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THE FESTIVAL OF MONDAY NEXT.

IT is as well we should remind our readers that the third and last of our Anniversary Festivals for the current year will be held on Monday next, at the Alexandra Palace, and we trust that, with His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in the chair, and a strong array of Stewards headed by Lord Suffield, P.G.M. of Norfolk, as President, with Sir Henry Edwards, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Lyne, and General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Masters of West Yorkshire, Monmouthshire, and Surrey respectively, and a considerable number of other brethren of distinction as Vice-Presidents, the eightieth Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will surpass all its predecessors in the brilliancy of its results. The demands on the time of our Royal brethren are so many and so urgent, that it is impossible for them to take that active part in the doings of the Craft which we have reason to know it would be their greatest pleasure to take, were time and opportunity at their disposal. It is, therefore, the more incumbent on all who are truly interested in the well-being of our Society and its magnificent Institutions to prove beyond the possibility of a doubt that we appreciate fully their efforts to promote the cause of Masonry, when circumstances permit of their doing so. With the manifold duties of their high station pressing continually upon them, they cannot hope to be among us frequently, but when they are present, and especially when they evince their readiness to preside at any of our most important gatherings, let the reception which is accorded be worthy alike of them and of the Craft in general. It is for this reason that, at the risk of being thought wearisome, we shall take this opportunity of recapitulating the most important reasons above and beyond the presidency of the Duke of Connaught, why, in our judgment, the meeting of Monday should prove a conspicuous success. In the first place, the day chosen for this Festival happens to be the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of the present school buildings. This is a most favourable auspice to begin with, and if the brethren will call to mind the amazing benefits which the Boys' School has been able to confer in that brief period of time, they will regard those benefits in the light of a special reason why they should continue, and if possible, enlarge the sphere of their support. When an Institution languishes or falls short of fulfilling the expectations of its supporters, there is, in some cases at all events, some kind of excuse for people withholding their support, or helping it but half-heartedly; but when an Institution fulfils most admirably the purpose for which it is designed, when we find the recipients of its benefits do credit to the assistance bestowed on them, then we say it is obvious the Institution is properly managed, the money contributed towards its maintenance is usefully expended, and it becomes an ornament as well as a credit to its supporters. There is, in such case, a distinct and most pronounced incentive to still greater exertion, with a view to making it still more serviceable, and as the need for its efficient maintenance becomes each year more and more apparent, the coincidence of this particular anniversary with the presidency of the Duke of Connaught is a substantial reason why the result of Monday's effort should be worthy of the occasion. There is too another and equally weighty reason. The commemoration of the opening of the new building will necessarily remind all present that a considerable portion of the cost of the new buildings was derived from the sale of the invested properties of the Institution. The Government Stock, which to the extent

of £13,100 had been accumulated from the savings of many years, was converted into cash, in order that the present commodious School might be erected, and at this moment the Boys' School has but £8,000 in invested moneys on which to rely for any special emergency. In other words, there is upwards of £5,000 more stock to be purchased before it will be on the footing, in this respect, on which it stood thirteen years ago. Is it hoping too much that Monday's tale of subscriptions will enable this deficiency to be made good? A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether on the part of the Stewards, ably responded to by the Craft generally, will enable this to be done, and we trust it will be our good fortune to chronicle a success to at least this trifling extent. Two other and equally valid reasons must be added to those we have already specified. The School has been considerably increased in point of accommodation and the number of its pupils within the last few months. There are, or will be, when the School reopens after the Midsummer holidays, over two hundred boys on the strength of the establishment. This enlargement of the premises has been effected at a cost of over £3,000, and the addition of some thirty pupils means an additional annual expenditure amounting to (say) some £1,350. Thus, at the very time the authorities were expending liberally of their means in order to make the School more capable of meeting the increasing demands on it for admission, they were committing themselves to an increased annual outlay of no inconsiderable amount. We are not exaggerating when we say that, with the present number of pupils, the annual expenditure will be little short of £10,000, and if we set down the permanent income at £500, we shall be in excess rather than in defect of the real amount. Thus, the School has this year trenched more considerably than usual on its resources, and has increased its responsibilities for the future, and had we had no other reasons to enumerate, this would have amply sufficed by itself as a ground for our appealing more urgently than ever to brethren to support "Our Boys." Nor must we lose sight of the fact that, as year follows year, the number of those who apply to be admitted into the School goes on increasing, and even now, with the additions recently authorised, there is every half year a very considerable number of deserving boys for whom it is impossible to make the provision they so sorely need. We cannot, with our present experience, anticipate that a time will come, sooner or later, when the number of vacancies will exceed the number of applications. On the contrary, the probability lies all the other way, and as soon as the authorised list of pupils is full, we shall probably have occasion to deplore, half yearly, the inability of the School to meet the increasing demands made upon it. We are aware it is impossible to enlarge the School so as to enable it to meet all the claims upon its resources, but our experience of recent elections shows that there is still ample room for its enlargement. Thus, what with the good that has been done already, the use of invested moneys in erecting the new premises, the recent outlay in enlarging those premises, the increased permanent outlay consequent on the increased numbers of pupils, and the many demands for admission into the School, we have a sufficiency of reasons why the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution of Monday should be a brilliant success. And, even as a compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, for his share in the day's proceedings, we trust our hopes and expectations will be realised, and that the eightieth anniversary will be the most memorable in the annals of the School.

THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

ON Thursday, the 11th inst., the choice of a successor to the late Bro. Little will be determined, and this, therefore, is the last occasion on which we shall have an opportunity of offering any remarks on a subject which is admittedly of the very greatest importance to the whole of the English Craft. On what may be the result of the election depends, in great measure, the well-being of the Girls' School for some years. We know, of course, that, if the choice should sooner or later turn out to be a bad one, it is in the power of the authorities to remove the chosen one and hold a fresh election, but that would be a certain detriment to the Institution, though not so considerable a one as would be the retention in office of an inefficient Secretary. Rightly, therefore, have we said that Thursday's proceedings will be momentous, and that those who have the right to cast a vote for this or that candidate should do so with no other object than to promote, to the best of their ability, the welfare of the School. In a former article, without expressing any bias in favour of any one candidate, we indicated as clearly as we could what, in our opinion, should be regarded as the essential qualifications of a Secretary to one of our Charities. As a matter of course, that opinion has had its usual allowance of unfavourable criticisms. Taking them together, the opposite views do not call for any special comment, but in the case of one of them we think it advisable to point out a certain inconsistency which it appears to possess with the praise so amply and so deservedly bestowed on the deceased Secretary. We suggested that, all other things being equal, the candidate who held the rank of Installed Master, and was a member of other degrees, would be preferable to one who was only a Master Mason, and the reason we assigned for this suggestion was, that such a candidate would be in a position to exercise greater influence, seeing that the circle of his Masonic acquaintance must obviously be more extended. To this it has been objected, that what the Institution wants is an efficient Secretary, who will be always at his post, not one whom, by reason of his numerous Masonic duties, it might occasionally be difficult to find. Let our readers note the weakness of this criticism. There is probably no Mason living who was connected with more Masonic bodies, and who had therefore more Masonic duties to fulfil than the late Bro. Little. Yet we have never heard it suggested that his Provincial Grand Secretaryship, or his Grand Treasurer-Generalship in the remotest degree interfered with his official duties as Secretary to the Girls' School. Latterly his health had been bad, and he was consequently absent very often and continuously from his post, but his absence was never, that we are aware of, attributable, or, indeed, attributed to the tax upon his time by purely Masonic labours. And even were it so, that a man connected with many degrees must necessarily have more claims on his time, and be therefore more frequently away from his office, yet it must be borne in mind that he has so many more opportunities of pleading the cause of the Institution. We know the Girls' School is of Craft origin, but we know likewise that Arch, Mark, Templar, and A. and A. Rite Masons contribute most liberally towards its support, and it is a decided advantage, therefore, to have a Secretary who belongs to some or all of these degrees. This offers no serious objection to the claims of any of the candidates who may have confined their attentions to Craft Masonry, for should such a one be chosen, it is open to him to join the other degrees, and the matter is at rest. We want a Secretary who shall have weight and influence, as well as the ability to do office work, and it by no means follows that the candidate who will make the most perfect official will likewise be able to command the greatest weight among brethren. We see no reason, under these circumstances, for revising or modifying our formerly expressed opinion, that, *ceteris paribus*, of two or more candidates for the post he is the most eligible who, by reason of his Masonic connections, will command the greatest influence.

A few words more and our task is ended. We have heard it rumoured at different times that now Bro. This, now Bro. That, was on the point of retiring his candidature. Such shaves as this are part and parcel of the ordinary proceedings which attend every election. However, as far as we have been able to gather, all the nine candidates whose names for the past few weeks have been before the Masonic public are resolved on going to the

poll. These are Bros. Crick, Cull, Eames, Hedges, Matier, Smallpeice, Storr, White, and Worrell, and, as we have said before, may the best man among them win! One other rumour we have heard in more than one quarter, and it certainly has a nasty ring about it. We take it, as we take all rumours, just for what it is worth, and for the sake of Freemasonry we hope and trust there is no shadow of a foundation for its existence. Indeed, as far as we are concerned, we shall decline to believe it until we have something tangible in the shape of evidence to support it. It is well, however, to let our readers know what this rumour is, so that if, unfortunately, and contrary to our belief, there should be anything in it, they may be on their guard, and resolutely decline to be influenced by "the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely." Without further preface, then, we have heard it said that pressure has been, and is being, brought to bear on voters to support one of the candidates, and the pressure takes the form of a most discreditable threat that those who withhold their support may at once give up all idea of ever obtaining the "coveted purple" of Grand Lodge. We repeat what we have just said, that we shall most emphatically decline to believe in this rumour until we have something like convincing evidence of its truth, but if it be true, then our advice is, that any to whom it may be made should resent it with the scorn it deserves, and forthwith record their votes *against* the candidate on whose behalf it may be employed. Rather would we see the least capable elected, by a bare majority, or by a fluke, than that the election should be decided by the adoption in any case of such reprehensible malpractices.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE annual meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday the 29th June, and the attendance and proceedings were of the most gratifying nature. At two o'clock the Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 198, was opened by the Provincial Grand Secretary, W. G. Brighton, after which Bro. Henry Lovegrove was balloted for, and was duly advanced, the ceremony being performed by the Prov. Grand Secretary, on account of the W.M., Bro. Close, having the carrying out of the arrangements at the Church. Shortly after three o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, when there were present the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Col. Francis Burdett, the V.W. F. Davison Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Charles T. Bright P.G.S.W., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.G. Chaplain, C. Hammerton P.G. Treasurer, J. M. Klenck P.G. Registrar, W. G. Brighton P.G. Secretary, J. Kirk P.G.M.O., J. Tomlinson P.G.S.O., H. Court P.G.J.O., W. Taylor P.G.S.D., J. B. Shackleton Director of Ceremonies, R. Davies Sword Bearer, J. C. Legg Standard Bearer, H. A. Pocock P.G.I.G., and B. Meyer, J. F. Gibson, A. W. Hume and A. Clark Provincial Grand Stewards, and the following Past Provincial Grand Officers, namely,—W. Worrell, E. Simpson Blaikie, John Close, J. K. Pitt, and F. H. Cozens. Among the numerous visiting brethren present were W. Foulsham of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland, H. C. Levander Grand Registrar, F. Binckes Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary, C. F. Matier Past Grand Warden, A. G. Goodall of New York City, C. Coles 169, C. A. Solle Chaplain 236, F. R. Adams 198, B. H. Ridge 193, G. Kennedy Secretary 226, F. Griffiths 198, W. H. Goodall 211, J. B. Graham 211, E. Palmer 226, H. Shaw 226, G. Spink 226, F. W. Simons 104, E. Whittaker 139. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, in July last, were read and confirmed. The Provincial Grand Lodge was called off to divine service at the Parish Church, where the service (full choral) was kindly conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hodgson; the sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, on the text, "I will give unto him that overcometh a white stone," at the close of which the preacher brought to the notice of his hearers the Croydon Provident Clothing Fund, and the offertory realised the sum of £7 6s 2d.

The service throughout was admirably conducted, and great credit is due to the W.M. of the Croydon Lodge Bro. J. Close, to the Secretary H. A. Pocock, and other brethren of the Croydon Lodge, for the excellence of the day's arrangements.

On the return from the Church, Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed, and then the brethren saluted the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in due form. An announcement was here received that Bro. A. G. Goodall, the representative of the Mark Masons of the United States was without, upon which a deputation of Grand Officers was sent to receive him, and on his entering the Lodge he was saluted in due form.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. W. G. Brighton then called over the roll of Lodges, 17 in number, and reported that every Lodge in the Province had made its returns and paid its dues with the utmost punctuality, except the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173.

The report was received with great satisfaction, and then the Provincial Grand Mark Master appointed Bro. F. Davison his Deputy P.G.M.M. for the ensuing year, and the brethren accordingly saluted Bro. Davidson in due form, after which the Provincial G.M.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Alfred Clarke P.G.S.W., Major Harding P.G.J.W., Rev. A. W. Hall and the Rev. W. S. Moses P.G. Chaplains, C. Hammerton P.G. Treas., R. Davies P.G. Registrar, W.

G. Brighten P.G. Sec., John Mason P.G.M.O., R. P. Tebb P.G.S.O., W. Poore P.G.J.O., A. J. Thomas P.G.S.D., Stampa W. Caubert P.G.J.D., J. T. Gibson P.G. Superintendent of Works, J. B. Shackleton P.G.D.C., B. Meyer P.G.A.D.C., J. B. Batten P.G.S.B., A. W. Hume P.G. Standard Bearer, H. Court Jan. P.G. Organist, Passawer P.G.I.G.; P.G. Stewards—C. Palmer, John Johnston, R. W. Brown, W. Nicholls, Edwin Gilbert, Claydon Palmer; John Gilbert P.G. Tyler for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his accounts, which for the first time in the history of the Province showed a balance in hand, and it was moved by the Deputy P.G.M., and seconded by H. C. Levander, that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Hammerton for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer. This proposition was carried unanimously. After some remarks upon the beautiful service of the afternoon, and the excellent sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, it was moved by the Right Worshipful P.G.M., and seconded by the Deputy P.G.M., that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Provincial Grand Chaplain for his able and instructive sermon.

