasurer's hands. The funds of the Institution consist of invested moneys to the extent of £2858 13s 10d; this being an increase over the amount at the corresponding period of the previous year of very nearly £358. On glancing over the list of donors and subscribers for the year, we find that, with hardly an exception, the Lodges and Chapters in the Province figure for sums more or less considerable. This indicates an advance on the year 1875; and though the Committee still earnestly impress on the Craft the necessity for contributing liberally, and likewise call attention to the Provincial Grand Master's recommendation,—that a certain amount out of every initiation and exaltation fee should be appropriated to this charity, it is obvious that with so considerable an addition as £358 in one year, our Cheshire brethren must have been working very strenuously, and are becoming less and less open to the charge contained in the Report for 1875, to the effect that "there is much laxity on the part of some Lodges and Chapters in forwarding their annual returns, and in collecting subscriptions from the brethren." This, of course, may still apply in some cases, but the increase in donations, fees, and subscriptions, from Lodges, Chapters, and brethren, shows a substantial gain last year as against 1875. The income from this source was £384 5s in 1876 as against £268 3s 6d in 1875, though the casual donations in the latter were £72 5s 2d as against £35 15s in the former. If we compare the expenditure for education and advancement during the two years, we find that in 1875 a sum of

£128 13s 4d was spent in educating twenty-one children, in 1876 a sum of £122 17s 1d on nineteen children. On the other hand the sums expended in advancement were in the one case only four guineas, and last year £18 13s 11d. The sums invested in the two years were as nearly as possible equal, and so were the amounts expended in printing and the like. The closing balance in Treasurer's hands is larger in this than in the former account.

Not only does the establishment of such an institution as this reflect the greatest credit on the Province of Cheshire, it is likewise of great service in relieving our central establishments of at least a portion of the pressure to which they are becoming more liable with each succeeding year. For instance, if we turn to the lists of candidates at the recent elections, we find that only one boy hailed from Cheshire, and not a single girl; while the report we have been analysing contains evidence that there are several children of brethren in the Province who are in need of educational assistance, and that some of these require further help in order to start them fairly on the journey of life. It is obvious that a Province which does this out of its own funds lightens *pro tanto* the difficulties which our Boys' and Girls' Schools experience in meeting the heavy demands upon their resources. At the same time, Cheshire is not unmindful of the claims of the latter institutions on their support, as will be seen on reference to their respective lists of subscribers and governors.

It remains for us to add that an annual contribution of five shillings constitutes the subscriber an annual Governor with one vote, and an additional vote for every additional five shillings. A donation of five guineas or upwards in one or more payments within the twelve months constitutes the donor a Governor for life, with one vote for each guinea contributed; and a donation of twenty guineas in two or more payments within two years, entitles the donor to be a Vice-President. If a Lodge or Chapter contribute the latter sum at one time, or in several payments within three years, it becomes entitled to twenty votes during its existence. The limits of age for the admission of candidates to the benefits of the Institution are seven and fifteen, or in the case of a child who has lost both parents six years. After sixteen, the child ceases to be a recipient of such benefits. The father must have been a subscribing member for at least three years to a Lodge or Lodges in the Province. The children are sent to some educational establishment in their immediate neighbourhood, and the Institution defrays the annual charges. Candidates for the benefits of advancement must not be under twelve or over eighteen years. At the last meeting of the Governors, held at Crewe, on the 29th March, two candidates were admitted to the benefits of education, and two were "advanced." It has given us great pleasure to detail these particulars, for the information of our readers, and we trust the Institution at no distant date may be able to realise its hopes, and that the interest on its investments will suffice to meet its expenditure.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge of M.M. Masons will be consecrated on Friday the 27th inst., at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, by the V. W. Bro. Frederick Binckes Grand Sec. M.M.M. Bro. J. B. Shackleton Prov. G. D. of C., Middlesex and Surrey is the W.M. Designate. Special permission has been given to advance candidates on that occasion.

On Thursday last, the 12th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, No. 1 Minories, Bro. G. R. Innes jun. in the chair, Bro. L. H. Phillips, C.C., No. 205, was presented with a very elegant and valuable testimonial, in the shape of a silver claret jug, on a stand of silver three feet in height. The following was the inscription:—
"Presented to L. H. Phillips, Esq., by a number of his friends in Portsoken and Aldgate Wards."

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, meets at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, W., every Wednesday evening, at 7.45. Bros. T. A. Adams P.M. P.G.P. Preceptor, J. Hurdell Hon. Secretary. At a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, it was unanimously agreed that members of the late Royal Union Lodge of Instruction be admitted as members without any joining fee.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Col. Creaton, Vice-President, in the chair. Bro. R. W. Little, Sec., read the minutes of the former court, which were confirmed. Bro. S. Rawson, D.G.M. China, proposed, and Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. seconded, the re-election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins G.T. as Treasurer of the Institution. This was carried unanimously. Twelve members were elected on the Committee of the Institution, and Scrutineers were appointed for the election.

Bro. H. G. Warren proposed:—

"That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution and the altered position of the Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that Rules 74 and 75 shall be so amended as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1,000, the Secretary's Chief Clerk £500, and any other Clerks £250 each; such security to be provided through an approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials."

There being no seconder, the motion fell to the ground.

The motion of Bro. F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D.:—

"That the proposition of Bro. Warren, as to the Guarantees, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of:—Col. Creaton and Col. Burdett, Trustees, Bros. W. Hyde Pullen, Wm. Roebuck, D. M. Dewar, Raynham W. Stewart, John Mason, Dr. Ramsay, with power to add to their number,"—was withdrawn.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. V.P. proposed, and Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded,

"That the Quarterly Courts in January and July shall be held in future at Four o'clock, instead of Twelve o'clock."

An amendment was proposed by Bro. H. G. Warren, that the hour remain as hitherto, and after some remarks from Bros. Bodenham, John Symonds, J. Smith and Col. Burney, the amendment was carried.

The election of 13 Girls into the School from a list of 24 candidates was then proceeded with. Full particulars of the ballot appear on another page.

There were present Bros. S. Rawson, R. W. Stewart, L. Ruff, E. H. Finney, T. W. White, Griffiths Smith, Symonds, G. Bolton, W. Stephens, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Massey, G. Kenning, Jas. Terry, Hyde Pullen, A. D. Loewenstark, H. Potter, F. Adlard, J. Smith, Warner, Dr. Ramsay, T. Cabbitt, T. Sabine, H. Browne, H. M. Levy, T. Bull, B. Swallow, C. W. Davis, H. Dicketts, A. L. Leins, &c.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, on Monday, the 16th day of April 1877, Bro. J. Symonds P.G.D. in the chair.

Bro. G. Pluckett was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The notice of motion given by Bro. H. G. Warren:—

"That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution, and the altered position of Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that Rules 74 and 75 should be so amended as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1,000, the Secretary's Chief Clerk £500, and any other clerk £250 each; such security to be provided through an approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials,"—was withdrawn.

The following notice of motion by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart:—

"That the meetings of the Quarterly General Courts in January and July be held at 4 p.m. instead of 12 noon,"—was also withdrawn.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay gave notice of motion:—

"That it be an instruction to the General Committee from this Quarterly Court to consider the propriety of convening a Special General Court of the Institution, at which the Report of the House Committee, together with the architect's reports and plans, and a detailed estimate of the proposed expenditure, may be fully and carefully considered."

Twelve brethren were elected members of the General Committee, to represent the life and annual subscribers. Scrutineers were appointed, and the election for 12 boys from an approved list of 59 candidates was then proceeded with. Full particulars of the ballot appear on another page.

The Chairman announced that 12 boys had been elected, but No. 2 on the list, Richard George Head, and No. 6, John Butterworth, had each polled 1491 votes. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that both lads should be declared elected, a decision that gave great satisfaction.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Scrutineers for their arduous duties.

Bro. R. J. Webster returned thanks.

Bro. Boddington proposed, and Bro. H. M. Levy seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman, Bro. John Symonds P.G.D., for his able and impartial presidency.

This also was carried unanimously.

CONSECRATION OF THE SAMSON LODGE,
No. 1668.

UNDER most promising auspices, this new Lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. At the appointed hour, the assembled brethren, members and visitors, entered the Lodge-room in procession, when Bro. H. Muggeridge P.M., whom the M.W.G.M. had appointed to act as his deputy on this occasion, positioned himself in the east, and appointed

Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P. as P.M., Albert P.M. G.P. S.W., E. Gottheil P.M. J.W., Lazarus W.M. 180 I.G., John Constable P.M. 185 D.C., and S. Hickman P.M. 180 as acting G.S. *pro. tem.* The Lodge having been formally opened in the three degrees and the Warrant read, the Consecrating Master proceeded to deliver an oration on the utility, advantages and privileges of Freemasonry. Forcibly and most eloquently were pointed out the principles which should guide every true Mason, and the zeal and fidelity with which the important duties of the Order should be performed. The speaker aptly illustrated the onward life of men by the degrees of the Order, and urged his hearers to be earnest, faithful and diligent in building the spiritual temple higher and higher until the topmost stone reached the heavens. The venerable orator, though greatly suffering from indisposition, spoke with fervency and considerable power, and was listened to with breathless attention by the assembly, who manifested their appreciation by a burst of applause at the end of the discourse. The Lodge was then duly consecrated in accordance with prescribed form, Bro. Bilby P.M. 185 conducting the musical portion with well-known ability. Bro. Muggeridge then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark P.M., father of the W.M. designate, to whom the duty of installation had been assigned. Bro. M. D. Loewenstark having been presented and duly installed W.M. of the new Lodge, appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. D. Barnett P.M. S.W., W. H. G. Rudderforth J.W., A. D. Loewenstark I.P.M. and Treasurer, Charles Ochse S.D., Baron D. Barnett J.D. and Secretary, Lever I.G., and Oberdorfer Tyler. Bro. Muggeridge received the compliment of honorary membership, and thanks were voted to the brethren who assisted in the duties of the proceedings. Next followed a *réchêrche* banquet, and the customary toasts were given and responded to. The W.M. gave the health of the Queen, and said Loyalty and Freemasonry have ever gone hand in hand. He next submitted the name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and went on to descant upon the virtues of the Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Present and Past Grand Officers. Bro. Albert G.P., whose name was coupled with the toast, and of whom the W.M. spoke in the most flattering terms, pointing out the great services that Brother had rendered to the Craft, and whose worth had been recognised by Grand Lodge in electing him for the office he now holds, expressed his thanks, and said, let unity and concord be your watchword and the Lodge's prosperity is secure. Bro. Muggeridge proposed the health of the W.M. It was a most pleasing duty; having known the father intimately for the last 30 years, and the son ever since he was a child, it may be well imagined how gratifying it was to him to have consecrated the Samson Lodge, in which the latter presides as the first Master. From his knowledge of the W.M. he had no doubt all the duties of his office would be performed to the satisfaction of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in his reply, observed, that he really could not find words sufficiently expressive of his gratitude for the manner in which his name has been submitted and received. As first Master of the Samson Lodge, it would be his aim to lay a foundation which should make it what the name implies, a fabric of strength, not only in respect to the number of its members, but the quality of those who may hereafter be enrolled. With the assistance of his officers, he would endeavour to secure for it a standing A 1 in the Craft. The W.M. next gave the Consecrating Officer, who, in his response, regretted that the delicate state of his health precluded the idea of having performed the duties with the amount of satisfaction he could have desired; at the same time he was pleased to find the brethren were kind enough to be contented. He would take this opportunity to inform the meeting that the Stability Lodge of Instruction, in which he had been Preceptor for thirty-eight years, will hold its anniversary at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, the 27th inst., on which occasion he hoped to meet some of those who were then around him. Seven of the sections will be worked by competent brethren, and they may be sure of a pleasant evening, as a banquet will follow, at which Bros. Fred. Cousins, Chaplin Henry and Symonds, of the Temple Choir, will give their musical services. The W.M. then proposed the Recommending Lodge, to which Bro. John Peartree W.M. 185, responded, and in his speech referred to the gratification he had experienced that evening in witnessing for the first time, though a Mason for over 27 years, the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge. In despotic countries, Freemasonry is discouraged and often persecuted, in this land of freedom its growth is fostered, hence the great increase in the number of Lodges, of which this is youngest on the roll. With the best wishes for its prosperity and success, he trusted they would meet in happiness and unity until time shall be no more. Bro. D. Posener, the Senior Warden of the Recommending Lodge, said he signed the petition with the conviction that the names of the petitioners were sufficiently distinguished in the Craft to induce the Grand Master to grant a warrant without any other recommendation at all. The Visitors' toast was replied to by Bros. Cottebrune and Gottheil. In proposing prosperity to the Charities, the W.M. said that this Lodge had been established not only for the purpose of instruction and enjoyment, but with the special view of rendering assistance to the Institutions. Masonry teaches that men should not exist for themselves alone, but for the support of others, and therefore the Charities should be nobly supported. Previous to this toast, the ladies, who most kindly assisted in the musical part of the programme, had been admitted, Bro. F. Binckes therefore replied as follows: Ladies and Brethren, I have to offer a word of apology for my seeming neglect in failing to reply to the invitation you so kindly sent me, but when you consider my numerous engagements, and if I give expression of sincere regret for my shortcoming I am sure you will grant me full and unconditional absolution. I value very highly the compliments the W.M. was good enough to express, and am rejoiced to see the ladies amongst us, they charm with their presence as well as with their voices and talent. The delightful melody of "Home sweet home," which has been so well rendered, must have impressed

