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SUPPLEMENTARY MASONIC CHARITIES.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

IN fulfilment of the promise in our issue of the 27th ult. we now have the pleasure of placing before our readers some further details of the working of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution. In doing so we feel that the publication of the facts, which the report of this charity practically demonstrates will be most appropriate at this season when so much agitation is going on in reference to the future of the central Masonic Charities. It may seem improbable to some of our readers, but there are very many members of the Order in this country who know absolutely nothing of either the Benevolent Institution or the Boys' or Girls' Schools, and when we say this it may be imagined how many there are who are in ignorance of the local funds attached to several of the Provinces into which English Freemasonry is divided. Were it otherwise we should be at a loss to account for the conflicting statements which are put forward whenever any alteration is proposed in existing rules. It indeed seems strange that any brother can urge that this or that is impossible in face of the fact that it has really been accomplished in half a dozen different parts of the country, were it not that we imagine him ignorant of the work that is being carried on within a few miles of his own door. Brethren are apt to refer with pride, justifiable without question, to the great amount contributed at the three Festivals held annually in London, and there are very many conspicuous by their absence from those meetings who are never tired of recounting what Freemasonry does for those in necessitous circumstances, but have they really any knowledge of what is actually done? Are they aware that the £40,000 or so to which the totals figure up is but a moiety of the amount annually expended in Masonic charity? We think not, and were they to become acquainted with the actual state of affairs, there are surely a few who would look upon themselves somewhat in the light of impostors, taking the credit of good deeds at the expense of others. The benefits conferred by our Schools are very great, but what are they among so many, or what in comparison to the number who are regularly pronounced as deserving of something? If we could induce brethren throughout the country to carefully consider the work that is done by such provinces as Cheshire—which in addition to its liberal support of each of the three central Charities maintains an Institution of its own—they would soon discover what Freemasons really are capable of doing, and by applying the gauge to their own districts they might find whether they were themselves at fault. Before we proceed further, it may be as well to place the whole facts of the Cheshire Institution—which we take as an illustration—before our readers. The last report thereof, which carries us up to the end of 1879, is devoted to the details of the working of the institution for the seventeenth year of its existence, it having been founded in 1863. As we pointed out in the report of the Committee meeting held at Birkenhead last month, the receipts for the year amounted to £387 3s 1d, which, with the addition of a donation of £5 from Lord De Tabley (Prov. G.M.) and £2 from Lady De Tabley, bring up the total for 1879 to £394 3s 1d, of which amount £151 10s 7d represents the interest on investments, which at the time in question amounted to

£3,438 1s 10d. The balance is made up by a number of small personal subscriptions—five shilling ones principally, and therefore within the limit of any brother's income. It is next necessary to see in what way this amount is expended, and to this it is that we specially direct the attention of our readers. From the report it appears that "during the year seventeen children have been educated, three of whom retire at the end of the financial year, and there are six applications. Three have been advanced, and there are no fresh applications for advancement;" and all this has been done for the amount of £158 18s 9d—£102 10s 10d for education, £17s 2s 8d for advancement, and £39 5s 3d for printing reports, expenses of annual audit and committee meetings, stationery, postages, &c. &c. It will thus be seen that a considerable balance remained as the result of the year's work, and of this £200 had been invested in the purchase of two Mersey Dock Bonds. The payments for education range from £4 in the case of a girl educated at Hyde, to £10 15s 6d expended on a lad at one of the London grammar schools, and this we urge is the most practical demonstration it is possible to put forward that some such provision might be made for the candidates who unsuccessfully compete at the elections for our London Schools. We cannot give a better description of the mode of working this Institution than is given in the report:—"The principle is, that when a candidate is passed as being eligible for the benefits of the Institution, it is left entirely to the parent or guardian as the case may be, to select the School to which the child shall be sent, and when satisfactory proof of due attendance is given, the amount of the School fees is then paid by the Institution."

Leaving the above we will now look at the business transacted at the last Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when the following notice of motion was submitted by Bro. H. T. Thompson:—

"That the sum of £6 be voted to each of Twenty-five Children next highest on the Poll to the successful Candidates at this Election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the Election in October next."

Bro. Thompson pointed out, when he formally moved the above, that there were forty-five children competing for the thirteen vacancies of the day, so that there would be thirty-two returned unelected. Surely it would have been a most graceful act to have selected twenty-five of this number and presented their parents or guardians with a sum of money towards their support until next October, by which time most of them will have another, and we hope a much better chance of being elected, or else have acted in a manner similar to that adopted in Cheshire, and paid the School fees and perhaps supplied a few articles of clothing; but no, the proposition was dismissed, as we expected it would be, and we ask why? One brother objected because a little trouble would be entailed in seeing that the money was properly applied, but, as we understand it, proof that it is actually spent would be required from the recipients, who would have to get their statements vouched for, and thus the work of a Committee would simply be to see that certain forms were gone through and be convinced that the statements made were not deliberately false. Another brother thought that such a course of action would debase Freemasons. We may not know the meaning of the word, but, bearing in mind the boasted principles of the Order, we ask, Is not Freemasonry debased when its votaries decline to spend £150, out of an income of nearly one hundred times that amount, on the education of twenty-five poor orphan girls, the condition of each of whom has

been inquired into, with the result that they have been deemed worthy of relief? We pause for a reply, and only hope that some one may be able to show us a good and sufficient reason for what we must admit looks very much like stolid indifference. Those who oppose the grant may not, we hope they never will, know the want of so small a sum as £6; but any one who takes the slightest interest in the welfare of their less fortunate brethren will bear testimony that the removal of such a burden as the School bill, with the addition of a few shillings to be expended in wearing apparel, would be of the greatest service to many a family. Such work would be done quietly and without show. Can it be the love of pointing to a large establishment that prevents brethren expending any part of the School funds among the smaller habitations of the applicants themselves?

BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

FROM certain letters we publish elsewhere, it will be seen that the dispute between Bro. S. B. Wilson and the Boys' School has reached a crisis, and that nothing remains for him but to obtain a settlement by means of the law. We consider this is very much to be regretted, firstly, because a difference of this kind should be kept out of the law courts, and secondly, whichever party prevails, a waste of good money without profit to either of the disputants must inevitably follow. No one ever calls in the assistance of the gentlemen of the long robe without finding the balance at his bankers' more or less affected, and invariably to his disadvantage. Even a favourable verdict with costs involves costs as between attorney and client. And if the successful litigant is something out of pocket, through gaining his suit, the unfortunate man who loses is hit still more considerably, we may be sure. It would, of course, but ill become us to offer any comments on the merits of a case which is still pending, but having briefly noted that whichever side wins the day there will be much money wasted over the dispute, we feel justified in offering a few remarks on matters which are beside the main point at issue. The proper court will decide whether Bro. Wilson's charges are just or not, but there are some other matters which may fairly be touched upon. We notice that a motion was made and carried at the recent Quarterly Court endorsing the action of the House Committee in this affair, and we admit that such endorsement is by no means unnatural. It is, however, an open question whether Bro. Wilson, who seems to have been bandied about from House Committee to General Committee, and then to the Quarterly Court, has not just reason to complain of the delays which have been interposed by the authorities. He seems from the very first to have been quite willing to submit his case to arbitration, and he even went so far as to name one of the most distinguished of his profession as arbitrator. The offer was rejected, however, on the very ridiculous ground that the gentleman in question was a Freemason, as though that fact was likely, in the slightest degree, to influence the impartiality of his decision. It strikes us as being very much in the nature of an insult to suggest that Sir H. Hunt, from the fact of his being a Mason, should be unfit to adjudicate, with the utmost fairness, as to the correctness or incorrectness of a certain account, because it happens to have been rendered by a brother. Indeed, the mere fact of his being a Freemason would seem to constitute him a better arbitrator than one who was not, his professional qualifications to act as such being open to no doubt whatever. It would rest with him to decide between a Masonic institution and a Mason, so that his sense of justice would impel him in neither direction. But, assuming the version we have received as correct, other obstacles seem to have been interposed. Thus, there is the letter of Mr. Paraire, acting as Bro. Wilson's representative, in which he informs Mr. Stanley that every information is at his (Mr. Stanley's) disposal for the examination of the Committee, and offers to meet him by appointment. To this there appears to have been no response. But while there would appear to have passed several communications between the contending parties, probably a whole year has passed without a question being settled which might perhaps be arranged in half an hour. One question very naturally arises, whether it would not on the whole have

been more judicious for Bro. Wilson to have withdrawn the account as rendered in the first instance, and substituted for it one containing the particulars requested. Bro. Wilson proposes doing this now, but he says the amended statement will be heavier in amount, as he at first charged less than he is entitled to according to the scale sanctioned by the Institute of British Architects. We cannot blame Bro. Wilson for this, as he has been waiting an unusual time for the settlement of his account; and if it turns out that his views are correct, the Committee will have only themselves to blame if the charges they are called upon to pay ultimately exceed those they were asked for in the first instance. It is well known that for the discharge of certain professional duties, certain scales of charges are sanctioned by the proper authorities, and it strikes us as being a bold thing when people who are not members of the profession in question take upon themselves to doubt the propriety of the charges made, but more especially when the professional man offers to submit his case to the arbitration of a duly qualified third person, and abide by the result. One way out of the difficulty yet remains, before having recourse to legal proceedings. Let Bro. Wilson submit a fresh account altered in the manner proposed. The Committee will have the particulars they ask for, and if, as we assume will be the case, they are in accordance with the authorised scale, the authorities cannot resist payment, even though the sum total of the account should exceed the old one. However, we trust that, whatever may happen, recourse to a legal settlement will be avoided.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors of and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday at the Freemasons' Tavern, Lieut.-Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, presided. On the motion of Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D., seconded by Bro. E. Letchworth, Colonel Creton was again unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution. Bro. Hopekirk jun. was elected a member of the General Committee. After a slight discussion the following motion by the Chairman was carried:—"It being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls, in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate such twenty-five girls, and that such twenty-five girls be elected at the next election, after the House Committee shall have reported the completion of the arrangements necessary for the reception and accommodation for such twenty-five girls." Bro. W. A. Spauld Prov. G. Sec., North Wales and Shropshire, proposed, and Bro. Black seconded, "That the third and every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution, accompanied by a donation of £5 5s, shall entitle the brother to two votes." Bro. A. J. Duff Filer P.G.S.B. objected to the proposition, as likely to entail a great deal of labour on the officials. Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire intimated that Bro. Spauld's intention was to hold out an extra inducement to brethren to come forward as Stewards. The motion was lost. Bro. H. T. Thompson moved "That the sum of £6 be voted to each of the twenty-five children next highest on the poll to the successful candidates at this election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the election in October next." Bro. Thompson said that one of the duties of that Court was to select from an approved list of 45 candidates 13 children for admission to the full benefits of the Institution, and there would be 32 qualified applicants disappointed in their hopes of obtaining that benefit which the General Committee had certified they were entitled to. On behalf of the latter he proposed that the subscribers should make a grant of £150 to be equally divided amongst 25 of these children, many of whom had been before the Court at previous elections. He did not propose to bind the Institution to any particular course of action in the future, but simply to deal with the present circumstances when with a fairly large balance (about £1600) of income over expenditure for the past year they had an unusually large number of candidates in comparison with the vacancies at their disposal. Doubts had been expressed as to the legality of the proposal, but reading Law 2 on the Objects of the Institution he contended that if they were unable now from want of accommodation to elect the whole of the candidates to the full benefit of the Institution, they could confer a portion by voting a grant of money as empowered by Law 34, under which clause the requisite notices had been given. He had that morning seen an opinion that the passing of this motion would commence the downward course of a benefit society which would practically tend to demoralise the Order. He asked the Court to dissociate Freemasonry from the Girls' School in considering the motion. The former should certainly not be considered a benefit society, but the latter included amongst its subscribers ladies, minors, and others, not amenable to Masonic laws, and was undoubtedly a charity or benefit society, and he failed to see why a money grant in aid of the maintenance and education of unsuccessful candidates until they could next apply for admission should more tend to pauperise the Order than the grants of the Fund of Benevolence to distressed Masons, or the amenities of the Benevolent Institution to decayed Masons and their widows. The amount he proposed was a moderate one; he believed the motion to be for the benefit of those for whom the money had been subscribed, and strictly in accordance with the laws now in force. Brother Tattershall moved