It was then moved by the Provincial Grand Sec., seconded by Bro. J. M. Klenck, that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to the Vicar for his kindness in placing the Parish Church at the disposal of Provincial Grand Lodge, and for the beautiful service of the afternoon; both these propositions were carried unanimously.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, BOYS' SCHOOL.

WEDNESDAY was the day appointed for this annual gathering, and accordingly there was a numerous assemblage of the Stewards, brethren, and their friends, including, as a matter of course, a good sprinkling of the fair sex, at the Institution, Wood Green, and the proceedings of the day, which were of the usual character, gave evident pleasure to all present. A Part Song by the Choir, followed by a Trio, which Swallow, Steddy, and Battye, rendered very effectively, and a Duet on the piano opened the programme; after which the prizes awarded to the successful competitors in Classes one, two, and three, were distributed. After another Part Song, Duet, and Trio, William Martin's one act farce, entitled *D'ye know me now?* was played, the principal characters being very successfully enacted by H. Bowler, W. Sparkes, G. Widdowson, and P. Heavyside, then a Part Song, and Song—"The Red Moss Rose," artistically rendered by J. T. Swallow—and pianoforte duet, by Stansfield and Price. The prizes in Classes 4, 5, and the Choir having been distributed, as well as those presented by the House Committee and Private Donors, Bruenys' comedy, in three acts, entitled *L'Avocat Patelin*, with G. Widdowson in the principal rôle, H. Bowler as Guillaume, J. Whyatt as Agnelet, A. Bryant as Bartholin, and E. T. Sage as Madame Petelin, was acted most creditably, young Sage in particular showing considerable mastery over the language, as well as a fair conception of the requirements of the part. Two more Part Songs, and the "Tickling Trio" intervened, and then Lenox Horne's farce of *Two Heads are better than One*, followed by the National Anthem, brought the proceedings to a close. Nothing could have been more satisfactory than the manner in which the programme was carried out, while the recitations and singing reflected the greatest credit on the educational staff. The principal prizes were awarded as follows:—The Silver Medal for Good Conduct, presented by the Institution, to John Gilbert Whyatt; the Canobury Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. No. 657, to Alfred Nutt; Silver Watch and Chain, for General Good Conduct, presented by the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite to a pupil on leaving the Institution, George Simons Widdowson; and Silver Watch for Efficiency as Monitor, presented by Bro. F. Rath, P.M., William Spottiswoode Sparker. The Class Prizes were awarded thus:—First Class—Classics: H. Bowler 1, E. T. Sage 2; Mathematics: A. Bryant 1, G. S. Widdowson 2; French: E. T. Sage 1, W. Davenport 2; German: E. T. Sage 1, H. Pinson 2; English: P. Heavyside 1, J. Moon and J. Hazeland, *eq.* 2; Divinity: G. S. Widdowson 1, W. Davenport 2. Second Class—Classics: H. Brock; Mathematics: W. Cheetham; French: W. Cheetham 1, A. H. Stephenson 2; German: A. Pearson 1, H. Baylis 2; English: H. Brock 1, M. B. Ellis 2. Third Class—Latin: E. J. Saunders; Mathematics: F. W. Danaway 1, D. Dove 2; English: H. M. Shipway; French: J. E. Coulthurst. Fourth Class—Latin: W. Jackson; Mathematics: W. Tyler 1, W. D. Whalley 2; French, German, and English: G. Robinson. Fifth Class, 1st Division—Arithmetic: S. Woodhouse; Latin: A. J. Green; French: W. R. Hunter; English: R. G. Head. Fifth Class, 2nd Division—Arithmetic: W. Meacock; Latin: R. S. Chandler; French: A. Stevens; English: A. J. Watkins. Choir Prizes—J. Battye 1, F. Steddy 2, F. Swallow 3. Special Prizes given by the House Committee—Writing: A. E. Grimes 1, H. Brock 2; History: J. Battye 1, A. E. Grimes 2; Geography: H. Bowler 1, C. Sage 2; Mental Arithmetic: E. L. Price 1, H. Bowler 2; General Attention to Studies: E. T. Sage 1, C. Sage 2; General Proficiency: E. T. Sage 1, H. Bowler 2; Efficiency as Monitor: W. Sparkes 1, H. Eastland 2; Proficiency in Drill: F. Allinson 1, H. Gordon 2. Dr. Morris's Prizes were carried off by the following—Attention to Studies: W. Sparkes 1, F. Gates 2, S. H. Sargent 3, R. S. Chandler 4; Elocution: P. Heavyside; Arithmetic: J. Jackson 1, J. Butterwith 2; Mental Arithmetic: W. Meacock; Latin: A. Routledge; French: F. Steddy. Mr. J. S. Humphrey's Prize for Mapping was taken by H. Parker. E. T. Sage carried off Mr. E. V. Gardner's Natural Philosophy Prize. Mr. Sylvester's Drawing Prizes were awarded—Freehand to H. Bowler and W. Evans; Painting to A. E. Pearson; Shading, J. Hazeland; Model: H. J. Wellington; Architecture: E. T. Sage. Mr. Holmes's Music (Piano) Prizes were secured by G. L. Price, J. A. Stansfield, and E. Davenport. Captain Wordsworth's Prize for Elocution was

awarded to H. Bowler, who carried it off last year, and second prize for the same subject given by Lord Suffield who presided, was adjudged to P. Heavyside.

THE STAR AND GARTER, KEW BRIDGE.

ON Thursday 27th ult., there was a gathering of no little interest at this well-known hostelry, the day having been chosen by the residents in the neighbourhood for the purpose of recognising, in a semi-public fashion, the spirited conduct of Bro. Stanbury in building and very suitably furnishing a Banqueting Hall large enough to accommodate the most numerous of the many parties, both from far and near, who frequent the Star and Garter. As we have recently referred to and described in outline the chief features of attraction in the new Hall, it will be unnecessary for us to traverse the same ground a second time, and entertain our readers with a mere repetition of what we have said already. We shall, therefore, content ourselves with stating that on the day in question the new Banqueting Hall was formally opened, and as is customary on such occasions the event was celebrated by a banquet, worthy alike of the guests and mine host, Bro. Stanbury. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thos. Layton, and the vice-chair by Mr. Ellis, there being present a goodly assemblage of residents and visitors, all anxious to testify their warm approval of the proprietor's liberality and public spirit. As to the dinner, we will dismiss it with the remark that the *menu* was admirable, and suited the palates of the guests to a T. In saying this we beg our readers will kindly understand that it is not intended for a joke. A sufficient time has elapsed since the friendly dissipation took place, and we have so far recovered from its effects as to be enabled to avoid all confusion of ideas as to the difference there is between an elaborate dinner and a simple *tea*. But to resume. The *menu*, as we have said, was admirable, and was worthily relished, and on the removal of the cloth, there followed a series of toasts, loyal and suitable to the event that was being celebrated. Interspersed among them was a number of songs, humorous and sentimental, and duets, the artists being our worthy friend Bro. Seymour Smith, to whom, like most of our readers, we have been so frequently beholden for an evening's genuine amusement, and a young lady—Miss Matilda Roby. The latter sang with exquisite taste and feeling—and with a finish which proved her to be a most accomplished musician—O. Barri's "Saved from the Storm," Lady Lindsay's "Love at the Gate," and Skeaf's "Somebody." Bro. Smith gave two of his well known descriptive songs, "A Visit to the Opera," and "The Browns' Dinner Party," and a brace of humorous songs, "Bill Craven" and "The Irish Captain." If we say nothing as to the merits of his performance, it is because, after what we have said on previous occasions of Bro. Smith's ability and skill in entertaining, we should be only repeating our oft-told tale of praise most thoroughly deserved, and we may add, as regards those present at this particular ceremony, most ungrudgingly bestowed. Everything, indeed, passed off well, and we heartily congratulate Bro. Stanbury on the success of his enterprise, and the cordial welcome it has received from his neighbours and numerous supporters from far and near.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE First Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland for the North Island of New Zealand was held at the Masonic Hotel, Princess-street, Auckland, on the 2nd April. Mr. Hood had decorated the entrances and hall with evergreens, &c., in honour of the occasion, and the effect was very pretty. Bro. Whitaker R.W.P.G.M. presided, and amongst the visitors was Bro. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution. There was a large attendance of brethren, the various Lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution of Freemasonry bring well represented, and there were numerous representatives from the other Lodges. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. G.S. Graham R.W.D.G.M. English Constitution; Bro. T. L. Murray P.G. Treasurer; and Bro. A. Brodie P.G.S.W. A committee, consisting of the five principal officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was appointed to draft by-laws and to prepare and adopt a design for the seal of the P.G. Lodge. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted, after which the proceedings were brought to a close in accordance with Masonic ritual.

The installation of the W.M. of the Remuera Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1710, E.C., took place on Wednesday, 17th April, at Remuera, near Auckland. Bro. G. S. Graham D.G.M. E.C., Bro. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M. E.C.; Bro. G. P. Pierce D.G.M. I.C.; Bro. H. G. Wade D.G.S., E.C.; and a large number of Past Masters were present. Bro. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M. E.C. acted as installing Master, and installed Bro. Henry Rees George, who has been S.W. of the Remuera Lodge during the past year, and who was one of the promoters of the Lodge. The imposing ceremony was most ably performed, the Lodge choir, under the able direction of Bro. C. Hesketh, Organist, rendering appropriate music. The following are the Officers for the present year, viz:—Bro. Henry Rees George W.M.; Bro. William Lodder I.P.M.; Bro. Henry Haase S.W.; Bro. Augustus V. Macdonald J.W.; Bro. J. Hesketh Organist; Bro. John James Treasurer; Bro. William Rattray Secretary; Bro. Josiah Martin S.D.; Bro. John McColl J.D.; Bro. James Hardie I.G.; Bros. R. Wyld-Browne and Benjamin Tonks Stewards; Bro. William Bevan Tyler. Before the Lodge closed, the D.G.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. Lodder a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of esteem, and as an acknowledgment of his services, as one of the Founders of the Lodge, and as W.M. during the past year. Bro. W. Lodder suitably acknowledged the present in a short appropriate speech. The Remuera Lodge, although it is only a year since it was formed, has made considerable progress, having nearly forty members on its roll, and bids fair to be one of the best Lodges in the district.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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ELECTION OF SECRETARY R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I hear that a report has gained currency to the effect that I have retired from the contest now pending for the election of a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, most emphatically to contradict this, and furthermore to assure my numerous friends and supporters that I have every reason to hope their efforts on my behalf will be crowned with success.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL, P.M., P.Z., &c.

67 Knowle Road, Brixton, S.W.

2nd July 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I am much surprised to find that my name is omitted from the list of Eligible Candidates in your report of the meeting of the General Committee of this Institution.

I enclose a copy of a note I received from Bro. H. A. Dubois, on the 15th ult., announcing that "the Committee had unanimously agreed to report me to the General Committee as an eligible candidate for the vacant Secretaryship," subject to my sending in a certificate of my birth. This was duly complied with.

As the omission of my name in your report is seriously injuring my prospect of success, I shall rely upon your spirit of justice to publish this letter in your edition this week.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. A. WHITE.

1 Kings' Arms Yard, London, E.C.

1st July 1878.

(Copy.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.
Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
14th June 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I have the pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the House Committee, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last (under rule 45), after your testimonials were examined, the Committee unanimously agreed to report you to the General Committee as an eligible candidate for the vacant Secretaryship of this Institution, subject to your forwarding to me, under cover, by Wednesday next, the 19th inst., a certificate of your birth.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) H. A. DUBOIS,

To Bro. F. A. White.

Chairman on the Rota.

PINE'S LISTS OF OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your "Reviewer" has undoubtedly traced several differences between my analysis of Pine's List of 1734, and the present most interesting series of articles by Bro. R. F. Gould P.M., &c. These differences have mainly arisen through the uncertain, and often contradictory evidence of these early lists, both private and official, but now that others have been found, especially of Pine's engraving, by desire of Bro. Gould I have re-investigated the whole matter, and after considerable correspondence with him we have unitedly adopted the numeration, dates, names and arrangements which he has of late so lucidly explained. One source of difficulty was that the positions of three Lodges were reversed, hence the present 12, 14 and 16, had they remained as originally chartered, would be exactly reversed, as 16 was 9 of the early Pine's Lists, 14 was 10, and 12 was 11. The means by which we have arrived at the result stated by Bro. Gould, while I feel sure it would interest your "Reviewer" (who has evidently considerable taste and ability for that class of work), would fail to please the general reader, and so I omit all explanations save the foregoing.

I do not think, however, that the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge of to-day (No. 12) can claim any especial privileges by reason of the members of one of the old "time immemorial" Lodges joining its ranks, because by working under a Warrant they forfeited their privilege of assembling without a charter, and of being one of the four earliest numbers, the only privilege really they had.

I think with Bro. Gould, that numbers two and four of to-day should have been placed at the head of the Roll, but the "Ancients" did not set the example as to this matter, but the "Moderns," who long before the "Union" had the Stewards' Lodge placed without a number before the Lodge of Antiquity and its sister Lodge, No. 2.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 29th June 1878.

LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In my letter of the 13th April last, regarding the contumacious disobedience of the W.M. of Lodge "Victoria in Barmah," No. 832, Rangoon, in refusing to re-admit, or evading the re-admission, of Bros. A. L. Vaillant, J. N. Seymour, J. C. Jordan, E. T. Dover, and J. Marsh, into Lodge No. 832, in compliance with the edict of the Grand Lodge, dated the 5th December 1877, I stated:—

"It is contemplated now that as soon as the five brethren shall present themselves at the Lodge the W.M. shall either close his Lodge, or the Masonic phalanx under him shall walk out and leave the five brethren, or any one or more of them, in possession to do their own wicked will."