every individual present, as containing sentiments evoking our nearest and dearest sympathies. Masonry is home, emphatically for us all. The analogy is complete in the unity of our sentiments, and the care bestowed on the aged and orphan. The name of this Lodge is Samson, which means strength. I therefore trust it will prove a strenuous and strong supporter of the Charities. After all said and done, the great aim and end of our efforts, and that which interests us most, is the practice of charity in its most comprehensive sense, the encouragement of congenial feelings of sympathy, the promotion of love from one towards another, and the kindling of generous impulses and kindly thoughts. While this is the case, we can afford to laugh at the anathemas of foreign Priests or any other opponents who are absolutely ignorant of our purposes, and the high aims towards which all our efforts are directed. They may ridicule as much as they like, and the outer world may indulge in their sneers. We can afford to be forbearing, for they know nothing of the ties which bind us together, or the organization which produces such practical results as that of the last year's subscriptions—no less a sum than £35,000. We despise their malice, and point to the fact, that from 500 to 600 aged widows and orphans are cared for, fed, clothed, and educated with the most generous liberality. Here I must not omit to mention that brethren professing a certain faith, are among the most liberal, and at the same time disinterested donors and contributors, although their aged and offspring are unable to participate to any great extent in the benefits. This is indicative of the beneficent influence of Masonry dispensing blessings irrespective of any distinction of religious creed. Bro. Binckes concluded a lengthy and interesting speech amidst great cheering. The ladies who honoured the Lodge with their presence, and who contributed in no small degree towards the enjoyment of the evening, were Mrs. M. D. Loewenstark, wife of the Worshipful Master, who played and sang with much taste and proficiency; Misses Eugene and Ida Samuel, sisters of the last-named lady, Miss Loewenstark, sister of the W.M.; several other ladies were present. Bros. J. Barnett and Rudderforth distinguished themselves by the excellence of their vocal efforts. The Visitors were Bros. E. P. Albert G.P., G. Cottebrune P.G.P., Raynham Stewart P.G.P., F. Binckes P.G.S., B. Harris 13, John Dyce P.M. 25, A. H. Tattershall P.M. 140, Charles Payne P.M. 27, J. Terry P.M. R.M.B.I., Chas. Hogard P.M. 205, John Peartree W.M. 185, I. P. Cohen W.M. 205, D. Posener W.M. 1227, R. Z. Bloomfield P.M. 185, Charles Adkins P.M. 27, &c.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

ONE of those charming re-unions of this club, which have helped so much to consolidate it, took place on Thursday, the 12th April. The guests were invited to meet the Lord Mayor of London, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Bros. Alderman Hadley and Quartermaine East, and covers were laid for 85. The dinner was presided over by Bro. Joseph Langton, Chairman of the Committee, assisted by Messrs. F. C. Dobbing and Thos. Lane as Vice-Chairmen. After a musical grace, the usual Loyal toasts were proposed, in brief but appropriate terms, by the Chairman. The next toast was that of Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. The Chairman said that although some of the gentlemen present were not members of the Masonic body, still he had no reluctance in proposing this toast for their acceptance, as he was sure they would all appreciate their public good qualities as statesmen and members of the great Commonwealth of England. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of one who was highly appreciated among Masons,—Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of England.

Bro. Hervey said he was beyond measure honoured by the compliment paid him. He had great satisfaction in stating that for many years he had known one of the distinguished guests as a Past Grand Officer of England (Bro. Ald. and Sheriff Hadley P.G.A.D.C.), and had equal pleasure in discovering that the other Sheriff, Mr. Quartermaine East, was also one of the Fraternity. He thanked the gentlemen very heartily for the enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk the toast.

The next toast was the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, which was coupled with the name of Lieut.-Col. Burdett, who, on rising to reply, was received with cheers. He said the military and naval forces of Great Britain had always done their duty, and he trusted they would ever be found to give satisfaction to this great country, which depended on them for defence and protection.

The Chairman then rose to give the toast of the evening,—The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. He regretted to inform the members of the Club and visitors that, at the last moment (5 p.m.), the Lord Mayor had written him to say that, by the strict injunctions of his medical attendant, he was obliged to decline an invitation to which he had looked forward with much pleasure, and requested the Committee to believe that the only reason that prevented him discharging this engagement was the consideration of his health. The Chairman said they would all deeply regret this; but they had present to-night the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, known to them not only as Masons, but as high officers of the Corporation of the chief city of the British Empire, and it was a matter for which Masons might fairly take credit, that the three great magnates of the Corporation were all members of the Masonic body. After the visit of the Sheriffs, he thought the London Masonic Club might be fairly looked upon as an institution of the City of London. He had much pleasure in asking Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley to reply.

The worthy Alderman said he was sure no one regretted the absence of the Lord Mayor more than his Lordship himself. During the term of his Mayoralty at present expired, the Lord Mayor was only actuated by one desire,—that the citizens of London should not suffer through their interests being placed in his hands. The Sheriffs had many disagreeable duties to perform, but the pleasure of meetings

such as these, made ample amends for much that was unpleasant. Certainly he must consider this dinner one of the happiest during his official year, because he not only met those who knew him in his official capacity, but brethren with whom he had associated for years in Freemasonry. He had known his colleague for twenty years, and he considered his auditors fortunate in having such a Lord Mayor, and—such Sheriffs." (Great laughter.) Bro. Hadley concluded by asking those present to drink the health of the Chairman with three times three.

Bro. Langton thanked the members and guests for the hearty way in which his health had been drank.

The toast of the London Masonic Club was proposed by Mr. Sheriff Q. East, and coupled with the name of Bro. F. J. Smith, who made a suitable reply.

A charming selection of songs was sung by Bros. George Perrin, Edwin Moss, S. Fox, Musgrave, and Burgess Perry. Bro. Walter Pelham gave one of his inimitable readings, which convulsed the audience. We can only say, in the words of Bro. E. Harrodine the Toast Master:—"Prosperity to the London Masonic Club, root and branch, and may it flourish for ever and ever."

Besides the distinguished visitors we have mentioned, we observed Messrs. G. C. Boor, F. Flint, T. A. A. Rumpff, G. R. Steel, G. T. Thornes, S. White, F. G. Wood, Binckes, Little, Terry, C. F. Matier, Stuart, Barker, and many others, whose names space alone prevents our inserting.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

It is announced that the sections will be worked at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Dalhousie, No. 860, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Bro. T. J. Barnes as W.M., T. Austin S.W., W. H. Wallington J.W.†

On Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the La Tolerance, No. 538, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, W., at 6.45. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. as W.M., C. Koester S.W., J. Kench J.W.†

On Friday, the 27th inst., at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle, Holloway, at 7. Bros. T. Cull W.M., J. Mander S.W., W. S. Lee J.W.

On Saturday, the 28th inst., at the Percy, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, at 7. Bro. Hewlett 141 as W.M., Austin S.W., Percy J.W., Musto I.P.M.*

On Monday, 30th inst., at the Strong Man, No. 45, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, E.C. Bro. Tolmie as W.M.

On Wednesday, the 2nd May, at the Confidence, No. 193, Whittington, Moor-lane, E.C., at 7. Bro. Turquand as W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., J. Constable J.W., E. Gottheil P.M.†

On Friday, the 25th May, at the Victoria (Metropolitan), No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. C. A. Woods as W.M.

* The names of the brethren who will work the various sections at the Percy Lodge were given in our issue of 14th inst.

† The following are the brethren who will work the various sections at the LA TOLERANCE, DALHOUSIE, CONFIDENCE and ROYAL STANDARD Lodges, on the days referred to above.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE. DALHOUSIE LODGE.

1st LECTURE.

1st Sect.	Bro. E. Child Sec. 538.	Bro. Dallas 860.
2nd "	C. Davis P.M. 382.	W. J. Smith I.G. 860.
3rd "	T. Cooper S.D. 538.	E. T. Worsley S.D. 860.
4th "	D. Belfrage S.D. 179.	Wallington P.M. 860.
5th "	T. Stanton P.M. 1287.	J. Berry P.M. 554.
6th "	A. Christie S.W. 1287.	Webb J.W. 1607, &c.
7th "	J. Kench P.M. 1269.	Pinder W.M. 15.

2nd LECTURE

8th "	S. Cooper W.S. 1637.	Lovelock S.D. 212
9th "	J. Hurdell 1305.	Musto P.M. 1349.
10th "	Forbes P.M. 1287.	Defriez W.M. 45, &c.
11th "	W. Ferguson P.M. 177	Austin P.M. 933.
12th "	Sedgwick P.M. 180.	Hewlett 141.

3rd LECTURE.

