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**BROTHER T. MASSA AND THE ROYAL
MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

IT was only last week we drew attention to the difference that has been so long pending between Brother S. B. Wilson and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Now, both from papers we have received, and from the Notices of Motion which appeared in connection with the Quarterly General Court to be held this day (Saturday), in our Advertisement columns last week, it seems a difference has arisen between the House Committee of the Girls' School and Bro. Thomas Massa, who is still, or till quite recently was, Architect to the Institution. The gist of Bro. Massa's complaint, if we understand him aright, is, that the services of a builder had been called into request, in order to design and erect a staircase in the Infirmary; whereas, when in 1871 Bro. Massa's designs for the Infirmary were accepted, one of his plans marked D for a separate staircase, though not carried out, was retained by the Institution. From that period till recently, Bro. Massa has been employed as Architect, and he very naturally feels aggrieved that after his plan had been accepted, and in consideration of his services as Architect, his right to superintend the direction of the staircase should have been overlooked in favour of an outside builder. He justly concludes, that such treatment as this is a slur on his professional reputation, and is the more galling to a sensitive man from the fact, in the Ancient Charges it is enjoined as follows:—"None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it." But there is something worse still. Bro. Massa the Architect having been superseded in favour of a builder, it turns out the builder's design was likely to be a disfigurement to the Infirmary, and the House Committee, instead of falling back on the approved services of Bro. Massa, it seems, are desirous of obtaining the services of a non-Freemason Architect; of one, indeed, who is of necessity an utter stranger to the Craft, and who, as a matter of course, can have no especial claim upon their consideration. This course, it is needless to say, has not tended to improve the relations between the House Committee and Bro. Massa, whose designs for the Infirmary were accepted in 1871, who personally superintended the carrying out of those designs so far as the Committee ordered them to be carried out, who, in the time that has since elapsed, has acted in a professional character in connection with the other additions that have been made to the Schools, is now overlooked altogether and his claims to be employed ignored entirely. We can very well understand that, in the circumstances we have described, any one occupying a similar position would have sound reasons for feeling himself most seriously aggrieved. Bro. Massa tells us he was eleven years with the late Brother S. Barton Wilson, and for the nine years that have elapsed since 1871, when his designs for the Infirmary were accepted in preference to those of the other competing Architects, he has rendered much valuable assistance to the Institution for Girls in his professional capacity. He is now overlooked, and the Committee having tried a builder and found him wanting, consider it is not derogatory to themselves or the Craft generally, to solicit the services of a non-Freemason.

This, as far as we can explain it, is the statement in full detail of the difference which has unfortunately arisen between the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls of the one part, and Bro. Massa of the other. We are far from saying that it is a matter of the same serious proportions as the quarrel between the House Committee of the Boys' School and Bro. Wilson; nor do we think that Bro. Massa, whom, for the sake of convenience we will style the plaintiff, has conducted his side of the case, as Bro. Wilson has done, with a full sense of the respect that was due, not to himself only, but to the Committee likewise, who may be noted down as the defendant party. Bro. Massa's letter of the 23rd ultimo, which was read out at the last meeting of the General Committee, cannot possibly have enhanced the sympathy with him in his present difficulty of those who heard it. Nothing could possibly have been in worse taste than to have mixed up the Lodge of Antiquity, the Editor of the *Freemason*, and the late Grand Treasurer with a difference of the character we have described. Nothing whatever is gained by introducing extraneous matter, or suggesting that certain people have adopted a certain course of conduct, when there would be a serious difficulty, if not an absolute impossibility, in proving it. But if Bro. Massa has been so unwise as to weaken his own case by writing ill-advised letters, it does not alter the circumstances of the dispute, and it strikes us the House Committee are under the impression that all they have to do is to lay down the law, and the rest of the Craft must bow down and accept it. We are far from saying that a Committee has no right to an opinion, but it should have some respect for persons, and especially for those who have done good suit and service to Masonry. We do not want too much of the commercial spirit in the conduct of our Masonic Institutions. If Bro. Massa has worthily done his duty as architect to the Girls' School, then the House Committee have not the shadow of a reason for seeking the assistance of some other member of the profession. Nor have we any desire to see the government of any one of our Institutions conducted in the spirit in which it would be administered by a martinet drill-sergeant. Masons profess to have about them some degree of enlightenment, some little kindness of spirit, and something which may be set down as a spirit of thankfulness for past services. We shall begin to think that Masonry must be undergoing some change, when we find the House Committee of the Boys' School declining to accept its architect's charges, or his offer to submit those charges to arbitration, and that of the Girls' School superseding its architect—Bro. Massa tells us his appointment as Surveyor to the Infirmary is in writing—in so paltry a matter as the erection of a separate staircase, without condescending to assign any reason for so doing. If the Demon of Discord must of necessity make his appearance occasionally in our Lodges, let us keep him from entering within the sacred precincts of our Charitable Institutions.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, formerly held on each Monday, at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, has been removed to the Moorgate Hotel, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. The first meeting there will be held on Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock sharp. Meetings will be held each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445.

EARLY AMERICAN LODGES.

BY ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

BRO. J. H. ESTILL, Master of "Solomon's Lodge," No. 1, Savannah, and Junior Grand Warden of Georgia, claims for the ancient body over which he presides, the distinction of being "the oldest Lodge in America, now in existence."

This contention is very nearly sustainable, but not quite.

The three oldest Lodges in the United States are :—

No.	Lodge	Location	Charter
1.	St. John's	Boston, Mass.	1733
1.	Solomon's	Savannah, Georgia	1735
1.	Solomon's	Charleston, S. Carolina	1735

"St. John's," Boston, was constituted in 1733, and first appeared in the Engraved list of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1734. At the present moment it is one of the most prosperous of American Lodges, and possesses no less than 360 members.

"Solomon's Lodge," Savannah, Georgia, seems to have been constituted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1735, and duly appeared in the Engraved List of the following year.

"Solomon's Lodge," Charleston, South Carolina, was constituted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1735, and first appeared on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England in 1761 as No. 251.*

The subjoined table is made up as follows, viz. :—Nos. 65, 74 and 75, are taken from the Engraved List for 1756, and No. 251 from the Engraved List for 1761. All four of these numbers occur in the numeration of 1756-69.

No.	Lodge	Location	Constituted
65.	Royal Exchange	Boston, New England	1733
74.	Fountain	High-st. Bristol	Nov. 12 1735
75.	Savannah	In the Province of Georgia	1735
251.	Solomon's Lodge	Charles Town, S. Carolina	1735

No. 74, which we have seen had been assigned to a Bristol Lodge in 1756, was vacant during 1757-61. In 1762, it was again filled by the promotion of No. 251, "Solomon's Lodge," Charles Town, South Carolina; thus from 1762 onwards, preceding with its *local* charter of 1735, the other and presumably older Solomon's Lodge of Savannah, Georgia, with a *Grand Lodge* warrant of the same year. This fact, however, is unimportant. A vacant niche was available at No. 74 for a Lodge of 1735, and "Solomon's Lodge," South Carolina, was accordingly shifted there from its lower position. The supercession of the *old* No. 75, by the *new* No. 74, has no bearing on the question of the comparative seniority of constitution of the two Lodges. The practice was very common, of allotting a vacant Number to a foreign Lodge which had been late in coming on the roll; and, no doubt, the usage was productive of less confusion than would have resulted from a partial closing-up of numbers. "St. John's" Lodge, Boston, is unquestionably the oldest Masonic body on the North American Continent. "Solomon's" Lodge, No. 1 Georgia, has clearly the *second* place on the roll of precedence, and the other "Solomon's" Lodge of South Carolina, makes a *good third*. It is, of course, open to discussion, whether No. 1 Georgia, or No. 1 South Carolina was first established. But as the former appeared in the English official list of Lodges, for an entire quarter of a century, before its supremacy as an Anglo-American Lodge of 1735 was challenged, I think that the *local* Lodge claiming as of the same year, must be content to rank *with*, but *after*, the original "Solomon's" Lodge of Savannah, Georgia.

* See "Four Old Lodges," pp 57 and 59.

BANQUET TO THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER (E.C.).