The regular meeting of the Lodge was held on the 10th inst., to which the five excluded brethren were summoned. They were in attendance before the Lodge opened, when it was suggested to them that they should wait outside the door of the Lodge till the Lodge was opened, and then seek admission. This course commending itself to the five brethren, they waited outside, and in due course sought admission; the Tyler was directed not to admit them; after a little while, Bro. A. Bald, the Junior Warden and Secretary, asked to be passed out, as he had a difference with these brethren, and that he declined to sit in Lodge with them. On Bro. Bald coming out, the five brethren discussed the matter with him, and, repudiating any personal difference with him or any member of the Lodge, enquired what difference he had with them? Bro. Bald stated that it was a difference relating to the appeal to the Grand Lodge. The brethren then suggested, either through the Senior Warden or some other brother, that as they had no difference with any brother, they should be admitted.

Wor. Bro. J. Dawson D.D.G.M. in the absence of W. Bro. C. T. Baxendale being in the chair, replied, that he could not discuss the matter with brethren who were outside the door of the Lodge—the brethren being kept outside against their will. The Lodge was then worked in the second and third degree, and when lowered the brethren again sought admission, when they were informed that Bro. A. Bald had stated that he had a difference, and that, therefore, those with whom he had a difference should keep out also. You may well conceive that this difference was only a pretended one (and, in fact, I am in a position to give you my personal assurance that the difference was mere pretence, affecting to be founded upon a construction of a portion of our Ritual), and that its real object was to disobey with assumed impunity the positive orders of the M.W. the Grand Master.

It appears to me, that as it takes two parties to make a difference as well as a quarrel, when the five brethren disclaimed having any difference (and there was not a brother in Lodge who doubted their statement) with Bro. Bald, they should have been admitted, and Bro. Bald permitted to remain without the door of the Lodge, if he chose. I understand that our retiring D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Colonel H. T. Duncan C.S.L., is of the same opinion as the rebellious ones of Lodge No. 832, and that he holds a brief from the Lodge to urge this point (and the matter of the exclusion and re-admission of the five brethren generally) on the Grand Lodge of England, so that the G.L., knowing the brethren of No. 832 conscientiously could not, or contumaciously and rebelliously would not, receive the five brethren again into the Lodge, the G. Lodge would rescind the order of the 5th December 1877, and thereby stultify itself. I am told R.W. Bro. H. Krauss, our present D.G.M., is of the same opinion as the brethren of No. 832, and their alleged advocate before the G. Lodge. For myself, such shallowness provokes a smile of contempt, followed by no small amount of annoyance, to find that there are weak-minded brethren even in Masonic high places; brethren who, by their want of judgment and vacillation, appear to give encouragement to the present contumacious rebellion in Lodge No. 832. I learn that the brethren have again complained to the M.W. the G.M. of England, and implored his protection, but it is perfectly futile, for the W.M. of No. 832 (W. Bro. C. T. Baxendale), forgetful of his obligation, pays no more heed to the mandate of the M.W. the G.M. than he does to the orders of the D.G.M., and so the five brethren are at this date no nearer admission than they were on the 5th December 1877, for they are still without the door of the Lodge.

Judging from what passes around me, it would appear that those whose duty it is to enforce, without a moment's delay, the order of G.L. of 5th December 1877, directing the re-admission of these brethren (with whom there is not much class sympathy), are more concerned about the status of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks (who belongs to their set) than about insisting upon a restoration to their Masonic privileges of the five brethren who have been unfeeling and unrighteously excluded from their Lodge, though nought can be urged against their moral worth.

It is time, I submit, that some severe measures should be taken with the contumacious and rebellious members of Lodge No. 832, and the punishment should be a personal one, so that the Lodge be not destroyed.

Yours fraternally,

A LOOKER ON.

Rangoon, 24th May 1878,
Empress's Birthday.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Bad Legs. Any unnatural discharge from the skin is at all times disagreeable, but in hot weather it becomes irritating—sometimes offensive. Bad legs, old wounds, scrofula, and scurvy eruptions are cooled, soothed, and cured by Holloway's Ointment. It at once arrests all diseases of the surface by purifying and regulating the circulation in their neighbourhood by giving energy to the nerves of the affected part, and by expelling all poisonous and noxious matters. It ejects the seeds of all violent eruptions and ulcerations, and thus confers no partial or temporary boon, but a complete and permanent cure. By means of these remedies all sufferers may aim at attaining health, and will invariably succeed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual gathering of the Masons of Kent, was held on Wednesday last, at Canterbury. Provincial Lodge was opened at the Chapter House of the Cathedral at 12.30, by the R.W. the Prov. G. Master. Viscount Holmesdale, who was supported by an array of Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers, and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Meeting having been confirmed, the R.W. Prov. G.M. announced, that the accounts of the Prov. G. Treasurer had been submitted to the Audit Committee, and were approved, they then received the confirmation of Prov. Grand Lodge, after which the brethren proceeded to the election of Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year. The vote was unanimous in favour of the Past Treasurer, Bro. B. K. Thorpe, who thanked the brethren for his re-election. The following brethren were then appointed by the Prov. G. Master, as the Officers for the Province for the ensuing year, and were severally invested with their collars and jewels:—Col. A. H. King 1536 P.M. 905 S.G. Warden, Philip Higham P.M. 31 J.G.W., Revs. W. A. Hill and J. B. Harrison G. Chaplains, Geo. Payne P.M. 1273 G. Reg., R. C. Burfield P.M. 20 S.G.D., F. Spencer P.M. 1063 J.G.D., T. Wills P.M. 299 G.S. of Works, Thomas Ayling P.M. 1096 G.D. of Ceremonies, J. P. Griffin P.M. 1050 Assist. G.D. of Cers., Simon Young P.M. 184 G. S. Bearer, J. H. Jewell P.M. 1223 G. Org., J. Hancock P.M. 1089 G. Purs., H. S. Neato P.M. 77, T. S. Chancellor P.M. 127, B. S. Wilmot P.M. 874, G. Pilcher P.M. 972, George White P.M. 1174, H. T. Naylor W.M. 1449 G. Stewards. The announcement of the various appointments was received with applause. The Prov. G. Master then proposed, in accordance with notice given by him, that grants of £20, £30, £20 and £10 respectively, be granted to members of the Province from the Prov. Charity Fund. This proposition was seconded by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and unanimously granted by Grand Lodge. The next proposition, made by Bro. Alf. Spencer Prov. G. Sec. and seconded by Bro. Hill the Prov. G. Chaplain, to the effect that £105 be given to the Boys School, in the name of the D. Prov. G. Master, to make him Vice-Patron of that Institution, was also adopted without opposition by Prov. Grand Lodge. The D.P.G.M. then proposed that various amounts (£247 in all) be granted from the Prov. G. Lodge Charity Fund, to certain of the Lodges of the Province, to be paid to the three Masonic Charities, and this being seconded, was unanimously confirmed. Prov. Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren repaired in procession to the Cathedral, where service was held. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Hill the Grand Chaplain, from Micah vi. 8. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Bro. Dr. Longhurst presided at the organ, and an anthem, which was composed by him specially for this gathering, was sung. Other parts of the service were conducted by Rev. Bro. Syree. After the sermon a collection was made, and resulted in a sum of £32 3s being raised. Half of this amount was given to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital; the other half being devoted to the Masonic Charities. The brethren then returned to the Chapter House, where the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge was voted to the Dean, Dr. Payne Smith, for his kindness in having allowed the use of the Chapter House and Cathedral, thereby enabling the Masons of the Province to assemble with greater pomp and splendour than could possibly have been the case in any other building. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the music hall, which had been most elaborately decorated for the occasion. During the banquet several instrumental selections were given by Mr. Tench White's Septet Band. At the conclusion, the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, who presided, gave the customary toasts. That of Her Majesty the Queen was followed by the National Anthem, after which the chairman introduced that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He considered it should not be received with less cordiality than that of Her Majesty because it was second on the list. He is a true Englishman, and desires to do everything in his power for the good of the country, and especially for the Masonic Craft. With the toast was coupled the health of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The next on the list was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. As regards the two former the Prov. G.M. stated that he had not unfrequently had the honour of submitting their names. The brethren knew so well their good qualities that he did not think it necessary to recount them. They had now for the first time during his presidency over the Province the pleasure of coupling the name of one of their own members with the toast. They all knew that Bro. Hill, who had acted as Prov. Grand Chaplain for many years, had been honoured with the appointment as Grand Chaplain of England for the present year. The Masons of Kent had for some time past agreed that some recognition was due to Bro. Hill for his services in connection with the Craft, and the Prov. G.M. considered that the honour conferred on him by Grand Lodge confirmed their opinion. He now had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Hill a testimonial, which had been subscribed to by the various Lodges of the Province, and which consisted of silver plate and a purse of money, value together about £300. This he asked Bro. Hill to accept, with the best wishes of his brother Masons, who were mindful of his untiring efforts for the good of the Craft. Bro. Hill thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers, who, he considered were true noblemen, to the front in all good causes. He felt that had he been called upon to respond in the Chapter House, he would have been able to do so with greater dignity, but surrounded as he was with brethren who knew Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, he was not afraid of their criticising him too severely. He had been connected with Masonry thirty-three years, and had enjoyed himself on many occasions in connection with the Institution. He had made many acquaintances from it, and always looked upon a good Mason as a sincere, honest, upright man. He had enjoyed the position of Prov. Grand Chaplain of Kent for the past eighteen years. He was extremely gratified at the handsome testimonial the brethren had presented to him.

He believed that the Sidcup Lodge had originated the idea, and once having a start, it had gone on increasing, and ended in the splendid gifts before him. Masonry had been to him the oasis in the desert of life, and he should ever look upon that day as one of the most pleasing of its many enjoyments. Bro. Eastes, the D.P.G.M., rose. The present was the first time during the eighteen years their Prov. G.M. had presided over them that the Grand Lodge had met at Canterbury. He felt certain it must be gratifying to him and to them to meet in a city so intimately connected with their ancient brethren. Looking back during the past 100 years, he found that the Provincial Lodge had only met four times at Canterbury, viz., in 1781, 1792, 1801, and 1857. Thus three meetings had been held during the first twenty years, but since then they had allowed fifty-six and twenty-one years respectively to elapse without a gathering. He hoped they would again adopt the shorter periods, as he felt certain that a more fitting place for their meetings could hardly be found. Then again comparing Freemasonry in the Province at the time of their last visit in 1857, and at the present time, he found that, whereas they then numbered fifteen Lodges with 449 members, they now had forty-three Lodges with 2430 members. But this mere accession of numbers he should consider insufficient unless they could also show an increase in the good they had done. In 1857 the Province sent £63 up to the Charities, while in 1878 they had contributed £352 to the Institutions. These figures showed an increase which he felt could but be gratifying to every member of the Province, and although they could hardly hope for a like increase in the future, he trusted they would not tire in their efforts to do good. In connecting these remarks with the Prov. Grand Master's name, they all knew that the whole of the increase was not due to his lordship, many had joined their ranks in consequence of the good that was continually being done by Freemasons, but it could not be denied that the Province of Kent was deeply indebted to their Prov. G. Master, to whose exertions most of their present prosperity was due. He hoped the brethren would that day show their appreciation of his endeavours by according such a reception to the toast as would prove beyond doubt their feeling. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk. His lordship expressed his thanks for the kind way in which the brethren had received Bro. Eastes' remarks. He was always pleased to hear of their annual Masonic gatherings, and he was gratified at the reception accorded him on those occasions. Their Dep. G.M. had spoken at some length of the progress of Masonry during the past eighteen years. He agreed with him in thinking they could hardly look forward to so great an increase in the future, but hoped Masonry would never again lapse into that half frozen state which it held during 1780-1825. He felt sure there was not a brother among them who was not gratified at the gathering of the day. Probably none of those present (except those who were at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales) had ever beheld so imposing a Masonic ceremony. The meeting was a numerous one, and the buildings in which they assembled were perfectly adequate. The Provincial Grand Master was pleased at being enabled to allow the brethren to wear their Masonic regalia during the procession to the Cathedral, he considered it added greatly to the splendour of the meeting which had certainly been the stateliest ceremony ever taken part in by the Craft of Kent during the past twenty years. He then proceeded to give the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Eastes. It was to that brother he was indebted for much of his knowledge of the affairs of the Province. It was to him he looked for information respecting the various appointments to be made each year, and from the general satisfaction those appointments gave, he felt sure that Bro. Eastes was not only able, but really did perform the arduous duties of his office with the greatest care and ability. The toast met with a hearty reception, and Bro. Eastes in responding thanked his lordship for his very complimentary remarks. Nothing could stimulate him more to do his duty or to work for the best interests of the Craft. It would ever be his aim to carry out the wishes of the Prov. G.M., and he felt sure that those wishes would be for the good of the Freemasons of Kent. They were deeply indebted to those brethren who had had the management of the day's proceedings for the hospitable reception which had been accorded them, and he felt sure that he was expressing the wish of all present when he thanked the Masons of Canterbury, and especially Bro. Hall and others who had undertaken and carried through the arrangements for the visit. He hoped it would not be many years before they would again have an opportunity of paying a visit to the grand old city. The Prov. Grand Master next gave the health of the Provincial Grand Officers past and present, referring to each in a few kindly words. In old times it was not unfrequent for a brother to attend the meeting when he was appointed to a Provincial office, and after that never to take any notice of P. Grand Lodge or its committees, but now things were very different. They never had a meeting in connection with the affairs of the Province, but they had a goodly array of brethren wearing the purple ready to give their advice or help in any matter introduced for the welfare of the Craft. Bro. Colonel King, the newly-appointed S.W., was the first to reply. He must do so as a soldier, as he felt it was to his brother soldiers that he was indebted for the honour conferred on him. It was a grand recognition of the work done in Masonry by the Military of Kent, who, he felt, would exert themselves more and more to show they were worthy of the compliment. The J.W. also replied. It would ever be his aim to work for the good of the Craft, both in Kent and throughout the country. The health of the brethren of the three entertaining Lodges was then given. The Grand Master felt that had not the Masons of Canterbury worked hard, they would have met that day under very great disadvantages, but as they had so faithfully discharged their duties, their meeting had been a great success, and their reception a grand one. Bro. J. Plant, as W.M. of the oldest Lodge, replied. If they had fallen short in any way, he hoped the brethren would forgive them. He felt that a great part of the success of the day was due to the grand building in which they had been able to meet. The health of the Visitors was next given. The Prov. G.M. was always pleased to see