13th "	Ernest Busch 1366.	Barker 860.
14th "	W. Neighbour 179.	Ashburner P.M. 1278.
15th "	Lancaster P.M. 1287.	Perrin W.M. 1056.

CONFIDENCE LODGE. ROYAL STANDARD LODGE.

1st LECTURE.

1st Sect.	Bro. Jesse 1556.	Bro. Passingham 193.
2nd "	Fenner 1227.	Simson 349.
3rd "	Croaker J.W. 185.	Sparrow 192.
4th "	Andrews 1227.	Dunn 1288.
5th "	L. Turquand 1556.	Wright P.M. 1298.
6th "	Yetton P.M. 933.	Farwig S.D. 180.
7th "	Rudderforth J.W. 1668.	Davis I.G. 167.

2nd LECTURE.

8th "	Posener W.M. 1227.	Hunter J.W. 1298.
9th "	Constable P.M. 185.	Dickinson W.M. 1298.
10th "	Walker 429.	Shackle P.M. 193.
11th "	Barnes P.M. 554 & 933.	Lee S.D. 1201.
12th "	Defriez W.M. 1278.	Chant 193.

3rd LECTURE.

13th "	Loewenstark W.M. 1668.	Brown S.W. 1607.
14th "	Hewlett 141.	Saul J.W. 1201.
15th "	Perrin W.M. 1056.	Yeomans J.W. 167.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The second anniversary of our Grand Master's installation being close upon us, the occasion is an opportune one whereupon to jog the memories of the brethren who served as special Stewards in 1875, and to put forward a suggestion, that in some shape or form, either by the institution of a Lodge, or by an annual dinner, or otherwise, they should aid in keeping alive the pleasant recollections which are inseparably connected with the 28th April 1875.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THEM.

19th April 1877.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you have the kindness to allow me a small space in your valuable paper to express my extreme regret that the candidate, Maria Gertrude Goddin (No. 24 on the list), was not elected, in consequence of the unfortunate and helpless condition the mother was placed in for want of a little more aid.

I feel it my duty, as one who assisted the candidature of this case, that some explanation is due to those friends and subscribers who assisted to make up a total of nearly 700 votes, including 252 already polled at the previous election, and to state how the votes were disposed of. Finding there was not sufficient votes in hand to poll with the slightest chance of success (900 being necessary), there was no alternative but to make the best use of what votes were available—namely, to assist some other case, this one being hopeless. I am truly sorry that the poor mother's hopes should have been raised and encouraged, and end in her being sent away disappointed. That the case was a deserving one I am satisfied of, the candidate being one of seven orphans totally unprovided for. I believe it is the intention of the mother to endeavour to get placed on the list of candidates for next election a younger child, and I trust, with the kind assistance and support of the subscribers, the mother may be successful in obtaining, for one of the seven, admission into the Girls' School.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES LACEY P.M. 174.

THE RECENT ELECTION FOR THE BOYS'
SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Usually, I do not enter a rejoinder to an anonymous writer; but, this exceptional case of the deserted orphan, Cox, may prove the rule. Your correspondent has written nothing relevant to the case, his remarks seem only to be vituperative. It is an easy reply to any case of distress, that there is something wrong; but that is neither charitable nor relieving. My suggestion seems now to be the only chance the poor orphan has of not being thrown overboard. Frater Londoniensis says, that my proposal is "not wise;" but assertion is no proof. It would, nevertheless, be, in my humble judgement, *very wise*, both for the destitute orphan's relief, and for the committee to adopt, with a view to increase their revenue.

Again, the writer proceeds to give a reason, not, I venture to think, very conclusively, for his assertion, this reason apparently, I will not write pretext, is a vote of censure on the Devonshire brethren, as I suspect, very undeservedly; and on myself and others he seems to cast not very encouraging laudation, on our support of the case of a suffering widow and forlorn orphan.

The *petitio principii*, or begging the question lies in the assumption that all who know a Masonic case of woe, and recommend it for relief, must necessarily confine their votes to their specific object of charity, and extend them to no other. We are not always in a position to do this; for there may be other paramount claims we cannot abandon.

I have given my votes for the lad Cox this year, as I have done once previously, although I am told I shall throw them away, and no distressing case is to be placed on the list of the committee, unless the parties to the recommendation are prepared to carry their candidate successfully. I am really almost inclined to ask is this Masonry? Such a proposal would be treated with indignant scorn by other charitable societies.

I am also informed that there are no less than half-a-dozen distressing cases in Devonshire; but it would be very illogical to argue that the Devonshire brethren must not take up one, or any of them,

because they cannot, by their own exclusive energies, carry the whole of their candidates to a successful issue. Is then the election of candidates solely dependent on the rich and powerful, apart from all considerations of necessity and work?

If not, then, the relaxation or adoption of a rule, as I have suggested, admitted by other societies, and some Masonic, is feasible.

Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Annuitant Masonic Fund, submitted to the consideration of his committee a somewhat analogous, or similar proposal in principle, viz., that aged female candidates, exceeding 70 years from their birth, and having twice unsuccessfully contested for an annuity, should be placed on the list without the ordeal of a future election. This proposal was adopted, and, as I well know, the blessing of two widows ready to perish has been richly his, with an abundant increase to the funds of the Annuitant Society.

I have always stood hitherto as an humble champion in favour of the committee for the administration of the funds of the Masonic Boys' School. I believe the excellent Secretary has been treated with much underserved obloquy. But it will soon become a serious consideration, if a lad, an orphan, destitute, ready to perish is thrown overboard, for want of support, when, it is said, thousands upon thousands of pounds, are locked up as funded property, although only five thousand invested for the Boys' School, and we are at the same time informed that the *plethora* of our wealth, as Masons, is our perplexity as to its distribution.

As a Life Governor of the Boys' Masonic Institution I, for the last time, cry for help for this destitute lad; and beg to state that I will join in any plan, and assist in any way I can, to place this destitute orphan in the Boys' Masonic School. He ought to be admitted there, if destitution and work entitles the admission of any forlorn orphan.

It will not add to our reputation for Masonic charity if it be known as a *matter of fact* that a poor orphan is not to be aided on the merits of his case, but solely on account of his being the protégé of the influential and wealthy.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Your very faithful servant,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.,

P.M. 1232, and P.P.G.C. for Lincolnshire.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough, 16th April 1877.

MACDONALD LODGE, 1216, MASONIC CHARITY
ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A Report has been issued by the Honorary Secretary of the above Association, by direction of the Committee, and some of its features are deserving of notice. The Association is not of very old date, having been originated in January of last year, mainly through the zealous efforts of Bro. S. J. Wagstaffe, Past Master of the Lodge from whence its name is derived. Yet, notwithstanding the short period of time within which its operations have been confined, the Society numbers nearly seventy members, has raised £165, and balloted for and distributed sixteen Life-Governorships in the various Masonic Charities. This result cannot be regarded as other than highly satisfactory, not only by members of the Association, but also by many others in the Craft who take a kindly interest in all that conduces to the support of our Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institutions.

The system pursued in this and in other Associations of like nature is very simple. A subscription of 1s a week, or 4s a month is paid by each member; and when the balance in hands of the Treasurer reaches £10, a "drawing" takes place, and the winner of the prize is entitled to select any one of the three Institutions which he may prefer as recipients of the donation. The money is then paid over by the Treasurer in name of the winner, who thus becomes a Life Governor of the Institution, and possesses all the privileges of such, subject of course to the condition that his weekly or monthly payments be continued until the full amount of ten guineas (the cost of a Life-Governorship) has been contributed by him. In this way every member will become a Life-Governor of one or other of the Masonic Institutions within four years from the commencement of the Association, and by such easy and gradual payments as not to be felt.

There are many such Associations amongst us, but their number might be increased a hundred-fold, and the benefit to our deserving Charities enhanced in like proportion. Such things only want a beginning, and when the interest of a dozen or a score of brethren is enlisted in them, their success becomes a perfect certainty.

Yours fraternally,

T. E.

[We are always pleased to record the successful efforts of our brethren to raise funds for our Charities, and are fully alive to the vast amounts that are being obtained by means of these Charitable Associations. We hope shortly to be able to refer to the subject more fully.—ED. F. C.]

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Holy Sanctuary Preceptory K.T. met on Monday, 16th April, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. V.E. Sir Knt. the Rev. Fred. Kill Harford M.A. Preceptor. A Priory of the Order of Knights of Malta was held, V.E. Sir Knt. Major Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Sub Prior of England, presiding, and seven Knights Templar were admitted into the Order. The Great Prior of England and Wales, Sir Knt. the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, was received under the Arch of Steel, and saluted with due honours. Companions the Rev. and Hon. Francis E. C. Byng M.A., Chaplain to the Queen and to the House of Commons, General Sir William Wyllie K.C.B., Colonel of the 103rd Royal Bombay Fusiliers, Deputy Inspector-General Thomas B. Purchas M.D. Royal Navy, Major Francis Charteris Wemyss, Royal Body Guard, and Wilfred Haughton Hodgkin, having been elected, were duly installed as Knights Templar, and knighted by the Great Prior. Sir Knt. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins M.A. was then installed in due form as the Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers. Among the Knights present were Captain N. G. Philips P.P. of Suffolk and Cambridge, Sir Patrick de Colquhoun Q.C., Preceptor of the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, Colonel H. S. Somerville Barney, Preceptor of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory, Lord De Clifford, Colonel A. W. Adair, Dr. B. J. Nunn of Georgia, Charles Horsley, Captain Portlock Dadson P.E.P., J. Lewis Thomas, William Beattie, and F. J. Macaulay, of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory, Dr. F. H. Woodforde P.E.P. P.P. 1st Captain Somerset, Walter Spencer St. George Preceptory, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane E.P. Cœur de Lion Preceptory, S. Lloyd Foster, R. Blount Lewis, C. Hampden, J. Brend Batten, Charles Grillion, James Keene, C. S. Joykl, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall M.A., George B. Brodie M.D., T. Holme Davis, J. Chynoweth, and many other Knights.

The Bard of Avon Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 18th inst. Ill. Bro. J. Lambert Sim 31° M.W.S. There were also present Ill. Bro. R. J. Nunn M.D. 33°, of Georgia, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Captain Portlock Dadson 32°, Charles Grillion 31°, R. G. Glover 30°, John Read 30°, Thomas Fenn 30°, Webb 30°, Major Harding 30°, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall M.A. 30°, E. Latchworth 18°, H. Hansard 18°, E. H. Burnell 18°, C. E. Hollingsworth 18°, Percy Tatham 18°, Lord De Clifford 18°, &c., &c. Bro. Thomas George Bullen was perfected in the 18°, and a donation of ten guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The St. Peter's Chapter Rose Croix met at the Freemason's Hall, Bolton, on Saturday, 14th April. E. Bro. Robert Harwood M.W.S. Bros. William A. Byrom, and James H. Bell, were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Royal Naval Chapter Rose Croix met at Portsmouth on Wednesday, 18th April. E. Bro. George F. Lancaster M.W.S. Several brethren were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Invicta Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Friday, 20th April, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. T. J. Hughes M.D., 30°, M. W. Sov.