THE brethren of the District Grand Lodge of Auckland E.C., gave a banquet, on 22nd January, to Bro. W. S. Graham, on the occasion of his return from a tour in England.

THE DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

WE are glad to note the successful progress of this youthful Masonic Charity. The annual general meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, 5th instant, Bro. R. Lose P.M. P.P.G.P. occupied the chair, and among the numerous brethren present were Bros. Vincent Bird Hon. Treasurer and J. B. Gover Hon. Secretary of the Fund, J. Treeby, Samuel Jew, J. B. Westlake, James Beard, &c. After confirmation of the minutes of various meetings, Bro. S. Jew and Richard Cawsey were elected auditors. Bros. Bird and Gover were re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively. Bros. Rich. Lose, G. R. Barrett and W. E. Warren were appointed the Finance Committee; and Bros. W. Derry, J. E. Curteis, W. E. Elphinstone Stone, J. Brewer, S. Jones, S. Jew, J. Tanner-Davy, J. Treeby, J. Russell Lord, J. Loram, Jas. Murray, D. Cross, S. Hyne, A. R. Lethbridge, R. L. Blight, G. Firks and J. Kinton Bond the Educational and General Purposes Committee. The Treasurer's report, which was submitted and adopted, showed a balance in hand of slightly over £20, while in that of the Secretary it was stated that all the children on the Fund were making satisfactory progress and bid fair to prove a credit to the Charity. The Committee then proceeded to the election of candidates, having first of all, however, appointed Bros. S. Jew, J. Lynn, and O. Knowles Scrutineers. It was originally intended to elect two of the approved candidates, but a further vacancy having been caused by the election of one of the children on the Fund to the London School, it was determined that three should be chosen. The result of the ballot was as follows :—Ethel Wharton 234 votes; Rose Mary Northy 205 votes; Isabella Florence Rowe 204 votes; Francis Walter Spry 127 votes; and Utinia Annie Rawle 27 votes. Accordingly, the first three were declared elected, while the votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Bro. Lose for having presided so admirably, to Bros. V. Bird and J. B. Gover for their efficient services in the respective capacities of Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, and to Bros. S. Jew, J. Lynn, and O. Knowles, for having so faithfully discharged their duties as Scrutineers. It will be seen from this account that, though the Devon Masonic Educational Fund is, as it were, but of yesterday's planting, it has acquired a strength and substance beyond even what the most hopeful of our Devonian brethren could have anticipated. We trust its future career will fully realise the satisfactory promise of its earliest days.

We have received, and beg to acknowledge with thanks, several copies of the "Catalogue of the Masonic Publishing and Furnishing Company's Ninth Semi-Annual Sale" of "Standard and Rare Masonic Books, Pamphlets, Magazines, Addresses, &c." The sale will take place on the Company's premises, 43 Bleecker Street, New York, on Thursday, the 19th May. Those who cannot attend in person may have their orders attended to by Messrs. J. G. Barker, 43 Bleecker Street; John Hoole, 23 Christopher Street; A. P. Moriarty, Room 51, Astor House; Daniel Sickels or John V. Simons, Rooms 65 and 66 Astor House; S. W. E. Beckner, 737 Broadway; Rob. Macoy, 4 Barclay Street; P. O. Anderson, 200 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; or S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio. The catalogue comprises 500 lots, embracing every description of Masonic literature, many of the works offered being of considerable value. We shall be happy to furnish a copy of this catalogue to any of our readers who may wish to have one.

Bro. Purkiss, P.M. Finsbury Park Lodge, will take possession of the Royal Music Hall (late Weston's) on Monday night. On that occasion Bros. Meekham, G. Fredericks, Spiller, and Crowder, will occupy the chair in turn, and numerous other friends have promised Bro. Purkiss their support. We wish him every success in his new undertaking.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

THE Half-yearly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held, under the banner of the Union of Malta Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 29th March. Present:—Right Worshipful Bro. W. Kingston District Grand Master (on the throne), Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. E. Rosenbusch Deputy District Grand Master, R. Wor. W. K. R. Bedford Past Grand Chaplain of England, and a very large number of brethren from the various Lodges in the District, as well as numerous visiting brethren. District Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the roll of District Grand Officers and of private Lodges in the District was called. The business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the District Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. A magnificent sword, presented by the District Grand Master in September last, was on this occasion used for the first time, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to District Grand Master for his handsome present. Two addresses to the District Grand Master from the Ancient Carthage and William Kingston Lodges, at Tunis and Goletta, as well as letters and telegrams from the same part of the District, wishing District Grand Lodge a continuance of the prosperity enjoyed by it, were read. The District Grand Master acknowledged the vote of thanks, the addresses and communications, in a brief but well-chosen speech, and then closed District Grand Lodge in the usual manner.

The ceremonies of installation and consecration will be rehearsed at the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, at the Restaurant, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on Tuesday, the 10th May, at seven o'clock precisely, by Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts, and P.M. 228, 1278, and 1366, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. F. Rhodes P.M. No. 1328 P.P. Grand Organist Surrey. Refreshments will be served at nine o'clock, tickets for which may be had from the Stewards, or of the Honorary Secretary, Bro. A. Bassington P.M. 205, 41 Chester-square, W.C.

The Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of the Joppa, No. 188, has for some years past been in abeyance; many of the members of that distinguished Lodge, however, are taking steps to put it again in working order, and we are informed that in the course of a few days all preliminary arrangements will be completed.

It is purely an oversight on our part that we did not last week offer our congratulations to Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and his coadjutors in the educational department, on the success achieved by "Our Boys," at the Cambridge Examination, Christmas 1880. Three presented themselves in the Senior Division, and all of them were awarded honours, H. B. Brock being placed in the second class, and A. X. Stephenson and E. L. Price in the third class. Of the sixteen who submitted themselves for examination in the Junior Division, five took honours in the first class, two in the second, and six in the third; while the remaining three passed the standard prescribed by the Examiners. Such a result as this must be eminently satisfactory to the authorities of the Institution and to the Craft generally, and proves that the endeavours of Dr. Morris and his staff to improve the educational standard of the School have been successful beyond measure.

The Mediterranean Mark Lodge, No. 278, will be consecrated at Gibraltar, on Thursday, 28th April, by W. Bro. Thos. J. Pulley P.M. P.G.S. Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Oxon, who has received the authority of the Most Worshipful G.M.M.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, for that purpose. By a very singular coincidence the number of the new Mark Lodge happens to correspond with the Craft Lodge and R.A. Chapter with which it will be connected—viz., 278. We understand that a new Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be moored to the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, No. 43, will also be consecrated by Bro. Pulley during his visit to the Rock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If Bro. Taylor will refer to my previous letter, he will find that the tables only profess to go to the end of 1880—the date to which the official lists are made up. I have checked the lists for Worcestershire again, but do not find any mistake; so I presume that he is alluding to votes in respect of contributions paid during the present year, or from brethren not resident in the Province, and who are, therefore, included under some other locality. If either of these suppositions be correct, I cannot admit his claim. Doubtless most of the Provinces have increased their voting power during the present year, or have friends non-resident, but a moment's reflection will show that the only fair way is not to travel beyond the official lists.

I am, however, very pleased to hear that Worcestershire is still advancing. In the last three years it has risen on the Girls' list from 28th to 8th, on the Boys' from 25th to 7th, and on the United from 27th to 9th.

I may mention that I had credited Lodges, &c., as follows:—Prov. Grand Priory, 2; St. Amand Preceptory, 4; Richard de Vernon Preceptory, 1; St. Dunstan Chapter 18°, 2; Lechmere Lodge (Mark), 2.

Fraternally yours,

A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much interest the tabular statements which appeared a fortnight since, showing the voting strength of each Province, and the average number of votes per Lodge in respect of our Schools, as well as the number of children who enjoy the benefits thereof. Is it not a pity that something cannot be done in order to place similar information before the Craft in respect of the Benevolent Institution? I know the list of subscribers, as published annually, renders the task a somewhat difficult one, but there are many Provinces which know the voting powers they possess to a single vote. If, then, particulars were obtained from these, it ought not to be very difficult to complete the table for the whole of the Provinces.

Fraternally yours,

STATIST.

