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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TWO of the three Festivals which are held annually on behalf of our central Masonic Charitable Institutions have passed off with a success which, if not unparalleled, is nevertheless intensely gratifying to their friends and well-wishers, and there only remains one to be celebrated in order to complete the triad. The results which have been thus far achieved give promise of a success which will very closely approximate, if it does not equal, that of last year. The Benevolent Institution, for which Bro. Terry labours so assiduously, led the way with a total exceeding £11,000, and this, though considerably behind the total for 1879, must, under the circumstances, be deemed excellent. The Girls' School Festival, which was held last week, has, on the other hand, far surpassed what was done in its behalf in 1879, when was held, under the auspices of Grand Treasurer, the first Festival since Bro. Hedges's appointment as Secretary. Then the splendid figure of £12,000 was the result; but last week, with the prestige which of necessity attaches to the presidency of a member of the Royal Family, the sum of £13,500 was exceeded, so that taking them together the Festivals of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School will this year realise little, if anything, short of £25,000. There remains, as we have said, the Festival of the Boys' School, which is fixed for the 30th of June. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, who is also Grand Master of the Province of West Lancashire, has very kindly consented to preside, and, as his lordship's Province is one of the strongest in the country, we are reasonably justified in believing, as well as hoping, that through his presidency the Festival of the Boys' School will produce more nearly what it did some three or four years ago than the sum it yielded in 1879. His lordship, to begin with, is deservedly popular with the Fraternity, not only on account of his personal qualities—though, if we spoke of them as they deserved, we should run the risk of being thought adulators; but also because of the interest he has always exhibited in our Charities. Then, as we have just remarked, he has to back him up one of the largest of our Provinces which, on the last occasion he presided at one of our institutions, contributed over £1,500. This very handsome amount has since been exceeded by the Province of Warwick, which supported Lord Leigh, its Grand Master, to the extent of £2,000, and by East Lancashire, which similarly honoured the gentleman who presides over its Masonic fortunes to the extent of £3,500. There is now an admirable opportunity for the Western half of this wealthy and influential county to endeavour, in a true spirit of honourable rivalry, to surpass the former effort of the Eastern half. We know it will prove a hard task, for so large an amount as £3,500 is not raised every year by a single section of English Freemasonry. But West Lancashire will not find it impossible, and by "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether," there is the chance that West may eclipse East Lancashire in its efforts on behalf of our Charities. Liverpool alone is a host in itself. It has over thirty Lodges, or about as many as Manchester and Birmingham put together. Scattered about the rest of the Province are some four dozen Lodges more; there being altogether over eighty on the roll of Lord Skelmersdale's Province, so that the task of out-doing East Lancashire, which can boast some ninety Lodges, albeit a difficult one, is, as we have said, not impossible of achievement. But while the

personal popularity of the chairman, and the numerical strength and influence of his Province are the chief grounds of the hope we have expressed,—that the Boys' Festival of 1880 will exhibit a return approximate, if not equal, to the amounts formerly realised,—there are other reasons which induce us to hope that the contributions in June next will swell the total to the £40,000 which seems to be considered now-a-days as the amount to be raised annually for our three Institutions. We need not be at the pains of specifying all these, for some apply with equal force to our other Charities. Two, however, must be singled out for mention, namely, that, in the first place, the annual income of the School, while it is exactly equal to that of the Girls' School in respect of the assistance it derives from Grand Lodge and Grand Arch Chapter, is very much below it in respect of the dividends it receives from invested moneys. This is a point on which, at the risk of being thought peremptory, we conceive it to be our duty to insist with all the urgency we can bring to bear. It is only a very few weeks since we pressed the duty of consolidation on the authorities of our Institutions, but we did so in general terms, though the recent extension of the Girls' School was the text of our article. If, however, we hold that in the latter case a policy of consolidation is preferable to one of extension, *à fortiori*, must it be essential in respect of the Boys' School which has a still more limited permanent income,—speaking roughly from memory, about one-third of that of its sister institution. To bring the two more nearly level in this particular is a duty which ought not to be lost sight of, and on which we repeat it is our duty to insist, in season and out of season. This is one of the two special reasons, while the other is that at most, if not all, of the elections which have taken place these last few years, the excess of candidates over vacancies has been more remarkable in the case of the Boys' School than in that of the Girls. Only the other day, while the ratio of candidates to vacancies was for the Girls' School about three and a half to one, that for the Boys' was about four to one; or to put the matter still more clearly before our readers, while thirty-two of the forty-five candidates for the Girls' were necessarily disappointed—as it was impossible to elect more than thirteen—*fifty-nine* out of the seventy-nine Boy candidates found themselves in the same unfortunate predicament. There is not much difference in the numerical strength of the two Schools, but for reasons we do not pretend to explain, there seems to be a great preponderance of Boy candidates. Thus, with an inferior stated income on which to rely in the hour of need, and a greater number of applicants for its benefits, the Boys' School should commend itself especially to the support of the Fraternity during the current year. There is yet another reason to which we are justified in making passing reference. Bro. Binckes's Festivals have for the last three years shown a descending scale of results, and it is time this descent was arrested and the scale converted into an ascending one. Let the third achievement of the Masonic year be also its greatest, and thus lend encouragement to Our Hercules to work, if possible, more energetically in the future than he has done in the past. Neither Bro. Terry nor Bro. Hedges, we feel assured, will feel the slightest degree of envy if they find their own efforts surpassed by Bro. Binckes. At all events, we can but repeat the hope we have expressed; that, in the interests of the School, and in appreciation of the kindness shown by Lord Skelmersdale, the third one of our Festivals will compare satisfactorily with the two that have gone before.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

WE should think the feeling of opposition which has been manifested in some quarters against the establishment of a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund will speedily be allayed when it is known that one of the most prominent well-wishers of the scheme has spoken both seriously as to the necessity there is for such a fund and hopefully of the good work which there will be abundant opportunity for it to do, when it has once been placed firmly on its legs. It was very natural there should have been a keen sense of disappointment excited in the breasts of those who are doing their utmost to promote the Fund, when, at the last moment, Prince Leopold found it impossible to fulfil his promise and take the chair at the preliminary meeting. Such a misfortune was calculated to strengthen the position of those who were opposed to the creation of a new, albeit a supplementary, scheme for the relief of Masonic distress. They would draw the conclusion that, if one were imperatively needed, those who had expressed themselves warmly in its favour would not be deterred by mere indisposition from joining in the initiatory steps deemed necessary to promote it. There could not, it was argued, be much reality about a need which was so indifferently supported; and when, in addition to this, it was found that something more was contemplated than had, in the first place, been proposed, and that many of the leading supporters deprecated too ambitious a project, the lukewarm became still more faint-hearted, and the opponents gathered strength in their opposition. It was to no purpose that all who, with one exception, attended the first meeting expressed themselves satisfied that an Assistance Fund was needed. In vain did Bro. Radclyffe point out that the "objects" were "suggestions" which might or might not be accepted hereafter. The proposal was condemned or pooh-poohed, and it was suggested that the best thing which could happen was for it to fall quietly through and be no more heard of. On Friday last, however, Prince Leopold, when presiding at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, took the opportunity of expressing the very great regret he felt that circumstances had prevented his taking the chair at the first gathering of the promoters and supporters of the Pupils' Assistance Fund. He added that he was firmly persuaded that some such fund was required. He considered it would in no way militate against the interests of the Masonic Institutions already in existence, on the ground that the work it would be called upon to do would be wholly supplementary; and he closed this portion of his remarks by announcing his intention of taking an active part in the establishment of the Fund whenever his engagements should allow of his doing so. Nothing, in fact, could have been more satisfactory than the remarks of His Royal Highness to which we have alluded. They gave evidence, though nothing of the kind was wanted, that the scheme had received the Prince's most careful consideration, and that, in his opinion, as in that of others, it was the one kind of assistance which was required in order to complete the excellent work done by the existing Institutions. As the project has now been for several months before the public, and as its character and purpose have been freely discussed in these columns and elsewhere, there can be no doubt whatever as to the leading principle of the scheme, while the details will, as a matter of course, be left for future consideration. It is not for us, who criticise freely, to deny the right of criticism to others. It may or may not be advisable to found a scholarship fund with a view to helping those pupils whose abilities may be such as to justify their being sent to one of the Universities. It may or may not be desirable to help others in obtaining commissions in the army or navy or establishing themselves in business. These are essentially matters of detail, of which we may think and write favourably, while others may look upon them with disfavour, as gratuitous assistance which is quite uncalled for. There can, however, be no question as to the propriety of establishing a means for helping pupils at what Lord Rosslyn has very properly described as the most critical period of their lives, provided, of course, they are, in the first place, in need of such assistance, and, in the next, that during their career at school they have by their diligence and good conduct shown themselves deserving of it. Nor do we think it possible, when the matter has been duly considered, that

any people will be found to object seriously to the further proposition that aid should be extended to unsuccessful candidates for the benefits of our Institutions, provided they, too, are worthy and conduct themselves well. They have been accepted, after due inquiry, as fit subjects for our relief, and it is the fortune of the ballot-box, not any fault of their own, which prevents their obtaining those benefits. Their lot is certainly to be commiserated, and if their disappointment can be alleviated and their future prospects in life brightened by the judicious expenditure of a few pounds, we are sure there are no Masons who will grudge them so modest a benefit. However, without further entering into a discussion of matters which are purely subordinate, we may lay it down without much hesitation that the want of a new and supplementary fund is pretty generally recognised, that the prospects of its being established become brighter and brighter every day, and that once it has been set going there will be very little difficulty in administering it judiciously and in accordance with the purposes for which it was founded.

It may not be out of place to state that considerable progress is being made in the arrangements for holding a Fancy Fair and Bazaar in furtherance of the proposed Institution. Promises of help are being constantly received from all quarters. Some are anxious to keep stalls, others are ready to furnish them, and others again show equal alacrity in their desire to promote the entertainments which will form a leading feature of the Fair, which, by the way, will be formally inaugurated under the most favourable and influential auspices.

We trust after what has happened during the last few days that the Craft will be as nearly as possible unanimous in their support of a very worthy and very promising project. We do not of course advise brethren to commit themselves to details which we have already said must be left for future consideration. All we ask of them is to do what in them lies to further a purpose which has found favour in the sight of so many of our most influential Craftsmen. It cannot be so bad a scheme, nor can the necessity of it be in so much doubt, when the Grand Masters of England, Scotland and Ireland, the Grand Masters, and Deputy Grand Masters of over a score of Provinces, and other leading brethren in the metropolis and throughout the country have promised it their support. There might have been some reason in declaiming against it, had there been any opposition of a formidable character, that is, if there had been arrayed in an opposing camp a force of even one-half the strength which is advocating the Fund; or leaving numbers out of the question, if there had been anything really strong in the arguments against it. But, so far as we have been able to judge, the said arguments have been really all on one side, and though exceptions have been taken to the form of details, the main idea stands out clearly in all its original excellence. If we were now commencing a series of articles in behalf of the Fund, we should wisely save ourselves much time and labour by reproducing from the columns of our contemporary the many and valuable reasons it has at different times urged in favour of this Fund. We may indeed go so far as to say that, if there are any among our readers who are desirous of having more light thrown on the subject, they cannot do better than refer to the back numbers of our contemporary, to which Bro. Radclyffe referred lately in one of his numerous letters. They will find the cause of the Assistance Fund there argued with an ability, force, and perspicacity, which, if we cannot equal, we shall at least do our best to imitate. If we are asked to give authorities for the views we have striven to urge with pardonable consistency, we need do no more than mention our contemporary, with Prince Leopold, Lords Rosslyn, Skelmersdale, Carnarvon, Brooke, Kensington, &c., &c., and other Craftsmen of ability and influence; while, if we are invited to quote those who think ill of the proposition, we should undoubtedly experience the greatest difficulty in doing so. We might, perhaps, find out some who dislike the idea, or who, having misunderstood its purpose, have expressed strong opposition from the point of view they had erroneously formed. These may have fancied there was some justification for their ideas, because some of the principal supporters thought the scheme, as it appeared on paper, was too ambitious, and that a fourth charity was proposed instead of a supplementary fund, and, accordingly, increased their opposition even to writing to the newspapers. Let us trust, however, that now the purpose of the Fund is more clearly defined, those who have misunderstood that