members of distant Provinces, and hoped that others would make a point of joining their festive board. The toast having been heartily drunk and responded to, the R.W. the Prov. G.M. vacated his chair in favour of his Deputy, and left amid the cheers of the brethren. Bro. Eastes proposed the health of Bro. Dr. Longhurst, who had that day delighted them with the splendid anthem he had composed in honour of their meeting. Bro. Longhurst considered it a great favour to be called upon to respond to so great a compliment as had just been conferred on him. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings of the day closed. Those brethren who had the direction of the meeting seem to have spared no trouble to make it what it unquestionably was—a grand success. The bells of the cathedral rang out a hearty welcome in the morning, and pealed out a joyful farewell in the evening to those of our brethren who had to leave by train.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Carlton Club Room, Windsor, when Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., presided, and a large concourse of brethren assembled for the purpose of supporting their respected chief. Immediately after the Lodge had been opened, the patent of appointment of Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust as Deputy Grand Master of the Province was read, and our rev. brother was installed in his office with the customary ceremonial. The roll of Lodges was then called, and we rejoice to say that all of them were represented. On the roll of Provincial Grand Officers being called, a very large number responded, and suitable apologies were furnished in the case of those who were unavoidably absent. The minutes of the last annual meeting were then taken as read and—on the motion of Bro. Brownrigg P.D.P.G.M., duly seconded—confirmed. The financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer was submitted and approved, and the Report of the Charity Fund Committee, which was eminently satisfactory, was read, when a recommendation, that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to this fund, was unanimously agreed to. It may be as well to state here, in connection with this Fund, that, with the exception of Lodge No. 1501, Wycombe, which, from being a comparatively young Lodge, has probably not had time to straighten itself, all the Lodges in the Province have a balance in their favour. The Provincial Grand Secretary then read out his report of the Lodges, and from this we gathered that there are, at the present time, 717 subscribing brethren, of whom about 150 are Past Masters. The P.G. Lodge proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, and the result was that the choice fell unanimously on Bro. Charles Stephens, after which the Provincial Charity Jewel was presented to Bros. John O. Carter P.M. 209, G. M. Knight W.M. 574, Edward Grisbrook P.M. 771, and Thomas Taylor J.W. 1410. The Provincial G. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely:—Bros. Filder S.G.W., McGubbin J.G.W., Rev. C. R. Honey Grand Chaplain, Rev. — Garry Assistant Grand Chaplain, Charles Stephens G. Treas., Welsh G. Reg., Robert Bradley G. Sec., W. H. Bingham S.G.D., Cantrell J.G.D., Pocock G. Sup. Works, C. D. Hume G.D.C., G. De Fraine A.G.D.C., Sheppard Grand Sword Bearer, Revell Grand Purs., Britton Senior Grand Steward; C. A. Barrett, S. Innis Baker, A. H. Simpson, F. J. Ferguson, and D. Radclyffe G. Stewards; W. Hemmings G. Tyler. There being no other business to transact, Prov. G. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent banquet, presided over by the Prov. G. Master, was served by Mr. Kemsley, of the Castle Hotel. Ample justice, having been done to the viands, the cloth was removed, and the regular Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and in all cases most cordially responded to. Sir Daniel Gooch, in proposing the toast of the Grand Master, spoke in justly eulogistic terms of His Royal Highness's interest in Freemasonry, while with that of the Pro Grand Master, &c., was connected the name of Bro. Winkfield, Past Grand Steward, who warmly thanked the P.G.M. for associating him with the toast. The agreeable duty of proposing the health of the Prov. Grand Master fell to Rev. Bro. Honey, who spoke most eloquently of Sir Daniel's attachment to the Craft, and the deep interest he took in the welfare of the Province, and in reply the R.W. Chairman thanked Bro. Honey for the kindly manner in which he had submitted the toast, and the brethren for the equally kind manner in which they had received it, adding that it was always a source of pleasure to him to be present on these occasions. In announcing that the next meeting of Prov. G. Lodge would be held at Abingdon, he reminded those present when they last met at that town of the excellent reception they had experienced, and he trusted that the gathering would be as numerous as it had been that day. After Bro. Briggs had sung Watson's song of *The Sentinel*, the Prov. G.M. again rose and invited the brethren to drink a bumper to the D.P.G.M., whose absence from the banquet table must be a source of regret to all, and the other Prov. G. Officers Present and Past, and with it he coupled the name of Bro. Cutler, who expressed his thanks for the reception accorded to the toast as well as for the honour specially conferred upon him in associating with it his name. The toast of the Visiting brethren followed, and in the course of his remarks the Prov. G. Master referred with infinite pleasure to the efforts of Bro. Dick Radclyffe to whom they were so indebted for the floral decorations of the table. Bros. Berry and Radclyffe responded, and the latter in his speech expressed himself as much gratified with the chairman's comments. The toast of the Masonic Charities was proposed by Rev. Bro. Garry, who spoke of the great amount of good they had effected and were effecting; this was acknowledged by Bro. Carter. The other toasts included those of the Grand

Officers of the Province, of the W. Masters, Officers, &c. of the Etonian, No. 209, and Windsor Castle, No. 771, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who personally acknowledged the compliment, the Prov. Grand Stewards and the Tyler's toast. Shortly afterwards, the guests, who had mustered to the number of seventy-eight, rose and dispersed, and a very pleasant day was brought to a close. We cannot conclude this notice without mentioning the courtesy and liberality of the Great Western Railway Company, who issued tickets at half price to all brethren who travelled from London and the Provincial Stations. We will further add that in an early number we shall publish a short sketch of Freemasonry in this Province, based on the account issued some years since by Bro. W. Briggs Past Prov. Grand Secretary.

FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is this year to be held at Redruth, under the wing of the Druids' Lodge of "Love and Liberality," No. 589, warranted in 1851. The progress of the Craft in the County can easily be estimated by a comparison of the numerical position of the Lodges when the Druids was constituted, with their actual state at the present time. In 1851, under the rule of Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., F.R.S., there were eleven Lodges and about 350 members, whereas now there are twenty-seven Lodges and over 1,550 brethren who are subscribing members, and who are all pleased to have so estimable a nobleman as the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as Provincial Grand Master. It is not, however, merely in numbers that the Province has improved, for now nearly all the Lodges assemble in halls of their own, some especially being of a very handsome character; and not only have their contributions to the Masonic Charities (located in London) considerably increased, but the members have had, since 1864, an excellent Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, which has far outgrown the extent originally contemplated by its promoters, having in 1878 about £2,500 funded, and an income from the interest of the property and annual subscriptions of upwards of £200, thereby enabling the brethren to devote sufficient to pay for four annuities of £20 each for aged Freemasons, and for several grants for the education of children, and for the relief of widows, without in any way lessening the money funded. If we look back one hundred years before the Druids was constituted, we shall find there was but one Masonic Lodge in the county, which still flourishes as the premier Lodge of the Province, as the "Love and Honour," No. 75, Falmouth. In 1752 a new Lodge was formed at Truro, and a third Lodge at Redruth, both of which have long since ceased to work. But the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was constituted in 1752 (with the R. W. Bro. William Pye as the first Prov. G.M.) is still in a most vigorous condition, and never so prosperous as now. There are now more Freemasons in either of the larger towns in which Lodges assemble than there were in all the county a century and a quarter ago, so rapidly has the Craft increased of late years. The Provincial Grand Lodge will assemble at Redruth, on Tuesday, the 6th of August, in the Druids' Hall, for which preparations are already being made, as it is anticipated that the meeting will be numerously attended. As usual, the brethren will proceed to the parish church, to hear a sermon by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains (Bro. the Rev. F. J. Wintle, Rector of Beerferris), after which a collection will be made, which will be divided between a local charity (to be named by the Provincial Grand Lodge), the Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and the Rector for distribution amongst the poor. The fine Masonic Hall will be also dedicated in due form, the building being worthy of the object, and one that reflects great credit on the members of the Lodge, the whole cost being upwards of £1,300 (fully subscribed by the company). The annual banquet will be served in the large hall at Bro. Tabb's Hotel.—*Western Morning News*.

Obituary.

BRO. ALBERT SCHMITT.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Albert Schmitt of Jersey, took place on Friday, 14th ult., with Masonic Ceremonial, and as it is eleven years since such a ceremony took place on the island, there was a large concourse of spectators, eager to catch a glimpse of such unusual, and yet such solemn proceedings. The body of the deceased brother had lain in state the previous evening in the Temple, the coffin being covered with the insignia he was entitled to wear. At the appointed hour on Friday afternoon the procession left the Masonic Temple, from the summit of which the Royal Standard and the Union Jack hung half-mast high, Mr. W. McGee's band, playing alternately the "Dead March in Saul" and "Adeste, fideles," leading the way. At the French Lutheran Church the funeral service was performed by the Rev. J. Dupuy, and Bro. E. Dowden presided at the organ and performed, both on the arrival and departure of the *cortège*, some most appropriate music from Beethoven's works. The procession having been reformed, then wended its way to the Almorah Cemetery, and here the coffin was born to its last resting place, Bros. Viel, Renouf, Pallot, Benham, Du Jardin, and Durell, Past Masters of La Césarée Lodge, being the pall bearers. When the ceremony was over the brethren walked slowly past the grave, each throwing into it a sprig of acacia, and several handsome bouquets were also thrown upon the coffin. Some earth, brought from Poland, was also cast in by the Polish friends of the deceased. The procession then moved off and returned to the Temple, where the proceedings were brought to a close by La Césarée Lodge. The following is the text of the address delivered over the grave by Bro. Durell, W.M. of the Lodge:—
"Before throwing a last glance on the remains of our brother wh^o

has fallen asleep, it is not without deep emotion that I come forward to fulfil the duty which devolves upon me to sketch briefly the main features of the life of the man whose death we deplore, and to proclaim the reason why we are here; why we display around this modest grave all the funeral pomp of Masonic mourning. Poland was the native land of Albert Schmitt; he loved his country, and the dream of his boyhood was to deliver her from the cruel tyranny of a foreign foe; to awaken her from the sleep of years; and to raise her again to that rank amongst nations from which she had fallen. Later on, when scarcely a youth, he joined the noble band of patriots who, by a desperate effort, endeavoured to lift from her prostrate form the crushing weight of foreign oppression. Success did not crown their efforts. Woe to the vanquished! The bayonet and the rifle ballet laid low many a noble form! Exile was the refuge of the many! Long years have now elapsed since Albert Schmitt trod for the first time on Jersey soil. He came as a stranger, alone amongst strangers, to claim the hospitality that Jersey has never refused to the vanquished. He brought with him, however, two ideas which have accompanied him and consoled him in the hour of misfortune, until his heart ceased to beat: the remembrance of his mother and the image of his native land. His friends who are here, and who loved him, can bear me out, when I say, that often when his eye was fixed on ideal horizons, and he dropped a tear, the past arose before him, as it would have been if he had not sacrificed his all, on the altar of his fatherland. As he had loved his mother, as he had devoted himself for his country, so he clung to Freemasonry, with the passionate fondness of a man who has concentrated in it all the treasures of his loving heart. Not to the outward symbol, or to Masonic millinery, but to the grand principles of our Order, did he cling; to charity, to brotherly affection, to the worship of truth and virtue in its various forms. That is why we are here, to accompany to his last home the man, who, in the minute details of every day life, practised the virtues which are the columns upon which rest our ancient Institution. Albert Schmitt, we bid you an eternal adieu! We cast a last sorrowing look on thy coffin; but still we hope, for beyond the grave the dawn of eternal life sheds upon us its heavenly light, and by thy grave we proclaim our firm belief in the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe, and our constant hope that when it pleaseth him to remove us from this, our temporary abode, we may accompany thee in that great Lodge upon high, where they, who have carried out the noble principles of our Order, will for ever live. Brother Schmitt, good-bye, we will no longer hear thy voice, as of old, but thou wilt live in our hearts, and the noble example of thy life will not be lost upon us. Brethren, one more word, and I have done. Our brother has lived, as a Mason should live; he has died, as we should wish to die; for has he not accomplished the wish of the poet—'Qu'ils meurent pleins de jours, que leur mort soit pleurée; qu'un ami leur ferme les yeux.'"

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Bro. James Stonehewer, of West-hill and Wimbledon-park-road, On Monday, 4th June, the deceased gentleman was driving down Putney-hill in company with a lady and gentleman, when the pony, usually a very docile animal, is supposed to have run away, and Bro. Stonehewer jumped out of the vehicle. The pony, finding itself unchecked, increased its speed, and after running a short distance turned the vehicle over, seriously injuring the occupants. Assistance was immediately procured, and Bro. Stonehewer conveyed to his residence in Wimbledon-park-road. Dr. G. E. Nicholas was at once summoned, when deceased was found to have sustained severe injury. On Wednesday Dr. Marshall was also called in, but the deceased died about five o'clock on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the comparatively early age of fifty-eight. Bro. Stonehewer had been forty years associated with Wandsworth, and had only recently retired from business to occupy his newly-erected residence in Wimbledon-park-road. He was a member of the Wandsworth Lodge, and a liberal subscriber to the various charities. He was much respected by all classes, by old as well as young, and his sudden death will not only be felt by his sorrowing widow and family, but also by a large circle of friends and acquaintance.

THE AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE.

We have pleasure in stating that Bro. W. E. Franklin, of New-castle-on-Tyne, Messrs. Cook and Sons' agent, will meet the pilgrims on their landing at "Moville," on the 15th, and conduct them through Ireland, Scotland, and England. It is fortunate they will have so competent a conductor as Bro. Franklin, who is well versed in every point of interest throughout their tour, and who is also an eminent member of the Craft, holding a foremost position in the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland. Should Masters of Lodges, &c. wish to accord any reception to our American brethren, they can communicate with Bro. Franklin, 42 Mosely Street, New-castle-on-Tyne, in whose hands the whole of the arrangements are left, from the time the pilgrims land till they leave this country.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Binckes's list of Stewards for the Festival of Monday already numbers 244 brethren.

