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“WHICH IS CORRECT?”

MANY brethren will remember that in our earlier issues a considerable amount of correspondence passed relative to certain moot questions as to ritual and observance; now, in order to elicit further information on these subjects, we have been prompted to ventilate a few thoughts and suggestions which have been made to us, under the above interrogatory. We do not, as a rule, like to infringe upon ground that has been trodden previously by our correspondents; and we had hoped that our Bro. James Stevens would have been able to continue to give and adduce information, as he did on many previous occasions through the columns of this journal. We trust, however, that by taking the old theme in hand, Bro. Stevens and others may be induced to follow up the course of investigation so well begun, so that assistance may be rendered to the increasing number of our brethren who are pressing forward in search of further Masonic light. It cannot be gainsaid that the ceremonials of Freemasonry would be very much better worked were the system, and the traditions upon which it is founded, more thoroughly understood. By the explanation of minor points of detail much that is now only a matter of indifference would be made intelligible, and the whole Lodge working invested with tenfold greater interest than at the present time. It is very well to say and do certain things, but all their significance is lost unless the brethren who witness the ceremonies have a lively apprehension of every sentence uttered, and every movement made. And yet, how seldom in our Lodges do we hear even the initiation ceremony given in its beautiful entirety? Is not the teaching of the tracing-board invariably deferred until some more convenient season, when there are fewer candidates for passing or raising, and there is little less anxious looking towards the south? The reading of the tracing-board and the recital of the traditional history are, after all, not so much a matter of importance to those who are immediately concerned as to those who, having already heard the sublime lessons inculcated, need constantly to be reminded of them, in order that they may duly estimate the rites in the performance of which they are called to assist. Will any one say that the burial service read by the grave-side is for the benefit of the inanimate clay which has been consigned to its kindred dust, and not to that of the quick who stand around the open tomb? And in like manner, when the charges are read, and the splendid tenets of Freemasonry are forced home to the heart and mind of the candidate, they should awaken a corresponding interest in the minds of all assembled, and create in them a thirsting for deeper draughts from that well of knowledge which is both fathomless and inexhaustible. How many even amongst the rank of Master Masons could, if called upon unawares, give even the faintest outline of the tracing boards, or lectures, or explain to an inquiring student the meaning of even the ordinary interior fittings of the Lodge? Why are the positions of the lights so regulated, and why the peculiar design of the three columns on the pedestals? In a well-regulated Lodge there is no expression, no movement, without its significance; and it is this very hidden meaning which is revealed to the searcher after truth that goes to make up our inner Masonic life. If our ceremonials were only dumb show, and our ritual a mere string of meaningless platitudes, the fabric of Masonry must long ere this have crumbled into dust, and the monstrous fallacy would have exploded. It is the very existence of a satisfying fountain of truth and wisdom which springs from the

remotest depths of Masonry, and comes coursing through every vein and artery of its system, that has kept the Institution intact, and preserved its mysteries from becoming the common property of the “popular world in general.” This is the reason why it has repelled all the assaults that have been made against it, and has enabled it to withstand all the buffetings from without and the treachery of perjured foes within. But, even as other sciences only become beautiful and attractive by closer study, as the works of the G.A.O.T.U. are revealed in all their marvellous perfection by the aid of the telescope and the microscope, so Masonry unfolds its grandeur and its sublimity only as the student dives into its deeper mysteries, and carefully interprets, by the aid of his Masonic Light, the symbols and traditions which have been handed down to us from time immemorial. Everybody has heard of a person in the witness-box who when asked whether he knew Greek, shrewdly replied, “Yes, *by sight!*” Such is the characteristic of any man who goes through the formalities of his Lodge without discerning the true beauties which they are intended to reveal. Masonry is indeed as prolific in the number and variety of its designs as a kaleidoscope; but unless those grand forms and artistic shapes are utilised and retained they will be as evanescent as the toy with which the child plays for a while and then casts aside. What is the reason so many who enrol themselves under our banner speedily tire, and lapse in their attendance at our meetings? They “cannot see anything in it.” There has been a weakness somewhere. They have either preconceived false ideas of the Institution into which they were prompted to find an entrance, or perhaps their initiation was so conducted as to create feeble impressions of the real beauty of the Craft, if indeed it had not inspired them with levity even while dealing with solemn things and sacred. At any rate, there are many who do not receive that breath into their nostrils which is the germ of true Masonic life, which causes the heart to pulsate and the mind to reach out after fresh supplies of sustenance and growth. It is this careful observance of first principles to which we draw the attention of Officers, past and present, who are under responsibility as mentors and preceptors. As the child when learning the pianoforte longs to dash into bounding euphony before she has mastered the exercises, so precisely many a young Mason trips before he has gone far along the chequered floor. It is, therefore, the duty of past and present Masters to guard and regulate the early progress of those who come under their rule, and help each student so to apprehend the meaning of every step he takes that each successive sip from the well-spring of wisdom may create in him a longing for the deeper draughts. When such is the case—when under the fostering care of true Masonic guardians the brother has made sure and firm his foundation—he treads along with confidence and lively aspiration, discovering fresh beauty in the progressive lessons that are laid before him, and which the sound training he has received in his earlier stages enables him thoroughly to understand and to appreciate. In visiting the various Lodges in different parts of the country where our profession leads us, it is easy to discern that our provincial brethren pay greater heed to these important details than is usually to be found in the metropolis. They aim not so much at the working of the ceremonies and the ritual as to discuss various points and to grasp at symbolic meanings. By means of these friendly debates, especially in Lodges of Instruction, the minds of men become stored with gems of Masonic teaching, and through them

these have flashed their radiance upon rapt and delighted audiences. It is not given to every man to be an orator or a preceptor; but who can expect the harvest unless he has prepared the soil and sown the seed? Men sometimes repine, and wonder that they cannot climb the Masonic ladder as deftly as their apparently less highly-endowed brethren. And we cannot but think that the answer in an infinite majority of cases would be "Because there was a hurrying over, or inattention to, the ordinary and minor details of study." We cannot help thinking that if an evening occasionally were set aside in Lodges of Instruction for Masonic debate—if the ordinary routine were now and then merged into a friendly discussion forum—it would tend materially to remove the doubts and misgivings which are constantly expressed, and the momentous question, "Which is correct?" would in many instances be pleasantly solved. One matter lately brought before us by a country brother was that of the use of an extra light in the Third Degree, and the propriety of extinguishing the Master's light and introducing, by way of substitute, a lanthorn with a star, &c. In relation to this subject we have to hand copy of an old circular emanating from Grand Lodge forty years ago, in which the then Grand Secretary, after, no doubt, due consultation with all the acknowledged authorities, states unhesitatingly that such extinguishment is not only improper but positively in violation of the most maturely-considered and unequivocal directions of the Grand Lodge. The introduction of a lanthorn, &c., is equally against the order. Now we have frequently seen pretty transparencies and other arrangements introduced into Lodges by which to give additional effect and brilliancy to ceremonial rites; but the question as to the substitution of any kind of luminary for the Master's light is, according to authority, and in our opinion, contrary to the spirit of the order. "Which is correct?" We learn from the document referred to that in the Lodge of Reconciliation the extinguishment had been proposed, and occasioned much dissatisfaction. In order, therefore, to settle that and other points—or, more properly speaking, to carry out the intention and direction of the Act of Union that there should be a conformity of working, &c.—a special Grand Lodge was convened on the 20th of May 1816, to witness the ceremonies proposed by the Lodge of Reconciliation. These concluded, the several points were discussed; amongst others the lights in the third Degree, and decisions were come to upon them. But, to afford opportunity for the most mature consideration, and to leave the subject without a possibility of objection, another special Grand Lodge was holden on 5th June following, to approve and confirm what had been done at the former meeting. The attendance was larger than at any other time, excepting the day of Union; and the decision arrived at was, that "the Master's light was *never* to be extinguished while the Lodge was open, nor was it by any means to be shaded or obscured, and that no lanthorn or other device was to be permitted as a substitute." One of the reasons stated is, that one of the Lights represents the Master, who is *always* present while the Lodge is open, if not actually in his own person, yet by a brother who represents him (and without the Master or his representative the Lodge cannot be open); so his light cannot be extinguished until the Lodge is closed. The other two lights figuratively represent luminaries which at periods are visible—at other times not so. Here, for instance, is a subject which might be well taken for an evening's quiet reflection and debate, and undoubtedly the question, if well handled, would elucidate many others of equal interest and importance, and on which it is most desirable to be informed "Which is correct?" We shall be pleased to devote a portion of our space weekly to the discussion of such matters, in which we should be glad to have the co-operation of our readers, feeling assured that in cases of doubt and difficulty, as well for the dissemination of truth, the ventilation and interchange of opinion must be productive of the most beneficial results.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Rt. Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, and M.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland, has, in the kindest manner, consented to preside at the 81st Anniversary Festival of this Institution, to be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 25th June next.

R. M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Governors of, and Donors and Subscribers to this Institution was held yesterday (Friday), in the Great Hall, at Freemasons' Tavern, where there was a goodly attendance, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton, Grand Treasurer of England.

The Secretary (Bro. James Terry) read a letter, which he had received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in which the M.W.G.M. expressed his approval of 11th February 1880 as the date for the next Festival in behalf of the Institution. Bro. Terry also had satisfaction in announcing that the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, had kindly consented to preside on that occasion.

The minutes of the annual general meeting of 1878 were taken as read, and the Secretary then presented the annual report of the Audit Committee and Committee of Management, which was unanimously approved and adopted, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Committee of Management desire to congratulate the Donors and Subscribers upon the continued success which has attended the Institution during the past year, resulting in a larger amount of donations and subscriptions being received than in any preceding twelve months since its formation.

The Anniversary Festival was held by command of the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., on the 13th February last, and having obtained the consent of Lt.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. Prov. G.M. for E. Lancashire to preside, a Board of Stewards, 294 in number, was formed, of whom 81 were from the chairman's Province. Their exertions were rewarded by being enabled to present the largest sum yet obtained at any of the Festivals, viz.—£14,386; and the Committee tender, not only to them their sincere thanks for raising such an amount, considering the great depression of trade unhappily prevailing throughout the country, but also to the chairman for his powerful advocacy of the claims of the Institution on the day of the Festival, and for the deep interest he displayed throughout his Province in inducing the brethren to support his presidency.

At the last election there were 145 male and 135 female annuitants upon the fund; there are 33 men and 43 widows candidates for election to-day.

Since May last 22 men and 8 widows have died, and the Committee have resolved not only to fill up these vacancies, but to augment that number by the election of an additional ten widows, so that there will now be 145 annuitants of both sexes receiving the benefits of the Institution, the amount of whose annuities will be £10,440. There are also 12 widows receiving half their late husband's annuities, who each receive £20 per annum, so that the Institution is committed to an annual payment of £10,680, without the working expenses.

To meet this large outlay the Committee rely, in the future as they have done in the past, upon the continued liberality of the Craft, feeling convinced that that reliance will not be in vain.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the balance remaining in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., at the time of their failure, in 1878, has been paid in full by the Trustee of the estate of the late Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., thereby preventing the Institution from sustaining loss.

The Committee desire to tender their thanks to Grand Lodge for the renewed grant of £70, made in September last, to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter.

Vacancies in the Trusteeship have occurred during the past year by the deaths of the late Grand Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq. and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. According to the laws the former vacancy will have to be filled by the newly-elected Grand Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Creaton; and they recommend Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. of England to fill the other vacancy.

The Committee have also much pleasure in reporting that the Institution at Croydon is in a thorough state of repair. They have made an addition during the past year, by the erection of a Lodge for the residence of a gardener, who will also discharge the duties of gatekeeper, and various other minor offices, which will tend to the comfort of the residents.

To Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., they tender their grateful thanks for his thoughtful kindness and care in ministering to the comforts, and alleviating, as far as human aid can, the sufferings, of the residents. They have much pleasure in stating that at a meeting of the Committee of management it was unanimously resolved that, as he had given his valuable services as Honorary Surgeon for 18 years, a testimonial, of the value of 100 guineas, should be presented him as a compliment they considered he justly deserved.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March 1879, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:—

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1878	-	-	2,386	16	10
RECEIPTS.					
Donation from Grand Lodge	-	500	0	0	
Do. Grand Chapter	-	100	0	0	
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	-	5,692	0	0	
Annual Subscriptions	-	1,130	7	6	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	-	59	0	0	
Rent of Field (Three Quarters)	-	7	0	0	
Sale of Portion of Field	-	10	10	0	
Interest on Cash at Call	-	18	2	9	
Cash withdrawn from Call	-	1,000	0	0	
			8,517	0	3
			£10,903	17	1

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuity	5,520	0 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	300	0 0
Collector—Commission	116	10 9
Messenger	5	0 0
Assistance in Office	4	12 0
Secretary—Provincial Expenses	58	4 5
Medicine for Residents at Asylum	12	10 0
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener, at Asylum	88	7 0
Taxes at do.	27	9 6
Repairs and Furniture, at do.	22	7 6
Law Charges, &c., at Asylum	12	10 4
Pension to late Gardener	26	0 0
Stationery, Printing, &c.	226	13 2
Advertisements	14	0 3
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	167	8 3
Petty Expenses	11	16 2
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	31	17 3
Votes of thanks to Stewards	15	9 4
Insurance on Building at Croydon	3	10 5
Building Gardener's Lodge (on acct.)	165	0 0
„ Greenhouse	50	0 0
Surveyor's Fee	10	10 0
Testimonial to Hon. Surgeon	52	10 0
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	12 6
Bankers' Charges	1	1 4
Rent of Field	18	6 0
Rent, &c., of Office	18	0 0
Deposited at Call	1,000	0 0
	7,982	6 2

Balance on this Account - - 2,921 10 11

WIDOW'S FUND.		
Balance 31st March 1878	3,299	5 6
RECEIPTS.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	300	0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	50	0 0
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	4,518	7 0
Annual Subscriptions	836	1 0
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	33	3 10
Rent of Field (three Quarters)	7	0 0
Sale of Portion of Field	10	10 0
Interest on Cash at Call	18	2 8
Cash withdrawn from Call	1,000	0 0
	6,773	4 6
	10,072	10 0

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuity	4,426	10 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	300	0 0
Collector—Commission	129	10 3
Messenger	5	0 0
Assistance in Office	4	12 0
Secretary—Provincial Expenses	58	4 5
Medicine for residents at Asylum	12	10 0
Matron do	40	0 0
Gardener's salary do	8	9 0
Taxes, &c. do	27	9 5
Repairs and furniture, &c. do	22	7 2
Law charges do	12	10 4
Stationery, printing, &c.	225	19 6
Advertisements	14	0 3
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	148	4 6
Petty expenses	11	15 4
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	31	17 4
Votes of thanks to Stewards	15	9 5
Insurance on building at Croydon	3	10 4
Building Gardener's Lodge (on acct.)	165	0 0
Building Greenhouse	50	0 0
Surveyor's fee	10	10 0
Testimonial to Hon. Surgeon	52	10 0
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	12 6
Bankers' charges	1	1 10
Rent of Field	18	5 11
Rent, &c., of Office	18	0 0
Deposited at Call	1,000	0 0
	£6,820	9 7

Balance on this Account - - 3,252 0 5

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.		
Balance 31st March 1878	46	15 6
Disbursements	9	0 6

Balance on this Account - - 37 15 0

TOTAL BALANCES,		
As per Auditors' Report	£6,211	6 4

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—		
MALE FUND.		
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	500	0 0
Do Grand Chapter	100	0 0
Dividends on £32,870 Stock in Government Funds	916	13 0
	1,516	13 0
WIDOWS' FUND.		
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	300	0 0
Do Grand Chapter	50	0 0
Dividends on £20,655 Stock in Government Funds	579	15 8
	929	15 8
	2,446	8 8
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.		
Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds	30	0 0
	£2,476	8 8

Signed J. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, Chairman.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th May 1879.

It was announced that three members of the Committee of Management retired by rotation, viz., Bros. C. Dilley, J. Bellerby, and Griffiths Smith. Bros. Dilley and Griffiths Smith were declared re-elected, and Bro. T. Goode was appointed in the room of Bro. Bellerby, resigned.

The Auditors, Bros. H. Warren, A. H. Tattershall, and R. B. Webster, were unanimously re-elected, with thanks for their services during the past year.

The election of Trustees was then proceeded with, and the Secretary announced that Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, had consented, that, should he be elected, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, he should be happy to accept the position of trustee for the Widows' Fund. Bro. A. J. Duff Filer P.S.G.B. then said he believed this was the proper time to propose a brother for the Trusteeship of the Male Fund, and also of the Sustentation Fund, according to the law which described that two should be appointed by this meeting. He begged, therefore, to propose the name of Bro. William Winn, who is sufficiently known to most of the brethren present to render his saying anything much in his favour unnecessary. But, inasmuch as he had heard of a great mistake having been made as to who Bro. Winn was, on some occasions, he might tell the meeting that he was connected with a very large shipping firm in the port of London, trading under the name of Tomlin and Nephew. The uncle, however, was dead, and Bro. Winn was now, and had been for many years, a member of the firm. He felt sure that knowing what Bro. Winn had done for Freemasonry, any little matter in the shape of honour which they could confer upon so worthy a brother they would be happy to do by electing him a Trustee of the Male and Sustentation Fund. Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart then moved, and Bro. Perryman seconded the election of Bro. Eneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., as a Trustee of the Sustentation Fund, the resolution being carried. The Chairman said there were 22 males and 18 females candidates on the list, and the Scrutineers of votes having been appointed, the election of Annuitants was proceeded with, in the usual way. The results were announced soon after five o'clock as appears on page 327.

The results having been read over, Bro. Thomas Hill moved "That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Scrutineers who assisted at the election." In doing so he alluded to the large amount of work which they had been called upon to do, and which they had performed in good style, as was proved by their being no objection to their figures. Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. of West Yorkshire, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Godtschalk (Devon) moved "That the proceedings of this day be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges and Chapters under the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England." Bro. Eberall seconded the resolution, which was agreed to.

Bro. E. S. Snell proposed "That the results of the ballot, with the names of the successful candidates, be advertised;" and this having been seconded by Bro. A. H. Tattershall, was carried.

On the motion of Bro. Farnfield, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Lieut.-Col. Creaton for the way in which he had presided over the proceedings of the day; and in accepting the compliment, the Chairman observed, "Ladies and gentlemen, I bow my acknowledgments."

The proceedings then terminated.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present:—Bros. Lt.-Col. Creaton (in the chair), James Brett, John G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hilton, W. Hale, S. Rawson, William Stephens, Edgar Bowyer, Jabez Hogg, Erasmus Wilson, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry reported that the Earl of Zetland would preside at the next Festival of the Institution in 1880, and read letters from Colonel Starkie and Bro. Hine acknowledging the votes of thanks to them passed at the meeting of the committee in February. The death of three male annuitants was reported, and the annual report of the Institution, to be read at the meeting on Friday, was approved. Some other formal business was transacted, and the committee adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From the correspondence which has recently taken place in your columns respecting the expenditure involved in the maintenance of the children in the Masonic Schools, I am inclined to believe there is some explanation which might be, and ought to be, given for the benefit of the Craft generally. I had always understood that the amount was somewhat excessive, in comparison with those of other and similar Institutions, but a margin was ever allowed, from the impression that the principles of Masons induced them to treat those who were entrusted to their care on a more liberal scale than is usual in orphanages and "homes." Still, I had no idea that so large a sum as £27,000 had been expended on the maintenance of 410 children, and if possible I shall take the opportunity of looking a little more closely into the matter. There must, I imagine, be some mistake on the part of your correspondent "H." which the Committee might easily point out; but I, too, should be glad to be informed how I might procure a copy of the publication to which Bro. Binckes has referred. It will be a source of gratification to all the brethren who have subscribed to be told that instead of all this money having been spent, a considerable portion has been carried to the reserve fund, in which case the question of extending the benefits of the Institution might well be considered. It is of no use perpetually to be stirring up a laudable rivalry in the matter of solicitation and giving if the money is to be hoarded up, or, worse still, lavishly squandered. Trusting that the questions asked will be the means of eliciting the fullest information,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since last addressing you on this subject, I have been favoured with a copy of the Treasurer's account with the R.M.I. for Girls for 1878.

If this is the strictly audited statement of accounts which "he who runs may read," I may be excused for remarking that the runner might continue his exercise for many hours without deriving very much satisfactory information from his reading. I suggested intelligible accounts and clear balance-sheets of the two Schools, and am given a summary of the year's cash entries of one Institution, the substance of which may be stated in three lines:—

Ordinary expenditure	£7085
Extraordinary ditto	8232
Total	£15,317

The accuracy of these figures need not be questioned, the certificate of the auditors being sufficient to guarantee that the moneys have been expended as stated; but the policy and the Charity of turning away 70 per cent. of the applicants for whose benefit the funds have been subscribed, whilst less than one-half of the amount is devoted to the support and education of those for whom it was collected, demand, and ought to receive, most earnest consideration. Out of the total income for the year not one penny appears to have been invested to meet future expenditure; the balance in the bankers' hands was about £2000 less at December than in January, and a loan of £2000 seems to have been obtained from the London and Westminster Bank.

But this only relates to one year's income and expenditure, and does not touch upon the main question of "intelligible accounts and clear balance-sheets." An annual cash abstract is not a satisfactory statement of accounts. There is no reason, that I am acquainted with, why fiduciary accounts should not be as clearly rendered as those of a commercial firm or a public Company; and as large sums have been appropriated during past years to other purposes than the maintenance and education of the children, subscribers are entitled to the fullest information as to the assets and liabilities of these Institutions, and of the nature and value of the properties on which many thousands of pounds have been expended. Let us have intelligible accounts and clear balance-sheets. If the Committees have any difficulty in framing such accounts as are required, there are many on their lists of Governors whose aid might be solicited. (I observe, amongst others, such well-known authorities as Bros. Henry Bishop, W. W. Deloitte, James Glegg, R. P. Harding, &c.) whose opinions and advice would be warmly welcomed by the well-wishers of our Charities, prove a stimulant to many in future efforts to increase their value, tend to check the increasing desire in the Masonic provinces for independent and less costly Schools, and reduce the number of disappointed applicants for the benefit of these Institutions.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