as an amendment—"That a gratuity of £20 be given to each unsuccessful candidate who is prevented by the rules, on account of her age, from applying for election." Brother J. L. Hine (Manchester) seconded the amendment, which was put and lost. Bro. Rucker opposed the original motion, on the ground that it would require a machinery to be established to see that the money would be properly applied for the benefit of each of the twenty-five candidates. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford also opposed, believing that it would debase Freemasons. The motion was put and lost. Bro. Binney moved (for Bro. G. E. Webster P.M. 139, Sheffield)—"That it is desirable that the Life Governors, the Subscribers, and others entitled to vote at meetings of the General Court, should have the power of voting by proxy; and that all subscriptions, donations, legacies, and other moneys received by this Charity, which shall not be distinctly appropriated by the donors to the Sustentation Fund, shall be applied in maintaining, clothing and educating the children, and the surplus, if any, shall be invested in three per cent. Consols, in the names of trustees of the General Fund, which Fund and the income thereof shall not be applied for any other than the above-mentioned purposes." Both these motions were lost. The Chairman then declared the poll open for the election of thirteen girls to the benefits of the Institution out of an approved list of forty-five candidates. The poll was kept open till three o'clock, and when the Scrutineers gave in their report at five o'clock, the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.				
No. on List.	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
30	Osmond, Emily Mabel	—	1775	1775
34	Johnson, Eliza Louisa	—	1687	1687
33	Burrell, Kate	—	1671	1671
7	Cheek, Laura Sophia (last)	958	690	1648
27	Hale, Florence Pauline	207	1388	1595
4	Williams, Emma Eliza	912	652	1564
6	Parker, Annie Sarah	984	553	1537
26	Harvey, Julia Maud	395	1122	1517
12	Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	1005	487	1492
40	Laycock, Adelaide Frederika	—	1435	1435
3	Priestley, Juliet S. H.	315	1112	1427
20	New, Frances Jane	169	1220	1389
10	Howle, Minnie (last)	880	428	1308
UNSUCCESSFUL.				
5	Cecil, Emily Alford	772	412	1184
11	King, Emily Beatrice	269	828	1097
23	Bridgeman, Rose Agnes	307	654	961
24	Owens, Annie Adelaide	100	853	953
29	Bartrum, Sarah Grace Kilvert	—	768	768
18	Riley, Sophia	204	547	751
39	Skelton, Mary Ann Elizabeth	—	655	655
36	Watson, Ada Edith	—	631	631
42	Gibson, Eva Gray	—	631	631
37	Carey, Rosina	—	515	515
17	Stewini, Alice Maria Louisa	429	77	506
38	Ford, Annie Louisa	—	371	371
32	Evans, Edith	—	347	347
15	Oberdoerffer, Fanny Marie Ignace	121	144	265
14	Pelham, Rosa Pauline	108	156	264
25	Mee, Kate Sarah	104	160	264
16	Coales, Clara Eliza	90	147	237
43	Popkiss, Florence Emma	—	214	214
9	Hill, Annie Elizabeth	119	68	187
22	Deacon Emily	2	179	181
28	Bennett, Sarah Jane	6	166	172
44	Riddell, Florence	—	128	128
2	Brown, Edith	64	27	91
1	Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	60	15	75
8	Gover, Annie (last)	19	9	28
35	Nicholls, Augusta Helen	—	27	27
19	Ashton, Ada Ellen	11	13	24
13	Drake, Mary Cranch	1	21	22
21	Crow, Caroline Ada	—	16	16
31	McKinney, Margaret	—	2	2
41	Thomings, Sarah Maria Walton	—	—	—
45	Fry, Martha Jane Choules	—	—	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman concluded the proceedings of the day.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton presided. Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer. In the absence of Bro. C. F. Matier, Bro. J. L. Hine moved and Bro. Gladwell seconded "That the Quarterly General Courts in January and July be held at four o'clock in the afternoon, and that law 29 be altered accordingly." The motion was carried. The General Committee were re-elected with but one alteration, Bro. Henry Wells of Aldershot to fill the place of the late Bro. Henry W. Lindas. A letter from Bro. S. B. Wilson, in reference to his dispute with the House Committee, having been read, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart submitted that the House Committee were justified, as men of business, in not passing Bro. Wilson's account, unless he furnished them with detailed items. On the motion of Col. Burney, seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, a vote of approval of the conduct of the Committee was passed. The brethren then proceeded to elect 20 out of an approved list of 79 candidates to the Institution. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.				
No. on list.	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
2	Black, William	1075	785	1860
63	Hogg, John	—	1768	1768
26	Seddon, James Albert	1026	661	1687
7	Brooks, George Bertie	1089	536	1625
55	Prestwich, Ernest Edgley	—	1564	1564
15	Colbeck, Frank	1413	137	1550
10	Thomas, John M. Alex.	1456	75	1531
13	Fellows, Herbert M.	591	922	1513
9	Norrish, Herbert	1273	240	1513
23	Mey, George	—	1507	1507
56	Reynolds, Richard Frank	—	1471	1471
37	Moore, Ernest Stambler	785	633	1418
32	Pike, William Thomas	—	1408	1408
36	Smith, William Henry	428	957	1385
17	Brown, Walter Boston	316	1028	1344
3	Scott, John Sheppard	617	725	1342
22	Kennedy, Arthur James	485	830	1315
71	Atkinson, Chas. Alfred	—	1309	1309
47	Gough, E. A. Brinsmead	623	674	1297
30	Thomas, Frank Robert	182	1099	1281
UNSUCCESSFUL.				
48	Gee, Arthur Alban	263	959	1222
31	Knott, Herbert Wilfred	351	756	1107
8	Grave, Richard Arthur	592	383	975
62	Hooker, George Sanders	—	905	905
1	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	727	122	849
78	Collingwood, Arthur H.	—	743	743
34	Saville, William James	356	368	724
33	Hobbs, Robert Norton	310	349	659
20	Unwin, Fras. Arthur	242	419	661
39	Richardson, Sidney Wm. F.	180	415	595
44	Estlin, Charles Nathaniel	222	305	527
39	Ecclestone, Henry A.	—	509	509
68	Hurst, John Wm. James	—	452	452
18	Fellows, Arthur	187	240	427
64	Darling, Harvey George	—	403	403
6	Gauntlett, George Fredk.	390	2	392
29	Lee, Sidney Edward	153	227	380
66	Carey, Stephen Darcy	—	335	335
46	Loveridge, Sydney Earle	3	321	324
54	Clark, Frederick Arthur	—	302	302
23	Neville, Fredk. John	204	95	299
15	Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	206	83	289
25	Coe, Albert Edward	244	43	287
61	Crich, Sydney James	—	280	280
19	Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	165	114	279
50	Gunnell, William Pearse	106	162	268
51	Wilson, William Leslie	135	60	195
27	Woollons, Walter H.	118	73	191
76	Hill, George Wm. King	—	183	183
57	Thomas, George Arthur	—	177	177
11	Crane, Harry Samuel J.	169	1	170
67	Gurney, Charles Aubrey	—	167	167
14	Steinhauer, George W.	75	81	156
49	Lucas, Edmund Charles	88	67	155
60	Williams, William Isaac	—	132	132
45	Watson, William Renwick	45	62	107
40	Ball, Edward Thomas	27	72	99
79	Jones, Cleophas C. B.	—	84	84
69	Langdon, James	—	83	83
53	Field, Chas. S. Ventris	—	68	68
43	Ibbs, Robert Leigh	56	3	59
52	Frost, James Bray	41	18	59
35	Webb, Charles Edward	24	22	46
65	Escott, Charles Leopold	—	44	44
73	Collinson, James	—	22	22
4	Gay, George John	18	—	18
70	Watson, Sydney Herbert	—	14	14
5	Read, John	4	8	12
77	Sisley, Walter John	—	10	10
58	Jones, Wm. Vincent B.	—	9	9
72	Jobson, William Taylor	—	9	9
42	Laing, Herbert Lawson	1	7	8
41	Grainger, Ernest Bloomer	4	2	6
16	Hawke, Edwin Ernest	1	—	1
21	Foot, William Robert D.	—	—	—
24	Pratt, Robert Williamson	—	—	—
38	Sparkes, Albert Edward	—	—	—
74	Farrar, Ethelbert	—	—	—
75	Burgess, Harold Thomas	—	—	—

TO THE VICE PATRONS, VICE PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS, AND SUBSCRIBERS TO THE R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the generous support accorded to my child, Emily Mabel Osmond, in electing her on Saturday last to the benefits of your noble and most valuable Institution. Assuring you I shall always remember with deep gratitude the great kindness and sympathy shown to me,

I am, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, yours truly,
FRANCES OSMOND.
The Elms, Stratford Green, E.
12th April 1880.

Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous and talented manager of the Mohawk Minstrels, announces his Farewell Benefit for Wednesday the 28th of April, at the Agricultural Hall. On that occasion he will have the services of the whole of this troupe of talented minstrels. Several of Mr. Henry Russell's songs will be sung; in addition, Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Mr. T. MacLagan, and other celebrated artistes will assist.

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BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 13th April 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the resolution carried at the Quarterly General Court yesterday leaves me no alternative but to enforce my just claim against the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys by legal means, may I beg from you the favour to insert in your next issue my communication to them, which was read at the meeting, so that the Craft at large may know that I have exhausted every reasonable means to arrive at an amicable settlement of the matter.

As a friend of the Institution, which I think I may without vanity say owes a very great deal to my own personal exertions, I cannot help expressing the hope that the Governors will at the next election of the Committees show by their votes that they will not have it injured through private pique or ignorance.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 9th April 1880.

TO THE QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

BRETHREN AND GENTLEMEN,—Notwithstanding the resolution passed by you at the Quarterly General Court, held on the 12th January last, the House Committee still raise the most litigious and vexatious objections to the settlement of my account.

I have from the first moment of their dispute with me offered to meet them as far as any sensible man could. When they paid me £100 on account, with the offer to refer the balance to some professional man, I immediately agreed to it, and named Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B. They refused to accept him, without any other reason than that I am aware of than his being a *Freemason*, but why that should be a reason against his being appointed, I am at a loss to conceive; indeed, their resolution refusing to appoint any *Freemason* as referee would preclude most of the chief men of standing in the profession from being appointed.