We are authorised to state that both ladies and lewises are entitled to vote at the approaching election for the Secretaryship to the Girls' School. It will, of course, be necessary they should attend in person, just the same as brethren, for the purpose of recording their votes.

JAMAICA.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW LODGE ROOM OF SUSSEX LODGE, KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

THE consecration of the New Room of the Sussex Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, took place on 6th June, the Consecrating Officer being the Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica. At ten a.m. the brethren of the Sussex, Royal, Friendly, Phoenix, and Hamilton Lodges assembled at the Friendly Lodge under their respective banners. They were afterwards joined by the Scottish Grand Lodge, with their chief, Right Worshipful Bro. S. C. Burke, and the Glenlyon Lodge, after which a deputation was formed to receive the Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, with their chief, Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Hamilton. An anthem, by the District Grand Organist, Worshipful Bro. W. R. Lee, and an oration by the Junior Grand Chaplain, having been given, a procession was formed to the new building. On arriving at the Lodge Room, an oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. Rittenburgh, Grand Chaplain, and the consecration prayers were given by Bro. Rev. Nieto, Grand Chaplain. An oration was also delivered by Bro. Rev. Croskuy, Chaplain of the Sussex Lodge. The following Masters were present—Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Hamilton, Grand Master of East Jamaica, S. C. Burke, Grand Master of Scotland; Bros. Reid, Jamieson, Lyon, of the Hamilton; Ferron D. Bamed, O. Delgado sen., Delgado jun., of the Phoenix; Brandon, A. De Cordova, J. Lewis Ashemicu, of the Friendly; Sargeant, Davis, Langley, of the Royal; Muir, Francis, Lee, Tait, Tompsett, of the Sussex; Knox, Watson, Dias, A. Burke, of the Glenlyon. After the ceremony the brethren went to lunch, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. About two hundred brethren were present. The new room has been got up very nicely, and is a great credit to the Building Committee. It is to be lighted by gas.

Rose Croix.—An emergency meeting of the Jamaica Chapter Rose Croix was held on Ascension Day, 30th May, at the Hall, Kingston. Illust. Bro. Captain Portlock Dodson 32° M.W.S. presiding. There were also present Ill. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton 33° Grand Chaplain, Bro. G. J. Peynardo, Albert H. Jones, C. H. Davis, John Harris, W. L. Madon, Albert Da Costa, R. Langley, &c. The M.W. Sov. conferred the 18° degree on Bro. the Hon. H. J. Barford Hancock, S.W. Designate of the Jamaica Lodge, and H.M. Attorney General at Antigua, who proceeds to that island by the next steamer. Several candidates were mentioned for exaltation at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

The installation meeting of the Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 42, was held on Thursday, 30th May, at the Friendly Lodge Rooms, Kingston, W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, G.M. of East Jamaica, presiding. There were also present Bros. J. Francis, S. E. Pietersz, J. J. G. Lewis, B. M. Dias, J. W. Whitbourne, G. J. Peynardo, Captain Portlock Dodson, &c., &c. The degree was conferred on Bro. the Hon. H. J. Barford Hancock, Thomas Allen M.D., and George R. Taylor, after which Bro. Dr. Hamilton installed Bro. J. W. Whitbourne in the chair, and admitted Bro. Dias, of the Glenlyon Mark Lodge, No. 346 of Scotland, to the Past Degree. The Officers having been appointed and installed, Bros. J. J. G. Lewis, Captain Portlock Dodson, of the Stadholve Mark Lodge, and B. M. Dias, of the Glenlyon Mark Lodge of Scotland, were elected honorary members of the Lodge. Several candidates having been proposed for the degree, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. A petition was signed for a Warrant for a Mark Lodge to be attached to the Friendly Lodge.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Phoenix Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Port Royal, Jamaica, No. 914, held on the 16th May, presided over by M.E. O. Delgado sen. P.Z., D. Bamed P.H., O. Delgado jun. P.J. &c., &c., when the following Officers were installed by M.E. G. J. De Cordova, C. Davis and R. Langley. Most Excellent Comps. D. Bamed P.Z., O. Delgado sen. P.H., L. C. Hollar P.J., J. S. Campbell S.E., E. Levy S.W., E. P. Myers P.S., N. D. Tyndale and Dr. Tyndale Assistants, R. Thompson Treasurer, J. W. Hollar Janitor. Most Excellent J. J. G. Lewis, J. Francis, G. J. Peynardo and C. Davies were elected honorary members of the Chapter. Comp. W. M. Rutherford, the late Scribe E., presented to the Chapter a "Bible," which had been beautifully got up, and supplied by Messrs. Spencer and Co. of London. After the Convocation was closed, the Companions retired to a well served banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The Consecration of the new Lodge-room of the Sussex Lodge of Kingston, Jamaica, it was expected would take place on 7th June. Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Dist. G. Master of East Jamaica, would preside.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 614, Rangoon.—On the 6th March, Ex-Companion W. H. Porter was installed as Z., and on the 27th idem Ex-Companion W. Ford and Worshipful Bro. Colonel E. J. L. Twynam were installed as H. and J. respectively.

Royal Burmah Chapter, No. 332.—On the 17th May Ex-Companion W. A. Nicol was installed as Z., Most Ex. Companion W. H. Porter (First Principal Cyrus Chapter, No. 614) as H., and Wor. Brother C. F. Egerton Allen, Barrister-at-Law, as J.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.—At the Convocation of the Leeson Chapter, on the 16th May, Ex. and Perfect Bro. J. F. Braddon was elected Most Wise Sovereign, and Bro. C. A. Small was perfected.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,

IN compliance with a requisition received in accordance with rule 8, a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-st., London, on Wednesday, the 10th of July instant, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, to consider the propriety of altering laws 19, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, by substituting the word "Guineas" for "Pounds," and to consider any proposition or motion relating thereto that may then be brought forward subject to the approval of Grand Lodge as provided by the laws of the Institution.

By order,

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
3rd July 1878.JAMES TERRY,
Secretary.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Will take place in the

LARGE HALL

OF

FREEMASONS' TAVERN,

On THURSDAY, 11th instant,

THE POLL WILL BE OPEN FROM 2 p.m. UNTIL 5 p.m.

All Members of the General Committee are entitled to Vote, including Ladies and Lewises.

Personal attendance of Voters in all cases being necessary.

The following is a List of the Candidates:—

Bro. CRICK
" CULL
" FAMES
" HEDGES

Bro. WORRELL.

Bro. MATTER
" SMALLPIECE
" STORR
" WHITE

J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
4th July 1878.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, S.W.

Patrons:

His Royal Highness THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.
President.

Her Royal Highness THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

OF

THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS

Of this Institution, will be held at

FREEMASON'S HALL, GREAT QUEEN ST., LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS,
LONDON,

On SATURDAY, 13th of JULY 1878.

At Twelve o'clock precisely,

On the general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in October next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected; also to consider the following notice of motion:

By Bro. H. G. WARREN,
In Rule LXXIV., page 17.

To omit the words "in the sum of three hundred pounds," and insert in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit."

Also to omit the word "two" in the first line, and add in line four, after the word him, "by guarantee society or otherwise."

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, London, W.C.F. R. W. HEDGES,
Senior Clerk.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

OF

ENGLAND AND WALES,

AND THE

COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN AID OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT
FUND.

ALEXANDRA PALACE, WEDNESDAY, 17th JULY 1878.

Right Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, M.W.G.M.M.M. IN THE CHAIR.

The Festival of 1878 will take place as above.

Morning dress. Full Mark Clothing.

Tickets:—Ladies' 13s 6d, Gentlemen 17s 6d, inclusive of wine, for which applications may be addressed to the Board of Stewards not later than Monday, the 15th instant, care of

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.Office—2 Red Lion-square, W.C.
2nd July 1878.

THE MASONIC QUARTETTE.

BROS. BURGESS PERRY, ARTHUR THOMAS, EDWIN MOSS,
and GEORGE MUSGRAVE undertake the Musical arrangements of the
Ceremonies and Banquets.

For Terms:—Address, BRO. E. MOSS, 147 Aldersgate-Street, E.C.

R. M. I. G.

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE—BRETHREN,

It is with much pleasure that I notify to you that the House Committee have unanimously agreed to accept me as an eligible Candidate for the vacant position of Secretary.

I seek your suffrages on thoroughly independent grounds.—I eschew partizanship,—and am as much opposed to the amalgamation of the Executive of the Boys' and Girls' Schools (believing that the two, from their very nature, require separate and distinct management) as I am averse to the control of our Masonic Charitable Institutions being placed in the hands of Grand Lodge or any body delegated by it. I likewise hold as a fundamental principle, that those who contribute towards a fund are the persons best entitled to effect its distribution.

If elected it shall be my constant endeavour to evince the utmost courtesy to every inquirer, and by patience and perseverance to prove my appreciation of the high trust reposed in me.

The Election, which is fixed for the 11th July next, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, and will be by Ballot, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m., when I hope to be honoured by the personally recorded expression of your confidence, which alone will enable me to obtain the position I am desirous of receiving at your hands.

I have the honour to be, Brethren, yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK,

Bachelor of Sciences, Paris University,
P.M. 657, and Secretary 1733.

102 Chancery Lane, W.C., 17th June 1878.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life
Governors.

Having intimated my intention of presenting myself as a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, I now beg to thank the large number of brethren who have promised me their support, and to solicit the vote and interest of those who are still unpledged; again promising that, if elected, my whole energy and ability shall be exerted for the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

F. A. WHITE,

P.M. 907; P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1437 and 1716.

1 KING'S ARMS YARD,
COLEMAN STREET, CITY, E.C.To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life
Governors of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WESTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,

P.M. and Sec. No. 786. P.M. 1333.

P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 786.

P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, 101.

and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W.
May 1878.

SECRETARYSHIP.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BROTHER THOMAS CULL

Will be glad to receive the names of those Life Governors who will support him ON THE DAY OF ELECTION, 11th of July next, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., between the hours of Two and Five p.m.

79 Median-road, Clapton Park, E.

To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

P.M. 1395, Secretary 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21;
Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.6 GRAYS' INN PLACE, W.C.,
And—KINGFIELD, WOKING.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRETHREN desirous of Supporting the Candidature of Bro. Hedges are respectfully solicited to forward their names to Bro. Alfred Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, E.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of
Bro. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

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The Right Hon. the EARL OF DONOUGHMORE, L.G.
The Rt. Hon. the EARL OF BECTIVE, M.P., Prov. G.M. Cumberland and West-
moreland, L.G.
W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, L.G.
Lt.-Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, V. Patron.
BARON GEORGE DE WORMS, L.G.
J. WHYTE MELVILLE, M.W. Past G.M. Scotland.
J. L. HINE, Chairman of Charity Committee East Lancashire, L.G.
Capt. RICHARD COPE, Chairman of the Charity Committee of Cheshire, V. Pres.
GEORGE MELLOR, Dep. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, V. President.
THOMAS HILL, Past Chairman of Charity Committee W. Yorkshire, L.G.
J. WORDSWORTH, P.D. Chairman of Charity Committee W. Yorkshire, V. Patron.
The Rev. Dr. DANIEL ACE, P.P.G.C. for Lincolnshire, L.G.
The Rev. GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, M.A., L.G., Past Grand Mark Master.

Israel Abrahams, L.G.
F. Adlard, L.G.
John Barker, L.G.
T. J. Barnes, L.G.
W. A. Barrett, L.G.
E. A. Baylis, L.G.
Capt. Bennett, J.P., V. Pres.
W. B. Brand, L.G.
G. P. Brockbank, V. Pres., E. Lanc.
Henry Bulley, L.G., Cheshire.
J. G. Chancellor, V. Pres.
R. Churchill, L.G.
John Constable, V. Patron.
Lieut. W. Coombes, L.G.; P.G.S.B.
Midd.
Thos. Cubitt, V. Pres.
J. E. Curteis, L.G., Devon.
Frederick Davison, L.G.
G. H. Daw, L.G.
F. H. Ebsworth, L.G.
Thos. Entwistle, L.G., E. Lancashire.
Richard Eve, V. Pres., Aldershot.
Egerton C. Gilbert, L.G., Cheshire.
J. Robt. Goepel, L.G., W. Lancashire.
E. Gotthell, L.G.
Dr. F. Griffiths, L.G., West Yorks.
Henry Hacker, L.G., Hampshire.
Capt. Harrap, L.G., E. Lancashire.
Wm. Harrison, V.P., E. Lancashire.
John Healey, L.G.
Chas. Higginson, L.G.
C. F. Hogard, V. Pres.
W. Holland, L.G.
Capt. S. G. Homfray, V.P., Monmouth.
John Francis Hooper, L.G.
W. James Hughan, L.G., Cornwall.
H. W. Hunt, L.G.
James Jackson, L.G.
Chas. Jardine, L.G.

Chas. Lacey, L.G.
John H. Leggott, V. Pres.
H. C. Levander, L.G.
J. G. Marsh, L.G.
J. G. McKay, L.G., Cumb. and West.
J. D. Moore, L.G., W. Lancashire.
J. Joyce Murray, L.G.
W. H. Myers, L.G.
Chalmers I. Paton, L.G., Edinburgh.
J. P. Platt, L.G., Cheshire.
Hy. Preston, L.G., N. and E. Yorks.
Hyde Pullen, L.G.
F. Rath, L.G.
Manoah Rhodes, V. Pres. W. Yorks.
Wm. Roebuck, L.G.
David Rose, L.G.
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Edward A. Sacré, L.G.
Alfred Scargill, L.G., West Yorkshire.
Catterson Smith, L.G.
George Smith, L.G.
J. R. Smith, L.G.
Walter Sowdon, V.P., Aldershot.
Capt. Jas. Stallard, L.G., Dublin.
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J. F. Tweedale, L.G.
H. Venn, L.G.
G. H. Walshaw, L.G., N. and E. Yorks.
Chas. Henry Waters, L.G.
G. E. Webster, L.G., W. Yorkshire.
R. B. Webster, V. Pres.
J. M. Wike, V. Pres.
Jas. Winter, L.G.
T. B. Winter, L.G., Northumberland.
Reginald Young, L.G., Wt. Lancashire.

