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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I.B.

THE Eighty-second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. As has latterly been the case, the festive board was graced by the presence of several ladies, and, as is usual on the occasion of this Festival, there was no display whatever of Masonic clothing, so that if any expected to have seen a gorgeous exhibition of Masonic paraphernalia, banners, jewels, aprons, scarves, and the like, they must have been greatly disappointed. The chair was taken by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, who was loyally supported, not only by the brethren of his own Province, but also by representatives of Lodges both in London and the other Provinces, the number of those that sat down to dinner being between 500 and 600. The success of the gathering may be said to have been assured some time before the eventful day itself arrived. We believe we are right in stating that never before has there been so large a Board of Stewards as there was at the Festival of Thursday, when it consisted of upwards of three hundred brethren; so that if their lists only averaged £40 apiece, a sum of £12,000, or considerably more than had been reached either last year or the year before for the School, was certain. As will be seen, however, this was greatly exceeded, and Bro. Binckes has the satisfaction of taking the place of honour for the current year, the amount of his Festival subscriptions being over £14,000, or some hundreds in excess of the sum realised by Bro. Hedges, while Bro. Terry, who took the lead last year, though he has done extremely well, has to content himself with bringing up the rear. We congratulate Bro. Binckes most heartily on the success which has attended his efforts on this occasion. He it is who first led the way into five figures, and although we cannot always look forward to his continuing the lead, it is only natural that he and his numerous well-wishers and supporters should look to his being in his turn at the top of the tree. We can well understand that the Secretaries of our Institutions regard each other as rivals, but their rivalry is an honourable one, and the first and heartiest in offering their congratulations to the most successful for the year are invariably the two whom he has defeated. There is another matter to be mentioned, as a fit subject for congratulation. As the year 1880 can boast of the most numerous Board of Stewards ever organised at any of our Festivals, so can it point with pride to the aggregate amount of subscriptions to our three annual Festivals as being the largest in any single year, the grand total for the three Institutions being quite £40,000, of which, as we have said, £14,000 fell to the share of "Our Boys." But to direct our attention more particularly to the meeting of Thursday. The weather, if a little inconstant, was, on the whole, satisfactory, and although the visit to the Crystal Palace was not of the ordinary kind, we all know that when going to so delightful a neighbourhood, it is all the better if there are some rays of sunshine, especially when those bright beams make glad the heart of brethren and their fair friends, whose special object it is on that particular occasion to do all they can towards gladdening the hearts of the poor orphan. As to the arrangements it is not to be wondered at, considering that Bros. Bertram and Roberts had the making of them, that they gave every satisfaction. In spite of the strong muster, there was elbow room, and to

spare, while the good cheer that was placed on the table did credit to the skill of the caterers. A noticeable feature of the day was the conspicuous part assigned to the Pupils' Band, which gave admirable proof of their musical ability, as well as of the able tuition they had received from Mr. Whare, the Band Master, in a series of well chosen selections of music. Miss Helen Hopekirk and Miss Mary McLean—the former by two solos on the piano, and the latter in a song—also delighted the audience, but though we fully recognise the excellence of these subordinate matters, we still bear in mind that the chief interest must centre in the School itself, and of this, as our readers know perfectly well, there is nothing to say which is not satisfactory. Founded in the year 1798, when, as Lord Lathom pointed out, but six boys were clothed and educated, there are now no less than 215 boys maintained and educated within the walls of the School at Wood Green, while as to the excellence of the training the boys go through, we have forthcoming satisfactory evidence, not only in the reports of the Examiners, but in the distinctions won by pupils at the Cambridge Local Examinations. Nothing can well have been more gratifying to Dr. Morris and his staff of assistants than the frequent complimentary allusions made to the fact that ten out of eleven candidates successfully passed the Cambridge Local Exams. in December of last year. Certainly no better testimony could be offered to the value of the tuition, while the general appearance and conduct of the lads on Saturday spoke volumes for the discipline, and also for the thoughtful care of the Committees. Thus we find the scholars distinguishing themselves, and in this way, and to the best of their ability, reciprocating the kindness shewn them; and this, coupled with the fact that the Boys' School, by comparison with the sister Institutions, is but indifferently provided in respect of permanent income, could not have been without its influence on the Subscription Lists on Thursday. And as there are still seventeen lists outstanding, we have just ground for supposing that the total receipts will be as nearly as possible on a level with the result achieved by Bro. Terry last year, when Lt. Col. Starkie, the chief of the contiguous Province of East Lancashire, presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. However, with a genial Chairman, an excellent and unprecedentedly numerous Board of Stewards, capital arrangements, and a good dinner, no wonder that the Boys' Festival of 1880 passed off successfully, and all who wish well for the Institution will rejoice that so splendid a result as a total exceeding £14,000 has been the result of this year's campaign.

We append particulars of the day's proceedings.

The Crystal Palace on Thursday—at least that portion of it which had been set apart for the use of the Stewards of the Boys' School Anniversary Festival—presented a gay scene as the numerous company of guests assembled together to hold their annual gathering in aid of the Funds of the Institution, and the arrival of the Chairman of the day—the Earl of Lathom—having been announced, a number of Stewards were told off to receive and conduct his lordship to the chair. The number of those who sat down to dinner cannot have been much—if at all—under 600, ladies included, and on the removal of the cloth, the Chairman rose and proposed the first toast, namely, that of Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Institution. This was received most enthusiastically, and the National Anthem having been sung, his lordship, in rising to propose the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, said, Brethren and Ladies, I now rise to propose the second toast on the list. It is that of the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of our Order. It is hardly necessary for me, brethren, to dilate upon His Royal Highness's qualities. They must be only too well known to you all. You all

know what an interest he takes in the Craft, and how he is always ready when his other manifold duties permit it, to come forward and support anything that may relate to it. I need only point to his last Masonic act, namely, going down into Cornwall to lay the foundation stone of a Cathedral, an act which has not been done by any Masonic body hitherto. His Royal Highness has our Craft at heart. I look upon him as one of the truest Masons in the country. Not only is his Royal Highness one of us, but we have two of his Royal Highness's brothers also among our ranks. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has taken a most deep interest in Masonry ever since he joined us. I myself not many years ago had the honour of installing him into the chair as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be installed into the chair of a Lodge on Monday as Worshipful Master. I think I need say no more, but ask you to drink the health of His Royal Highness the Grand Master.

The Rev. H. A. Pickard P.G.C. then rose, and said—My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,—You see one who has had greatness thrust upon him. When I left my warm retreat at Oxford at the beginning of this week to join, as I have frequently, in the pleasure of this Masonic and like Masonic gatherings, I did so with the full conviction that my Senior Chaplain, Bro. Martyn, who is so well known to all of you, would have been present here this evening, and would have proposed the toast which it is my lot now to ask you to honour. I hold in my hand a telegram just received from that worthy and Worshipful Brother, who says, "I am very sorry I cannot possibly be with you to-day. Please accept my hearty good wishes for a most successful Festival." No one can regret Bro. Martyn's absence more than he does who now takes his place; but at the same time I am fully aware that the toast which I have to propose to your notice will be drunk by you with equal enthusiasm, although it is given by one who does not know how properly to propose it. Very few, I am sure, could do justice to the toast of our Chairman, the Earl of Lathom. Let Lancashire testify how well he is beloved by those who know him Masonically, and let all those who have seen him at our Masonic gatherings in London say that it is possible for any one to hold the distinguished post of Deputy Grand Master of England better than he does who has consented to be Chairman of our Institution this evening. Brethren, Lord Lathom has already presided at the Festivals of the other two Institutions, and has always had a very successful Festival, and I trust that when he looks back upon this day in years to come he will remember it as one to be marked with a white stone, as one which did not fall very far short of those Festivals which he enjoyed so much previously. There is, perhaps, one reason why I may rejoice that it has fallen to my lot before this distinguished company to propose Lord Lathom's health, and it is because four-and-twenty years ago, when I was Master of the Apollo Lodge, I had the honour of initiating Lord Lathom into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Ladies and brethren, I call upon you to drink, with all the honours, the health of the Chairman, Lord Lathom.

The Earl of Lathom, in responding, said,—Ladies and brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kind manner in which you have received the toast proposed by my Masonic father. I can assure you, brethren, that it gives me intense pleasure to be able to be present here to-day, and to preside at the Eighty-second Anniversary of this Institution. I shall have more perhaps to say about it in a few moments, but all that I will do at present is to thank you most heartily, and tell you that, as far as in me lies, I will try to carry out thoroughly my Masonic duty and merit your goodwill and esteem.

The Rev. Dr. Morris, in proposing the next toast, said,—Brethren and ladies, it is said that the best commander is he who is ever ready to obey orders when he receives them. The Chairman has ordered me to propose this toast; I am ready to obey the command. The toast I have to propose is the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Grand Master, the Vice-Presidents of the Institution, the ex-officio Vice-Presidents of the Institutions, and the Prov. Grand Masters and present and past Grand Officers, including Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary. Although the P.G. Officers have more or less retired from active duty, we are not going to forget them, and I am sure you will all receive this toast most heartily. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Colonel Shadwell Clerke, in response, said,—Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen, as it has fallen to my lot to respond to this toast, I do so most willingly, but at the same time I feel perfectly overwhelmed with gratitude at the way in which you have received this toast. When I reflect upon those illustrious names which are comprehended in this toast, I feel that some more influential brother ought to return thanks for it, but in their absence, I beg to offer you the thanks of the Officers for the very kind greeting which you have given to their names this evening. I can assure you that the Grand Officers yield to none in the interest they feel in this Masonic Charity, and they will look most anxiously to-morrow morning at the papers to read the list of subscriptions which are this day announced. I will not detain you, Ladies and Brethren, further, but simply thank you very much indeed for the very gratifying manner in which you have received the toast, and assure you that we feel very much obliged to you for it.

The Earl of Lathom then said,—Brethren and Ladies,—if they will allow me, I will say sisters, for I am sure they ought to be called our sisters, showing the interest they do in this Institution—I appear before you to give you the toast of Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on its Eighty-second Anniversary. Brethren, it is hardly necessary for me to go into a history of the origin, the rise, and the prosperity of this Institution. You all see in the Report that has been handed to you how this Institution started with a very small beginning; how, in the year 1793, this Institution began by providing the education and clothing of six boys. Since then it has gradually gone on increasing, till here we find in the Report now presented to you that the School at present consists of 215 boys. From that it will be seen there has been a steady increase in the number of pupils admitted, and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that with the increase in the popularity of Freemasonry throughout this country, so will the prosperity of this School increase; at least I say it