On refusing to agree to Sir H. A. Hunt, they referred me to a solicitor, Mr. Stanley, and I immediately instructed my representative, Mr. Paraire, to give him any explanation which might be necessary, but up to the present time Mr. Stanley has refrained from seeing Mr. Paraire on the subject, although he has been repeatedly asked to do so.

If I am compelled to resume legal proceedings, I am aware that the Court can order me to put a price to each item, but in that case, as my account is charged on the whole much lower than the usual professional rate, I shall have to withdraw the present amount and amend it, charging the full amount that my professional friends can support.

I have consulted a great many Architects of standing, all of whom have expressed their willingness to support me should it be necessary; and I beg to enclose a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Paraire, which shows clearly that the House Committee are not justified in treating me in the manner they are doing, for it is entirely their own fault if they have not long since received any explanations that they might have required.

I am, Gentlemen and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

474 Oxford Street, W.C., 7th April 1880.

DEAR SIR,—On again referring to your account I see no reason to alter my opinion, as I consider the charges far below those you should have claimed under the Schedule of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

I stated in my letter to Mr. Stanley, the 16th September 1879, that the items were fair and reasonable; I could do no more than I then stated. I annex copy of my letter that you may judge for yourself.

Yours truly,

EDWARD L. PARAIRE.

S. B. Wilson, Esq.

P.S. Any professional man of standing will support your charges.

16th September 1879.

MY DEAR SIR,—I saw Mr. Wilson, and had some conversation with him respecting his claim against the R. I. for Boys; he has let me have a copy of his account, and if you will kindly favour me with an appointment shall, without prejudice, give you what explanation I can to show that the items are fair and reasonable.

I shall be in the city to-morrow; if you could name an hour, I will wait on you.

Yours truly,

EDWARD L. PARAIRE.

F. Stanley, Esq.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think Bro. Radclyffe's very reasonable letter of last week contains the strongest condemnation of the course pursued by those who are opposing or throwing cold water on this Fund. He shows conclusively that, whatever may be its present opinions, your contemporary did regard the proposal with considerable favour, even though it might involve the establishment of a fourth Masonic Charity. It recognised that the work it was proposed to achieve by the aid of this Assistance Fund would be most valuable. It spoke of "the needful, the useful, and the practical" as being "so predominant in this simple and straightforward scheme . . . that we have thought well to call the attention of our readers specifically, if shortly, to it." Surely nothing stronger than this could have been urged even by the greatest well-wisher, and yet there is now a decided coldness, if not opposition, to the proposal. It is now pronounced to be too ambitious; it had better be allowed to fall through; and yet, somehow, it is described only a few weeks since as being a "necessary supplement to our well-managed Institutions." Well may Bro. Radclyffe ask, in a tone of surprise, "How can you reconcile all these contradictions?"

As to the Fancy Fair and Bazaar, which seems to have excited the ridicule of Bro. While, Bro. Radclyffe acknowledges he is organising one. I know they are often called into being, in order to assist charitable institutions. They give the fair sex the opportunities, of which they always so gladly avail themselves, to play their part in the field of charity. Their influence for good is universally recognised. The mere ornamental, under their kind auspices, is made to do useful work, and many a charity has had good reason to be thankful that Fancy Bazaars have been organised in furtherance of their interests. Many a handsome addition is made by their help to the funds of a charity, and so far from sneering at such a project, I should say Bro. While or any other Mason would only be too glad to offer his services. However, I do not think the indomitable Bro. Radclyffe, after the success that has attended him thus far, need be under any apprehension that the opposition of one or even a few will be seriously detrimental. It would be strange, indeed, as you remarked recently in one of your leading articles, if a scheme could be invented which would command universal sympathy. Occasionally a little opposition has its advantages in arousing the sympathy of supporters and inducing them to be more energetic in their help. I have little doubt the arrangements will prove satisfactory, and that the four days' Bazaar will turn out to be a source of profit to the Fund.

As to the grounds of opposition, I fail to see any justification for them. The plan is a good one, and excellent. True, it has exceeded its former dimensions, but what of that? Nothing has yet been determined, and the plans, such as they are, are only in the preliminary stage of suggestion. That it will be eminently practical is most certain, and it will need no strong official staff to work it. It does not even involve "the blessings of a paid Secretariat," for the office duties may be of so light a character that the services of not even a clerk, much less a Secretary, may be needed. It may turn out that the Committees of the two Schools will be entrusted with the work, and they, as every one knows, are unpaid. It is possible that printing and postage will be the most serious item. But even if the scheme should be much more elaborate than was first proposed, and a clerk or secretary should be wanted, I presume no one would seriously object to his receiving some honorarium for his services. Bro. Radclyffe has placed his services at the disposal of the Committee till the end of the current year, and Bro. Morgan junior, I have been given to understand, has, at Bro. Radclyffe's express wish, agreed to play his part, gratuitously, for the same period. The Secretaries of our Institutions, considering the amount of labour they have to go through, are not excessively remunerated, so that this cry against the contingency of a "paid Secretariat," which may not be required, is, to say the least, premature.

Bro. Radclyffe is not the man I take him to be if he allows the opposition he is experiencing to have any other effect than to stimulate him to still greater efforts. He need not trouble himself more about Bro. While's opposition than about his letters, which he has very wisely resolved, according to his letter of last week, not to be at the pains of answering.

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent who signs himself "QUOUSQUE TANDEM?" has very properly pointed out that Bro. While has little reason to complain of the attacks he has been subjected to, seeing how liberal he has himself been in his attacks upon others. The man who begins even a little harmless practical joking has no reason to object, if, in his turn, he is made the subject of something similar. I know not how to explain the motives which led, in the first place, to these little outbursts of his at the expense of others, and then to the retaliation of some of your correspondents; but why will not Bro. While take, if he feels it imperative on him to give, a certain measure of abuse? If brothers love one another to such an extent of cordiality that they cannot even make a charitable suggestion without speaking ill-naturedly of each other, it occurs to me that our Freemasonry must be something like what is commonly called humbug. But as the members of the celebrated Pickwick Club, whenever they said sharp things to each other, spoke only in a Pickwickian sense, so when we Masons do the same, it is done perhaps in the true Masonic sense. Nothing more is ever intended than a few harmless pleasantries. I have no objection, and I presume no one else has, to these interchanges of compliments, but let us be as good tempered as possible over them. "Give and take" should be our motto.

Yours fraternally,

PETER.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., when the W.M. elect, W. Bro. Thomas Eustace P.M., was installed as W.M. by W. Bro. Lieut-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, a Mason of more than 30 years' standing, and one of the Founders of No. 697. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the following were appointed Officers for the coming year:—Bros. Thomas Rix I.P.M., A. Gosling S.W., Thomas G. Mills J.W., Thomas Rix P.M. Treas., G. A. Eustace Sec. *pro tem*, W. Jelley S.D., C. D. Marshall J.D., W. Chapman D.C., A. S. Went Organist, R. Smith I.G., J. D. Duffield, E. Lowings, and G. Somerville Stewards; S. Munson Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the George Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. The usual toasts were given after dinner, and some brethren present contributed to the pleasures of the evening by vocal music. Among those present, either at Lodge or the festive board were the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram D.P.G.M. Essex, Bros. Thomas J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., E. Hennemeyer W.M. 51, E. H. Crate P.P.G.C., W. Basham W.M. 650, T. Jennings S.W. 650, H. Everard Sec. 650, R. C. Althill W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433, J. Downes I.G. 433, W. Richey P.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner J.W. 51, Joseph Hanly 51, and the following members of No. 697:—Bros. T. Eustace W.M., Lieut-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.M., Thomas Rix P.M., Bros. A. Gosling, T. G. Mills, G. A. Eustace, W. Jelley, William Chapman, C. D. Marshall, G. H. Somerville, Robt. Smith, D. R. Rowbotham, E. Lowings, S. Tatem, Jos. Sadler, A. S. Went, Thomas Matthewman, R. Foster, A. Richardson, T. Downing, S. H. Ellis, H. J. Everett, F. E. Morris, J. D. Duffield, J. H. Boulton, and R. J. Godfrey.

CRICHTON LODGE, No. 1641.

THIS Lodge gave a full dress ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday evening last, in aid of the Charity Fund, and, taking into consideration the lateness of the season, it passed off with great success. The following brethren acted as Stewards:—Bros. T. Gardiner W.M., A. Middlemass P.M., T. Griffiths P.M., P. A. Nairne D.C., R. J. Voisey S.W., A. H. Goldschmidt J.W., D. D. Mercer Treasurer, T. Weeks Secretary, T. E. Heller S.D., R. Greenwood S., J. Maunder Organist, R. J. Vincent, J. Dallison, H. R. Baker, T. Nettleship, W. H. Briant, J. Cross, W. H. Barber Secretary 1777, Fred. Hillar J.D. 1475, G. P. Cottar S.D. 1622. The following acted as M.C.'s—Bros. W. H. Baker I.G. 1641, H. A. Stunt W.S. 1641, and T. Cull S.W. 1446. Bro. Dan Godfrey's Quadrille Band was in attendance and played the most popular tunes. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until five o'clock. During the supper Bro. Gardiner proposed the usual toasts, which were drunk enthusiastically, especially "The Ladies," responded to by Bro. Cottar. In proposing the "Stewards and M.C.'s," Bro. Gardiner referred to the work done by Bro. Stunt, who also acted as Secretary to the Ball Committee, and he expressed a hope that every one had spent a pleasant evening.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, and may justly be described as one of the most successful gatherings ever held under that hospitable roof. The chair was taken by Bro. W. W. Medcalf W.M. at the hour appointed, and in support there were present a numerous gathering of Officers and members as well as of Visitors. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Emile Clavel gave evidence of his progress in the Royal Art and was passed to the degree of F.C. The raising of Bro. G. Abel Harrison to the sublime degree of M.M. was, owing to the unavoidable absence of that brother during the early part of the meeting, postponed. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted and accepted, and nothing more need be said of it than that it was eminently satisfactory. The special business of the evening, namely the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. Johannes Bergmann, was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. Nelson Reed, who most efficiently fulfilled the arduous duties of his office. Those not entitled to be present at this interesting ceremony having been re-admitted, the W. Master was duly saluted in the three degrees and congratulated, and then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—namely, Bros. Charles Schmidt S.W., R. A. Morgan J.W., W. W. Medcalf I.P.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, J. J. Avery P.P.G. Treas. Devon Treasurer, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec. Secretary, H. H. Wells S.D., H. Warden J.D., J. Bromwich I.G., George Lewis D.C., Richard Nelson W.S., C. J. Meiter Organist, Church Tyler. A proposition by Bro. Reed, seconded by Bro. Still, to the effect that Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec. should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, was carried with acclamation; and Bro. Clerke briefly but suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him. The routine business having been transacted, the name of a brother for election as a joining member was submitted, and after sundry apologies for non-attendance had been read, Lodge was closed with the customary formalities. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in a manner worthy of this world-famed hostelry. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, that of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, past and present Grand Officers, being responded to by Bro. Clerke. In the course of his remarks Bro. Clerke observed that the Grand Officers of England were too well known, and their