The Apollo University Lodge will meet at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Tuesday, 24th April, at 7 p.m. Bro. Lieut-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West M.A. Ch. Ch., P. Prov. G. Supt. W. Oxon, W. Master. It will be proposed to present a Past Master's jewel to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., D.C.L. of Ch.Ch., Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, I.P.M., in recognition of his services in Freemasonry in general, and to the Apollo University Lodge in particular, during the year ending February 1877, and also to present a P.M. jewel to Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope B.D., of Worcester College, in recognition of the services rendered by him to the Lodge as W. Deputy Master for H.R.H. Prince Leopold.

The Studholme Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Tuesday, 24th April, at 4.15, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. Colonel Randolph 30°, M.W.S.

The Sussex Preceptory, K.T., will meet at the Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne, on Friday, 27th April, at 6 p.m. Sir Knt. Bransby Roberts E. Preceptor.

The St. George Chapter Rose Croix will meet on St. George's Day, 23rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., at 4 p.m., for the perfection of candidates and the installation of the M.W. Sov. Elect, Bro. E. J. Castle, 18°.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Allens, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Barker W.M., Weige S.W., Dallas J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, Perry S.D., Smith J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Johnson I.G.; and Bros. Perrin W.M. 1056, Lovelock, Hewlett, Christian W.M. 15, Pullen, Christian 860, Watkins, Williams, Pavett, Saunders Sec. 15, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read. The Lodge opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Christian 15, having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history. Bro. Perrin worked the Installation ceremony, and also assisted Bro. Wallington in working the 3rd section of the lecture. The Lodge was closed to the 1st degree. Bro. Weige was unanimously elected W.M. for next Tuesday week, 1st May, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Pullen, Lodge Elliott 1567, was elected a member. The Lodge was closed in due form. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday next, the 24th inst. A full list of the brethren who will work the sections will be found on another page.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on the 14th inst., at the King's Arm's Hotel, Hampton Court, Middlesex. Present—Bros. Frederick Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. and Secretary, who acted as W.M., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. S.W., E. W. Devereux J.W., H. A. Dubois P.G.S.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, B. Wright Assistant Secretary, S. Wolf S.D., A. F. Loos J.D., J. Johnson I.G., J. Faulkner W. Steward, J. H. Pearson C. Steward, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. W. Baldwin A.G.P. Middlesex, T. H. Miller P.P.G. Organist, J. B. Langley. Visitors—Bros. S. Frankenberg 73, F. W. Hartley P.M. 25, George Dore 376. Business—Bro. F. Walters, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., opened the Lodge, after which the minutes were unanimously confirmed. A ballot for joining was unanimous in favour of Bro. Thomas Fenn 1288. Bros. Emil Woelcke and W. Swindlehurst were passed. Bro. T. J. Sabine proposed to alter the bye-laws as follows: That the future meetings of the Lodge should be held at Bro. Tagg's, Island Hotel, Hampton Ait, and this was eventually agreed to. The Lodge was then closed. Bro. H. A. Dubois P.G.S.D. Middlesex presided at the festive board, in his usual genial manner.

Warrants have been granted for the constitution of two new Lodges, to be known respectively by the style and title of the "Robert Wentworth" Lodge, and the "Henry Muggeridge." Bro. "Old Mug" himself is the W.M. designate of the latter, which will be located at Dalston.

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AT a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., on Saturday, 14th April 1877.

COLONEL JOHN CREATON, Trustee and Vice-Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of thirteen Children into the Institution, from a list of fifty-four approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

No. on list	Votes polled	No. on list	Votes polled
10 Kingcombe, Clara ...	1,603	7 Ludlow, Eleanor Amy I. ...	1,233
41 Ward, Hannah Mabel ...	1,522	37 Henley, Ada Hartley ...	1,162
14 Feltham, Mary Jane ...	1,487	35 White, Mary Ellen ...	1,106
20 Mills, Kate Isabel ...	1,355	6 Langley, Jessie ...	1,027
27 Cecil, Alice Warburton ...	1,339	5 Johnson, Mary Anne ...	918
2 Clase, Ada Huyshe ...	1,332	22 Collins, Kathleen I. A. ...	806
50 Gregory, Maria Edith ...	1,269		

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

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AT a Quarterly General Court, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday, 16th April 1877, Bro. JOHN SYMONDS, Vice-Patron and Trustee, in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of thirteen Boys from an approved list of fifty-nine candidates. The following were successful:—

1 40 Wisby, Herbert P. ...	2,129	8 56 Emmott, William ...	1,533
2 23 Sparks, Clifton ...	2,100	9 13 Batley James Hy, ...	1,553
3 10 Owens, Henry John ...	1,895	10 49 Percy, Hugh Jocelyn ...	1,519
4 9 Barnett, Wm. Glen ...	1,755	11 33 Edwards, Hutton J. ...	1,523
5 34 Cunnali, E. Shaw ...	1,703	12 5 Bryant, W. R. ...	1,497
6 17 Pow, Frederick W. ...	1,620	13 2 Head, Richd. Geo. ...	1,491
7 55 Sutton, Wm. Arthur ...	1,571	13 6 Butterworth, John ...	1,491

*. By unanimous resolution of the Court, in consequence of Nos. 2 and 6 having polled an equal number of votes, both candidates were declared duly elected.

The number in the second column is in each case that of the candidate on the list.

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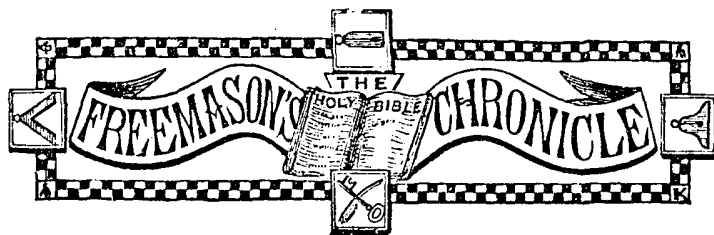
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords met for the first time after the Easter recess on Friday the 13th inst., and have since dealt with several measures of importance. The day of

their reassembling, the Supreme Court of Judicature Bill received a second reading, and the Justices' Clerks' Bill passed through Committee. Earl Granville had previously given notice of his intention to move an important resolution when the Burial Acts Consolidation Bill come on for second reading. On Monday nearly the whole of the sitting was devoted to a discussion of certain phases of the Eastern Question. Earl Granville led the way. The Earl of Derby gave, as far as he could, the needful explanation. The Marquis of Lansdowne and the Earl of Dudley offered some remarks, and the subject then dropped. On Tuesday, the Bankruptcy Bill passed through Committee, and Lord Selborne moved the second reading of the Inns of Court Bill, which was agreed to after a debate, in which several noble and learned lords took part.

The financial statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to which we briefly referred last week, offered no especial features. The right honourable gentleman was in a position to announce that the surplus for last year amounted to £443,000. He reckoned the expenditure for the current year would reach the sum of £78,794,000, of which £28,000,000 would be for the permanent charge on debt, £14,538,700 for army, £10,979,800 for the navy, and £13,726,000 for the Civil Service. The Revenue he estimated would yield £79,020,000, so that he anticipated a small surplus of £226,000. No alteration whatever was proposed in the taxation of the country, and consequently Customs and Excise, Stamps and Taxes remain exactly the same. Considering the troubled period through which the country in common with the rest of Europe has passed, there is reason for being satisfied with the statement we have just outlined. Our hope is that nothing may happen during the present financial year to disturb the expectations of the Government. On Friday, the Marquis of Hartington brought forward his motion for certain papers connected with the famous Protocol, and in doing so, criticised very freely the conduct of the Government throughout the whole course of the negotiations. Mr. Hardy followed with a very fervid speech in defence of ministers. Sir W. Harcourt, Mr. Forsyth, Sir C. Dilke, Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Goschen, and Sir Stafford Northcote, joined in the debate; the one notable feature in connection with their speeches being the very outspoken language of the honourable member for Sheffield, who accorded his free and unhesitating support to the Government. In the end, the motion of the noble Marquis was withdrawn. On Monday, the Mutiny and Marine Mutiny Bills passed through Committee, but the divisions on certain of the clauses were very numerous, a section of the Home Rule party doing their best to obstruct the progress of these necessary measures. To such an extent, indeed, has this spirit of obstructiveness been carried, that Mr. Butt, who is the leader of the party, disclaimed all sympathy with the action of certain of his followers. On Tuesday the House discussed the question of the Railway Passenger Duty, and on Wednesday afternoon the Territorial Waters' Jurisdiction Bill was withdrawn, at the earnest desire of the Government, while the Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill was read a second time.

Her Majesty is expected to arrive this day at Windsor from the Isle of Wight. The Prince of Wales reached Cannes on Monday, having made a longer stay at Paris than was expected. We trust the rest he will enjoy during his present excursion will restore him completely to his normal state of health.

A marriage was celebrated in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, in the presence of a numerous fashionable gathering. The bridegroom was Mr. Reginald McLeod, second son of McLeod of McLeod, and the bride Miss Agnes C. Northcote, the eldest daughter of Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote. The service was a full choral one. There were present in the Abbey the Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne, the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, the Marquis of Salisbury and daughters, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Earl of Carnarvon, Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Gathorne Hardy, Lord and Lady John Manners, the Earl and Countess of Derby. Mr. Arthur J. Balfour M.P. was best man, and the bride, who had a numerous attendance of bridesmaids, was given away by her father. After the service, the bridal party left the Abbey for the Chancellor of the Exchequer's residence in Downing-street. Here the guests, to the number of close on three hundred, were entertained at breakfast. Shortly after two o'clock the newly married pair left for Warwickshire, to spend the honeymoon. The presents were very

numerous and costly, among them being a superb Indian shawl, given by the Queen.

Mr. Layard, who has been appointed temporarily, during the absence on leave of Sir Henry Elliott, to be our ambassador to the Porte, reached Brindisi on Tuesday morning, and left immediately in the Royal Yacht Osborne for Constantinople, where it was expected he would arrive yesterday. It is satisfactory to know that, at this critical time, the important interests of Great Britain will be entrusted to a diplomatist of recognised ability, who has such knowledge as Mr. Layard possesses of eastern peoples, and in whom the Sultan and his Ministers are likely to repose such confidence.

We are enduring the pleasures of a second March. Keen winds and clouds of dust welcome those whom duty requires them to move about through London streets. People, indeed, are beginning to look miserable against the prospect of Spring having put off its visit until later in the year. It were well, perhaps, if their passing discomforts represented the full extent of the misery we have had to endure this week. There has been more than one gale attended with serious loss of life, and there is no apparent prospect of any immediate improvement.

In South Wales a very serious calamity happened to some colliers in one of the Collieries in the neighbourhood of Pontypridd. On Wednesday of last week some men at work in one part of the mine were suddenly overtaken by a flood of water, so that egress from the cutting was out of all question. It was determined, however, to spare no effort to rescue these imprisoned colliers, and at the moment of writing the good news reaches us, that communication has been established with the men, and they have been released from their fearful situation.