Brethren desirous of assisting are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

Bro. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, L.G.,
Hon. Secretary,
27 Wallbrook, E.C.

The Committee for securing the Election of Bro. C. FITZGERALD MATIER have to add, in support of his Candidature, the following Testimonial, which, with many others, has been submitted to the House Committee.

From His Grace the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF ROSSLYN,
Late Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Spain, and Her Majesty's Lord
High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

HOLYROOD PALACE,
3rd June 1878.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to your fitness for the post for which you are a Candidate.

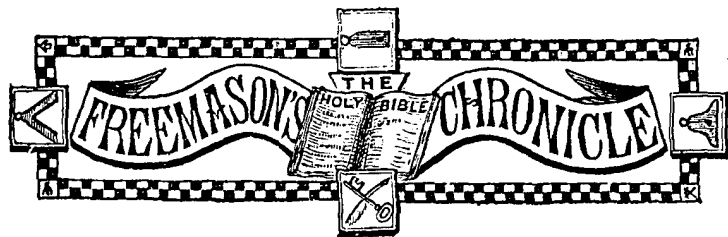
As a Mason of high standing and unblemished character, I can imagine no one more calculated to give satisfaction to the authorities, in the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, than yourself.

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROSSLYN, P.G.M.

C. Fitz Gerald Matier, Esq.

FISH DINNERS in PERFECTION, 2s each, including entrées,
poultry, joints, cheese, and salad. Served from Twelve to Four daily.—
GEORGE TAVERN, Billingsgate Market.
Sole Proprietor, GEORGE SMITH, from Anderton's Hotel.



67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords on Thursday last attention was drawn to the fatal accident on the London and South Western Railway by which the late Sir Francis Goldsmith had lost his life, and a brief discussion ensued. On Friday the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill passed its second reading, a few objections only, and those to matters of detail, not to the principle of the measure, being raised. Indeed, there is hardly a bill which has been submitted to

Parliament which has commanded such general acquiescence as this has. On Monday Earl Granville offered some remarks on the conduct of business at the Foreign Office, his text being the prosecution by the Treasury of a writer employed at that office on a charge of having communicated the text of the Anglo-Russian Project of Agreement to the *Globe* newspaper. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon said he was unable to give any information as the matter was *sub judice*. Subsequently Lord Hammond offered a defence of the gentlemen in the Foreign Office, and speaking with an experience begotten of a lifelong connection with the Department, declared his belief that it was one of the best conducted Government offices, and that those in it were worthy of the most unreserved confidence of the Secretary of State. He also hoped that some good might result from the inquiry now pending, and that the Government might think it desirable to revise the miserable pittance paid to the inferior grade of copying clerks. On Tuesday the House went into Committee on the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill, and it was reported to the House without any amendment whatever.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, the debate on the second reading of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill was resumed by Mr. Synan, continued by Dr. Playfair, Messrs. Chamberlain, Assheton, M'Lagan, and others, among the speakers being Mr. Clare Read, who gave his support to the measure. The debate was then adjourned till Monday. The House then went into Committee on the Weights and Measures Bill, in spite of the objection raised to it, and it passed this stage. The Irish Sunday Closing Bill having been put down as the first order for Thursday, the 11th instant, the House shortly afterwards rose. On Friday, after an amendment by Mr. R. Yorke had been defeated, the House went into Committee on the Highways Bill, and had reached the discussion of Clause 11, when progress was reported. Shortly after the House had resumed at nine o'clock, it was counted out. On Monday the debate on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill was resumed and concluded. The principal speakers were Messrs. Rodwell, Dodson, Rylands, Pease, Sir E. Lechmere, and Sir W. Harcourt, and Sir H. Selwyn-Ibbetson having replied on behalf of the Government, the division was taken and resulted in a victory for Ministers by nearly two to one, the numbers being—for the second reading 319, and against it 162. At the morning sitting on Tuesday the House went into Committee on the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill. In the evening the question of the Removal of Paupers was discussed at great length. On Wednesday the Habitual Drunkards Bill was read a second time, but a proposition by Mr. French to give a second reading to his Landed Estates Court (Ireland) Leases Bill, was rejected by 179 to 78. Mr. Biggar's Political Prisoners Bill was talked out, and the House shortly afterwards adjourned.

The Court are at Windsor, where Her Majesty, with the Princess Beatrice and her future daughter-in-law, the Princess Louise of Germany, take daily drives and walks in the neighbourhood, or in the grounds of the Castle. Prince Frederick Charles of Germany and the Duke of Connaught have momentarily left the Castle, and have been staying in London. They have likewise this week made an excursion to Portland, where they went on board H.M.S. Thunderer, and had an opportunity of witnessing some torpedo practice. On Tuesday the Prince of Wales drove in Lord Carington's drag to the Orleans Club, several other members of the Coaching Club being also of the party. The coaches met as usual in the morning at the Magazine, Hyde Park, and the Princess of Wales was present to see the gathering, and witnessed the departure for Twickenham. On Wednesday their Royal Highnesses paid their long-promised visit to Nottingham, and the reception accorded them was enthusiastically loyal. The object of this visit was to open the Art Museum. There was a very considerable display on the occasion. A Guard of Honour at the Castle was furnished by the Robin Hoods, the well known Rifle Volunteer Corps. The 80th Regiment lined the road, and escorts were furnished by Lanciers and the North Notts Yeomanry. The attire of the ladies added to the gaiety of the scene. The Municipal Corporation was numerously represented. There were present a fair sprinkling of Members of Parliament, all the local and county magnates who could manage to be present, and the party at the Duke of St. Albans, with whom the Royal Visitors were staying, among them being the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Lord Colville, &c. The usual address was presented to and acknowledged by his Royal

Highness, after which the Museum and grounds were declared open.

The present is usually considered to be a somewhat dull time but for Masonry, the last few days have, at all events, proved an exception to the rule. On Saturday last, the Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Middlesex, under the presidency of its genial chief, Colonel Francis Burdett, held high festival at the Greyhound, Croydon. On Wednesday, there were two considerable gatherings in the Provinces, of which full particulars are given elsewhere, namely, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, in the ancient city, and under the immediate shade of the fine old Cathedral of Canterbury, the presiding genius being very properly Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., the deservedly popular Grand Master of the Province, while Royal Windsor witnessed a similar gathering on the part of our Berks and Bucks brethren, under the benign auspices of their equally popular chief—Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P. Nor must we forget to add that on this same day the Stewards and their friends, among whom were many ladies, paid their usual visit to the Boys' School, Wood Green, for the purpose of taking part in the annual distribution of prizes, &c., &c. Thus, omitting all the minor events, the present has been an eventful week with the Freemasons.

The funeral of the late Charles Mathews took place on Saturday morning last, at Kensal Green Cemetery at the appointed hour of half-past eleven. There was a large concourse of people present to witness the mournful ceremony to pay their tribute of respect to the veteran actor who, in his day, had so often delighted them with his inimitable acting. The *cortège* left the residence of the deceased, 59 Belgrave Road at half-past ten, and consisted of a hearse and seven mourning coaches, followed by several private carriages. The chief mourner was Mr. Charles Mathews, the late actor's stepson, and the theatrical profession was strongly as well as numerous represented.

The annual *fête* in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, was held at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday. A Committee, including Superintendents Williams, Foster, Gernon, Williamson, Eccles, Green, and Butt, had charge of the arrangements which were most effectively carried out. As many as twelve of the divisional bands played in different parts of the grounds, and among the special entertainments must be mentioned those of the Mohawk Minstrels, and the Vaudeville Company in *Our Boys*. There was also a series of athletic sports on the cricket-ground, concluding with a Tug of War between the Metropolitan and City, in which the latter were twice pulled over the crease by their Metropolitan rivals. There was likewise, in the evening, a grand display of the fountains and the entire system of water-works, and at dusk the Aquarium was lighted, nor did the last of the company leave till a late hour. Everything passed off most enjoyably.

From the rapid manner in which the various questions are being disposed of by the Congress at Berlin, it is expected that the meetings will come to a close in the course of next week. It is arranged that the greater portion of Bessarabia which was ceded by Russia in 1856 shall be restored to her, and that Roumania shall be recompensed with the Dobrujscha and a part of Bulgaria, including Silistria, and extending to the Black Sea. Austria is to occupy Bosnia and Herzegovina. Antivari is conditionally ceded to Montenegro, and it is believed that the frontiers of Greece will be rectified favourably to that power. The question of indemnity is left undecided, but it is said that Russia has been given to understand that it will not be allowed in any way to affect the future territorial integrity of Turkey. What now remains of special interest to this country is the question of the Asiatic frontier, and the surrender or non-surrender of Batoum, and the feeling among the public is very strong that this important port should not be surrendered. However, next week we shall, no doubt, be in a position to state the result of their deliberations on this, and, indeed, on the whole of the questions which have been discussed.

The adjourned and final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 1st July, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Bro. General Brownrigg in the chair. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the former meeting,

which were confirmed. It was announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught K.G. had approved of the arrangements that had been made. The ballot for seats took place, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman. Among those present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, R. B. Webster, General Brownrigg, Garrod, L. Ruf, McIlwham, R. W. Stewart, F. Adlard, G. Allen, J. Smith, C. F. Hogard, T. Cubitt, G. Pare, Sprague, Dickins, Pulman, S. Rosenthal, Winter, W. Paas, J. Tanner, H. M. Levy, &c.

The summer excursion of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday next. The brethren have decided to spend the day at Bro. Jones's, the White Hart, Willesden, where dinner will be provided at 5.30 p.m. We trust our friends will thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Holiday Season may now be considered in full swing, and we may take the opportunity of directing the attention of our readers to the arrangements made by the Great Western Railway Company for Tourists. The tickets, which are issued at the G. Western Terminus at Paddington, as well as at the majority of the stations on the Metropolitan, and Metropolitan District Railways, and likewise at Messrs. Cook and Sons', Tourist Offices, Ludgate-Circus, are very moderate in price, and are available for any period not exceeding two months. The following are the districts or circuits for which they are issued, namely:—The Dorsetshire coast, the Somersetshire, Devonshire, and Cornwall coasts, the Channel Islands, North and South Wales circular tours, the Isle of Man, and Ireland. Routes, with full particulars as to prices, extension of time, steam packet tickets, &c., &c., are given in the programme, as well as the conditions on which the ticket-holders will travel, and those who may intend spending their holidays in one of those parts of the country traversed by the Great Western, or with which it is in communication, may obtain all the information they require at Paddington, or at any of the stations or places we have indicated.

The eighty-eighth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was held on the 20th May, at Masons' Hall, Providence. M.W. Bro. Charles R. Cutler presided, and there was a considerable gathering of Grand Officers, present and past, as well as of representatives of the subordinate Lodges. Among the business transacted, the *Freemasons' Repository* makes mention of the submission of the Annual Reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Standing Committees. Charters for two new Lodges were granted. Communications from England and Ireland respecting the recent Constitutional changes in the Freemasonry of France were referred to a Special Committee. A request by a Grand Lodge of New South Wales for recognition was deferred. Bro. Rev. H. W. Rugg was received as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. The result of the elections was as follows, in the case of the principal Officers at least: Bros. Chas. R. Cutler G.M., Edward L. Freeman Dept. G.M., Thomas Vincent G.S. Warden, Henry D. Deblois Grand J. Warden, Nelson W. Aldrich Grand Treasury, and Edwin Baker Grand Sec. The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, but declined to do so in the case of the Grand Lodge of Colon. The Session was of unusual length, and lasted from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

We note with pleasure that a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 10th inst., at the hour of 4 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of altering Laws 19, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 by substituting, in all cases, "guineas" for "pounds." As our readers are aware, we have again and again advocated in these columns the propriety of this change. We have also published several letters on the same subject, in all of which the writers strenuously insisted on the alteration. Indeed, there is absolutely no reason against, while there is every reason in its favour. Uniformity among our Institutions in respect of the qualifications of their Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, &c., if not imperatively necessary, is beyond all question most desirable, and we trust the Governors and Subscribers who will meet together on Wednesday next will see the propriety of unanimously endorsing the proposed change.

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, 6th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 8th JULY.

Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the Alexandra Palace, at 5.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
701—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1368—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Buxlett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
589—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1136—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 9th JULY.

65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1416—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1601—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Supreme Council, 33, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
820—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1411—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Oakenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

WEDNESDAY, 10th JULY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
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.)
1198—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salomon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1686—Faxon, Grand Saloon, Crystal Palace. Summer Banquet.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmont-st. at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Supreme Council, 33, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
R. C.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
231—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
590—Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1213—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1204—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.

1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool.
1399—Baldwin, The Castle, Dal'ou-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th JULY.

Election of Secretary, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Hall.
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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Pannure, General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1343—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate.

FRIDAY, 12th JULY.