ought to do so. At the same time there is one other little fact in the Report before you which I think worthy of notice, and that is that I am happy to say that during the past few years there has been a gradual—a gradual but steady decrease in the cost of the tuition and maintenance of each boy. (Hear, hear.) Now, the larger the number that come into the School, so the more will the cost of each individual boy decrease in proportion. As for the prosperity of the Institution, I do not think there can be any doubt about that; it is not on the wane at present, and I trust it will be many years before we see it decline. There is one point I wish to mention, and that is one continually heard about these Institutions—I am talking of the three now, as our Masonic Charities. Now, I object to that word. I say they ought to be our Masonic Duties. We, as Freemasons, are bound to keep up these great Institutions. They have been started on good lines; they have been well and admirably carried on, and it is our duty, as Freemasons, to keep them up to the mark. It is quite true that within the past few years—I may say that my own Province showed a very laudable example in it—there have been many local Institutions started, Benevolent and Educational. No doubt brethren are more inclined to give their money to local Institutions than they are to the central one; but at the same time I think, brethren, we are rich enough for both. It is very easy to get up our local fund to a very large amount. I will ask any one to look at the return of West Lancashire, and he will say that we have had a very large amount of money at our disposal. At the same time I am happy to say I have only to look around me to see that this Institution is not otherwise than well supported. I say, brethren, we ought all to put our shoulders to the wheel, not only to support Local Institutions, but also our main head-quarters, namely, this and the two sister Institutions. There is one point, brethren, which I ought to mention. It is one which our Lancashire brethren will tell me I have been a little tedious upon, and that is, we find—in the North of England certainly—that very large sums are expended in the year in picnics and entertainments of one kind and another. I have no objection to those entertainments, I have no objection to those picnics, balls, or whatever they may be; but I say that those entertainments ought not to come out of the Lodge funds. I say that those entertainments ought to be kept up for the simple reason that they interest our sisters in our proceedings. They make us see that we are able to do our duty in the way of Charity, and we ought to be convivial and entertain our female relations; but I say it ought to be done by private subscriptions; it ought not to come out of the Lodge funds.—[A Voice: They don't.]—With these few words, I am sure you will take it to heart, and in future years we shall see a larger subscription to these Institutions.—(Applause). Brethren, I had the honour and pleasure of going down to Wood Green last Saturday, and giving away the prizes to the boys of this Institution. Before, I had had no opportunity of seeing or hearing their proficiency in the different parts of their education, and I could only judge from the lists presented to me; but I can now say that I saw before me as healthy a set of boys as I should ever wish to set eyes upon. I saw a number of hearty, happy faces, all looking forward to their holidays, extremely well pleased to come up and receive their prizes, and to have done their best to amuse the company with their plays and songs. I gave what praise I could on that occasion. I will not repeat it now, except to say that I think the Head Master and his Assistants must have thoroughly done their duty. If you turn to one page of the Report you will see the result of the Cambridge Examination. I think it is highly creditable to Dr. Morris and his staff that he has brought up, I think I am right in saying, eleven candidates, ten passing, and nine in the honour list. Now, the whole Craft ought to be proud of such a show as that. There is one other point I wish to say a few words to you upon, and that is a scheme that has been promoted and that has been brought to a head—I mean the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. (Cheers.) I know, brethren, that there has been great opposition to this Fund, I own that when first I heard of it I myself was opposed to it, but as time went on, and I saw how our Bro. Dick Radclyffe was working, and I got his assurance that the scheme would be carried out according to certain lines, that I then took and myself laid down to him, I gave it my support; and I say, brethren, I think that this Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, if carried out as I believe it will be, upon the lines laid down by the Committee, will be of real use. I hear that the object of the Fund is simply this—to raise a sum of money—the larger the better; to raise a sum of money which will enable the Committees of the Boys' and the Girls' Schools to grant a sum of money to any deserving boy or girl on leaving the School, to help them on in their future career. It was at first thought that this was to be a fourth Charity. It is not a fourth Charity, and it is not to be anything of the sort; we are to have no Governors of it, no votes, all we want is to have a certain sum of money so as to enable us to assist boys to get on either in College life, to give them an advance in order to get them into the Army, or whatever their bent may be; and girls in the like way. This money we propose to place entirely in the hands of the two Committees of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and it will be for them to determine who are deserving and who are not.—(Loud applause). No doubt all of you are aware that at the present moment a Bazaar is being held in furtherance of the objects of the Fund. It has gone already for two days, and there are yet three days more on which it may be held. I can only hope that the receipts of the next two days will exceed the product of the days which have been already held. I do not say it has been quite so successful as we might have desired, but I do say this, that the money realised up to the present time has completely cleared all expenses entailed, and has left the original fund subscribed untouched (applause). Now, brethren, if we can manage, by means of this Bazaar and the list of subscriptions, to get a sum of £30,000, we should then be in a position to do all that is wanted. It is not a large sum that is wanted—£30, £40, or £50 a year will do all we want. Some people were under the impression that instead of having this Assistance Fund

it would be better if a certain number of exhibitions or scholarships were founded. I am afraid those brethren who suggested that idea had very little notion of what it costs to found a scholarship. For a scholarship of £30 a year you have to invest £1,000. A scholarship of £30, as a rule, is held for three years; therefore you want £3,000 to provide for that, but that said scholarship is competed for year by year; therefore you must treble that sum. I ask you, brethren, considering all our local Charities, and considering our main Charities here, how can we expect the brethren to subscribe such an enormous sum as would be required for that. I say the thing would be simply unreasonable to ask, therefore the present scheme I look upon as an excellent one, and one that will really do good without entailing upon the brethren very much extra charity. (Hear, hear.) I have spoken out on this subject because I feel it has been very much misunderstood, and I wished to give you a clear explanation of what it was. I will not weary you any longer. I am happy to find the evening has turned out fine, notwithstanding the wet morning we had, and I therefore hope my brethren and sisters will be able to enjoy themselves very much. In conclusion, I beg to give you the toast of Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and couple with it the name of Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Bro. Geo. Plucknett, in responding, said,—Ladies and brethren, I have to thank you for the honour you have done me in drinking my health as Vice-President and Treasurer of this Institution. My first duty, as Vice-President of this Institution, is to thank the Right Hon. Chairman for the part he has taken this evening in occupying the chair, and so nobly supporting this honourable Institution. Ladies and brethren, I have also, as Treasurer of this Institution, to thank you for being present this evening, and providing the necessary funds for carrying on this good and honourable Institution. I can assure you the money subscribed by you for that purpose will be most faithfully and economically expended.

Bro. Binckes having read out the list, amounting to £14,002, which will be found in another part of our column,

Col. Shadwell Clarke, in proposing the next toast, said,—Ladies and Brethren, I am quite sure this evening that the feeling uppermost in our hearts at the present moment is that of intense delight at the magnificent list which has just been read. You will all join with me in offering our thanks to the Executive of this honourable Institution, and more especially to our most able and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Binckes. I will now take the opportunity of asking you to recognise the services of those brethren whom I may call the busy bees of our Institution, and to whose able services the prosperity of our Boys' School is so greatly indebted. I, therefore, ask you, brethren, to join with me in drinking to the health of the Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, and members of Committees, and to take the opportunity of thanking them for their continuous and highly meritorious services for the well-being of the Institution. I beg to couple with it the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Raynham Stewart having responded, the Earl of Lathom said,—Ladies and Brethren, there is one toast I cannot refrain from giving to you this evening, and that is success to the other Masonic Institutions—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This Institution has headed the list this year; it has been beaten before, but I am happy to see the healthy rivalry going on between the various Institutions. I will not detain you for one single moment, but give you the toast of the other Institutions, and couple with it the name of Bro. Terry.

The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Terry in response said,—My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren, permit me to thank you very heartily and very sincerely for the manner in which the toast of success to the other Masonic Institutions has been proposed by the president. Permit me also, as a colleague of Bro. Binckes (Secretary of the Boys' School), to congratulate him upon the success of his efforts this evening, resulting in the enormous sum of £14,002. My Lord, it is one of the most gratifying things to know that whenever your Lordship has officiated as president of either of our Festivals, that Festival has been the one of the year. Ladies and Brethren, I thank you heartily for the manner in which you have received the toast, and although I have the misfortune this year to stand No. 3 on the list, I hope in 1881 that the Benevolent Institution will be No. 1.

The remaining toasts, namely, those of "The Board of Stewards" and—as a matter of course, "The Ladies"—having been given and acknowledged, the guests rose for the purpose of witnessing one of those displays of fireworks for which the Palace is so famous.

JAMAICA.

SINCE the death of the District Grand Master of East Jamaica a gloom has fallen over the members of the Order. The Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica and Grand Principal H. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Jamaica (the Right Worshipful and Most Ex. Bro. Altamont De Cordova) has issued orders that all brethren and Companions under the English Constitution shall appear in mourning, also the Lodges to be draped in black, for six months. The Prov. Grand Master for Scotland in Jamaica and Greytown (the Right Worshipful Bro. Hon. S. C. Burke) has issued orders to all brethren under the Scottish Constitution to appear in mourning for three months. Ill. Bro. Capt. W. P. Dadson 32 Recorder has issued notice to all members of the Rose Croix to wear mourning (cape rosette on the collar and apron) for six months. The Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica (Right Worshipful Bro. A. De Cordova) invited the members of the Masonic Fraternity to a meeting held on 15th June, at the Friendly Hall, that arrangements might be made for a suitable memorial in testimony of the regard and esteem in which the brethren of the Craft held their late District Grand Master.

It is asked—On whom will his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England confer the appointment? Several names have been brought forward, such as the Right Worshipful Bros. J. W. Whitebourne P.D.D.G.M., Altamont De Cordova D.D.G.M., Dr. Allen, W. P. Dadson, and others. It is to be hoped that the mantle will fall on one whom the brethren will hold in high esteem, and who will work; not merely receiving the honour and doing nothing for the benefit of the Craft. It is stated that the choice will fall either on P.D.D.G.M. J. W. Whitebourne, or our present D.D.G.M. A. De Cordova, who is beloved by all the brethren, and is always ready to assist in any Masonic cause.

A special meeting of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica was held on 1st June, presided over by the R.W. Bro. Altamont De Cordova, Deputy District Grand Master. There was a goodly attendance of Officers and representatives of the different Lodges. Resolutions of condolence on account of the death of the District Grand Master were passed; also the sum of £20 was granted towards a fund to be raised in the Province for an oil painting of the late Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, to be hung up in the Grand Lodge Room as a mark of respect. It is expected to cost £120.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the advertisement which appears at page 14 of your issue of the 26th inst., I am instructed by the Supreme Council 33° to ask you to acquaint your readers that the "Rose of Sharon" Chapter, No. 6, under the so-called "Ancient and Primitive Rite" of Masonry, is in no way connected with the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and that therefore it may not be visited or recognised by any Rose Croix Freemason under the obedience of this Supreme Council.

I am, yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN,

Grand Secretary General.

33 Golden-square, 28th June 1880.

Re METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Headingley House, Hornsey, N.

30th June 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In consequence of alterations in the establishment, this Lodge will for the future be unable to meet at their former quarters (the Moorgate Station Restaurant); accordingly a Committee has been formed to choose a future place of meeting. For the present, and until further notice, the Lodge will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30 as usual.

If you will kindly give notice of this in your columns you will much oblige,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

EDWIN STORR,

Assistant Secretary.

A RELIC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

21 Nottingham Street, W.

28th June 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Prov. G.M. of Dorset, Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., having been engaged last week in laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Church at Poole, I take this opportunity, thinking it may interest some of your readers, of sending you the following inscription, which is attached to a Biscuit, enclosed in a glass case, and kept in the Lodge Amity, No. 137, Poole.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN HURDELL J.D. 1348.

THIS BISCUIT

Is preserved by the Lodge of Amity as a memorial of their gratitude and brotherly affection for Jacques de Bon, Captain of the "Janon," French privateer of St. Malo, who captured, at sea, on the 13th of December 1813, at Ham, in lat. 49°50' North, long. 7° West, the brig, "Oak," of Poole, Bro. Stephen Pack Master, belonging to Bros. G. W. Ledgard and John Goss, on her passage from Bilbao to Poole, who, after treating him and his crew with every mark of kindness, restored him his vessel, and sent on board a dog, which before had been taken from a brother, with this Biscuit suspended by a string round his neck, signifying he would not keep a brother's dog in bondage nor see him want bread. Thus the man who holds forth his hand for the relief of his necessitous brethren is fully repaid by the gratitude of those whom he obliges, by the approbation of his own mind, and the favour of that Omnipotent Being who cannot behold such a bright display of Masonic virtues without asserting his divine and everlasting approbation.

BAZAAR AND FAIR AT THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN.