14th May 1879.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is very satisfactory to me to read in one of your reports last week that in some Lodges of Instruction the practice is gaining ground of rehearsing the same ceremony two or three times during an evening, instead of rushing in a slipshod fashion through a great quantity of work. I recollect that when a schoolboy we were treated once a month to what was called "race-week," i.e., in one week at the end of the month we recapitulated all the lessons we had gone through in the course of the previous three weeks. It strikes me that the same principle may well be applied to Lodges of Instruction, and that the recapitulation of the same ceremony two or three times is far preferable to the scrambling over a lot of ground, for then trivial mistakes and lapsus lingue can be corrected, and the students built up in their rendering of the various parts assigned to them. The promoters of Lodges of Instruction would do well to take the example to heart of endeavouring to do a little and do it well, rather than attempt a great show of work and allow discrepancies to go unnoticed. I have ceased for some time attending Lodges of Instruction on this very account, and I know many others who abstain from putting in an appearance for the very reason that when they are present they hear nothing but a vain repetition, in which the old errors pass unnoticed, and from which I feel nothing can be learnt. Trusting some other brethren will throw out a few suggestions in respect of this matter,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE third grand evening concert of the season, by the members of this well known and popular Union, was given on Wednesday evening, at the Albion Hall, London Wall, when a judiciously selected programme of vocal and instrumental music was presented to a large and appreciative audience. The orchestra comprised forty performers, and under the baton of Bro. G. H. T. Seddon, the various pieces were sustained most creditably. Especially noticeable amongst the prominent items must be mentioned Verdi's grand selection, "Rigoletto," with solos for piccolo, flute, oboe, clarinet, cornet, and euphonium, by Messrs. Kern, Toussaint, Shuckard, Hobbs, Sanderson, and Jones; and the *air de ballet*, "Allegretto Moderato," one of Bro. Seddon's most admired compositions, the solos being taken up by Messrs. Kern, Sanderson and Jones. Amongst the vocal *morceaux* were two duets by Miss Ada Morgan and Mr. Nichols, the first being "Take now this ring," from "Somnambula," which was rapturously applauded, the latter the "Miserere," from "Il Trovatore," which, in spite of the veto put upon *encores* at the opening of the entertainment, was redemanded with such determination that the rigid regulation had to be relaxed, and the artistes were literally compelled to repeat the familiar selection, which they did to the intense delight of their auditors. Mr. Charles Nichols sang the exquisitely pretty song, "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," in which a good range of voice was blended with all the *verve* requisite for a successful rendering of the piece, and he was deservedly rewarded by a round of genuine applause. Miss Ada Morgan was equally successful, and her rendering of Clay's charming little ballad, "She wandered down the mountain side," was such that, but for the stringent rule to which we have referred, must have been repeated. Amongst the other *pièces de resistance* were clarinet solo, "Air Varié in B flat" (Baudenic), performed in faultless manner by Mr. Hobbs, and a solo by Mr. Jones on the euphonium, "Concerto in E flat" (Krall), the execution of which amply rewarded those by whose desire the piece was inserted in the programme. The concerted pieces were given with an evenness and perfection rarely excelled, and were brought to a fitting termination by the vivacious rendering of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." Miss Nichols, as accompanist, displayed accomplishments of no mean order as pianiste; and the entertainment was one of the most successful and enjoyable we have listened to for some time past.

FRENCH COOKS' BALL.

THE twenty-fourth annual ball Du Club Culinaire Français was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last week, when the company numbered upwards of 320. The following brethren officiated as Stewards:—E. Crozes (president), Lamare, P. Verollion, J. Cossart, Lafont, J. C. Burlet, T. Mainvielle, J. Oger, A. Delobelle, A. Suzane, J. Gonard, Tomire, E. Vallet, Pathe, F. Gendre, B. Desabris, L. Vallet, C. Meneffier, A. Pennet, Beguinot and Debretagne. A *recherche* supper was provided, under the personal superintendence of Bro. C. F. Burlet, and excellent music was supplied by a band under the direction of Bro. W. G. Eaton. Bros. Tripp and Harris rendered efficient assistance as M.C.'s. The dancing was maintained with unabated zest until an early hour on Friday morning. Amongst those present were Bros. Mc Gonnell (*chef* to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales), W. C. Parsons, Lakin, E. Dawkins, Brand, Knight, Badger, H. M. Levy, &c. The health of the President was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Levy, and duly acknowledged, and after a few other complimentary toasts, the pleasures of the ball-room were resumed. The appearance of the ball-room was exceedingly picturesque. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable and interesting that has been witnessed at Freemasons Hall for many a long day.

On Tuesday evening, at a meeting of the Restoration Lodge of Instruction at Darlington, Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave, by invitation, an address on "The Landmarks of Freemasonry."

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216.

THE eleventh anniversary of this well-known Metropolitan Lodge was celebrated at the Headquarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday the 8th of May. The steady progress of this Lodge towards a recognised position in the Craft, as well for its working as its liberality towards the Institutions, and its hearty welcome of Visitors, has always caused each successive installation to meet with great success, and this occasion proved to be no exception to the rule. Being composed entirely of effective or honorary members of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteers, the uniform of the several ranks of the corps and the Masonic regalia and appointments of the Lodge-room together form a *coup d'oeil* at once pleasing and attractive. The Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Woodbridge Carnell W.M., and there were present during the evening the following amongst other brethren, viz.:—Bros. C. Fountain S.W., D. A. Ross J.W., Captain A. Styan Treasurer, W. J. Messenger P.M. and Sec., W. C. Hale S.D., T. Harper J.D., C. H. Nevill D.C., A. Bradley W.S.; Past Masters James Stevens, Newington Bridges, George Waterall, M. S. Larham, and H. Hammond; Bros. F. H. Cozens, A. R. Cranch, T. Fitzer, P. Clay, A. G. White, E. W. Dubois, C. T. Hildreth, C. H. Rugg, J. J. Curtis, A. Woodcock, A. J. Style, W. S. Harvey, A. Youngman, F. de Rossignol, C. E. Goldring, T. D. Turner, H. Bridges, H. Cuss, A. H. Mann, F. Staley, J. Carpenter, G. H. Besley, F. P. Yonge, C. W. Davis, W. Foster, A. Goggs, C. J. Henton, F. Hutchins, F. Dane, &c., &c. The Visitors were:—Bros. J. P. Probert P.M., P. G. Steward, John Close P.M. 463 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, H. A. Dubois P.P.G.D. Middlesex, J. Cawan P.M. 1572, W. F. Bertram and H. J. Bertram The Great City 1426, G. Carrington 1593, J. Boulson 1056, W. Liddell 157, G. J. Earnay 511, J. Shipley 30, E. H. Stammwitz P.M. 435, A. F. Lowrie 1556, H. Ashton 1181, F. Fladgate Gibraltar, Joseph Dezer Mizpah, Lawler Moira, &c. Previous minutes having been confirmed, and a few business matters disposed of, the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was undertaken by Bro. Newington Bridges P.M., who in a very able and efficient manner placed in the chair of K.S. Bro. Charles Fountain, whom he had introduced for initiation in this Lodge in 1869, and who is the first honorary member of the corps who has attained to that eminence in the Macdonald Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. at once "fleshed his maiden sword," and in thoroughly perfect and admirable style initiated Mr. Victor Henry D'Avaux into the Order. The correct and impressive rendering of this ceremony by a presumed novice appeared to surprise some of the Visitors present; but we who have attended each recurring installation in this Lodge expected no less than such perfection, for no appointment has yet been made to the Macdonald chair without full preparation by the candidate for that honourable position. The congratulations of the members and Visitors having been offered to and accepted by the W.M., the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the spacious mess-room of the corps, where a very sumptuous banquet was prepared for the numerous company. The several magnificent silver trophies, shields, and cups, which testify to the shooting qualities of so many members of the Lodge as Volunteer Riflemen, and the choice flowers and "button-holes" so profusely decorating the tables, were fit accompaniments for one of the most elegant *menus* we have yet seen; at once chaste and comprehensive, comprising bill of fare, toast list, musical arrangements, and list of Officers. It was much admired for the perfect taste of its adornments. After the cloth had been cleared, and "Non Nobis" sung, the W.M., who was most enthusiastically received, proceeded to submit the several Loyal and Masonic toasts with easy confidence and in impressive, though brief terms. Bro. T. W. Carnell I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. C. Fountain, truly remarking that no words of his could more effectively eulogise the qualifications of the new Master for his office than the display he had already given of his ability, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. The toast was drunk amidst acclamation, and the W.M., referring to the pleasure it gave him to reflect upon the progress he had made, from his initiation in the Lodge to the present moment, assured his hearers that no pains should be spared on his part to discharge the duties of his high office to their entire satisfaction. The health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bridges, was heartily received, and responded to. The initiate, Bro. D'Avaux, made a very telling response to the toast proposed in his honour. To that of the Visitors, each of whom the W.M. welcomed by name and reference, responses were made by Bros. J. P. Probert, Stammwitz, and H. A. Dubois, and their respective remarks on the working of the Lodge and the hospitality of their hosts must have been especially gratifying to those to whom they were addressed. The Past Masters were received with hearty greetings, the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. Carnell, being presented with the handsome Macdonald jewel, and complimented for his able management during the past year; for which expressions of esteem he made his acknowledgments. Bro. James Stevens P.M. (and originator of the Lodge) also responded on behalf of the other Past Masters and himself. The Officers and the Tyler's toast then brought to a conclusion one of the most agreeable evenings of the very many we have enjoyed in connection with this thoroughly well-organised and disciplined Lodge. The musical portion of the business of the evening was conducted by Bro. F. H. Cozens, as Organist, assisted by Bros. Lawler, H. Ashton, H. Bertram, A. R. Cranch, and the "topical" poet, of the corps and Lodge, Bro. C. T. Hildreth, whose very witty parodies of popular songs invariably afford much entertainment.

GROSVENOR LODGE, No. 1257.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a goodly attendance

of brethren and Visitors. Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. J. Elliot W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. I. Cantle S.W., T. W. Murley J.W., T. Parker P.M. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Sec., J. T. Pilditch S.D., Richard Baker J.D., J. Smith I.G., C. G. Gumpel W.S., P.M.'s J. H. Meredith, Cox, Bethell, Thirkle, &c. Amongst the Visitors were—Bros. J. Williams J.W. 1791, Joseph Wall 1420, J. Gibson P.M. 1420, J. Hiscock S.W. 1420, H. Clark, F. Knight. Smith, W.M. 1491, A. Brodie J.W. 185, J. Bradley 1329, E. Farwig W.M. 180, J. W. Clarke J.W. 1567, W. H. Kempster P.M. 1420, C. Ponpard P.M. 1446, Johnson 1791, Townsend 1238, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. R. M. M. Pallokar and S. Raven were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who acquitted himself with his usual ability. Bro. H. Von Joel, of the St. John's Lodge, Pesth, was warmly received as a joining member. Subsequently Bro. J. I. Cantle P.M. 1441 was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune. The customary salutations were given, and the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Elliot I.P.M., T. W. Murley S.W., Pilditch J.W., T. Parker P.M. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune Sec., Baker S.D., J. Smith J.D., Gumpel I.G., Walton D.C., Ray Steward, and Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The plaudits which followed the investiture of the various Officers were an indication on the part of the brethren of their approval of the choice made by the W.M. The auditors' report was read and adopted, and from it we learn that the Lodge is in a flourishing state, with a good balance in hand. A letter was read from the widow of a deceased brother, and it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £10 should be voted to her out of the funds, subject to the approval of the Committee. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. Best, in the Crown Room. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the W.M. regretting the absence of some Grand Officers, whom he had expected, but speaking in highly complimentary terms of the way in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Cottebrune. The toast was responded to in appropriate terms. Bro. Elliot then gave the health of the W.M., and said the members had always endeavoured to encourage those who strove to attain perfection in order to qualify them for the chair. Bro. Cantle was one of the oldest initiates in this Lodge, and he had risen to become the P.M. of another Lodge. He felt sure the interests of the brethren would be well studied by Bro. Cantle in every respect, seeing that he was so well versed in the ritual, and qualified in every way to sustain the duties of his position. In responding, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic reception they had given to the toast. When he was initiated into this Lodge, he said he should not be satisfied until he had reached the position of W.M., and he had gone up from one rung of the ladder to another, until he had attained the object of his ambition. He trusted that he had made many friends and cemented many acquaintanceships in the past, and that his year of office might be one of unanimity and progress. Having expressed his solicitude for the best interests of the Lodge, and thanked Bro. Cottebrune for the ability with which he had discharged his important duties on that occasion, he proposed the health of the Installing Officer, who was also the founder and first Master of this Lodge. He had, moreover, given much time to impart to others anxious for office the benefit of his great and valuable experience. In conclusion, he sympathised with him in the present unfavourable condition of his health, and wished him, on behalf of the brethren, a speedy and complete restoration. The toast was acknowledged in a brief, but suitable, reply. With the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. Farwig W.M. 180, who responded, as also did Bro. Dr. Kempster. The health of the P.M.'s next followed from the chair, the W.M. speaking in the highest terms of the truly valuable assistance they had rendered. He expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing no less than seven Past Masters present on this occasion. They were always ready to do what they could to assist the Officers, and to promote in every possible way the welfare of the Lodge, on whose behalf he now presented their excellent I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Elliot could scarcely find words to express his deep sense of the compliment which had been paid him, and he should ever regard the jewel with pride, and as a mark of the kind esteem of the brethren. As he had worked in the past for the interest of the Lodge, so he trusted he might be able to do in his new capacity. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary came next, eliciting appropriate replies from Bros. Parker and Cottebrune; and the toast of the Officers of the Lodge was acknowledged by the Wardens in a few practical and sensible remarks. Songs were sung at intervals by the W.M., Bros. Martin, Knight-Smith, Tremaine, and others; so that the proceedings were by no means devoid of the requisite mirth and harmony.

LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE, No. 820.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, which took place on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, furnishes us with a very striking example of what can be accomplished by well-directed energy, and fixed resolve. It seems to us but as yesterday that this Lodge, which had been planted under such brilliant auspices in the "royal" atmosphere of fashionable Richmond, was seen drooping from inattention, and fading into decay from sheer mismanagement. We would fain draw a veil over the untoward circumstances which marred the life of the Lily of Richmond, and which brought upon it the penalty of temporary suspension; for, as we then ventured to predict, there was a silver lining behind the cloud which had gathered over, and for a time obscured, one of the fairest flowers of Masonry south of the Thames. That the night is darkest before the dawn is amply proved by the history of this branch of our Institution, for amidst its many vicissitudes there arose a master mind that was destined to unravel the tangled skein of difficulty and disaster, and to rebuild the structure that had well nigh fallen into disintegration through bungling negligence. Last year, when we visited the brethren there, it was a matter of lament that the Treasurer reported a deficit of some £150; but

when Bro. Hubbard stepped into the breach as W.M., and the advocate of judicious retrenchment, we felt assured that the "good time coming" was not far off. We rejoice that the measures instituted with such administrative care have within one short year brought about such excellent results. Not only is the Lodge revived and placed on a thoroughly solvent footing, but whilst workers have been induced to toil in the hive, the drones have been beaten off, and we now see the members breathing a healthy atmosphere of progress which must ensure ultimate prosperity. By a re-arrangement of the bye-laws, and a sensible moderation in the fourth degree, such a system has been inaugurated as leaves no fear of such financial pressure recurring as at one time bade fair to extinguish the light and life of the Lily Lodge. The manner in which Bro. Hubbard assumed the reins, as well as the hearty way in which the brethren have supported him through a year of difficulty, point to a happy continuance of the more robust life which has been infused into the Lodge, and the rapidity with which the members have shuffled off their monetary perplexities speaks volumes for the love of Freemasonry with which they are imbued. No finger of scorn can be pointed at the Lily Lodge for its niggardliness in past years in support of charitable objects. Liberality in this respect was one of its characteristics, and it was only when circumstances over which its leading members had no control set in, that the fountain of their generosity was temporarily dried up. Now we look forward to a brighter prospect; and certainly no Lodge has a better chance of regaining lost ground than has this. Admirably circumstanced as to locality and quarters, with a well-appointed Lodge room, fitted in all respects as to excellence of furniture and jewels, the Lily of Richmond Lodge, under discreet rule, cannot fail to attract a growing share of Masonic interest, and we are bold to prophecy for it yet vastly brighter days. All that is required now is the infusion of a score or so of active careful members, and thus, under the *regime* now in force, all the old *prestige* once enjoyed by the Lodge must perforce return. Having said thus much in passing, we must congratulate the brethren upon the success which attended the installation proceedings of Wednesday last. There was a goodly attendance of the members and visitors at 4.30 o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formality under the presidency of the retiring W.M. and W.M. elect, Bro. Hubbard. In the re-election of this brother, who has proved himself so trusty a chief during the past year, the brethren displayed their wisdom, and, at the same time, bestowed a deserved compliment upon one who has unquestionably the interests of the Lodge at heart. This, at all events, was the opinion of the visiting brethren who assisted in the installation ceremony, and amongst whom we noticed—Bros. G. E. Walters P.M. 1598, R. T. Talbot 780, G. Wicks 813, F. Delevanté 1319, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, F. Skinner 813, G. T. Thorne W.M. 1632, J. Chambers Roe P.M. 780, E. J. Acworth 1612, C. Costelow S.D. 780, B. E. Blasby J.W. 780, John Cockburn P.M., &c. After the transaction of the customary routine business, the brethren retired during the holding of the Board of Installed Masters, and on their re-admission, Brother Hubbard, who had been reinstated in the chair, received the hearty salutations of all present. The W.M. was supported on the dais by P.M.'s W. H. Myers, F. H. Koch, and John Jones, and the installation rite was impressively and accurately solemnised by Bro. Myers, whose recital of the charges elicited expressions of the highest admiration. The following brethren then received their collars for the respective offices, as follow:—Bros. Kyezor S.W., Young J.W., Giles P.M., Treasurer, Reynolds Secretary, Phillips S.D., Dean J.D., Gray I.G., Myers P.M. D.C., Cook W.S., and Gilbert Tyler. Votes of thanks were accorded, and hearty good wishes exchanged; after which Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in a style for which this old-established and first-rate hotel is famous. Having discussed a repast which reflected the utmost credit on the *cuisine* and general arrangements of the hotel, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with musical accompaniments, Bro. Delevanté presiding ably at the pianoforte. The W.M. eulogised our Masonic Rulers as men who take deep interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft, and it was most gratifying to know we had such able and gifted Officers at the head of affairs. Speaking of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. forcibly advocated the claims of our noble Institutions, which were the pride and boast of Freemasonry, and which were the source of such blessings to those who were unable to help themselves. Quoting the motto that "Charity begins at home," he urged upon the brethren a just economy in their Lodge affairs, which would be the best and surest means of enabling them to help forward those Institutions which form so splendid a monument of Masonic charity. P.M. Bro. Jones then gave the health of the W.M., in doing which he regretted the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M. During the past year their excellent W.M. had most ably discharged the more than ordinarily onerous duties he had undertaken, and they might rest assured that, under a continuance of his discreet and able reign, the era of prosperity which had happily set in would be increasingly developed. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, thanked Bro. Jones for the eloquent terms in which the toast was couched; he felt sure the brethren would share with him his gratification at the improved position of the Lodge. He thanked the Past Masters for the support they had so liberally accorded him in his endeavour to retrieve the *prestige* of the Lodge; and he expressed the hope that he might receive the earnest co-operation of the officers and brethren in carrying out the designs which had been inaugurated with such excellent results. The health of the Visitors followed, and this toast was suitably acknowledged. After the toast of the Secretary, with felicitous allusion to the manner in which that officer had discharged his important duties. Several other toasts followed, interspersed with some capital songs by Bros. Wicks, Young, Myers, and others.

FUNERAL OF THE GRAND TYLER.

THE obsequies of the late Grand Tyler of England, Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, were solemnised on Monday afternoon last, at Abney Park Cemetery, in the presence of a small knot of relatives and old fraternal acquaintance. As we mentioned in our last, Bro. Payne had continued in the active discharge of his duties till within a very few hours of his departure, and his loss is deplored by a very large circle in the Craft. There appears to have been a slight misapprehension as to the date of the funeral, and as a consequence there were not so many brethren in attendance to pay the last tribute of respect as we should like to have met. However, it was gratifying to see the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Harvey, testifying his esteem for an old colleague, and by the graveside we also saw Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, several members of the Egyptian Lodge, to which the deceased belonged, including P.M.'s Charles Atkins, Libbis, Poole, Green, Jacobs, Maidwell, &c., the W.M. Bro. Richards, and other brethren, amongst whom were Bros. J. Brett P.G.P., Cubitt P.G.P., W. Stephens P.M., Jones, Young, Bingemann P.M., Steedman, Longstaff, Beckett, &c. The funeral cortege started from Freemasons' Hall shortly after half-past one o'clock, the mourning coaches containing the immediate relatives of the deceased; and the brethren joined in independently as they awaited the arrival of the mournful procession. It was gratifying to see the poor old Tylers mustering in this way to pay their last tribute of regard for their acknowledged chief, and we happened to overhear one of them remark that if he had been bound to tile twenty Lodges he would have found a substitute for each office rather than fail to have been present to see the last of dear old Bro. Payne. The ceremony was solemn and impressive, and amidst expressions of genuine and heartfelt regret our Bro. Payne was consigned to his kindred dust. We regret that some of the brethren were not correctly informed as to the time of the funeral, but there is but one opinion left behind, which is,—that a better officer in his position never breathed, and his memory will be followed by none but the most regretful sentiments.

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Monday evening, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, where there was a moderate attendance, under the presidency of E. Comp. Geo. Waterall M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. Mark Samuel Larham H., Thomas Poore J., &c. Amongst the Visitors present were—Comps. E. A. Albert P.Z. 188, W. W. Morgan 141, W. Lake H. 131, J. S. Terry Z. 771, S. Lazarus P.Z. 53, N. B. Headon 145, &c. The minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. duly installed E. Comps. Mark S. Larham as M.E.Z., Thos. Poore as H., and Richard N. Field as J. Subsequently the following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Comps. J. Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., Poynter Scribe N., H. Smith Treas., T. Meggy P.S., Watts D.C., and Gilbert Janitor. The appointment of the Assistant Sojourners was held over to the next meeting. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted, and, being approved, it was resolved that it should be printed and sent out with the summons for the next Convocation. The report set forth that the Chapter was in a most satisfactory position. Before the rising of the Chapter it was announced that Comp. C. Lazarus was a candidate for the Royal Benevolent Institution, and one of the Visitors stated that he had a few spare votes which he should be happy to place at the candidate's disposal; later in the evening Comp. Headon said he also had 25, or perhaps 50 votes, which he could give over to Comp. Lazarus if they were needed to carry his case. At the conclusion of the business, a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. J. W. Cox, and after the good things had been discussed, the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. In the course of the after speeches, high compliments were passed to Comp. J. Stevens for the perfect manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the general assistance he rendered in all matters concerning Freemasonry. A similar encomium was passed upon Comp. Larham, the newly-appointed M.E.Z., who was most assiduous in promoting the interests of the Chapter. Great satisfaction was expressed at the fact that there are a great number of enthusiastic supporters of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the South of London, and the utmost satisfaction was evinced at the progress which had been made by this Chapter, and the position it now enjoys. The evening passed off most agreeably.

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed in the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 29th May. Bro. James Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, will be the consecrating Officer.

Bro. Councillor Thomas Sutton J.W. was last Tuesday unanimously elected W.M. of the Gilbert Gretnall Lodge 1250, Warrington, for the ensuing year. Bro. D. W. Finney Prov. G.S., the retiring Master, will perform the ceremony of installation, at the next regular meeting in June (second Tuesday).