zeal and abilities too highly appreciated, for it to be necessary to say more than a few words on their behalf. They were on all occasions but too glad to exert themselves on behalf of Freemasonry, and speaking for himself, he was bound to acknowledge not only the honour they had conferred upon him in the early part of the meeting, but also the very cordial reception they had given to the toast with which his name had been associated. The duties of the office upon which he had so recently entered were of a very onerous character, and it would be unjust on his part if he did not publicly recognise the valuable assistance he was daily receiving from their esteemed Secretary Bro. Buss A.G.S., whose absence that evening was the more to be regretted from the circumstances to which it was due. Bro. Willcocks having given the well-known song, "True for Aye," in a manner which commanded the applause of all present, the health of the initiate, as entered on the list of toasts, was given and acknowledged by Bro. Clavel, who, though he had been passed to the degree of F.C., had had no previous opportunity of thanking the Lodge for their reception of him as a Brother Mason. After Brother Meiter's song, "The King's Jester," had received its due share of applause, the I.P.M. Bro. Medcalf rose and proposed in simple but telling language the health of the W.M., of whom, during his term of office, he anticipated great things. A pianoforte solo by Bro. Frantzen followed, and then the W.M. rose and expressed his acknowledgments, not only of the kindly terms in which his health had been proposed, but also of the very cordial manner in which it had been received by all present. He remarked that it would be out of his power to express his thanks for the honour they had done him in a measure befitting the occasion, but no doubt they would take the will for the deed, and accept his heartfelt thanks as fully as though he had been more successful in rendering justice to the toast. Bro. Hislop's song, "Twickenham Ferry," having been most successfully rendered, the toast of the Installing Officer followed, and Bro. N. Reed acknowledging, as he did most feelingly and appropriately, the kindness shown him and the appreciation of the slight services he had been able to render the Lodge that afternoon, remarked that that was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to instal a successor in the chair of the Mizpah Lodge. A pianoforte solo having then been given, the toast of the Visitors, among whom were many distinguished members of the Craft, was given, the names of Bros. Sendall and Briggs being associated with it, and after a brief pause, in the course of which Bro. Reed sang the "British Lion" with great spirit, those two brethren rose and suitably acknowledged the compliment paid them and their fellow Visitors. The health of the Past Masters, with which was naturally associated the name of Bro. Medcalf I.P.M., followed. The W.M. referred briefly to the services which Bros. Reed, Still, and Medcalf had rendered to the Lodge during their respective terms of office, and then proceeded to express the great pleasure he experienced in investing his predecessor in the chair, Bro. Medcalf, with the Past Master's jewel unanimously granted him by the Lodge. He congratulated Bro. Medcalf on having received this well-merited mark of the Lodge's esteem, and trusted he would live for many years, bearing on his breast the token of appreciation it was his duty to affix. The Charity box was here handed round, and resulted in the collection of the sum of £2 18s 2d. Bro. Medcalf then acknowledged the toast, and in doing so thanked most cordially his fellow members of the Lodge for the compliment they had paid him. He regretted his services had not been such as he had wished to render, but the evidence of their appreciation of his efforts would always be esteemed at its just value, and he sincerely hoped it would ever remain as an heirloom in his family. In proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. expressed the pleasure the Lodge felt at seeing their official representatives present on such occasions. On behalf of the members of the Mizpah, he expressed the satisfaction he felt that their Lodge had had the opportunity of giving practical expression to their interest in the Masonic Institutions. During the brief period of its existence, the Lodge had made it a point of supporting one Charity each year, in the belief that in the long run this was a sounder policy than to distribute their help among the three. Bro. Avery's song, "The Island of the Free," having been justly applauded, Bros. Binckes and Terry severally acknowledged the toast. The former explained that of late he had felt some diffidence in presenting himself as a representative of the Charities, for the reason that in some quarters there seemed to be an opinion that the presence of the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions was, if not unnecessary, at all events undesirable. It was always a great pleasure, as well as an important duty, for him to commend these Charities to the firm support of the Lodges he visited, and he should make a point of continuing to do so as long as he felt that his presence was welcome. Bro. Terry spoke warmly, as he always does, of the work done by the Institutions, and commended them to the support of all present. He endorsed in a great measure what Bro. Binckes had said, and at the same time expressed his belief that the course hitherto followed for many years was one to be commended. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, after a good song capitally sung by Bro. Warden, was acknowledged by Bro. Avery Treasurer, who expressed the regret he felt at the absence of his esteemed colleague, Bro. Buss. The Officers were then toasted, the W.M. paying an appropriate but justly deserved compliment to each, and at the same time expressing his belief that he should receive at their hands that able and zealous assistance of which a brother in his important position stood in need. The reply of Bro. Schmidt S.W. was brief but to the point. Bro. Morgan J.W. spoke at greater length, as he felt it was an opportunity of which it was proper he should avail himself to express, as he knew he might do, not only for himself, but also on behalf of every member of the Lodge, the great pleasure they always experienced at finding among their guests the representatives of the Masonic Charities. They felt it was a compliment to the Lodge when those brethren visited them, and urged the cause of the Masonic Charities on the members and visitors. It was his belief, he said, that such visits could not be otherwise than beneficial. It was in his opinion most necessary that constant appeals should be made everywhere by

those officially acquainted with the work that was being done. It was in their power to inform them of the progress that was being made in helping the aged and the orphan boys and girls whom necessity obliged to appeal to the Craft for assistance, and he trusted they should have many opportunities of welcoming the official visitors it had given the Lodge so much pleasure to receive that evening. A whistling song by Bro. Medcalf, to use a familiar phrase, brought the house down, so admirably was it given, and then the Tyler's toast closed the formal proceedings, though before the final separation Bro. Bergmann very kindly favoured the brethren with a song. Indeed it must be remarked that one of the principal features of the meeting was the excellence of the musical arrangements, which afforded unqualified pleasure to all who were so fortunate as to be present. He it added that the list of Visitors was a considerable one, including, as it did, the following brethren, namely:—Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., H. C. Levander P.G. Sec. Middlesex, J. Tanner P.M. 101 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, R. J. Simpson P.G. Chap., W. H. Saunders I.P.M. 889 P.G.S.D. Middlesex, F. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary R.M.I.B., John Cox P.M. 190, S. Waterer 1579, G. W. Wilson S.W. 1009, John Green P.M. 27, John R. McCulloch 1541, Julian Hartley 1426, D. M. Munrow I.G. 1269, A. W. Wells J.W. 299, A. Oppenheimer 433, W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572, C. J. Edwards W.M. 1457, J. L. Jones P.M. 657, G. W. Saul I.P.M. 1201, G. Briggs W.M. 1572, T. H. Patten P.M. 19, F. H. Willcocks 1552, G. Rawlinson late 754, G. D. Young 152, W. H. Gimingham 1707, R. L. Sendall 1293, J. Edwards 1662, F. King J.W. 1006, H. Hoadley W.M. 172, S. White I.G. 1657, A. Brookman G.M. 1, A. Shellard P.M. 74, D. Filaw 1260, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, G. T. Cox 862, Henry Hides P.M. 198, W. G. Jennings 1580, George Bishop 231, W. Rust 28, H. Parker Villiers 1142, R. Franklyn 181, and R. Hesseler.

St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240.—At the ordinary meeting on Monday night, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields, Bro. J. H. Morton W.M. announced that in connection with the recent Centenary Festivities he had prepared a Masonic device containing a record of the whole of the brethren who had filled the chair of K.S. during the 100 years the Lodge had existed. He begged to present the record, which was framed with oak that had supported the sun dial in St. Hilda's Churchyard for 125 years, to the Lodge. He had also prepared a facsimile, on a smaller scale, of the device, a copy of which would be given to each member of the Lodge. Bro. James Roddam, P.M. and D. of C., in the name of the Officers, presented a handsome centenary banner, mounted on a massive and valuable stand. Bro. J. H. Thompson S.D. moved that the cordial thanks of the brethren be given to the W.M. for his generous and appropriate gift, and took the opportunity of mentioning that the beautiful banner and stand presented by the Officers, and which was the theme of general admiration, was entirely designed by Bro. J. H. Morton. Bro. George Robson, seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, and the Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 13th April, Bros. Rowe S.W. 781 W.M., Smith S.W. 860 S.W., Power J.W., P.M. Myers S.D., Fyfe J.D., Day I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor, also Bros. Keable, Prosser, Stewart, White, Sadler, Watkins, Pavitt, Andrews, Cope, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Bro. P.M. Myers, as Auditor, gave the report for the year, which was very satisfactory. Bro. Stewart answered the necessary questions; the Lodge opened in second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first and second, Bro. Andrews the third and fourth sections of the lecture. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Judd of 1441, and Stewart of 898, were unanimously elected members. Bro. W. J. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Smith is an excellent worker, especially of the third ceremony, therefore a good attendance may be expected. It was resolved, on the proposition of the Preceptor, that the Lodge be supplied with collars, jewels and aprons for its Officers. This will be a great addition to this pretty little Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Worsley as Secretary, and Bro. Pavitt as Treasurer, were unanimously elected to fill their respective offices for the ensuing twelve months. We were pleased to see Bro. Musto, after his recent illness, again in his place as Preceptor.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday evening. Present:—Bros. C. G. Padel W.M., J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Rev. J. Metcalfe Chaplain, J. T. Sellar S.W., George Simpson J.W., J. Kay Secretary, W. P. Husband Assistant Secretary, M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Turner as J.D., O. Marshall Organist; with Bros. Rev. J. Blake, Ware, Thorp, Carter, Dyson, Girling, Hebblethwaite, Humphries, Atkinson, and other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Hanly P.M. St. Patrick's Lodge (4th Dragoon Guards), and other military brethren, Bro. Gay (Edinboro), and visitors from the York Lodge. After the reading of the minutes a successful ballot was taken for a candidate. The agenda paper contained a passing, but the brother in question not being present instruction was given in the third degree working. Bro. J. S. Cumberland announced his list for the Girls' School Festival on Friday, which was of a most satisfactory character, and in the course of the evening several considerable additions were made to it. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. A. M. Broadley P.M. of Tunis, North Africa, a most valuable and curious piece of sculpture excavated last year in the ruins of ancient Carthage. The sculpture is in an unfinished state, but represents a priest in the attitude of invoking a blessing. The relic excited much curiosity, and it was determined that it should be enclosed in a suitable oak