purpose will gracefully withdraw all opposition and join with the supporters in shaping the plan so as to make it useful to the greatest possible extent of what is just and proper. No one, we venture to say, for a moment wishes to deprive the young folks who have been educated in our Schools of those habits of self-reliance which have been described, with so much justice, as being necessary to their success in life. What was first suggested, and what it is now proposed to do, is to give help to those pupils on leaving school who are deserving of and need help—not, however, with a lavish hand, but within reasonable limits, and at the same time in a manner the least calculated to wound their self-respect. Then, if the Fund allows it, there are those—ourselves amongst the number—who would like to see some of the unsuccessful candidates have assigned them a modicum of help, and this for reasons which have already been many times set forth. In short, the Fund, if it takes the character so often suggested, will be very much like that which we described last week as characteristic of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institute, with such modifications as may be necessary in the case of a General instead of a Local Fund, as well as in the case of one which is intended to be supplementary to other Institutions already founded. There is now an excellent opportunity for Masons to work harmoniously together for a good purpose, and we hope they will turn it to account.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninety-second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Friday, 16th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the distinguished presidency of H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire. The assembly was a very large one, and the result, as will be seen from the details given below, one of the greatest successes ever known in connection with the Masonic Charities. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was supported by Lord Methuen Prov. G.M. Wiltshire, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Sir Francis W. Truscott), Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk of London), Colonel Creaton G. Treas., the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe J.G.W., the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Col. Shadwell H. Clerk G. Sec., R. W. H. Giddy District Grand Master of Gricqualand, Sheriff Woolton, Sheriff Bayley, John Gibson Grand Superintendent of Works, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John A. Rucker, Gabriel Goldney, M.P., &c. The banquet was well served by Bro. Best, the capabilities of his establishment being severely tested, but as usual proving equal to the occasion. At its conclusion grace was sung, and then H.R.H. Prince Leopold proceeded with the toasts. In giving that of the Queen, H.R.H. said:—The first toast on our list is, as a matter of course, "The Queen," and it is one that Masons will not be behindhand in honouring. The Queen has stamped our Masonic Charities with her approval, and we are proud to prefix "royal" before the title of the Girls' School. I think I am but expressing the feeling of every one here when I say that the Queen has no more loyal subjects than the Freemasons. Brethren, I give you the toast of the Queen. The toast having been honoured, the National Anthem was sung, after which the Chairman proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, Patroness, and the other members of the Royal Family, in the following terms:—I shall not say many words in commending this toast to your notice, for I do not believe it requires any recommendation of mine to drink to the long life and happiness of our Grand Master and of the Princess of Wales. I learn that our brethren in the West are preparing to give our Grand Master a most enthusiastic reception on the occasion of his visit to Cornwall, and I ask you to join with me in wishing every success to their operations. The next toast was that of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. In submitting it to the notice of the brethren, H.R.H. said:—I was anxious that this toast should have been in other hands, not because I am unwilling to honour them, or that I think them unworthy, but because I feel that you would sooner hear some one else speak. But I am informed that this toast properly belongs to the chair. It is most important in my opinion that the high offices of Freemasonry below the Grand Master should be represented by men of high position in the country, and never, as far as I know, has the supply failed. It certainly has not done so at the present time. As regards the Grand Officers past and present, I think that it is hardly correct for me to sing their praises, at least so far as the past are concerned, for I once had the honour to fill one of the highest offices, though I fear I was involuntarily a bad attendant to my duties. I therefore ask you to drink to the health of the Officers of Grand Lodge, exclusive of my own, and have pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of my old friend Lord Methuen. That Right Worshipful Brother thanked the brethren on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, whose absence he much regretted, for the honour that had been paid them, and the Officers of Grand Lodge at large. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor proposed the next toast. He said, I have entrusted to me the distinguished honour of proposing the health of our Chairman. H.R.H. Prince Leopold is not merely an ornamental Mason. Initiated in the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford in 1874, he was duly installed as W.M. of that Lodge, and the next year became Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire. H.R.H. has for the past three years

been W.M. of Lodge No. 2, Antiquity, and was three years since Grand Warden of England. In each and all of these positions he has fulfilled his duties satisfactorily. H.R.H. has always evinced the liveliest interest in Freemasonry; this and his love for the arts and sciences entitle him to, as he undoubtedly enjoys, our heartiest support. I think I may in your name express a hope that his journey to the United States and Canada will be for his benefit, and that we all wish him *bon voyage* and a safe return to his native country whenever he wishes it.

Prince Leopold, in replying, said: I thank you, brethren, most sincerely for the cordial manner in which you have received the toast of my health. Although this is the first occasion on which I have actually presided at one of the great Masonic charity dinners, it is not the first time that I have been entrusted with that honourable office. In the year 1877 I undertook to fill the chair at the dinner in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, but was unfortunately prevented from fulfilling my engagement, and I am glad to seize this, the first fitting opportunity that has occurred, to say how very sorry I was to disappoint the brethren, not only on that occasion, but at the first meeting the other day of the Pupils' Assistance Fund. I may mention that this latter society, which owes its origin to a kindly suggestion of my friend Lord Rosslyn, is not, as I understand it, in any way intended to be a rival to the existing Charities, but merely a necessary supplement to them—the coping stone of the edifice of which it will be, so to speak, the completion. I thoroughly appreciated the efforts that were so successfully put forth on the former occasions to which I have alluded, and I am encouraged by what took place then to hope that the lists which will shortly be read will show an equally satisfactory result. And this brings me to the subject of the toast I am about to propose to you—the toast of the evening. Although most of our rites and observances are shrouded in mystery from the gaze of the uninitiated, we make no mystery of our devotion to the great principles of philanthropy and charity. These we proclaim to all the world to be the great articles of our faith, of which we are most justly proud. Nor do we content ourselves with mere theories of Charity, but we insist that our professions shall take a visible and practical form. Thus, it came about that our great Masonic Charities—the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, the Institution for Boys, and the Institution for Girls—were founded by our predecessors; and, having once been founded, will, I venture to say, command the hearty support of the great Masonic body so long as these realms shall endure. It is for the welfare of the Institution for Girls that we are especially concerned this evening. The objects of this Institution are well known to you, and that you may be sure that these objects both have been and are being carried out I may mention that since its establishment in 1788, no fewer than 1,198 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained, 205 girls being now in the School. I am afraid by reason of a previous engagement I shall not be able to go as is customary to the annual inspection of the School, but I have implicit confidence in the Committee. I am glad to know that the girls in turn undertake the household duties, and that instruction in cookery is now undertaken by a certificated tutor from South Kensington. It will be in remembrance of many brethren interested in the affairs of the Institution, that a great deal has been done from time to time of late years, both in extending the grounds of the Institution and in adding to its buildings. That this has been possible is a high tribute to the vitality of the Institution, and is unmistakable evidence of the good work it is doing. It shows, too, that the brethren, under whose auspices these improvements were made, recognized, as they were bound to do, that it was their duty not merely to keep afloat the charitable inheritance into which by the munificence of their predecessors they had entered, but to contribute their quota towards enlarging the bases, so to speak, of the original foundation. A similar opportunity, brethren, is now afforded to the present generation of Masons, and I am glad to say that the committee, trusting to our generous cooperation, have not been slow in availing themselves of it. I allude to the purchase, at a cost of £6,500, of Lyncombe House and grounds, adjoining the Institution at Battersea-rise, a step which seems to me a most desirable one, whether it be considered in the light of an improvement in the saleable value of our present property, or as a means of permanently enlarging our borders, or finally as a prevention against the imminent danger and incalculable evil of our Institution being hemmed in by surrounding buildings. The success of the above project depends to a great extent on the liberality of the brethren in general, and particularly of those who have declared their special interest in the prosperity of the Girls' School by their presence here to-night. It would be a matter for regret if, in order to meet this purchase, it became necessary to trench upon the funded property of the Institution, which indeed is not large, and the income of which is urgently required to meet the annual expenditure. If by my presence here to-night, and by any power of persuasion there may be in me, I can contribute towards raising the required sum, and towards permanently increasing, as is proposed, the numbers of the School I shall always look back upon this as one of the most usefully employed evenings of my life. Brethren, I give you the toast of Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Hedges announced that 293 brethren had undertaken the office of Steward on the present occasion, with the following result:—London, represented by 124 Stewards, contributed a total of £6,249 9s 6d, with four lists outstanding; while the Provinces, represented by 169 Stewards, sent up the sum of £7,258, with five lists outstanding. Of the latter West Yorkshire heads the list with £800, the result of the efforts of 45 Stewards, notwithstanding the fact that they have paid into this Institution the sum of one thousand guineas for the Bentley Shaw Memorial. The Province of Oxfordshire figures for £309 12s, which sum includes a donation from the Chairman of fifty guineas. Included in the "London" total is the sum of £754 9s 6d, which had been raised through the exertions of the House Committee. The grand total announced was £13,508 10s (details of the amounts collected by individual Stewards are given below). The Rev. C. W. Arnold proposed

the next toast. He said: With great pleasure I rise to propose the next toast. We are taught early in our Masonic career that Charity is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. I ask you, now that our hearts are filled with the success of to-night, to extend your love and kindly feeling toward the other Institutions. I hope that on the occasion of the Boys' Festival in June, your President may be as well supported, the gallery as well adorned, and lastly that the exchequer of the Institution may be as greatly augmented as on the present occasion. In the absence of Bro. Binckes, Bro. Terry was called upon to respond, and in doing so, he said: In the first place, allow me to congratulate the Institution for Girls, which has attained such a splendid result to-night. While they all had the honourable desire of emulating each other in the result of the Festivals, I venture to hope that Bro. Binckes, who is away in Kent, will be able to announce in June next a sum in excess of that reached either by Bro. Hedges or myself. Three years ago the Benevolent Institution had hoped to have had the pleasure of the presidency of your Royal Highness, and when you say that this is a proud moment, I hope a prouder one is in store for you, when you shall preside at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. We hope that in a year or two we shall have seen you preside over the annual gather-

ings of all the Institutions. Prince Leopold proposed the next toast. The last toast that will fall to my lot to propose is that of the Stewards of the day. I feel almost inclined to call this the toast of the evening, for indeed the welfare of the Institution is in many ways dependent on the exertions put forth by the Stewards in securing large subscription lists. I beg to thank them, both on behalf of myself, and also for the Girls' School, for which they have worked. I would call your attention to the fact that the Lord Mayor of London has this year lent his name, a fact that adds to the lustre of the high office he so worthily fills. The Lord Mayor in acknowledging the toast said, on behalf of the Stewards I have to acknowledge this toast. The success of the day has been mainly dependent on Bro. Sir John Monckton and those who have assisted him. Together the Stewards have succeeded in collecting the largest amount ever raised for this Institution, but remembering that we have the largest number of Stewards that ever took part in one of our Festivals we ought not to be surprised at the result. Sir J. Monckton proposed the health of the Ladies:—On these occasions it is our custom and our privilege to toast the ladies, whom we esteem, honour and love. Bro. Frank Richardson acknowledged the toast, after which the brethren repaired to the Temple where the usual musical entertainment was provided.

LONDON.