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised at the present time, and the earliest evidences of ill health must be immediately checked, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsy, coughs, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

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BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

MALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll.	Name.	Total votes polled.
1	Stuart, William	2079
2	Coggin, Thomas John	1899
3	Marsh, Richard Henry	1410
4	Esnouf, Francis	1210
5	Youngman, Harold	1167
6	Mobbs, George	1076
7	Baker, John	1065
8	Lawrence, Lawrence	1043
9	Ben, Lyon	1019
10	Wade, William B.	985
11	Emmott, William	977
12	Salisbury, James M.	969
13	Morton, Hiram	964
14	Williamson, Thomas	955
15	Wardale, Henry	954
16	Cushen, Thomas	947
17	Foulds, Thomas	933
18	Everist, John	893
19	Colville, William Robins	889
20	Wilkinson, John H.	885
21	Elson, James	876
22	Lazarus, Samuel	811

MALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

23	Palmer, William F. Taverner	804
24	Wood, William	771
25	Muruss, Edward	282
26	Walker, Robert Cox	230
27	Elliott, George	21
28	Wilkinson, Samuel	11
29	Bennett, Joseph	8
30	Wauldby, James	7
31	Croft, William	2
32	Hague, George V.	0
	Holdaway, Henry	Dead

FEMALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

1	King, Amelia	1513
2	Bell, Mary Ann	1313
3	Moss, Elizabeth	1122
4	Percival, Amy	1011
5	Ullivero, Mary	979
6	Milnes, Mary Ann	934
7	Findley, Mary Ann	928
	Hickmott, Eliza	928
9	Shearer, Anne	918
	Gray, Caroline Elizabeth D.	918
11	Harfoot, Ann	916
12	Bonorandi, Kezia	881
13	Brennan, Elizabeth	860
14	Thompson, Julia	844
15	Lyon, Julia M. M.	841
16	Partridge, Catherine E.	820
17	Walters, Ann	786
18	Henderson, Harriet	780

FEMALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

19	Maynard, Elizabeth T.	712
20	Crispin, Martha	667
21	Peters, Catherine	573
22	West, Mary Ann H.	538
23	Pattison, Sarah	509
24	Hodgson, Sarah Helen	490
25	Allen, Sarah Ann	428
26	Stafford, Jane	407
27	Child, Elizabeth	368
28	Elliott, Isabella	287
29	Woods, Sarah	221
30	Dumper, Ann	220
31	Eade, Hannah Betsy	149
32	Gambell, Naomi	70
33	Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann	49
	Francis, Elizabeth	49
35	Rowell, Margaret	43
36	Wakefield, Ann	37
37	Winter, Phillis	27
38	Maddick, Jane	11
39	Bentley, Mary Ann	9
40	George, Hannah	4
41	Isherwood, Elizabeth	2
42	Lewis, Jane Dolge	Dead
43	La Croix, Charlotte	Withdrawn

Bro. Johnson has requested us to express his acknowledgments to the brethren who assisted him to secure the return of Mrs. King at the election of yesterday.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538. — A meeting was held on 7th May, at the Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W. Present—Bros. J. Hurdell W.M., C. A. Woods S.W., A. Ginger J.W., C. Davis Treasurer, E. Child Secretary *pro tem*, T. W. Cooper S.D., J. Skinner J.D., L. G. Langdon I.G. P.M.'s Bros. E. Farwig, E. Baber, R. F. Potter, &c., &c., and nearly sixty brethren. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—FIRST LECTURE—J. Paul, A. Ginger, T. W. Cooper, W. Burgess, D. Belfrage, E. Child, E. Farwig. SECOND LECTURE—L. G. Langdon, J. Waugh, E. A. Baber, C. A. Woods, R. F. Potter. THIRD LECTURE—W. Richardson, O. Latreille, G. Davies. Ten brethren were elected members; Bro. C. A. Woods S.D. 145 was elected an honorary member. A vote of thanks was offered to Bro. John Hurdell for presiding over the Lodge, for the first time on the occasion of the Fifteen Sections being worked.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, under the presidency of Bro. Wardell W.M.; Bro. Brasted S.W., T. Carr J.W., R. Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Polak S.D., Clark J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., W. Wallington P.M. Preceptor. After preliminary business had been formally gone through, the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed. Lodge was then called off. On resuming, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge closed in the second degree, and the first three sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren! Bro. Brasted will preside next Tuesday. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, the 27th inst., Bro. C. H. Webb W.M. 1607 will preside.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, at York, when the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, presided, supported by the whole of his Officers and several other brethren, and Visitors, amongst the latter being Bro. J. M. Meek W.M. Marquis of Ripon Lodge No. 1334, Darlington. The Lodge was opened at 6.45, and after some preliminary business, Mr. W. B. Dyson, balloted for at the last Lodge, was duly initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by the S.W. Bro. C. G. Padel. The Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and Bro. W. M. Briggs was passed to the second degree by the W.M. The Lodge was then raised to the third degree, and Bro. R. Atkinson was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., by the W.M., the traditional history, tools, and tracing-board being given by the I.P.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead. The Lodge was then closed down, and some other business having been disposed of, and the name of a candidate for initiation having been proposed, it was finally closed at 9.15 p.m. Subsequently, a social evening was spent, enlivened by songs, &c.

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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 16th May 1879, W. Bro. Lt.-Colonel J. Creaton, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 22 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 33 candidates, and 18 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 43 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Stuart, William	2079	Salisbury, James M.	969
Coggin, Thomas John	1899	Morton, Hiram	964
Marsh, Richard Henry	1410	Williamson, Thomas	955
Esnouf, Francis	1210	Wardale, Henry	954
Youngman, Harold	1167	Cushen, Thomas	947
Mobbs, George	1076	Foulds, Thomas	933
Baker, John	1065	Everist, John	893
Lawrence, Lawrence	1043	Colville, William Robins	889
Ben, Lyon	1019	Wilkinson, John H.	885
Wade, William B.	985	Elson, James	876
Emmott, William	977	Lazarus, Samuel	811

WIDOWS.

King, Amelia	1513	Gray, Caroline Elizabeth D.	918
Bell, Mary Ann	1313	Harfoot, Ann	916
Moss, Elizabeth	1122	Bonorandi, Kezia	881
Percival, Amy	1011	Brennan, Elizabeth	860
Ullivero, Mary	979	Thompson, Julia	844
Milnes, Mary Ann	934	Lyon, Julia M. M.	841
Findley, Mary Ann	928	Partridge, Catherine E.	820
Hickmott, Eliza	928	Walters, Ann	786
Shearer, Anne	918	Henderson, Harriet	780

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

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.J.W. Herts, Secretary.

16th May 1879.

MRS. E. A. KING.—The brethren who have had the conduct of the case of MRS. ELIZABETH A. KING return their grateful thanks to those members of the Craft who have so kindly helped them. The fact of Mrs. KING having been returned at the head of the Poll must be gratifying to all who have assisted in placing her in that proud position.

MRS. BELL, Widow of Brother William Bell, late of Calcutta and Mauritius, returns her grateful thanks to the brethren who so kindly supported her at the Election on 16th May 1879.
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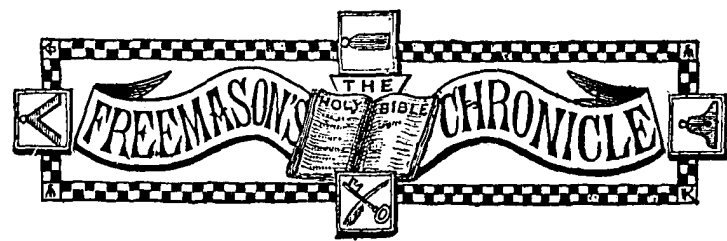
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**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
GIRLS.****I**T must be admitted that in connection with Freemasonry there are many pleasantries which agreeably vary the "annual round" of business; but we know of none more enjoyable than when the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls invites the Stewards and their friends to witness the distribution of prizes at the School. Those who had the privilege of mingling with that large and happy gathering at St. John's Hill on Monday afternoon will not readily forget the sense of pride and pleasure which pervaded the whole proceedings of the day, and which must have tended to stimulate a greater degree of admiration—in the minds especially of the ladies—for the Craft which has succeeded in establishing and carrying on so grand and beneficent a design. It is a matter of no surprise that on each recurring carnival at Battersea Rise the secretary of the Institution should be so pestered for tickets of admission; for those who have been present at one of these réunions look forward with no little pleasure to a similar treat when the anniversary comes round again. Everything on Monday combined to make the day a

bright and joyous one. The fickle goddess who has lately been sending us one day a glimpse of sunshine, and the next a scowl of wind and snow, broke into the most benignant smiles; and if Bro. Hedges had made a special contract with the clerk of the weather, that erratic individual could scarcely have been more propitious. It was the first day of real spring weather, and as the sun shone gloriously over the meadows which surround our noble Masonic pile whilst the company of invited guests were arriving in groups and dispersing themselves about the extensive grounds, the scene was picturesque and beautiful in the extreme. Our two hundred little girls, in their neat blue dresses and white pinafores, were the objects of loving regard as they stood in clusters, modestly awaiting the signal for their assembling in the large hall. Stewards were as fussy as you please, evincing quite a fatherly interest in the little charges whom, perhaps, they had some interest in getting elected; whilst the ladies were no less eager to show their solicitude for the comfort of the little ones who had been gathered under the friendly wing of our excellent Institution. The gates had been thrown open at half-past three o'clock, and for upwards of an hour there was quite a procession of visitors through this pretty suburban retreat; until we should say between three and four hundred ladies and gentlemen, who had been fortunate enough to secure tickets, had congregated within the building. Some little time was occupied, of course, in an inspection of the interior of the Institution; and many were the exclamations of surprise and pleasure we heard from the lady visitors as to the exquisite cleanliness of the place, and the care which is evidently taken with the girls to train them in habits of tidiness and order. We have often heard the remark, by those who do not thoroughly understand the system practised at the School, that these recipients of Masonic benefits are brought up "like little ladies." Whether such an observation emanates from a begrudging or envious spirit we do not know; but let any fastidious person who has but a vague idea of the School pay a visit and see for himself or herself. Whilst giving them the very best education possible, and placing within their reach advantages which they could not possibly have secured, very likely, if they had not been so circumstanced as to need the help of the Craft, the greatest care is taken to make them expert in needlework and in all the domestic duties of the house; so that when a girl leaves this establishment, at the age of sixteen, she is by no means the dainty, mitted boarding-school miss that some would paint her, but a well-educated, accomplished girl, capable equally of playing a sonata from Beethoven, cooking a dinner, or making a shirt.

It is not so much our duty on this occasion, however, to point out the practical advantages of this magnificent home—which must be well known by this time to every member of the Craft—as it is to describe the merry-makings which set the place alive from basement to roof on Monday afternoon. In the first place, there was a general mustering of friends in the Assembly Hall, in the centre of which there was an enclosed hexagon formed by the pianofortes on which the pupils were to give evidence of their skill and training; and on either side of this were seats for the visitors, who filed in rapidly, until the spacious and handsome apartment was completely filled. In a line with the dais the girls occupied the seats allotted to them, and no one could fail to be struck with pleasure at the healthy, happy-looking little company as they awaited with agreeable anticipation beaming on their countenances the commencement of the programme. The younger children occupied seats in the gallery, and were evidently as anxious to participate in the ceremonies of the afternoon as were the seniors with whom they were exchanging smiling glances. Precisely at four o'clock there was a rustle amongst the "busy fans" of the lady guests as Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, W. Grand Treasurer of England, and Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, stepped on to the dais and was hailed with applause as the president of the day. He was supported by several members of the House Committee, including Bros. Henry A. Dubois, Edward Letchworth, Edmund C. Mather, John A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, and Alfred H. Tattershall; Rev. W. A. Mills Ellison Hon. Chaplain, Major Williams, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., the Baron de Ferrieres, C. Burke D.G.M. of Jamaica, J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., J. H. Southwood, and Edward Cox. The children having sung a chant from Psalm cl., the audience resumed their seats, and the subjoined programme was gone through with unfaltering precision, eliciting unbounded expressions of appreciation:—

Duet—"Hallelujah Chorus"—Handel—24 hands.
 Anthem—"God is a Spirit"—Sterndale Bennett.
 Trio (Little Girls)—"Airs Suisses"—36 hands.
 Recitation—"The Spider and the Fly"—Mary Howitt—Alice W. Cecil and Mary A. Johnson.
 Solo (Little Girls)—"Batti! Batti!"—Mozart—12 hands.
 Recitation—"John Gilpin"—Cowper—Colina Sharp.
 Duet (Little Girls)—"Don Giovanni"—Mozart—24 hands.
 Recitation—"Athalie, Acte II., Scene VII."—Racine—Annie Pattison, Eliza Beveridge, and Frances E. Gardner.
 Solo—"Andante and Minuet"—Mozart—12 hands.
 Recitation—"The May Queen"—Tennyson—Edwina R. Jones.
 Solo—"Pollacca Brillante"—Weber—12 hands.
 Recitation—"Liebesprobe"—Frances E. Gardner.
 Duet—"Symphonie XV."—Haydn—24 hands.
 Recitation—"Antony's Oration over Caesar's Body"—Shakspeare—Edith M. Nash.
 Solo—"Fantaisie in F. Sharp Minor"—Mendelssohn—Melora F. Goodridge.