THE ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see from the report you published last week of the election meeting of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, that "there were no Past Masters present, but the work, which consisted of a passing and two raisings, was excellently rendered." Knowing, as I do, several of the members of this Lodge, I am not at all surprised your reporter should have remarked on the excellency of the work, but how was it all the P.M.'s were absent? Could not one of them have found time to put in an appearance? I hear this is not the first time they have all been away on the same evening, but though a very large share of the credit for the manner in which the work is always done belongs, of course, to them, they would deserve still better of the Lodge if some among them made a point of being present, especially on election nights. Perhaps the prevalence of the east wind has had the effect of detaining them indoors.

Fraternally yours,

E. VAN DONOP.

A MASONIC GIFT.—Alderman J. Naish, who is the father of the Craft in the city of Winchester, sent on Wednesday evening, by Bro. Stopher P.M. and Treasurer, a deed of gift to the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, whereby he gives the brethren thirty fully paid-up shares in the Masonic Hall Company, which have for some time borne a fair and increasing interest, and he desires the interest on this £60 to be thus disposed of. It is first to be offered to the W.M. of the Lodge to aid in purchasing a Life-Governorship (five guineas) in either the Boys' or Girls' Schools. Should the W.M. decline to accept the interest, subject to making the sum up to five guineas, it is to be offered in turn to the Wardens, and failing their acceptance (a most unlikely contingency), the Lodge will become the possessor of the privilege, which will form a permanent memorial of a good Mason. The liberality of Bro. Naish is to be recognised by a vote of thanks on vellum.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases and casualties incidental to youth may be safely treated by the use of these excellent medicaments according to the printed directions folded round each pot and box. Nor is this Ointment alone applicable to external ailments; conjointly with the Pills it exercises the most salutary influence in checking subtle diseases situated in the interior of the body; when rubbed upon the back and chest it gives the most sensible relief in asthma, bronchitis, pleurisy, and threatening consumption. Holloway's remedies are specially serviceable in liver and stomach complaints. For the cure of bad legs, all sorts of wounds, sores, scrofulous ulcerations, and scorbutic affections, this Ointment produces a cooling, and soothing effect, inexpressibly grateful to the feelings.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for Leicestershire and Rutland, 1881. Ninth Year of Publication. Comprising a Calendar for the year 1881, and the month of January 1882, the meetings of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the Anniversary Festivals and the Meeting of the Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and other Masonic Bodies in the Province. To which are added Lists of Officers for the year, also Lists of Lodges in the adjoining Provinces of Warwickshire, Norths and Hunts, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire; and other Masonic Information. Published by authority of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Compiled by Brother Samuel S. Partridge P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Secretary.

WE are glad to find the practice of publishing Calendars for the different Provinces is on the increase. It is only by means of such useful compilations as these that we are enabled to gauge the real strength of Masonry in this country, and we should very much like to see them generally adopted. Leicestershire and Rutland, albeit, as regards the numerical strength of its Lodges and members, it is one of the smallest among our Provinces, is very far from being the least mindful of its duties. Its Lodges are attentive to their work, thanks to the interest taken by its Provincial Grand Master, Earl Ferrers, and his predecessor, Bro. W. Kelly. It freely supports our Institutions, and what is still more unusual, it has a very fair library at Leicester. Under these circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that this Province should for some years past have been in the habit of issuing a Calendar, that in the period of its issue such Calendar should have been greatly improved, and that now in its ninth year of publication, it exhibits a completeness which is in the highest degree creditable to Bro. S. S. Partridge Prov. G. Secretary, on whom has devolved the task of compiling it. As to the contents, we note, in the first place, that the Calendar embraces a period of fourteen months, it being found impossible, or, at all events, impolitic, to issue it before the month of February. Then each month of the year is provided with two pages, in the first of which are entered against the days of each month the meetings which take place on them, while the other is left clear for the entry of engagements. Lists of the Officers of Grand Lodge of England and the Prov. G. Lodge respectively follow, and then a table chronologically arranged, of the chief events which have occurred in the Province during the period from 1870 to 1880 inclusive. The next lists are of those of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes, and the Charity Committee of Prov. Grand Lodge. The list of Craft Lodges, with the dates of constitution, followed by nominal lists the Officers and Past Masters, together with particulars as to their respective places of meeting, and the number of subscribing members on the respective rolls, are given as of course, and then full particulars of the Prov. Grand Chapter with its subordinate Chapters, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge and its subordinate Lodges, with a list of the Officers of the Byzantine Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. After the list of Lodges, Craft and Mark, and Chapters, &c., comes one of Officers of the Leicester Library Committee. We have a brief *résumé* of particulars of each of the central Masonic Institutions; and lastly, a statement showing the character of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, together with a table, in which is exhibited the full voting strength of the Province. From these it appears that the object of the Association, which was established only two years ago, is to increase the number of Life Subscribers to the three Central Charities. An annual subscription of one guinea and upwards constitutes membership, and at the end of five years—or earlier still in the event of his name being drawn at one of the half-yearly ballots—each member becomes a Life Subscriber to one of the three Charities. It has at the present time 124 members, and in the two years of its existence has given ninety-five guineas to the Girls' School, a hundred and fifty-five guineas to the Boys' School, and sixty guineas to the Benevolent, making together a total of three hundred and ten guineas (£325 10s). We learn, further, that during the past four years the Province has given to the Girls' School, £417 11s; to the Boys' School, £612 8s 6d, and to the Benevolent, £156 17s, or together £1216 16s 6d. This represents the sums actually paid up to the 31st December 1880, sums voted, but not paid, being excluded. From statistics which appeared in our contemporary in May of last year it seems this Province stood 27th on the Girls' School list in respect of the support awarded by it to that Institution, and 15th on that of the Boys' School. From the letter of a "Past Master" which appeared in our issue for the week ended 20th March, and the tabular statements he furnished, it appears that Leicestershire and Rutland up to the close of 1880 stood 23rd on the Girls' School list, and 11th on that of the Boys', while, taking the two together, it stood 19th, with an average of 30½ votes per Lodge. This is a matter on which the Province has reason to congratulate itself. We will add that the total of subscribing members in the Province is 457, which gives an average in excess of forty-five members per Lodge. The total votes the Province has for the three Institutions together amount to 447, namely, 107 for the R.M.I.G.; 188 to the R.M.I.B.; 77 to the Male Fund and 75 to the Female Fund of the R.M.I.B. But as there are two elections for each of the Schools, the actual voting power which Leicestershire and Rutland can bring to bear is 742 votes. In conclusion we congratulate the Province, and especially Bro. Partridge Prov. G. Secretary, the compiler, on having so admirable a Masonic Calendar and Directory—one which contains so much useful information, and on the compilation of which so much pains has evidently been bestowed.

Masonic Calendar and Official Directory for the Province of Wiltshire, Issued with the sanction of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen. Edited by William Nott P.M. 663, P.Z. 632, &c., Provincial Grand Registrar.