Lodge	Grand Stewards (J.A. Rucker)	-	23	2	0
1	The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor	-	78	15	0
1	Crawford H. H.	-			
2	Creaton Col. J.	-	191	2	0
2	Pontifex E. A.	-	100	16	0
2	Letchworth E.	-	36	15	0
2	Tagart C. O.	-	10	10	0
2	Hope Wm., M.D.	-	21	0	0
Chap. Lodge	2 Woodford Rev. A.F.A.	-	21	0	0
	3 McDougall F.	-	36	15	0
	4 Lansdell Rev. H.	-	17	17	0
	5 James Henry	-	34	13	0
	6 Bonsor H. C.	-	21	0	0
	7 Weston Spencer J.	-	22	1	0
	8 Fenn Joseph	-	17	17	0
	9 Vallentine S.	-	42	0	0
	10 Palmer Rev. J. N.	-	53	11	0
	11 Garrett L. B.	-	40	19	0
Chap. Lodge	12 Mower Henry	-	70	7	0
	12 Coombs Robert	-	16	16	0
	14 Hopkinson G. H.	-	36	15	0
	18 Abbott John	-	39	9	0
Chap. Lodge	21 Spice R. P.	-	37	16	0
	21 Peacock T. F.	-	12	12	0
	23 Wildy A. S.	-			
	25 Lindner Joseph	-	21	0	0
	28 Ainsworth James	-	40	19	0
	30 Driscoll Joseph	-	32	11	0
	33 Huntley G. T.	-	27	6	0
	49 Mills Leopold	-	37	16	0
	55 Marston W. H.	-	67	14	6
	58 Hollington A. J.	-	72	9	0
	60 (Vide W. Yorkshire)	-			
	79 Dennis and Farnfield (vide 907, 1716 and 1804)	-	182	14	0
	91 Logan W. G.	-	26	5	0
	99 Steains Arthur	-	68	5	0
	101 Taylor T. E.	-	40	0	0
	108 Stewart R. W.	-	32	11	0
	134 Nunn Joshua	-	127	1	0
	140 Tattershall A. H.	-	110	15	6
	143 Clutton Ralph	-	152	5	0
	147 Hatchings J. J.	-	98	13	6
	162 Chapeau Rouge A. C. de	-	59	16	0
	167 Maeller C. A.	-	30	9	0
	169 Predam William	-	82	0	6
	172 Hancock John	-	40	19	0
	176 Neumegen Walter	-	57	4	0
	177 Spink H. N. B.	-	68	11	6
	179 Hughes W. sen.	-	42	0	0
	180 Stollard W.	-	22	1	0
	181 Howard Edwin	-	48	6	0
	192 Rickwood W. T.	-	100	13	0
	197 Burnell E. H.	-	15	15	0
	235 Kincaid Joseph	-	12	12	0
	255 Lawrence Frederick	-	32	0	0
	256 Notley R. P.	-	38	17	0
	259 Glover R. G.	-	204	15	0
	435 Jeffs Richard	-	15	0	0
	511 Elborne Samuel	-	92	12	6
	548 Catterson S. P.	-	11	11	0
	554 Verry G. W.	-	116	11	0
	569 Sanderson J. C.	-	70	7	0
	657 Leigh Adam	-	50	0	0
	704 Young E. W.	-			
	733 Allen E. J.	-	74	11	0
	749 Coltart John	-	26	5	0
	754 Roberts David	-			
	822 Phillips Lewis jun.	-	24	3	0
	879 Topp Wm.	-	68	5	0
	898 Graveley George	-	56	14	0
	898 Waller J. R.	-	47	11	6
	907 (Vide 79)	-			

917	Keays W. Lovell	-	21	10	6
969	Darley J. J.	-	28	7	0
1017	Blumenthal A.	-	21	10	0
1155	Wilson Joseph	-	30	0	0
1159	Wood H. Trueman	-	38	17	0
1185	Morris Dr. Richard	-	10	10	0
1216	Nevill C. H.	-	24	3	0
1259	Jex Edward	-	84	0	0
1297	Crowden R. H.	-	72	3	6
1320	Webster R. B.	-	26	5	0
1328	Thomas J. L.	-	90	6	0
1339	Hammerton Chas.	-	68	5	0
1366	Garratt George A.	-	40	0	0
1383	Murchison K. R.	-	148	1	0
1397	Cowan James	-	21	0	0
1420	Hiscox J. T.	-	80	17	0
1421	Taylor H. N.	-	120	0	0
1426	Blackie G. S.	-	116	0	0
1446	Watson W.	-	78	15	0
1471	Bowyer Edgar	-	25	0	0
1475	Vickery Henry	-	130	0	0
1489	High John	-	73	10	0
1524	Green Neville	-	75	19	0
1563	James T. M.	-	45	13	0
1571	Youngman Alfred	-	21	0	0
1585	Whitley T. R.	-	205	16	0
1586	Ledger John	-	42	0	0
1589	Farrington F.	-			
Chap. Lodge	1589 Brown C. G.	-	16	5	6
	1610 Luck Richard	-	34	13	0
	1615 Richardson Frank	-	114	9	0
	1623 Adams T. W. (vide 1326)	-	10	10	0
	1641 Voisey R. J.	-	18	0	0
	1657 Kenning George	-	38	0	0
	1679 Storr E. F.	-	50	8	0
	1681 Barfield Asher	-	33	12	0
	1695 Earl Wm.	-	63	0	0
	1707 Gimmingham W. H.	-	31	10	0
	1716 (Vide 79)	-			
	1719 Kirkham T. N.	-	105	0	0
	1732 Stiles W. M.	-	60	14	0
	1745 Strugnell James	-	21	0	0
	1804 (Vide 79)	-			
	1820 Grey Robert	-	88	14	6
	Long P. de Lande	-	25	4	0
	Smith Griffiths	-	10	10	0
	Monckton Sir J. B.	-	31	10	0
	Smith John	-	15	15	0
	Woodward E. C.	-	21	0	0
	Wendt Ernest E.	-	47	5	0
	Mather E. C.	-	21	0	0
	Peters Col. Jas.	-	21	0	0
	Meggy Thomas	-	21	0	0
	Faulkner Dr. John	-	10	10	0
	West Frederick	-			
	Stephens William	-			

THE PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge 540	Fisher James	-	48	6	0
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BERKS AND BUCKS.

209	Radclyffe Dick	-	150	0	0
574	Plenty E. Pellew	-	28	12	0
771	Barton R. G.	-	17	17	0
945	Tomkins John	-	52	10	0
1101	Danks J. Early	-	200	0	0
1566	Cox Chas. W.	-	39	18	0
1556	Nicholson R.	-	17	17	0

BRISTOL.

Province	Pearson G.	-	216	6	0
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CHESHIRE.

321	Fair W.	-	36	15	0
368	Gilbert S.	-	31	10	0
537	Marquis W.	-	12	12	0
1045	Hamilton James	-	36	15	0
Grosvenor Preceptory and 1013 and 1289	Friend Edward	-	33	12	0

CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND.

Province	McKay G. J.	-	200	0	0
353	Diamond H. E.	-	10	10	0
506	Turner Tom N.	-	27	6	0
802	Smith Thomas	-	42	0	0
1235	Stanley John	-	39	18	0
1324	Wright Fitz Herbert	-	55	13	0
1739	Crofts W. Carrick (vide Leicester and Rutland)	-			

DEVONSHIRE.

Province	Godtschalk C.	-	110	0	0
	Dr. Woodman	-	10	10	0
164	Hine-Haycock W.	-	10	10	0
303	Ormerod G. Waring	-	10	10	0

DORSETSHIRE.

707	Montagu J. M. P.	-	52	10	0
1037	Howard R. N.	-	42	10	0

DURHAM.

Province and Lodge 764	Lane C. S.	-	168	0	0
	Gourley E. T., M.P.	-	10	10	0

ESSEX.

Province and Lodge 1000	Wigram Rev. S. R.	-	32	11	0
Chap. 214	Cooper George	-	52	10	0
Lodge 276	Brown James S.	-	36	15	0
453	Martin Robt.	-	23	12	0
1343	Godwin James	-	50	0	0
1799	Arnold B. A.	-	42	0	0

GLOUCESTER.

82	Godfrey Henry	-	68	5	0
493	Haines G. W.	-	10	10	0
493	Hatton A. V.	-	10	10	0
493	Moss Samuel	-	115	10	0
592	Mullings John	-	142	16	0
	De Ferrieres, The Baron	-	10	10	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Province	Le Feuvre J. E.	-	105	0	0
76	Murray J. J.	-			
723	Lemmon W. D.	-	57	15	0

HERTFORD.

Chapter 403	Roberts David (vide 754, London)	-			
1385	Carter T. S.	-	78	15	0

KENT.

709	Greenhill G. W.	-	64	1	0
913	Hayes T. D.	-	207	7	0
1096	Kirby E.	-	68	5	0
1206	Emmerson R. J.	-	22	1	0
1209	Page George	-	80	17	0
1223	Banks W. C.	-			
1436	Brett Henri	-	30	9	0
1436	Pulley T. J.	-	31	10	0
1531	Griffin James	-	67	0	6

LANCASHIRE (E. DIVISION).			N. WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.			WORCESTERSHIRE.		
37	Mills Johnson	10 10 0	Province	Spaul W. H.	84 0 0	Province	Bristow W. jun.	364 7 0
44	Bennett Capt. H. A.	15 0 0	1120	Lister J. C. W.	22 10 6	YORKSHIRE N. AND E.		
44	Bennett A. B.	15 15 0	1143	Sisson R. J.	10 10 0	312	Marwood W. H.	11 11 0
992	Meakin J. J.	10 10 0	1674	Foulkes W. H.	25 0 0	1611	Cumberland J. S.	58 16 0
1723	Ferguson G.	10 10 0	1849	Platt J. E.	22 7 0	YORKSHIRE WEST.		
LANCASHIRE (W. DIVISION).			OXFORDSHIRE.			139	Brittain W. H.	
724	Ballard J. W.	21 0 0	340	Bros. Dormor and Spiers	50 0 0		Short W.	
730	Kerr J. Malcolm		357	Reginald Bird			Allen W. D.	
1380	Tobias Henry A.	23 12 6		F. P. Morrell			Roper W. G.	
1588	Royle-Higginson T.			Rev. H. Deano		154	Cadman J. H.	
1730	Barber George	2 2 0		Rev. Pickard		208	Heron Arthur	
LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.				W. Parratt		208 & 380	Wordsworth Capt. J.	
Province	Crofts Wm. Carrick			T. E. Withington			(vide 60, London)	
	(vide 1739, Derby)	63 0 0		Including £52 10s		264	Blackburn George	
	Toller George jun.	10 10 0		from H.R.H. the		289	Beck W. J.	
LINCOLNSHIRE.				Chairman	150 3 0		Greaves Wm.	
1600	Johnson T. C.	73 10 0	478	Hedges Fontham	78 15 0		Kay J. D.	
MIDDLESEX.			599	Potts John	13 13 0	296	Arnison Robt.	
708	Gibbs G. H.		1763	Birch Henry	17 1 0		Cubley G. A.	
778	Huggins Frederick	16 16 0	SOMERSETSHIRE.				Ridal John	
1194	Hedges F. R. W.	10 10 0	Prov. and	Payne E. Turner	241 10 0	302	Armitage J. R.	
1237	Clements H. V.	21 0 0	Lodge 53				Rhodes M. S.	
1293	Gordon H. M.	29 8 0	SOUTH WALES, E.D.				Smith Henry	
1309	Noton Thomas	12 12 0	Prov. & 960	Davies W. H.	100 0 0	304	Mason Charles Letch	
1310	Tarryer J. W.	25 0 0	STAFFORDSHIRE.			337	Sharp Frederick	
1326	Adams T. W. (vide		Province	Tudor Major G. S.	323 18 6	750	Kelly Rawson	
	1623 London)	10 10 0	Prov. & 539	Bayliss Wm.	212 12 6	810	Robinson Capt. Geo.	
1423	Baldwin J. W.	6 6 0	482	Pepper J. F.		827	Macholl Wm.	
1503	Richnell T. R.	40 0 0	SUFFOLK.			910	Slack Samuel	
1567	Fennell R. T.	84 0 0	Province	Clarke Wm.	91 7 0		Tew T. W.	
1777	Dubois H. A. (House		Ditto & 114	Boby Wm.		1001	Smithson W. F.	
	Committee)	32 11 0	SURREY.				Früh Paul E.	
1777	Lovegrove Henry	14 13 0	416	Makovski Dr. S.	24 3 0	1001	Richardson J. jun.	
1777	Marshall H. B.	105 0 0	SUSSEX.				Ackwill Robert	
MONMOUTHSHIRE.			1842	Trollope Dr. T.	130 4 0		Stephenson Joseph	
Province	Pickford W.	57 15 0	WARWICKSHIRE.				Downes Henry	
1429	Watkins William	47 5 0	502	Brooks J.	54 12 0		Sugden Samuel	
NORFOLK.			587	Rowe C. F.	22 1 0	1019	Wordsworth J.	
85	Drury Dr. D. T. Hill	68 5 0	739	Board George	10 10 0	1034	Speight Robert	
100	Harvey J. J.	16 16 0	1431	Boston Joseph	26 5 0	1102	Barker John	
943	Orams Edward	23 1 0	1431	Jones Frederick	15 15 0	1211	Crowe G. F.	
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			WILTSHIRE.			1211	Farness J. W.	
Province	Berridge Robert	147 0 0	Province	The Right Hon. Lord			Wood Arthur	
402	Isaac Saml	10 10 0		Methuen	128 2 0		Suggett Mark	
1493	Brentnall H. M.	21 0 0				1311	Bradford Wm. H.	
							Crossley Thomas	
			Total announced at the Festival			£800 0 0		
			Additions since received					
			Total					