The musical selections were given with an evenness and precision that gave evidence of most judicious and efficient training, and, although some of the pieces were by no means easy, they were manipulated in a manner that must have proved a treat to the lovers of really good classical music who were present. Equally interesting were the recitations, as exemplifying the intelligent apprehension of the pupils, and where all was so excellent and pleasing it would be invidious to single out any for especial praise. Each girl as she

stepped forward to take her part in the entertainment was warmly applauded, and the whole of the items on the programme were rendered in a manner such as evidently gave the utmost satisfaction. The novelty of the day, and which, we believe, is peculiar to these events, was the performance on six pianos at one time, by two and three little pairs of hands at each. The effect was exquisitely sweet, and the precision with which the pieces were played was most remarkable.

Lieut.-Col. Creaton then rose and said:—After the excellent entertainment we have just had, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without thanking Miss Davis, to whom we owe so much. It is entirely to her exertions that the efficiency of this School, and the high state of perfection it has reached, is due; and I ask you to join me in thanking Miss Davis for her able exertions. I trust that her most valuable services will be secured to us for many years to come. The Chairman's observations were received with loud applause.

The prizes were then distributed amongst the successful candidates by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, who addressed a few suitable words of encouragement and advice to each. Heading the list for general proficiency, carrying away the gold medal and several valuable prizes, was fair-haired little Frances Elizabeth Gardner, of Stockton-on-Tees, who was warmly applauded as she appeared time after time and received her awards of merit. The silver medal for good conduct and one or two other prizes were taken by Dora Cressy Bowles, and the prizes for proficiency were taken by Ellen Cates, of London, Alice Thornbury, Letitia Whalley, of Louth, and Helena Meacock, of Birkenhead. These were the special prizes given annually by Bro. William Winn. The following were the awards:—

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

For Passing Cambridge Examination.—Class II.: Honours:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner. Class III.: Honours:—Ellen A. Cates, Alice M. Thornbury, Letitia D. Whalley, Dora C. Bowles, and Helena Meacock. For passing satisfactorily:—Elizabeth Roberts, Annie Pattison, Catherine Emery, Eliza Beveridge, Edith M. Nash, Beatrice M. Wray, and Dora M. Jennings. Music:—Melora F. Goodridge, Agnes Barron, Ethel Hinson, Lilly Bellamy, and Violet H. Lang (among the little Girls). French (Recitation):—Annie M. Pattison. Calisthenics and Deportment:—Dora C. Bowles. Drawing:—Beatrice M. Wray, Dora C. Bowles, Charlotte White, and Bessie L. Morris. General Usefulness:—Eliza Johnson and Louisa M. Taylor. Needlework:—Florence Faithful and Ellen Harryman. Machine Work:—Mary Annie Hartness and Kate Briggs. Order and Attention:—Florence Hill and Edith Potts (among the little Girls).

Class II.—Margaret W. Allison, General Proficiency; Ethel Ida Seaton, Perseverance; Laura Stransom, Good Conduct.

Class III.—Edith E. Daly, General Proficiency; Fanny G. Osborne, General Improvement; Mabel Sanford, Perseverance.

Class IV.—Mary A. Johnson, General Proficiency; Mary S. Norrish, Perseverance; Alice Boyd and Annie Scott, Writing.

Class V.—Lucretia Wilton, General Improvement; Matilda Hothersall, Perseverance.

Class VI.—Eveline E. Polham, Perseverance.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, for French:—Eliza Beveridge.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution:—Edith Mary Nash, Edwina Russell Jones, and Colina Sharp.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Religious Knowledge, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. John M. Clabon for Good Conduct:—Elizabeth Roberts and Florence M. Hart.

By Bro. Collard Montrie, for Music:—Grace Colvill.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music:—Louisa Christine Oates.

The St. James "Yates Memorial Prize" (per St. James Lodge No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery):—Mary A. Chapman.

From the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct:—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Zoology, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination; and Three Guineas given by the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, in memory of the late Bro. John Boyd, a member of the House Committee:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. Charles White, for Proficiency (Lower First Class):—Fanny Ashby and Alice M. Newbould.

After the distribution of the prizes, the Chairman said,—I have had very great pleasure in distributing these awards to the children who have earned them so well. I congratulate them very sincerely, and I trust that those who have not received prizes to-day may exert themselves, and endeavour to do better next year. At all events, the successful candidates who have come before me to-day are the recipients of well-deserved merit. The next thing on the programme is (looking at the programme) "tea and coffee," (which was the signal for loud and continued laughter). Before we leave this room, I must remark that for some time past our Matron, Miss Jarwood, has not been enjoying very good health, but I am happy to say she is now much better. I am also glad to mention, in this great assembly, the vast benefit which arises from the management of Miss Jarwood in the establishment. She has been here a good number of years, and has done wonders. I hope and trust she will remain here many years longer, and with these few observations, I bid you a very good-bye.

The Hon. Chaplain then said,—As an unworthy brother, and holding office in connection with this Institution, I cannot allow this meeting to disperse without asking you to join with me in thanking Lieut.-Col. Creaton for his kindness in coming here to distribute the prizes, which he has done in a very satisfactory way to all concerned. I am very glad, indeed, to have the opportunity to welcome him here on this occasion, inasmuch as I remember I had the privilege of officiating as Chaplain when he laid the foundation stone of this new wing. On another occasion we hope to have the presence of that

august lady whose name it is about to bear—the Princess of Wales. In the meantime, we have to thank Lieut.-Col. Creaton for the great attention he has paid to this Institution, for it is a source of great gratification that we assemble in a room such as we have before us. He has earned the thanks of all the Officers of the Institution, and not least, the Hon. Chaplain, the Matron, and teachers, for giving us the room and space that was absolutely necessary. We could not now think of going back to the old room. I am very glad to express my own gratification in being present to-day, and I hope you will all join me in thanking Col. Creaton for his kindness. Bro. Jabez Hogg seconded the proposition, which was carried amidst loud applause; and Lieut.-Col. Creaton thanked the company sincerely for the compliment they had paid to him and the position he held to-day. He said,—It is quite by accident, but a brother more distinguished not being found to take the chair, the position fell upon me, as Treasurer of this Institution. I thank you very much for your kindness to me, and I must say I feel very much pleasure in being able to fill up the gap which the House Committee found they had left open to them.

The proceedings in the hall being concluded, the company partook of a sumptuous tea, which was evidently much enjoyed by the visitors from a distance; and after a ramble about the grounds, there was another muster to witness the calisthenic exercises of the little girls, which were gone through with a precision quite military, and were watched with the keenest interest. Drawn up in *echelon*, the children went through their “*facings*” to soft musical cadences in a way that illustrated the perfect training to which they had been subjected, the countermarching and wheeling in open and close order eliciting the most enthusiastic applause. Subsequently dancing was indulged in, and for an hour or two the pleasures of the ball were maintained with a swing and animation which brought the day's festivities to a very fitting termination. The Stewards and the visitors vied with each other in administering to the enjoyment of the little maidens, who tripped the “light fantastic toe” nimbly, to waltz, galop, and quadrille, and for a couple of hours there was a continuance of free and unrestrained pleasure. The spectacle was of a highly gratifying character, and it was not until the “drowsy god” made the little ones reluctantly admit it was past bed time that the festivities in the least degree abated. Then, at ten o'clock, the various squadrons were drawn up, inwards face, and the evening hymn prettily sung, after which the happy little ones marched off in order to their dormitories, to be tucked up by elder pupils, and all to dream of the joyous day they had spent. Gradually the visitors retired from the scene, and all were unanimous in the verdict that a happier evening had never been experienced, and that if all is well, we shall be present at “our next merry meeting.”

We should not omit to mention that Bro. E. Cox acted most indefatigably as M.C. at the ball, and that Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, was here, there, and everywhere, filling up gaps, and making everybody as happy as possible.

THE FESTIVAL.

The Ninety-first Anniversary Festival took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut. Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, Grand Treasurer of England. The banquet was provided in first-rate style by Bro. Best, and admirably served under the direction of Bro. Dawkins. At its conclusion, and after grace had been sung, the Chairman briefly proposed the various toasts. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many members of Grand Lodge around him to support their chairman. It was a source of great gratification to the Grand Officers and Grand Lodge generally that they had such distinguished Masons at their head. He concluded by expressing his thanks to the brethren for the hearty reception they had accorded the toast. Bro. Creaton felt sure he could rely on the consideration of his brethren while he briefly recounted the history of the Institution they were that night assembled to support, but hardly thought it necessary to take up time with elaborate statistics. The School had continued to rise, until now it was a great Institution, and he made bold to say that no other more recommended itself to our support. All who had attended the recent entertainment at the Institution could but be struck with the cleanliness, order, and discipline of the school, and the general appearance of the scholars. In 1851 the sum of £1,500, as the result of the Festival, was looked

upon as a remarkable success. In 1879 the hundreds were just on turned into thousands. He felt proud at the liberality of the Craft, and considered that the return they would soon listen to redounded greatly to the credit of Freemasonry, the labours of the Stewards, and the exertions of Brother Hedges. Brother John A. Rucker was called upon to respond. He referred to the fact of his now being the oldest member of the House Committee; as such the brethren could imagine the great changes he had witnessed in the School. The Institution had continued to increase year by year until it had assumed its present satisfactory condition. He felt assured that sufficient money would be realised at future Anniversary Festivals to maintain the efficiency of the School. He tendered most grateful thanks for the exertions of the Craft on behalf of the Girls' Institution. Bro. Hedges then announced that the School had this year enlisted the support of 250 Stewards, 119 of whom acted for London, and 131 for the Provinces. The total contributed by them up to the time of announcement was £5,850 8s 0d from London, and £5,826 0s 0d from the country, with nineteen lists then outstanding. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed the health of the Chairman. He felt that this toast was one that needed no comment from him; as no one needed to be remembered of Bro. Creaton's many labours on behalf of our Charities. Under his presidency the list had resulted in a return of £3,000 in excess of the last year's Festival, and £2,000 in advance of any other Festival of this Institution. The Masonic Charities all owe a deep debt of gratitude to him. The toast was most heartily received. Bro. Creaton, in his reply, expressed his pleasure at the result of the evening. He found it difficult to express himself commensurately with his feelings for the way in which the mention of his name had been received. He had anticipated a kind reception, but not to the extent he had experienced. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, proposed the “Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers of the Institution.” He was not a member of one or the other, but asked the brethren to drink heartily to those who held such important positions. He would couple with the toast the name of a brother new to many, but who had shown his interest in the Charities by qualifying as Vice-Patron of each of our Institutions. The Baron Ferriers had thrown himself heartily into the working of our Charities, and is thereby entitled to our esteem and regard. Bro. Baron Ferriers in his reply stated that he felt somewhat diffident in having to respond after the complimentary terms in which Bro. Martyn had spoken. Having only lately had the honour to qualify himself as Vice-Patron of the Institution, he felt that he could no longer trust to reports, but must go and see for himself what the School was like. He therefore visited it on Monday, and was very much struck by the appearance of the girls. Their pleasing, lively, and hearty look, so different from what children often exhibit in large institutions, struck him; and when, later on, he heard their recitations and music, and saw how well they were instructed, he felt satisfied the Institution deserved the support, not only of Masons, but of all who wished to benefit the rising generation. The instruction given was a credit to Miss Davis and those with her, and he felt that the pupils would prove a credit not only to their sex, but to Freemasonry. As the fact of being a Mason was an honour to any man, so he believed the fact of being the daughter of one would ere long be regarded as a credit to womanhood in general. The Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. next gave success to the other Masonic Charities, referring to charity as being the greatest of the trinity of virtues. Though the Masonic Charities had no endowments and no landed estates to fall back upon, yet they found ready support from the spontaneous hearts of the brethren. The Benevolent Institution Festival had the largest contribution last February ever known; the Girls' School was approaching the same happy result, and he hoped the Boys' School would do the same. Bro. Frederick Binckes responded, and in doing so congratulated the Secretary of the Girls' School upon the result which had just been announced. He referred, in affectionate terms, to “the little girls,” and equally wished Our Boys success. Bro. J. Terry also responded, humorously observing that they should do all they could for the boys and girls, but at the same time they must remember that they would never have had the boys and girls if they had not the old men and women. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg proposed the Stewards, for whom Bro. Edward Cox replied; and Bro. Dumas having given the Ladies, the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where an admirable concert was given. Bro. James Hayho discharged his duties most efficiently as Toast Master.