WE cannot call to mind at the moment who it was that had the good sense to invent Bazaars and Fancy Fairs. We are not sufficiently up in Eastern literature of the earliest times to say whether such a means of promoting the cause of Charity was ever adopted by the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Medes and Persians, or any other among the great powers of the old world. We do not remember to have read of such things in the pages of Herodotus, Thucydides, or Xenophon. The Romans were a matter-of-fact people, and thought more about conquering other nations than of organising affairs of this kind. Besides, they had their Circus, to which their comeliest matrons thronged to see gladiatorial shows, varied occasionally by combats between wild beasts and religious enthusiasts. They manage this kind of institution very well in France, and it may be we are indebted to our lively Gallic neighbours for the invention of Bazaars and Fairs. Be this as it may, a Bazaar is one of the finest of mundane institutions, and if we were able to hand down to posterity the name of the immortal inventor, we should do so with a great deal of pleasure. As for Fancy Fairs, every Bazaar is a Bazaar and a Fair likewise—to this extent at least, that its ruling spirit is the fair fancy of the ladies whose function it is to preside at the stalls, and importune the representatives present of the less favoured sex into emptying their purses of the cash—whether superfluous or otherwise is of no moment whatever—they usually contain. If men are to be in any way useful on these occasions, they must pay handsomely for the privilege of being admitted within the precincts of the Bazaar, and gazing at the fair ladies who preside over its destinies, and those who are not prepared to submit themselves with all possible grace to this very simple ordeal should stay away. It is the duty of every lady who acts as stall-keeper at a Bazaar to leave no chance unturned of sending empty away all the male visitors that come within reach of her persuasive powers—empty, that is to say, as to their purses, though how otherwise burdened with wares, useful or useless, is of not the slightest moment. And as far as our experience goes the ladies who assisted at the Bazaar that has been held this week at Freemasons' Hall discharged this particular function with very considerable success. At least, many a man with a long-drawn face, might have been seen any day, and any hour of the day, since Tuesday, at 1 p.m., wandering disconsolately about in the neighbourhood of Great Queen-street, vaguely feeling in his pockets for the price of a glass of sherry and a biscuit, and refusing to be comforted because the price was not forthcoming; while following these were, in the case of each, one or two porters staggering under heavy loads of goods, which the owners will never be able to utilise. There is, however, this satisfaction we can promise these unhappy victims of the Masonic Fair. The cash they were persuaded into expending will do good service, and help to increase the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. There is, therefore, a certain justice in the exchange: and if the buyer is at a loss what to do with his purchases, the Fund will have no difficulty in dealing with his money!

It is just a year since Lord Rosslyn started the idea that such a Fund as the one we are considering was wanted in order to complete the work of education so liberally carried on by our Schools. The suggestion was taken up by Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and the result, in a somewhat incomplete form, is now before our readers. The Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund is now an accomplished fact, in spite of the opposition it has experienced in quarters where one had the least right to expect any. It has money in hand, and money promised which will be forthcoming when asked for, and when the accounts of the Bazaar Committee come to be made up, we anticipate the balance will be on the right side, and of a very satisfactory character. The Committee have worked hard, but particularly Bros. Dick Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun., who for weeks past have hardly known what the words, "a leisure moment," meant. It was to be expected that here and there a little something in the arrangements should get out of gear, but this amounts to little more than saying that a Masonic Bazaar and Fancy Fair is very much like Bazaars and Fancy Fairs in general; and these, again, are the work of men, and are never, therefore, perfect. We believe, however, we are justified in saying that in this particular instance, and

having regard to the scale on which the arrangements were made, there were fewer shortcomings than could reasonably have been looked for. It must be remembered by our readers that the number of entertainments set down on the programme went on increasing up till the very last moment almost, and consequently the greatest difficulty has been to spread them over the allotted space of time in such a manner that they should not clash with each other. There were no end of concerts, each day's programme showing excellently well in this respect. The large Hall, in which the Bazaar was held, was very effectively decorated with flags, banners, and appropriate devices. The ladies at the different stalls were charmingly persuasive in the fulfilment of their parts, while Bros. Cremer and others contributed loyally with a view to make the gathering a success worthy of the Craft with which the scheme is associated. The opening ceremony was very simple. The Earl of Lathom, who was accompanied by the Countess of Lathom, the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn, Lord Brooke, M.P., and his fair fiancée, Miss Maynard, merely declared "the Bazaar open," and the stall coverings forthwith disappeared, so that the varied and attractive collection of goods of every imaginable kind and price were at once on public view, and the business of the day was entered upon with the greatest activity. Ladies Lathom and Rosslyn presided for a time at one of the stalls, the first to show his appreciation of this kindness by making a purchase being the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Interim Treasurer of the Fund. The opening Concert, under Bro. C. King-Hall, was a great success, and was followed, after a sufficient interval, by Bro. Chaplin Henry's, and then came that given by Madame Barri Guido and Bro. Schubert. However, all necessary particulars will be found in the report we publish elsewhere. We need say little more, therefore, in the present article than that it must have been very gratifying to Lord Lathom to find his kindness in presiding had found its reward in the cordial support of so considerable a gathering as assembled at the hour fixed for the opening ceremony. Lord Rosslyn must have been especially gratified on finding the idea he had suggested was likely to bear such good fruit, and Bros. Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun. could not have been otherwise than pleased, that their arduous work, and that of their coadjutors on the Committee, had secured so desirable a consummation as we have no doubt will, in due course, be announced by the Committee of Management. Meanwhile, nothing remains for us but to offer our congratulations to all who have had a share in the proceedings or who have, even in the slightest degree, contributed either personally or indirectly by any influence they may have been in a position to exercise, to make this Masonic Bazaar a success among successes. Nor would it be just if we omitted to add the expression of our thanks to the many ladies who have graced the meeting by their presence and made the show one long scene of gaiety and pleasure.

For the benefit of any among our readers whose engagements may have prevented them paying a visit to the Bazaar, we are requested to state that the Committee of Management have resolved on keeping it open this day (Saturday), and afterwards there will be a little informal dance, so that those of the fair sex who have so kindly worked hard during the whole week may at the last moment themselves have just a little pleasure.

The town of Poole was the scene, on 24th ult., of an interesting Masonic ceremony in connection with the Centenary Anniversary of the Prov. G. Lodge of Dorset, and the laying of the foundation stone of a new church, by the R.W. Bro. Montague J. Guest, M.P., Grand Master of the Province. A special P.G. Lodge having been opened, the brethren marched in procession and wearing their full regalia to the site of the edifice about to be raised to the glory of the G.A.O.T.U., where the ceremony was duly and most impressively performed by the P.G. Master, assisted by his P.G. Officers, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren and spectators. Four platforms had been erected for the general accommodation, of which one was set apart for the Mayor and Corporation of Poole, the clergy, choristers, and officiating brethren; the second for the Freemasons, the third for the ladies, and the fourth for the general body of spectators. P.G. Lodge was afterwards closed, and a grand banquet followed, at the Antelope.

MARK MASONRY.

MACDONALD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 104.

THE twelfth installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when a large attendance of Grand Officers and members testified to the popularity of the Lodge and the well-known repute of both the outgoing and incoming Masters. The Lodge was opened at an early hour in the afternoon by the W.M. Bro. George Ward Verry G.S.B. and his Officers: Bros. W. P. Collins P. Prov. G. Steward S.W., F. H. Cozens P.G.Org. J.W. (the W.M. elect), N. J. Basnett P. Prov. G. Steward M.O., G. Yaxley P. Prov. G.M.O. S.O., W. Johnson S.D., T. De Loliva G.S. and Prov. G.J.D. J.D., Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. P.M. and Treas., W. Worrell P.G. Org. P.M. and Sec., James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. and D.C., T. W. Simons I.G., Alfred Williams P.G.S.D. P.M., Robert Berridge G.D.C. P.M., R. P. Spice, T. B. Humphreys, J. Manwaring, T. Nettleship, M. Mildred, A. Meade, &c. Amongst the Visitors were the V.W. Bros. F. Davison D. Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey, and D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. G. Assist. Sec.; Bros. Capt. Berridge, C. E. Soppet, W. Lake, Theodore Distin, A. Hubbard. The previous minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Henry Parker King of the Great City Lodge 1426, Auguste Leon of the Royal Alfred Lodge 780, and W. H. Bale of the Vitruvian Lodge 87 were advanced to the honourable degree, with full musical service, conducted by Bro. W. Worrell. The perfect manner in which the W.M. and all concerned performed this most interesting ceremony elicited well-deserved encomiums from the distinguished Visitors present, the D. Prov. G.M. taking occasion to remark that the prestige for good working which this Lodge throughout its whole career possessed, was rather enhanced than deteriorated as each principal Officer succeeded to the chair. The installation of Bro. F. H. Cozens (who had been elected at the urgent request of the S.W., Bro. Collins, whose ill health at the date of election had induced him to ask the members to defer his promotion for another year) was then proceeded with, and this impressive ceremony was performed by Bro. Verry with equal perfection to that which had marked all work undertaken by him during his Mastership. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. W. P. Collins S.W., N. J. P. Basnett J.W., G. Yaxley M.O., W. C. Hale S.O., W. Johnston J.O.; W. Bros. T. Meggy P.G.M.O. Treas., W. Worrell P.G.O. Sec., and James Stevens P.G.J.O. D.C.; Bros. T. De Loliva S.D., J. K. Pitt J.D., T. W. Simons R.M., T. B. Humphreys I.G., F. E. W. Collard and R. P. Spice Stewards, and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The addresses to Master, Officers, and brethren having been delivered, the Installing Master and I.P.M. Bro. Verry was presented with the P.M. jewel of the Lodge, amidst the acclamations of the brethren and hearty thanks for his zealous and effective services in the chair. Propositions for further advancement were taken, and at the conclusion of a most successful working meeting the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and psalmody. An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Ritter, the appointments and service of which gave very considerable satisfaction, and, the good things set before the company having been disposed of, grace was sung, and the usual post prandial proceedings were entered upon with confidence and ability by the new W.M. The several toasts were suitably responded to, the guests particularly complimenting the Lodge on its impressive working of ceremonial and strict attention to order and discipline, as also upon the subsequent entertainment. As a matter of course, the W.M. being a celebrity in the musical world, the selection of vocal music performed during the evening was all that could be desired, and the W.M. himself, aided by the well-known talent of Bros. Theodore Distin, T. W. Simons (the R.M.), A. Hubbard, H. Ashton, and H. Taylor, added considerably to the enjoyment of all present. As none of the previous festivals, or indeed the ordinary meetings of this Lodge, have been otherwise than most successful and agreeable, it would be very difficult to characterise this by any superlative expression. The best has always been the degree of merit attached to these gatherings, as far as our experience goes, and beyond that we cannot go, even in regard to the meeting we now report and so thoroughly enjoyed.

The Annual Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held on Wednesday next, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. Lt.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Master Middlesex and Surrey, will take the chair, and, we doubt not, will be well and numerously supported. The Fund, though not long established, has done yeoman service, and is already a well organised Masonic Institution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hants and the Isle of Wight will hold its annual meeting on Friday next, at Basingstoke. The M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, Past Grand Mark Master Mason of England, is the chief of this Province.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Shakespearian Recitals: Scenes from Hamlet, at 7.15 p.m. daily; and at 3.30 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hamlet, Mr. Marland Clarke; Ophelia, Miss H. Shea; the Queen of Denmark, Miss Eva Russell; Polonius, Mr. Heath; 1st Grave Digger, Mr. Weatherhead. Lectures on the Phenomena of Nature, the Microscope, London, Phosphorescence, &c. &c. Ghost Entertainment, Blondin, the wonderful auto-maton. Admission, 1s. Reserved Stalls, 3s., may be booked at all the Libraries.

THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT CANTERBURY.