THIS is the first year of issue, and consequently some allowance must be made in the case of any errors having crept in. The difficulties which any one who undertakes the publication of a book of this description is sure to experience can only be appreciated by those who have had to deal with similar tasks. The work looks so simple when it is done that people feel inclined to suggest that any one might venture upon it. But the collection of particulars from several different sources involves no end of trouble. However, Bro. Nott appears to have worked with a will, and presents his book on a well-arranged plan, such as entitles him to the heartiest commendation of the Masons of Wiltshire. As the particulars he furnishes are very similar to those contained in the Leicestershire and Rutland Directory, we need not revise them so fully. The Calendar extends over thirteen months, from January 1881 to January 1882 inclusive, the additional month being given because so many of the Installation Meetings take place in December and January, and Bro. Nott was anxious that the list of Officers should be as complete as possible. No blank pages, however, are furnished for the engagements. After the lists of Grand Officers of England and Prov. G. Officers for Wiltshire, and the Roll of Lodges—ten in number—with their respective dates of Constitution and places of meeting, come the nominal lists of Officers and Past Masters for each Lodge, the number of subscribing members, date of Installation Meeting, and the address of the Secretary being added in each case. Similar particulars are furnished in respect of Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, dates of constitution, which are not contained in the Leicestershire and Rutland Directory, being also given. The Central Masonic Charities having received their due share of attention, and all necessary particulars as to subscriptions, income, expenditure, and the number of beneficiaries furnished by the Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund, is fully described. First is given a list of the Committee and Lodge Representatives, and then the rules of the Association as they were adopted at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Marlborough in October of last year. The objects of this Benevolent Fund are stated as being four in number, namely, (a) The Relief of aged or necessitous brethren of the Province or their indigent widows; (b) the relief, education, and advancement of the children of the Freemasons of the Province; (c) the support of the general Masonic Charities, subject to the approval of the Prov. Grand Lodge; and (d) Masonic Benevolent and Charitable purposes generally. The rules give particulars as to membership, arrangements for carrying on the business of the Fund, the manner in which application should be made, and the character of the information, &c., to be furnished in support of the petition, &c., &c. There is also a Report as to the proceedings during the year preceding, as presented to the P. Grand Lodge on 28th October 1880, recording what was done in the way of supporting the Wiltshire candidates for the Girls' School. This Report is followed by a Table of the votes for the three Charities possessed by Lodges and individual members, from which it appears that with a total membership in the province of 443 brethren, Wiltshire was able to exercise a voting power in 1880 of 1132 votes, including, of course, those cast at the October, as well as April, elections for both Schools. This completes the Calendar, which we trust will henceforward make its appearance regularly every year.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. V.P. (in the chair), George J. Row, W. Roebuck, H. W. Hunt, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, S. Rosenthal, Alfred Williams, S. Rawson, John Constable, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), C. H. Webb, Richard Tyrrell, H. Massey, A. J. Duff-Filer, W. Maple, Geo. P. Gillard, W. H. Saunders, F. Adlard, Don. M. Dewar, John Palmer, George Cooper, Thomas Meggy, and F. Binckes Secretary. Two boys were placed on the list for election in October. The Secretary announced that in consequence of three candidates being withdrawn, there would be seventy-three instead of seventy-six candidates for the twenty vacancies at the election next Monday. Some information having been received in respect to another candidate, a decision on the case was deferred for further information; Bro. Saunders thereupon again brought forward his proposition for making the inquiries as to the means of candidates' friends more searching. Bro. Binckes suggested a form of declaration as to pecuniary means at the end of the petition. Two outfits of £5 each were granted to ex-pupils. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that the following were the notices of motion for the Quarterly Court on Monday next:—

1. By Bro. Thomas Entwisle, Vice-President, per Bro. C. F. Matier:—

To alter Law LV., by inserting after the word "livelihood" (at the end of Law) the words "in any of which cases, except that of sudden death, the father must have been a subscribing member to a Lodge for three years."

2. By Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, Vice-Patron:—

In Law LXXII. (authorising a grant of money by the General Committee to a boy having left the Institution) to erase the words "twenty pounds" in line 2, and in lieu thereof to insert the words "forty pounds."

3. By resolution of the General Committee, on the recommendation of the House and Building Committee:—

That the House and Building Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £700 in the enlargement of the Gymnasium, &c., rendered necessary by the increase in the number of boys from 100 to 215.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE final meeting of the season in connection with this old and historic Lodge, prior to breaking up for the recess, was held on Thursday evening, 31st ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being representatives of Australian and African Lodges. The brethren assembled shortly before five o'clock, and immediately proceeded to constitute the Lodge, which was opened in accordance with the usages of the Craft, by the esteemed Worshipful Master Bro. George Britton, who was supported by Bros. John Harper, Ph. D., S.W., John James Slater J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treas., T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Sec., Henry Povey S.D., R. W. Coulcher J.D., W. Cook I.G., E. F. P.M. Storr D.C., W. J. Neats W.S., Parkinson Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Tymms (P.G. Lodge of Griqualand, Africa), E. W. Shove and L. Holden (formerly of the Neptune Lodge), James B. Hannay, Alexander Walker, P. Shove (South Australia), W. Eldridge Johnson. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Vane and Stanton, having been proved worthy, were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who acquitted himself admirably, the impressive rite being performed with all the requisite accuracy and precision. Subsequently Bro. V. Walker was passed, this ceremony being also admirably carried out; and the brethren then occupied some time in the consideration of a report from the committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the revision of certain rules, and upon which, after considerable discussion, an amicable agreement was effected. Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where a sumptuous repast was served in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style, the arrangements, under the personal direction of Bro. Henry Mills, giving unqualified satisfaction. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Collings I.P.M., the health of the Wor. Master was proposed by Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treas., who spoke in felicitous terms of the manner in which Bro. Britton had worked the ceremonies in Lodge that evening. It afforded him sincere pleasure to see their esteemed Worshipful Master so apt and so painstaking in the discharge of his important and onerous duties, and he felt that the great gratification he experienced must be shared by all who had witnessed the ability, care and judgment which Bro. Britton had displayed. The Wor. Master, who on rising to respond was greeted with rounds of applause, thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had again received the mention of his name, and assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to maintain the prestige which the old Neptune Lodge had deservedly enjoyed for so many years. He trusted that his progress thus far in the exalted position to which, by the kindness of the brethren, he had been elected, had given them satisfaction, and they might depend he should so endeavour to advance the interests of the Lodge as to hand down the insignia of his office to his successor with lustre undimmed and the credit of the Lodge not diminished. He then proposed the health of the Visitors, alluding with especial pleasure to the presence amongst them of two representatives of colonial Lodges, whom they were all pleased and proud to receive. The Visitors severally responded, each expressing the gratification they had derived from the opportunity which had been afforded them of witnessing such excellent working in the Lodge, and participating in the unstinted hospitality which had been extended to them at the festive board. The W. Master, in giving the health of the Past Masters, said, if the working of the Lodge was at all excellent, it was in a great measure due to the counsel and assistance which they had received from those who had passed the chair. He confessed that in some matters that had come under discussion that evening he could not go all the way with them, but he believed they did everything they possibly could to advance the true interests of the Lodge. It was perhaps just as well they could not see eye to eye in everything, for if they did their proceedings might become monotonous. However, they had all the same object in view—the welfare of the good old Neptune Lodge, and he trusted the harmony and good feeling which at present pervaded the brethren might long continue to exist. Bro. James Norman P.M., in responding, said it afforded the Past Masters some consolation to feel that when they had passed away they would be followed by shining lights who would well sustain the reputation of this good old Lodge. With such an excellent W. Master as they possessed, and looking at the Senior Warden, who he hoped to see in due time in that high position, there were elements of great prosperity for the Lodge; and he believed, if he was spared, he should have much enjoyment in seeing the working of their present Worshipful Master, and their "rising sun." Both were actuated by a right principle, and he felt sure they would try and emulate the example of those who had preceded them in the chair. He could not collect when a phalanx of Past Masters mustered at that end of the table, but many of them had passed away to the Grand Lodge above. Their hearts were warm in the cause, not of the Neptune Lodge in particular, but of the Craft in general; and he was pleased beyond measure to discern that those who were coming after were imbued with the same spirit. Bro. L. Holden P.M. also replied. As one who had helped in the resuscitation of this Lodge, many years ago, he could carry the memory back over the last thirty years; he was proud to see that the present rulers of the Lodge were animated by the same zeal and desire to promote its welfare as when he had the honour of filling the chair, now so worthily occupied by their excellent Brother Britton. Though he was almost an octogenarian, he could recall the time when he never failed to obey a summons sent to him at the time he was a subscribing member of the Neptune Lodge, and he hoped every brother who joined it would endeavour to make it *par excellence* one of the best working Lodges in the Craft. In his