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RECAPITULATION.

London, 119 Stewards £5850 8s Od Provinces, 131 Stewards £5826 0s Od Total £11,676 8s Od
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 17th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 17th MAY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
720—Pinnure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbome.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 20th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Tavern, at 4.
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.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
857—St. Paul, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 24 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146, Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, York.

WEDNESDAY, 21st MAY.

General Committee G. Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, S. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem.
591—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1010—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 580—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
R. A. 1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth.
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, 22nd MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
9—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
1653—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
501—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale, Kirkdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

FRIDAY, 23rd MAY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
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.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Barford-st., Islington. (Install.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 24th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Maswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
R. A. 303—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 12th. Present—Bros. Pelikan W.M., Willison S.W., W. Rowley J.W., R. Pearey acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., J. Millington S.D., Ives J.D., Hallam I.G.; also Bros. Lane, Hirst, Droscher, Wilson, Wallington. Preliminaries were observed in opening, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lane candidate. Bro. Hallam worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Willison was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The votes of the Lodge for the R.M.B.I. were allotted to Bro. Pearey on behalf of Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston), after which Lodge was closed.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—On Thursday, 8th May, the regular convocation of this Chapter was held. Comps. John Mason Z., James C. Mason II., M. D. Loewenstark J., with the Past Principals who were present, opened the Chapter. The minutes of the last meeting, held in January, were read, unanimously con-

firmed, and signed. Companions T. J. Sabine P.Z. and Treasurer, and W. Dunham P.S. and J. elect, resigned their membership of the Chapter. Their resignations were accepted with deep regret. The ballot for Joshua was unanimous in favour of Companion Arthur John Ireton, W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge. All below the rank of Installed Principal having retired, Comp. William Smeed P.Z., &c., in a correct and impressive manner installed Comp. J. C. Mason M.E.Z., M. D. Loewenstark H. On the re-admission of the Companions, the following Officers were appointed:—F. W. Baldwin P.Z. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. S.E., B. Isaacs S.N., W. Clark P.S., S. Barney First A.S., W. H. Goodall Second A.S., C. T. Speight Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks—the same to be entered on the Chapter minute book—was unanimously voted to Companion Smeed for the painstaking and correct manner in which he had rendered the ceremonies. Apologies were received from absent Officers, and also from candidates for exaltation. Business being ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, 9th October, at five o'clock p.m. There were present, besides those named, Comps. J. H. Spencer, W. H. Willoughby, and several others. The Visitors were Companions F. Bown P.P.G.S.N. Lancashire M.E.Z. 148, W. A. Barrett H., Louis Beck 1326, and others. The regular banquet was supplied, and the usual toasts given and responded to. Comp. John Mason I.P.Z. had the usual P.Z.'s jewel presented to him. Songs, recitations, and some excellent music brought this successful meeting to a close.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, The Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, on Saturday the 10th instant. Present:—Bros. Garrod W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Ross S.D., Brasted J.D., Gibbs I.G.; there were also present:—Bros. Stock, Trewinnard, Brand, Lardner, J. Millington, J. Lorkin, Fidler, Hallam, Pelikan, Cuthbert, Weil, Harris, and Slaiter. Lodge opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. J. Lorkin sustained his claim, and was passed to the second degree in a very excellent manner. The W.M. worked the third section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, the W.M. worked the first, and Bro. Percy the second and third sections of the lecture. Bros. Pelikan, Weil, and Harris, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge No. 1602, were elected members. Bro. Powell was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. David's Lodge, No. 1147.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 8th instant. Present—Bros. Ishmael Davies W.M., T. Elliott I.P.M., John Taylor S.W., Wm. Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., F. Griffin Treas., R. Barlow S.D., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., E. Staveley I.G., A. Ehrenbach Org., J. Sly Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. W. Jones, T. R. Peel, J. Unsworth, T. Gibson, E. Williams, Ellis Jones; and Bros. Fairweather, Ireland, Rough, Brown, Palmer, Maclean, Chadwick, Hewerdine, Elliott, Wolstone, &c. Visitors S. Marsden P.M. 344, W. T. Hansbrow W.M. 1134, C. W. Ireland P.M. 1134, J. Adley 1387, John Rogers P.M. 1219, J. T. Chancellor Grand Steward of England, J. Cowen 152, S. R. Stote P.M. 363, J. Roberts W.M. 204, R. A. Eldershaw I.P.M. 204, W. Brown 1633, A. B. Whittaker J.W. 1633, C. M. Booth J.W. 1052, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 6.30, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. S. J. Naphtali, and proving in his favour, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, by Bro. T. R. Peel P.M., who worked the ceremony most admirably. The charge was delivered by Bro. Taylor S.W. The Worshipful Master now resumed his position in the East, and advanced the Lodge to the second degree, in which he passed Bro. A. Murray to take his seat among Fellow Crafts, and explained the W.T., all of which was well done. The Lodge was resumed in the first, and the business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and by command of the W.M. the brethren and visitors adjourned to a bountiful and well catered supper. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Chancellor responded on behalf of Grand Lodge. Bro. S.W. proposed the health of the Prov. G.M., which was duly honoured. Bro. J. W. had the pleasure of proposing the health of the D.P.G.M. for the first time in the Lodge since Bro. Mellor received the appointment in Grand Lodge. The toast was heartily received. By request of the W.M. Bro. Staveley proposed the health of his friend, the newly initiated brother. He felt that in Bro. Naphtali the Lodge had acquired an addition which would add to its welfare. The toast was cordially drunk. Bro. Naphtali returned thanks in suitable terms. Bro. Peel had the pleasure of proposing the health of the newly passed brother. He hoped the further Bro. Murray progressed in Masonic art and embraced its principles, the better he would appreciate the Institution. The toast was heartily drunk, with honours, and Bro. Murray acknowledged his gratitude for the privilege of being admitted so far. Bro. E. Williams P.M., proposed the health of the Visitors. In the name of the Lodge he extended a hearty welcome to all. The St. David's Lodge prided itself on its fraternal hospitality, and would rejoice to see those who had favoured the Lodge with their presence again. The toast was drunk with great warmth and full honours. Bro. Chancellor, Grand Steward of England, expressed his sense of pleasure in being present, and witnessing the very efficient working of the Lodge. He also thanked the members for the reception extended to Visitors. Bro. Roberts W.M. Caledonian returned thanks for the last toast. It was his first visit to the St. David's, and he was glad to see so many faces he knew. Bro. Whittaker was pleased to see the good working of the Lodge, and held that visiting was a great advantage. Bro. Hansbrow W.M. 1134, followed, and was very pleased to visit a Lodge which represented the true Cosmopolitan nature of Freemasonry. Bro. Stote P.M. 363 had never seen better working, nor had enjoyed himself more in any Lodge he

visited. Bro. Ireland P.M. 1134, in returning thanks, said he hoped the esteemed Bro. Ellis Jones P.M. would attain the office he sought. Bro. Marsden P.M. 344 had great pleasure in being present in the first Lodge he had visited in Manchester. Others followed to the same purport, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters, uniting the name of Bro. Ellis Jones, in whom, as an elected Prov. G. Treas., the brethren would see merit rewarded. The toast was received with acclamation; and Bro. Ellis Jones felt his position keenly. He had, in a long career in the Craft, upheld the dignity, the honour, and the great privileges of Freemasonry. He felt that a Mason should do all in his power to help his fellow-man. Let all strive to pour the healing balm into the wounded spirit, alleviating the distressed, and befriending the fatherless and widows, and extend the right hand of fellowship with substantial aid to all who deserve sympathy. Bro. T. R. Williams P.M. also returned thanks, and explained the cause of his absence, with Bro. Ellis Jones, during a portion of the evening. During the proceedings Bro. Ehrenbach gave some very fine selections on the piano, and Bro. Griffin added to the pleasure with a vocal contribution. The Tyler's toast was given at a seasonable hour, and the brethren dispersed, much pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday 9th May, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Present:—Bros. Rowley W.M., Ager S.W., Bowry J.W., P. Dickinson Secretary, Hunter S.D., Chant J.D., Batty I.G. Lodge opened; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Strugwell offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor Cull then worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture. Bro. Ager was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held on the 6th inst., at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Pavitt as W.M. The other chairs were filled thus:—Bros. Worsley S.W., Roberts J.W., Smith S.D., Watkins J.D., Shepherd I.G., and P.M. Musto Preceptor. There were also present—Bros. Rawe, Wiltshire, Gundlach, Spencer, White, Johnson, and Visiting Brethren Quartly and Budget. The Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and subsequently the first, second, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Gundlach 1076 and Wiltshire 860 were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. It was then proposed by Bro. Musto, seconded by Bro. Roberts, and unanimously agreed that Bro. Worsley should occupy the chair at the ensuing Lodge meeting. Nothing further being offered, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until the Tuesday following. Last Tuesday evening the brethren again met, under the presidency of Bro. Worsley as W.M., with Bros. Smith as S.W., Andrews J.W., P.M. Musto Preceptor, Barker S.D., Pavitt I.G. There were also present Bros. Gundlach, Johnson, Sadler, Rawe, Spencer, Lloyd, Wiltshire; and Visiting Bro. Delpiane. The Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Lloyd was entrusted, when the Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The S.W. worked the first section of the lecture, the W.M. second, Bro. Andrews third, the Preceptor fourth, and Bro. Andrews fifth. The Lodge was then reduced, and Bro. Holloway, of the Henley Lodge No. 1472, was elected a member, and Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. an honorary member of the Lodge. The bye-laws were distributed amongst the members, and congratulations were offered to the Officers of the evening for the satisfactory manner in which they had discharged their respective duties. The next installation ceremony was announced to be worked in July, by the Preceptor, Bro. Musto. The names of the brethren who will work the sections on the 4th Tuesday will be inserted in our next week's impression. We are pleased to observe that the W.M. of the mother Lodge attends this Lodge of Instruction regularly every meeting, and renders valuable assistance.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—There was a very numerous and influential gathering of the members and friends of this popular Lodge, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday 8th May, the large number of visitors including many brethren of distinction in the Craft. The proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost heartiness and good fellowship, such as always pervades the *réunions* of the brethren of 1642, and the evening was one of thorough agreeability. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse, who was assisted by Bros. Edward M. Lander S.W., Samuel Smout J.W., Geo. Penn I.P.M. Treas., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., C. Darley Reade S.D., S. Smout jun. J.D., John Woodmason W.S., Delevanté Organist, and Robert Schofield Tyler. There were also present—Bros. William Stephens P.M., John H. Ratherglen, Reuben C. Green, Ludwig Lichtwitz, Josh. Robson, G. A. Williams, C. Rowlands, G. J. H. Rule, W. H. Rusdell, E. C. Woodward, J. Linscott, W. Heak, H. Foskitt, J. M. Hnish, H. Taylor, W. Burgess, R. H. Pearson, J. W. Heath, C. Manchester, R. Reid, James Flood, J. H. Wood, J. B. Roberts, Stephen Etherington, N. R. Bushman, T. Empson, E. Rogers, F. Ernest Pocock, John Whittlesea, F. J. Crabb, &c. Amongst the array of Visitors we noticed W. Bro. S. C. Burke, Deputy Grand Master of Jamaica, Bros. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P., Joseph Wright P.M. 1158, P. Kirke P.M. 144, Lewis H. Isaacs P.M. 195, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. B. Baker P.M. 834, A. Beasley P.M. 780, J. E. Carpenter 284, J. Byre 195, R. Ward 511, T. Fisher 733, Humphreys 733, R. Prickett 1101, J. S. Adkins 733, J. Everett 511, W. Cuff S.W. 1608, J. F. Deacon 1382, R. Favour 511, J. Baker 511,