The proposed demonstration on behalf of the convict Orton came off in Hyde Park, on Tuesday, but the proposed invasion of the House of Commons was summarily stopped. The police had taken all needful precautions to prevent the approach of the demonstrators, but ten of the principals were permitted to pass into Westminster Hall, where, after a brief interval, they were received by Mr. Whalley, and entertained by him in the Tea-room of the House of Commons. The following day, Mr. Cross, the Home Secretary, considerably permitted the same ten leaders to have an interview, but as the right honourable gentleman very properly refused to discuss with them the case of the convict, we cannot see what advantage was gained from the interview. Mr. De Morgan will now, perhaps, be pleased to permit the worthy people of London to enjoy their walks in Hyde Park, and not to have their leading thoroughfares obstructed by stupid demonstrations, which are intended as a menace to law and order, but which invariably, as in this particular instance, turn out to be miserable *fiascos*. We have no sympathy whatever with such as Mr. De Morgan, who threaten to break the law, in order, as they say, to vindicate the pure administration of justice. In no other city in the world would such demonstrations be permitted. We should like to see a law passed forbidding the use of our parks for any purposes other than those of peaceful recreation. The majority of the men who assembled on Tuesday, in Hyde Park, were of the ruffian class, who indulged in hunting quiet and inoffensive people out of the park, bonneting and otherwise maltreating all who had about them an appearance of respectability. That such a state of things should have been allowable is not creditable to the country.

A spring flower show was held in the grounds of the Royal Botanical Society on Wednesday afternoon. The weather was none of the kindest, but the gathering was nevertheless both numerous and fashionable. The band of the Royal Horse Guards was present, and made the time pass agreeably. Among the winners of principal prizes must be mentioned the names of Mr. Charles Turner, Messrs. Paul and Son, Mr. Terry, of Fulham, Mr. Thornton, of Sydenham-hill, and Mr. Watson, of Isleworth. The same afternoon a similar exhibition was held in the garden at South Kensington, but in this instance a new feature was introduced, a portion of the space set apart for exhibits being devoted to a display of produce by the growers and salesmen of Covent Garden market. The Duke and Duchess of Bedford arrived early in the day for the purpose of opening this portion of the exhibition. They were received by Lord Alfred Churchill, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Royal Horticultural Society, Dr. Hogg, the Secretary, and some of their Grace's tenants. Later in the day the Duke and Duchess of Teck honoured the gardens with their pre-

sence. The principal prizes among the nurserymen were carried off by Messrs. B. S. Williams, Upper Holloway, J. Wills, South Kensington, Barr and Sugden, and Hooper and Co., of Covent Garden. For Covent Garden produce the chief prize winners were Messrs. Beckwith and Son, Messrs. Hawkins and Burnett, Messrs. Webber and Co., and Mr. Poupert, of Twickenham. The band of the Artists' Rifle Volunteers attended during the day and performed a choice selection of music.

The annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers was held on Wednesday evening at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. Among the more distinguished guests assembled to do honour to the occasion, were H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, Sir C. Adderley, Sir R. Baggallay, the Earl of Carnarvon, Mr. Lowe, Admiral Sir A. Milne, Professor Owen, Professor Huxley, and nearly every member of eminence in the profession. The chair was occupied by Mr. George R. Stephenson, and a very agreeable evening was spent. The Duke of Cambridge returned thanks for the army, and Sir A. Milne for the navy. The Earl of Carnarvon acknowledged the toast of Her Majesty's Ministers, while Lord Halifax and Mr. Lowe replied for the Houses of Lords and Commons, respectively. The same day, the one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the Royal Society of Musicians was celebrated at Freemasons' Hall. About two hundred guests were present, and the chair was occupied by Lord Skelmersdale. The Earl of Dudley, Lord Hampton, Sir Julius Benedict, Professor Macfarren, Mr. Walter Macfarren, Mr. Otto Goldschmidt, and Mr. Carrodus were among the more eminent of the guests. The result of the evening's contributions was stated by the honorary treasurer, Mr. Cummings, to be over £1,400, including a donation of £100 from the chairman. Yet a third banquet was held the same day—at Fishmongers' Hall, where about one hundred-and-fifty guests were entertained at dinner, among them being Mr. Edward Pierrepont, the United States Minister, and Lord Hatherley. The former made a very amusing speech in response to the toast of his health.

"I confess that it makes me sick when I hear of the Emperor's desire for peace. If he desires peace, why does he not make it?" These words will be found in an extract from a private letter written by the great Duke of Wellington to the late Lord Aberdeen in 1829, when Nicholas was Czar of all the Russias, and his army under Diebitsch had penetrated as far into Turkey as Adrianople. History, it has been said, repeats itself. We are on the eve of another Russo-Turkish war, and the son of Nicholas does little else than declare his desire for peace, all the while that 500,000 of his troops are assembled as near the borders of Turkey as possible, and preparations for an attack on the latter power are being pressed forward with all diligence. Europe is most anxious for peace. Turkey desires nothing more than to be left alone to carry out her scheme of reform. The Czar declares he is desirous of peace, and yet the one question which is agitating the whole of Europe is, when will hostilities commence, and what result will attend the onslaught of Russia on her ancient rival? There is no one driving Russia to pursue her present policy—she is too powerful to be driven, except, as she gives us to understand, by motives of religion and humanity. All the civilised nations of Europe are actuated by the same motives, but they do not think they best exhibit their sense of religion and humanity by assembling huge armies and fleets, and threatening to carry slaughter and devastation into the heart of a neighbouring country. It was once said that Providence was on the side of the big battalions, and this, perhaps, may enable us to understand why it is that Russia so piously invokes the aid of Providence in her plans of slaughter and spoliation. Be this as it may, given that the whole of Europe, and especially Russia is sincerely desirous of peace, how comes it that we are on the eve of a war, which is likely to prove the most terrible of our time? No war is so fearful as a religious one. Russia is exciting the fanaticism of her people, and Turkey will do the same in order to defend the integrity of her Empire. Nor is this all. It is impossible to say how long the war may be confined to these two powers. Russia may over-whelm the Turks in one short campaign. Will she then grant terms of peace likely to be acceptable to the other European powers, especially to Austria and this country? Or it may be the Turk may offer a decided resistance and repel with more or less success the assault of Russia. This contingency certainly offers a fairer pros-

pect, but even so, we doubt if the conflict will be strictly limited to these two combatants—for any length of time. As in the last struggle between them, little more than half a year elapsed, when France and England took part in the conflict. Russia invaded the Principalities in the autumn of 1853, and in March 1854 war with Russia was declared by the Emperor Napoleon and Queen Victoria. This is not exactly a good omen. We would far rather overlook it, but this is impossible. A day may come when the true designs of Russia will be more apparent, and England will find it necessary to see that her important interests in the East are not imperilled. All of us are anxious that the war may be localised, but just as all the efforts of the Great Powers have been powerless to prevent the armies of Russia and Turkey from confronting each other, so when the sword has been drawn, and the struggle between them is raging furiously, it may be impossible to avoid engaging in it. Cassandra was not a very popular personage, but it was right she should utter her warnings, though they boded no good to her country. We are happily outside the arena in which the contest, now imminent, must take place. How long we may be able to remain outside is a question which, however unpleasant it may be, cannot be omitted from the reckoning.

Thanks to Bro. Dr. Strong's kindness, "our Patriarchs" had the opportunity afforded them of spending a most agreeable evening on Wednesday. A concert was given on that occasion, in the Hall of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by the Croydon Symphonic Septett Society, assisted by the Amateur Glee Society. The instrumentalists included Mr. Viotti Collins, and Bro. Dr. Strong as first violins, Messrs. James and Johns, second violins, Messrs. Bartlett and Tinson, tenors, Mr. W. Owen, violoncello, Mr. W. O. Strong, double bass, Messrs. De Vine and Hatchwell, flutes, and Mrs. Dubois, pianoforte. Mr. Viotti Collins conducted. The Programme was in two parts, and was most successfully rendered. Under these circumstances, it may seem invidious, perhaps to select any for special notice, but we imagine even the *artistes* themselves will admit that Mr. Viotti Collins's selection from "Il Trovatore" was splendidly rendered, that Mesdames Strong and Dubois sang the familiar duet "I know a bank" with exquisite taste and feeling, and that Mr. Maitland Gard'ner's interpretation of the well-known Buffo Song "Largo al factotum," was beyond praise. At intervals during the evening, light refreshments were handed round, and when the entertainment was ended, Bro. Terry rose and briefly proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Strong for his kindness. The vote was carried by acclamation and suitably acknowledged. Among the guests of the evening were Bro. and Mrs. Terry, Miss and Master Terry, Bro. and Mrs. Percy, and Bro. and Mrs. E. G. Legge, Miss Strong very kindly charged herself with the task of distributing the programmes.

On Monday, Stratford-on-Avon will be the scene of an interesting Masonic ceremonial. Our readers are possibly aware that the day in question is the anniversary of Shakspeare's birth, and it has been resolved, in honour of the immortal Bard of Avon, to erect to his memory a block of buildings, which shall include a theatre, library, and picture gallery. Accordingly, Lord Leigh will hold a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, at the Corn Exchange, Stratford, at one p.m. on the day named. After the necessary preliminary business, and a collection has been made towards the building fund, a procession will be formed, and the brethren will march to the site of the Memorial Building, where Bro. Lord Leigh P.G.M. will lay the north-east corner stone with the customary Masonic rites. Bro. the Rev. F. M. Beaumont Pro. G. Chaplain, and Bro. Creswick will then deliver addresses, at the termination of which the procession will reform, and return to the Corn Exchange where the P.G. Lodge will be closed. A cold collation is fixed for 3.15, price of tickets five shillings each. A programme of the order of procession has been issued, and special arrangements, as will be seen in our advertisement columns, has been made by the North Western Railway Company for the conveyance of visitors from the metropolis to the neighbourhood of Stratford. The ceremony cannot fail to be an interesting one, and we doubt not will be successfully carried out. We shall give a full report of the ceremony in our next issue.

The 16th anniversary of the Lodge of Instruction which meets under the sanction of the Lodge of Stability, No. 217, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, on the 27th inst., at half past 5 o'clock. Selections from the Lectures will be worked by the following brethren:—1st Lecture—1st Section by Bro. E. H. Hewett S.W. 235; 2nd by Bro. J. W. Clever J.W. 171; 3rd by Bro. E. F. Storr W.M. 22; 7th by Bro. A. H. Diaper P.M. 5. 2nd Lecture—Bro. H. Muggeridge will lecture on the six Grand Periods, and the moral advantages of Geometry. 3rd Lecture—Bro. J. B. Scriven will lecture on the Lodge Board of the degree. A banquet will take place at 8 o'clock; tickets, 5s each. The attendance of the brethren is requested. Masonic Craft costume will be worn.

A new Lodge, the Mornington, No. 1672, will be consecrated at the Eagle Tavern, Snaresbrook, on Monday, the 30th inst. The names of the officers given in the Warrant are Bros. William Robert Marsh P.M. 9, 993, 1000 W.M. designate, J. Edward Cockett 1364 S.W., George Blackman 9 J.W. The Consecrating Officer will be the V.W. Bro. John Hervey P.G.D. Grand Secretary. The brethren will assemble at 3 o'clock p.m. punctually.

