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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday, at noon. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings announced the event to which we allude more fully in another column, namely the death of the Secretary, Bro. R. Wentworth Little. The formal business having been disposed of, and authority having been given to the chairman alone to sign cheques, Lieut.-Col. Creaton's motion that nineteen Girls be elected instead of eighteen, so as to bring the number of pupils up to 200, was agreed to. In due course the poll was opened and remained so till three o'clock. About an hour afterwards the result was announced, and it was known who were the unfortunate five who could not be received into the School at this election. It must, however, be satisfactory for them in the hour of their defeat to know that other opportunities will be granted them, and consequently that ultimate success is by no means beyond their reach. These five are G. Alice Jay, who being first on the list came out last on the poll, with 508 votes, of which 215 were the result of four previous applications; M. S. Cooper, who with 419 votes from two previous attempts, polled but 304 votes additional, or together 723 votes; E. M. Hill, also a candidate for the third time, who increased her score of 11 votes to 742 votes; and E. M. Garnett and M. J. Sampson, both candidates for the first time, who polled 622 and 577 respectively. So much for the unsuccessful, with whom, as the smaller number, we have dealt first. The nineteen successful, whom we heartily congratulate on the result of the ballot, include all those who would have had no further chance of getting into the School. Indeed the girl at the head of the poll, G. Simmonds, would have been ineligible in October, and this being her first as well as her last chance, her friends made a supreme effort, and she came out first, with 1664 votes, or nearly 500 more than the number polled by the second successful candidate. London thus secured the first place, but the second was taken by the one Leicester candidate, D. Bolton, who polled 1171 votes at this her first application. No. 3, a London candidate, would have failed altogether had she not scored a sufficient number of votes, as she would have been over age in October. To her previous credit of 141 votes were added 933 votes, making a total of 1,074. No. 4 was an applicant for the first time last October, and obtained 405 votes. This was increased to 1,041 on Saturday, and the fourth place fell to one of the three candidates from Lancashire East. M. Whyatt, the one Lancashire W. candidate, was only a single vote behind her Eastern rival. There already stood to her credit 418 votes, and a further 622 raised the total to 1,040. Bessie Reed, hailing from London, stood 6th, with a total of 1,022, of which 317 were the result of two previous attempts. Nos. 7 and 8 were applicants for the first time, the former from Notts, polling 1,016 votes, and the latter from West Yorkshire, who had this solitary chance allowed, 1,004 votes. A second East Lancashire lass stood next, with 974, of which 419 were the result of two previous efforts. London was close at her heels, however, as E. E. Spurgin obtained 974 votes, of which 396 votes were brought forward from three previous ballots. A Devonshire girl, S. M. Norrish, who scored 178 in October last, increased the number to 963. The 12th on the list, a London girl, by name G. A.

Daly, increased her credit of 116 to 947 votes. No. 13, E. R. Bellamy, was a candidate for the first time, and obtained 941 votes from her Lincolnshire friends and supporters. F. E. Wilton, of Singapore, for whom at her two previous attempts 187 votes had been cast, had 724 given her on Saturday, so that she stood 14th, with 911 votes, and not far behind her a London rival, H. E. Hood, who had this last chance only of success, and succeeded in raising her score from 283 to 896. Nos. 16, 17 and 18 were all candidates for the first time, R. A. Symon, from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, obtaining 872 votes; A. M. Brunskill, from Durham, 853 votes, and E. C. Thomas, from Warwickshire, 852 votes. The last of the successful was Clarissa E. Wright, of London, who had 217 votes to her credit from two previous applications, and was fortunately able to increase this number to 816. Thus London carried seven out of her eight candidates, E. Lancashire two, Hants and Isle of Wight one out of two, while the Bristol, Essex, and Somersetshire candidates—one from each Province—failed to obtain a place. We append, as usual, the results of election:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
18	*Simmonds, Grace (last)	—	1664	1664
16	*Bolton, Dora	—	1171	1171
2	Thomson, Louisa Marion (last)	141	933	1074
14	Wayne, Mary Louisa	405	636	1041
7	Whyatt, Marion	418	622	1040
5	Reed, Bessie	317	705	1022
20	*Carter, Mand	—	1016	1016
22	*Cowley, Clara Maria (last)	—	1004	1004
12	Stephenson, Lilian	419	555	974
3	Spurgin, Eleanor Elizabeth	396	576	972
13	Norrish, Susanna Mary	178	785	963
8	Daly, Gertrude Annie	116	831	947
15	*Bellamy, Effie Rose	—	941	941
6	Wilton, Florence Eliza	187	724	911
4	Hood, Harriett Emily (last)	283	613	896
23	*Symon, Rosina A.	—	872	872
24	*Brunskill, Adelaide Moat	—	853	853
19	*Thomas, Emily Cory	—	852	852
11	Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth	217	599	816

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
10	Hill, Evalina Mary	11	731	742
9	Cooper, Marion Selina	419	304	723
17	*Garnett, Edith Mary	—	622	622
21	*Sampson, Mabel Jane	—	577	577
1	Jay, Gertrude Alice	215	293	508

* Indicates first application.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School was held at Freemasons' Hall, at the hour of noon on Monday, Lieut.-Col. Creaton occupying the chair. When the ordinary business had been disposed of, the poll was opened for the election of thirty-one, instead of thirty, as originally proposed, out of an approved list of seventy-eight candidates. The poll closed at three p.m., and as soon afterwards as possible the result was announced, full particulars of which are appended. The contest was comments by no features of special interest, and the few remarks we feel it our duty to offer are of the ordinary character. We note in the first place that eight out of the

thirty-one were applicants for the first time, while with the exception of a few, the remaining twenty-two all had obtained a high place at the election last October. Indeed, of the eleven who stand highest on the list, ten need not have polled a single additional vote on Monday in order to secure places—on the assumption, of course, that the votes they did poll, were not cast for any of their rivals, but had been thrown away. The first five candidates were all from London. No. 1, R. P. F. Deeley, added 124 to his previous credit of 1687, and headed the list with 1811 votes. Shury, with 1655 already to the good, came next with 1753 votes, F. Dyer being third, with 1658, of which 1301 were brought forward; H. B. Searle fourth, with 1654, of which 1448 were brought forward; and Garstin fifth, his previous 994 being increased to 1424. A Kent candidate was sixth in order, with 301 votes from his previous attempt, and 1083 new votes, making a total of 1384. The seventh, H. Bingham, of London, increased his former total of 1023 votes to 1379; and Ceely, another London candidate, was well up with 1347 votes. The ninth in order, E. G. W. J. Taylor, hailed from the East Division of South Africa, and totalled up 1235 votes, 879 of which were brought forward. Colin Bell Sharp, the tenth in order, increased his credit of 850 by 348, making his total 1198, and thus secured a place for one of the Bengal candidates. Another colonial candidate, hailing from New Zealand, stood eleventh, with 1118 votes, composed of 428 standing already to his credit, and 690 votes polled on Monday. Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15 were all candidates for the first time, No. 12 (London) obtaining 1115 votes, No. 13 (Somersetshire) 1113 votes, No. 14 (South Wales, Western Division) 1104, and No. 15 (Dorsetshire) 1028 votes. No. 16, from Northamptonshire, had seven to his credit, and received further support to the extent of 1015 votes. No. 17 (Warwickshire) had been a candidate at three previous elections, and gained 574 votes. There were cast for him on Monday 433 additional votes, making his total 1007. Nos. 18 and 19, from Cumberland and Westmoreland, and West Yorkshire respectively, polled the same number exactly, 1,002 votes; but the former had been a candidate twice previously, and had 650 votes to the good, while the latter was an applicant for the first time. R. T. Taylor, standing twentieth on the list, is from Malta. He had a credit of 612 votes, and 387 more were obtained for him on this occasion, raising his total to 999 votes. No. 21, from South Wales East, was only a few votes behind, the 600 to his credit being increased to 996. Shapland, of London, stood 22nd, having previously obtained 344 votes, and on Monday 625 votes, or a total of 969. Jepson, who was a candidate last October, but gained no votes, had 961 cast for him at this election, and so scored a success for East Lancashire. Woon, who had 977 votes to the good, obtained 261 more, and this, with a total of 938 votes, gave a second success to the Province of Kent. The two next, one from Somersetshire and the other from London, were candidates for the first time. The former obtained 927, and the latter 925 votes. Hutton, of London, tried in October, but only obtained 227 votes. A further 693, making his total 920, sufficed to give him the twenty-seventh place. Riley, also a London candidate, came next, with 905, of which 253 were brought forward from his previous attempt in October. Allen, of Staffordshire, with 5 to the good, obtained a total of 903 votes. J. Montague H. Mackay, of Devon, with 586 votes from three attempts, obtained further support to the extent of 290, giving a total of 876, while King, of West Yorkshire, an applicant for the first time, brought up the rear of the successful candidates, with 861 votes. Rossiter, of Cheshire, was only a few behind, and Fairman and Simmonds, both of London, made each a good fight, the former scoring 822, and the latter 799 votes. Thenceforward the numbers diminish rapidly, the sixtieth on the list having only twenty votes; No. 61, fourteen; Nos. 62 and 63, eleven each; Nos. 64 and 65, ten each; Nos. 66 and 67, nine each; Nos. 68 and 69, four each; Nos. 70 and 71, three each; No. 72, one vote; and Nos. 73 to 77 none whatever. Of the ten candidates who had this one and only chance of success, Gover, No. 1, though a candidate at six previous elections, only raised his total to 82; Edmonds, No. 9, had four votes; Perrin, No. 34, had 162 votes; Atkin, No. 41, obtained one vote; and Elders, No. 58, had 20 votes. All these, therefore, will have their names removed from the list, as they will be over age before the October election comes off. We

think it a pity that people should have their cases placed on the list if they are not better prepared with support. Where, for instance, can have been the friends of Gover? What can they have been doing, when they can only secure for him 82 votes at seven applications? The hopes of the boy and his mother must have been raised to a certain extent, and now, after the lapse of three years and a half, he is nowhere in the contest, while others who work wisely and well carry their candidates at once. As between London and the Provinces and Districts, we find that the former carried twelve, or one-half of her candidates, while the latter carried nineteen, or rather more than one-third—four of these being from abroad and fifteen at home. We append the list of candidates:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
16	Deeley, Richard P. Francis	1687	124	1811
3	Shury, Solomon Hiram	1655	98	1753
20	Dyer, Frederick	1301	357	1658
5	Searle, Harry Bulmer	1448	116	1564
25	Garstin, William Lionel	994	430	1424
46	Webb, Charles Thomas	301	1083	1384
32	Bingham, Herbert	1023	356	1379
17	Ceely, John R. Gordon	1207	140	1347
19	Taylor, Ernest George W. J.	879	356	1235
8	Sharp, Colin Bell	850	348	1198
26	Nash, Stanley Harry	428	690	1118
*61	Stoue, Charles Edgar	—	—	1115
*55	Cooper, Walter Percy	—	—	1113
*62	Balcombe, Walter John	—	—	1104
*47	Hunt, Edward Clarke	—	—	1028
28	Gibson, Walter James	7	1015	1022
12	Crew, Frederick Alt	574	433	1007
22	Basher, Samuel Longton	650	352	1002
*74	Cowley, Ernest Edgar	—	—	1002
33	Taylor, Richard Tom	612	387	999
45	Roberts, Samuel Curry	600	396	996
37	Shapland, Francis Gorwyn	344	625	969
42	Jepson, James Thomas	—	—	961
35	Woon, Albert Allen	677	261	938
*53	Hennet, William Follett	—	—	927
*57	Mundy, Henry Seymour	—	—	925
39	Hutton, John Fred. W.	227	693	920
38	Riley, Robert	253	652	905
41	Allen, Albert Charles	5	898	903
7	Mackay, J. Montague Hele	586	290	876
*73	King, Edward C. Wilson	—	—	861

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
*71	Rossiter, Arthur Lewis E.	—	—	819
*72	Fairman, Charles Robert	—	—	822
*60	Simmonds, Hebron Albert	—	—	799
*68	Coverdale, Miles	—	—	687
13	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	513	169	682
4	Furze, William Ernest	239	395	634
*61	Reece, Albert Edward	—	—	602
2	Day, Arthur Harris	398	166	564
*51	Browning, Ernest Albert	—	—	530
*67	Gardner, Alfred Welch	—	—	489
14	Wait, Emanuel	395	52	447
11	Green, Charles William	248	138	386
21	Allin, Charles James Fox	4	343	347
31	Chandler, Arthur John	33	290	323
24	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	159	119	278
43	Spalding, Edmund Percell	97	132	229
*49	Nicholls, Richard Howell	—	—	216
40	Watkins, Fred. Charles	116	93	209
15	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	141	28	169
34	Perrin, Gustav Teasdell	106	56	162
*65	Laslett, Alfred John	—	—	136
36	Ward, James	30	103	133
27	Parker, George Shadwell	2	123	125
1	Gover, Joseph	47	35	82
*63	Keighley, George Norman C.	—	—	72
*59	Scott, John Sheppard	—	—	49
*70	Marshall, Phillipson	—	—	28
6	Newbould, Harry	27	—	27
*58	Elders, William Richard S.	—	—	20
*54	Clark, Thomas John	—	—	14
23	Mishull, Sam Bradford	11	—	11
29	Bell, James Herbert	5	6	11
10	Cole, Alfred Thomas	10	—	10
18	Frost, Christian Frederic	10	—	10
*66	Gay, George John	—	—	9
*75	Jones, Ernest Handel	—	—	9
9	Edmonds, Richard Herbert	3	1	4
*52	Pike, John Henry	—	—	4
30	Giles, Frank Arthur	—	—	3
*76	Cowling, John Edward	—	—	3
41	Atkin, John Batson	—	—	1
*48	Gibbs, John	—	—	—
*50	Black, William	—	—	—
*69	Winter, Richard Thomas	—	—	—
*77	Read, John	—	—	—
*78	Bartley, William James	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 54.)