mounting with an inscription, and placed upon the walls of the Lodge room. The Secretary was requested to write to Bro. Broadley conveying the hearty thanks of the Lodge for his valuable present, and assuring him that his labours in the cause of the Craft were duly appreciated by the members of the Eboracum Lodge, who were proud to have his name enrolled as one of their honorary members. Bro. Whytehead also presented some books to the library, including a copy of Preston's Illustrations, Reports of American Masonic Bodies, &c. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. said he could not refrain from expressing his gratification at seeing so large an attendance of members. It was the first Masonic meeting in York since the turmoil and trouble of political excitement through which they had passed, and he was sure that the charm of their marvellous society would be more thoroughly experienced than ever, affording as it did a peaceful platform where Whigs and Tories were forgotten, and where "burning questions" were consigned to the limbo of obscurity. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, the Lodge was closed and the brethren and their Visitors adjourned to refreshment. After the usual preliminary toasts, the W.M. proposed the Prov. Grand Master and the Officers past and present, which was responded to by Bros. T. B. Whytehead and G. Balmford. The S.W. proposed the health of the W.M. and the latter, after responding, gave that of the I.P.M. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), to whom he said the Lodge was so largely indebted for its present excellent working, as well as its pre-eminence in the work of charity. Bro. Cumberland, in replying, said he might very well be excused for being proud of belonging to a Lodge that had proved itself during its brief existence such a true representative body. During its three-and-a-half years of life, the Eboracum Lodge had been represented by eight Stewards at the various Festivals, and had sent up nearly £200. Thanks to the generosity of the brethren, his list for the Girls' School next Friday was a very good and substantial one. He thought it was much better for a Lodge to keep up a steady support of the Three Charities than to make a spasmodic spurt in favour of some one charity and then stop short. The S.W. gave the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Hanly P.M., who said he could never forget the hospitality of the Masons of York. Bro. Whytehead proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a happy conclusion. Between the toasts songs were given by Bros. Cumberland, Humphries, and others. We hear that there is a probability of the Eboracum Lodge being represented at the Boys' Festival in June.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 8th inst. Present:—Bros. H. Kasner W.M., A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., W. Seward S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., G. S. Wright I.G., J. Wells Secretary, H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor; Bros. C. Andrews P.M., F. Botley, H. Stephens, Tink Brown, R. Fernee, Gasson, C. Bellerby, C. E. Botley, E. Smith. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Tink Brown candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the brethren called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, Bro. Tucker proposed that the Secretary write a letter of condolence to Bro. J. C. Roe P.M. 780, who has recently lost three near relatives. This was seconded by Bro. Burr, and carried unanimously. The W.M. for next gathering having been elected at a previous meeting, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—An emergency meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. M. Cooke, the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Smeed P.M., Argyle S.W., Whora J.W., Wolgemuth P.M. Treasurer, W. Platt P.M. Secretary, Skinner S.D., Ashton J.D., Russell I.G.; Past Masters W. Waghorn and Whitley, with several other brethren. After the Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. Alfred Loft was passed to the second degree. Several names for initiation and passing were on the agenda paper, but the candidates were not in attendance. Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, whereat Bro. W. Smeed P.M. ably presided. The usual toasts, both Loyal and Masonic, were given, and duly responded to; and the brethren separated.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The members of the above Lodge met on the 11th inst., at the Blue Post, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 as W.M., F. Guyer S.W., H. Little J.W., L. Jacobs as Hon. Secretary, Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs acting S.D., J. Smith J.D., J. Taylor I.G., Ash P.M. Preceptor; and Bros. B. Kauffman, J. B. Edwards, F. Wilson, F. Tarrant, W. Davis, and J. Strokirk. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Strokirk acting as candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. Bro. H. M. Levy. Bro. Guyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This young and well appointed Lodge of Instruction is free from liabilities, and has already subscribed £10 10s to the Boys' School.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on the 31st inst. Bro. D. Moss 1275 will preside, and be supported by Bro. C. H. Webb W.M. 174 as S.W., Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as J.W., Bro. Walker Preceptor, and other well-known brethren. We trust Bro. Moss will have a large attendance, and shall feel glad to see a revival of the success of this once popular Lodge of Instruction.

At La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, held at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on 21st April, Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE regular meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, and Trustee (in the chair), James Brett, C. G. Dilley, J. M. Case, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, Henry G. Warren, J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cubitt, S. Rawson, William Stephens, Charles Atkins, William Hilton, C. H. Webb, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry reported the death of three annuitants and a female candidate for the Annuity Fund. After the reading of the report of the Warden, the report of the Financial Committee was read, which showed a balance of £4023 1s to the credit of the Male Fund, £2035 3s 8d to the credit of the Female Fund, and £46 19s 11d to the credit of the Sustentation Fund. In conclusion, the Finance Committee recommended that £1000 should be taken from the Male Fund to purchase Consols. It was then resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. M. Case, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, to invest £1000 in Consols. Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, and W. Hale were elected the Committee to draw up the annual report. The brethren then granted a widow's petition to be allowed her late husband's annuity. It was also resolved to place £3000 on deposit at interest. Bro. H. G. Warren gave notice of motion that the premium for the collector's guarantee should be paid out of the funds of the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

CONSECRATION OF THE JERSEY MARK LODGE.

THE number of Lodges of Mark Masons in the Province of Berks and Oxon received an addition on Monday last, when the Jersey Lodge, No. 257, designated in honour of the Provincial Grand Master, was consecrated at Maidenhead by the Grand Assistant Secretary of the Order, Bro. Don. M. Dewar, in the absence of the Earl of Jersey, who up to the last moment was expected to have attended. The interesting event attracted brethren from Reading, London, and elsewhere, who assembled at the Literary Institution, the Town Hall being in course of rebuilding. Among the brethren present in the Lodge, which was opened at 1 o'clock by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading), we observed Bros. the Rev. Theodore H. Janson, E. Margrett, G. S. Cousins G. Organist, Pulley Prov. G. Sec., Cooper Smith Prov. Grand Senior Warden, W. B. Farr W.M. designate, H. H. Hodges, W. Morris, Don. M. Dewar G.A. Sec., W. C. Moffatt, G. Westall, H. Brett, Glasspool, Hickie, Collins, Hinckley, Henry Ayres, Cosburn (Newbury), Mount, Arrowsmith, Nicholson, Hemmings, Westfield, &c. The first business was to take the ballot for thirteen brethren proposed as members of the Lodge, and these were elected unanimously, as follows:—Bros. Rev. Edward De Ewer, H. Arrowsmith, W. E. Beal, J. Llewellyn, C. A. Bennett, A. P. Speechley, T. J. Westfield, J. L. Silver, W. Deacon, H. J. Mount, C. W. Cox, E. J. Shrewsbury, and C. Nowell, most of whom reside in Maidenhead and the neighbourhood. With the exception of Bro. W. Deacon, who was absent, the above were advanced to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably gone through by the Provincial Grand Master and the Worshipful Master designate. The new Lodge was then consecrated in an impressive and befitting manner, the choral portion of the ceremony being well sustained by Bros. Cousins, Pulley, and Hickie. Then followed the installation of Bro. Farr P.M. Copestone Lodge, No. 80, P.D.G.W. Bengal, as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and the Officers of the Lodge were appointed and installed as follow:—Bros. W. B. Farr W.M., E. Margrett I.P.M., H. H. Hodges S.W., W. Morris J.W., R. Nicholson M.O., J. W. Legge S.O., W. Hinckley J.O., Theodore H. Janson Chaplain, E. De Ewer Assist. Chaplain, W. Morris Treasurer, Shrewsbury Registrar, H. J. Mount Secretary, J. S. Silver Organist, C. W. Cox S.D., H. Arrowsmith J.D., W. E. Beale I.G., H. P. Speechley Steward, C. Nowell Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a banquet was served, and a number of toasts usually given on these occasions were proposed and responded to.

The Consecration of the Ravensbourne Chapter, No. 1601, will take place on Thursday next, the 22nd inst., at the Offices of the Lewisham District Board of Works, Catford Bridge, S.E. The M.E. Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, will perform the ceremony, and will be assisted by E. Comps. Capt. N. G. Phillips as H., the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.S. as J., and R. W. H. Giddy as D.C. E. Comps. William George Lemon P.Z. 414, Rev. William Taylor Jones P.Z. 259, and Charles William Thompson 21, are respectively the three Principals designate. The ever active Comp. Magnus Ohren P.Z. 33 and 45 is the acting Scribe E.

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Her Majesty has been pleased to summon William Archer Amherst, Viscount Holmesdale, to the Upper House, by the title of Baron Amherst of Montreal. His Lordship, who has held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Kent since 1860, and that of G. Superintendent of the same Province since 1877, is the eldest son of the second Earl of Amherst, by Gertrude, daughter of the late Hon. and Right Rev. Dr. Percy, Bishop of Carlisle. He was born in 1836, was educated at Eton, entered the Coldstream Guards in 1854, and served in the Eastern campaign in the same year, being present at the battles of Balaklava and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was severely wounded. He became lieutenant and captain in 1855, and retired from the service in 1862, in which year he married Lady Julia, only daughter of the last Earl of Cornwallis. From May 1859 until November 1868 he represented West Kent in the House of Commons in the Conservative interest, and from the latter date until the end of the last Parliament he sat for Mid Kent.

Our attention has been drawn to the great inconvenience which attends the holding of the business meetings of the Courts of the Masonic Institutions in the same room where preparations for the election are in progress. We think that a small matter like this has only to be pointed out to ensure its being altered; it would be very easy for the business to be transacted in the usual Board room, and as soon as that was completed for the chairman to adjourn to the large hall (or such other place as may from time to time be decided upon) to proceed with the poll. The noises in a large room and the conversations of those engaged in the work of securing votes renders it very unpleasant for those whose object is to explain or listen to any remarks that are made on the various subjects brought under notice.

The City Masonic Benevolent Association having terminated by effluxion of time, and having during its existence been instrumental in paying nearly £900 to the three Masonic Institutions, it was considered very desirable that a new one should be formed; and to carry out this idea a meeting was held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Monday, 22nd March, when the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee of the new Association were duly elected, many members were enrolled, and there being sufficient funds subscribed, a ballot for a Life Governorship was declared, which resulted favourably for Bro. Norden W.M. Israel Lodge. The objects of this Association are to obtain Life Governorships for its members in either of the Masonic Institutions, by a weekly payment of 1s, payable on the fourth Monday in each month. The next meeting will take place on Monday, the 26th April, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at which place all brethren desirous of joining are earnestly invited to attend.

Of the other brethren whom we named last week as candidates for the new Parliament, Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart., P.G.M. South Wales (West Division) has failed to secure re-election. The Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, Deputy P.G. Master West Lancashire, has been returned at the head of the poll for his division of the county. Bro. J. W. Ellison Macartney is once again a member for county Tyrone. Hon. W. Egerton, who is P.G.M.M.M. for North Wales and Cheshire, is returned for Mid Cheshire, and Bro. Maxwell Close, whose candidature was unnoticed, is again M.P. for county Armagh.

Eboracum Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at York, when, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. T. B. Whytehead Z., Comp. J. Todd P.Z. presided, with Comp. J. S. Cumberland H., and Comp. G. Balmford J. There was no business done beyond the reading of the minutes, and several exaltations were postponed, in consequence of the many political claims upon the attention of the members.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Noke P.M. 87 took place on Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Necropolis, Woking. Among those present to pay the last tribute to the memory of the deceased were Bros. Richd. Whiting P.M. 87, J. W. Bond P.M. 87, C. S. Jolly P.M. 87, C. Walters P.M. 87, W. Stuart Sec. 87, F. Sambell 87, Barnett 87, G. Isaac 87, Davis 87, Rumbold, and Phillips. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Bro. Nott W.M. of Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.

The meetings of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction are adjourned till further notice.