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.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
607—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 13th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

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

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
403—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1512—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Jarton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

491—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1031—Ecclehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclehill.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The Annual Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by the members of this ancient Lodge on Wednesday, 26th June. A large number of brethren assembled at 2.30 to witness the installation of Bro. E. J. Hennemeyer, the W.M. elect, a ceremony that was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W. Essex. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling I.P.M., Rev. C. L. Acland P.M. Chap., Isaac Harris S.W., John J. C. Turner J.W., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling I.P.M. Sec., W. P. Lewis P.M. D.C., George Mercer S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., C. Osmond Org., Jas. F. Ralling I.G., S. Munson Tyler, E. Mayes, J. W. Smith, and W. Sawman Stewards. At the close of the Lodge a sumptuous banquet was excellently served *à la Russe*, by Bro. Besford, and to which it is a little singular that fifty-one brethren—corresponding with the registered number of the Lodge—sat down. The post prandial proceedings partook of the usual character; a most interesting and enjoyable feature being a choice selection of vocal music kindly given by Bros. S. Chaplin, J. J. C. Turner, C. Osmond, and T. H. Webb. Among those present either at Lodge or banquet were the following:—Bros. the Rev. Richard Bolton Barton LL.D. P.P.G.M. Western India, Joseph Burton P.G. Treasurer, J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., Joseph F. Hills P.M. 1224 P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, F. B. Shepherd P.M. 1543, G. D. Clapham W.M. 1543, D. M. B. Wheeler W.M. 276, F. Whitmore P.M. 276, W. S. Ling W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 443 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. Blyth P.M. 433, Geo. Harvey W.M. 697, T. Rose P.M. and Sec. 697, G. P. J. y P.M. 1024, B. Brayshaw P.M. 1437, Wm. Pissey W.M. 1734 P.P.J.G.W., R. Ellison P.M. 51, Thomas Lord P.M. 1500 P.P.G.S.W., N. Tracy P.M. 376, H. J. Sansom S.W. 1024, R. C. Athill S.W. 433, W. Otto Danekwerts 859, C. Croker Barton 859, J. Dean J.W., S. Lord, A. Aldons and Thos. Wilson 433, F. Wright 1500, C. Mansfield 1421, J. Cook 192; and the following members of No. 51:—W. Bros. E. Hennemeyer W.M., Thos. J. Ralling I.P.M. P.G. Secretary Essex, A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., F. A. Cole P.M. P.P.G.R., S. Chaplin P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Charles Cobb P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., G. Gard Pye P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., W. P. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., O. G. Becker, M.D., P.M., E. Frayling P.M., W. Richey P.M.; and Bros. Isaac Harris S.W., J. J. C. Turner J.W., E. Mercer S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., Jas. F. Ralling I.G., U. B. Mattacks, Thos. Mothercole, A. M. White, Geo. Allen, B. Barber, John Brooks, E. Mayes, F. Wells, A. W. Ralling, W. Sowman, C. Osmond, C. Gunner, and S. Munson. Letters of apology for their inability to attend were received from several distinguished brethren, including R.W. Bro. the Lord Waveney P.G.M. Suffolk, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, W. Bro. F. Binckes Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and others.

The Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87, has been adjourned until the first Thursday in September.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on 21st June, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past 7 p.m. Present—Bros. Acworth W.M., Costelow S.W., Gomm J.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.D., Tucker (Treas.) S.D., Franckel I.G., and Bros. Goss W.M. 780, Gardiner P.M. 780, Kyezor, &c. Lodge was duly opened, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Gardiner offered himself as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Costelow then proposed and Bro. Franckel seconded, that some testimonial be presented to Bro. Preceptor Roe, in acknowledgment of the trouble he has taken in instructing this Lodge, and the motion was, after a few remarks from Bro. Goss, carried unanimously. In consequence of an observation let fall by Bro. Secretary, in reply to which Bros. Goss, Tucker, and Kyezor spoke, it was proposed by Bro. Gardiner and seconded by Bro. Blasby, that the former resolution be entered on the minutes, the proposition was carried unanimously. After other propositions had been made and approved, to the effect that Bro. Secretary send a circular to the brethren announcing the formation of a Testimonial Fund, the Secretary stated that his object in asking if the first proposition was to be recorded was for the purpose of seeking information as to the proper fulfilment of his duties, which were not as yet sufficiently familiar to him. Having heard the matter discussed, he thanked the brethren for the knowledge he had gained. The audit committee announced that they had gone through the accounts of last season, and had found a balance in hand; their report would be submitted at a future meeting. The W.M. for next Lodge meeting was elected, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Acworth. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

On Friday, 28th June. Present—Bros. Tucker (Treasurer) W.M., Gomm S.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.W., Goss S.D., Blasby J.D., Talbot I.G., Past Master Bro. Roe, and Bros. Acworth, Eydmann, Botley, Sharp. Bro. Sharp offered himself as candidate, when the W.M. rehearsed the first ceremony, to the edification of the brethren. The same candidate then answered the questions leading to the second degree, in a manner which met with the approval of the brethren. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Botley answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. then impressively raised Bro. Eydmann. Bros. Eydmann and Sharp were elected members.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., G. Gilham S.W., Wardell J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Borer J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington

Preceptor; and Bros. Christian, Weige, Polak, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, as-isted by the brethren. Bro. Gilham was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, Thirsk.—On Thursday, 20th June the members of this Lodge, accompanied by the Worshipful Master (Bro. George Ayre) and many lady friends, enjoyed their annual picnic and visited Wharfedale. The weather was all that could be desired, and the neighbourhood displayed its sylvan charms to the greatest advantage. On arriving at Ilkley Station, waggons were in readiness to convey the party to Bolton Woods, where an abundant luncheon was soon spread under the shaded bank near "The Strid." Here an interesting incident occurred, which contributed much to the enjoyment of all. A large party of the Blackburn Choral Society, organised by Bro. N. Jones, and consisting of between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen, had made a similar excursion, and as the party included many Freemasons—brethren of the Felicity, Perseverance, Falcon, Lion, and Anchor Lodges—they soon fraternised, meeting together unexpectedly from the east and the west, and the woods echoed with the harmonious melody of glees and patriotic songs. The party then visited the beautiful ruins of Bolton Priory, whence they resumed their journey to Ilkley by the romantic drive through Beamsley. Arrangements had been made for dinner at the spacious and elegant Middleton Hotel, Ilkley. After doing justice to the viands, which fully sustained Bro. Bentley's reputation, and wandering along the beautiful terraces of this recently erected, spacious, and exquisitely situated Hotel, the party returned home, highly delighted with their day's enjoyment. Great praise is due to the Secretary, Bro. James Johnston, for his complete arrangements.

Percy Lodge, No. 1427.—The Installation and festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a very large attendance of brethren; the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. C. Mowbray W.M., with the following Officers:—J. H. Bentham as I.P.M., S. P. Ord S.W. W.M. elect, W. S. Lishman J.W., B. J. Thompson P.M. Prov. Grand Sec. Treas., J. Brethnoit Sec., C. Bushell S.D., G. E. Macarthey J.D., W. B. East Chaplain, R. Ferry Organist, W. McGall I.G., G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. T. Sayer, which proving successful, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of our Order by the W.M. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. E. D. Davis Prov. G.D.C. assumed the chair, and Bro. Bertram P. Ord was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation; the usual formalities having been gone through, the Lodge was worked up to the third degree, when all below the rank of Past Master retired, and on these being re-admitted, were informed by the Installing Master that during their absence Bro. Ord had been regularly placed into the chair of K.S., whereupon the new Master was accordingly proclaimed and saluted. He then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—J. C. Mowbray I.P.M., W. S. Lishman S.W., J. W. Brethnoit J.W., B. J. Thompson P.M. Treas., C. Bushell Sec., Rev. W. B. East Chaplain, Ferry Organist, Macarthey S.D., McGall J.D., Dickenson I.G., McClarin and Farina Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler. The addresses to the Master and brethren were most beautifully given by the Installing Master, indeed, the whole ceremony was most impressively rendered. Heartly good wishes of several visitors having been tendered to the new Master, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where they sat down to a well served banquet, to which they did ample justice. Grace being said, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts received due attention; the health of the Prov. G.M. and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge was responded to by Bro. B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec.; the W.M. then gave the R.W. Prov. G.M. John Fawcett, and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham. He could only say, whoever knew Bro. Fawcett, loved and respected him; he coupled the name of Bro. E. D. Davis with the toast. Bro. Davis in the course of his reply expressed the gratification he experienced at hearing the Provincial Grand Master of Durham spoken of in such high and eulogistic terms, and he trusted his Officers would do their best to emulate his example, and support him in all his duties. The I.P.M., Bro. Mowbray then rose to propose the health of the W.M., in doing so, he said there are many duties which devolve on us which we would willingly shirk; and, again, others which cease to be as it were a duty, but a pleasure; that which devolved on him now was more than a pleasure; the brethren would give him credit for speaking from his heart; he had known Bro. Ord for more than thirty years, and had always known him as a noble open-hearted fellow, who would go out of his way to do a person a service. He wished him a year of pleasure, prosperity, and every happiness. With this he would leave the toast in the hands of the brethren, who, he was sure would, whether members or visitors, join most heartily with him to do it honour. The W.M. said Bro. Mowbray spoke of it as being a duty and a pleasure to propose the toast, but he had completely taken the wind out of his sails; he felt grateful to him for the way he had proposed his health; he would do everything in his power to hand down to his successor the warrant in the same unsullied state in which he had that day received it; he could only assure the brethren that he thanked them very much indeed. The health of the I.P.M. was proposed by Bro. E. D. Davis P.M., he reminded the brethren that they had drunk with all enthusiasm the health of the present Master, but he was sure they would not forget the one who had just quitted the chair. He hoped Bro. Mowbray would long be spared to set an example to the Lodge, that every brother might faithfully copy; he complimented him on the way he had fulfilled the duties of his office for the past year; he assured the brethren he had never seen the ceremony of Initiation better given than that afternoon; he said he was not there to

gild refined gold, or to paint the lily, so would call on the brethren to drink to the health of Bro. Mowbray. The I.P.M., in reply said, if he had failed during the past year, he assured them it was not for want of trying; he thanked all for their kind assistance this had enabled him to go through his year so pleasantly; in conclusion, he thanked them, and almost felt regret that his year of office was at an end. The W.M. rose to give the health of the Installing Master; no words he could express would convey the worth of Bro. Davis; personally he tendered him his sincere thanks, for though he had been, of late, suffering from indisposition, still he was amongst them; he felt if he spoke for a month he could not do justice to the toast, nor would it add to the enthusiastic manner in which the name was always received. Bro. Davis, who was greeted with prolonged cheering, expressed the fear he had a few days ago that he would not have been able to be amongst them; he had great pleasure in placing the W.M. in the chair, and if it should be his good fortune to be present when he handed the gavel over to his successor, he hoped to be enabled to congratulate him on his year of office, which he trusted would be successful. The toast of the Officers was given by Bro. Bentham P.M., who expressed his gratification at seeing them steadily advancing to the high position the W.M. now occupied. The toast was responded to by the S.W. The Junior Officers in like manner received their praise, and the W.M. then gave the Visitors, and expressed the pleasure he had at seeing so many that day; he would couple with the toast the name of the youngest W.M. present, Bro. G. Taylor, who replied, and thanked the Master and brethren for their kind reception. The Tyler was then called, and he brought to a close a most enjoyable evening. The singing throughout had been of a very high class, and the "Old English Glees" rendered by Bros. Ferry, Liddle, Richardson, and Dyer, were received with much favour. The visitors present were Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 965 P.P.G.S.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. 406 P.P.G.S.D., T. Anderson P.M. 511 Prov. Grand Treas., J. Cook P.M. 481 P.P.G.S.W., G. I. Dean W.M. 541, J. Atkinson P.M. 481, G. Taylor W.M. 1676, Bolam W.M. 24, G. Cockburn P.M. 24, Marchant P.M. 424, W. M. Bell S.W. 1557, G. F. Chalton S.D. 1664, H. S. Bird I.G. 1664, J. Brydon J.D. 424, Walton J.W. 1664, J. Wood S.W. 48, R. Simons Sec. 1626, Bell J.W. 1626, J. W. Mackay J.W. 424, A. Gibson Sec. 424, Morris 406, Goss J.D. 481, S. M. Harris S.D. 406, &c.

The Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501.—The annual meeting of this Lodge took place in the Town Hall of High Wycombe, on Thursday the 27th ult. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Huckvale, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The only business on the agenda was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Leopold Murray Nixon S.W. Bro. W. S. Cantrell P.M. and Secretary took the chair, and the W.M. elect was duly presented at the pedestal for the benefit of installation. The preliminary qualifications for the office were most impressively recited, the ancient charges were forcibly enjoined, and Bro. L. M. Nixon was duly obligated. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the M.M.'s retired. Bro. John Palmer P.M. took the chair, and Bro. L. M. Nixon was regularly installed into the chair of K.S., and as W.M. of the Wycombe Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremonial in its entirety was most conscientiously performed, and those who are acquainted with our beautiful Ritual could not fail to have been impressed by the true, earnest, and zealous rendering of our accomplished Installing Master, Bro. J. Palmer P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks. It may be mentioned that this interesting Lodge is only in its fifth year of existence, the Warrant of Constitution dating from the year 1874. The first W.M. was our lamented Bro. Jesse Owens, who was succeeded by Bros. Palmer, W. S. Cantrell, Huckvale, and the present W.M. Bro. L. M. Nixon. To these brethren the success of the Lodge is entirely due, and their names in connection with the Masonic Charities are conspicuous. The W.M. invested the following brethren with collars of office:—Bros. Batting S.W., Westfield J.W., Rev. A. J. Riddle Chaplain, Seward Treasurer, W. S. Cantrell Sec., Dr. Rackley S.D., C. Hunt J.D., D. Clark I.G., Weston Organist, and C. Nowell Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Huckvale, with a jewel of office, in acknowledgment of his services during the past year. Bro. Weston added to the solemnity of the occasion by presiding at the harmonium. The usual business of the day being ended, the Lodge was closed in harmony, peace, and brotherly love. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Powell P.P.G.D., Tolley P.M. 771 P.P.G.D. and P.Z. 771, Mason, Loosley, Baines, Webb, Field. Visitors—Bros. Brown W.M. 771, Bingham P.M. 771, Manley 771, Schieman W.M. 209, Grisbrook P.M. 771 P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, and Beedle 1222.