Old Warrants.

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No. 63.

No. 5, "Ancients" (A.D. 1774); No. 9 from the Union of A.D. 1813 to the present time.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

JOHN CHRISTIAN, S.G.W.

PETER SHATWELL, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and most Noble Prince John, Duke and Marquis of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinleaven, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, Knight of the most Noble and most Ancient Order of the Thistle, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esq^r, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Christian, Esq^r, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Peter Shatwell, Esq^r, Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warrented Lodges held within the Cities No. 5 and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved brethren, viz., The Worshipful Edward Williams one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Jones his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James Cooke his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Castle Eating House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill (or elsewhere), in London, upon the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each Kalender Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And We do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren Edward Williams, John Jones and James Cooke (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Thirtieth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four.

WM. DICKEY, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 1, Letter A, and bears date, July 17th 1751—5751.

The present No., title, &c. are, No. 9, Albion Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London.

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, 21st APRIL.

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

MONDAY, 23rd APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 8 o'clock.

112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
538—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
1575—Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 24th APRIL.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 8.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL.

Installation and Grand Festival of Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
631—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons Hall, Llandudno.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 26th APRIL.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Midsex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1343—St. John's King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.

FRIDAY, 27th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
844—Ranagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1059—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1247—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1250—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1275—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1293—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. (Consec.)
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1365—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 28th APRIL.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Bailey.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaithburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

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, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.

" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.

" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.

" R. A. 67—Cathedral, P.G. Visitation, 22 Struthes-street.

WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.

" R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.

" R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan.

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw.

" 347—St. John, Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.

SATURDAY—R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Bellshill, Holytown.

" 28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Was held at the Old Rodney Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 16th inst. Present—Bros. Stock W.M., Powell S.W., R. Pearcey J.W., Stead S.D., Tolmie acting Precept., Fenner Secretary, Crawley J.D., Robison I.G., Christopher Tyler, S. Rowley, Read, Isaac, Hunter, Haines, Cook, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, when Bro. Read answered the usual questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 3rd, when the ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Read acting as candidate. After which the W.M. worked the 1st, Bro. Saul the 2nd, and the W.M. the 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to 1st degree, and Bro. Stead, of New Concord Lodge 813, was elected a member. Bro. Tolmie will work the 15 sections on the last Monday in the present month. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Bro. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., F. Hallows S.W., Franklin J.W., Christian acting Secretary, Pinder Preceptor, Bell S.D., Upward J.D., Cambridge I.G. also Bros. Claridge, Dendy, Delvalli, Groome, Hunt, Blansom, Pullin, C. Carter, C. B. Carter, E. Brown, and Field. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. Minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Claridge acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Pullin, of Lodge No. 1567, and Blansom, of Lodge 742, were elected members, Bro. F. Hallows was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer. The first meeting of the Walthamstow Masonic Charitable Association was held immediately after the closing of the Lodge, and the names of thirty-three subscribers were enrolled. A ballot took place for a life governorship, which fell to Bro. W. B. Brand, the J.W. of 1662, who decided to send the amount to the R.M.I. for Girls, to be placed on Bro. Pinder's list.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—Held its installation meeting on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. Present—Comps. H. A. Dubois M.E.Z., J. W. Baldwin H., John Mason J., T. J. Sabine P.G.S. Middlesex P.Z. Treas., Frederick Walters P.P. 1st A.G.S. Middlesex P.Z. S.E., J. C. Mason S.N., B. Isaacs P.S., J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.Z., E. Harris P.Z., J. H. Spencer, T. W. Clark, W. Dunham, and others. Visitors—Comps. T. Kingston, W. Porter, and W. T. Lover 176. The Chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals, and the minutes confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee showed a good balance in hand. Ballots were unanimous in favour of Bros. S. Barney 1567, T. Lamb 1567, L. Samuels 1531. Bro. L. Samuels was exalted. Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. P.P.G.J. Middlesex, installed Comps. J. W. Baldwin Z., John Mason H., James Cattley Mason J. The officers invested were Comps. T. J. Sabine P.Z. Treasurer, for third time, F. Walters P.Z. S.E., for fifteenth time, M. D. Loewenstark S.N. third time, B. Isaacs P.S. third time, W. A. Malony 1st A.S., T. W. Adams 2nd A.S., W. Y. Laing Janitor. Vote of thanks were given to Comp. W. Smeed for the able manner in which he worked the ceremonies. The usual five guinea P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. H. A. Dubois, the I.P.Z. The Chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—An emergency meeting was held on 18th April, at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. A Mark Lodge was opened by Comp. G. W. Wheeler, assisted by Comps. G. McDonald S.W., J. M. Oliver J.W. Propositions were read from Bros. Colonel Robson, the American Consul, Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, R. Wylie P.G.S. Ayrshire Mother Kilwinning No. 0, J. McCrow No. 0, and J. McWaters No. 17. They were introduced and took that degree. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, and the same gentlemen duly passed. The Chapter was then opened by Comps. Wheeler Z., W. Shaw H., J. Tweed J., J. Balfour S.E., S. B. Hardie, J. Ferguson, and J. Bowers Sojourners, and the same four gentlemen were introduced and duly exalted. Comp. Balfour performed the duties of 1st Sojourner in his usual faultless style. Visitors—Comps. J. M. Oliver S.E. of 79, and J. Lloyd of 87.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—This Lodge held its last regular meeting of the session, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, 16th inst. An average number of members attended, and the business was conducted by the following officers:—Bros. John Peartree W.M., D. Posener S.W., G. Pare J.W., J. D. Barnett I.P.M., John Constable P.M. Treas., P. Levy Sec., W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., Digby Sadlier as I.G. The Past Masters present were Bros. Harfeld, S. Moss, M. Harris, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil. The Visitors were Bros. C. D. Taylor 925, S. N. Lamble P.M. 27, and I. P. Cohen W.M. 205. The Lodge having been opened with the accustomed formalities and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to confer the third degree upon Bros. Cohen and Toms, to pass Bro. Vogl to the second, and initiate Messrs. Charles Harris and S. Barnett into the novitiate of the Order. Upon the conclusion of the Lodge business, an excellent supper was served, after which the customary toasts were given and responded to. In proposing the health of the Queen, the W.M. adverted to the threatening aspect of the political horizon, and to the anxiety which must be felt by the head of the State. At such a time as the present Masons are bound to entertain feelings of redoubled loyalty towards the gracious Lady who presides over the destinies of the State. A hearty response followed. The Initiates severally replied after their names had been submitted. Addressing the Visitors, the W.M. gave them hearty welcome, and assured them that the Tranquillity Lodge is never better pleased than when brethren from other Lodges honoured them with their presence. The visitors gave suitable responses. Bro. J. D. Barnett I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He did so with feelings of the utmost pleasure. Bro. Peartree did not look particularly promising at the time of his election, and it was whispered that the new Master would be quite incapable as regards the working of the ceremonies, however efficient he might prove in other respects. But to the great and very agreeable surprise of all, he shows as much proficiency, and presides with even greater *éclat* than many of his predecessors. To listen to his exposition of our beautiful ritual was indeed an intellectual treat, and all must admit him to be the right man in the right place. The services Bro. Peartree has rendered to the Lodge, sixteen years as Treasurer and now as Worshipful Master, must claim our sincerest gratitude. The W.M. expressed his thanks, and said he felt very grateful for the kind words that had been said about him, but he did not like to be praised. It had the curious effect of making him feel awkward. It is, of course, highly gratifying to give satisfaction, and the Lodge may always calculate upon his small services while health and strength lasted. The vacation having now arrived he trusted they might all be spared to meet again at the beginning of next term in health and prosperity. He would now say a few words about the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge, being one of its founders. The fund was established about 20 years ago and possesses at present a sum of £700. They therefore did not ask for subscriptions, indeed they were not wanted, but initiates, actuated, no doubt, by the dictates of their benevolent dispositions, very kindly subscribed one guinea each. It may be interesting to them to be informed that many a one who used to sit amongst them prosperous and light of heart, had found himself suddenly reduced and without means. An emergency of this kind will occur. But the timely help this fund was enabled to render had the effect, not only of immediate relief, but frequently became the starting point of renewed prosperity. It may also be mentioned as a creditable feature of the laws regulating the dispensing of its privileges that the name of the recipient never transpires, and is only known to the Committee. He would therefore propose prosperity to the Tranquillity Benevolent Fund, and may the sum be doubled and even trebled, and may no one ever have occasion to require its

assistance. Bro. S. Moss P.M. endorsed the remarks of the W.M. respecting the Benevolent Fund, he being also one of the founders. They had that evening confirmed a grant of a small sum (£20), but in this case, more had not been asked or required, else a larger amount would have been cheerfully given. Responding to the toast of Treasurer, Bro. J. Constable said, the high encomiums passed upon him by the W.M. were very flattering, he trusted he might be deserving of them to some extent. His best energies would always be employed, not only in the interests of the Lodge, but for the Order at large. He thanked the brethren for the good feelings and fraternal sentiments as exemplified by the hearty manner in which his name has been received. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Officers, and congratulated the Lodge upon having such thoroughly capable men occupying important positions, upon whom depended the efficient working of the ceremonies, and the carrying out of all the various duties in a proper and satisfactory manner. Bro. D. Posener as S.W. responded, and assured the W.M. of the gratification felt by the Officers for being praised for their humble services. Their only fear being that to follow creditably the bright example of the W.M., who, to the surprise of everybody, has outdone them all in every way, would not be an easy task. It was thought that by placing him in the Master's chair great honour would be conferred upon Bro. Peartree as a slight acknowledgement of his long and faithful services. By his skill in the work and ability in the direction of the business, he really confers honour upon the Lodge in accepting the position. The brethren, however, may rest assured that the Officers will use every effort to attain proficiency in order to uphold the high degree of efficiency with which the work of the Lodge has always been conducted. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. In the course of the evening Bros. Child, Bayley, Constable and Barnett, sang some excellent songs, which were received with well deserved applause.