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Patron and President:**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.****Patroness:****HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.****A T A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT** of this Institution,
held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, W.C. on
Saturday, 10th April 1880,**COLONEL JOHN CREATON**, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers pro-
ceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of 13 Girls into the Institution, from a List of
45 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

On List	On Poll			
30.	1.	Osmond, E. M.	...	1775
34.	2.	Johnson, E. L.	...	1687
33.	3.	Burrell, Kate	...	1671
7.	4.	Cheek, L. S.	...	1649
27.	5.	Hale, F. P.	...	1595
4.	6.	Williams, E. E.	...	1564
6.	7.	Parker, Annie Sarah	...	1537
26.	8.	Harvey, J. M.	...	1517
13.	9.	Wyatt, M. A. A.	...	1492
40.	10.	Lacock, A. F.	...	1435
3.	11.	Priestley, J. S. H.	...	1427
20.	12.	New, F. J.	...	1389
10.	13.	Howle, Minnie	...	1308

The Votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to
their credit at the next election if eligible. Lists showing the Votes polled for
successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the Office.**F. R. W. HEDGES**, Secretary.**Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,**
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Office:—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

Patroness:**HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.****President:****HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES K.G. &c., M.W.G.M.****A T A QUARTERLY General Court** of the Governors and Sub-
scribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-
fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of April 1880.**V.W. Bro. LIEUT.-COL. CREATON**, (Grand Treas.) V. Patron and Trustee
in the Chair.A Ballot took place for the Election of Twenty Boys from a List of Seventy-
nine Candidates, the following being successful:—

	Votes Polled		Votes Polled
1. Black, William	1860	11. Reynolds, Richard Frank	1471
2. Hogg, John	1768	12. Moore, Ernest Stambler	1418
3. Seddon, James Albert	1687	13. Pike, William Thomas	1408
4. Brooks, George Bertie	1625	14. Smith, William Henry	1385
5. Prestwich, Ernest Edgley	1564	15. Brown, Walter Boston	1344
6. Colbeck, Frank	1550	16. Scott, John Sheppard	1342
7. Thomas, John M.A.	1531	17. Kennedy, Arthur James	1315
8. Fellows, Herbert M.	1513	18. Atkinson, Charles Alfred	1309
9. Norrish, Herbert	1513	19. Gough, Ernest B. Brinsmead	1297
10. Mey, George	1507	20. Thomas, Frank Robert	1281

Lists of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of
polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office.**FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P., P.G.S.**

12th April 1880.

Secretary.

THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be
held on Wednesday, 30th June 1880, on which occasion**THE RIGHT HON. LORD SKELMERSDALE,****R.W. Deputy Grand Master**, and **Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire**,
Has kindly consented to preside.The names of Brethren willing to represent Provinces or Lodges as Stewards
will be gratefully received.**UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE**
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The Musical Arrangements will be under the direction of **Bro. C. E. Willing**,
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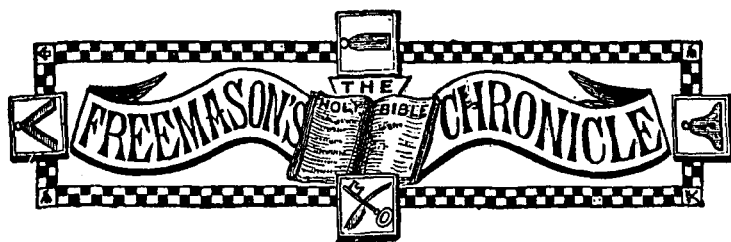
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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

THE half yearly meeting of this D.G.L. was held on Thursday, 1st April, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta. Present:—R.W. Bro. W. Kingston D.G.M. on the throne, W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M., W. Bro. Chevalier E. Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M., W. Bros. W. Rotherham D.G.S.W., C. E. Coffey D.G.J.W., C. Riechelmann, F. R. Beechey and W. Watson P.D.G.J.W.'s, R. V. Westrup as D.G. Registrar, J. Segond D.G. Treasurer, Bros. J. W. Starkey D.G. Secretary, F. Challenger as D.G.S.D., G. Crabtree D.G.J.D., C. J. Blake as D.G. Sup. of Works, J. A. Matthews D.G. Organist, W. Bro. Glenday W.M. 407, together with the Wardens, Officers, and a large number of brethren belonging to the Lodges in the District as well as several visitors from Lodges under the E., S. and I. Constitutions. D.G.L. was opened in due form at 6 p.m., the rolls of Grand Officers and private Lodges were called by the D.G. Secretary, after which the minutes of the last half yearly Communication were read and confirmed, and the report of the committee of general purposes laid before the meeting and unanimously approved. The financial statement was also adopted, all Lodges in the District having paid their dues. A very interesting report on the state and progress of English Masonry in North Africa from the W.D.D.G.M. Bro. Broadley was read in extenso. The D.G.M. said that he desired that it be recorded on the minutes of D.G.L. the high sense he entertained of the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Broadley during his year of office, as well as his thanks for the able report they had just heard. He alluded in terms of particular commendation to the efforts of Bro. Broadley to counteract the spread of spurious Masonry in the District. The D.D.G.M. had expressed his desire not to be again appointed, as he was unable to make frequent visits to this Island, but he would not appoint a successor without thanking Bro. Broadley for that hearty co-operation in the past which he felt sure that brother would always continue in future years, and especially in the Tunis portion of the District. The D.D.G.M. expressed his sense of R.W. Bro. Kingston's kind expressions, and assured all present that as P.D.D.G.M. he should still endeavour to uphold the best interests of English Masonry both in Tunis and Malta. W. Bro. Segond was unanimously elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck D.G. Tyler for the ensuing year.

The D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Kingston in addressing the brethren said,—"On this my eleventh appointment of D.G. Officers I cannot but congratulate you on the unprecedented prosperity of your Lodges; I believe at no former period have they been numerically stronger, but at the same time I must remind you that as you increase in numbers, so you add to your responsibilities, and it is therefore incumbent on you to make provision against any future contingencies or reverses. As regards the working of your Lodges, by which I mean the rendering of those ceremonies peculiar to the Order—from what I have seen elsewhere, and from what I have heard visitors say—I think it will compare favourably with other Provinces, but I recommend you whilst seeking to make your ceremonials attractive and imposing not to forget the real design of Masonry, and I advise you never to resort to any of those preliminary forms which have a tendency to intimidate the candidate or render ludicrous any of our rites, but, on the contrary, let everything be done with becoming seriousness and solemnity."

The D.G.M. then appointed and invested the following Officers:—

W. Bros. Rosenbusch	...	...	D.D.G.M.
Perini W.M. 1717	...	...	D.G.S.W.
Westrup P.M. 515	...	...	D.G.J.W.
Glenday W.M. 407	...	...	D.G. Registrar.
Rev. G. N. Godwin 349	...	...	D.G. Chaplain.
Starkey Secretary 349	...	...	D.G. Secretary.
Barker W.M. 1835	...	...	D.G.S.D.
Yeoman S.W. 407	...	...	D.G.J.D.
Blake 349	...	...	D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
Blanch 1717	...	...	D.G. Sup. of Works.
Johnstone 1717	...	...	D.G. Sword Bearer.
They 1835	...	...	D.G. Standard Bearer.
Ewing 349	...	...	D.G. Organist.
England J.W. 407	...	...	Assist. D. of Ceremonies.
Miller Secretary 515	...	...	D.G. Pursuivants
Bros. Grier, West, Clement and Carletto	...	...	D.G. Stewards

It was resolved unanimously to accord the thanks of the meeting to the W.M. of the Leinster Lodge I.C. for giving effect in his Lodge to the District Circular relating to spurious Masonry in Tunis. D.G.L. was then closed with solemn prayer, and the D.G.M. and G. Officers retired in procession. A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of the D.G.M., which was numerously attended. On the cloth being removed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the P.D.D.G.M. proposed, in a somewhat lengthy speech, the health of the D.G.M., referring in detail to several of the incidents of his distinguished career in the Craft; he remarked that no better proof of the high appreciation entertained of R.W. Bro. Kingston's services to Masonry could be found than in the fact of there being three Masonic bodies in the District called after his name, which he trusted would perpetuate the memory of his popular and zealous rule to succeeding generations.

These observations were received with loud applause, and the toast having been drunk, the D.G.M. in returning thanks, said, "W. Sirs and Brethren,—I thank you most sincerely for the kind and hearty manner in which you have received the toast proposed by our Bro. the P.D.D.G.M. During the long period of 23 years that I have been associated with Masonry in Malta, I have served in almost every office, not excepting those of Secretary and Treasurer, so that apart from my position as D.G.M. I naturally take a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodges, and it affords me great pleasure to see them in their present flourishing condition, and I take this opportunity of recommending to your consideration the Benevolent Fund of this District, which notwithstanding the several grants that have been made from it, has gone on steadily increasing. From the report laid before you this evening you will see that, independent of the £150 invested in Consols, the D.G. Treasurer has upwards of £40 in hand, and if the Lodges would each make a small donation he would be enabled to invest another £50, thereby securing an income of £6 per annum. In the appointments I have made this evening, I hope I have given satisfaction to all, and should we be spared to meet again next year, I trust I may have the same strong reasons for congratulating you on the prosperity of your Lodges, and complimenting you on the really efficient manner in which you have discharged your several duties and the thorough harmony which has prevailed throughout the District."

The D.G. Secretary replied to the toast of the Benevolent Fund, stating that it owed its origin to the D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, who on his appointment to that high office, 11 years ago, drew up a plan for its maintenance as well as bye-laws for its government, commencing the fund with a personal donation of £5, to which each of the members of D.G.L. present subscribed £1. This was the nucleus of the fund, which had grown to its present proportions, and he hoped by carrying out the suggestions and advice the D.G.M. had given them that evening, that this Fund would continue steadily to increase in future years. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour after passing a most enjoyable evening.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

A Meeting of the Melita Grand Preceptory was held at Malta on the 6th April, at 5 p.m. The Preceptory was opened by E. Sir Kt. A. M. Broadley P.E.P. The M.E.P.P. Sir Kt. Kingston was announced and received under the arch of steel. The E.P. elect Bro. Lieut. Coffey R.A. was then presented to him by P.E.P.'s Broadley and Segond, and duly installed in the chair. He then appointed his officers:—Major Ewing being Constable, and Captain Blake Marshal. The E.P. then proceeded to admit to the Order Comp. J. W. Starkey D.G. Secretary. The ceremony being completed, and some routine business disposed of, the Preceptory was closed in ancient form. At 8 p.m. the P. Grand Priory was opened. The M.E.P.P. (accompanied by his Standard Bearer and Aide de Camp) was received with the customary honours. Having declared the offices vacant, the Provincial Prior appointed the following Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, reserving the rest for the nomination of Knights from Gibraltar, viz., Sir Knights Gilbard V.E. Sub-Prior, Broadley Chancellor, Watson Prelate, Coffey Constable, Segond Treasurer, Starkey Registrar, Ewing Vice-Chancellor, Walker Captain of Guards, Grier Aide de Camp, and Beck Equerry. At the motion of the Chancellor, seconded by Sir Kt. Captain Beechey P.P. Constable, a vote of thanks was offered to the M.E.P.P. for the efficient way he had represented his Province in England, and for his exertions in procuring the beautiful collars of office with which the P.G. Officers had been that night invested. The P. Priory was closed, and the M.E. Sir Kt. Kingston retired under the arch of steel.