This amount does NOT include the sum of £1050 paid by the Province of West Yorkshire for the Bentley Shaw Memorial Presentation.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CRYPTIC COUNCIL FOR TUNIS AND MALTA.

A MEETING of the Melita Council, No. 10, was held on the 8th April at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta. Present:—Comps. A. M. Broadley as T.I.M., Beechey D.M., Ewing P.C. of W., Starkey Recorder and Treasurer, Grier Captain of G., Chapman C. of C., Mortimer Marshal, and Finch-Noyes Steward; Comp. W. Kingston, (D.G.M. Craft). The Council having been opened, the following M.M.M.'s and R.A.M.'s were elected, viz., R.W. Bro. W. K. R. Bedford P.G.M.M.M. Staffordshire and Warwickshire, P. Grand Chaplain of England, and Bros. E. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. Malta, Col. Carey R.A., Capt. Blake R.A., H. Stilon, A. B. Tagliaferro, and R. Beck (Sentinel elect). The candidates were then admitted into the Cryptic degrees, the degrees of R. and S.M.'s being worked *in extenso*, and with the requisite furniture. This being concluded, the acting T.I.M., after expressing regret at the absence of Comp. Coffey T.I.M. No. 10, from illness, requested Comp. Starkey to read his patent as P.G.M. This having been done, a P.G. Council was declared open, and the following appointments made to Provincial rank, viz., Comps. C. E. Coffey D.G.M., Perini P.C. of W., Beechey Lecturer, Tagliaferro Treasurer (elected), Starkey Recorder, Bedford P.G.C. of England and Frankel Chaplains, Major Ewing C. of Guard, Col. Carey, Captains Blake and Grier Marshals, Chapman Sword Bearer, Stilon Standard Bearer, Captain R. A. Johnston Organist, Barker and Mortimer Stewards, Beck Sentinel. The congratulations of the Raymond Portal Council, No. 9, and the Melita Council, No. 10, having been offered, the P.G. Council was duly closed. Hopes are fully entertained that these interesting degrees will be efficiently worked, and thoroughly appreciated by the Masons of this District.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, this day (Saturday). Bros. C. Lorkin S.D. Duke of Connaught 1524 W.M., D. Moss Star 1275 S.W., J. A. Powell Industry 186 J.W., R. Percy P.M. 228 Preceptor, A. W. Fenner S.W. 1227 J.W. 1693 Hon. Sec. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock p.m. punctually. First Lecture: Bros. H. Hall, J. S. Byng, G. H. Gilham, F. Brasted, R. Percy, D. Moss, and H. Lardner. Second Lecture: Bros. W. Williams, J. A. Powell, J. Millington, H. P. Isaac, and W. Rowley. Third Lecture: Bros. J. Lorkin, J. Osborn, and A. Trewinnard.

At the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, 862, Red Lion Hotel, Pop-pin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 28th April, at 8 o'clock. Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., Tate S.W. 862 S.W., Brown J.W. 862 J.W., W. Long P.M. 435 Preceptor and Hon. Sec. First Lecture: Bros. Brocklehurst, Collinson, Gates, Abell, Larchin, Gush, and Brown. Second Lecture: Bros. Drury, Hallam, Tate, Marston, and Pate. Third Lecture: Bros. Alexander, Lardner, and Long.

At the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Thursday, 29th April, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bros. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., S. J. Byng P.M. 902 S.W., J. Pinder P.M. 1662 J.W., J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 and 1707 I.P.M., J. Garrod I.G. and Hon. Sec. First Lecture: Bros. W. A. Sproat, O. Oxley, A. Bryant, J. Noyes, D. Shepherd W. Lewis, and J. H. Peach. Second Lecture: Bros. J. Taverner, J. Pinder, J. Robinson, S. J. Byng, and A. G. Fidler. Third Lecture: Bros. W. Bradstock, E. J. Everdell, and J. Garrod.

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BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must confess that I think Bro. Wilson has not had meted out to him that fair measure of justice we would that others should mete out to ourselves. As you say, he seems to have been banded about from House Committee to General Committee, and thence to the Quarterly Court, and that as far as I can see without rhyme or reason. What knowledge have those Committees, *quid* Committees, of the charges which an architect is permitted to make? A lawyer's charges may be taxed, though it is unusual to even think of having this done as between attorney and client. An auctioneer is by law allowed to charge a certain percentage on goods sold, and though I do not speak from personal experience, I believe there is no difficulty in ascertaining the scale of charges sanctioned by the Institute of British Architects. At all events, Bro. Wilson has from the very first agreed to refer his account to arbitration, and he even went so far as to nominate Sir H. A. Hunt, himself a distinguished architect, as the arbitrator by whose decision he was prepared to abide. This offer has been refused, on the ground, as I understand, that Sir H. Hunt is a Freemason as well as an architect, and the inference, I presume, which I and others are left to draw is, that Sir H. Hunt's decision is not likely to be impartial, because he happens to be a member of our Society. This notion you have very properly denounced, and with equal propriety you have pointed out that the fact of his being a Freemason was rather favourable than otherwise in settling a difference between a Masonic Institution and a Mason. Even if we assume, and no one has the slightest justification for so doing, that Sir H. Hunt might incline towards a brother professional, yet his sense of Masonic justice would most certainly overrule such inclination. He would at least be careful that the interests of a Charitable Institution, which all of us are anxious to see increasing in prosperity, should not suffer at the hands of an architect who happened to be a brother. If, however, I press this idea to its logical conclusion, it follows that an architect who is a Mason is, *ipso facto*, disqualified from having anything to do with Masonic buildings; that for the same reason a builder, who is also a Mason, must not build Masonic structures; that a Mason jeweller must not manufacture and sell Masonic jewellery; and that a Mason printer must not print Masonic books and periodicals. If Mason architects, builders, jewellers, and printers presume upon their Masonry and make extortionate charges, I recognise the wisdom of not employing them, but, in the case of Bro. Wilson, he has said throughout—I am prepared to accept and abide by arbitration. I am willing to give all needful information, and though I have lumped the charges together instead of giving particulars, I state, without hesitation, that the effect of doing so is a decided benefit to the Institution, for the total of the separate charges under their respective heads will exceed the sum I have stated as a fair remuneration. All this, I am aware, is *ex parte*, but how has Bro. Wilson been met? By a simple demand, again and again repeated, for particulars. The Committees reject the proposed arbitrator. Their representative, according to Bro. Wilson's version, has taken no heed of his representative's offer to explain whatever might be thought necessary; and now Bro. Wilson says he will give the particulars requested, but the amount will exceed his previous demand. My humble advice is the same as yours; by all means let Bro. Wilson do this, and if, on being checked according to authorised scale, the items are found correct, then the Committee will have made themselves the laughing-stock of the whole fraternity; while, under any circumstances, if the aid of the law is invoked and the verdict is in favour of the Institution, it will still have to pay a good round sum, perhaps equal to, if not greater than, the difference between the amount now charged and the new amount. I quite agree that business must be conducted on business principles, but is Bro. Wilson, with all the offers he has made, so untrustworthy that his explanations cannot be accepted, to say nothing of the skilled arbitrator by whose decisions he has agreed to abide?

I remain, faithfully and fraternally,

No LAWYER.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice in the CHRONICLE of 10th April an American brother complains that although he had his certificate and was willing to undergo an examination he was told by the Tyler, and afterwards by the W.M. of a Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall that without some one to vouch for him he could not be admitted. I regret to say this exclusion does not only apply to foreign brethren, but also to English Masons. In my mother Lodge our working is what is called the "Emulation working," and being anxious to have it as perfect as possible I was recommended to attend the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, and stayed in town one Friday evening a short time since expressly for that purpose. In company with another brother I presented myself at the usual time. We were admitted into the ante-room and clothed ourselves, and the Tyler, noticing we were strangers (By the way it was the only notice we got), inquired if we

were members? We replied we were visitors, and he then asked for our Grand Lodge Certificates? We replied that they unfortunately were at home. He then stated we must have some one to vouch for us, and we replied it was impossible, we were strangers there, but believed we should be able to satisfy any one appointed to examine us, that we were brethren, but the only reply we could get was,—You must either bring your Certificates or find some brother to vouch for you. I always thought a brother could visit a Lodge providing he could give proof of his proficiency, and our Book of Constitutions recommends that in order to preserve uniformity we should visit as often as may be convenient. It seems to me the brethren of some Lodges are afraid to rely on a proper Masonic examination, and require each visitor to be vouched for. If this is to become the recognized rule, brethren when going from home must either remember to put their certificates in their portmanteaus, or run the risk of being excluded if they desire to visit.

I am pleased to say I have not yet found anything of this kind in the provinces. The head quarters of Freemasonry, the centre of Masonic light (?), appears to be the only place where they are unable to distinguish a brother from a Cowan.

I enclose my card,

And remain yours fraternally,

A BROTHER.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE April meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President, Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, and James Kench, Assistant Grand Pursuivant. The brethren first confirmed recommendations of grants to the amount of £450, made at the meeting in March, and afterwards granted £865 to twenty-six new cases. This £865 was composed of one grant of £150, one grant of £100, two grants of £75 each, three of £40 each, five of £30 each, three of £20 each, five of £15 each, and six of £10 each.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

RESULT OF THE CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION FOR DECEMBER 1879.

Class I.—STEPHENSON A. H. (Yorkshire); distinguished in Latin.
PRICE E. L. (London).
BROCK, H. B. (Monmouth).

Class II.—EVANS W. (Surrey); distinguished in German.
PARKER A. R. (London).
COLE W. E. (Lincolnshire).

Class III.—BARRETT C. D. (Dorset).
ELLIS M. B. (Dorset).
ROBINSON G. (Sussex).

FENEMORE H. M. (Kent) satisfied the Examiners; distinguished in Latin.

Eleven candidates were sent up, 1 failed, 9 passed in honours, and 1 obtained certificate.

No. of candidates examined throughout the country, 3,404, of whom 1,053 failed—i. e., about one-third.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Court of Governors of this Institution was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at one o'clock p.m., when the several recommendations of the General Committee were received, and the following were placed on the Education Fund, viz. :—

Norman Bruce Brocklehurst, aged 9 years, son of the late Bro. C. R. Brocklehurst, of Stamford Lodge, No 1045, Altrincham.