time the discipline of the Lodge was perfect, and he sincerely trusted it would remain so under the guidance of its present rulers. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of their Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, whose valuable services to the Lodge he warmly extolled. Bro. Isaac Wilcox thanked the Worshipful Master for the compliment he had paid to his colleague and himself. He had so many times acknowledged such kindly remarks during the last quarter of a century that he scarcely knew how to clothe in fresh and vigorous language his deep appreciation of their kindness. It was a source of pleasure and gratification to work with men like their Worshipful Master, who endeavoured to the best of his ability to discharge his duties in connection with the Lodge. As long as they had brethren who would take upon themselves responsibilities and discharge them as Bro. Britton had done, the Neptune Lodge would sustain its prestige. When he looked at the other end of the room and saw a brother like their Senior Warden, who, he was sure, was most anxious to discharge the duties which devolved upon him, it spoke volumes for the continued prosperity of the Lodge. It was a pleasure also to see so many brethren who had passed the chair with honour to themselves and credit to the Lodge, and he hoped, as had been mooted by Bro. Norman, that when some of the elders were called upon to resign their duties in this Lodge, and were called away to another sphere, they might feel that those who should come after would support and sustain in every way the interest and welfare of this Lodge. It had always been a source of pleasure to him (Bro. Wilcox) to find so many brethren giving their earnest attention and anxiety to support and sustain the position the Lodge had so long enjoyed in the Craft. He believed no Lodge stood higher in its working than did this one, and he trusted the brethren would give faithful, loyal, and zealous support to the excellent Master who filled the chair. Bro. T. R. Eames P.M. and Honorary Secretary also briefly replied, assuring the brethren of his continued interest in the Lodge, and advising the younger members to exercise all diligence and caution in fitting themselves for the higher positions they might at some future time be called upon to occupy. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, and acknowledged the very valuable assistance he always received at their hands. Bro. John Harper S.W. rose with much pleasure to return thanks for the toast so kindly proposed by the W. Master. He agreed with everything which Brother Britton had said respecting his anxiety for the welfare of the Neptune Lodge, and that it should be equal in its excellence of working in the future to what it had been in the past. So far as the Officers were concerned, they would undoubtedly do their best to emulate the example which had been so nobly set them by the Past Masters, and to follow in their footsteps. It was most gratifying to see them there that evening, and to hear the sentiments they had expressed. Nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see, as time rolled on, the Neptune Lodge sustaining the high character it had hitherto held in the Craft. He had no idea, when he took the chair, there was so much to learn; if he had realised it at the time, he thought he should have shrunk from the responsibility. But he now began to love Masonry far more intensely than he had ever done before. The beauty of the ritual was such that he should strain every effort to become perfect in it, not only for the task itself, but for the honour of the Lodge. He cordially echoed the sentiments which had been expressed; the Officers were all anxious to keep up the reputation of the Lodge so that it should be second to none in the Craft. The official list was then closed with the Tyler's toast, and shortly afterwards the company separated. During the evening some excellent songs were rendered, notably amongst which were "The Lord Mayor's Coachman," by Brother H. Povey, and "Impecuniosity," by the Senior Warden, both of which were lustily encored. Brother E. S. Hopper lent efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

A REGULAR meeting of the above took place on the 6th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel. J. B. Docker W.M., J. Crossland S.W., Duret J.W., L. Beck P.M. Treas. P.P.G.O. Middlesex, F. V. Green acting Sec., B. Swallow P.M. P.P.G.S.D Middlesex W.S., F. Green J.D., Valeriani I.G., Wallis Assist. W.S., Berrow Organist. Visitors—Bros. G. B. Festa 834, J. Foster 1714, G. P. Gillard W.M. 1597, Denford 1158, Carrington 1791, Scott P.M. 749, W. Emdin W.M. 1261, T. De Leliva 1426, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Gros was passed to the second degree. Bros. Thorne, Joseph, and Colepepper were raised. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Crossland S.W. was unanimously selected. On being officially informed of his appointment, he made a very appropriate speech. Bro. L. Beck P.M. P.P.G.O. Middlesex was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. Bros. Mole, Smith, and Booth were elected auditors. Bro. L. Beck P.M. and Treasurer proposed that a sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M. with a gold Past Master's jewel, and also a Past Master's collar, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Austin was proposed as a joining member; two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Brother L. Beck P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Wor. Master. This was the last time he should have the pleasure of doing so. Every one had seen, during his year of office, how he had performed the duties of the chair; his working was perfect, and his presiding showed that every detail required of him was fully appreciated. He asked them to give Bro. Docker a right royal Rothesay fire. The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Beck for his kind remarks. At his election to office he promised to do his duty during his year of office; as one of the Founders of the Lodge, his duty and his zeal for their comfort would be at their

command. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors; he was pleased to see them, and so was every member of the Lodge. He would call on Bros. Emdin and Gillard, as W.M.'s, and Bros. Scott and H. M. Levy, as Past Masters, to respond. Each of these brethren, in returning thanks, complimented the Worshipful Master on his able working and excellent presidency. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Past Masters; there were three. Bro. Beck was the father of the Lodge, and he would call on him to respond. Bro. L. Beck was pleased to say he was really the only Past Master of the Lodge. True, there were other Past Masters who had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, &c., but he was proud to say he was the first Worshipful Master. He hoped to continue in the capacity of Past Master and Treasurer for many years. The Worshipful Master then said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. elect; in selecting him the members placed the right man in the right place. The brethren were assured that during his year of office Bro. Crossland would do good service to the Lodge. One and all might be proud of him, as, by the manner in which he had filled each junior office there could be no doubt that as Worshipful Master he would be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Crossland W.M. elect replied; that night was a great epoch in his history; to be elected W.M. of this excellent Lodge was indeed an honour. He felt diffidence in following in the footsteps of so worthy a predecessor as their Worshipful Master; in fact, no better Master could be found in any Lodge. The Visitors had truly said, after they had watched his working, he was letter perfect. In speaking to the toast of the Officers, the Worshipful Master said without their able assistance the Lodge could not so have prospered; he would call on the Junior Warden, Bro. Duret, to respond. Bro. Duret felt pleased to hear the encomiums passed on him; he sincerely trusted he had given satisfaction. If they felt he had done his duty it was pleasing to him to hear it. During the evening the brethren enjoyed a great musical treat by the charming singing of Miss Beck—a daughter of Bro. L. Beck P.M.—who was deservedly encored in her several songs. Bro. Green jun. and several other brethren likewise contributed to the harmony, while Bro. Berrow, the Organist of the Lodge, not only sang himself, but accompanied on the piano the other vocalists. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 31st March. Present—Bros. N. P. Vallentine W.M., H. J. Phillips S.W., Ward J.D., Paton I.G., Webb Preceptor, L. Norden, and other brethren. Lodge was opened with usual formalities. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mesquito acting as candidate. Bro. L. Norden worked the first, Bro. Vallentine the fourth, and Bro. G. H. Stephens the fifth sections of the lecture. Bro. Webb proposed, and Bro. Norden seconded, that Bro. G. H. Stephens be invited to work the Fifteen Sections, on the fourth Thursday in April. Bro. Stephens kindly accepted the invitation. Lodge was closed in due form.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. R. Baker W.M., L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert Secretary, N. Baum J.D., G. Bean as I.G., L. Wall Steward, A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, L. Lazarus, S. Hickman, &c. Visitors—B. Kauffmann 1732, N. Vallentine 1017, Johnson 1541, K. Ljunberg, G. Nightingale 193, T. Harmer 1216, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, G. J. Earney 511, R. G. Thomas Organist 1602, Greenboam 212, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. S. Lion, H. Lyon and Vicary were passed to the second degree. Bros. Hicks, Hobman, Harrison, Midgley, Gundlach and Isaacson were raised. Great credit is due to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremonies. His rendering of the traditional history was very impressive. Bro. L. Alexander proposed, and it was seconded and carried unanimously, that the W.M. for the time being be the President of the Benevolent Fund. The resignation of a Brother, in consequence of inability to attend, was accepted with regret. This brother kindly sent the sum of 21s as a donation to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. After routine business, and a discussion on some proposed alterations in the By-laws, a distressed brother was relieved. Lodge was closed and "slight" refreshment followed. The toasts were done full justice to, and the proceedings were enlivened by songs, recitations, &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 5th April, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Edwards W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Catlin S.D., Glass J.D., Dignam I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Brasted, Collins, Williams, Forss, Polak, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collins acting as candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties of the chair, it being the first time he had occupied the same in any Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—The usual weekly meeting of this Chapter was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Thursday, the 31st March. Comps. Cusworth M.E.Z., Braine H., Hunter J., Osborne S.E.