THE consecration of the new Masonic Temple at Canterbury was performed on Tuesday, 22nd ult., by the Right W. Prov. G.M. Viscount Holmesdale (Baron Amherst), assisted by the Right W. D. Prov. G.M. Bro. J. Eastes. A large number of the brethren of the three Lodges, had assembled on the opening of the United Lodge, and several visiting brethren from other towns were also present. An imposing procession was formed to conduct the Right W. Prov. Grand Master to the new Temple. The elements of consecration were contained in the splendid vessels belonging to the Grand Lodge of England. These were borne by the leading Officers and brethren. The Lodge having been duly constituted, the ceremony of consecration commenced. Bro. P.M. Picher, President of the Building Committee, in a brief address explained to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the steps which had been taken by the brethren of the Canterbury Lodges to provide for their Craft a suitable home, and a fitting Temple in which the beautiful ceremonies of Masonry may be duly performed. He alluded with much emotion to the absence of one who a few months before had taken a prominent part in laying the corner stone of the building. The brethren had met almost for the first time within those walls in a Lodge of sorrow for the death of the W.M. of the Royal Military Lodge, Bro. H. Miskin. He also called attention to the truly Masonic self denial of Bro. J. Green Hall, the architect, and Bro. J. E. Wiltshier, the builder of the new Temple. The former had designed and drawn the plans free of cost, and the latter had erected the building in the best style for much less than the cost of the materials and labour. In conclusion, he referred to the services which Lord Holmesdale had rendered to the Province, and requested him to consecrate and dedicate the building to Masonry. Lord Holmesdale signified his pleasure to do so, and called upon the Rev. and W. Bro. Dr. Mangan to give the inaugural oration. Dr. Mangan alluded to the oration he had delivered at the laying of the corner stone, and reminded the brethren that the event for which they were assembled was of great rarity and significance. He eloquently enumerated the virtues which Masonry enforces, and reminded the brethren how small a part of Masonry was its outward ceremonial. He trusted that many succeeding generations of brethren might meet within those walls in harmony and the practice of every duty binding upon them as Masons. An anthem having been sung by the musical brethren present, the lesson appropriate to the inauguration of a Masonic building was impressively read and the Chaplain offered the solemn prayer of Consecration. The essential ceremony of Dedication was then performed in a most impressive manner by the Right W. Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Eastes, W. Bro. Thrope as S.W., W. Bro. P. Higham as J.W. the Rev. Bro. Mangan, D.D., LL.D., as Chaplain, and other brethren. Throughout the whole of the ceremonies the W. Bro. H. Ward P.G.W. Wilts efficiently acted as D.C., Bro. J. Plant ably presided at the harmonium, and with Bros. Rhodes, Moulding, and Higgins, rendered most effectively the anthems and chants of the service. At the conclusion of the Consecration the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Bro. Hemery P.G.W. Kent, expressed the thanks of the brethren to the R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Holmesdale for his kindness in consenting to perform the ceremony. Lord Holmesdale, in reply, said it had afforded him much pleasure to be present and to observe how admirably the edifice raised by the brethren seemed to be suited to the purpose for which it had been designed. His lordship returned to the Architect, Bro. J. G. Hall, the plans, and heartily congratulated him on the successful execution of his designs. Bro. the Rev. F. King Vicar of South Molton, North Devon, P.G.C. Wilts, then rising to offer congratulations from the brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge of Wilts, in very eloquent language impressed on the brethren to take into their thoughts the true significance of the beautiful ceremonies they had assisted to perform. He alluded to the fact that Masonry is not a mere matter of ceremony of clothing or of jewels, but an obligation to brotherly love and fellowship. He had experienced the true spirit of Masonry in many parts of the world; a helping hand was ever ready to succour and relieve a brother in trouble, anxiety or distress. He had himself come from the extreme West of England to show his sympathy with the brethren of Canterbury, and he had been also entrusted by the brethren of the Elias de Derham Lodge with the pleasing duty to make a presentation of a valuable piece of Masonic furniture to the brethren of Lodge 31, Canterbury. The brethren who sent that desired to associate with the gift the name of a loved and respected brother who had left them to reside in Canterbury—Bro. H. Ward. He was not surprised to learn the estimation in which Bro. Ward was held in Canterbury, for he had long known his untiring love and zeal for Masonry before he left Wilts. Bro. W. Tice W.M. 31, in a few appropriate words, acknowledged the valuable gift of the brethren of the Salisbury Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the proceedings terminated. In consequence of the death of Bro. Miskin it was felt that it was impossible to hold the banquet which had originally formed part of the arrangements for the day. His Worship the Mayor privately entertained the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master.—*Canterbury Press.*

Mount Calvary Encampment of Knights Templar.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th June, at Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Knights C. H. Driver E.C., T. C. Walls 1st Capt., W. Paas Treas., D. M. Dewar Reg., Jas. Rawles Equerry, Past E.C. Sir Knight Rosenthal and Knights Comp. Larden, F. Driver, Graveley, Glenn, and others. Visitor—Knight Comp. J. E. Anderson. After the Encampment was opened, the muster roll was called, and the minutes confirmed. Comps. Dodson and Tisley were installed as Knights Companion of the Order, and Sir Knight Hyde Pallen elected an honorary member. The Encampment being closed, a Priory of Malta was opened, and Sir Knights Companion Dodson, Tisley, and Anderson were duly installed as Knights of that Order.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

THE annual distribution of prizes, at the Boys' School, Wood Green, took place last Saturday, in the presence of a large number of visitors. With a very few exceptions the members of the House Committee were present in order to receive, in company with the Rev. Dr. Morris, the head Master, the chairman of the day, the Right Honorable the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. G. Master of W. Lancashire, who was supported by a strong gathering of stewards, brethren, and ladies, the Grand Secretary Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerke being also present. The Programme opened with two part songs by the choir, the first of which being entitled "God Bless the Prince" was sufficiently appropriate, seeing that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master is the President of the Institution. The distribution of prizes to the first three classes then took place, and was followed by two more part songs and Williams's Farce in one act, "Jack's Delight." The prizes to the junior classes as well as those given as special prizes by the House Committee, and by private donors, having been given to their several winners, there next came more part songs and another one act Farce, Gilbert A'Beckett's "Turned Head." The remaining prizes having been distributed, the National Anthem was sung. Such in outline was the programme of the day's proceedings, but a few further particulars are desirable. The arrangements gave the greatest satisfaction, and the noble Chairman expressed himself highly pleased with them. The choir and band sang and played with taste and judgment, so proving they had profited by the excellent instruction they had received. The farces went extremely well. The boys entered fully into the spirit of the parts assigned them, while several of them showed considerable elocutionary and dramatic power, E. H. Murrant, who carried off Bro. Capt. Wordsworth's prize for elocution being especially worthy of commendation. As regards the prizes, the Silver Medal for good conduct given by the Institution was awarded to Jas. Saunders Davies. The Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice Patron and P.M. No. 657, to John Henry Woodbine, and the Silver Watch and Chain for general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° A. and A. Rite to a pupil on leaving the school, to Charles Sage. The special prizes apportioned out of the sum of £23, being the interest on a fund of Five Hundred Guineas, established by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657 and Vice Patron, were awarded to the ten boys who successfully passed the Cambridge Local Examination, Juniors, in December, 1879, namely, A. H. Stephenson, H. B. Brock, E. L. Price, who took First Class Honors; W. B. Evans, W. E. Cole, and A. R. Parker, who took Second Class Honors; C. D. Barrett, E. S. Robinson, and M. B. Ellis Third Class Honors; and H. M. Fenmore, distinguished for German—Certificate Fourth Class. The prize winners, in the several classes, were as follows: First Class, C. Sage, first Scripture, second English; A. H. Stephenson first Classics and French and German; E. L. Price, first Mathematics, second Scripture and French and German; H. Brock, first English, second Classics, second Mathematics. Second Class: E. H. Murrant, Classics and French and German; W. B. Tyler, Mathematics; S. G. Nash, English. Third Class: E. Taylor, Latin; C. Jackson, Mathematics; J. Tanare, French; and G. Perrin, English. Fourth Class: R. Rees, Latin and Mathematics; R. Hall, French and English. Fifth Class: F. Godfrey, Latin and French; A. Salter, Arithmetic; H. Searle, English. Sixth Class: W. Bayley, the two prizes for English and Arithmetic respectively. The House Committee Prizes were awarded thus—Writing: 1 A. C. Featherstone, 2 G. Robinson; Dictation: 1 E. H. Murrant, 2 G. Sparkes; History: 1 H. Brock, 2 W. E. Cole; Geography: 1 C. Sage, 2 H. Brock; Mental Arithmetic: 1 E. L. Price, 2 H. Brock; General Attention to Studies: 1 E. L. Price, 2 C. Sage; Efficiency as Monitor: 1 J. E. Prentice, 2 J. E. Buttrey; Proficiency in Drill: 1 J. E. Prentice, 2 T. E. Coulthurst. Captain Wordsworth's Prize for Elocution was, as we have stated already, awarded to E. H. Murrant. Dr. Morris's Prizes were carried off by W. E. Cole (attention to studies), Proficiency in Drawing (M. B. Ellis), Elocution (E. H. Murrant and G. Sparkes), and Perseverance (G. Robinson and G. Sparkes). A. C. Featherstone secured Bro. E. Bowyer's Prize for Book-keeping, and H. Pulman Bro. Meggy's for the same subject. Mr. Sylvester's Prizes for Drawing were awarded to A. H. Stephenson (Freehand), W. Jackson (Painting), H. B. Brock and W. E. Cole (Shading), A. R. Parker (Architecture), and G. Robinson (Pen and Ink Drawing). The prizes given by Mr. Holmes, the musical instructor, were carried off by J. Swallow, F. Dunnaway, and H. Carter.

Lord Lathom having fulfilled his task of presenting the honors so worthily earned, addressed those present briefly. He expressed himself satisfied with the arrangements for the day's proceedings, and congratulated the head master and the school authorities generally on the success which had so manifestly resulted from their efforts on behalf of the pupils. He offered some very sensible advice to the boys themselves, and laid special stress on the fact that out of eleven of them who presented themselves for examination at the Cambridge Local Examination, Juniors, in December of last year, no less than ten passed. Three of these took first class honors, and three second class, so that he was fully justified in saying the school enjoyed a high reputation among other schools in the Metropolis. His lordship also mentioned incidentally that Lord Henniker had offered a prize of £5 for the boy who most distinguished himself at the Cambridge Local Examination. It only remains to be added that the examiners—J. H. Taylor, Esq., M.A. Oxon and Camb., and B.Sc. London; the Rev. R. Carlos, Head Mathematical Master of Christ's Hospital, and the Rev. J. Twentyman, Vice-Master of King's College School, reported most favorably of the educational progress of the boys, the first-mentioned saying that it was one of the best schools he had ever been privileged to examine. All interested in the success of this Institution cannot but regard such testimony as in the highest degree complimentary, not only to the ability and general intelligence of the pupils, but likewise to the admirable

system of tuition and government pursued by the authorities, both scholastic and managerial.

A cold collation brought a most successful programme to an end, the authorities thus proving they were as keenly alive to the duties and responsibilities of host as they were to the not less serious duties of a school executive.

GRAND BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR IN AID OF THE R.M. PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE patrons and supporters of the Supplementary Fund recently started for the purpose of assisting deserving pupils on leaving our schools have every reason to be satisfied with what has been done thus far on its behalf. Not only has there been a fair aggregate of contributions as well as of promised annual subscriptions, but the Bazaar which has been held this week at the Freemasons' Tavern, and was opened under most auspicious circumstances by the Deputy Grand Master of England, seems from all that we can gather to have been a great success. Bro. A. Best, the proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, deserves the warmest thanks of the Masonic community for having placed the whole of his premises at the disposal of the Bazaar Committee. The Great Hall was most tastefully decorated, the stalls were well furnished with a large and varied assortment of goods, the ladies who had kindly charged themselves with the task of presiding at these stalls were most enthusiastic in their efforts to put money in the Committee's purse, and the visitors were nothing loth to render what assistance was in their power. In short, all seems to have gone as merrily as a marriage bell, and accordingly the result, in spite of the indifference which the plan appears to have experienced among the more narrow-minded or jealous members of the fraternity, would seem to have been a great success.