Union Lodge, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 17th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present: Bros. Stephen A. Pocock W.M., Edward Baker S.W., Robert Bradley P.M. acting J.W., N. T. Garry Chaplain, J. Leaver Secretary, George Bothy P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Bradley S.D., F. J. Ferguson D.O. acting J.D., F. Davis Organist, Samuel Wheeler and Charles Sprent Stewards, R. C. Mount I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Yetts I.P.M., J. Morris, Weightman, Strachan; and Bros. Nash, C. Butler, A. Mitchell, D. Witherington, Moffatt, Ayres, Higgs, Hawkes, Parry, Martin, Blackwell, Albury, Withers. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Webb 494, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary 1101, Hunt 1101, J. T. Brown P.M. 1101. Business—Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bros. Martin and Hawkes, having proved their efficiency, retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bros. Martin and Hawkes were raised. The beautiful ceremony was conducted by the W.M. in a most correct and impressive manner, he being well supported by his officers. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. The report of the Permanent Committee upon the Jewish question and the appointment of new trustees was brought up, and produced an interesting discussion on both subjects, which resulted in an unanimous vote in favour of the memorial to Grand Lodge and the appointment of six new trustees. The W.M. announced that, this being the first time his predecessor had attended the Lodge since his very sincere illness, he had much pleasure in congratulating him on his restoration to health, in which he was certain all the members coincided, he had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his services, and the excellent working of his year of office, he also begged to thank him in the name of the Lodge for the handsome present of a case of working tools which would be most useful in conducting the ceremonies. The I.P.M. Bro. Yetts expressed his gratitude for the present, and for the kind remarks with which it was conveyed to him, he was much pleased that the working tools were appreciated, and he hoped they would be frequently used. After receiving nominations the Lodge was closed and adjourned according to ancient form.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. Sha and W.M. Belfrage S.W., T. O. Davis J.W., T. Cull Secretary, Wray S.D., Solomons J.D., Corner I.G.; also Bros. Mander (Preceptor), Docker, Farwig, Collens, W. J. Hall, T. Lloyd, E. Toms and Dairy. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 1st and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Farwig, and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th by Bro. Mander. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st, and Bros. Hall 193 and E. Toms 185 were elected members. Bro. Belfrage S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—This Lodge held its Installation Meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 12th instant. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The W.M. Bro. F. Rath then advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and passed Bro. J. J. Rüntz. The S.W. Bro. J. H. Cumming was duly presented as the W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of Installation performed by the outgoing Master in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then invested the I.P.M. Bro. Rath with the collar of his office. On the return of the brethren the W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. F. Ebner S.W., J. Aspinall J.W., J. Boyd P.M. Treasurer, W. Paas P.M. Sec., J. Taylor S.D., Dr. A. V. Jagielski J.D., Dr.

Corrie Jackson I.G., J. Lancaster D.C. The first duty that fell to the W.M. to perform was the presenting, in the name of the Lodge, to the I.P.M., a splendid jewel, as a token of the esteem in which Bro. Rath was held by the brethren, and for the admirable manner he had carried out the duties of the chair. Bro. Rath, in acknowledging the gift said,—Brethren, you have been pleased to confer on me an honour by the presentation of the P.M.'s jewel, which I receive with deep emotion. Generally, when you have been striving with all your might, and when you have given up your nights and your days, and all your thoughts to the one object which you wished to attain, you find that, at the moment when all your most ardent wishes are fulfilled and gratified, you are smitten with a feeling of surfeit and reaction. I said generally, because I mean to point out one exception at least to the general rule, and that exception is myself in the present instance. I feel that I have worked with my head, as well as with my heart, for the higher ends of our great Brotherhood, and that I am ready to work on to the end of my powers. The testimonial which you have been good enough to give me as a mark of your recognition of the few services that I might have been able to render you in my place in the chair I accept as such. It shall ever live with me, and the pleasing recollection of this evening, as also of your kind affection, shall last, like the precious metal the token is made of,—for ever. A petition was then presented on behalf of a distressed brother, and duly signed by the W.M., and the brethren of the Lodge present. We are glad to state that the Lodge of Benevolence has since granted £50 in this case. Thus the commencement of the W.M.'s year of office was marked by a pleasant act of duty. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., Bro. Cumming, proposed the Loyal toasts, which were received in the usual enthusiastic manner. The gavel having been placed in the hands of the I.P.M., he said, Brethren,—It is by sanction of the W.M. that I rise to address you on the present occasion, that I may, according to ancient custom, bring a sentiment under your notice which must, by reason of its great importance, with reference to the position and the welfare of the Lodge, occupy a prominent place in our social gatherings, particularly on the evening which is devoted to so solemn a rite as that of the installation of the eminent Brother whom your flattering suffrages have elevated into the high position of the ruler of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. It is a well known axiom of the Constitution of this country, that "The King cannot do wrong," and, if that is true, the converse of it must equally be true, viz., that he who is placed upon the throne can do an immense deal of good. We must assume, and we gladly assume, that this rule holds equally good in the case of the individual Brother who occupies the Masonic throne of the Lodge. There is but a very little goodwill, amiability and diligence required to make things pleasant in a circle like ours, where everybody is so well disposed to meet the W.M. of the time with affection and submission, and unless we are greatly mistaken, the qualities which we have a right to look forward to in the elect of our confidence, are not missing in him whom we this evening delight to honour, thus prognosticating a pleasant and happy year of office for all of us. (Cheers). We cannot, however, disguise from ourselves the fact that the possession of such unlimited power, for good or for evil, as is constitutionally vested in the W.M. of the Lodge may make of him a being quite different from what we thought him when he was yet only an aspirant to that high office. We trust, however, that he will not be unmindful of the fact that it is a "fierce light that beats upon a throne," that his every word and deed is watched and judged by the brethren, and that he will therefore pass through that ordeal with firmness and grace. He has every advantage given him by nature; he has youth, suavity of manners, ease of address, and kindness of heart, and whilst, therefore, we are thus gladly rendering him homage, we humbly wish him success and prosperity. The W.M. suitably replied, and gave the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Rath, who spoke as follows: Brethren,—You have done me too much honour in dwelling upon my short activity in the Lodge, and upon what you very indulgently call my merits. We have but few opportunities given us, beyond the periodically returning meetings, to see one another, and to exchange ideas, and very few are even then the moments allotted to anything but well worn routine work. A man like myself, naturally anxious to see moral good emanating from such a huge machinery as that of our Confederation, is not slow to seize upon every opportunity, if ever so slight, to throw out such sparks as will ignite the sacred flame of humanity latent in every heart, thereby to unite the brethren more by the instantaneous contagion of the sublime thought than by the clumsy instrument of the tongue, in such sentiment as will make them feel proud to belong to us. Yes, the good that Freemasonry might do in a thousand directions, if only initiated with modest beginnings, is incalculable. Who has done more to exemplify small beginnings than the Apostles of the Faith? And why should we, who hold the world like in a net, not be following in the same direction? We must either do our allotted duty right manfully or die—the death of decay and oblivion, and the sooner we begin to bestir ourselves the better. The W.M. next gave the health of the P.M.'s, and this the I.P.M. acknowledged in the following terms:—It was a wise man who first said, "Speech is silvery, but silence is golden." I only hope that you will believe me when I assure you that I would very gladly have availed myself of your permission to carry this wise saying into practice on the present occasion, had not the turn of fortune's wheel placed me first among the P.M.'s. A friend of mine was in the habit of saying, "Here I am, in a state of betweenity." And so am I, for I find myself placed between two chairs—the one which just gave me up as a bad job, and the other, viz., the P.M.'s, in which I do not feel quite at home. I am as yet not sufficiently a P.M. to be able to sing the praises of this most coveted resting-place of ambition. There is, however, no rest for the wicked, and so I must perforce inflict a few minutes torture on your long-suffering ears. When Sir Robert Peel made his famous speech on the Bank Charter, he began, as everybody knows, by asking a question. He said, "What is

a Pound?" I am inclined to follow the same tactics, and to ask what is a P.M.? Before, however, Sir Robert Peel had finished his speech he came to a most practical conclusion, inasmuch as he founded a place of worship and pilgrimage, before which kings and peoples, the wise and the foolish, the young and the old, all equally bend their knee. If you feel inclined to doubt this, you need only pay a visit to the Old Lady in Threadneedle-street, and you will see how fervently she is worshipped. I am afraid, however, that the answer to my own question will have quite a different sound, for is not a P.M. a satellite around the sun, or a sort of moon? And is not his existence all moonshine? However, brethren, moonshine or not, we must rest and be contented in whatever position we are placed, and if we succeed in reflecting, albeit in pale and soft silence, the shining virtues of the sun in the east, our place will always be an enviable one. P.M. Szulcowski, the founder of the Lodge, also responded, in glowing terms. Bro. Saegert, P.M. Wellington Lodge 548, and Bro. Taylor, from the United States, thanked the brethren for drinking their health, as visitors. The W.M., in giving the toast of the Officers, stated how proud he was in possessing such an excellent staff, and trusted they would support him well during his year of office. The Officers severally thanked the brethren, promising to do all in their power to promote the interests of the "Polish National Lodge." After the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for the admission of Sir C. W. Dilke, M.P. for Chelsea. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Josey passed. The W.M. immediately proceeded with the ceremony of installation. This, it is almost needless to state, was performed in that perfect manner for which Bro. Knowles is so noted, and has always marked his working during his year of office. The good judgment of the brethren in selecting such a worthy and efficient Master as Bro. Fisher was soon displayed in the admirable way in which he proceeded to invest his officers, as follows:—Bros. Baker S.W., Watson J.W., Thompson P.M. Treas., Worthington P.M. Sec., Middleton S.D., Shaw J.D., Warner I.G., Bryett D.C., Elkington S.S., Webb J.S. Sir C. W. Dilke was then initiated, and appeared greatly impressed by the eloquent manner in which the beautiful ceremony was delivered. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a gold Past Master's jewel of very artistic design. On the proposition of the I.P.M., the sum of ten guineas was voted to two of the Institutions. All business being ended, the Lodge adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Millis P.M.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday last. Among those present were the following:—Bros. P. Cooke W.M., J. G. Carter P.M., G. Howick P.M., F. H. Newens P.M., J. Kewney P.M., E. H. Boddy P.M., H. R. Jones S.W., W. A. Morgan J.W., J. Frost Secretary, W. Hantley I.G., A. N. Newens S.D., J. B. Walker J.D., J. J. Holland Wine Steward, and Bro. T. Steed Tyler. There was also the following visitors:—Bros. Dr. Hugh Mackintosh 4, G. W. Usil 1 6, E. Swanborough 1319, F. Mead 1420, and W. F. Pether 179. Bro. A. A. Denham was raised to the second degree, and Mr. Robert Walker was impressively initiated by Bro. Boddy P.M. The Lodge then proceeded to elect a W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. H. R. Jones was unanimously elected W.M., and Bros. H. Wilson and S. Steed re-elected as Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. P. Cooke W.M. said he should resign the chair with both regret and pleasure—regret, because he knew he had not had sufficient leisure to attend to his Masonic duties as he should have liked; and pleasure, because he knew that a very worthy successor would be found in Bro. Jones. Bro. Jones ably and feelingly replied. Upon the motion of Bro. Boddy, a jewel to the value of five guineas was unanimously accorded to Bro. Cooke, the retiring W.M. A banquet followed. "The Queen and Craft," and other Masonic toasts having been given, "The health of the Initiate" followed. Bro. R. Walker replied in a humorous speech. The Lodge was in mourning for Bro. Robert McRae, and it was decided that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow and family.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. E. Margrett W.M., A. Welch S.W., J. E. Danks S.D., acting J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ferguson acting S.D., W. W. Ridley D.C., Thomas Newman Steward, E. J. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Hurley and Egginton, and Bros. Pulley, Hawkes, Creed, Rose, Bailey, Hunt, Rolfe, Hilder, Howlett, Robinson, Simonds. Business—Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Ferguson J.D. presented to the Lodge a handsome Tyler's sword, for which a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. A letter to the I.P.M. of 414, Bro. Yetts, congratulating him on his recovery from sickness, and his reply were read. The Secretary was ordered to write to those brethren who were in arrears with their subscriptions, requiring immediate payment, after which the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159.—On the 16th inst., a meeting of this steadily progressing Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the new and esteemed W.M., Bro. Henry J. Moxon, who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. Reeve S.W., C. Cheston J.W., Arthur Le Neve Foster S.D., Kelly J.D., Cama P.M. I.G., and Wood P.M. Sec. The Lodge having been opened according to ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admis-