Sheffield S.N., Parkes P.S., Edmonds Preceptor, Halford Treasurer; also Comps. Moss, Gilham, Weston, Pearcey, and others. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pearcey acting as candidate. A Companion who had joined the Chapter on a previous evening stated, although long living in the neighbourhood, he was until lately unaware of its existence. It was resolved to issue circulars, calling the attention of the Chapters in London to its advantages, which would conduce to the advancement of all newly-exalted R.A. Masons should they be enabled to attend this suburban Chapter of Improvement. The Chapter was then closed and adjourned to Thursday, the 7th April, at eight o'clock p.m.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W., on Thursday, 31st ult. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., A. Jones S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Wilkinson S.D., J. J. Gunner J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Preceptor; also Bros. Mitchell, Fisher, Green, H. Kasner P.M., Sagg W.M. 452. Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Fisher candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the meeting on Thursday, 14th April, as Thursday, 7th, will be the meeting next preceding the meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, when the Officers, according to custom, are expected to take their respective places in the Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.—The regular meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge was held on the 31st inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Bro. T. C. Corpe W.M., Dr. Bott S.W., Smith jun. J.W., Dewsnap Treas., J. W. Brooke I.P.M. Sec., Stokes S.D., Dr. Wilkins J.D., Smith sen. I.G., Furze W.S., and Bros. Cox, Cattermole, Da Silva, &c. Visitor—H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former regular, and of an emergency meeting, were confirmed. Mr. J. R. H. Miller was ballotted for and duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. gave the brethren a taste of his quality in the way he delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the second degree; while his rendering of the Six Periods of Creation especially received the deserved encomiums of those present. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. eloquently proposed the toasts, and complimentary speeches were in the ascendant. Several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening.

Wallington Lodge, No. 1892.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 31st ultimo, at 4.30 p.m., at the Public Hall, Carshalton. Present—Bros. Sawyer W.M., Horsey S.W., Pile J.W., Russell Crowe Treasurer, Dickman S.D., Baldwin J.D., Carder I.G., Harwood W.S. Visitors—Bros. Rev. J. A. Taylor and W. H. Rawson. The first business was the discussion of a notice of motion by Bro. Horsey, "That the meetings of this Lodge be held on the third Thursdays of the months named in the warrant, instead of the second Thursdays as therein stated." This was carried unanimously. The following brethren were elected members of the Wallington Lodge:—Bros. S. P. Catterson, Davis, Crowe, Falkes, Leon A. Mesrouze, G. C. Barry, W. P. Catterson, G. Filmer. Bro. Mesrouze was then appointed and invested by the W.M. as Secretary of the Lodge. The ballot was taken for Messrs. James Edwards, draper, Wallington, and C. P. Maspero, veterinary surgeon, Carshalton; also for Mr. A. Rowley, of Carshalton (by dispensation to act as a serving brother), as candidates for initiation. This having proved unanimous, these three candidates were duly initiated. The bye-laws were then read and passed, and Lodge closed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moor-gate, Finsbury-pavement, on Monday evening, the 11th inst., commencing at seven o'clock. Bros. J. Hemming W.M., G. Gush S.W., C. J. Scales J.W., W. M. Stiles Preceptor, Edwin Storr Secretary. First Lecture:—Bros. A. Hubbard, E. E. Barratt-Kidder, J. Colli-son, F. W. Sillis, J. C. Smith, H. G. Gush, and W. J. Burgess. Second Lecture:—Bros. G. Mordey, E. Abell, W. Snowden, R. Larchin, and J. Hurdell. Third Lecture:—Bros. T. C. Edmonds, E. F. Pierdon, and Edwin Storr.

The *Portsmouth Times* announces that Dr. Spark, the organist of Leeds Town Hall, has just prepared a most talented and practical work, "The Choir Master," which will be sought for with avidity by those interested in the teaching of choirs and choruses, the result of his experience in Yorkshire, where better part and chorus singing is in no country to be heard. It will appear almost immediately, in quarterly numbers. His last work prepared for the press is the Freemasons' "Liber Musicus," a complete library of the choicest English and foreign compositions—ancient, traditional, and modern—both vocal and instrumental, by the best composers, which will form a library of the rarest and choicest Masonic music; in a word, a book indispensable to all Masonic Lodges. The doctor will have the valuable co-operation and assistance of many experienced and distinguished composers, as well as organists and members of the Craft. It will appear under the patronage of the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England and Wales, the Duke of Leinster, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, the Earl Dalhousie, the Earl of Rosslyn, and other dignitaries of the Masonic brotherhood.

CHARITY.

FROM THE LIBERAL FREEMASON.

ONLY a drop in the bucket,
But every drop will tell;
The bucket would soon be empty
Without the drops in the well.

Only a poor little penny,
It was all I had to give,
But as pennies help make guineas,
It may help some cause to live.

A few little bits of ribbon,
And some toys that were not new;
But they made the sick child happy,
Which made me happy too.

Only some outgrown garments,
They were all I had to spare,
But they'll help to clothe the needy,
And the poor are everywhere.

A word now and then of comfort,
That cost me nothing to say,
But the poor old man dies happy,
And it helped him on the way.

God loveth the cheerful giver,
Though the gifts be poor and small,
What doth He think of His children
When they never give at all?

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.30, THE STORES. At 8.15, THE WORLD.
HAYMARKET.—At 8, TAMING A TIGER. At 8.30, MASKS AND FACES
PRINCESS'S.—At 7, THE INTRIGUE. At 7.45, BRANDED.
STRAND.—At 7.30, A SUMMER CLOUD. At 8, OLIVETTE.
COURT.—At 7, TWO OLD BOYS. At 8, ROMEO AND JULIET.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING. At 9, THE MONEY SPINNER.
LYCEUM.—At 7.45, THE CUP. At 9.30, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS. On Saturday THE BELLE'S STRATAGEM.
OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, FAMILY JARS. At 8.30, JO.
ADELPHI.—At 7.15, BARNEY THE BARON. At 8, MICHAEL STROGOFF.
GAIETY.—At 7.10, OPERETTA. At 7.20, LITTLE MOTHER. At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES.
CRITERION.—At 7.50, BRAVE HEARTS. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, TOM PINCH. At 9.15, DIVORCE.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.
FOLLY.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST, &c.
ROYALTY.—At 8.45, THE SECRET. At 7.30, BOW BELLS, and DON JUAN JUNIOR.
IMPERIAL.—At 3, LONDON ASSURANCE.
SURREY.—At 7.30, SAINT OR SINNER.
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To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing;

To elect Twelve Life or Annual Subscribers as Members of the General Committee for the year ensuing.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. THOMAS ENTWISLE, V. President, per Bro. C. F. MATIER:

To alter Law 55, by inserting after the word "livelihood" (at the end of Law) the words "in any of which cases *except that of sudden death*, the Father must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for three years."

2. By Bro. A. J. DUFF-FILER, V. Patron:—

In Law 72 (authorising a grant of money by the General Committee to a Boy having left the Institution) to erase the words "Twenty Pounds," in line 2—and in lieu thereof, to insert the words "Forty Pounds."

3. By resolution of the General Committee, on the recommendation of the House and Building Committee:—

That the House and Building Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £700 in the enlargement of the Gymnasium, &c., rendered necessary by the increase in the number of Boys from 100 to 215.

To elect Twenty Boys from an approved list of Seventy-six, now reduced to Seventy-three* Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for Election of Boys will commence at One o'clock (or as soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated) and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

* CANDIDATES WITHDRAWN FROM LIST.

No. 52.—Lewis, Oswald Edward.

No. 61.—Gosden, Walter Harry.

No. 70.—Legge, Vernon Guest.

N.B.—There are two Candidates named "Lucas," Nos. 15 and 62.

By Order,
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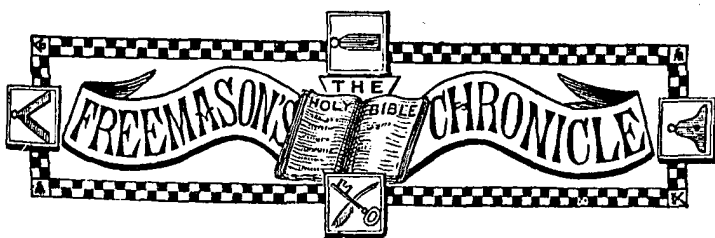
2nd April 1881.