Zetland Lodge, No. 515 E.C.—An emergent meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 2nd April, besides the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge there was a goodly attendance of D.G. Officers and visitors from the other Lodges of the District. P.D.D.G.M. W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, at the request of the W.M. initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry a candidate, in the Italian language. The W.M. on resuming the gavel expressed the satisfaction of the Lodge at the very beautiful and expressive manner the degree was given and the ceremony performed. The Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

St. John and St. Paul's Lodge, No. 349, Malta.—A meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th April. Besides the W.M., his Officers and brethren, the D.G.M., D.D.G.M., P.D.D.G.M., and several visitors were present. Three candidates having been unanimously accepted, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the P.D.D.G.M., the D.G.M. delivering the customary charge, and the W.M. the lecture on the tracing board. Two brethren were subsequently advanced to the second degree. The Lodge being closed, the brethren and visitors adjourned to refreshment.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 17th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 19th April.

Annual Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea Rise, 3.30, for 4 o'clock.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
 58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Milford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1825—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
 1893—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8
 1895—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 20th APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 191—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.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 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 Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Frestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R.A. 263—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 21st APRIL.

- General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 533—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
 1298—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 123—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hackmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead.
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Gormans, Cornwall
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, 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
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 22nd APRIL.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 Annual Banquet Burdett Coutts' Lodge of Instruction, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Choquers, 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, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1583—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Catford Bridge, S.E. (CONSECRATION)
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colno
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 636—D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 784—Wallington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 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
 1576—Dec, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1620—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
 R.A. 1058—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 16th APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, 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)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
 786—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (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)
 1153—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 (Inst.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 10th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue. Comps. D. H. Jacobs M.E.Z., J. Wyer H., H. Thompson J., W. H. Green P.Z. S.E., &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee was adopted; this showed a good balance in favour of the Chapter. The installation then took place, and Companion C. Wyer was installed M.E.Z., H. Thompson H., and F. Sharratt J.; the ceremonies were performed by Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. 946, in his usual faultless manner; he was personally thanked for his valuable services on this and many previous occasions, and a record of those services was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Officers invested were Comps. A. Avery P.Z. Treas., W. H. Green P.Z. S.E., Dodman S.N., Dawes P.S., and Bevan Janitor. The M.E.Z. presented, in the name of the Chapter, a very elegant gold P.Z. jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. D. H. Jacobs, for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the Chapter during his year of office, and in token of the regard and esteem he is held in by every member of the Chapter. This was acknowledged in suitable terms. Pursuant to notice given, Comp. D. H. Jacobs proposed, "That, in consequence of the Chapter being unable to meet any longer at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, the future meetings of the members be held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue." This was carried, and then the Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet, that gave every satisfaction. Afterwards the usual formal toasts were given and duly honoured. Comp. Jacobs proposed the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Wyer, and said that there was no doubt under his rule the Chapter would flourish, as he was proficient in all the duties appertaining to the high position he occupied, and would see all the work done in a proper manner. The M.E.Z. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and said he would do all in his power to merit the confidence they had reposed in him. He then remarked that he had a very pleasant duty to discharge, which was to present Comp. Jacobs with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the Companions as a mark of their esteem, and in appreciation of the services he had rendered as M.E.Z. during the past year. He had great pleasure in attaching it to his breast, trusting that he might be blessed with good health for many years to wear it. Companion Jacobs returned thanks for the kindly words expressed towards him by the M.E.Z., and regretted that during his year he had so few opportunities of discharging his duties in the chair, but trusted that during that of his successor he would have frequent opportunities of proving to the Companions the excellent choice they had made. The health of Comps. H. Thompson and F. Sharratt Principals H. and J. were then given and heartily responded to. Comp. H. Thompson, in reply, said he was now placed in a very proud position, being only second to the M.E.Z.; most sincerely did he thank the Companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and the only way in which he could requite their kindness was to make himself thoroughly acquainted and conversant with the duties he should have to perform. He had occupied the chair in two Lodges, but in this Chapter he should arrive at the climax of his Masonic career. Comp. Sharratt also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given and responded to, and the Janitor's brought a very harmonious gathering to a close. Companion Godwin 749 was present as a Visitor.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. The Lodge was opened under the direction of Bro. J. Aspinall the W.M., who was supported by Bros. V. A. Jagielski M.D. M.R.C.P. S.W., G. Corrie Jackson J.W., S. Nowakowski Treasurer, W. Paas Secretary, J. Lancaster S.D., E. T. Smith J.D., J. Bieling D.C., J. J. Rüntz I.G.; Past Masters Bros. M. Diosz, J. F. Ebner, F. Rath, J. H. Cumming, &c. The usual formalities having been observed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Francois Hankowski as a re-joining member, the result being unanimous in his favour. Lodge was then advanced and Bro. Turner was raised to the degree of M.M. This ceremony completed, Bros. Culverhouse, E. A. Rüntz, and Arthur Harry Rüntz were introduced and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. Dr. Jagielski was presented as W.M. elect. Having been obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed and he was placed in the chair of the Lodge. The brethren being re-admitted, the newly installed Master was saluted in regular form and then invested the following brethren as Officers for the coming year; Bros. Jackson S.W., Lancaster J.W., Nowakowski Treas., Paas Sec., Smith S.D., Rüntz J.D., Oliver Bryant D.C., Bieling I.G. After investing Bro. Jackson as S.W. the W.M. said, I congratulate you, Dear Bro. Jackson, on your progress in office; with patience and perseverance you will soon be able to take another little step which will bring you into the place of your aspirations. You will, I feel sure, fulfil the duties of your new office with that care, zeal, and judgment which your position in social life has given you so frequent opportunity of exercising, so that you are accustomed to deal with most serious and important subjects, concerning not only the health of individuals, families, and districts, but the life or death of those entrusted to your care. I therefore do not doubt but that you will be able to turn the valuable acquisitions of these properties of your mind and heart to useful account within this Lodge, to the welfare and happiness of the brethren, who all esteem you so highly. The address to each of the other Officers was of a most interesting character. A Past Master's jewel of the usual value was voted to the retiring Master, and later on, in most eulogistic terms, was presented to Bro. Aspinall. A feature in connection with this Lodge is the decoration of its members with a special jewel, permission for which was granted by the Grand Master as a compliment to the Polish Masonic exiles at the time the Lodge was consecrated. In handing to the custody of the newly-raised Brother this emblem of the Lodge, Bro. Jagielski said he had particular pleasure on this, the night of his installation, in thus decorating Bro. Turner; an honour of which he might be justly proud, as there were but few other Lodges similarly distinguished. The emblem was a token of a particular feature in the history of Poland, which belongs to the myth of the country, going backwards as far as the foundation of that kingdom. At that time, it is said, there were three brethren, named Lech, Czech, and Rus, who separated, taking three distinct directions, for the foundation of their homes. Rus travelled to the East, and founded what to-day is known as Russia; Czech, who journeyed to the South, became the father of the Czechy (Bohemians); while Lech, who took a westward course, came to a region abounding with forests, in one of which he was surprised by the discovery of a nest of white eagles; taking this as a mysterious indication from the heavens, he decided to stop and build his habitation on this spot, which growing to the size of a town was, and still is, known as Gniezno from Gniazdo, signifying in Polish nest. This became the centre of that part of the kingdom called Old Poland. In commemoration of this event the White Eagle was adopted as the national symbol. The flight of the eagle has extended to many distant parts, for the exiles of its unhappy country have sought refuge in all parts of the world, but nowhere have its followers found a more hospitable reception than in England, and this, the Polish National Lodge, may almost be looked back upon as the centre of their meetings since its foundation in 1846. The brother would no doubt entertain great feelings of veneration for this Polish Eagle, on account of its great historical value and its special emblematic signification to the founders and the many Polish brethren of the Lodge; he could also esteem it as an emblem of many virtues which are highly valued in Freemasonry. The W.M., in consideration of the hour, regretted his inability to allude more particularly to the colour and position of the eagle, and their metaphorical significations. A sum of £2 was voted to a distressed brother, and sundry routine matters having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. The toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, were most heartily received by the assembled company. After a piano solo, rendered in splendid style by Bro. Fountain Meen, the I.P.M. Bro. Aspinall proposed the health of the W.M. From the way in which the brethren had met that night to honour him on his installation there could be no question as to the popularity of the W.M. The toast was most heartily received, and followed by a violin solo by Bro. Niedzielski, the reception of which at the hands of the brethren was, as it deserved to be, of the most enthusiastic character. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast proposed in his honour, said he took the opportunity of expressing his heartiest thanks. The event of the evening was the greatest pleasure he had ever known. All present knew how splendidly their Past Master had performed the ceremonies during the evening, and therefore he (the W.M.) the more appreciated the kind sentiments he had expressed as regarded himself. He now had great pleasure in proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Aspinall. Bro. Ralph Wilkinson having given "The Pilot," the I.P.M. replied to the toast of his health in brief terms. The toast of the Visitors was next given from the chair, and having been acknowledged by Commendatore Prof. G. E. Mengozzi 33 of Rome, and Representative of the Grand Orient of South America at the Grand Orient of Italy,

the other toasts customary on such occasions were honoured. Among the Visitors were Bros. Francois Hankowski, J. Folsenhardt, William E. Kelsey, Richard Kelsey, Charles W. Russell 913, Fountain Meen I.G. 1707, A. Mackenzie 449, F. Barns 766, E. G. Marner 1673, H. T. Gordon 907, James Bassett 1614, E. J. Stoneham 28, H. Clark 788, W. Fysh 1288, A. Best 211, W. Saegert 458, F. C. Herbert 1237 45, W. Fieldwick W.M. 1364, Edwin Bowley 1326, A. Woods 1153, M. S. Rubinstein 1642, H. W. Alford S.D. 228, Edward J. Lowther, Edward L. Collins 25, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, &c. We cannot close this report without a brief reference to the way in which all united to render the gathering an enjoyable one. It is not often that so much musical talent is found at a meeting, but on this occasion the Polish National really excelled itself. During the evening the W.M., in compliment to the distinguished Visitor who was present, proposed the health of the King of Italy, and a telegram announcing the fact was sent to the King in the name of the Lodge, at the same time tendering the heartiest good wishes of the brethren for his future happiness.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Lodge was opened by Bro. E. J. Goodacre W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. H. Southwood P.M., O. Latreille J.W., Jabez Hogg P.G.D. Treas., Charles Atkins P.M. 27 W.M. elect Sec., W. Ryan S.D., H. Evans J.D., F. A. Beeton Stwd., G. B. Salmon D.C., H. J. Dean Org., and several members and visitors. The report of the Audit Committee having been presented the ballot was taken and proved in favour of Messrs. Alfred Arthur Reason and Richard Joseph Langley, who were in due form regularly initiated by the W.M. This ceremony completed, Bro. Murton assumed the chair and advanced the Lodge to the second degree, when Bro. Southwood presented Bro. Atkins for the benefit of installation. Being obligated, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was placed in the chair, after which he was proclaimed and saluted according to custom. The following brethren were appointed and invested by him as Officers for the year:—Bros. Latreille S.W., Rosenthal J.W., Jabez Hogg Treas., J. H. Southwood Sec., Ryan S.D., Evans J.D., Salmon I.G., Beeton D.C., Dean Org., J. R. Cox and Mansell Stewards, Speight Tyler. The name of a gentleman as a candidate for initiation was handed in, after which Bro. E. J. Goodacre proposed, and Bro. Latreille seconded, that a letter be sent to Bro. John Hervey, expressing the deep regret of the brethren at the cause which prevented his attendance on the present occasion. Bro. Goodacre said there were many present who twelve months since had witnessed his installation, when Bro. Hervey in person officiated. All must regret that ill health prevented him this year performing a similar office. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where, after partaking of the good things provided, the usual toasts were honoured. The two first on the list were heartily received, after which the W.M. proposed that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. They had the honour of the company of several Grand Officers. He felt he must refer first to their respected Treasurer, Bro. Jabez Hogg. They had also a friend of Bro. Hogg's, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and next Bro. Murton, who appeared as the representative of their esteemed friend Bro. John Hervey, the late Grand Secretary. Earlier in the evening, too, they had had the pleasure of Bro. Buss's company, but unfortunately he had been obliged to leave at an early hour. With the toast he coupled the names of the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Bro. Murton. The former, in reply, said that, on behalf of the Grand Officers Past and Present, he returned his thanks to the Lodge for the compliment paid them. The rulers of the Craft, as well as the more humble members of Grand Lodge, fully appreciate the compliment paid them. While each in his sphere did his duty, each was entitled to respect. He felt that the government of Freemasonry was very similar to that of the English nation, and was sure that the fact of the Lords and Commons of Masons meeting in one house was even an improvement on the English Constitution, as they were thereby enabled to understand each other the better. He could hardly wonder that the John Hervey Lodge toasted the Officers of Grand Lodge so heartily, as they were enabled from those in their midst to know the character of the rulers of the Craft. When he remembered the reception accorded to their esteemed Treasurer at the time he came out from the body of Grand Lodge to receive his collar of office, and also the Brother whose name they honoured, he could but look upon the Lodge as being entitled to the greatest respect. Bro. Murton followed; he felt that Bro. Simpson had spoken so forcibly that he should confine his few remarks to personal matters only. He attended with mixed feelings of pleasure and pain. As a pupil of the late Grand Secretary, he had considered Bro. Hervey's request as almost a command, and it gave him great pleasure to attend, but it also pained him when he remembered the cause which prevented Bro. Hervey continuing the work he had undertaken in years past—that of installing the Master. He could understand the brethren conceding to Bro. Hervey the privilege of installation, but knowing as he did that the wish of Bro. Hervey had always been that each brother appointed to office should perform the whole of the work appertaining to his position, he could but hope that in the future the Master would himself undertake that part of the year's work. He had no doubt but that Bro. Hervey looked upon the request of the brethren on the present occasion as a compliment, and as for himself he had the greatest pleasure in performing the ceremony, but he was sure Bro. Hervey would like, as he had often expressed, to know that the W.M. had installed his successor. Bro. Southwood proposed the next toast—that of the W.M. The gavel of the W.M. having passed into his hands through the kind courtesy of the I.P.M., he must first express his obligation to Bro.