A DEVON CRAFTSMAN.

The virtues of a private life,
Exceed the glorious noise and strife
Of battles won: in those we find
The solid int'rest of mankind.

THERE are few English counties so happily circumstanced as that of Devon. Its fertility is beyond question. It is rich in historical associations. Its "sea-dogs" take a foremost rank among our ablest and most brilliant naval heroes. Its principal port is the second naval station in the kingdom, and we may therefore add, with every feeling of confidence, that there is but one other in the whole world which surpasses it. It can boast of a long army of worthies, whose names are "household words" in the country they have adorned. It is, consequently, no matter for wonder that Devon should occupy a high place among our Masonic Provinces. Whatever there is of good and noble and worthy in the United Kingdom is sure of a position in this favoured district, nor is it surprising, therefore, that at a very early date Freemasonry, at its so-called "revival," in 1717, should at a very early date have succeeded in establishing a firm foothold here, or that in the long list of eminent Craftsmen, Devon should be able to boast of many among the more conspicuous. The subject of our present sketch is one of those who will be remembered with pleasure by all his fellows as a worthy Mason, as much for his practical application of the three virtues which it is the duty of Freemasonry to inculcate as for the deep scientific knowledge he possesses of its hidden truths and mysteries. He is one who, in every degree and in every office, has made it his chief aim to be as nearly perfect as possible in whatever was required of him. He has laboured hard, and his labours have been attended with more than the usual amount of success. He is not an old member of the Craft. Indeed, if we note only the number of years he has belonged to it, we must candidly admit that he is yet a long way off from the attainment of what we will venture to describe as his Masonic majority. But though his years as a Mason are few, he has served long enough to attain a very high degree of distinction, and our "Devon Craftsman" is not only well known and respected within the narrower limits of the Province to which he owes allegiance, but he is likewise known and respected in the far wider and more extended limits of the Craft throughout England. This is, indeed, a satisfactory achievement for one whose career as a brother has endured for less than twelve years, and if all our brethren were minded to work as he has done, there would be no branch of the Craft universal so firmly and so happily placed as that which acknowledges the rule of the Grand Master of England. There is this, perhaps, to be said as accounting for the success of our brother. He is a man of understanding and of culture. Moreover, by his very profession he is compelled almost daily to examine most minutely the nicest and most obscure points of the law. He must be prepared to give an opinion offhand on questions of gravity and delicacy, and it is easily comprehensible how one inured to such habits of mind would in a very short time accustom himself to deal with the abstruse studies of Masonic science. However, it is no business of ours to dwell at any considerable length on a brother's private career—using the word "private" in contradistinction from the word "Masonic." Our duty is to chronicle the deeds he has done in the cause of Freemasonry, and to this agreeable duty we forthwith betake ourselves.

The career of our "Devon Craftsman" as a Mason is anterior to his connection with this particular Province. In fact, his Masonic infancy and the earliest distinction he gained as a brother are associated with the Province of Kent, a Province much nearer the head-quarters of the Craft. He was, in short, initiated in the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells, in the month of October 1866, and he attained to the second and third degrees in the months of November and December. In March of the following year, he was appointed to the office of Inner Guard, a subordinate office, yet one which even more eminent Masons still have again and again been pleased to hold—it is needless to say with what advantage to the Lodges of which they happened to be members. In March 1871, he joined the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, East Stonehouse, and in doing so was under the necessity of severing his connection

with his Mother Lodge. The propriety of such a step will be unhesitatingly recognised. It was impossible he could justly fulfil his Masonic duties in the Provinces of Kent and Devon, considering the distance at which they are situated from one another. It was incumbent, therefore, on him, when transferring his residence from the former to the latter county, to transfer his allegiance from a Kent to a Devon Lodge. On the 24th June of the same year, he was appointed Junior Deacon in the Sincerity, and on the same day in the year following he had the honour of being re-appointed to that office. In this latter year, he became a joining member of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, Plymouth, a comparatively young Lodge, having been constituted only in 1868, and requiring, therefore, it may be supposed, more support from young and energetic brethren than one which already boasted an existence of upwards of a century. On the 27th December of the same year he was appointed Junior Deacon of the St. John's; on 14th July 1873 he had conferred upon him the still more responsible office of Junior Warden of the Sincerity, and ultimately on the 24th June 1874, he attained what is regarded as the goal of every true and worthy Mason's ambition—the Mastership of his Lodge. On that day he was formally installed into the highest office it was in the power of his brethren of the Sincerity to bestow, and there were upwards of forty Past Past Masters present to witness the interesting ceremony. This fact alone will serve to show the high esteem in which he was held by his fellows. On the 24th June of the following year he was further honoured by being elected to represent the Lodge of Sincerity on the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon, and it must be obvious to our readers that such an election could only have fallen on one who was deemed worthy as well as in every way capable of discussing and adjudicating upon matters requiring the most serious and attentive consideration. On the 24th June of the following year he was re-elected on a similar Committee, and in two months' time, that is, on the 31st August, his valuable services were accorded a still more conspicuous honour, as on that day he was appointed to be Senior Grand Warden of his Province. That his services as a member of the Committee on Petitions were of a highly meritorious character, may be gathered from his election for the third time in June of last year, and as we are justified in anticipating his future conduct of affairs from what has gone before, we should say there is every probability that his Province will call upon him to continue on this Committee, so long as he has time and health to spare for the fulfilment of its duties. If we add that on the 25th June of last year, his connection with the St. John's Lodge ceased, we shall have noted all the leading points in his career as a Craft Mason.

As a R. A. Mason his career has necessarily been shorter, but we do not think we are over-stating the case if we declare it as our opinion that in this recognised branch of the Masonic science, he has achieved almost as great distinction as in the Craft pure and simple. He was exalted as a Companion in the Sincerity Chapter No. 189, East Stonehouse, on the 24th April 1871, or, in fact, only a few weeks after becoming a joining member of the Sincerity Lodge. In September of the same year, he was appointed First Grand Standard Bearer in the Provincial Grand Chapter. In January of the year following, he became Pr. Soj. in his Chapter, and in 1874, by a special dispensation of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, was installed as J. and H.; while in 1875, his honours as a Royal Arch Mason culminated in his installation as Z. or First Principal of the Chapter he had so regularly attended, and so ably served.

But it is not alone in Craft and Arch Masonry that our worthy brother has achieved distinction far above and beyond what ordinarily falls to the lot of Masons. On 2nd January 1872, he was advanced to the degree of Mark Master in Lodge Sincerity No. 35 East Stonehouse, and in the November following was appointed M.O. In 1873 he rose to the position of Senior Warden, and a week or two afterwards had the honour of the Junior Wardenship of the Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M.M. Devon conferred upon him, while on the very same day he joined the Elliott Mark Lodge, East Stonehouse. On 4th November 1874 he was installed as Master of the Sincerity, and in February of the current year he has achieved similar distinction in the Elliott Lodge. To complete the list of his Mark honours, we must add that in June 1876 he attained the rank of Junior Grand Deacon of the Mark Grand

Lodge of England and Wales. As our readers are aware, the degree of Royal Ark Mariner is worked in association with, or, we should say rather, under the auspices of the Mark degree. It is not surprising, therefore, that one so attached to the latter should be desirous of fathoming the mysteries of the former, or that his desire should be abundantly gratified. Thus, we find that on the 23rd July 1873, he received the Ark degree in the Kent Lodge of M.M.M. in London; and in January 1875 he was installed the first W.C.N. of the Sincerity Lodge at East Stonehouse of Royal Ark Mariners, a post he was again elected to fill in January of the following year. He has further distinguished himself in the 18° A. and A. Rite, having been perfected in, and being foundation member of, the Huyshe Chapter, Plymouth, in April 1872, since when he has filled the several offices of Recorder, Second General and First General; and in 1876 was at length installed as M.W.S. of the same Chapter. He is now its Treasurer, having been elected as such in 1876, and re-elected last year. In 1875 he became G.E.K. K.H. 30°.

If we turn next to Templar Masonry, we shall find his achievements equally brilliant. In 1871 he was installed Knight in the Loyal Brunswick Encampment, East Stonehouse, and in 1873, as a Knight of Malta in the Royal Sussex Priory, Devonport. In 1875 he was installed as E. Preceptor of the Royal Sussex Preceptory, which he had joined in 1873, and E. Prior of the Royal Sussex Priory of Malta. He has held the office of Registrar of the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory since March 1873, and till quite recently was Provincial Chancellor of Devon, to which he was appointed in November 1873. He is also a member of the Council of the Great Prior of England, and Arch Treasurer of the Order. In the Order of Rome and Constantine, he has served with distinction in the capacity of M.P.S. of Sincerity Conclave, East Stonehouse, and he has been received as Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master, in the Constantine Council, No. 2. He has been advanced to the degree of Zelator in the Rosicrucian Society, and is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Thus in every branch of Freemasonry and its offshoots "A Devon Craftsman," has sought and found illumination to his own great credit, and to the benefit of the Societies of which he is so brilliant an ornament.

But while we recognise fully the praise which belongs to him for his indefatigable efforts to acquire Masonic knowledge of every kind, there is one portion of his labours for which he deserves a still higher degree of praise. Freemasonry, as is well-known, is a Society for the cultivation of science of the more abstract kind, but this is not the only purpose for which it is intended. There are certain doctrines of a simple character, having relation solely to the duties of man towards his fellows, and it is the first duty of all true and genuine Masons not only to inculcate, but likewise to practise these duties. Charity is, of course, the foremost amongst them, and in the field of Charity the subject of this sketch has already laboured hard, and we rejoice to say, most successfully. In 1875, he attended as Steward of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when besides taking up other contributions, he himself qualified as a Life Governor. In July of the same year, he was Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School, for the same Lodge, qualifying as a Life Governor. In February 1876, he a second time represented his Lodge at the Benevolent Festival, again qualified as a Life Governor, and handed in a list of over £100 to the funds of the Institution. In June of that year he acted as Steward for the Province of Devon at the Boys' Festival, became a Vice President of the School, and took up a list of over £170. In February of last year he for the third time attended the Benevolent Festival, but as Steward for the whole Province, the amount of his list, £360 5s, being the largest collected by an individual Steward. On this occasion he became Vice-President of the Institution. At the last Festival of the Boys', he again represented his Province. Thus in the brief space of three years he has been the means of raising considerably over £800 towards the funds of the Boys' and the Benevolent, and has placed himself on the list of subscribers as a Vice President to both Charities. These are worthy achievements, which honourably match with those he can point to in Lodge, Chapter, Conclave, Council. We will merely add *maie virtute*. Some years hence it is probable the Masonic chronicler will find these six Stewardships have been multiplied considerably.

We have now completed our sketch of as worthy a Craftsman as the Metropolis or any of our Provinces can boast of. Those who know him intimately are aware that he is what he seems to be. His duties are many, and they are practised in private from a scrupulous sense of duty, just as they are in public from the same feeling, and without ostentation. To meet him, is to admire him; to know, is to love and respect him; and in taking leave, we bid him God Speed in all his undertakings. May the career that is before him be of long continuance, and fruitful of all good to him and to his!