sion of Bro. K. C. Krikorian, Dekran Lodge, 1014, Turkey, as a joining member, and it being unanimous in his favour, he was declared elected. Bro. Krikorian was then raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. E. C. Cheston passed to that of a Fellow Craft, the W.M. rendering the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, the W.M. congratulated the brethren on the success of the last meeting, and alluded to the efficient manner in which the installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Wood P.M., dwelling at some length upon his energy and ability. The W.M. then briefly referred to his forthcoming Stewardship, as representing the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, expressing his satisfaction with the support already given, and his anticipations with regard to further additions to his list. Heartly good wishes having been tendered by the visitors, and the business of the evening completed, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. Hewlett W.M., Crouch S.W., Lane J.W., Kent S.D., Townsend J.D., Simpson I.G., Bolton, Percy and A. W. Fenner. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hewlett, of Lodge 141, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Hewlett being requested to take the Preceptorship of the Lodge, declined doing so, but kindly agreed to become acting Preceptor until another brother was permanently elected to the office. Bro. Crouch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This being the first time of the W.M. occupying the chair of K.S., a vote of thanks was awarded him for the able manner he had fulfilled the duties of the same. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 13th of April, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway, N. Present—Bros. Sparrow W.M., Chant S.W., Ager J.W., Dickinson Sec., Eldridge Treas., Yeomans S.D., Rowe J.D., Humphries I.G.; also Bros. Mash, Coughtry, Wright, Shackle, Hunter, Powell, Passingham, T. Cull Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Powell being the candidate. The 1st and 4th sections were worked by the brethren, the 2nd by Bro. Dickinson, the 3rd by Bro. Shackle, and the 5th by Bro. Chant, Bro. Cull putting the questions. The Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Chant elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Sparrow for so ably presiding as W.M. for the first time in the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Wanderer's Lodge, No. 1604.—This flourishing Lodge, exclusively established for the purpose of diffusing Masonic knowledge amongst the military brethren stationed in London, met to celebrate their first anniversary on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. S. H. Meredith P.M. (in the absence of the W.M., who is stationed in Cork) opened the Lodge punctually at three o'clock, and in a very perfect and impressive manner raised three brethren, passed two, and initiated five candidates into the Order. Bro. Quartermaster Sergeant W. J. Parish was then presented to the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Meredith, who rendered the ceremony. He was ably assisted by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., who acted as D.C. On the admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and he appointed and invested his officers:—Batt. Serg. Maj. A. Brookson R.A. S.W., Cr. Serg. F. J. Wray Cold. Gds. J.W., T. H. Meredith I.P.M. and Treasurer, Rev. R. C. Halpin M.A. Chaplain, Qr.-Mr. Serg. R. J. Scott R.E. Sec., Geo. Boulton S.D., Cr. Serg. C. Fuller Cold. Gds. J.D., Serg. Maj. T. Ross Scots Gds. I.G., Serg. Maj. W. Gordon Scots Gds. D. of C., Corp. Maj. E. Hornblower 2nd Life Gds. A.D. of C., Qr.-Mr. Serg. T. White A.S. Corps Steward, Reg. Drill Serg. W. J. Hancock Gren. Gds. Steward, Bomb. J. Lackland R.A. Tyler. Bros. W. H. Bird, Schoolmaster, R. T. Kenny Cold. Gds. and Serg. Maj. B. Barton A. H. Corps, were appointed members of the Reference Committee. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a very *recherche* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Dawkins. The room presented an elegant appearance. The uniforms of the brethren were adorned with well-earned medals and orders, while several wore Provincial Grand clothing. The W.M., who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal toasts, which were duly responded to. The health of the W.M. was proposed in a very excellent speech. Bro. Parish thanked the brethren for their kind expressions, and the hearty response given to the toast. He was fully sensible of the honour conferred on him in placing him in the chair, and he was deeply impressed with the responsibilities attached to the office. He would always have the interest of the Lodge at heart, and hoped, during his period of office, to give the members satisfaction. He was proud of the prosperous condition of the Lodge, which now numbered one hundred members, representing nearly every corps in H.M. service. He referred to the balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £36, after repaying a loan of £75, purchasing £52 worth of furniture, giving £11 to the Masonic charities, and paying Grand Lodge dues, &c., to the amount of £124. He hoped he might show as good a balance at the expiration of his year of office. This he would endeavour to do by strict economy. In conclusion, he hoped that peace and harmony would reign supreme among them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. Twelve brethren had been received

amongst them since the 6th of July last, and he made some very excellent remarks on the duties incumbent on them as Masons. The toast of the Visitors followed, and these brethren, in returning thanks for the toast, paid great compliments to the admirable manner in which Bro. Meredith rendered the ceremony, which included that of the installation. The toast of the Installing Master was given and responded to. Bro. Brookson, in a very humorous and talented manner, responded to the toast of the Officers. After the toast of the Ladies had been given, that of the Tyler brought a very agreeable and harmonious evening to a close. Lieut. General Brownrigg C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, expressed his pleasure and satisfaction of the working of the Lodge, and honoured the brethren by accepting an honorary membership. The Visitors were Bro. John Hervey G.S., Lieut. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.M. for Surrey, Capt. Cole P.M., C. J. F. Burmeister P.M. Salisbury Lodge, Sergeant Major Cotterell, and several Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters.

Visitations of Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire.—On Thursday, 12th April, Comp. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent of Lanarkshire, accompanied by Comps. J. Mitchell P.G.J., Jas. Balfour P.G. Scribe E., G. W. Wheeler P.G. Scribe N., T. Halket P.G.T., G. MacDonald P.G. 3rd S., and J. M. Oliver P.G.S.B., paid a visit to Chapter 50. The Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Wm. Bell, who was ably assisted by Comps. J. Louttit H., Colin McKenzie J., F. Morrison S.E., P. Agnew T., J. Leeds, R. Trainer and J. Wright Sojourners. The P.G.S.E. reported that they had found all the books admirably kept, and the Chapter in good working order. The P.G. Superintendent said that, not only in his official capacity, but also as an old P.Z. of 50, he was glad to find that his Mother Chapter was continuing to work so satisfactorily. Like many other bodies, it had had its vicissitudes, but it had surmounted them, and if, during the past year, they had had but few exaltations, if the quality of their candidates was considered, he thought they should not repine; still, he was glad to find that, under Comp. Bell, this year would show a large increase in membership, and he trusted, indeed, in the quality of the material, for that, after all, was the test of true prosperity. Comp. Bell thanked the P.G.S., and the deputation for their visit, as well as for the kind words spoken; they were the more valuable coming from the source they did, for they all knew there was not a better working Mason, either in the Craft or Arch, than Comp. Barrow. He was glad to see him at the head of the Red, and if hard work in the Province was deserving of recognition, he should also be at the head of the Blue—a position he yet hoped to see him occupy. Comp. Barrow said he was quite satisfied with the honours he had obtained, and had resigned his office of D.P.G.M. of the Province that he might devote more of his time to the Arch and the other high degrees of Masonry. Comp. J. M. Oliver, the only member of the deputation not already an honorary member of 50, was then affiliated, and the deputation withdrew. A Mark Lodge was thereafter opened, and C. MacKenzie J. conferred that degree on Bro. J. Higgins, M.M. of Lodge 73. On Friday, the 13th, Comp. Barrow, with his officers, visited the Commercial Chapter No. 79. In the absence of Comp. D. Lamb 1st Principal, the Chapter was opened by his Deputy, Comp. J. Munro, Comps. J. Duthie P.Z. of 69 as H., A. Brodie J., J. M. Oliver Scribe E., R. Reid T., with C. Mackenzie, R. Trainer, and Capt. Duncan as Sojourners. The P.G.S.E. reported the state of the books as being faultless. Comp. Barrow congratulated the Comps. on getting this clear bill of health, but it was what he expected from what he knew of Comp. Oliver as an office-bearer in P.G.C.; and although he was sorry for the absence of the 1st Principal, still while he had so good a Deputy as Comp. Munro, whose work in the Commercial Lodge was well known, the Chapter would not suffer much. They had only latterly been re-constituted, and he believed that Comp. Munro had done much, not only to get the Chapter re-opened, but also to secure its prosperity when open. Comp. Munro thanked the P.G. Superintendent for his kind remarks; it was true he had taken some interest in the Chapter, but if they had known beforehand how little assistance they should get from the old members, they might have hesitated; but, thanks to the deputation, and especially Comps. Duthie and Wheeler, they had never wanted assistance when there was work to be done, and he thought they now stood in a very proud position. He thanked the P.G.S. and his officers for their visit, and their kind expressions towards himself and the Chapter. After the deputation retired, Comp. Duthie opened a Mark Lodge, and conferred that degree in his usual able style. On Tuesday, the Superintendent and his officers visited the St. Andrew Chapter, No. 69, and highly eulogised the working of Comp. T. M. Campbell and his officers. The Chapter had been in a low state, but since Comp. Campbell had again assumed the 1st Principal's chair, their success had been very marked, proving that good work will surely raise the Order and secure members. On Wednesday, the Shamrock and Thistle, No. 87, was visited, and Comp. George Muir its Z. was complimented on the progress the Chapter had made. There had been 19 exaltations last year, and the present one promises to be equally successful. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Patrick Chapter, 113, was visited on Wednesday, the 5th, and the deputation was received by Comp. J. Halket Z. The examination of the books was satisfactory, but the attendance of the members was but small. This is the more to be regretted, as Comp. Halket, P.G. Treas., its Z., is one of the best working Arch Masons in the Province.

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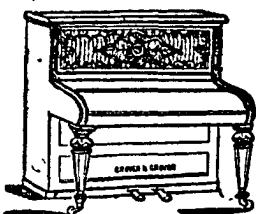
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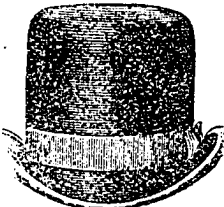
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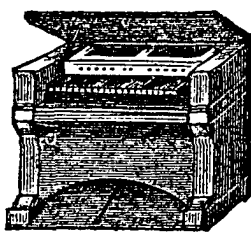
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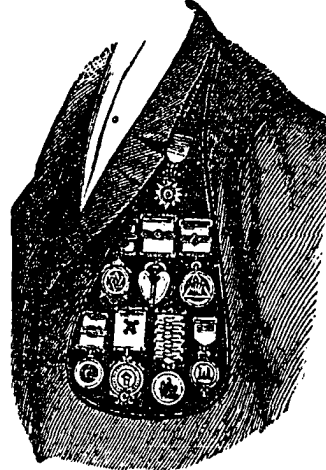
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