James Arthur Morris, aged 9 years, and Annie Gertrude Morris, aged 14 years, children of the late Bro. Edward Morris, of Independence Lodge, No. 721, Chester.

Edith Lucy Hyde, aged 7½ years, daughter of the late Bro. Thomas Hyde, of Benevolence Lodge, No 336, Marple.

Blanche Berry, aged 13 years, and Beatrice Emma Berry, aged 7 years, daughters of the late Bro. William Berry, P.M. of Industry Lodge, No. 361, Hyde.

The Treasurer's Accounts as audited, and the Auditor's Report were received, and the Medical Officers, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee and Auditors for the ensuing year were elected.

In our notice of the receipts of this Institution for 1879, published on 27th ult., we accredited the sum of £21 as the result of dramatic performances at the Theatre Royal Birkenhead. It appears in doing so we greatly understated the amount which was realised from this source, as similar amounts of £21 each are to be paid to the Borough Hospital and the Children's Infirmary, Birkenhead, and also to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It will thus be seen that the proceeds of the three evenings' entertainments resulted in a total of £84 as available for charitable purposes.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weak Stomachs.—The wisest cannot enumerate one quarter of the distressing symptoms arising from enfeebled digestion, all of which might be readily dispelled by these admirable Pills. They remove all unpleasant tastes from the mouth, flatulency, and constipation. Holloway's Pills rouse the stomach, liver, and every other organ, helping digestion to that healthy tone which fully enables it to convert all we eat and drink to the nourishment of our bodies. Hence these Pills are the surest strengtheners and the safest restoratives in nervousness, wasting, and chronic debility. Holloway's Pills are infallible remedies for impaired appetite, eructations, and a multitude of other disagreeable symptoms, which render miserable the lives of thousands. These Pills are approved by all classes.

CONSECRATION OF THE RAVENSBOURNE CHAPTER, No. 1601.

THE Ravensbourne Lodge, under whose auspices the above Chapter was consecrated on Thursday, has had a brief, but flourishing career. It was warranted as recently as the year 1876, and in the interval that has since elapsed, the members have shown themselves in every way worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the Grand Master when he granted them a warrant constituting them a subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of England. They have worked well, and shown themselves deeply imbued with all the leading principles of Freemasonry. It is, therefore, no matter for wonder that when, in the fulness of time, it should be lawful to establish a Chapter in connection with the Lodge, His Royal Highness, the First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, should have unhesitatingly issued his warrant for the Constitution of this new Chapter. The necessary arrangements having been completed, under the direction of the ever-ready Comp. Magnus Ohren P.Z. 33 and 452, the Consecration took place under most auspicious circumstances, and in the presence of a brilliant gathering of Arch Masons. The principal role was taken by Grand Scribe E., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, who was assisted in his agreeable task by Comps. Captain N. G. Philips P.G.N. as H., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.S. as J., and R. W. H. Giddy P.Z. as D. of C. The ceremony was fixed for 4 p.m., and punctually at that hour the Chapter was opened with the formalities peculiar to such occasions. After the customary addresses and the Companions had expressed their approval of the Principals named in the Charter, the Consecrating Officer called upon Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford to deliver the oration. Thereupon, Comp. Woodford rose and stated that in the course of his long connection with Freemasonry this duty had so frequently devolved upon him that he was often at a loss to say anything which, from its novelty, might be calculated to interest his audience. However, when quite recently looking through some documents belonging to the Lodge of Antiquity, he had lighted upon a paper in the handwriting of the late Bro. Stephen Jones, one of the most eminent disciples of the Prestonian school—indeed, a personal friend of Bro. Preston himself. An examination of its contents led him to believe that it was one of Bro. Preston's own lectures, and, as it was of a most interesting character, he thought he could not do better than read it to the assembled Companions. This he did, at the same time requesting that, as the paper had only been placed at his disposal for the purpose by the kindness of the Lodge of Antiquity, the reporters present would abstain from noting it. We respect our Rev. Companion's wishes accordingly, contenting ourselves with the remark that the paper was of a very abstruse character, and if its publication were sanctioned by the Lodge of Antiquity, it would doubtless be read in private by Masonic students with the deepest interest. The ceremony was then continued and completed by Grand Scribe E., in a manner that betokened a thorough and appreciative familiarity with all its minutest details. The installation of the Principals followed; Comps. W. G. Lemon P.Z. 414, Rev. W. Taylor Jones P.Z. 259, and C. W. Thompson 21, being, as we announced would be the case last week, severally inducted into the chairs of Z., H., and J. Next came the appointment and investiture of the Officers, viz., Comps. Magnus Ohren Scribe E., C. W. Steel S.N., W. Ackland P.S., Alfred Layton 1st A.S., R. L. Sindall 2nd A.S., F. E. Wilkinson Treasurer—in whose absence Comp. Ohren was invested as proxy: A. B. Church Janitor. Several propositions for exaltation, and as joining members having been handed in, the M.E.Z. rose and proposed in the warmest terms a vote of thanks to Grand Scribe E. and his coadjutors for the very able manner in which they had fulfilled their important duties, and concluded his remarks by moving that they be elected honorary members of the Chapter. The proposal having been carried with acclamation, and G.S.E. and those associated with him, having acknowledged the compliment paid them, the bye-laws were brought under consideration, and several points were touched upon in the course of the discussion that ensued. The remaining business having been dispatched, Chapter was closed, and the Companions took train for London, it having been arranged that the banquet which invariably follows a Consecration should be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. And a most excellent arrangement it was, for it has rarely been our good fortune to be present at a banquet so complete and so admirably served as this was. Ample justice having been done to the menu, the M.E.Z. proposed the Queen and R.A. Masonry, which was received, as usual, most cordially, and followed by the National Anthem. In connection with the next toast, that of H.R.H. Grand Z., Pro Grand Z., Grand H. and J., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the M.E.Z. remarked that the rulers of the Masonic body, he said it with all humility, were recognised as worthy heads of Freemasonry. Its members were known to be skilful in Lodge work, wise as rulers, and kind and urbane as men. They were known to be generous as Companions to all with whom they came in contact; not only as citizens, but as R.A. Masons, and as such all cheerfully acknowledged their sway. Having spoken further in commendation of the toast, Comp. Rawson, whose name was associated with it, observed in reply that he had hoped the task with which he was charged would have devolved on Grand Scribe E. Nevertheless, as in duty bound, and at the same time with great pleasure, he returned thanks, both on his own behalf and for the Grand Officers generally. The toast of the Consecrating Officers followed, the M.E.Z. pointing out that, having done honour to those holding the highest rank in the Craft, they had come now nearer home. That day a child had been born, a new Chapter brought into existence. The Ravensbourne Lodge was young, and it might almost have been matter for surprise that a Chapter, attached to it, and bearing its style and title, should have been warranted so soon. But it had striven hard, and he believed successfully, to fulfil its duties, and the Chapter would no doubt follow in its wake. As to those who had honoured them with their presence that day for the purpose of assisting at the birth of the youngest Arch infant,

he need say little. Every one appreciated the merits of Grand Scribe E. They had all listened with rapt attention to the quaint, weird-like paper read by Comp. Woodford, and all must have noticed, in common with him, how wisely, kindly, and ably Comp. Giddy had discharged the duties of D.C. Grand Scribe E., as the Senior Accoucheur at the birth of the Ravensbourne R.A. infant, was the first to reply. He expressed his thanks for the manner in which his services had been spoken of, and the compliment paid him, remarking jocularly that, as a ratepayer of the district in which the Chapter had held its meeting, he supposed he had unconsciously contributed to its possession of such comfortable quarters. He expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Comp. Woodford, and concluded by proposing, in his capacity of I.P.Z., the health of the three Principals, whose qualifications for their respective offices he most warmly eulogised. The M.E.Z. having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Comp. Rev. W. Taylor Jones H., in expressing his thanks, referred to the fact of his having been the first Master of the Ravensbourne Lodge, of which there are but few members, but most of those who belong to it are young men who have not yet held office, yet who may be expected to come forward in due course, and sustain the honour of the Lodge and its associate Chapter. The Third Principal, Comp. Thompson also responded, remarking playfully in allusion to G. Scribe E.'s jocular allusion to his having been, as a resident in the neighbourhood, a contributor towards the erection of the handsome building in which the meeting of the Chapter had been held, that Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke need be under no apprehension as to the demands on his purse ever being very exacting. If his establishment were assessed at £1000 per annum—and he trusted his position might be such as to warrant that—he would only be called upon to pay the modest sum of four shillings and twopence annually. Apropos of which sedative remark, we may observe that the neighbourhood which is so fortunately circumstanced is likewise rich in scenery and country walks, and must be an agreeable one to reside in. With the toast of the Visitors was associated the name of Comp. Fenn. Comp. Ohren—replying for that of the Treasurer and Secretary—having first of all expressed his regret at the absence of his colleague, remarked that as Scribe E., his duty was to write, not to speak. However, he had some desire to reach the Principal's chair, when it would devolve upon him to exercise his oratorical powers, therefore his reply on this occasion might be regarded as part of a course of preparatory training. However, he sincerely thanked them for the cordial reception given to the toast, and expressed himself as determined to do all in his power to promote the success of the Chapter. The toast of the Officers, followed by the Janitor's toast, brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements, which were conducted by Comp. Lawler, and in which Comps. Hodges and Cozens assisted, were admirable, an excellent selection of songs and glees enlivening the intervals between the speeches. Indeed, everything passed off well, while the fittings and appointments of the Chapter showed both taste and judgment, and reflected the greatest credit on those who supplied them.

The following were present, in addition to those already mentioned, namely:—Comps. S. Rawson P.G. Snp. China, W. G. Kentish M.E.Z. (designate) 1293, R. Bradley P.Z. 414 Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, W. Hollingworth J. 63, H. E. Frances P.Z. 452 P.G.D.C. Surrey, J. Terry P.Z. 174, C. A. Marton P.P.G.S., Thomas Fenn P.G.S.B., Walter Spencer, H. Massey P.Z. 829, E. Coupland P.Z. 913, Richard Wooff 13, W. W. Morgan 141, John Hodges 19, T. Lawler 92, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, H. Sadler G. Janitor.

RED CROSS.

A MEETING of the Wignacourt Conclave of this Order was held at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta, on 13th April. Present:—Sir Knights J. Walker M.P.S., W. Kingston Intendant General for Malta, Coffee, Eusebius, Starkoy First General, Mortimer Second General, Ewing H.P., Grier Prefect, Freeman Standard Bearer, Broadley, &c. By dispensation of the Intendant General, Sir Knight A. M. Broadley was admitted an E. of the Order, and then enthroned as M.P.S. The Conclave resumed its sitting in the first degree, and Bros. Lieutenant Capel-Cure, 20th Regiment, and Lieutenant Hewson, A.H.C., were duly installed as Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. The Conclave was then closed in ancient form. This degree has become very popular in Malta since it was introduced by the V.P. Intendant General in January last, and the excellent working of Sir Knight Walker and his Officers is highly conducive to its popularity. The founder of English Masonry in Malta, R.W. Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright, was Grand Master of the Order, and was succeeded by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex in 1813. From a MS. lately found, there is no doubt that this degree was exclusively worked in Malta, under the auspices of Sir Knight Wright, between the years 1815 and 1826.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1347.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 20th April. Bros. Smith W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Fyfe J.W., Day S.D., Rowe J.D., Shepherd I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Cundick acting Preceptor, also Bros. Moss, Lewis, Cope, Watkins, Keable, Power, Hythe, Andrews, Davis, White, Sadler, Brown, Ides, &c. Bro. Rowe having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Shepherd W.M. 1349, having to install his successor on the following evening, was kindly allowed to work that ceremony, and being assisted by Bro. Cundick he did it admirably, installing Bro. Smith. Lodge being resumed to the third degree, Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, when Bro. P.M. Myers was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion he will be assisted by P.M. Cundick as S.W., and Bro. Shepherd as J.W., when sections only will be worked. Bro. Ides 1472, was elected a member.