MILITARY LODGES.*

HAVING in a former article drawn the attention of our readers to the list of Military Lodges existing at the period of the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1814, nearly all of which were originally warranted by the Grand Lodge of England "according to the old Constitutions," or governing body of the seceding brethren (Ancients), we are now able to exhibit lists of Military and Naval Lodges in work under the Grand Lodge of England, or Constitutional Grand Lodge, (Moderns) in 1765, 1788, and 1797 respectively.

LODGES, MILITARY AND NAVAL, 1765.

195†	No. 8, King's Own Regiment of Foot	...	...	1755
211	Lodge in Captain Bell's Troop in the Right Hon. Lord Ancram's Regiment of Dragoons	...	...	1756
237	The Three Crowns at Plymouth, the Second Division of Marines	...	...	1759
254	A Lodge on board the Vanguard	...	...	1760
279	On board H.M. Ship "Prince," at Plymouth	1762

NAVAL LODGE, 1788.

181‡	On board H.M. Ship Canceaux, at Quebec	1762
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MILITARY LODGES, 1797.

112§	5th King's Own Regiment	1755
156	52nd Regiment of Foot	1762
233	24th Regiment of Foot	...	...	1768
237	In His Sicilian Majesty's Regiment, Naples	...	...	1768
316	3rd Brigade, Bengal	...	...	1775
322	2nd, or Coldstream Regiment of Guards	...	...	1780
335	6th, or Inniskilling Regiment of Dragoons	...	...	1777
342	1st Regiment Dragoon Guards	...	...	1780
356	E. Yorkshire Regiment of Militia	...	...	1782||
364	N. Regiment of Devon Militia	...	...	1783
377	34th Regiment of Foot	...	...	1785
378	44th Regiment of Foot	...	...	1785
398	Carnatic Military Lodge	...	...	1786
425	Regiment of Anhalt Zerbst.	...	...	1787
541	Cheshire Militia	...	...	1794||

It will be seen that Naval Lodges had, in 1797, ceased to exist, though so late as 1810 the Grand Lodge of Scotland received a petition from Lieut. Crawford and other Naval Officers for a charter to hold a Lodge on board H.M. Ship Ardent, which, after due consideration and consultation with the Sister Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, "The Grand Lodge felt herself constrained to refuse."¶

In reply to several correspondents who have addressed us on the subject of "Military Masonry," we hope to be able to pursue this inquiry in further articles, and shall endeavour, at the same time, to place before those interested in the subject some Masonic anecdotes connected with the two Services.

* For a former article on this subject, see page 209, No. 170.

† A New and Correct List of all the English Regular Lodges. London: J. Cooke, 1765.

‡ "Freemasons' Calendar," 1788.

§ "List of Lodges, 1797." E. Newberry, St. Paul's Church-yard.

|| Lodges marked thus alone existed in 1814.

¶ "Laurie's History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland," 2nd Ed. 1859.

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GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the few lines I addressed to you on the 2nd instant, I was anxious to show to those of your Masonic readers why the passage objected to by "Q." in a "Free-Mason and P.M.'s" letter was erroneous in a Masonic point of view. It is true when we enter the portals of the Lodge we leave our creed behind us; we cast it off as a garment to be put on again, and clothe ourselves with the lambskin of parity, and that in all our obligations we swear by "one God," hence we are deists whilst in the Lodge. But this does not destroy our faith, whatever sect we belong to in the outer world; sufficient for us that we refrain from all religious and political discussions whilst in the Lodge, that peace and harmony may reign amongst us. My aim was to draw the line parallel, and show the Christian who is a Mason and swears by the G.A.O.T.U. that in so doing he is swearing by that God who Christ called His Father, and of whom he described himself as the "seed," and Saviour of Mankind; so the Buddhist, in a Masonic Lodge, swearing by the God or Father of Buddha, of which the latter represented himself as the "seed" and saviour of mankind, in so doing would not cast aside in the outer world his belief in Buddha.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. R.

Canterbury, 16th March 1878.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Now that the post of Secretary to this Institution is vacant through the lamented death of Bro. R. W. Little, allow me to suggest, through the medium of your columns, that on the election of a successor the system of proxy instead of personal voting be adopted (especially as there is no immediate necessity to proceed to the election of Secretary). To this end let voting papers with the names of the several candidates be issued to the electors, clear instructions being at the same time furnished as to the manner in which they are to indicate the particular candidate they are desirous to support.

Let these papers, duly filled up and signed, be delivered to the Court by a particular hour, on the day appointed, and then let a body of scrutineers be told off to count the votes accorded to each candidate, and, this done, let the chairman announce the result.

My object in offering this suggestion is obviously to spare our Provincial brethren the trouble and expense of paying a special visit to London, which they must do if the system of personal voting is persevered in.

This plan will in no wise be injurious to any one candidate, while the provinces and the metropolis will be as nearly as possible on the same footing; on the other hand, in the case of personal voting, it will cost brethren in our remoter provinces, who are determined to exercise their right, as many pounds, to say nothing of their trouble, as it will cost pence to metropolitan brethren for railway, cab, or omnibus fare.

There is a second point which seems to me well worthy of consideration. A Special Court must be convened for the purpose of the Election, after the Committee appointed by the House Committee have sent in their report, and as the Election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on the 17th May, I think it would be an act of grace on the part of the Committee of the Girls' School if they appointed the same day for the contest for the Secretaryship.

In such case, and in the event of personal voting being insisted on, many provincial brethren who are already bound to visit London for the Benevolent Election, would be enabled to record their votes at the election of a successor to our late Bro. Little.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE,

Vice-Patron.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall feel obliged if you will kindly allow me to announce in your columns that Bro. A. Best, of the Freemasons' Tavern, has generously offered me the use of a room, with every facility for carrying out the ballot for my allotment of Life Governorships and Life Subscriberships of the Girls' School, on an evening previous to the forthcoming Festival. The brethren who have subscribed for my tickets will be informed of the day and hour by advertisement in the next number of your paper.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, Steward.

21 Great Ormond-street, W.C.

P.M.'S AND THEIR PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Kindly answer the following queries:—

1. Does a P.M. lose his right of assisting at a Board of Installed Masters, or of wearing his P.M.'s jewel if he does not subscribe to any English Lodge; and can he be admitted to a Board of Installed Masters under the English Constitutions?

2. The Immediate Past Master has resigned, likewise the Senior P.M.; what is the duty of the Master of the Lodge under the circumstances.

A YOUNG W.M.

[In our opinion, the answer to the first question is governed by the Constitutions, page 18. A Past Master, who ceases for twelve months to be a subscribing member to any Lodge, we are told, "shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge; nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a Lodge." If, then, the case contemplated by "A Young W.M." is one of a Past Master's severing his connection with the Fraternity, we should say he would not be admissible to a Board of Installed Masters under our Constitutions, nor could he wear a P.M.'s jewel. If, however, the case is that of a Past Master of an English Lodge ceasing to subscribe thereto, yet retaining his connection with the Craft by joining a Lodge under a Foreign jurisdiction recognised by our Grand Lodge, then we think he would still retain all his privileges as an English Past Master. Let us take the case of a Past Master of (say) our Antiquity Lodge, who changes his residence from London to New York. If he withdraws from the Fraternity entirely, he loses his status, and cannot recover it till he has again passed the chair of a Lodge; but if he becomes a subscribing member of some New York Lodge, it seems to us that he retains his privileges.

As regards Question 2.—If the I.P.M. and the senior P.M. are the only P.M.'s of the Lodge, it will be in the position of a newly-constituted Lodge of less than one year's standing, and the W.M. should try to induce some qualified brother to join, with a view to his acting as I.P.M.; or if there be already a P.M. among the members, let him be invited to act. But if there are more than two P.M.'s, there will still be a senior P.M. who will become such by the resignation of his elder brother. "A Young W.M." may even imagine that, though the I.P.M. has resigned, he still has an I.P.M. in his Lodge; for the junior P.M. but one would certainly, out of the P.M.'s subscribing to the Lodge, be the Past Master who had immediately preceded the W.M. in the chair, there being no other subscribing member of the Lodge who had intervened between them.—ED. F.C.]

THE LATE BRO. THOMAS AUSTIN.

ON Saturday, the 13th instant, the remains of Bro. Thomas Austin were interred in the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow-road. The funeral cortege, which was conducted by Bro. R. Ayton P.M. 933, consisted of a hearse drawn by four horses, and four mourning carriages. The first carriage contained Bro. Stedman (a nephew of the deceased), Bro. E. Williams (the executor), and Mr. Weybret (an old friend). In the second carriage were Bros. J. G. Stevens, T. J. Barnes, Wainwright, and Myers. In the third carriage were Bros. Brown, Jonathan Taylor, Tucker, and W. Yetton. In the fourth carriage were Bros. Cundick, T. Yetton, and Eastwood. On the arrival at the Cemetery, the Rev. Bro. David Shaboe joined the procession to the church; he was accompanied by a numerous assemblage of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Lacey, Barnes jun., Mole, Adams, Dudley, Gilchrist, Webb, J. J. Marsh, Lazarus, Job, Houghton, I. P. Cohen, Abrahams, Cotter, Jones, Edney, Battran, Waterer, McDonald, Holliday, McCarthy, Hogarth, Gaskell, Johnson, Lindus, Pinnell, John Taylor, Hewlett, and others, representing the following Lodges:—viz., 933, 554, 174, 1421, 186, 1306, 1178, 1326, 188, 1607, 1076, 205, 1579, 1445, 1107, &c., &c.

After the impressive ceremony of the service for burial of the dead had been read in the church, the procession was formed and followed the remains of the deceased to the grave, each brother being supplied with a sprig of acacia. On the arrival at the grave, and after the coffin had been lowered to its resting place, the concluding portion of the service was read; during which the coffin was bestrewn with acacia sprigs, and a bunch of white camellias was gracefully added by a lady, the daughter of a respected P.M. of the Doric Lodge.

Many expressions of regret and fraternal regard were uttered as to the genial temper and urbanity of Bro. Austin, and the universal opinion of the brethren testified to his worth, and ability as a Masonic Preceptor, his love for Freemasonry, and earnest desire to "look with an eye of charity on the failings of a brother."

R. J. D.

THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

LODGE of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. J. M. Clabon presided; Bro. Joshua Nunn was in the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. James Brett in the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Rawson, Levander, Cabitt, Hogard, Joseph Smith, Counts, Dr. Woodman, Case, C. P. Cobham, John Constable, Rev. Dr. Brette, John Hervey, H. G. Buss, J. M. Klenck, D. R. Still, Nelson Reed, and C. B. Payne Grand Tyler, were among the other brethren who attended. There were twenty-five candidates for relief, and of these assistance was given to twenty-one, to the extent of £135. Three cases were incomplete, and the consideration of them was deferred. In one case the petitioner had died since his application was sent in,

In Memoriam.

ROBERT WENTWORTH LITTLE,

BORN 10th AUGUST 1838,

DIED 12th APRIL 1878.