As the objects of the new fund have been again and again misrepresented, it is as well, perhaps, to say a few words as to its origin and intention. It will be within the recollection of our readers that when Lord Rosslyn presided at the Festival of the Boys' School last year, it struck him that, while the school itself and its belongings appeared to be most admirably conducted, there was still one thing wanting in order to make the good work that was being done complete. This one thing was a fund from which pupils who had conducted themselves well during their career at the school and who were proved to be without friends or means to help them might obtain the wherewith to aid them at their start in life. As his lordship very reasonably pointed out, the most critical period in a person's existence was when he left school for the purpose of launching forth into the world. He had received a sound education, but the important question that presented itself was how could that sound education be turned to account. With a posse of friends to back him up, of course such a point would easily be satisfied, but all are not so fortunately circumstanced, and it was in behalf of those who are willing enough to do their best but are unable to see their way to turning that best to account that this Supplementary Pupils' Assistance Fund was started. The seed thus cast at hazard fell on good soil, and no long time elapsed ere it bore fruit. Bro. Dick Radclyffe who, on many previous occasions has furnished various proofs of his interest not only in Masonry, but likewise in the Institutions which are associated with it, took steps to give effect to Lord Rosslyn's suggestion, and set on foot a plan for organizing a Pupils' Supplementary Fund of the character indicated. The scheme was most favourably received by the Craft, and, as to the Masonic Press, it was found impossible to speak of it in too favourable terms; but suggestions poured in without number, and these gave a certain warranty to the idea that it was in contemplation to establish a fourth Masonic Charity. As a matter of course these suggestions, when sifted, were reduced to very minute proportions, and the proposed Fund took the form which at the very outset was intended. And in order to promote the success of Lord Rosslyn's suggestion, it was resolved on holding a Bazaar and Fancy Fair—an institution which, whenever the name of Charity is invoked, invariably finds favour with the public. A sound working Committee, with a brace of energetic secretaries in the persons of Bros. Dick Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun., were entrusted with the arrangements, and if there is a fault to find with the work they did, it is, undoubtedly, that the programme of the gathering was too formidable. To say nothing of the Bazaar, with its handsomely furnished stalls and their fair attendants, there were promised entertainments enough for well nigh a whole year—all, of necessity, crowded into the space of four or five days. Consequently, the difficulty on the part of visitors has been not to find the particular amusement suited to their taste, but to determine which among the items in the programme could be overlooked without loss of pleasure. It will be gathered from these remarks that the arrangements for the Bazaar during the current week left little, if anything, to be desired. Well-directed energy works wonders, and no one who has had a hand in organizing the energy which has been displayed need have any fear as to the amount of praise which is properly his due.

We do not venture to say the scheme has met with no opposition. Even the weight of such names as the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters of England, and the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland were powerless to prevent this. What is still more amusing is, that many who at first hailed Lord Rosslyn's suggestion with delight have since found out a way of proving their satisfaction by doing all they possibly could to resist the establishment of this Fund. Others there are who fight shy for the present, and until they know whether success is probable as well as possible; and among these we include not only the ignoramus and the obstructive, but also the would-be aristocratic section of the Craft, the men who think more of the paraphernalia and high degrees than they do of the legitimate teachings of our beloved Society. Well, we are grateful rather than otherwise for this opposition. It has already, in its somewhat circumscribed spheres, proved a valuable aid in setting the Pupils' Assist-

ance Fund firmly on its legs, and we may certainly reckon on its support when the Fund has been once established. There is thus a fortunate combination of opposition and support, which, in the long run, must tell favourably, and for this reason we regard the week's doings under the hospitable roof of Bro. Best as a most auspicious beginning for a movement which deserves, if it has not yet commanded, the most complete success.

The Bazaar was opened on Tuesday at the appointed hour of one p.m. The Right Honorable the Earl of Lathom with his Countess, supported by the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn, Lord Brooke, M.P., and his fiancée, Miss Maynard, played the leading part in the opening ceremony, which was of the simplest form and character. The Great Hall, at Freemasons' Tavern, was most tastefully decorated with flags, banners, and devices of various descriptions, and when Lord Lathom, who arrived punctually at the hour fixed, announced in the simplest language possible that the Bazaar was open, the coverings of the different stalls were at once removed, and the business of the day began forthwith, the Ladies Lathom and Rosslyn themselves presiding at one of the stalls. Among those present were the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Interim Treas. to the Fund, who was the first brother to encourage those ladies in their laudable task. Bro. Magnus Ohren, Assist. Gr. Director of Ceremonies, and well nigh all the members of the Committee of Management assisted. The opening concert was given by Bro. C. King-Hall, and he is to be congratulated on the excellence of his arrangements, as well as on the admirable vocal display made by the artists who so kindly assisted him. Later in the day other concerts were given in different parts of the Tavern, namely, those of Bro. Chaplin Henry, and Madame Barri Guido and Bro. Schubert. The promise of good music, most ably interpreted, which the bare announcement of these entertainments had raised, was most fully satisfied, and if the visitors experienced some difficulty in disposing of themselves so as to be in more than one place at one and the same time, and if in some cases the audience might have been more numerous, that does not in the slightest degree detract from the merits of these performances or from the loyalty of the service rendered by the different ladies and gentlemen who attended. The great centre of attraction was, of course, the Hall, where at each stall quite a bevy of fair ladies left no effort untried to dispose of their wares. The large stall in the centre which, apart from its commanding position and size, was also one of the most attractive, was under the charge of Mrs. Funkenstein, agent for French manufacturers of glass, china, &c., of 112 Southampton Row, Holborn. Here was gathered together a large and varied assortment of Bohemian and French glass, Japanese china ware, and other attractive articles, varying in price, so as to suit the pockets of all classes of intending purchasers, from threepence to twenty guineas. The stall on the right of the entrance was in charge of Madame Fontaine-Besson. Here, too, was a brilliant display of all kinds of wares, and it is needless to say how well the lady in question discharged her duties. Mrs. and the Misses Constable assisted at one of the stalls on the left, Mrs. and the Misses Morgan at one on the right. Mrs. and Miss Cremer, in conjunction with Mrs. and Miss Pond, exerted themselves most effectually in the sale of fruit, flowers, photographs, music, toys. Mrs. Radclyffe presided at another stall, and must have materially assisted in promoting the success of her husband's labours. Bro. John Constable had his Fine Art Gallery excellently well arranged at the back of the dais. The collection was most interesting one, and its attraction was considerably heightened by the fact that a number of drawings by the pupils of the Boys' School was hung in the gallery, thus rendering what of itself was one of the chief attractions of the fair still more attractive. Mrs. Bland had charge of the magic stall, where conjuring tricks of every kind, from the simplest to the most elaborate, were offered for sale. Among other ladies who helped in this department were Miss Levy, Mrs. Loewenstark, Mrs. Gambier, Mrs. Rosenthal, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Hopwood, &c., &c., and each and all of them worked most energetically in the good cause. Professor Faber's talking machine was also present, and Professor Harris's wonderful "Cockie" displayed its powers to a succession of delighted visitors. Bro. Cremer's Surprise Aquarium, containing queer fish for anglers of all ages, the waters being strictly preserved and available for guests throughout each day, proved a source of amusement, while the band of the pupils of the Institution were likewise present at intervals and gave proof of their proficiency and skill in a manner which evoked hearty applause from all who heard them. On Wednesday, one of the chief features was Mr. Probert's concert, which was given in the Great Hall, and was deservedly well received by all who listened to it. A choice selection of glees and part songs was given, and in a manner and with a taste which left nothing to be desired. Messrs. Toole, Walter Joyce, Harry Paulton, and Lionel Brough contributed in their several ways to the general amusement, and as it would be difficult to find any among our readers who are unacquainted with the merits of these popular favourites, we may content ourselves with saying that their several contributions were very far from being the least effective portion of the general proceedings. Thursday and to-day (Friday) varied only in some few particulars from the former days, save that in the course of the afternoon General Tom Thumb, Commodore Knott, and party, by kind permission of Professor Millar, held a reception, which was numerously attended. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz's concert was given in the Crown Room of the Tavern, at 8 p.m., the artists who took part in it including Miss Minnie Hank, Madame Marie Rozc, Madame Thaddens Wells, Madame Liebhart, &c., &c. We have no space for details, suffice it to say that it was a splendid concert, in every way worthy of Bro. Ganz, who organised it. At the close of the day a vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. Toole, was proposed to the ladies who had so kindly given their services and carried with acclamation. In the absence of Bro. Constable this well-merited compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Dick Radclyffe. To-day the proceedings will be of the same character, only that when the labours of the Bazaar are ended there will be a little impromptu dance arranged, so that the ladies who have worked so well during the week may have at last some slight set-off in the way of pleasure in return for their valuable assistance.

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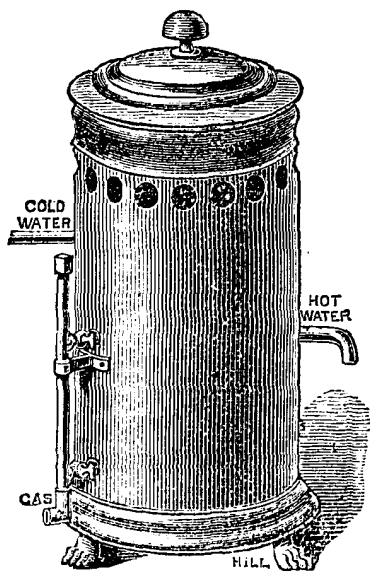
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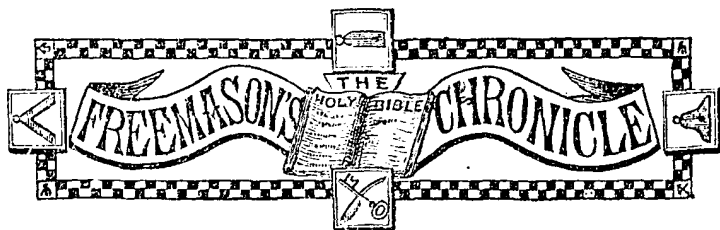
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William Henry Smyth, J.P., Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on the throne; Wor. Bro. E. Locock Deputy P.G.M., also Worshipful Bros. C. F. Bonner 469 P.G.S.W., W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W., Rev. T. P. Holdich 1286 P.G.C., C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treas., H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg., F. D. Marsden 712 P.G. Secretary, W. Finlay 1232 P.G.S.D., James Hodgins 985 P.G.J.D., W. H. Roberts 792 P.G.D.C., B. Vickers P.G. Asst. D.C., R. Garfit 1600 P.G.S.B., T. C. Lazenby 297 P.G. Standard Bearer, A. W. Lambert 588 P.G.O., Robert Thorpe 588 P.G.P.; James Eley 2726, T. M. Wilkinson 297, E. Wilson 1304, and A. L. Peacock 1381 P.G. Stewards, and Benjamin Box 422 P.G. Tyler; also Worshipful Bros. R. J. Ward 297 P.P.G.S.W., F. Watson 1386 P.P.G.J.W., T. E. Jacobson 588 P.P.G.J.W., W. Smart 272 P.P.G.J.W., J. A. Thomas 272 P.P.G.J.W., W. H. Bailes 272 P.P.G.J.W. (West Yorkshire), H. Sharp 1304 P.P.G.J.W., J. Bellamy 588 P.P.G.J.W., Henry Bates 469 P.P.G.J.W., J. 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Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the Hymn of Invocation sung, the roll of Lodges was called, producing the following result:—Harmony 10, Witham 30, Doric 10, Yarborough 6, Shakespeare 6, Hundred of Elloe 9, St. Botolph's 9, Lindsey 11, Pelham Pillar 5, Franklin 11, Alexandra 6, Hereward 4, Ancholme 4, Bayons 7, St. Albans 4, Olive Union 10, St. Hugh 26, St. Matthew 7, Isle of Axholme 2, Hamilton 6, Visitors 5; making a total of 189; the discrepancy between this number and the number of signatures being accounted for by the fact that several brethren are members of more than one Lodge. Every Lodge in the Province had its representative. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Wor. Bros. J. Chapman 1294 P.G.S.W., J. Woodward 469 P.G.S., and J. W. Richardson 712 P.G.S. Fraternal greetings were also sent by Worshipful Bros. J. P. Bell, M.D., Deputy P.G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, the Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 P.P.G. Chap., and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A letter was afterwards read by the R.W. P.G.M. from Wor. Bro. Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., P.P.G.C., announcing his regret and inability to attend P.G. Lodge on account of recent family bereavement. It was proposed by the R.W. P.G.M., and carried unanimously, "That the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Spalding on the 19th June 1879, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read." Prov. Grand Secretary then read the minutes of an especial Provincial Grand Lodge held at Gainsborough on the 1st December 1879, at which the revised edition of the Prov. Grand Bye-laws was finally adopted: also the report of the Committee of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and Oliver Memorial Fund, showing grants made on behalf of the former during the past year to the extent of £96 4s, leaving a sum of £600 invested in freehold security for the purposes of local benevolence and education, with a balance of £155 7s 1d in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer. On behalf of the Oliver Memorial Fund, two admissions into the R.M.I.B., viz., Alfred Thomas Cole, Alexandra Lodge 985, and Phillipson Marshall, Pelham Pillar Lodge 792, had been effected by the interest accruing from this Fund, assisted by the contributions of the brethren, collected by Worshipful Bros. Jack Sutcliffe 1294, James Hodgins 985 (joint Prov. Grand Charity Stewards for 1879-80), amounting to £308 6s, leaving a sum of one thousand guineas invested in freehold security, and a balance of £17 7s 3d in the hands of the P.G. Treas. The finance statement of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund showed a balance in hand of £26 13s 3d. Bro. H. Watson 297 read the annual returns of the various Lodges in the Province, as made up to 31st December 1879, showing an increase of thirteen members during the past year, making the total number of subscribing members then as 892. Bro. W. H. Radley 838 Prov. Grand Charity Secretary, who on rising was very warmly received, then read the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee, showing at the present time a list of nine boys and eight girls in the Royal Masonic Institutions, besides seven pensioners on the Aged Masons' Benevolent Fund. Letters were read from the Rev. Dr. Morris and Miss Davis, giving satisfactory accounts of their young charges, one of the boys (W. Cole) having succeeded in obtaining second class honours at the last Cambridge Local Examination. The worthy Secretary reported, with pleasure, the addition of two Lewises as Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, viz., C. E. Bonner, Spalding, with ten votes, and G. E. Sissons, Barton-on-Humber, with two votes. Having been compelled to borrow a large number of votes to secure the election of William Black, in April last, it is feared the whole strength of the Province will be required next October to discharge the liability. The names