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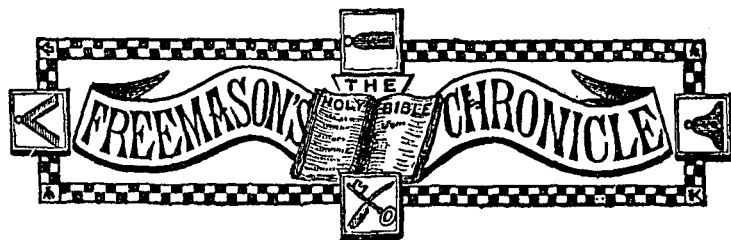
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will be held in the CONCERT HALL, PUBLIC ROOMS, TRURO, on THURSDAY,
the 20th day of May next, at Ten a.m.Brethren intending to be present to take part in the procession and the Lay-
ing of the Corner Stone of the New Cathedral by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,
M.W.G.M., may obtain tickets, at 5s each, by applying to Bro. E. T. CARLYON,
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Lodges, who will forward the list to the Prov. G. Secretary of Cornwall.2.—Brethren belonging to other Provinces must apply to their Prov. G. Sec-
retaries, who will communicate direct to the Prov. G. Secretary of Cornwall.3.—Brethren belonging to the London District should apply to the Grand Sec-
retary.4.—In each case a remittance must accompany the application, and particu-
lars given of the Masonic rank of each Brother.5.—All Brethren to appear in black frock coats, black trousers, white ties and
gloves, high hats, with full Masonic craft clothing. The apron to be fastened
outside the coat, and the jewels to be worn on the left side. No jewels or em-
blems to be worn but those appertaining to the Craft, or Royal Arch Masonry.6.—There will be two enclosures, that in the N.E. being appropriated to the
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**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
GIRLS.****DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, &c.****THE** usual visit of the Stewards of the year to the School at
Battersea Rise took place on Monday, 19th inst., and although
it must have been a great disappointment to all concerned that H.R.H.
Prince Leopold was unable to attend, we think nothing further occurred
throughout the day to mar the pleasure either of the guests or the
pupils. It seems to be proverbial that our Girls enjoy excellent wea-
ther on any of the days which are set apart for their entertainment,
and Monday, so far from being an exception, was everything that could
be desired. In the unavoidable absence of Prince Leopold, the Rt.
Hon. the Lord Mayor undertook the work of distributing the prizes,
he was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and among those present
were Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk of London) P.B.G.P.,
Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, R. W. H. Giddy
District G.M. Griqualand, the various members of the House Com-
mittee, and numerous brethren and ladies. The time at his lordship's
disposal being only about an hour, the afternoon's programme had to
be re-arranged, in order that the successful students might receive
their honours from his hands. Accordingly, after a rehearsal of the
Calisthenic Exercises and a recitation—Selection from the Trial
Scene, Merchant of Venice,—given by Lillian Mills, Fanny Ashby,
Edith Wilson, Alice Wiseman, Florence Faithfull and Helena Meacock,
—the Lord Mayor proceeded to distribute the various prizes, of which
a full list is given below. Heading the list of prize-winners was
Helena Meacock, who, commencing with the gold medal and £5 for
proficiency, also carried off the premiums for passing in honours the
Cambridge examination, and for French, in which tongue she after-
wards fluently recited a long piece from La Fontaine. Another girl,
E. Ida M. Seaton, gained the silver medal and £5, and also the
prize given by the Supreme Grand Council of the thirty-third degree
for good conduct. Frances E. Gardner was much applauded on com-
ing up to receive the reward for passing the Senior Cambridge
examination. At the conclusion of the presentations, the Lord Mayor
addressed a few words to the company, remarking that in the internal
condition and arrangements of the house, the neat, healthy and
happy appearance of the inmates, and the satisfactory manner in which
they had acquitted themselves in their various studies, there was ample
proof that the Institution was conducted in the interests alike of the

benefactors and of the children whom they had taken in hand. Amid much applause he notified that the Lady Mayoress intended to offer a prize for the next anniversary; and as a Lord Mayor was not to be outdone by any one, not even by his wife, he too would give a prize, the nature of which the Committee would perhaps decide upon. The Lord and Lady Mayoress having at this point taken their departure, Sir John Monckton took the chair, when the following programme was gone through.

Anthem—"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness"—Kent.
 Trio (Little Girls—"Airs Suisses"—Czerny—36 hands on six pianos.
 Recitation—"Napoleon and the Sailor"—Campbell—May Cooper.
 Solo (Little Girls)—"Tarantelle"—Scotson Clark—12 hands.
 Song—"Lullaby of Life"—Leslie.
 Recitation—"The Lord of Burleigh"—Tennyson—Alice G. Pike.
 Duett—Overture to "Zampa"—Herold—24 hands.
 Recitation—Selection from the "Courtship of Miles Standish"—Longfellow—Ada H. Clase.
 Song—"Night"—Blumenthal.
 Recitation—"Le Meunier, son fils, et l'âne"—La Fontaine—Helena Meacock.
 Duo—"Sonata"—Mozart—12 hands.
 Duett—"Symphonie V."—Beethoven—24 hands.
 Recitation—Selection from the "Water Babies"—Kingsley—Alice A. Wiseman.

Sir J. B. Monckton, in a few well chosen words, expressed his approval of the way in which the School was conducted, and more especially referred to the successful result of the educational branch under the direction of Miss Davis. This part of the programme being now completed, the guests partook of tea, and after a short interval reassembled in the large schoolroom, where the pupils went through their calisthenic and marching exercises, which part of the entertainment usually calls forth hearty expressions of approval from those present. On this occasion "Our Girls" went through their drill to perfection, and as a reward, if any is expected, we heard one or two brethren express their intention to act as Stewards next year; for, as we heard one say, such an Institution should never be allowed to want either supporters or funds. Dancing was the next item on the programme, and this was continued to the evident enjoyment of the pupils till close on ten o'clock, by which time the Officers of the Institution, the House Committee, and all concerned, had well earned the rest they doubtless looked forward to. Bro. Peter de Lande Long is specially deserving the thanks of the guests for the anxiety he evinced in seeing they started fairly on their way.

The following is a detailed list of the pupils who received prizes:—

Helena Meacock, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Ethel Ida Margaret Seaton, the silver medal for good conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Harriet Cartwright, Florence C. Faithfull, Edith A. Wilson, Fanny Ashby, Edwina R. Jones, and Alice M. Newbould, each a sixth of £5, for proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

Passing Senior Cambridge Examination:—Frances E. Gardner.
 Passing in Honours Cambridge Examination:—Helena Meacock.
 Passing Cambridge Examination:—Harriet Cartwright, Florence C. Faithfull, Edith A. Wilson, Fanny Ashby, Edwina R. Jones, and Alice M. Newbould.
 Needlework:—Maria English and Sarah Thwaites.
 Machine Work:—Florence Redford and Florence Forster.
 General Usefulness:—Lucinda Broadbent and Laura Moore.
 Order and Attention:—Laura Stransom and Evelina Hill (among the little Girls).

CLASS II.—Mary Louis Bowler, General Proficiency; Mand Ada Jay, Perseverance; Elizabeth Owens, Perseverance; Ellen Lucy Morgan, General Improvement.

CLASS III.—Kathleen Collins, General Proficiency; Isabella Douglas, Perseverance; Jessie Langley, Neatness.

CLASS IV.—Alice W. Cecil, General Proficiency; Ada Tanare, Perseverance; Emily Priestley, Perseverance.

CLASS V.—Rosa Hughes, Improvement; Eveline Pelham, Industry; Cecily Jardine, Industry.

CLASS VI.—Edith Garnett, Industry.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Edith A. Wilson.

By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French:—Helena Meacock.

By Mrs. Crick, for Recitation:—Alice A. Wiseman, Ada H. Blase, and Alice G. Pike.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct:—Fanny Ashby, Mary E. Sharp, and Louisa M. Taylor.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music:—Margaret W. Allison.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music:—Mabel Bingham.

The St. James "Yate's Memorial Prize" (per St. James' Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery):—Lucinda Broadbent.

From the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd degree, for Good Conduct:—Ethel Ida Margaret Seaton.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Music:—Maud Harriett Bursey.

By Bro. Charles White, for Drawing:—Octavia Helen Wheeler and Lillian M. Mills.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework:—Catherine J. Douglas.

The "Wentworth Little Memorial Prize," for Music:—Ethel Hinson, Lily Bellamy, and Louisa Christine Oates.

The "John Boyd Memorial Prize" for Drawing:—Catherine J. Scurr, Agnes Ada Nash, and Annie M. Hartness.

By Bro. James Blythe, for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Fanny Gertrude Osborne.

THE APPROACHING VISIT TO TRURO OF H.R.H. THE GRAND MASTER.

IT is well known throughout the Craft that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, owing to the multiplicity of his engagements, is unable to play his part in Freemasonry on very frequent occasions. Twice only since his installation at the Royal Albert Hall has he found opportunity to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, while his appearance in the Provinces has been almost equally rare. We are aware these occasional appearances are very far from representing the sum total of his Masonic duties. He is, we are given to understand, most assiduous in the attention he gives to all that affects the true interests of Freemasonry. His is no mere perfunctory discharge of routine work, and though there is no brother who does not wish that time permitted him more frequently to appear in our midst, we are also mindful of the demands that are continually being made upon him; demands, which, with the utmost regard to economy of time, it must be exceedingly difficult for him to satisfy. Under these circumstances, it is only natural that the brethren of a Province which is as fortunately circumstanced as Norfolk was some time since, and Cornwall will be a brief month or two hence, should look forward with interest and pleasure to welcome him among them, especially when he visits them for the performance of one of those graceful acts of duty which become him so well as Grand Master of the Society of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England. No doubt the installation of a Provincial Masonic Chief is one of the most important functions of a Grand Master, but it is necessarily a purely Masonic ceremony. The laying the foundation stone of a new building is also a most important and impressive ceremony, and one moreover which has the supreme advantage of bringing our society into contact with the outer world. What is done is done publicly, and there is this further point to be noted, that it evidences the interest which Freemasonry takes in the daily concerns of life. It shows that it is not wholly wrapt up in itself. It proves, too, that, for all its secrecy, it has no fear of meeting the world in the bright light of open day. Again, it is only reasonable to note that this particular form of Masonic celebration exhibits more than anything else the undoubted connection between the speculative Freemasonry of to-day and the operative Freemasonry of the past. Moreover, in this particular instance to which we shall presently refer, to which, indeed, those few remarks are due, there is a certain propriety in the Grand Master of Freemasons, or any officer appointed by him, playing the leading rôle. However much we may pride ourselves in on the non-sectarian character of Freemasonry, there is no doubt whatever of the association that existed, in the middle ages and even earlier, between the architects and skilled masons of those days and the religious edifices they erected and watched over. Then, however, there were not a dozen or more sections and sub-sections of the Christian church. There were no such distinguishing terms as Roman Catholic, Anglican Catholic, Presbyterian, &c., &c., and consequently this association between the priests and the architects may be taken to imply that the latter were a body of men duly impressed with the principles of religion. We still claim to be actuated by the same principles, though with the religious changes that have taken place in the interim we justly leave it to the conscience of each one of our brethren to worship the G.A.O.T.U. in the manner which seemeth to him best. Thus, when the first stone of a religious edifice is laid with Masonic ceremonial, it may be taken as a tribute of our respect to old associations, not as having anything about it of a sectarian character, and this, no doubt, will be found in accordance with the view generally prevalent. But to our story.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master, accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, will in the course of next month pay a visit to Cornwall for the purpose of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, the principal church of the new diocese recently formed out of that of Exeter. During their visit their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of Viscount Falmouth at Tregothnan, whence on the morning of the 20th March, the day fixed for the ceremonial, they will drive into Truro, arriving between 11 and 11.30 a.m. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form in a building chosen for the purpose, the Masonic procession will form an avenue thence towards the Cathedral, and down this it is expected the Princess will drive on her way to the Cathedral inclosure. The ceremony will be of a dual character, as there are two stones to be laid, one at the north-east corner of the building and the other to the westward. Consequently, there will be marked off two enclosures, one at each of the sites, and the general Masonic procession having advanced will pass through that on the west to the one at the north-east corner, in which seats will be assigned to all brethren except those Officers who accompany the Grand Master and assist him during the ceremony. The service having been commenced in the western enclosure, the Grand Master, his Officers, and the clergy will then move to the north-east, and the corner stone will be laid. They will then return to the west, and the western stone will be laid with similar formalities, and the whole service concluded. It may be as well to state that brethren desirous of taking part in the ceremony must obtain tickets for the enclosure, and these are to be had, at five shillings each, of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. T. Carlyon, 7 Princes-street, Truro. The charge is unavoidable, as it will barely suffice to pay for the erection of the seats. The tickets will be untransferable, and no brother will be permitted to enter the enclosure without one. It follows, therefore, that no Mason can take part in the procession unless provided with a ticket and clothed in accordance with the instructions laid down thereon. The dress will be black frock coat and trousers, white tie and gloves, tall hat, and apron fastened outside the coat. It is recommended that all applications for tickets be made to Bro. Carlyon not later than the 30th inst. We hope the day will pass off in a manner satisfactory to all who take part in the proceedings.