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 29th June 1881,

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It is greatly to be regretted that, with but few exceptions, the records of those Lodges it has been our privilege to compile should have been so imperfect as to render it in any circumstances difficult, and in some instances impossible, to give a perfect history from the date of their constitution to the present time. The Lodge whose career we are on the point of considering, comes under the category of those with which it is impossible to deal completely. It was constituted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancient or Atholl Masons early in the year 1789, but the earliest minute in its possession is under date the 29th March 1841. There is consequently a period of as nearly as possible fifty-two years, in respect of which it is out of the question that we can acquire any knowledge of its proceedings, until, at all events, some one shall be so fortunate as to discover the missing records. The list of the W.M.'s and Wardens of the Lodge, extending back to the year 1822, inclusive, is fortunately in existence, and more fortunate still, there is also preserved a complete list of the members from the very date of the constitution of the Lodge, that is, from the 21st April 1789, the first names in the order we announce them being Bros. Ebenezer Sibley W.M., James Allibone S.W., and William Ranger J.W., being the principal Officers designate in the Warrant of the Lodge, transcript of which appeared in Vol. IV. page 327, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. For the preservation of this list, it seems, the Lodge is indebted to the kindness of Bro. S. Lazarus, who was its Secretary at the time he presented it, namely, on 2nd November 1840, or just a few months before the minutes begin. The title page, as we presume we must call it, runs thus:—"Members of the Lodge,

No. 253, at the Globe in Hatton-street, Holborn"—"the sign of the Globe, Hatton Garden (or elsewhere) in London" is mentioned in the Warrant as the place of meeting—"Constituted 21st April 1789. At the Union in 1813, number altered to 315"—query 319—"since which period it was again altered to 223. This book was presented to the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223. Containing the dates of all initiations, passings, and raisings and joinings for upwards of 51 years,—by Bro. S. Lazarus, Secty.—2nd November 1880." As regards the brethren who became members during the years anterior to 1801, no particulars are given by which it is possible to distinguish between those who were initiated and those who joined. For the few years that follow there are cases in which the dates of initiation and joining are mentioned, and later still we have the dates when the several degrees were conferred. As we advance, we find the Register becomes still more complete, and in the column left vacant for "Observations," &c. we find entries as to honorary members, resignations, deaths, &c. This list is continued till towards the close of the first half of 1844, the last entries bearing date the 3rd June of that year. The list of names contains none that are likely to commend themselves to the especial notice of brethren, except perhaps those of William S. Beetham, who in the column for Observations is described as "Now Sir Wm., Knight, Ulster King at Arms," and Jacob Norton, with whom we so often engage in friendly controversy, and who, it seems, was initiated into Freemasonry on the 3rd June 1839, passed to F.C. 1st July, and raised 5th August. The second Record contains not only the list of names continued to the present time, but likewise that of which we have already spoken, namely, the List of W. Masters and Wardens of the Lodge since 1822.

Of the other archives two may be dismissed briefly. One is the "Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Constitutions. His Grace the Duke of Atholl, Grand Master. To which are added the Laws and Regulations of the Holy Royal Arch. Published by Order of the Grand Lodge." This, which was printed by Bro. Thomas Harper jun. in 1813, is in a complete state of preservation; but as we noticed a similar code in connection with the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, we need not enter into any further description. The other has on its title-page the following inscription, namely:—"Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Part the Second. Containing the Charges, Regulations, &c., &c. Published, by the Authority of the United Grand Lodge, by William Williams, Esq., Provincial Grand Master for the County of Dorset." It bears date 1815, and is nearly, if not entirely, complete. Bro. Williams's Preface states that "the First Part, containing the History of Masonry, from the earliest period to the end of the year 1815, with Preface and Copious Index to the whole Work, will be printed with as little delay as possible." Thus, the Second Part, which is unquestionably of greater importance than the History of Freemasonry, even from the remotest period, enjoyed priority of publication. But two years had elapsed since the Union had taken place, and in the interim the Laws for the due governance of the Society had been compiled. Rightly enough did Bro. Williams, under such circumstances, hasten to set before the Craft the new Rules and Regulations. It was far better the brethren of those days should be made acquainted with the rules than with even the most elaborate history of the Society which the greatest possible ingenuity of even the most learned slave to Imagination could find the heart to compile.

Before going further we may repeat the statement that the Joppa Lodge was constituted 21st April 1789, as is stated in the Warrant we have already referred to. When the union between the Ancients and Moderns took place in 1813, it became, in consequence of the numbering of the Lodges which followed, No. 319. On the closing up of the Lodges in 1832 it became No. 223, and when again in 1863 there was a further change in numbers, it took the rank it has ever since retained, namely, that of Lodge No. 188. Having now to the best of our ability cleared the way for the more important duty that devolves upon us, we shall proceed to give a sketch of the Lodge, based on the minutes still preserved.

The minutes, as we have said, date from the 29th March 1841, when the Lodge was numbered 223 and met at the George and Vulture, Cornhill. The opening record, which describes the proceedings in question, is, unfortunately, not of a most satisfactory character. It relates to a meeting which was specially summoned, and the business transacted was confined to an investigation into certain charges preferred against a certain brother by the W. Master and another member. The result of the investigation was, that the incriminated brother, who did not, however, favour the Lodge with his presence, was suspended; but in the course of the evening a letter was received, in which he tendered his resignation, and the resignation, in spite of the sentence of suspension just before passed, was accepted, with a very proper proviso, however, "that his Private Lodge Certificate (when he applies for it), must state fully the particulars under which his resignation was accepted." At the meeting on the 3rd May, after the initiation of two candidates and the transaction of other business, a letter from Grand Secretary White, containing certain resolutions passed by Grand Lodge at the March Quarterly Communication, was read and ordered to be placed on the minutes. These resolutions—as will be seen on reference to our history of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Vol. XII. p 132—were directed against the unauthorised publication of the proceedings of Masons' Lodges, and in them the M.W. Grand Master appeals to the loyalty of the Craft generally, and especially of the Masters of Lodges, to assist him in putting down a practice which, in his opinion and that of Grand Lodge, cannot be otherwise than injurious to the well-being of Freemasonry. One other entry in the minutes of this meeting would seem to call forth some remarks. It reads thus:—"Bro. D. Crawcou, having complied with the resolution of the Lodge of the 20th December 1838, was afterwards admitted and took his seat as a Past Master of the Lodge." In the absence of the minutes referring to 1838, we are, of course, unable to offer any explanation as to the nature of the resolution referred to.

Perhaps some among the older members of the Lodge may be in a position to throw some light on the matter. At the meeting in July, after the half-yearly accounts, which showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of £5 0s 10d, had been audited, there was read the report of a Sub-Committee, which had been appointed to inquire into the custom of other Lodges with respect to their Secretaries, the result of such inquiries, so far as they were carried, being, that apart from Grand Lodge, the Lodges of Antiquity, Euoch, Kent, and Prosperity, severally presented an honorarium annually to their Secretaries, and on the strength of this report it was resolved to pay the Secretary of the Joppa the annual sum of £6 in addition to a free membership, such payment to commence from the night of installation of the current year (1841). It may be noticed incidentally, that among the members of the Sub-Committee was Bro. D. Moses, Treas. At the August meeting a motion was submitted by our worthy Brother Jacob Norton, and seconded by Bro. A. Harris P.M., to the effect that "in future all glass that is broken at or after supper or dinner, either by a member or visitor, shall be paid for by such brothers as may break the same." At an emergency meeting, held on the 23rd of this same month of August, the question of removing the Lodge from its quarters at the George and Vulture to a private room was taken into consideration, and a Committee, consisting of the Master, Past Masters, and Officers, was appointed for the purpose of making the necessary inquiries. In the following month the result of these inquiries was set forth, after a deputation of the Lodge had been despatched to the George Hall in order to judge for themselves of its suitability as a Lodge room. When the several members of this deputation had expressed their views on the question, a motion was submitted that the Lodge should take up its quarters at the Hall referred to, conditionally that the proprietor furnished the room with a carpet or drugget, and other necessary accommodation. To this, however, was opposed an amendment that the question of the removal of the Lodge should stand over till the next meeting, and this was eventually carried. At this gathering Bro. Norton, being about to leave the kingdom, tendered his resignation, and the Lodge paid him the compliment of unanimously agreeing to a resolution to the effect that a recommendation be given him on his departure. In October the question of removal was again deferred, not only on the regular Lodge night, but at the emergency meeting held on the 20th of the month, which was called partly for the consideration of that particular business, and partly for the initiation of two gentlemen, of whom one—Mr. Francis Broughton—was a minor, being only nineteen years and seven months old. In his case, therefore, the consent of the father in writing and the Grand Master's dispensation were necessary prerequisites before he could be balloted for, and, as many of our readers may not be acquainted with the form of dispensation granted for this purpose, we have thought it well to reproduce it. This particular dispensation reads as follows:—

"To the W. Master, Wardens, and Members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 228, meeting at the George and Vulture, Cornhill.