Goodacre for allowing him that privilege, which had been accorded in consequence of the W.M. being a very old friend of his. Very few words would suffice to commend the toast to the notice of the brethren. It was but two years since he had had the pleasure of introducing Bro. Atkins to the Secretaryship of the Lodge. He ventured to think that the ruling of the John Hervey Lodge was never entrusted to a more thorough Mason than he who now occupied the chair. He trusted that the result of his presidency would demonstrate the fact that the renovation of the Lodge was now permanent. Bro. Atkins tendered his thanks to the brethren for having honoured him with the position he then occupied. He would ask them to support him during the coming year, and he only hoped that at the end of his term of office they might be able to say that he had done his duty. He was particularly pleased to see around them one or two of the old members of the Lodge, who had been absent from the more recent meetings, and only hoped that some more of them would be present at future gatherings. He had that evening received a telegram from one who was unable to attend, but who would doubtless be present at future meetings. Bro. Atkins, in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said it was a toast that had not been heard of lately in the John Hervey Lodge. In fact, they had not had occasion to propose it for the past twelve months. Therefore he felt it the more reason the brethren should give the two Initiates of the evening a hearty welcome. The toast having been honoured, and the Entered Apprentice, song sang by Bro. Dean, Bro. Langley returned thanks for the reception that had been accorded himself and brother Initiate. He had for some considerable time desired to become a Mason, and now he specially thanked the members of this Lodge for gratifying his wish. Bro. Reason followed, thanking the members, and expressing a hope that he should be among them for many years to come. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors, calling upon Bros. Chapman, Newton, Sorrell, and Galbraith to respond. Bro. Chapman having tendered his thanks for the honour paid the visitors, said he felt especial pleasure in witnessing the installation of the W.M., from the fact that he, Bro. Atkins, had taken a considerable part in introducing him to Freemasonry. Bro. Chapman having been initiated on the night Bro. Atkins was installed in the Egyptian Lodge, and consequently receiving from him his second and third degrees. Bro. Newton expressed the surprise he had felt on witnessing the installation of his old friend Bro. Atkins. Until he had entered the Lodge he had no idea of the business to be transacted. In his opinion the John Hervey Lodge had the right man in the right place, and if only the members would rally round him, he felt sure the Lodge would go on as prosperously as any Lodge under the English Constitution. Bro. Newton also paid the members a special compliment for the reception they had given to the Visitors. Bro. Sorrell expressed the pleasure he felt in adding his testimony to the fact that the W.M. was one especially capable of fulfilling the duties of the chair. Bros. Galbraith, Hood, and Pitman followed. The latter brother pointing out the privileges enjoyed by the members in their Lodge bearing so distinguished a name, and referring to the responsibilities such privileges entailed. Bro. Atkins now gave the toast of the Past Masters. Unfortunately the number was small, but he thought he might say, without fear of contradiction, that the lack of number was made up by the quality of those the Lodge did possess. At the last meeting the brethren unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Goodacre, and he now had great pleasure in decorating that brother with it. After a reply from Bro. Goodacre, the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. Of the Treasurer, Bro. Atkins would not presume to say anything; as he was, so he is, and so he would be for as many years as he found it possible to attend. As regarded the Secretary, Bro. Atkins felt he had imposed Bro. Southwood on the brethren that evening. He felt that it was very necessary that the post of Secretary should be filled by a Past Master, and as Bro. Southwood had done a little for the Lodge he thought he would entrust him with the duties of that office. Bro. Hogg felt very proud in being, year after year, connected with the John Hervey Lodge; he hoped he should always experience the same kindly feeling as that now evidenced. Bro. Southwood followed. When he came to the Lodge—an Irish Mason—he brought a good store of Masonic enthusiasm, and he felt very pleased that during the six years he had spent in the Lodge he had cemented many friendships that had been formed in years gone by, and had also created many new ones. He felt sure that the Lodge, under the Mastership of Bro. Atkins, the Treasurership of Bro. Hogg, and the Secretaryship of himself, would be especially prosperous. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said he had been thinking that for the past hour the meeting had resolved itself into a mutual admiration society. It seemed to him that every member of the Lodge looked upon all the others, and especially the Officers, as immaculate. He now had an opportunity of going outside their own circle, as the toast he was about to propose was that of the Masonic Press. The Masonic newspapers, he said, not only gave accounts of their meetings, by which they were enabled to keep a record of the doings of their Lodges, but also kept them posted in the work accomplished at the meetings of the various Committees which ruled the Craft. After a reply by Bro. Massey, the toast of the Officers was given, which Bros. Latreille and Rosenthal acknowledged. The Tyler was then summoned, and the proceedings closed. During the evening a well arranged musical programme was ably sustained, under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean; the singing of Miss Muriel Wood being especially deserving of praise. This young lady was enthusiastically received, on one occasion an *encore* being demanded. The success which attended the meeting must have been most gratifying to those who had the arrangement of the various details. The Visitors comprised Bros. James Hood P.M. 554, J. Heaton S.W. 353, A. Mullord S.W. 1288, A. Jeapes 184, George B. Chapman W.M. 27, Charles H. Murton P.G.D., H. Banan 1604, W. Davis 177, R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, J. Galbraith P.M. 164, John R. Ward 382, J. Brockett Sorrell P.M. 176, W. Snellgrove 907, C. P. Kempe 1615, W. Potter 1445, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, John Newton P.M. 174, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Green P.M. 27, H. Massey P.M., &c.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th April, at the Swan Hotel Bolton Present:—Bros. Johnson Mills W.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. as S.W., Edward M. Garstang J.W., J. D. Porteous P. Prov. G.J.W. Renfrew Secretary, William Slater P. Prov. S.G.D. Treasurer, James Robinson J.D., James Walker P.M. as I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Samuel Crowther Prov. G. Sup. of Works, Duxberry, James Robinson, and Brown. Lodge opened at 6 o'clock. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Three candidates for initiation were balloted for and elected. The W.M. announced that he had consented to serve as Steward at the Festival for the Girls' School, and also that with Bros. G. P. Brockbank and John Morris, members of this Lodge, he had attended the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in London. Some routine business having been transacted, Lodge was closed in harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Osborne. Bros. Weeden S.W., Spencer J.W., J. A. Powell acting Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Gilham S.D., Gibbs J.D., Houghton I.G.; also Bros. J. Lorkin, J. Millington, Mullord, Moss, E. Woodman, R. Defriez, Snare, Garrod, H. Hall, Greene, King, Hirst, &c. All preliminaries were duly gone through. Bro. Snare gave proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Snare as candidate. Bro. Powell worked the first and second sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was closed to first degree. Bro. Moss worked the fourth section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Weeden was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, Yorkshire, on Thursday the 8th inst., Bro. Coltman W.M. presiding, supported by many Past Masters and brethren. On the motion of Bro. T. J. Wilkinson I.P.M., seconded by the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Eboracum 1611 P.P.G.D.C. was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge, as a token of appreciation of his services to the Lodge, and a recognition of efforts to promote the interests and elevate the spirit of the Craft. The brethren of the Falcon Lodge have invited the members of the York College of Rosicrucians to join their Archaeological Section in a visit to several places of interest in the month of May, an invitation which, we hear, will probably be accepted.

Restoration Lodge of Instruction, Darlington.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, when Bro. Forster, M.A., acted as W.M., supported by Bros. J. M. Meek P.M., Tovey P.M., and other brethren. Instruction was given in the opening and closing in the three degrees, after which Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611, who was present by invitation, gave an address on Women as connected with Freemasonry, in which he gave an account of the various obsolete androgynous degrees, as well as the side degrees practised in America, to which women are admitted. The attendance was smaller than usual, owing to the numerous election meetings held in the neighbourhood.

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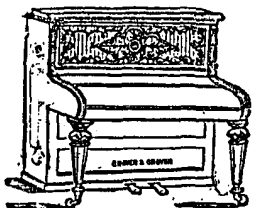
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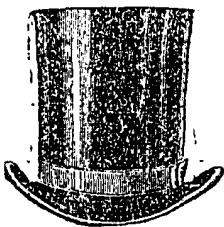
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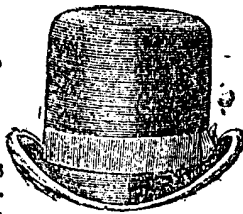
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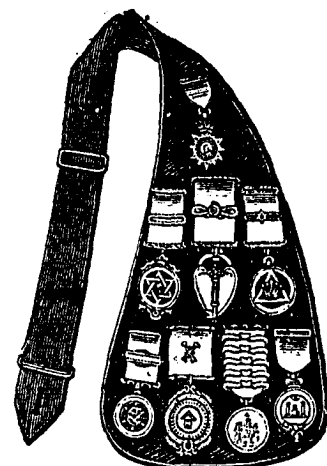
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