We are compelled, in consequence of pressure of other matter, to hold over reports of the meetings of Lodges 907, 1306, 1349, &c., until our next issue.

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, 24th 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—Orphans, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 104—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—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 26th APRIL.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, 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 6
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 543—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1415—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1918—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common
 43—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Heblen Bridge
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 R. A. 211—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 27th APRIL.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 142—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, 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.)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, 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)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 117—Wynnstey, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 779—Ferrals and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1600—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R. A. 623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL.

- RAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 28—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 0 7—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 3 8—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 8 1—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 1 3—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 62—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 85—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 78—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
 88—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 24—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 K. T.—Sundholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton

- 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale

THURSDAY, 29th APRIL.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
 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.)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 1313—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R. A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Heblen Bridge
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 30th APRIL.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—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)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 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.)
 750—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1335—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st MAY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 193—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)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 1st inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall Street, E.C. Among those present were Bros. G. G. Symons W.M., S. B. Hallé S.W., H. Follett Treas., A. A. Wing P.M. Sec., C. Horne S.D., H. J. Dean J.D., W. A. Humphries I.G., W. Balls D.C., J. Smith Steward; G. H. T. Dyer, F. Driver, John Vass, J. J. Defriez, H. Moss, P.M.'s, several members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—F. C. Hubert 1237, J. McLaren 1805, F. Jacob P.M. 45, H. A. Watson 1707, George C. Packe 488, New York, T. Cuttle 289, S. H. Watson 246 (S.C.), R. Josey J.D. 1828 834, Alfred C. Alais P.M. 834 1828, R. Secker P.M. 435, R. G. Tolmie P.M. 861, J. H. Townend P.M. 1426, C. A. King 193, R. A. James 65, Henry Leah P.M. 193, W. Mackie 1677, Robert Walker 1044. The ceremony of installation was carried out by Bro. Symons, and later in the evening Bro. Driver proposed and Bro. Defriez seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which the ceremony was performed, which compliment Bro. Symons duly acknowledged. The new Officers appointed were Bros. Cordingley S.W. (in his absence Bro. Follett was invested with the collar of the office), Humphries J.W., Follett Treas., Wing Sec., Horne S.D., Dean J.D. Balls I.G., Smith D.C., Neil and Symons Stewards, and Steed Tyler. The usual business having been completed, the Lodge was closed and the brethren par-

took of the banquet, at the conclusion of which the W.M. proposed, as the first toast of the evening, Loyalty to the throne and Prosperity to the best interests of the Craft, which toast having been honoured, and the National Anthem sung, the W.M. followed with that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master; with it he coupled that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. P.M. Symons next assumed the gavel, and in brief terms proposed the health of the W.M. He felt that but few words were needed to introduce this toast as their W.M. had proved himself a good Mason. He had always been regular in his attendance, and had worked with the respective Masters under whose rule he had served the Lodge. He felt sure that Bro. Hallé would do his best to render his term of office a success. In reply the W.M. having tendered his thanks, said he should try and prove himself proficient in the duties of the chair. He had always endeavoured to do his best, but should now strive still further to excel. He considered his election to the chair the proudest compliment that could have been paid him, and so long as he held the gavel of the Lodge he hoped to do everything to advance its interests. He trusted he might lift the Lodge into as proud a position as that of any Lodge in the kingdom. The next toast was that of the I.P.M. Bro. Symons. The W.M. felt all must agree with him that during the past year their Master had carried out his work most efficiently, indeed he questioned whether he could be excelled in the office. He had great pleasure in presenting the very handsome jewel which the members had awarded him. In placing it on his breast he felt that it was the wish of them all that Bro. Symons would long be spared to wear it. The I.P.M. desired to express his thanks both for the kind sentiments which had been expressed and the handsome jewel which had been given to him. He greatly valued the jewel, and should always prize it, as it would remind him of the happy time he had spent in the Lodge. He sincerely thanked them all for the assistance he had received during his term of office. The health of the Visitors was next proposed from the chair, to which Bro. Tolmie replied. Bro. Vass replied to the following toast, that of the Past Masters, after which the W.M. gave the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Treasurer having remarked that he would help his friend in responding, Bro. Wing (Sec.) said Bro. Follett had always helped him ever since he had been in office in the Lodge. He felt it a great honour to be appointed as Secretary of the Strong Man Lodge. He had been a P.M. of the Lodge for many years, and should always proclaim it as superior to all others. Bro. Follett expressed the pleasure he felt in witnessing the prosperity of the Lodge, and he should ever do his best to support and maintain it in its proud position. The toast of the Officers was next given and the meeting was brought to a close.

LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096, DEAL.

THE installation took place on Friday, in the presence of a goodly number of Visitors. There were present:—Bros. Laggett W.M., Usher P.M. P.P.G.R., Rev. J. Harrison P.M. P.G.C., J. Ayling P.M. P.P.G.D.C., F. Leith P.M., A. Des Barres P.M., E. Kirby P.M., H. Botting S.W., F. R. England, Geo. Chandler, H. Abram, G. G. Thomson, H. Webb, T. Park, Spratling, Ryder, Willey, Loughlin, Rea, Harding, Bard; also Bros. Carlyon, Quill, Plater, Naylor, Miskin, Blamieres, Bird, Browning, Bent, Bridge, Jackson, F. Binckes, E. J. Grigg, Gorter, Smith, Kennet—Visitors. The W.M. elect Bro. Botting was presented by Bro. Kirby, and then regularly and duly installed by Bro. Laggett, who performed his arduous task in a most able and impressive manner, winning the highest praise from all present. Before the Lodge closed the W.M. after investing his Officers, presented a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Laggett the Installing Master, subscribed for by the brethren, accompanying the gift with a few well-timed words, in which he expressed the esteem the brethren had for Bro. Laggett and their appreciation of his services, adding the wish that he might long be spared to wear the jewel. The W.M. alluded in feeling terms, during the investiture of the Officers, to the illness of the S.W. and the recent heavy bereavement of Bro. Chambers. After cordial votes of thanks to the I.P.M. for his services and the Visitors for their presence, the Lodge was closed. The Brethren and Visitors then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. Foster, the proprietor, had provided a capital dinner, to which every one did ample justice after the labours of the afternoon. As soon as the cloth was cleared the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a brief but telling manner, all being received with the utmost cordiality. Bro. Usher proposed the health of P.G.M. Kent, Baron Amherst, expatiating on the interest he took in all matters Masonic, and more especially in those relating to this Province, as well as the affability and kindness with which he treated every one, and the impetus given to Freemasonry in the district. Bro. Harrison P.G.C. responded. Bro. Kirby next proposed the health of Bro. Eastes D.P.G.M., and in doing so took occasion to point out the able manner in which he administered the affairs of the Province, the trouble he took to make himself personally acquainted with the merits of all, and the admirable system he had with regard to the Charity arrangements. Bro. Naylor replied for the present P.G.O. and Bro. Bird for the past P.G.O. Bro. Laggett then proposed the health of the W.M. in highly eulogistic terms, and, taking that opportunity of publicly thanking him for the valuable assistance he had at all times most willingly rendered to him (Bro. Laggett), concluded by wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office and every blessing here below. The W.M. in reply thanked all for the expressions of friendship and goodwill which had been showered upon him, and assured them it should be his constant endeavour to maintain their regard, and never give them any cause for regretting the choice they had made. The "Charities" was proposed by Bro. A. Des Barres and most ably responded to by Bro. Ayling P.P.G.D.C. who in the course of his remarks pointed out the necessity of giving effect to the proposal for establishing a Pupils' Assistance Fund, which would be a most admirable institution, enabling the boys and girls who left the Schools to make a good start in the great race of life. He also pointed out how

groundless were most of the reasons which the opponents of the scheme brought forward. The W.M. next proposed the health of I.P.M. and Installing Master Bro. Laggett, congratulating him on the success which had crowned his efforts and the way in which he had performed not only the ceremony that day, but all his duties during the past year, wishing him long life, health, wealth, and happiness. Bro. Harrison afterwards proposed the Visitors, and Bro. Plater W.M. 1206 Sandwich replied, thanking them for their cordial reception and generous hospitality. The W.M. next gave the toast of the P.M.'s, saying how much the Lodge was indebted to their kind assistance and hoped they all would long be spared to give the Lodge the benefit of their advice and help. He mentioned that some of the P.M.'s, and they were very few, were conspicuous by their absence; but their place was more than amply supplied by the other P.M.'s who were present. Bro. Usher replied, and congratulated the Lodge on its prosperous condition, more especially after the many ups and downs they had experienced. The "Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. England J.W. The Tyler's toast having been given and drunk, the proceedings terminated and the brethren separated, after having had a most pleasant and enjoyable evening. During the evening Messrs. Davis, Johnson, and Hardey, of the Military Histrionic and Musical Club, Walmer, gave several capital songs, duets, trios, &c. The Officers invested were as follows:—Bros. J. Laggett I.P.M., J. Carterfield S.W., F. R. England J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chap., E. Kirby P.M. Treas., J. J. Usher P.M. Sec., G. G. Thomson S.D., G. Band J.D., H. Abrams Org., R. S. Davey D.C., G. Chandler I.G., J. Park and Hy. Chambers Stewards, S. Holgate Tyler.

Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham.—

The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Bro. William Taylor W.M. presided and was supported by the following Officers, namely:—Bros. F. M. Ashley S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., T. R. Rishnell Treas., L. Artus P.M., S. H. Knaggs P.M., and W. H. Saunders P.M., as well as by a numerous gathering of members and the following Visitors:—Bros. A. Pocock S.D. 1818, R. L. Loveland P.M. 130, A. H. Diaper P.M. 5, S. T. H. Saunders 551, G. G. Rushworth P.M. 1309 P.G.R. Middlesex, H. R. Perry 55, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Arnold Elworthy Williams having given evidence of his progress in Freemasonry was passed to the degree of F. C. The ballot was then taken for Mr. James Leslie Grove Powell, a candidate for the benefits of Freemasonry, and this having proved satisfactory, that gentleman was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Bro. Alexander Halcomb P.M. No. 90 was then balloted for as a joining member and accepted. The W.M. then referred to the death of Bro. Charles Horsley, one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and on his motion being seconded by Bro. W. H. Saunders, the Secretary was requested to take note of this and forward a letter of condolence to Bro. Alexander Horsley, nephew of the deceased brother. At the instance of the W.M. the Lodge then accorded a hearty welcome to Past Master Knaggs, whom they were glad to receive once more on his return from a visit to Natal, and Bro. Knaggs appropriately acknowledged the compliment. It was next proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Knaggs that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. W. H. Saunders in recognition of his services to the Lodge during his occupancy of the chair. Note was taken of the custom now prevailing in many Lodges of presenting these jewels indiscriminately to all Masters on the completion of their term of office, and also of the rule of the Francis Burdett Lodge that such token of appreciation should only be awarded to those brethren who had distinguished themselves by their ability. At the same time it was pointed out by the proposed seconder of the motion, as well as by a Past Master who spoke in support of it, that Bro. Saunders, if he had exhibited no marked ability in the fulfilment of his duties, had shown himself jealous of the honour of the Lodge and had distinguished himself in other respects in a manner well worthy of recognition. The motion having been put and carried with acclamation, Bro. Saunders, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the surprise he felt at the proposal. He fully recognised that he did not possess the knowledge which a Master of the Lodge should display of the oftentimes arduous duties he was called upon to perform. But he would yield to no brother in his zeal to carry out the true principles of Freemasonry; he had shown this by having qualified as a Life Governor of all the Institutions. After a brief reference to the votes for the coming election for the Boys' School, it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the sum of five guineas voted at the last meeting towards the Stewards' List for the Girls' School, be increased to £10, and a similar sum will be forthcoming for the Boys' Festival, the Stewards themselves having promised to double their own contributions. This will raise the Lodge contributions for the current year to the central Charities to £30. The other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In due course, the Master rose, and proposed the customary toasts, and in offering that of Colonel Burdett, the Prov. G.M., he trusted they should have the honour of welcoming him at some future gathering. Bro. Taylor also alluded to the great services to Freemasonry rendered by Bro. H. C. Levander, whose absence was also a subject of great regret to the Lodge. Bro. Rushworth returned thanks, and with reference to the compliment paid Bro. Levander spoke in eulogistic terms of that brother's services in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Saunders having also replied, and in doing so explained the reason of the Prov. G.M.'s absence, proposed the health of the W.M., and paid him a high but well-deserved compliment for the very efficient manner in which he fulfilled the important duties of his office. This having been responded to, the health of the Initiate was duly honoured, and Bro. Powell expressed the pleasure he felt at having been admitted into the fellowship of Freemasonry. The toast of the Visitors was received, as usual, with great cordiality, and each of those who were present in that capacity acknowledged in

a few words the heartiness of their reception. For the health of the Officers, the Senior Warden took upon himself the task of replying. The Tyler's toast brought the list to a conclusion, and the brethren then rose and dispersed after an agreeable evening, which, in addition to the features we have noted, was greatly enlivened by the songs sung in the intervals between the speeches, and also by some pleasant converse, such as marks invariably the gatherings of this rising Lodge, where the business is well conducted, and the opportunity for a little pleasurable enjoyment is never lost sight of.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on 19th inst., at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. R. G. Tolmie Preceptor W.M., Brockelhurst S.W., Mell J.W., Goring Treasurer, Botibol S.D., Ball D.C., Appleton I.G. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brown 862 candidate. The 10th, 11th, and 15th sections were worked.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 13th April, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, Bros. R. Dallas W.M. Polak S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S.D., Greenwood J.D., Smyth I.G., Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Catlin, Fraser, C. Lorkin, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin acting as candidate. Bro. Greenwood was passed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the fourth section of first lecture, assisted by the brethren.

On 20th April, Bros. Polak W.M., Christian S.W., Smyth J.W., Clark S.D., Brasted J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, &c. Bro. Dallas, being candidate for the third degree, was interrogated, intrusted, and raised, Bro. Brasted giving the Traditional History. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian is to be W.M. for ensuing week.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1343.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th April, at King's Arms, Grays. Present:—Bros. P.M. A. Sturgeon W.M. pro tem, Chas. Gedge S.W., E. Sturgeon J.W., D. Bartlett Sec., F. Sackett S.D., F. Musgrove I.G., Martyn Tyler, P.M.'s H. Landfield, R. Corbet, Jas. Godwin. Visitors—Bros. H. King 77 and Willoughby 77. Bros. W. N. Cuming and James Howell were passed and Messrs. Henry Philcox and Herbert M. Rigge, both of Grays, were initiated. After the usual business the Secretary acquainted the Lodge of the death of Bro. J. Noke, Old Kent-road, the Preceptor of St. John's Lodge, and also of several London Lodges. A formal vote of sympathy was passed and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes, also that letters of condolence be sent to the daughters. The Lodge to appear during the W.M.'s pleasure in mourning. Bro. P.M. Godwin paid a very true and feeling tribute to the merits of our deceased brother, whom to know was to respect and love, and in whom were combined the virtues of Faith, and Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 12th April. Present:—Bros. T. E. Goddard W.M., McDonald S.W., Robson J.W., Kimbell S.D., Lewis J.D., Seymour-Clarke I.G. and Secretary, W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form in the first and second degrees, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Gooch being candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were then worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren, and the Lodge was closed.

On Monday, 19th April, present:—Bros. T. E. Goddard W.M., McDonald S.W., Robson J.W., Kimbell S.D., Lewis J.D., Seymour-Clarke I.G. and Sec., and other brethren. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. S. L. Green being candidate. After closing to second and third degrees, Bro. McDonald was elected to fill the chair on next Monday evening, 26th inst., at 7.30 p.m., to put questions for the working of as many sections as time will permit. A good attendance is desired and anticipated.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 15th inst. Present:—Bros. G. Read P.M. 611 and 1767 W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W., A. C. Alais J.W., Coop S.D., Rogers J.D., H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary, J. Smout jun. I.G.; Bros. Mitchell, C. E. Botley, Millson, H. Stephens, H. Nye, F. Botley, J. B. Marwood, J. W. Fisher, Tink Brown, E. C. Porter, E. Smith, A. Jones, A. J. Gunner, J. J. Clarke, J. Owen, W. Seward; Visitors—Bros. P. Burton 834, S. Smout sen., Metcalf 780, Corsten 865, H. Blunden 865, J. Clayson 1489, and Reynolds 1441. The Lodge was opened in first degree in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the first degree, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. G. Read P.M. 511 and 1767 (in the chair), the following brethren assisting:—First Lecture: Bros. S. Smout jun., C. Andrews, E. Rogers, G. Coop, A. C. Alais, G. Read, and W. G. Reynolds. Second Lecture: Bros. E. Rogers, W. G. Reynolds, and C. Andrews. Third Lecture: Bros. A. C. Alais, P. Burton, and G. Read. The third and fifth sections of the Second Lecture were omitted, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bros. H. Foskett and E. A. Dutton. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Read and the other brethren. Bro. Read was elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Beasley P.M. having consented to take the chair on Thursday, the 22nd inst., on the occasion of the Annual Banquet of the Lodge of Instruction, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Thursday, 22nd inst.

On Wednesday next, the 28th instant, being the first Wednesday after St. George's Day, will be held the Grand Festival of the Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England. The hour fixed for the banquet is 6 p.m., and the chair will be taken by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, while the musical arrangements will be under the able direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist. In accordance with custom, brethren who attend the banquet must appear in full Masonic Craft clothing. Tickets to be obtained of the Grand Stewards for the year, but none will be issued *after* 4 p.m., the Tuesday preceding. Previous to the banquet, a meeting of Grand Lodge will be held, when the Grand Officers for the year 1880-1 will be appointed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices. Among those whom the Grand Master has indicated his intention of thus honouring are—Bro. the Right Hon. Sir F. W. Truscott Lord Mayor of London, who will be Junior Grand Warden; Bro. R. F. Gould, author of the "Four Old Lodges" and the "Atholl Lodges," one of the Senior Grand Deacons; and Bro. Magnus Ohren Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton has been re-elected Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Aen. McIntyre, Q.C., Col. Shadwell Clerke, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) and John Gibson will be re-appointed Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Superintendent of Works respectively.

Owing to the demands on us this week, and taking into consideration the amount of space already devoted to the Girls' School, we have decided to hold over our Analysis of the Subscription List until our next issue.

We take this opportunity of offering our respectful tribute of sympathy to Bro. Buss, our esteemed Assistant Grand Secretary, on the domestic affliction he experienced in the early part of the present week. Bro. Buss, during his long Masonic career, has shown himself a diligent and enthusiastic Craftsman, and when some two years since he received the appointment of Assistant Grand Secretary, every one felt that a well-deserved honour had been conferred on a worthy and representative Freemason. It has been known for some little time past that Mrs. Buss was in a very critical state of health, and that there was little hope or prospect of her recovery. These sad expectations have at length been realised, and it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove her hence to another, and, we trust, a happier, state of being. But the loss of a dear friend, and especially of one who for many years has been the partner in all one's joys and sorrows, cannot be otherwise than seriously felt, and will always evoke the deep sympathy of friends, relatives, and acquaintances. In the case of Bro. Buss this feeling will be more than usually extended, seeing that, from the official position he occupies, he is brought into frequent contact with the members of our Fraternity, all of whom, we are confident, will sorrow with him in his sorrows, as they have rejoiced with him in his joys. We trust this slight expression of our own feeling will be accepted in the same fraternal spirit in which it is made, and that, as time passes, Bro. Buss will find his grief assuaged, if, in the nature of things, it cannot be entirely buried.

The Editor, being interested in the election of Woolf de Young, who is a candidate for the Jewish Aged Needy Society, will thankfully receive the proxies of the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, either for exchange or otherwise.

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The Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund will take place on Wednesday, 7th July next, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. R.W. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, in the chair. The following circular has been issued :—

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On account of the Benevolent Fund there is now invested £1,200, and on the recommendation of the General Board, unanimously adopted at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge on Tuesday, 3rd December 1878, a scheme has been prepared under which one moiety of all Contributions to the Fund in excess of that amount will be carried to the credit of a Special Account, and devoted to the purpose of educating the sons of Mark Master Masons eligible for assistance, at grammar or other schools in the vicinity of their parents' residences.

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A peculiar claim attaches to this Festival owing to the presence of Ladies, who, on each annual occasion, have largely contributed to its success.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards, in connection with the approaching Festival, will be held on Monday, 3rd May, on which occasion the customary routine business, of deciding on the place of holding the Festival, &c., will be transacted. Up to the present time the number of brethren who have given in their names as Stewards is 223, a number which, even at this early date, is far in excess of the final total of last year.

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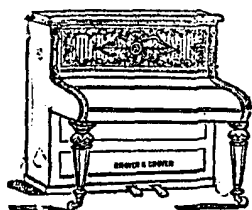
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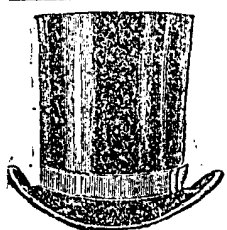
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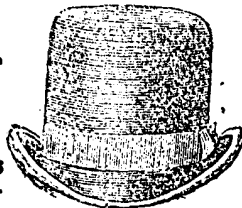


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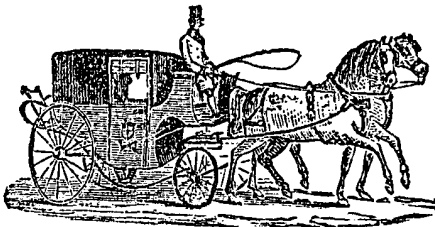
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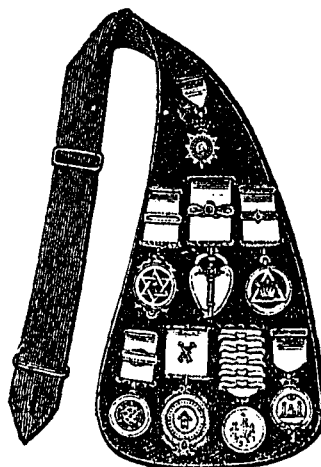
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