IT is not surprising that, in a numerous Fraternity like ours, the painful duty of recording the death of some distinguished brother should occasionally devolve upon us. Last week, it was an able Preceptor whose obituary appeared in these columns. This week our task is to chronicle the virtues of a still more prominent member of the Craft, whose death, unfortunately, albeit he was in the prime of life, has been for months past expected by all who knew him. For a long time our deceased brother had suffered from that insidious disease whose ravages in our variable climate are so terrible, and it was long ago apparent that sooner or later, as his physical strength was capable of bearing a more or less prolonged strain, the end must come. But though so long foreseen, his death appears to have come upon us at the last as a surprise. We had been so accustomed to hear of his illness one day, and the next of his partial restoration to health, that many brethren can hardly for the moment realise that one whose name has been so familiar to them, is gone at last to that country, "from whose bourne no traveller returns." But let us pass without further consideration to the sad duty of the moment. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the able and energetic Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, died on Friday last, and on Wednesday his remains were committed to the earth, in the presence of a numerous gathering of Freemasons, who had known him intimately in life, and were resolved on paying him this last tribute of their love and respect. That he was in every way worthy of such tribute may be gathered from a brief sketch of his career. We need not go much into detail, for in the year 1876 there appeared in these columns a pen and ink portrait of him as a brother well versed in the abstruse branches of Masonic science.* He was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, in the year 1861. In 1862, he was appointed to a junior post in the Grand Secretary's office, and in 1866, he rose to be second clerk and cashier. In 1872, he became a candidate for the Secretaryship now rendered vacant by his death, and in the beginning of 1873 he entered on his important duties. How well he performed them it is needless to point out. In the year of his election the income of the Girls' School was only £5,200. Last year, but little short of £10,000 was obtained at the Festival, while the income from all sources was in round figures £11,854. This is enough to show how ably, how energetically, and how conscientiously he must have laboured in behalf of the Institution, and if for no other reason than this his memory will always be held sacred among English Masons. He will be held up as an example to others, and whenever it may be judged wise to encourage a young brother to strive earnestly and laboriously to fulfil his duties, we can readily imagine that the successful labours of Bro. Little will be cited, and that he will receive the simple injunction, "Go thou, and do likewise." At all events, whether we do or do not imagine this may happen, there is every reason why such an injunction should be given to the Masonic novice, more especially as Bro. Little was not only an able official, but was likewise a brilliant Mason, who had achieved distinction of no ordinary character in every branch of Freemasonry. Thus, in Craft he had held the honourable post of Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex from its erection into a Province till a little less than a year since, when he received the still higher honour of being appointed Dep. Prov. G. Master. He had been Prov. G. H. of his Prov. Grand Chapter; while in the Mark Degree, in the A. and A. Rite, and in the several Orders of Masonic Knight-

hood, the honours he had had conferred on him were as numerous as they were considerable. He was, moreover, an able exponent of Masonic science. He had written much and well, and though it is probable that his health had latterly prevented him from using his pen as freely as of yore, he was a safe adviser in matters of Masonic practice and a learned teacher of Masonic doctrine. Moreover, he enjoyed what may certainly be described as the unique honour of having consecrated all the Lodges in the Province of Middlesex, while he was an honorary member of upwards of eighty Lodges and Chapters. Again, in the practice of that particular virtue which is so strictly enjoined on all Masons, Bro. Little had played his part worthily. He was a liberal supporter of all our Institutions, and had served many Stewardships, but especially was this the case with that Institution with which, for nearly six years past, his name had been associated. But need we say more in praise of him who is gone for ever from among us? The mournful procession of his brethren moving slowly round the place of his burial, and casting their sprigs of acacia into his grave, is testimony sufficient to the love and esteem in which he was held. He was, indeed, a worthy brother. As an officer of one of our Schools, he was distinguished by energy and ability; as a Mason, he was a wise ruler and a trustworthy counsellor; as an exponent of our mysteries in various Masonic periodicals, he had the pen of a learned as well as of a fluent writer. To her who is left behind to mourn his loss, who knew him most intimately, and must therefore feel the burden of her sorrow almost too heavy for her to bear, we offer our humble tribute of respect. We dare not intrude further on the privacy of her grief, but we take leave to say that at this supreme moment of her agony, she must derive her chief consolation from the knowledge that every Mason who has heard the name of Little associated it, as a matter of course, with the successful administration of our oldest Charitable Institution; while those who knew him, loved and respected him the more deeply the more intimate was their knowledge of his many and amiable claims on their regard.

As a matter of course there are already several candidates in the field for the vacant Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The names which have reached us thus far are those of Bro. Hedges, Bro. C. FitzGerald Matier our genial and energetic "Peripatetic Brother," Bro. H. A. Dubois, and Bro. Crick. The address of Bro. Matier will be found in our advertisement columns.

The Installation Meeting of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, was held on Wednesday evening at the Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street. Bro. H. D. Stead W.M. presided, and in due course installed, in a manner to be greatly commended, Bro. Jos. Langton as his successor. The Officers were then appointed, and later in the evening the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was in every way worthy of the Club *cuisine* and its excellent *chef*. A most pleasant evening was spent; but owing to pressure on our space, a full report of the proceedings is held over till next week.

We have received copies of some catalogues of Bro. Dick Radclyffe and Co., the well known horticulturists and floral decorators, of 129 High Holborn. To most of our readers the name of this firm must be familiar, for at many of our Lodge meetings—the Etonian of Windsor is a case which occurs to us at the moment of writing—we have had opportunities of judging of their taste in floral decoration. A Masonic banquet room, well furnished with rare plants and flowers, presents a very effective picture. It is certainly "a thing of beauty," if not exactly "a joy for ever." Indeed, our readers may easily picture to themselves the prettiness of such a scene, and there are many and valid reasons why, at our festive gatherings, we should endeavour to minister to the pleasures of the eye as well as to those of the palate. As regards the catalogues to which we have referred, it will suffice if we say that they contain lists of every kind of kitchen-garden and floral-garden seeds, of choice plants and of all things requisite for effective floral decoration, whether for conservatories, for window-gardening, for rooms and halls, or for the garden, arbours, &c.; and we commend them to the notice of those of our readers who have a taste for this particular form of pleasure.

* See "The Mystic," pp. 100-105, *Masonic Portraits*, published by W. W. Morgan, 67 Barbican.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THIS Court was held last Saturday, in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the chairmanship of Colonel Creaton. The attendance of the brethren was very large. At the commencement of the business Colonel Creaton announced the death of Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the Secretary, which occurred the previous evening. On the motion of Bro. John Boyd, Colonel Creaton was authorised to sign cheques, and a letter of condolence with the widow of Bro. Little was ordered to be written and sent to her. The chairman then informed the brethren, that although the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Institution had fallen through for the present, he believed it would take place in the ensuing June or July. On the motion of Bro. Joseph Smith, seconded by Bro. Sabine, Colonel Creaton was elected Treasurer of the Institution. The General Committee of last year was re-elected, and resolutions were come to to elect nineteen girls; to transfer the funded property of the Institution into the names of the present trustees; and to authorise the Building Committee to incur an expense of £900 in laying out the grounds of the Institution. Colonel Creaton said that the Institution had bought a new piece of ground, which required to be laid out; and the old ground had been so much cut up with the works in connection with the new buildings, that it also required entire relaying out. He then suggested that as the works would not be complete by the time the new House Committee was elected, that the present House Committee, who had been appointed the Building Committee, should remain the Building Committee till the works were finished, as he thought it would be unfair that the existing Building Committee, who had had all the trouble, should have the completion of the work executed under the supervision of any new body. The meeting concurred in the chairman's view, and unanimously decided to let the present Building Committee continue to discharge their function till the works were finished. Bro. Thomas W. White's motion—

"That John Bond Cabbell, Esq., the Devisee of Trust Estates under the will of the late Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, the survivor of the Trustees in whom the property of the Institution is vested, be requested and authorised to execute the necessary documents to vest the said property in the present trustees," viz.:—

The Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, was then brought on and carried, and after the chairman had stated that the condition of the grave of Miss Crooke, for thirty-four years matron to the School, should be attended to (the matter had been drawn to his notice by Bro. Sabine), the election of the nineteen girls was taken.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOY'S SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School was held on Monday, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Col. Creaton. On the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, seconded by Bro. H. A. Du Bois, Lord Leigh, who had expressed his willingness to act as trustee in the room of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, was elected as a trustee of the Institution. A letter of condolence was directed to be written and sent to the widow and family of Bro. Bentley Shaw, and Bro. George Plucknett was afterwards re-elected Treasurer of the School. The General Committee was re-elected, and after scrutineers of votes had been appointed, the election of thirty-one boys to the School took place.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The annual meeting, for Installation of Worshipful Master and appointment of Officers took place on Thursday evening, the 11th April, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The W.M. Bro. J. H. Cumming presided, supported by his Officers, and there were present the following Past Masters: Bros. John Boyd, W. Paas, Sculczewsky, Nowakowsky, Moore, &c., while amongst the Visitors were Bros. A. A. Davis P.M. 90, J. B. Sorrell P.M. 176, George Hunt (Revere, Boston), John Webber P.M., W. G. Atkins J.W. 857, G. R. Shervill W.M. 25, H. W. Alford 228, F. H. Atkins W.M. 890, S. B. Lipscombe J.D. 15, F. Romano 101, C. Phillips 185, Saegert P.M. 548, Gibson 3, F. Binckes G.S., Capt. J. Wordsworth G.S., Hubbard 813, Kift 749, E. Collins 25, W. W. Morgan 211, &c.. The Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Jacomo Niedzielski, who had for proposer and seconder Bros. Dr. Jagielski and J. W. Ebner; the result was unanimous in that gentleman's favour. Bro. P.M. Moore, at the request of Bro. Cumming, now assumed the collar of W.M., and the worthy Secretary, Bro. Paas, presented Bro. Ebner for the benefit of installation. Bro. Moore then proceeded with the ceremony, which he completed in an eminently satisfactory manner, at the same time we must not forget to mention he had had no intimation previously that his services for this important duty would be in request. On the re-admission of those who have to content themselves with wearing the rosettes, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed his Officers:—Bros. Aspinall S.W., Taylor J.W., J. Boyd P.M. Treasurer, W. Paas P.M. Secretary, Dr. Jagielski S.D., Dr. Corrie Jackson J.D., Lancaster I.G., Smith D.C., Becket Tyler. Bro. Moore then delivered the addresses and resumed his seat, after receiving the thanks of the brethren for the way he had conducted the installation. The new Master then proceeded with the ceremony of initiation in favour of his friend, Mr. Niedzielski,

and evidenced that his attendance at the meetings for instruction which are periodically held by the members of this Lodge, had borne good fruit. The ceremony was faultlessly and impressively performed. After the report of the audit committee had been presented, and routine business transacted, the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then served in the Crown Room, and the viands were ably discussed. Bro. Ebner presided, and intimated, on rising to propose the several toasts, that as there were present several talented brethren, who were competent and willing to entertain the guests, he would not occupy much time in introducing the toasts. The health of Her Majesty and that of the M.W. the Grand Master were each offered, and fully honoured, the musical party effectively singing the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The toast of His Royal Highness the Grand Master was followed by a selection on the violin, by Bro. Niedzielski, who was accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Giuseppe Romano. The performance was admirable, and well deserved the hearty applause with which it was greeted. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present were associated the names of Bros. Captain Wordsworth and John Boyd, and these having acknowledged the compliment paid them, Bro. W. W. Morgan gave selections from Knowles's *William Tell*. Bro. J. H. Cummings I.P.M. in brief, but felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M., and Bro. Ebner as briefly and felicitously responded. On proposing the health of the initiate, Bro. Niedzielski, the W.M. remarked that not only was he a Pole, but likewise an artist of a very high order of merit, as had already been shown by the performance with which he had favoured them. After a song by Bro. Dr. Jagielski, Bro. Niedzielski rose, and expressed his thanks for the kind reception they had accorded him. He was much gratified to know that he had been able to add to the pleasure of those present, and he trusted it would not be the last occasion on which he should have it in his power to contribute his modest quota of entertainment at their festive gatherings. With the toast of the Visitors were associated the names of Bros. Shervill, Binckes, and Hunt, each of whom replied, and Bro. Binckes in doing so mentioned incidentally that twenty years since he had had the pleasure of visiting the Polish National Lodge. After a Duett, by Bros. Hubbard and Kift, the toast of the P.M.'s,—the name of the I.P.M. Bro. Cummings being connected with it. Bro. Cummings responded, as also did Bro. Sculczewsky, who said that Bro. Binckes's reference to bygone days had brought a flood of recollections before his mind. As he gazed around him, he could not fail to miss many dear friends, who had been with them in the past. Still, it was a source of great gratification to him to see the present flourishing condition of his Lodge, and he trusted he might yet live many days to watch the continuance of the Polish National in its career of prosperity. He regretted the absence of Bro. Rath, and hoped that it was not in consequence of illness they had been deprived of the pleasure of his society that evening. Bro. Sculczewsky concluded this brief but effective speech by thanking the brethren present for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast. Of the other toasts, we need only mention that of the Charities, to which Bro. Binckes replied with his accustomed eloquence. A conspicuous feature of the evening was the shortness of the speeches and the unusual strength and excellence of the musical part of the entertainment. Not only were the initiate, Brother Niedzielski with his violin, and Brother Romano on the pianoforte to the fore in this portion of the proceedings, but Bros. Kift, Hubbard, Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Corrie Jackson, and E. Collins contributed amongst them several songs and glees, a list of which we append for the benefit of our readers. Glee—"Strike the Lyre," Cooke. Part song—"The Soldier's Love," Kucken. Duett—"Twenty large domains," Balfe. Part song "Tar's song," Hatton. Song—"He was a careful Man." Song—"Kitty," admirably rendered by Bro. Collins, and Song—"The Leather Bottell," to which Bro. Hubbard did full justice.