of two widows were given as probable candidates for election next year. On the motion of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, these reports were severally adopted, and the grants unanimously confirmed. W. Bro. E. Locock Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed, and W. Bro. C. F. Bonner 469 P.G.S.W. seconded—"That a Form of Inquiry respecting candidates for initiation who are non-residents, and also respecting joining members (similar to that now in use in the Province of West Yorkshire) be adopted in this Province, and that it shall be incumbent on the W.M. of every Lodge within the Province of Lincolnshire to observe the same." Carried unanimously. Forms of Inquiry, similar to those now used in the Province of West Yorkshire, were then ordered to be printed at the expense of Prov. Grand Lodge, and a few copies forwarded to the W.M. of each Lodge in the Province. W. Bro. W. H. Bailes 272 P.P.G.J.W. West Yorkshire gave notice, that at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge he would move—"That the obligation to observe and use such Forms of Inquiry should in future be made a Bye-law of the Province." W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. proposed, and W. Bro. W. H. Radley 838 P.G.J.W. seconded—"That during the next and following years contributions shall be solicited from the Freemasons of this Province for the purpose of raising the sum of one thousand guineas as an Investment Fund for the education of girls in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution." W. Bro. W. H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg. cordially supported the motion, remarking that had the same plan been adopted ten years ago the Province might have received the same advantage from the Royal Masonic Institutions at an actual saving of £1,823. Divers brethren having expressed the opinion that the printed reports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls contrasted somewhat unfavourably as regards economy and general efficiency with those of some other Foundations, it was proposed by W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treasurer—"That after the word 'Girls' be added 'as may be hereafter determined by Provincial Grand Lodge,' and the remainder of the resolution to be erased to the end. W. Bro. Sissons having accepted the amendment of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, the resolution, as amended, was submitted to the assembled brethren, and carried unanimously. Before asking Bro. Sissons to speak to the second part of the proposition standing in his name on the agenda paper, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master begged to say that he had that morning received a letter from Worshipful Brother the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., regretting that, on account of family bereavement, he should be unable to be present to propose the next resolution, which stood in his name, and which might have some bearing upon the present question, seeing which he inquired if any brother present was empowered to take it up in the absence of the Rev. Doctor. Receiving no reply thereto, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master requested Bro. Sissons to proceed. Thereupon W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. proposed, and W. Bro. W. Smart 272 P.P.G.J.W. seconded—"That the Fund shall consist of an Investment and Interest Fund, under the same rules and regulations as the Oliver Memorial Fund, and that, as a fitting token of respect to the recently appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and as a proof of appreciation of his earnestness and zeal from the brethren of the Province, such girls as may hereafter benefit by the Fund shall be known and designated as the Smyth Scholars." W. Bro. Samuel T. Haddelsey W.M. 1294 cordially supported the proposition, which on being put to the brethren, was carried unanimously. W. Bro. H. Watson 297 P.G. Registrar proposed, and W. Bro. C. F. Bonner 469 P.G.S.W. seconded—"That an honorarium of £20 be given to the Prov. Grand Secretary from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, for the satisfactory and faithful manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of his office; and that in consequence of increased duties the Prov. Grand Secretary shall in future be paid a yearly honorarium of £20 from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund." Carried unanimously. W. Bro. H. Watson Prov. Grand Registrar proposed, and W. Bro. James Loughton I.P.M. 422 seconded—"That W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. be invited to accept the office of Prov. Grand Charity Steward for the ensuing year in connection with the Smyth Scholarship Fund." W. Bro. W. H. Sissons having signified his willingness to undertake the office, subject to the hearty co-operation of the brethren of his Lodge (St. Matthew's 1447), he was unanimously elected. On the proposition of Bro. R. J. Ward 297 P.P.G.S.W., seconded by W. Bro. G. H. Shipley 291 P.P.G. Treasurer and P.P.G.S.W., W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 was, for the fifteenth year, unanimously re-elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bros. James Fowler 712 P.P.G.S.W. and William Griffin 712 P.P.G.D. of C. were unanimously re-elected Auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

W. Bro. Edmond Locock 712	-	-	Deputy Prov. Grand Master
T. M. Wilkinson 297	-	-	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
G. M. Lowe, M.D. 1386	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. P. Jones 1294	-	-	Chaplain
C. M. Nesbitt 712 (re-appointed)	-	-	Treasurer
Henry Watson 297	-	-	Registrar
F. D. Marsden 712	-	-	Secretary
T. C. Johnson 1600	-	-	Senior Deacon
Alfred Taylor 1482	-	-	Junior Deacon
S. G. Gamble 362	-	-	Supt. of Works
W. H. Roberts 792 (re-appointed)	-	-	D. of Ceremonies
J. W. Palmer 838	-	-	A.D. of Cer.
J. B. Swallow 1447	-	-	Sword Bearer
P. P. Dickinson 297	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. H. B. Beatley 272	-	-	Organist
John Loughton 422	-	-	Pursuivant
C. F. Liversedge 422	-	-	Steward
H. J. Seels jun. 426	-	-	"
J. R. Dudding 1282	-	-	"
W. Cocking 1286	-	-	"
W. Rainforth 1386	-	-	"
Wm. Gray 1447	-	-	"
Benjamin Box 422	-	-	Tyler

Heartly good wishes having been expressed, Prov. Grand Lodge

was closed in due form, and the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, attended by his newly appointed Officers, retired. The Lodge was then finally closed by the Wor. Master (Bro. Rainforth) and Officers of the St. Hugh Lodge. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Old Corn Exchange, where a banquet was presided over by the R.W. P. Grand Master, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The toast-list was interspersed with some capital singing, in which all the brethren took part. The rendering of the "Masonic Auld Lang Syne," by Bro. W. Mortimer J.W. 1386, to whom the credit of the decoration of the Masonic Hall mainly is due, being especially applauded. Special facilities were afforded by the various railway companies for the transit of the brethren. It is understood that the annual meeting in 1881 will (D.V.) be held at Sleaford.

On 24th June, being St. John the Baptist's Day, the Annual Commemoration Service of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem was, by kind permission of the Queen, held in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, the sermon being preached by the Rev. John Oakley, Vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton. This Order must not be confounded with the Masonic Order bearing a somewhat similar designation. It is a philanthropic Society, and the value of its labours during the last four years has been chiefly illustrated in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association which did such excellent service in the field during the Russo-Turkish War. Subsequently, a general assembly of Knights, members, and associates met at the Chapter-house, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, where, after a most satisfactory report had been rendered of the progress made during the past year by the various branches of the Order, and especially of the Ambulance Association, a paper was read by our Wor. Bro. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chaplain, entitled "Gleanings from Malta," in the course of which our Rev. Brother described at some length, and in a manner which received the strict attention of his audience, the buildings and other relics of the Order yet existing in the island of Malta. In the unavoidable absence of the Duke of Manchester, Sir E. Perrott, Bart., presided, and among those present were Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and other Masons.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to an announcement which appears this week in our advertisement columns, and is to the effect that Bro. Niedzielski's Grand Evening Concert will be held in Steinway Hall, on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock. Bro. Niedzielski is one of the foremost violinists of the day, as those who have been privileged to visit the Polish National Lodge know right well. Moreover, he will be supported by a most formidable array of musical talent, among them being Mdle. Marie de Lido, Mdle. Avigliana, Madame Osborn Williams, Miss Mary Cummings, Signori De Lara, Vergara, Monari-Rocca, and Tito Mattei, the last named of whom will play the pianoforte.

"Happy Thoughts" are not confined to the pages of our facetious contemporary, *Punch*, and for once in the way we must plead guilty to the charge of having suggested a happy thought indeed. At the same time, while we feel it incumbent on us to plead guilty to this grave charge, and submit with all proper respect to the sentence which the court of Public Opinion may think fit to pass on us, we are so far fortunately circumstanced that we are in a position to offer what the French are wont to call extenuating circumstances as a palliation for our conduct. All the week through we have been suffering from a severe attack of Bazaar on the brain. No wonder then we should have evolved out of our inner consciousness the bright idea that the members of the School Band would be delighted if we were able to bother people into raising a sum of money sufficient to purchase a Prize Instrument for their use. We knew we should be able to enlist the kindly offices of one of the most active supporters of the Bazaar, and accordingly, we had no sooner conceived this happy thought than we revealed it to the head master, Bro. Dr. Morris, and having pointed out to him the kind of instrument we desired to secure, he showed what he thought of our scheme by putting down his name for half a guinea. We followed suit, as a matter of course, as the author of the idea could not allow himself to be an absentee. Bros. Binckes, Terry, and others also put their names down, and we are in a position to say that by this time probably the cornet is fairly on its way to Wood Green. We may