Emulation Lodge, No. 1505.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday, 27th June. Present—Bros. H. Morris I.P.M. as W.M., W. H. Corbin S.W., J. Capell J.W., H. Coulson Sec., J. Hockin P.M. Treas., M. Strang S.D., H. H. Smith J.D., J. T. Callow P.M. D.C., Irvine Steward, R. Lytham I.G., J. Skeaf P.G.O. Organist, W. H. Bull Tyler; Past Master Bro. Rev. H. G. Vernon P.P.G.C. Chaplain. There was a very slight attendance of members, and amongst the few Visitors we noticed Bro. J. C. Spink 1299. After the usual routine business had been attended to, Bro. Morris initiated Messrs. L. Kretschman and W. M. Smith into Freemasonry. Bro. Morris relinquished the gavel in favour of Bro. Callow P.M., who immediately set to work and opened the Lodge in the second degree, and in a very able manner passed Bro. W. Fonlkes to take his seat among Fellow Crafts. The labours in this degree being ended, the Lodge resumed in the first, and after the satisfactory disposal of its business the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. By request of the presiding W.M., the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Morris I.P.M. took the chair at the festive board, by request of Bro. Callow, and after each Bro. had refreshed the inner man, the first toast of the evening was submitted, and the health of Her Most Gracious

Majesty the Queen, Patron of our Order, was most cordially drunk, the brethren singing the National Anthem. Bro. Morris then gave T.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Rulers of the Craft, Supreme and Subordinate, which was heartily received, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. had now to propose a toast which was always submitted with great pleasure from the chair, and received with cordiality by the brethren. He had had the honour of initiating two very worthy members into our glorious Order this evening, and was sure the teachings of the Craft would not fail to afford them those pleasures and advantages which they are so eminently capable of imparting. He called upon the brethren to drink to our newly Initiated Brothers. The new brethren returned thanks in a very intelligent and heartfelt manner. The W. Master then gave the last toast of the evening (as very few are proposed on such occasions in this Lodge); he had great pleasure in welcoming Visitors to their Lodge, and he knew he was expressing the feelings of the W.M. when he said they were truly welcome as often as they chose to come. Bro. Davies responded; he had been pleased with his second visit to No. 1505; he thought the Lodge was as harmonious, compact, and worked as well as any in Liverpool that he had visited; he congratulated the Emulation brethren on having such efficient and punctual Past Masters, who, in the absence of their Worshipful Master, could ably carry on the business that came before them; he always liked to see a Lodge profitably employed, and was pleased that he had been privileged to see here what he would like to see elsewhere, viz., the W.M. and the Past Masters work different degrees. It may here be added, that although Bros. Quayle, Morris and Callow work remarkably well, there is an extraordinary difference in their method. We are, undoubtedly, creatures of imitation, and, to a great extent, copy those with whom we are associated; but in Freemasonry a brother will zealously carry out the dictates of his own ideas. Bros. Coulson, Chapman, Gilfillan, Fonlkes, and Strange kindly added to the pleasure of the evening by singing some capital songs, and Bro. Hossac was most effective in a recitation he gave. The Tylers' toast was eventually given, and the brethren dispersed.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.

—Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 3rd July. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., R. Olley S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., G. Woolley S.D., Maples J.D., Martin I.G., G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary, W. Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. Bonner, C. Olley, Shackleton P.M. 1524, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual correct manner, after which Bro. C. Lorkin worked the Sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. Olley was appointed W.M. for next Wednesday evening. The fifteen sections will be worked on the 7th of August.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.

—The regular meeting of this successful Lodge took place at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, Sussex, on Tuesday last, the 2nd inst. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir W. W. Barrell, and the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Freeman were present. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. W. Hull I.P.M. (in the temporary absence of the W.M., who arrived shortly afterwards and then took the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received, Bro. James Hare, 193, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. James Cooper was then raised to the third degree, after which Bro. Walter Harwood was passed to the second degree. This business having been disposed of, Bro. C. W. Noehmer P.M. 186, and a member of this Lodge, took the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Charles Sawyer S.W. was presented by the W.M. Bro. W. H. Hook, to receive the benefit of installation. Bro. Chas. Sawyer having been duly installed as W.M. of this Lodge, he appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. H. Hook I.P.M., C. T. Young S.W., John G. Horsey J.W., Bro. E. A. Head as Sec., Wm. Hale P.M. 780 and 1351 as Treasurer, S. Davison S.D., W. Rudgo J.D., J. G. Calway I.G., H. Walker as Steward, and Sargeant as Tyler. The ceremony of Installation concluded, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. P.M. Noehmer, for the able manner in which he had performed the duties. A vote of thanks was also conveyed to Bro. John G. Horsey J.W. for his present to the Lodge of a carpet. Among the Visitors present were:—Bros. Seex P.M. 186 and 1426, Shadd P.M. 267, D. J. Robinson W.M. 186, Earl 186, J. A. Reid 1673, A. C. Cooper 1673, Hawkes 315, Webley 463, Davey 732, Taylor 1110, and Byass 1465. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until the first Tuesday in September. The brethren then assembled at a banquet held in the new and spacious Market-room of the Hotel, and provided by Bro. J. Weller in his best style, and reflecting great credit upon him, for besides the abundance of excellent things provided, the table and room were beautifully decorated with a collection of fine roses and other choice flowers. After the brethren had done justice to the good things before them, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The name of Bro. Freeman P.G.S. was coupled with the toasts of the Provincial G. Master and Officers; he, in a very pleasing speech spoke highly of the success of the Sackville Lodge during the two years it had been in existence. The I.P.M. Bro. W. H. Hook assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Chas. Sawyer, of whom he spoke in the highest terms, both as a good and diligent Mason, and a courteous, upright, and much respected friend. He was sure that the Sackville Lodge must prosper under his rule. He knew that every Bro. present was too well acquainted with Bro. Sawyer's virtues to need many words from him; he was a native of East Grinstead, and, until lately, a resident among them, but now he (Bro. Hook) and the rest of the London brethren have the pleasure and advantage of having Bro. Sawyer among them. The enthusiastic manner in which the toast was drunk, proved the con-

currence of all the brethren present in the remarks made by Bro. Hook. The W.M. then rose and returned thanks in a very able speech for the kind manner in which the brethren had received the toast of his health. As to Bro. Hook, he thought he could not better return the compliment for the pretty things he had said of him than by at once placing upon his breast the very handsome jewel which had been voted by the brethren for the able manner in which Bro. Hook had carried out the duties of second W. Master of the Sackville Lodge, and as a token of appreciation of the many benefits the Lodge had received at his hands, particulars of which were recorded on the back of the jewel. Bro. Hook acknowledged the gift in a short but telling speech, and sat down amid the hearty plaudits of all assembled. The remainder of the toasts having been disposed of, the brethren dispersed, at about half-past ten, after a most pleasant evening. Several of the London brethren drove over at an earlier hour to Three Bridges, and returned to London by the last train, the remainder staying at the Crown Hotel for the night.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, 3rd July, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Present—Bros. A. E. Staley W.M., Biddle S.W., K. Harris S.W., Gottheil P.M., Pitt Sec., Sayer S.D., Gompertz J.D., Woodward I.G., Walker, Millhouse, Moss, Anderson, and Gehringer. The first ceremony was rehearsed. In a former report of Bro. Staley's working, we felt it our duty to animadvert rather severely on his shortcomings. We are glad to perceive that our strictures have produced a salutary effect, as the work showed a decided and unmistakable improvement. It is yet faulty in many respects, especially in want of deliberation in delivery. The habit of rushing through a ceremony at railway speed cannot be too strongly condemned; detracting as it does from what might otherwise be considered fairly good work. Bro. Staley has evidently determined to become an efficient craftsman, and it is from a desire to encourage him in his laudable endeavours, and from a conviction that he prefers fair criticism to fictitious praise that these remarks are made. Three of the sections were worked, several of the brethren evincing ability in giving the responses. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 14th of June, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgeware-road. Present—Bros. Coop W.M., Mickleburgh S.W., Heath J.W., Braun Hon. Sec., Hayes Preceptor, West S.D., Godden J.D., Reid I.G.; also Bros. Nichols, Passingham, Hall, Adair, Tribbel, Kennard, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hayes being candidate. Bro. West took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge was opened to the third degree and closed down. Bro. Mickleburgh was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Coop. Bro. P.M. Braun proposed, Bro. West seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that this Lodge of Instruction be adjourned until the first Friday in September. Arrangements for a summer outing were agreed to, and Bros. Braun, Godden, and Tribbel elected as Committee. This will take place on Wednesday next, the 10th of July, the White Hart, Willesden, being the place fixed on.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—The annual banquet was held on the 26th ult., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road. Bro. Brecken the W.M. of the mother Lodge presided. Bros. Robinson S.W., Ould J.W., Ives Treasurer, Turquand Preceptor acting I.P.M. Thirty-nine brethren, including three Past Masters of the mother Lodge, sat down to a well-supplied and decorated table, Bro. Gregory doing his utmost to make the brethren happy and comfortable. The usual Masonic toasts were ably given from the chair, whilst occasional songs from Bros. Clegg and Robinson contributed to the pleasure of the evening. Those brethren who have the success of this Lodge of Instruction at heart are much encouraged at the increased interest taken by the members in its progress and prosperity.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Met, as usual, on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Royal Mile-end-road, corner of Burdett-road. There were present Bros. Hogg W.M., Cole S.W., Franklin J.W., Gottheil P.M. acting J.D., Emery I.G., Geo. Hollington Sec., Huggett, Hubbard, Kirkman, and Clark. The first ceremony and mode of calling off were practised. The work of Bro. Hogg is distinguished by deliberateness and fluency, and although several points require amendment, still, upon the whole, his mode of working is in tolerable accordance with the standard adopted in most of the East-end, and numerous Lodges in other districts. The two Wardens, both very young Masons, proved by their work the close attention they must have paid to its achievement. A very excellent feature in this Lodge of Instruction is the regular attendance of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and the S.W., who acts as Secretary. Their presence not only stimulates the younger brethren, but is also an example worthy of emulation. Bro. G. Hollington was elected to preside on Monday next.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Wednesday, the 26th June. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groom S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Sec., T. Franklin S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., T. Upward Organist, A. Delvallé W.S., Gilchrist Tyler; Bros. Hunt, Field, Carter, Clark, Rabery, Stockwell, Putney, Harris, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, in the first and second degrees. Bros. Putney and Harris, the candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren were regularly introduced, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the brethren called off for refreshment. The Lodge was called on, and the ballot taken for three gentlemen, whose names had been previously handed to the Secretary. It proved unanimous in their favour, and one being present, he was initiated into the Order, according to ancient form and custom. The Secretary then read the letter received from Grand Lodge respecting the four resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Communication, respecting the Grand Orient of France, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned until the 5th October next. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. W. Claridge W.M. elect 1685, J. Badkin W.M. 1365, R. T. Williams 1567, G. E. Laverack 907, G. J. Westfield 1382, C. F. Harris 1679, Frederick Creed 1145, R. Shepherd 861, &c., &c.

Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707.—The first Annual Festival of this Lodge, took place on Wednesday last, at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. There were present Bros. J. Tanner W.M., J. H. Thompson S.W. and W.M. elect P.P.S.B. Middlesex, C. Lovebond J.W., C. Oliver Treas., R. J. Leaman Hon. Sec., C. R. Garnett J.D., J. Ramsey I.G., Fountain Meen Org. Bros. Pinder, Symmons, Byers, Webb, J. Perry, G. Perry, A. Gifford, J. S. Frith, W. Taylor. The Visitors were Bros. H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., S. Gammon P.M. 206, W. Holloway W.M. elect Bagshaw 1457, A. M. Sewell 21, G. Rawlinson late 754, E. Everdell D.C. 1519, E. Poore 1237, W. Hubbard S13, J. W. Symons 1187, J. Gilby 1309. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes were read and confirmed, Messrs. Gimmingham and Watson were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The next business was the installation of the new Master, Bro. J. H. Thompson, the ceremony being performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. Tanner. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Lovebond S.W., Garnett J.W., Byers Treasurer, J. Tanner P.M. Sec., Ramsey S.D., W. Leaman J.D., Oliver I.G., Fountain Meen Organist, Symmons D.C. After the addresses had been given, Bro. Garnett, the W.M., gave the Lecture on the tracing board in the first degree. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where they partook of a most *récherché* repast provided by Messrs. Newell and Co. of Hackney, to whom great praise must be given for the satisfactory manner in which they catered. The usual Masonic toasts followed, Bro. Buss in a very appropriate speech replying for the Officers of Grand Lodge. During the evening a selection of music was most effectually rendered by Bros. Ashton, Cozens, Fountain Meen, and Hubbard, members of the English Glee Union, to the great enjoyment of the company. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the brethren of the Lodge to Bro. J. Tanner for his valuable services as first Master. This Lodge, although in its infancy, is progressing satisfactorily the aim of the members being that not only shall the working be creditably performed, but that goodfellowship and brotherly affection should predominate amongst them; this was fully exemplified at this meeting, where every one expressed how pleasantly they had spent the evening; we hope this feeling will always exist in this Lodge.

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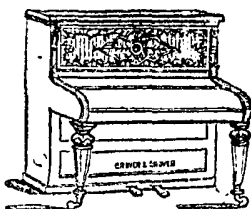
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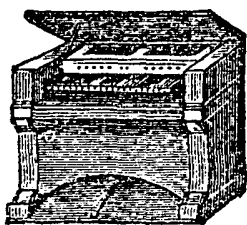
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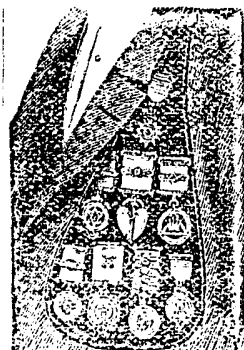
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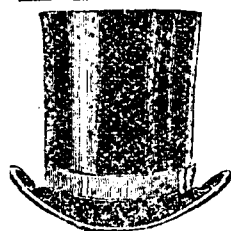
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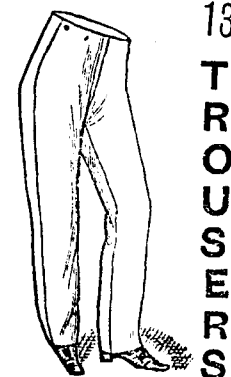
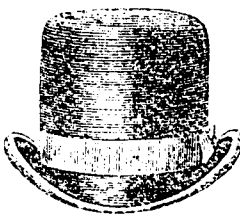
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