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LT.-COL. JOHN CREATON, V.P. AND TRUSTEE, IN THE CHAIR.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of Nineteen Children into the Institution, from a list of 24 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected:—

No. on List.	No. on Poll.	No. on List.	No. on Poll.
18 Simmonds, Grace ...	1 1664	13 Norrish, Susanna M....	11 963
16 Bolton, Dora ...	2 1171	8 Daly, Gertrude A. ...	12 947
2 Thompson, Louisa Marion	3 1074	15 Bellamy, Effie R. ...	13 941
14 Wayne, Mary L....	4 1041	6 Wilton, Florence E. ...	14 911
7 Whyatt, Marion ...	5 1010	4 Hood, Harriet E. ...	15 896
5 Reed, Bessie ...	6 1022	23 Symon, Rosina A. ...	16 872
20 Carter, Maud ...	7 1016	24 Brunskill, Adelaide M.	17 853
22 Cowley, Clara M. ...	8 1004	19 Thomas, Emily C. ...	18 852
12 Stephenson, Lillian ...	9 974	11 Wright, Charissa E. ...	19 816
3 Spurgin, Eleanor E. ...	10 972		

The numbers 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.

J. CREATON, Chairman.

To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. R. W. Little, the Secretaryship of our Institution is at your disposal.

At the request of many influential brethren I have consented to become a candidate for the vacant post, and have the honour to solicit your votes and interest on my behalf.

In the course of a few days a circular will be sent you, which I trust will receive your favourable consideration.

I am,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Your obedient servant,

C. FITZGERALD MATIER,
Life Governor.

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President:—HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 15th day of April 1878.

W. Bro. COL. JOHN CREATON, V.PAT., TRUSTEE, IN THE CHAIR.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Thirty-one Boys, from a List of Seventy-seven Candidates, when the following were declared to be duly elected:

1 Deeley, R. P. Fras. ...	1811	17 Crew, Frederick Alt ...	1007
2 Shury, Solomon Hiram ...	1733	18 Busher, Samuel Longton...	1002
3 Dyer, Frederick ...	1653	19 Cowley, Ernest Edgar ...	1002
4 Seavie, Harry Bulmer ...	1561	20 Taylor, Richard Tom ...	999
5 Garstin, William Lionel ...	1424	21 Roberts, Samuel Currey ...	996
6 Webb, Charles Thomas ...	1334	22 Shapland, Fras. Gorwyn...	969
7 Bingham, Herbert ...	1379	23 Jepson, James Thomas ...	961
8 Ceely, John Robert Gordon	1347	24 Woon, Albert Allen ...	938
9 Taylor, Ernest G. W. J. ...	1235	25 Henner, William Follett ...	927
10 Sharp, Colin Bell ...	1193	26 Mundy, Henry Seymour...	925
11 Nash, Stanley Harry ...	1118	27 Hutton, John Fredk. Wm.	920
12 Stone, Charles Edgar ...	1115	28 Riley, Robert ...	905
13 Cooper, Walter Percy ...	1113	29 Allen, Albert Chas. ...	903
14 Balcombe, Walter Jno. ...	1104	30 Mackay, Jas. M. H. ...	876
15 Hunt, Edward Clark ...	1023	31 King, Edward W. ...	861
16 Gibson, Walter James ...	1022		

List of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c. may be had on application at the office.

15th April 1878. FREDERICK BINCKES (V.P.), P.G. Std.,
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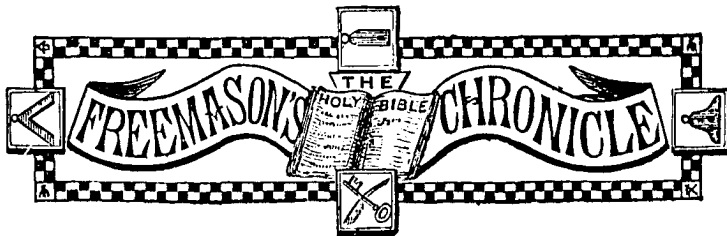
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

WHATEVER may be the opinion of the half score or dozen members of the House of Commons who voted the other evening for a shorter holiday than was proposed by the Government, we believe that members generally will be only too glad to obtain some relaxation from their arduous duties. They met three weeks earlier than usual, the Session has been a most exciting one, and if there has not been an overwhelming amount of business despatched, we need not go very far to discover the reason. We believe, too, that under all the circumstances, Parliament is quite content to leave the hands of Government unfettered. All the world knows what the ministerial policy is, and there is no doubt that the Cabinet will continue to observe, in the main, the lines which have been hitherto followed. As for imagining that the Government are more likely to advise Her Majesty to declare war during the Easter holidays than a few days before or a few days after, the bare suggestion of such an idea betokens a considerable amount of fatuity in those who make it. The situation is the same as it was on the 2nd instant, when Lord Salisbury's despatch had been written, and his Lordship went down to Windsor to receive the seals of office as Foreign Secretary. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has told the House distinctly that there is no change for the worse, and that he still indulged the hope that a satisfactory issue to the present crisis would be found. There was then no reason whatever for Mr. Fawcett to move, as he did on Tuesday afternoon, that the House should adjourn for a fortnight instead of three weeks, and the common sense of the House may be gathered from the insignificant minority which supported the honourable gentleman. However, let us give in outline the Parliamentary events of the last few days. In the House of Lords, on Thursday, the Endowed Schools and Hospitals (Scotland) Bill passed through Committee, and the report of Amendments on the Education (Scotland) Bill was received. A few questions respecting Continuous Brakes, City Churches, and other matters occupied the rest of the sitting. The greater part of Friday was devoted to discussing a resolution of Lord Oranmore and Browne on the subject of Agrarian Crime in Ireland. Among the speakers were the Earl of Dunraven, the Lord Chancellor, and Lords Lifford, Carlingford, and O'Hagan. The first part of the motion, which called upon the Government to take further precautions against these outrages was withdrawn, but the latter part, in which a return of the number of such outrages against person and property reported to the police between 1st January 1875 and 28th February 1878 was asked for, was conceded by the Government. On Monday, Earl Beauchamp, the Lord Steward, read a reply from Her Majesty to the address voted the previous week on her gracious message respecting the Reserve Forces. The Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill was read a second time. A question by the Duke of Somerset as to the shell and plate experiments now being

conducted at Shoeburyness, was answered by Viscount Bury. On Tuesday, the Marquis of Salisbury offered a few remarks on some recent comments of Lord Derby's as to the Austrian Army, which had given offence in Vienna. The Foreign Secretary pointed out that these comments had been made by the noble Earl on his individual responsibility; that there was nothing in the Foreign Office on which, in his (Lord Salisbury's) opinion, they were based, and that the noble Earl's views were not shared by the Government. The House, on the motion of the Earl of Beaconsfield, shortly afterwards adjourned.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, the greater part of the evening was occupied in discussing the financial measures of the Government. For this purpose, of course, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and then a course of criticism was begun, the principal critics being Mr. C. Lewis, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Childers, and Mr. Goschen. The Chancellor of the Exchequer replied, the resolution of the Government was agreed to, and the House resumed. The rest of the time was devoted to the second reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, which was passed by a majority of 164 to 31. On Friday afternoon the Budget resolutions were reported to the House, and that on the Dog Tax was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue. The adjourned debate on the second reading of the Public Works Loans Bill was resumed, and the bill passed this stage without a division. At nine o'clock the House resumed, but it would have been better had there been a count out, for hour after hour was wasted in discussing a motion by Mr. O'Donnell respecting the action of the Government in relation to the recent murder of Lord Leitrim. The honourable member had not proceeded far in his remarks, when he was interrupted by Dr. Kenealy. He went on, however, to state his views, but in a very short time there was a "scene" such as has not been witnessed for many a long year. The exact nature of this will never be known, for a motion that strangers withdraw was carried, and the House sat with closed doors till half-past twelve, when strangers were re-admitted, and the House shortly afterwards adjourned. On Monday, the Customs and Inland Revenue passed through Committee, all the Ministerial proposals being carried by immense majorities. The Public Works Loans Bill also passed through Committee. On Tuesday afternoon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to Mr. Forster explained the present position of affairs, and afterwards moved that the House on rising should adjourn till the 6th May. A long discussion ensued, in which Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Courtney, and Mr. E. Jenkins took part, but on a division the Government were supported by 168, while the Opposition mustered ten only. Then followed a long and unsatisfactory debate about a question of privilege, which Mr. O'Donnell brought forward. However, the Chancellor of the Exchequer's motion that the House proceed to the other Orders of the day was agreed to, but not till Mr. Parnell had been more than once rebuked by the Speaker for his conduct. In the evening the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill as amended was agreed to, and the third reading fixed for the 6th May, when the House will meet again after the Easter holidays.

The Court are at Osborne. On Sunday the Princess Beatrice, the youngest of the Queen's children, completed her twenty-first year, and the occasion was celebrated quietly and without parade, the band of the Royal Marines playing a selection of sacred music under Her Royal Highness's widow at an early hour in the morning, and a second selection during and after dinner. The Duke of Connaught and the Princess Louise with her husband the Marquis of Lorne arrived at Osborne on Saturday, and were therefore of the Royal Party. On Thursday the Queen held a Council at which the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other Ministers were present. As regards the movements of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their guests the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, the latter are making the best use of their time, and are going everywhere and seeing everything. On Friday the English and Danish Princes and Princesses dined with the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, at their residence in Arlington-street. On Saturday the two Princes were present at the University Boat Race, and in the evening were entertained at dinner by the Duke of Cambridge. On Monday the Crown Prince visited Millbank Prison. On Tuesday the Royal party went down by special train to Sandringham, where they will spend Easter. The Princesses Louise Victoria

and Maud of Wales also arrived at Sandringham the same afternoon.

In the athletic world the week has been an eventful one. We will say nothing as to the Inter-University Boat-race, as our readers know well already which of the rival Blues secured the victory, and with what consummate ease they did so. However, on Friday in magnificent weather and in the presence therefore of a great assemblage, the fortunes of the Light Blue had the upper hand at the Inter-University sports. The programme included nine events—the hundred yards, the quarter mile, the hurdles, high jump, long jump, throwing the hammer, putting the weight, the mile, and the three miles; and in five of these, the hurdles, the quarter-mile, the high jump, throwing the hammer, and putting the weight, Cambridge came off victorious, while Oxford won the remaining four. On Saturday at the same grounds, but in miserable weather, there was a repetition of last year's experiment as to trials of strength between men and animals, and everything passed off as well as was expected. On Monday was held the Champion Amateur Athletic Meeting, and unlike last year and the year before, the weather was all that could be desired. The programme included, besides the ordinary events, a seven miles walking match, and a four miles running match, Venn being the winner of the former, and Gibbs of the latter. This must be regarded as the principal athletic event of the year. As to long distance walking there has been another race at the Agricultural Hall, but only one thing of moment happened and that was the shocking death of a man who madly climbed to a girder under the roof and stood on his head, and in attempting to recover his position he lost his balance and fell to the ground. It is needless to say that he was picked up dead.

Madame Rachel has probably but few, if any, who sympathise with her in her present strait. Only a few years ago she was tried and convicted of obtaining a sum of three thousand pounds from a Mrs. Borrodaile, and was sentenced to five years' penal servitude; but this does not appear to have exercised a sufficiently deterrent effect. She had resumed her odious practices, and had got hold of another silly dupe, whom she induced to part with her jewels in order to be made beautiful by means of the enamelling process. Her trial was concluded last week, and she is again undergoing a sentence of penal servitude for an equal term of years. Judge Huddleston, in passing sentence, expressed his intention of not reducing, even by a single day, the full amount of punishment which the law permitted him to award, and the public have fully endorsed his action. The Mrs. Borrodailes and Mrs. Pearses may congratulate themselves that for five years they will have one chance the less of foolishly squandering their money.

Little need be said as to our naval and military preparations. We have a magnificent fleet ready for any service, and to-day (Saturday) the Reserves of the First Army Corps will join their depots, and in the course of a short time be under arms with the colours. There is, however, one item of news worth mentioning. The Indian Government have received orders from home to despatch a small part of our native Indian army to Malta. The force is not a large one, and consists only of two Light Cavalry regiments, six regiments of Infantry, two batteries of Artillery, and four companies of Sappers and Miners; but it is not so much the numerical strength of this force which will attract the notice of the public, both in England and on the Continent, as the Government's determination, of which it is the evidence, to utilize the vast military resources of our Indian Empire in case of necessity. Englishmen are perfectly well aware that it would take but a little time to raise 100,000, or even a quarter of a million of men in India, and they are not to be despised as troops when commanded by English or even Native officers. We know what the Sikhs did against us in the Punjab, and what they did for us during the mutiny. They are a warlike race, capable of giving a good account even of the disciplined Tartar hordes of the Czar of Russia. The Ghoorkas, too, are immensely partial to fighting, and will have no objection to fight the Russians. Our old Sepoy troops are excellent raw material, and have many a victory to boast of; so that, though the force may be small which will shortly be on its way to Malta, the act of despatching them will have a significance, and may exercise an effect for good on the political agents of the Emperor Alexander.