add that Madame Fontaine-Besson, who has taken a great interest in the Bazaar, and has herself personally presided at one of the best stalls in the Hall, will probably let a second, a third, it may be even a fourth, instrument find its way in the same direction on the same or similar conditions. Brethren, therefore, who have not yet had the privilege of contributing their share towards this admirable purpose, need labour under no misapprehension that their mites will not be acceptable. So, with the showman we say, Walk up, ladies and gentlemen—all contributions will be thankfully received! Walk up! Walk up! Be it added, however, that we are greatly indebted to Bros. Festa, H. Thompson, Barfield, and others, who cordially helped us in obtaining subscriptions, the last mentioned throwing into his work an immense amount of energy.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1297.—The usual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and was very numerously attended. Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers, as follow:—W. G. Kent S.W., G. W. Gardiner J.W., W. Rosenthal D.D., Chaplain, J. Woodrow P.M. Sec., C. K. Crouch P.M., J. Allen P.M., T. Perrin S.D., Montague Vizetelli J.D., B. Cooke I.G., J. Craig Organist, B. Fulwood D.C. and J. B. Crump W.S. There was a large attendance of the brethren, among the visitors present in Lodge were Bros. E. Healey 1185, A. Rosenthal S.W. 1673, P. Le Quin 877, Chatterton 1692, and A. R. Roders S.D. 1670. The business consisted of passing Bro. Johnson, and initiating Mr. A. J. Bellis, which having been gone through to the satisfaction of the brethren, some formal business was transacted. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, where the tables were graced by the presence of a goodly array of ladies—wives, sisters and daughters of the brethren. It fell to the lot of Bro. Montague Vizetelli to respond for the toast of the ladies, and he humorously remarked that the members of the West Kent Lodge had shown their appreciation of the fair sex by taking wives unto themselves in so large a number, there being few unmarried members of the Lodge.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 29th June. Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227 in the chair, P.M. Masto S.W. and Preceptor, Lowne J.W., Watson I.G., Worsley Secretary, also Bros. White, Myers, Smith, Pavitt, Fyfe, Keable, Rawe, Sadler, and Johnson, whom we were very pleased to see return again after his very long and serious illness. Lodge was opened in due form to the second degree, when the Installation Ceremony was beautifully rehearsed by the W.M., he installing Bro. Masto into the chair of K.S. Bro. Masto resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fyfe being candidate. Bro. Lowne worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Worsley the second, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed and adjourned till Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at 7.30. the committee for carrying out the summer banquet will meet at seven; the Committee beg to announce that they are quite full for numbers, and cannot possibly take any more names; full particulars previous to the day will be announced in this journal.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, Shoenburyness.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., when Bro. A. Lucking P.M. and P.Z. Prov. G.D.C. presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. C. Eltham. There were also present Bros. G. J. Glascock S.W., J. M. Fair J.W., J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G.D.C. Sec., W. D. Merritt S.D. 1000 acting S.D., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chap. J.D., S. M'Call Walker I.G., Whittingham Tyler; J. Ayling, B. Green, J. English, H. Church, T. Bertram, J. N. Carey, R. H. Butcher, S. Turner. Visitors—Bros. C. D. Pardon P.M. 36 (I.C.), T. F. Barrett J.W. 1000, H. Waite 1059, H. H. Hewlett 1305, C. Higham 1525, J. Williams, and R. Soars 1536. The acting W.M. passed Bros. J. N. Carey, R. H. Butcher, and T. Bertram to the 2nd degree, and afterwards initiated Messrs. Agamemnon Betenson, Thomas Adam Hamlin, Henry Gunnell, and Hector McLean into the mysteries of Freemasonry. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

The annual excursion in connection with the Temple Lodge of Instruction took place on Wednesday, 16th June. The brethren left the Temple, Princess-Square, Plymouth, at two p.m., and proceeded to Yealhampton in waggons, provided by Bro. Wyatt. After refreshments at Bro. Leigh's, and having been joined by brethren Yealhampton and Madbury, the party visited the celebrated caverns of Kitley, special permission having been kindly granted by Mr. B. J. P. Bastard. The subterranean passages and galleries were on this occasion illuminated, and lights were also distributed amongst the brethren, thus enabling them to fully explore the various objects of interest and antiquity. The formations were in many respects most strange, curious, and astonishing. A deposit of bones, imbedded in the strata, forming the roof of one of the passages. Tom Taylor, the guide, proved very useful and entertaining, and the visit was extremely pleasing and attractive.

THE BOYS' FESTIVAL.

WE append the list of Stewards, with the several amounts collected or subscribed. Where no amount is inserted the list had not been received up to the time of our going to press.

PROVINCES.

	Stewards	£	s	d
Berks and Bucks	4	105	18	0
Cheshire	11	313	12	6
Cumberland and Westmoreland	1	63	0	0
Derbyshire	2	47	6	6
Dorsetshire	2	169	1	0
Durham	2	136	10	0
Essex	4	89	5	0
Gloucestershire	5	234	3	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	5	222	3	0
Herts	2	290	0	0
Kent	11	563	0	0
Lancashire Eastern Division	22	378	2	0
" Western "	60	2,664	18	6
Leicester and Rutland	1	194	5	0
Lincoln	2	44	12	0
Middlesex	11	403	2	6
Monmouthshire	1	26	5	0
Norfolk	2	207	13	0
Northumberland	1	638	17	0
Oxfordshire	2	19	19	0
Somersetshire	1	106	1	0
Staffordshire	1	36	15	0
Suffolk	3	99	15	0
Surrey	5	123	18	0
Sussex	1	84	0	0
Warwickshire	4	162	10	0
Worcestershire	1			
Yorkshire North and East	5	52	10	0
" West	28	450	0	0
North Wales and Salop	5	265	17	0
South " Eastern Division	1	126	5	0
" " Western Division	1	300	0	0
Mark Degree	1	91	16	0
	209	9,721	0	0

LONDON.

Grand Stewards	F Binckes	140	3	0
Grand Masters	1 J W Fuller	15	15	0
Antiquity	2 C R Rivington	48	6	0
Fidelity	3 W C Clark	30	19	0
Royal Somerset and Inverness	4 R G Hale	15	15	0
St. George and Corner Stone	5 J H Hall	34	13	0
Friendship	6 Lord Cremorne	21	0	0
Royal York of Perseverance	7 J Marnham	21	10	6
British	8 W Wellsman	16	16	0
Albion	9 J Forbes	100	0	0
Westminster and Key-stone	10 Rev. J Robbins, D.D.	32	10	0
Enoch	11 F J Curlier	52	10	0
Tuscan	14 P C F Tatham			
Kent	15 J Pinder	31	10	0
Old Dundee	18 J E Anderson	37	16	0
Royal Athelstan	19 E B Grantham	52	10	0
Emulation	21 W W Williams	37	16	0
Robert Burns	25 J Lindner	32	11	0
Old Kings Arms	28 E J Stonoham	43	1	0
St. Albans	29 J H Bott	24	13	0
Britannic	33 J B Batten	15	4	0
Old Union	46 W Kingsbury	49	7	0
Gihon	49 A Williams	51	9	0
Constitutional	55 W H Marston	56	3	6
Royal Naval	59 R Mothersill	69	16	6
Peace and Harmony	60 D Nicols	24	3	0
Grenadiers	66 J A Rucker	35	14	0
Regularity	91 I C Strong	44	2	0
Moirs	92 H F Auldjo	10	10	0
Temple	101 W. George	40	19	0
St. George's	140 E. Johnson	47	15	6
Prudent Brethren	145 W R Lister			
Sadogan	162 J Lyon	17	6	6
Manchester	179 H C Green	70	17	6
St. James's Union	180 L B Pillin	36	15	0
Tranquillity	185 { W Bamberger	60	0	0
	{ T W C Bush	73	10	0
Jernsalem	197 R F Roberts	17	17	0
Percy	198 G Cowell	15	15	0
St. Michael's	211 W Radcliffe	112	15	0
St. Andrew's East	222 J T Hutchinson	82	19	0
United Strength	228 R Griggs	17	6	6
Nine Muses	235 W Webb	15	15	0
Unions	256 W S Ogle	27	16	6
Prince of Wales	259 A Cooper	99	10	0
Salisbury	435 E J Jeffs	19	19	0
Zelland	511 C Millbourne	52	10	0
Yarborough	554 J G Stevens	206	6	6
Fitzroy	569 L T Crook	84	0	0

Canonbury	657	A Leigh		
Camden	704	W F Rogers		
Panmure	715	E W Richardson	11	11 0
Crystal Palace	742	F A Pullen	79	13 0
Belgrave	749	J Coltart	34	13 0
High Cross	754	H V Clements	31	10 0
Royal Alfred	780	C F May		
New Concord	813	W Stead	68	15 6
Victoria Rifles	822	M Hawkins	36	15 0
Dalhousie	860	T B Dodson		
Finsbury	861	W G Hallows	60	18 0
Temperance in the East	898	G Graveley	47	5 0
City of London	901	A Ginger	57	16 0
Burgoyne	902	S J Byng	34	13 0
Royal Albert	907	R Jennings	44	12 6
Maybury	969	Major H B Savory	28	11 0
Rose of Denmark	975	J Garnar	52	10 0
Montefiore	1017	J Syers		
Southern Star	1158	W H Sharman	100	0 0
Marquis of Dalhousie	1159	C Cheston		
Macedonald	1216	W C Hall	27	16 6
John Hervey	1260	A A Czarniecki	58	11 6
Sphinx	1329	G T Bickerton	73	10 0
St. Clement Danes	1351	John Wigg	32	11 0
Friends in Council	1383	Maj.-Gen. C. W. Randolph	138	0 0
Duke of Connaught	1524	{ W H Brand	55	8 6
		{ C W Smyth		
Duke of Connaught	1558	W Mitchell	21	0 0
St. Dunstan's	1589	E D Maddick		
Ravensbourne	1601	W G Lemon	42	0 0
Northern Bar	1610	R Luck	64	1 0
Cripplegate	1613	J Corke	55	0 0
Covent Garden	1614	J E Collins	55	13 0
Bayard	1615	Lieut.-Col. S. Burney	34	2 6
West Smithfield	1623	T W Adams	15	15 0
Eccleston	1624	W Vincent	58	1 0
Aldersgate	1657	G Kenning	64	6 0
Samson	1668	B D Barnett	44	7 0
Mizpah	1671	J Bergmann	151	14 6
Guelph	1685	W C Claridge	79	15 0
Orpheus	1706	M Maybrick	85	0 0
Evening Star	1719	J W Sugg	116	11 0
Kings Cross	1732	J T Briggs	48	6 0
St. Leonards	1766	{ G T Barr	142	5 6
		{ C F Barham		
Kensington	1767	C E Williams	147	0 0
Clarendon	1769	J Stanley	79	5 6
Pimlico	1772	C Holden	17	6 6
Coborn	1804	J T Hunt	27	16 6

UNATTACHED.

J B King		
E C Woodward	21	0 0
Edgar Bowyer		
Lord Arthur Hill		
C Hammerton	42	0 0
R P Spice		
G W Verry	47	5 0
Abner Torkington	64	17 0

DEATH OF BRO. JOHN HERVEY,
PAST GRAND SECRETARY.

WE deeply regret to say that, at the moment of going to press, the sad intelligence has reached us of the death of Bro. John Hervey, who, in consequence of serious and long-continued illness, resigned the Grand Secretaryship in the early part of the present year. All who were privileged to know the deceased brother esteemed and respected him for the many sterling qualities he possessed, as well as for his uniform kindness, courtesy, and urbanity. He fulfilled the duties of his important office with great ability, and there are none who have ever been brought into contact with him who will not feel his loss as that of a personal friend, and lament that, after a long life of great activity and usefulness, he had not been longer spared to enjoy his well-merited rest. But these things are in the hands of Him who does all for the best, and it only remains for us to offer our deep sympathy to the family of our deceased brother, and express the hope that, in their trust in the Great Architect of the Universe they will find their much-needed consolation in this day of their bereavement.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd JULY.

Bazaar and Fancy Fair, at Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1454—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 309—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 5th JULY.

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)
1118—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
764—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1115—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 130—Pannure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Atrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wynndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 6th JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersen Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londeshorough, Masonic Hall, Bricklington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Portesene, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skidlaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Boothe, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction).
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Clicham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)

1238—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Ernie, Ernie House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Brixth.
1167—Alwyne, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwyne
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 29 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hecknawdike.
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 8th JULY.

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)
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).
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1171—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 55 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.
R.A. 613—Eridon, Masonic Hall, Southport.

FRIDAY, 9th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
902—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Inst.)
920—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 70 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)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1342—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolle.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudeart, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1526—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme

SATURDAY, 10th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1607—Loyalty,
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1536—Addiscombe, The Surrey Club, West Croydon

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP, No. 160.

This Lodge celebrated its annual Festival on Thursday, the 21th ult., at the Old Ship Hotel, Rochford. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock by the W.M. Bro. T. King Prov. G.P., who after the ordinary proceedings vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Lucking P.M. and P.Z. Prov. G.D.C., who proceeded to instal Bro. John T. Harrington as W.M. for ensuing year. The following were invested Officers, viz.:—Bros. H. Harper S.W., W. V. Wilson J.W., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. P.P.G. Chap., H. Wood P.M. P.P.G.O. Treas., G. Burgess P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., A. Harrington S.D., W. Kilpin J.D., T. Shelley I.G., A. Lucking D.C., J. K. Frostick Steward, A. Martin Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. A. Wardell P.M. and P.Z. Prov. A.G.D.C., J. R. Hemmann P.M. 1000 P.P.G.D., J. Reeve P.M., G. F. Jones W.M. 1000, T. Shelley, Z. Pettitt, W. Moore, J. K. Frostick, &c. Visitors:—Bros. A. Durrant P.M. 276 P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Treas., F. G. Green P.M. 1024 P.P.S.G.W., J. S. Brown W.M. 276, C. Eltham W.M. 1817, G. J. Glasscock S.W. 1817, J. M. Farr J.W. 1817, J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 Sec. 1817 P.P.A.G.D.C., B. Turner 1817, C. Floyd 1818. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. A. Lucking for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master. The Lodge was duly closed, and subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet presided over by the newly installed W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with the customary honours. The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful meetings of the Lodge of True Friendship.