S. Handler 1017, V. E. Etienne 1612, &c. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bros. Robson and Cowland were passed, the ceremony being performed most efficiently by the W.M. Subsequently the ballot was opened for four candidates for admission to the mysteries and privileges, viz., Mr. William Burgess, who had been proposed by Bro. Newland, and seconded by P.M. Bro. Penn Treasurer; Mr. Henry Fokitt, whose sponsors were the W.M. and Sec.; Mr. John Mitchell Huish, proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the Treas.; and Mr. Henry Taylor, nominated by the Sec. and Treas. The assent of the brethren was unanimous in each case, and the candidates were severally initiated by the W.M., the ceremony being rendered all the more impressive by the musical accompaniments, led by Bro. Delevanté at the organ. Time allowing, the Lodge was again advanced for the purpose of passing Bro. William Henry Rusdell, who was not present in time for the opening; and at the conclusion of this ceremony, Bros. Walter Graves 753, James Flood 201, and Stephen Etherington 1635, were balloted for, and accepted as joining members of the Lodge. The W.M. received the deserved congratulations of the brethren for the ability with which he had carried out a somewhat heavy amount of work, and at the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to the theatre, where a *recherché* banquet had been spread by Bro. J. Linscott. Interspersing the dishes on the tables were vases and epergnes of exquisite flowers, which imparted additional beauty to the lofty and well-ventilated banqueting-hall, and the arrangements were in every way conducive to the entire comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company. The prefatory toasts having been disposed of, with felicitous allusions to the active and warm interest always displayed by the M.W.G.M. in all charitable and benevolent movements, the W.M. gave, as a "special" toast, the R.W. Pro Grand Master of England the Earl of Carnarvon. All those who were present on the last occasion, and heard the letter read from the noble Earl after whom this Lodge was named, must have felt how deep and personal an interest his Lordship took in its welfare and progress. He could only say that those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge must know how efficiently and well our Pro G.M. did his duty there. He (the speaker) had the privilege of attending the last Grand Lodge meeting, and he noticed with what enthusiasm and applause the name of the Earl of Carnarvon was received as the Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year. It only showed how much the noble Earl was appreciated, not only in this Lodge, but in every Lodge connected with English Freemasonry. The toast was received with "special" honours, after which the W.M. again rose, and said he had now the pleasing duty of asking them to join with him in drinking to the health of the Grand Officers, two of whom they were very glad to welcome this evening. In proposing the health of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, he would associate the names of their esteemed brethren Jabez Hogg P.G.D. and E. P. Albert P.G.P. He need not speak of the qualities of the first named, for all who had listened to Bro. Hogg in the Lodge of Benevolence would not only have been struck by the manner in which the work of the Lodge was conducted under his vice-presidency, but also with the discrimination with which every single case that was brought before him was considered. Bro. Hogg endeavoured to administer the funds of that Lodge with discretion, yet with a liberal and generous hand, if he saw that the cases were deserving. Bro. Albert was also well-known in this Lodge, and the brethren were always delighted to see him in their midst. The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Jabez Hogg returned thanks with the greatest sincerity. He had been on several occasions invited to meet the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, but it had unfortunately happened that he had been prevented by circumstances over which he had no control. Bro. Murlis had again kindly invited him, and he was afraid he should have been prevented in consequence of having suffered from what every one almost had suffered from during this severe weather—an attack of bronchitis. But he was happy to say the G.A.O.T.U. had restored him, and the temperature of the day had enabled him to fulfil the promise he had long made, to visit this Lodge. He had been much delighted and gratified by what he had seen in the Lodge. The working was excellent; and, on behalf of himself and the other visiting brethren, he must say that it was of a most perfect character. They had also been delighted with the kind hospitality which had been extended to them, which left nothing to be desired, and for which they thanked the brethren of the Lodge most sincerely. With regard to the toast of the Grand Officers, he believed that on all occasions they strove to make themselves useful. Indeed, it was their duty, as it was their privilege, to do so; because their experience in the working of the Craft and in the various departments of the ritual must be greater than that of many of the brethren, and they ought to show they appreciated the good and kindly feeling that was always meted out to them when they visited the various Lodges of the Craft, and should make all the return they could for the honours conferred upon them by assisting the brethren in every possible way, especially in the consecration and the foundation of new Lodges. Bro. E. Albert P.G.P. also suitably responded, and the W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiates. Considering that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had only been consecrated three years, it had been their privilege on almost every occasion to have one or more initiates. So far as the Officers were personally concerned, they had not taken the trouble to get men to join them; they had endeavoured, as far as possible, to secure the right sort of men—such as they should be proud to meet and to receive in their own homes and amongst their own families. No brother should propose a man as a candidate for Freemasonry unless he was satisfied that he could so receive him into his most intimate acquaintanceship. They had also, in their selection, tried to avoid introducing men amongst whom any kind of angry feeling might hereafter arise. In fact, their aim had been to unite all who joined them in the one bond of brotherhood. They had succeeded in this endeavour; not a single disagreement had occurred between any of the brethren.

Their Lodge had been a great success, and it had been so because they had endeavoured to get the right sort of men amongst them. To-night they had several new members, who were well known to the brethren, and who were the right men in the right place. The toast was received with a bumper, and Bro. Taylor, in responding, said he counted it a very high honour to have been received in so cordial a manner by the brethren of this Lodge. He hoped they would find him not only a worthy member, but a diligent and studious pupil of the Order of Masonry. He promised he would endeavour to acquit himself to their satisfaction, and to acquaint himself as fully as he possibly could with the duties that pertained to the Institution into which he had this day had the honour of being received. Bros. Huish, Fokitt, and Burgess also briefly returned thanks for the compliment paid them. P.M. Bro. Penn next proposed the health of their excellent W.M., who had so ably presided over them this evening. He must say, on behalf of the members, they were delighted with the admirable manner in which he had done the work. They all knew that Bro. Parkhouse was a thorough Mason, who had had the interests of this Lodge at heart from the very time of its consecration. Their W.M. must be very gratified to find such an excellent assembly on the present occasion, and with such a very respectable number of initiates and joining members. It showed the popularity of the W.M., and it also proved that the brethren did not make any mistake when they elected Bro. Parkhouse to the chair which he had so ably filled. The W.M., after responding for the compliment paid to himself, proposed the Visitors, which he did in the heartiest fashion, reading over the list and extending a cordial welcome to each and all personally. He associated with the toast especially the name of a "distinguished foreign brother," Bro. S. C. Burke, Deputy G.M. of Jamaica, which was received with prolonged cheering. Bro. Burke, who was greeted with quite an ovation, said it was a matter of considerable pleasure to him to be called upon to respond at a Lodge of this character for such a toast as that of the Visitors. As a good Mason, paying perfect obedience to their W.M., he responded to the toast; but he must at the same time take one very small exception to the remark he had made in proposing his health, in designating him as a "distinguished foreign brother." The W.M. probably did not think that, in standing there, he should claim no relationship with that distinguished brother. He stood there as an English colonist, coming from one of our most ancient colonies, where Masonry had been observed during the last 200 years; and he was very proud to tell them that the manner in which Masonry was worked in Jamaica would give pleasure and pride to every good Mason who felt that the essential principles of the Order should extend over the whole universe. It was within the last twelve days that he had come across the Atlantic, travelled over 5000 miles, and landed on the English coast—which they as colonists claimed as their mother country. The very first hand of fellowship held out to him was that by a brother Mason, who told him the morning after his arrival that on the same afternoon the Grand Lodge of England was to meet, and that if he could possibly make his way there, they would be most glad to see him. That was a practical exemplification of the universality of Freemasonry, and illustrated the practical advantage of belonging to our great and distinguished Order. He thanked the W.M. sincerely for the manner in which he had proposed the toast. He could only say this—he had travelled a good deal and for a considerable time, and he had discovered that Freemasonry had its advantages wherever he had been. He had felt that Freemasonry was not an ordinary institution, but one whose essential principles were such as to recommend it to every man who desired to do good in his own country, or in any country in which he was placed. It was a common brotherhood, which united the world, and bound man to man in whatever country they lived, or wherever they might be. That principle he had never failed to inculcate wherever he had gone, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland or as Deputy Grand Master of Jamaica; and he assured them, if they carried their Masonry into the tropics, they would come out of those tropics after having, in both senses, met with a very warm reception. In addition to the warmth of the climate they would find true, loyal hearts, who recognised and felt that every man who belonged to the old country should be heartily greeted while he was there to see what he could; and he would be thoroughly appreciated from the fact of his being a good Freemason. He then eulogised the working which he had seen in the Lodge that evening, and which, he thought, must have made a deep impression upon the initiates. It must have taught them that it was a high privilege to be introduced into so noble and distinguished an Order. He had great pleasure in recognising that this Lodge bore the name of one who in the colonies, as at home, was revered as one of England's most distinguished statesmen—whose policy as Colonial Secretary had done so much for the welfare and prosperity of the dependencies of Great Britain. He could only tell them this—and he spoke irrespective of politics—go where they might, every colonist would admit that there was not a man who had more thoroughly identified himself with the progress of the colonies, and the unity of the colonies with the mother country, than the distinguished statesman whose name this Lodge bore. He thanked them, not as a "distinguished foreigner," but as a colonist, who had come to his mother country to see the progress and improvements that had been made in the arts, sciences, manufactures and so forth, and one who was proud to know and to feel that he was a colonist. Brother Beasley P.M. also humorously acknowledged the compliment, and was followed in suitable language by Bro. Prickett. Several other complimentary toasts followed, and the evening's enjoyment was materially enhanced by excellent selections of vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Heath giving as a cornet solo, "When Other Lips," in a style that elicited the rapturous applause of the brethren. P.M. Bro. Beasley's rendering of the familiar song, "Believe me, if all those endearing young charms," was accepted as a rare treat; and capital songs were sung in good style by Bros. S. Smout jun., Ward, J. E. Carpenter, and others, Bro. Delevanté tendering efficient assistance as accompanist.

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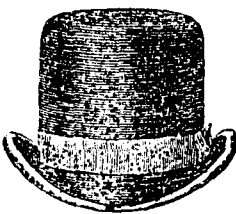
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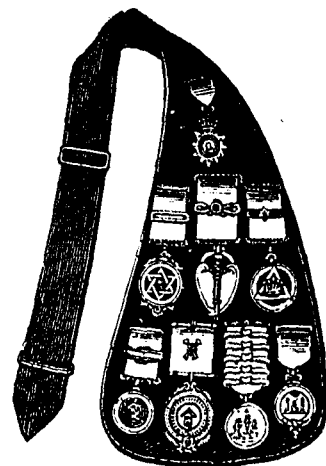


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