As regards the Eastern Question, we have but little to say. England holds firmly by the position delineated in Lord Salisbury's despatch, and she will not deviate from it. The world for the most part applauds her for the decision she has arrived at. Russia, however, seems equally determined to insist on the treaty of San Stefano, and has shown as yet no intention of modifying her tone, and until she does so, until she is willing to place the whole of the treaty before a Congress of the Powers, it seems clear that no Congress will be held, and the difference as between Russia and this country will have to be settled by an appeal to arms. We trust this may not happen, but it is idle to ignore the possibility of its happening. As to the position at Constantinople, the rival diplomatists are striving to influence the Sultan and his Government, the Russians to make alliance with the Czar, and Mr. Layard to incline them toward England. So far the Sultan has managed to keep neutral, to the great chagrin of the Grand Duke Nicholas and M. Nelidoff; but his case is a hard one, and he needs all the nerve he possesses, and if report be true, a great deal more than he possesses, to keep himself disentangled. As to the Roumanian question, Prince Charles and his gallant army decline to be disarmed, and will make a fight of it. They will also refuse to restore their portion of Bessarabia, and are appealing to the Powers to support them in their refusal. Austria-Hungary has succeeded in raising a loan of fifty-five million florins, but her mind does not yet seem made up as to the course she shall pursue. The revolt in Thessaly continues, and fresh troops are being despatched to the scene of action by the Porte. Servia is about disarming, and Greece is looking on, anxiously awaiting her opportunity. In short, the position is one of expectancy, and we rejoice to say that so long as this remains, so long is there a hope that a second and more terrible war may not succeed the one just concluded.

We beg to remind our readers of the announcement which appeared in our columns last week that the Grand Festival will be held on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Hall. Tickets may be had of any of the Grand Stewards, but none will be issued after four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival. Dinner will be served precisely at 6.30 p.m., and the chair will be occupied by the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist. Brethren must appear in full Craft clothing.

Bro. John Constable, our excellent friend and "Man of Energy," is about to visit Cape Town, and will be absent from this country for some five months. Under these circumstances, and as he is in the habit of receiving a great many letters from his Masonic acquaintances, he has requested us to make this announcement in our columns, so that, in the event of brethren writing to him, and, as would necessarily happen, receiving no reply, they may know the reason of what otherwise might be deemed a neglect on his part. We take this opportunity of wishing our worthy brother a prosperous voyage out and home, and we trust he may be successful in achieving the purpose of his journey.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

The Hull Lodge, No. 182.—This Lodge of Ark Mariners was formally consecrated by R.W. C. F. Matier P.G.W. on Tuesday, 9th inst. Previous to the ceremony of consecration, a Lodge was opened under dispensation of the M.W. G.M.M., and seventeen worthy Mark Masters were elevated to this honourable degree by Bro. Matier, assisted by Bro. Boggett Prov. G.S.O. Lincoln; Preston, Kemp, &c. The Lodge was then consecrated and dedicated, and Bro. Boggett was installed as first W.C.N. The brethren then conferred the rank of honorary member on Bro. Matier, and passed a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to him for his services. The banquet of the Humber Mark Lodge followed. Besides the before mentioned brethren, we perceived Bros. Marshall, Roberts and Barker, Prov. Grand Officers of Lincoln; Bros. Dr. Hay, Haberland, &c., &c.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—On Friday, 12th April. Present—Bros. Finch W.M., McMillan S.W., Bell J.W., Shalter S.D., Turner J.D., Buck I.G., also Bros. Cusworth, Clennell, Coghlan, Yeates, Glover, J. Badkin, McDowell, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, the preliminary business transacted, the ceremony of the first degree was ably performed, Bro. Soper being the candidate. Bro. Finch then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Cusworth, who opened up to the third, and performed the ceremony of that degree in a most impressive manner. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. Bro. McMillan will occupy the chair at the next meeting.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, MALTA.

THE Half-yearly Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on Saturday, the 30th March 1878. R.W. Bro. Kingston on the throne. Present—many District Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and members of various Lodges in the district, as recorded in the attendance book. The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 8.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting of the 1st October 1877, together with those of the proceedings of the Board of General Purposes at its meeting of the 16th March 1878, were read and confirmed. The R.W.D.G.M. then proceeded to install the following officers for the ensuing year (1878-79):—V.W. Bro. the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch (re-appointed) as D.D.G.M., W. Bro. A. M. Broadley W.M. 1717 D.G.S.W., W. Bro. Watson W.M. 349 D.G.J.W., Bro. Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W. 1717 D.G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Westrup W.M. 515 D.G. Registrar, Bros. Fenech D.G. Sec., Palmer D.G.S.D., Bissett D.G.J.D., Shillinglaw D.G. Supt. of Works, Dyer D.G. Director of Ceremonies, Crabtree D.G. Organist, Lieut. Lord A. Kennedy D.G.S.B., Lieut. Scott Stevenson Pursuivant. At the proposition of the R.W.D.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. Read, Bro. Segond was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck D.G. Tyler for the ensuing year. These brethren, being present, were duly installed in their respective offices.

The following brethren were appointed as Stewards of District Grand Lodge, and duly invested by the R.W.D.G.M.:—Bros. G. Pentecost 1717, P.M. Paleologo 1717, L. Schaefer 349, Levy 515, Newton 407, Blanche 407.

In accordance with bye law No. 12 the following brethren were elected members of the Committee of General Purposes, viz., W. Bros. Read P.M. 407, Godwin, Schaefer and Gee.

The D.G.S. proceeded to read in extenso the report and resolutions of Grand Lodge of the 6th March 1878 respecting our relations with foreign Lodges. A communication was also read from the G.O. of Naples, asking leave to appoint V.W. Bro. the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, C.E., as their representative in Malta, and suggesting the nomination of a similar Officer on behalf of the D.G.L. of Malta at Naples.

On the proposition of the R.W. the District Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. Broadley D.G.S.W., V.W. Bro. Rosenbusch was unanimously authorised to accept the appointment, and Bro. Professor Giovanni Battista Possina was appointed representative of the D.G.L. of Malta at Naples.

The R.W.D.G.M. read a letter from the G.S. announcing that the Lodge "Ancient Carthage," No. 1717 at Tunis in North Africa, had been added to the number of Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the D.G.L. of Malta, and expressed his satisfaction at the success and increasing prosperity of the Lodge under the energetic mastership of W. Bro. Broadley the D.G.S.W.

W. Bro. Broadley D.G.S.W. proposed, and W. Bro. Doherty P.D.G.S.W. seconded a resolution to the effect that £100 of the balance in the hands of the D.G. Lodge Treasurer be invested in Consols in the names of three trustees, viz., the R.W.D.G.M., the V.W.D.G.M. and Bro. Segond. The above resolution was carried unanimously, subject to confirmation at the next Communication.

The meeting of D.G.L. was then closed in due form at 9.45 p.m., and the present minutes were directed to be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges of the District of Malta.

By authority of the D.G. Master,

EDWARD ROSENBUSCH, D.D.G.M.

Malta, 2nd April 1878.

NEW ZEALAND.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 1655.—The monthly meeting of the Corinthian Lodge, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Grahamstown, on the 7th February, and the proceedings were rendered the more interesting by the presence of the following Grand Officers, who were met by Bro. R. M. Mitchell P.M.:—Bros. G. S. Graham District Grand Master, W. Lodder D.G.S. Warden, H. G. Wade D.G.S., J. W. Moat D.G.J. Deacon, and T. Colo D.G. Sword Bearer. After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been disposed of, Bro. C. F. Quint presented a tracing board for the second degree, for which the thanks of the Lodge were tendered by the W.M.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 614, Rangoon.—At a Convocation of this Chapter, on Wednesday, the 6th March 1878, E. Companion W. H. Porter Principal H. was installed as Principal Z. of the Chapter, the installing Principals being M.E. Comp. J. C. Krauss D.G. Supt., M.E. Comp. J. Dawson D.G.H., M.E. Comp. B. Samuel Principal Z. Royal Burmah Chapter No. 832, Rangoon, and M.E. Comp. G. E. L. Dawson P.P.Z. Cyrus Chapter No. 614. Ex. Comp. W. Ford J., and W. Bro. Col. E. J. L. Twynam, H. and J. elect respectively, could not be present for installation in consequence of absence from the Station on public duty.

According to the *Masonic Jewel* the following are the principal Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for the ensuing year, namely, Bros. Samuel J. Powell, G. Master, Edwin Marks Deputy G. Master, Henry C. Young Senior G. Warden, Geo. H. Broughan Junior G. Warden, Arthur W. Hyatt G. Treasurer, and J. C. Batchelor G. Secretary. The Communication of G. Lodge extended over five days.

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.

SATURDAY, 20th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 23rd APRIL.

- Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
92—Moir, Criterion, W.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
733—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powuall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd, at 8. (In.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. C.—St. George, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
R. C.—St. Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL.

- Installation and Grand Festival of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
539—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
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.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 25th 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., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

FRIDAY, 26th APRIL.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Bungoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1302—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
401—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 27th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1444—Erasmus, Wilson Pier Hotel, Greenwich.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY.

- 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

TUESDAY.

- K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

- 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1233—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

- 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY.

- 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

- 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

- TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

- WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fishcarrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

- THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 15th inst. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., Percy J.W. Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Stock S.D., W. Cook J.D., Robison I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Hunter, Parkinson, Dybdahl, Beckett, Elliston, J. Millington, Simmonds, Banks, Millward, &c. Lodge was opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, Bro. Dybdahl answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro., Stock worked the first, Bro. Percy the second and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam jun. was elected W.M. for the first week in May. The votes of the Lodge (four in number) for the R.M.B.I. were voted to Bro. Millward. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 29th inst., at 7 p.m., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked, under the able presidency of Bro. R. G. Tolmie, assisted by Bros. Percy and Stock, who will respectively act as S.W. and J.W.

Industry Lodge of Instruction, No. 186.—This Lodge of Instruction has been resuscitated, as announced by us in a late number, and was formally re-opened at the Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctors' Commons, E.C., on Monday evening. There was a numerous attendance, among whom were Bros. Noehmer, Mortlock, and Seex Past Masters. Bros. W. H. Hook S.W., Powell J.W., R. Allison S.D., Philp J.D. all of the mother Lodge. Bros. John Nolle Preceptor, Chas. Sawyer Treas., John G. Horsey Sec., also Bros. A. C. Cooper, C. E. Barnett, H. J. Allcord, and F. Goswell. The Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. C. H. Noehmer P.M. in a most impressive manner rehearsed the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. Hook in the chair. After the investment of Officers, the bye-laws of the Lodge were read. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting, which will take place on Monday, 29th inst. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted Bro. Noehmer for the able manner he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was then closed, after which the brethren sat down to a repast, which was served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. F. Goswell. The unavoidable absence of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge (Bro. D. J. Robinson) was much regretted.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Bone W.M., Biddle S.W., James J.W., Sayer J.D., Harris I.G., E. Gotheil P.W., Walker, Anderson, Woodward, William G. Hallows of Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, Thomas Franklin of Beaconsfield 1662, &c. After the minutes were confirmed, the ceremony of the third degree was worked. The Lodge then was resumed in the first degree, and three of the sections rehearsed. Bro. Bone's work was scarcely as perfect as from his general abilities might be anticipated. There is, however, every reason to believe, that in his next attempt to work the rather difficult ceremony, many of his shortcomings will have been rectified. Bro. Bone possesses every quality to become an efficient Craftsman, to the accomplishment of which a little more industry and frequent practice is necessary, measures it would be well for our esteemed Brother to adopt. Bros. Hallows and Franklin were elected members. Bro. Biddle will preside next Wednesday.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Saturday, the 13th of April, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Joseph Stock W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., I. P. Cohen J.W., Killick Sec., A. W.