EATON LODGE, No. 533, CONGLETON.

At the general Lodge meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd June, the following address was presented to Brother Andreas Edward Cokayne on his leaving Congleton for Bolton, Lancashire. To Brother A. E. Cokayne P.M. Eaton Lodge, No. 533 P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, P.Z. Chapter of Faith No. 321, P.P.G. Standard Bearer Royal Arch Masons Cheshire, E.C. St. Salem's Preceptory No. 15, P.E.C. Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory No. 24, Prov. Registrar of Knights Templar Cheshire. The members of Eaton Lodge, No. 533, desire to express to Bro. Cokayne, on the occasion of his leaving Congleton, their fraternal regard and great respect. While deeply regretting, in common with others, the loss to the town of an able, upright, and high principled inhabitant, they are pleased to believe that his removal to a larger sphere of business will result in greater and increasing prosperity; and although no longer a resident in this old Borough, the brethren rejoice that he will remain a member of his Mother Lodge, and continue to aid them in their work with his Masonic knowledge and zeal. They sincerely pray that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may attend their Brother in his new home. Bro. Cokayne thanked the brethren very warmly for their kindness, and assured them that he intended to remain a member as usual of the Lodge, and to have the continued pleasure of meeting his brethren in the Province of Cheshire as heretofore. There was a large number of the brethren present and the meeting was a most pleasant one.

FERMOR LODGE, No. 1313, SOUTHPORT.

The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of Fermor Lodge, in their new and spacious rooms, Bank-buildings, East Bank-street, Southport, on Thursday, the 21th June. The Lodge was opened punctually at 3.30 p.m. by the retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. Benson Baker. There were also present Bros. W. E. Hobbs I.P.M., J. F. Roberts P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. 1313, T. H. Barrow W.M. 613, J. W. J. Fowler 285 P.M., James Platt P.M. 613 1313, W. Henri S.W., B. Wyles J.W., C. E. Bryan Treasurer (W.M. elect), J. H. Welsby S.D., P. M. Hunter J.D., W. Twist S.S., George Sam. Smith 1633, James Bryan 1035 213, W. H. Johnson 613, W. Bevers, W. Platt, J. Kirkbridge, Charles Hasketh, J. Barratt, Walter Wilkinson, James Twist, C. D. Allen, J. G. Howard, A. W. Wooley, J. Evans, S. Boyce. After the completion of the formal business, which chiefly consisted of confirming the minutes of the last regular Lodge, receiving the report of the auditors, which showed that the Lodge was financially prosperous, the Treasurer and Tyler were elected. Bros. E. Burns Taylor, of St. Hugh Lodge 1386, and Alfred W. Field, of Eclectic Lodge 1201, were elected joining members. Mr. Arthur Halsall was also elected as a candidate for initiation. Two sums of money were voted to brethren at a distance, who were placed in exceptional difficulties. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. C. E. Bryan was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Benson Baker, by Bro. J. F. Roberts and Bro. J. W. Fowler P.M.'s. The W.M. having delivered the preliminary addresses, called upon the Secretary to read the Charges, to which the W.M. elect assented in the usual manner, and likewise took the obligation. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master being dismissed, a Board of Installed Masters was duly opened, when the W.M. elect was admitted and installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The ceremony was most effectively and impressively rendered. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the M.M.'s were admitted, and saluted the W.M., and he was proclaimed and greeted. The Lodge was then closed to the second degree, the F.C.'s admitted, and the usual greetings and proclamations given, the Lodge closed in the second degree, and the E.A.'s were admitted, again the usual ceremonies were repeated. This portion of the proceedings was considerably heightened in effect by the exquisite rendering of a Masonic Ode, set to music by Bro. J. P. Bryan, and sung by a quartette of the brethren:—

"Support the Master, who rules by the Square;
Let Sons of the Light to the East now repair,
With hearts for his aid united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree."

The Book of Constitutions and the Warrant were then presented to the W.M. by Bro. J. F. Roberts P.M., who, in his usually finished and impressive manner, fully explained the duties of the W.M. and the moral significance of the working tools. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Benson Baker, M.D., I.P.M., B. Wylis S.W., J. H. Welsby J.W., J. F. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, James Platt P.M. Secretary, T. Whitehead P.M. M.C., Rev. C. T. Porter, F.D., Chaplain, Hunter P. M. Hunter S.D., R. H. Johnson J.D., William Twist I.G., G. S. Smith Organist, W. W. P. Shatwell S.S., J. C. Evans J.S., G. Rockliffe Tyler (re-elected). The addresses to the Officers, on receiving the respective insignia of their offices, were eloquently delivered by Bro. J. F. Roberts P.M., and rendered especially impressive by the choir chanting the following odes on placing the S.W. or J.W. in their respective chairs:—

"Support the Warden, installed in the West,
Who works on the Level, where sorrows may rest.
With hearts for his aid, united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree."

"Support to the Warden, by Plumb still aright;
Whose Sun in the South never hides its fair Light;
With hearts for his aid, united and free,
Obedient we labour and kindly agree."

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M.; it bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the Brethren of Fermor Lodge to

Bro. BENSON BAKER, M.D., P.M.,

As a token of esteem and respect. 24th June 1880."

The Anthem, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," &c., was effectively rendered by Bros. Smith, Boyce, Bryan, Howard, Twist, &c. The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where a sumptuous banquet was spread, and the tables beautifully adorned with the choicest flowers and fruits of the season. At the close of the banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with that hearty enthusiasm which is characteristic of Masons. The musical brethren contributed to enhance the enjoyment of the evening by their orchestral and vocal performances. Fermor Lodge is well known throughout the Province of West Lancashire as excelling in vocal and instrumental music: to lovers of music it is an exceptional treat to find such a combination of musical talent in a provincial town. The W.M. is to be congratulated on entering on his year of office with every promise and prospect of a highly successful, happy and prosperous year of office.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th June, at George Hotel, Anstralian Avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., Appleton S.W., Hallam J.W., Wing Treas., Fox Sec., Hallam jun. S.D., Pelican J.D., Tolmies Preceptor, Fontaine I.G. Lodge opened in first and second degrees. Lodge opened in third degree, and ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brocklehurst candidate. First section worked by Bro. Hallam sen. second Bro. Fox, third Bro. Hallam.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th June, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Caton W.M., Linscott S.W., Kitchingman J.W., John Soper Sec., Abell S.D., Snodin J.D., Evans I.G., P.M.'s Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Hallam, Baker, Stroud, Dickens, Dodson, Trigg, Scott, Smith, and Russell. Bro. Trigg, a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, was entrusted and raised. The following sections were then worked, first Bro. Abell, second Hallam. Bro. Robert Smith 201, and Russell Elliott 9, were admitted members. Bros. Linscott was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Tuesday, 6th July, at seven p.m.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 26th ult., under the able presidency of Bro. J. Millington, who was well supported by Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., Gilham J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin S.D., W. Williams J.D., E. Woodman I.G.; also Bros. Weedon, D. Moss, Mendelsohn, Houghton, Mulford, Brasted, Fysh, Trewinnard, &c. Usual preliminaries being duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Houghton candidate. Bro. Percy worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Houghton candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. J. Lorkin was elected to preside at the next meeting, which will be held on the first Saturday in September. A vote of thanks was cordially awarded to Bro. Percy for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of Preceptor during the past session. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Candour Lodge, No. 337.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th ult., at the Commercial Inn, Upper Mill. Bros. B. B. Bradshaw W.M., Sam. Robinson S.W., Thos. Grisdale jun. J.W., P.M. Thomas Grisdale sen. Treas., James Lawton P.M. Secretary, James S. Hall S.D., Thomas Drake J.D., John Buckley Steward, Joseph Berry I.G., Ammon Hawkyard Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. Blackburn P.M. P.P.S.G.D., John Hirst P.M. P.P.J.G.W., W. D. Hall, J. F. Tanner, James Robinson, John Shaw, Charles Shaw I.P.M., E. W. Platt and fourteen

others. The brethren confirmed the minutes of last Lodge meeting, and the W.M. raised Bro. James Winterbottom, and passed Bro. Abel Holmes. It was decided to have a picnic of brethren and ladies to Chester. The report of the building committee as to building or renting new Masonic rooms was received, and ordered to be printed and sent to every brother before next Lodge meeting.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th June, at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Bros. Andrews (W.M. of mother Lodge) W.M., Legg S.W., Defriez J.W., Gieseko Treasurer, Hine Sec., P.M. Lyons S.D., R. W. Pearcy J.D., Lane I.G., Fenner Preceptor; P.M. Wilson; also Bros. Crane, Bromit, Wotton, Smith, Klein, Stroud, Horley, Brookhurst, and Clark. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Horley candidate. Bro. Horley answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Wilson, seconded by Bro. Wotton, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Stephen Crane, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, become a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Legg was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th June, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C. Bros. Kibble W.M., Goodenough S.W., A. E. Taylor J.W., Hamer Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, Rush S.D., King J.D., Hamer I.G., Saul P.M. Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Paddle candidate. Bro. Wright, as candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The chair was then vacated in favour of Bro. A. E. Taylor, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The W.M. resumed his position. Bro. Goodenough was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Thursday in September. Lodge closed.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell. Present:—Bros. Cooper W.M., Corpe S.W., Bott J.W., Corpe Treasurer, Hill Secretary, Taylor S.D., Foster J.D., Brown I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Dann Preceptor, Brooke, and Sleep; Bros. Stokes, Town, Pentreath, &c. There was a very fair attendance of brethren. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed very effectively. A special meeting was then held to consider the financial state of the Lodge. The brethren responded very heartily to a call, and it is hoped this Lodge will, under its present able management, increase and prosper.

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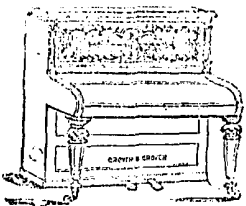
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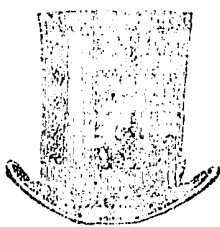
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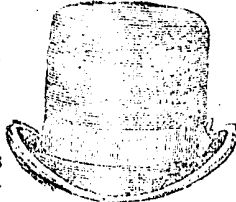
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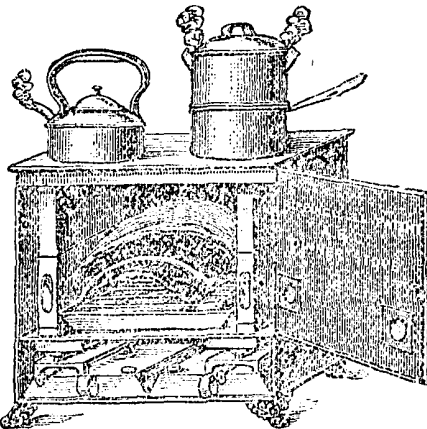
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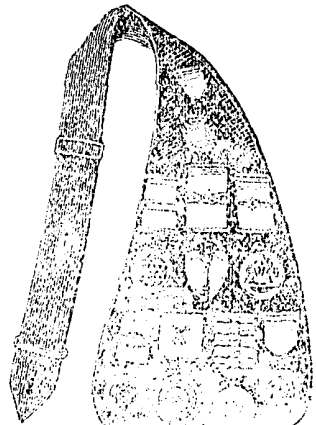
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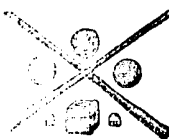
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