Fenner S.D., Ross J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., R. Pearcey Preceptor. The Lodge was duly opened and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Garrod acting as candidate. Several sections of the first and second lectures were worked. Bros. F. G. Chant 861 and F. H. Tomkins 201 were elected members. Bro. C. Lorkin will preside next Saturday.

Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton.—At the meeting on the 4th instant there was a good attendance. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Whitehouse W.M., F. Gadsby S.W., H. W. Parker J.W., S. J. W. Sanders Chap., J. S. Norman S.D., T. R. Wood J.D., G. Ellard I.G., G. Robinson P.M. Sec., J. U. Stanton P.M. and J. Bingley Stewards; M. A. Boeme and B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. P.M.'s; Bros. Atkins, Allen, Brigham, Brown, Barnes, Dorrell, Aldridge, Williams, Jeffrey, Spoor, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Geo. Haynes 1489, J. H. Hale W.M., and N. T. Hewens S.W. 737, J. Ackroyd 297, B. Genner Sec. 455, &c. Bros. E. Haynes and J. Sadler were duly passed to the second degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony. Bro. R. Howes P.M. 445 G. Treasurer Norths and Hunts was elected a subscribing member of this Lodge. Mr. Thomas Chapman, of Northampton, was duly elected and initiated, the W.M. again performing the ceremony. After the business was concluded, the remainder of the evening was spent in a brotherly and harmonious manner.

Royal Arch Chapter de Sussex, No. 406.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter, for the installation of principals, was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. Companion W. Cockburn, assisted by Comps. J. Ridsdale P.Z. H., W. T. Hugh J., T. J. Armstrong E., R. L. Armstrong N., Dr. Luke Armstrong P.S., G. Cockburn A.S., Hotham P.Z. Treas., G. S. Simms Janitor, and a good attendance of Companions. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, M. E. Comp. Cockburn then, in a most impressive manner, installed the following Comps. in their respective chair: J. Ridsdale P.Z. Z., W. S. Hughes H., and T. J. Armstrong J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Comps. with their collars of office for the ensuing year. Hotham P.Z. Treas., R. L. Armstrong E., Dr. L. Armstrong N., G. Cockburn P.S., Balon and R. Carr Assistants, G. S. Simms Janitor. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance in his hands of £25 odd, and £40 invested. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a capital supper, which was done ample justice to; after which the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the visitors were Comp. Bell A.S. 24.

St. Peter's Chapter, Peterborough.—At the last Convocation of this Chapter, Comp. F. G. Buckle was duly installed as M.E.Z., Comp. Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts performing the ceremony; he was assisted by P.Z. Oxford and P.Z. Stanton 360.

Wentworth Lodge, Wellingborough.—This Lodge met on Monday, 1st April. Amongst those present were Bros. J. H. Hale W.M., N. T. Hewens S.W., J. Sinn J.W., E. Hempstead S.D., W. Renshaw J.D., C. Mathews I.G., L. C. Knight Sec., Wallis and Dainty Stewards; T. Cook P.M. Treas., B. B. Aris P.M., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. P.M., W. Kingston P.M., J. U. Stanton P.M., F. Gadsby S.W., A. Dorrell 360, Bro. Genner Sec. 455, and Bro. J. Ackroyd 297; Mr. William Jackson having been balloted for and duly elected, was initiated by the W.M., Bro. Wilkins giving the charge. At the conclusion of the initiation Bro. Kingston gave the lecture on the Tracing Board, much to the satisfaction of the members, who decided that a vote of thanks to Bro. Kingston be placed on their minutes.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 12th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past 7 p.m. Bros. Costelow W.M., Gomm S.W., Gunner J.W. and Hon. Sec., Tucker Treas., Blasby S.D., W. Goss (W.M. 780) J.D., Acworth I.G. Past Master Bro. Roe Preceptor, and Bro. Kyezer. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Kyezer candidate. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the worthy Preceptor, in whose favour Bro. Costelow vacated the chair. The Secretary announced that the circulars for the picture ballot were ready for distribution, and that he wished to be furnished by the late Sec. with the addresses of the members, so that the circulars might be forwarded. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Acworth for printing the circulars. The W.M. for next meeting was then elected, and Lodge closed and adjourned till 26th April, at half-past seven 7 o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the meeting on the 15th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Weige W.M., M. Christian S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Slater S.D., Forss J.D., Brasted I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brown, Bonner, Carr, Holsworth, McClean, and others. The preliminary requirements complied with, Bro. Polak answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the Traditional History. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming was regularly closed down. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Brasted the second sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, 15th April, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-

street. Bros. F. White W.M., J. Smith P.G.P. W.M. elect, supported by the Wardens, Officers and P.M.'s Bros. T. H. Miller P.G.O. Middlesex, C. Chard, H. Lewis, H. A. Farnfield, S. H. P. Moore, S. Griffiths, J. Dennis, R. E. Stevenson, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. W. J. Todd was raised to the third degree. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. invested his officers: Bros. Jennings S.W., Barr J.W., W. H. Farnfield P.M. Treas., Dennis P.M. Sec., Butt S.D., Wordley J.D., Wallace I.G., Lewis D.C., Cozens Organist, and Harrison Tyler. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and very ably superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M. and P.M.'s were given, and Bros. White and Farnfield responded. The health of the Visitors, Wardens and Officers followed, and each toast was duly honoured. During the evening an artistic selection of music was given, under the direction of Bro. J. H. Cozens Organist; Bros. Chaplin Henry, Lester, G. T. Carter and Montem Smith sang some excellent songs and glees. The Visitors were Betts 351, Parker P.M. 1579, Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Green 861, Smith 185, Cox 813, Laurie La Tolerance, Griffith 706, Turner 108, Mallett 141, Warren 1437, Abbott 1716, Gambel 706, Smith 1716, Jolly 913, Pratt 192, Myers 188, Tydeman 1437, Buff 1351, Richmond 890, Mills 1761, &c.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th inst., at St. George's Hall, Deal. Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock, by Bro. A. H. Des Barres the W.M., assisted by Bros. E. Kirby S.W., H. R. L. Botting S.D., J. Laggett J.D., S. Willing D.C., John Westaway Org. pro tem, J. Carpenter I.G., J. Horne Steward, and S. Hobgate Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. B. Harrison, T. J. Usher P.P.G.R., T. Ayling P.G.S., &c. After the preliminary business had been transacted, Bro. Kirby was presented and received the benefit of installation, Bro. T. Ayling acting as Installing Officer. After the admission of the brethren, the W.M. was duly proclaimed, and he proceeded to invest the following as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Laggett S.W., H. R. L. Botting J.W., S. Hinds Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. Sec., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Org., S. Willey I.G., J. Horne D.C., G. Chaudler and F. R. England Stewards. The next duty was to present a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Worshipful Master, which had been subscribed for by the members, in token of his exertions on their behalf during the past year. Bro. Des Barres suitably acknowledged the gift, which he would wear with pride. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to the installing Master, and to the W.M.'s and other visitors who had favoured the Lodge by their presence, and the Lodge was formally closed. The brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to a banquet, which met with general approval. After grace had been said by the Chaplain, the W.M. proceeded to give the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In calling upon the brethren to drink the health of the Queen, the W.M. felt sure he should be supported by every brother present. Her Majesty is a noble lady, worthy of our respect. She is ever ready to support any charitable Institution, and generally to exert herself for the welfare of the country. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. gave the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. As Masons we could but be gratified at having so worthy a brother to preside over us. He hoped at the installation meeting, to be held next week, the Prince would be received, as he ever had been in Freemasonry, with enthusiasm. The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers were next honoured. They are ever ready to do their duty, and to render assistance to the Craft. Bro. Usher had great pleasure in responding. At Masonic meetings it was only necessary to mention the names of those at the head of affairs to ensure a hearty reception. All who came in contact with the rulers of the Craft could bear testimony to the excellent way in which all the duties were performed. Bro. Harrison, the Chaplain, had now the pleasure of proposing the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale; he was sure the brethren would be only too anxious to drink to that esteemed brother's health. The Masons of Kent felt especially favoured in having so worthy a Mason at their head. This toast having been honoured, was followed by that of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers past and present, coupled with the name of Bro. Bird. In replying, that brother thanked the members for the kind sentiments expressed. He considered that their D.P.G.M. was really the right man in the right place. Any of the members of Provincial Grand Lodge who attend the preliminary meetings must know how well he carries out the duties of his office. Great tact was required to govern so large a Province. Bro. Eastes personally visits the various Lodges, and finds out for himself who are worthy of Provincial honours. Bro. Des Barres, the I.P.M., rose: Although he could not call the next toast a royal one, he felt he could really term it a vice-regal one, as it was the health of a real good representative of King Solomon. Their present Master might be relied on, and during his year of office the work of the Lodge would be well and faithfully performed. Bro. Des Barres announced that the balance sheet of the Lodge showed that the receipts from all sources were £90 2s 6d, and the expenditure £75 18s 7d, the balance, together with the amount brought forward, now amounted to £58 9s 6d; he considered this a most satisfactory statement, and had pleasure in handing over the Lodge in so prosperous a condition to his successor. The W.M., in replying, said that he was afraid the brethren had expressed too good an opinion of him, but he was certain if it was in his power he would, during his term, merit their good wishes. Bro. Ayling gave the next toast, that of the Masonic Charities. There might be a few among them who hardly knew what the Masonic Charities really were. In their own district they had special

reason to be proud of them. Last year, the widow of a late member of their Lodge had been elected to the benefits of the Benevolent Institution, and was now receiving £32 a year from that source. They had also been successful in obtaining a pension of £10 a year for a brother from the town, and only yesterday two boys from the Province of Kent were successful in obtaining entrance into the Boys' School. The case of one of the lads, the son of the late Bro. Woon, was well known to most of those present, and he felt sure that the thanks of Mrs. Woon to the Masons of Deal and Walmer would more than repay any little trouble they had taken in the matter. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Emmerson, who is well known for the interest he takes in the Charities, he being never tired of advocating their claims, and always ready to give them his support. Bro. Emmerson in reply said he had been called upon to fulfil a duty which he felt every Mason would be glad to perform. On behalf of the Charities he thanked the Lord Warden Lodge for their regular support. All must be pleased to see the Craft so prosperous as it is just now; however, we must not forget that the mere fact of being prosperous behoves us to provide for the many deserving applications that are made. The W.M. announced that the contents of the Charity-box amounted to the sum of £1 10s, and then proceeded to give the health of the Installing Master. He considered it one of the most important toasts of the evening. Bro. Ayling was so well known to most of them that it was hardly necessary for the Worshipful Master to refer to his good qualities. He practises outside the Lodge, in their fullest sense, those virtues we are taught in it, and truly demonstrates what Freemasonry really is. Bro. Ayling thanked the members; he considered he had only done his duty, and trusted he would always be able to act as he had done. The I.P.M. and the other Past Masters of the Lodge was next given. The I.P.M. had carried out his duties with zeal. Unfortunately, his military duties had on more than one occasion kept him from attendance at Lodge; however, he had always taken care to have a qualified Bro. to act in his absence. Being a young Lodge, they had not many Past Masters, but what they lost in number they made up for in quality. Bro. Des Barres replied. Being so young a P.M. he could hardly define what were the duties of the Past Masters, but he knew one duty was to assist the W.M. and Officers. Anything in his power he should be happy and willing to do for the Lodge, and he felt sure he could say the same on behalf of each of the P.M.'s. He could not sit down without again thanking the brethren for the kind support they had accorded him during his year of office; without their co-operation he would not have been able to carry out the duties of the chair. He must also once more acknowledge the handsome jewel they had presented him with; it had come most unexpectedly, and would be worn by him with pride. He considered that day the happiest he had ever spent in Freemasonry. Bro. Harrison again assumed the gavel. A few words would express the pleasure they felt in seeing so many Visitors present. He frequently visited Lodges, and was always well received. Their endeavour should be to accord as hearty a welcome to those who came to them as is given to the members of the Lord Warden Lodge when they visit other Lodges. He considered these social meetings were a feature of our Institution, promoting harmony and good feeling. Bro. Terry, W.M. of the Cinque Ports Lodge, having replied on behalf of the Visitors, the W.M. gave the "Masonic Press," which was acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. Bro. Bird was then entrusted with the gavel, and proposed the Officers of the Lodge. All Masons must know that if we intend to rule we must first learn to submit. From what he had seen of the Officers, he considered that no Master could hope for more support from that body than they were likely to accord to Bro. Kirby. It is only after a great deal of perseverance that any one can hope to attain to the position of W.M., and only by unanimity in working that success can be secured. The S.W., Bro. A. Laggett replied, and, after a song, the Tyler was called, and he closed the proceedings of the evening. The various toasts were interspersed by some excellent songs, many of which were deservedly encored, and generally the brethren had a most enjoyable meeting. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Bent S.D., J. F. Solly I.G., and G. W. Moon W.M. 784; H. Harrison S.W. 1206, John Lees, R. J. Emmerson P.M. 1206, W. H. Herring Pentangle 1174, E. Terry W.M. 1206, W. W. Morgan jun. 1355, A. F. S. Bird P.M. 784 P.P.S.G.W., J. B. Browning P.M. 784, J. O. Eve W.M. 1209, &c.

Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 1206.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday last, at the Bell Hotel, Sandwich. The Lodge was opened by Bro. E. Terry the W.M., assisted by Bros. R. Harrison S.W., W. W. Woodruff P.M. as J.W., C. Baker Sec., W. Denne as S.D., Woodward as J.D., T. Denne as I.G., Norris Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. J. Emmerson, H. S. Watts, Bird, &c. After confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was brought into requisition, and it proved unanimous in favour of a brother who wished to join the Lodge. The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the third degree, and then closed down to the first. Bro. R. J. Emmerson read a letter he had received from Bro. Langley, in which he asked the Lodge to accept on old engraving representing King Solomon's Temple. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, had pleasure in receiving this curious print, and proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be voted to Bro. Langley. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed. The members afterwards spent a very pleasant social hour. The toasts of the Queen, the Grand Master, the Masonic Press, and the Visitors were given and duly honoured. Bro. Morgan jun. replied on behalf of the Press, and Bro. Usher for the Visitors.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 16th April. Present—Comps. F. Brown M.E.Z., J. Constable II., G. L. Walker J., Thos. W. White S.E., S. P. Catterson S.N., N. Moss P.S.; also Comps. E. H. Finney

G. Darcy, J. High. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony was rehearsed, Comp. Finney candidate. Convocation adjourned till 30th April.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.

—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 15th April. Present—Bros. Blant W.M., Greenwood S.W., McDowell J.W., Mann S.D., Lockett I.G., P.M. Stephens Preceptor and Treas.; also Bros. Glaskin, E. Bishop, Giles, Jacob, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. After which Bro. Giles offered himself as candidate for initiation. Bro. Bishop answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M. Bro. P.M. Stephens then assumed the chair, and ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising; giving the traditional history and lecture, and an instructive charge. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas should be given to Masonic Charity, and further agreed that such sum should be placed on Bro. P.M. Stephen's list in aid of the Girls' School Fund. Bro. Greenwood was unanimously elected W.M. for the next two meetings. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was duly closed with prayer, and adjourned till Monday, 29th April, at the hour of 7.30.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.

—During the last two years it has been our duty to record from time to time the doings of the brethren of Ealing. Here our work has been of a most pleasant nature; we have been enabled to declare that the star of prosperity which shines so brilliantly over the destinies of this flourishing Lodge was in the ascendant. The meeting of Saturday last was the final one of the second session, and the business on the agenda paper was comprehensive, and as extensive as the most devoted Masonic student could desire. The brethren assembled at two o'clock precisely, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Beasley, lost no time in opening his Lodge. The Officers were all at their posts, and took their seats as follow:—Thomas Kingston P.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., T. Brown P.M. Treas., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Sec., J. Green S.D., W. J. Compton J.D., F. Delevanté Organist, H. E. Tucker I.G., Harrison Tyler. The list of visitors comprised Bros. J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, W. W. Morgan 211, J. Owen 671, J. J. Gunner and Wills 780, T. Allen 784, J. Beasley 897, Charles Fogarty and J. T. Hatcher 1319. The minutes of the last regular meeting and those of an emergency were read and confirmed, and Bro. Beasley commenced the ceremonial portion of his work by raising Bros. W. Brown and E. T. Brown. There were two candidates for the second degree, Bros. Webb and Wills, and both were passed, the latter by Bro. J. Chambers Roe. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, and the result was satisfactory. One of these gentlemen was present, Mr. Edward Thomas Bonner Allen, and Bro. Beasley gave him his introduction into our Masonic ranks. We have frequently spoken of the ability Bro. Beasley displays in rendering the ceremonies, and we will content ourselves here by remarking that on this occasion he did not give the members any reason to believe that his zeal or energy had become weakened by the heavy labour they had entailed on him during the two years he has filled the chair of the Lodge. The W. Master then reminded the brethren that the next business before the Lodge was the election of a Master for the ensuing year. He recited the names of those of the members who were eligible for election, and explained the circumstances under which Bro. Kingston, who had filled the S.W.'s chair during the first session had foregone his claim for preferment at the period of election last year. He spoke highly of Bro. Kingston's capabilities as a Mason, and of his eminent qualities as a man of business. When he had resumed his seat Bro. Kasner rose, and most gracefully requested the brethren to waive any claim he might have to their suffrages, as he was desirous of seeing the election result in favour of Bro. Kingston. Bro. Burr also spoke in the same generous manner, and under the circumstances we were not surprised that the votes of the brethren were almost unanimous in favour of Bro. Kingston, who in feeling terms acknowledged the kindness, and thanked the brethren for the confidence they had displayed, assuring them his study should be to promote the welfare of the Lodge and ensure the comfort of the members. The election of Treasurer resulted in the appointment of Bro. H. E. Tucker, and Bro. Harrison, on a show of hands, was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Allen, Fisher and Nye were appointed auditors; the resignation of a member was tendered and accepted with regret; and the name of a brother was handed in as desirous to join the Lodge. Prior to this, on notice of motion previously given, the sum of £10 10s was voted from the funds of the Lodge, to present the outgoing Master with a jewel, and some souvenir in recognition of his services during the past two years. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Railway Hotel, where a plain but substantial repast was provided. Bro. Beasley presided, and on the removal of the cloth proceeded with the toasts. The health of Her Majesty; the Most Worshipful the Grand Master; the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M., with the rest of the Grand Officers, were given in rapid succession, and with the latter was associated the name of Bro. Tyrrell, to whom Bro. Beasley was very complimentary. Bro. Tyrrell, in reply, remarked that he quite agreed with what Bro. Beasley had said when he stated that he was somewhat straining a point in associating his (Bro. Tyrrell's) name with the Grand Officers. He regretted his inability to reply so eloquently as he might have desired. His only pretension for association with the Grand Officers was his having filled the post of Assistant Director of Ceremonies of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire. However, he would none the less sincerely thank the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast, and he trusted he might have many future opportunities of meeting them. Bro. Kingston proposed the health of the W.M.; he had had that pleasing duty to perform at several of their recent meetings, and hoped he might have the honour of

doing so when the relative positions they occupied that evening were reversed. Bro. Beasley, on rising, acknowledged the kind way in which the toast had been given and received. This was not the first time they had accorded him a hearty reception. On this, however, the last occasion when he should have the opportunity of being with them in his present capacity, he felt he should like to say a few words. For two years he had, with the assistance of his Officers, had the pleasure of conducting the proceedings of the Lodge. He considered their progress had been eminently satisfactory, and they were now at what might be considered the end of their first chapter. Before, however, they finished with that chapter he would, with their kind permission, revert to what they had accomplished. He thought they might with gratification look back on what they had done; what they ought to have done; and what remained to be done. In the first year they not only started a new Lodge, but they made that Lodge successful, and had brought their financial year to a close with a balance—small it is true, — but still a balance in their favour. The attendance of the members had always been all that could be desired, and the efficiency of the Officers had earned the approbation and the commendation of those competent to judge. At the end of the second year we find the Lodge free from debt, and having a prestige for good Officers second to none in the Craft, and not to be excelled either in desire or ability. He thought, under these circumstances, they had much to congratulate themselves upon. Individually, he felt he had cause to be grateful for the assistance he had received. And now as to the way in which this prosperity had been brought about. He was indebted to Bro. Morgan, who was a most welcome guest there at all times, for an idea, which he would endeavour to apply. Bro. Morgan had happily remarked, in reference to the Officers of the West Middlesex, that they seemed to realise the true spirit of Masonic association, and while this spirit continued, they had nothing to fear from comparison with other Lodges. He (Bro. Beasley) was the Father of the Lodge, and as one of its founders, had watched its progress with some amount of affection. After what had fallen from the brethren, he felt that he had been of some service to the Lodge, and the acknowledgment of the members would act as an incentive for him to still further exert himself. Any souvenir from the brethren—whatever they might decide on—would always be prized by him. Bro. Beasley then apologised for the length of his remarks, and wound up by proposing in very eulogistic terms the health of the W.M. elect. Bro. Kingston acknowledged the complimentary manner in which his health had been proposed from the chair and received by the brethren, and said it would be his most anxious desire to fulfil the onerous duties of the Mastership with credit to himself and advantage to the Lodge. Bro. Brown, Treasurer, and Bro. J. C. Roe, Secretary, severally acknowledged the toast of their healths, each of them expressing the pleasure they had experienced in the discharge of their duties, and the hope that the Lodge might continue as prosperously as heretofore. The Initiate, Bro. E. T. B. Allen, briefly but gracefully responded to his health, and trusted he should be found worthy of the honour they had conferred upon him by admitting him into the ranks of Freemasonry. Bros. Webb and Wells also expressed the pleasure they felt at having been received into the membership of West Middlesex Lodge, and having acquired in it their first insight into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Beasley then proposed the toast of the Visitors, with which he associated the name of Bro. Morgan, and if a postscript were needed, he would call upon Bro. Gunner to supply it. The compliment was duly acknowledged, not only by the brethren named, but likewise by all the Visitors, and Bro. Dwarber P.M. 55 and 1589 was eloquent to an extent beyond the average of ordinary speakers. The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by Bros. Kasner, Green, and others. Several songs and recitations were given, by Bros. Gunner, who was very amusing, Morgan, Delevanté, and others; and in the course of the evening the last mentioned brother introduced his daughter, who very kindly sang a couple of songs with great taste and ability.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting on Friday, the 12th inst., at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Present—Bros. Lane W.M., Crouch S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Posner S.D., Simmonds J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Wartski, Hamlin, Campbell, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fenner gave proofs of proficiency, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lane vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Campbell, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lane candidate. Bro. Crouch was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday, the 26th inst.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 7.45, JANE SHORE.

STRAND.—At 7, OVER THE WAY. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

GAIETY.—At 7.30, OLD SOLDIERS. At 9.0, IL SONNAMBULO AND LIVELY LITTLE ALESSIO.

GLOBE.—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY and A NATIONAL QUESTION.

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

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

ADELPHI.—At 8, PROOF.

LYCEUM.—At 7, TURNING THE TABLES. At 8, LOUIS XI.

COURT.—At 8.0, OLIVIA.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8.0, THE SORCERER. At 10.0, TRIAL BY JURY.

CRITERION.—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, SUCH IS THE LAW.

DUKE'S.—EAST LYNNE, &c. (Last night).

FOLLY.—At 7.30, CRAZED. At 8.15, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

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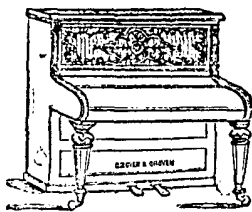
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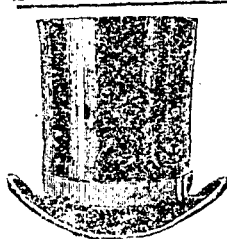
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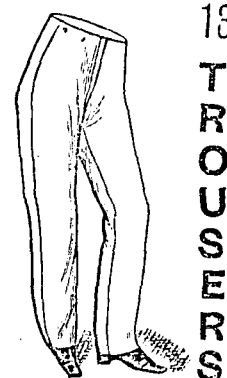
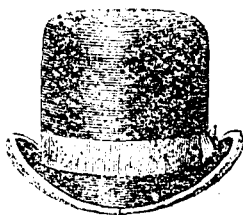
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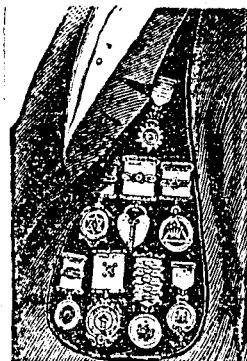


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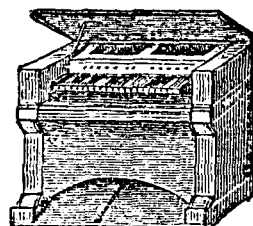
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