"You having represented to M.W.G.M. that Mr. Francis Broughton, of Falcon Square, London, and minor, of the age of 19 years and 7 months, son of Mr. Broughton, a solicitor of the place aforesaid, is desirous (with the consent of his father) to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and that he is in all respects a fit and proper person to be received, save as to his minority, His Royal Highness is pleased to grant this His Dispensation, and you are hereby authorised and empowered to initiate the said Francis Broughton, notwithstanding his minority, provided he be approved upon ballot in conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge and the Bye Laws of your own Lodge, and that the Consent of the Father shall be duly signified to you in writing. And for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant and you are to cause this Dispensation to be read in your Lodge, previous to the Ballot being taken, and also to be recorded in your minutes.

"Given at Freemasons' Hall, London, the 19th day of October 1841.

"By Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master.

(Signed) WILLIAM A. WHITE G.S."

In November the proposal to remove to the George Hall was determined in the negative; nor was it till the close of the year 1850 that the Lodge quitted the George and Vulture, and then it removed to the King's Head, Poultry. At the same time, the Bye-Law allowing the Worshipful Master to invite an unlimited number of visitors free, was modified, and henceforth he was privileged to invite two only. In December Bro. J. Woolf was elected Worshipful Master, while Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. It was subsequently resolved that on the installation night supper should be provided instead of a dinner, Members contributing 4s each, and Visitors 5s, while the Lodge itself gave the sum of £7 out of its funds towards the expenses of the entertainment.

In January 1842, Bro. John Woolf was formally installed as Master, and appointed and invested his Officers. The occasion calls for no remark save one, and the best way of making this is to quote the very words of the minute which has attracted our attention, and affords satisfactory evidence of the exceeding care with which the proceedings of the Lodge were conducted. It reads as follows: "The Summonses having been issued most peremptorily by Brother Lazarus the Secretary to assemble at five o'clock precisely, the Worshipful Master arrived at Three quarters of an hour after five o'clock, and fearing there had been some irregularity in the proceedings without the Warrant which he then brought with him, proceeded to re-open the Lodge with the usual formalities and solemn prayer." For the insertion of this minute, we presume, we are indebted to the conduct of Bro. Lazarus, who, at the next meeting of the Lodge, objected to the confirmation of the minutes of the installation on the ground that they did not give a complete account of the proceedings; and it was only on the promise of the new Secretary, Bro. Daniel, that such an

addition should be made that the ex-Secretary consented to waive his objection. Bro. Lazarus, however, though he seems to have been a most worthy and active member, and though steps were subsequently taken with a view to recognising his valuable services as Secretary, does not appear to have been quite as attentive in the matter of delivering up his archives to his successor. Whether the Lodge was or was not opened and re-opened on the same evening is, comparatively speaking, of little importance, but the complaint of Bro. Daniel, who succeeded Bro. Lazarus in the Secretaryship, was a serious one—namely, that the "Old Minute Book, as well as the other Books, were not delivered up to him on his coming into office," and Bro. Lazarus's promise, "that if the Tyler came up for them to his house they should be delivered up," fully satisfies us Bro. Lazarus had no adequate conception of the importance of his duties or of the courtesy due by him to his Lodge. It would not have detracted one iota from the personal dignity of Bro. Lazarus had he been himself the carrier of the book, and himself placed it in the hands of his successor. It happens, unfortunately, that this old Minute Book contains a part, if not the whole of the Records that are missing, and, in the absence of any remarks one way or the other in the pages of the Minute Book now under consideration, we trust the Lodge had sense enough not to pay Bro. Lazarus the compliment of voting him a testimonial until it was shown that he had done his duty by handing over to Bro. Daniel this important record—the ability of the Tyler to call at his house for it being left entirely out of consideration. A result of Bro. Lazarus's remissness in the fulfilment of his duties is noticeable in the minutes relating to this very gathering. Among sundry inquiries it seems he felt it incumbent on him to make was one as to whether "the names of the Officers eligible to sit in Grand Lodge had been made out," and the prompt reply of Secretary Daniel was to the effect that "he could not do so until Brother Lazarus, the Secretary, gave up the books." Indeed, the whole conduct of this brother appears to have been singularly inexplicable, for in the same set of minutes he is entered as stating "that he held in his hands some papers which should be sealed up, and opened whenever the Worshipful Master thought proper to call a Committee of the Lodge, when those papers should be read. The Worshipful Master promised that a Committee should be called." We ask, in the first place, why this Bro. Lazarus was permitted to retain in his hands, when he was no longer in office, a single paper referring to the business or the members of the Lodge. In the next, how happens it that the W.M. and the rest of the Lodge could have been so weak as to allow themselves to be thus dragooned one minute, and prepare a testimonial to the brother who had dragooned them the minute following. We hear nothing further of the Minute Book, the preservation of which was a matter of the greatest importance, but we do hear much about Bro. Lazarus, which we could well have dispensed with without shedding one single tear of regret.

In the minutes for April 1842 is a record to the effect that Bro. Asher Benjamin presented the Lodge with a windlass, which was placed before the Senior Warden, and that the thanks of the Lodge were given to the donor. In May, a guinea was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the "Annuity Fund." In September, the half-yearly account, when audited, showed the very satisfactory balance in favour of the Lodge of £11 17s 9d. At the meeting in October, the Bro. Lazarus we have spoken so fully about already gave notice of motion that "the Lodge be closed every night at nine o'clock." What object he could have in making such a proposition does not appear. In November a visiting Brother belonging to what in those days was Lodge No. 78, was refused admission, Bro. Daniel having announced his intention of retiring if the brother in question were allowed to enter. It subsequently transpired that the applicant for admission would never have presented himself had he known that Bro. Daniel was present. This is evidence there was great ill-feeling between the two. What, however, occurs to us as being somewhat strange is, that the W. Master, after Bro. Daniel's objection to sit with the proposed visitor, should have put the question to the vote. He ought there and then to have settled that the admission of the visitor was out of the question. In December the election of a new W. Master took place. Of the nineteen votes recorded eight were in favour of Bro. Moses Levy, and eight for Bro. Lazarus, and the choice was determined by the casting vote of the W. Master in favour of Bro. Levy. Bro. David Moses and Isaac Isaacs were re-elected to their old offices of Treasurer and Tyler.

[To be continued.]

SOCIETE CULINAIRE FRANCAIS.

THE Annual Ball of this Society was held on the 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of M. Bohers and the following Stewards:—MM. Duplany, Secretary, Gudefin, E. Belhomme, Brimond, Dnpré, Boizot, A. Penet, Tribolet, J. Cossart, J. C. Innes, Burlet, &c. There was a numerous attendance of ladies and visitors, numbering in all 274. The Ball last year was considered to be a great success, but this year, owing to the indefatigable exertions of the Stewards, the result will doubtless be still more satisfactory. The Balls of the Society are held for the purpose of raising funds to assist the members when in distressed circumstances. The promoter is M. Penet. M. Duplany efficiently acts as Secretary, while the President, M. Bohers, does everything in his power to contribute to the success of these Festivals. The Band was under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, and Bro. Johnson acted as M.C. The supper, which as usual was of the most *récherché* character, was provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Burlet. The President gave the usual Loyal toasts, and the Ladies and Stewards were not overlooked. Dancing was resumed, and the guests concluded a very agreeable evening, with the additional reflection that it was a most successful one as regards the object which was intended.

MEMORY;

WHAT IT HAS DONE, WHAT IT MAY DO.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

MEMORY plays an important part in Freemasonry, and every applicant should possess the ability of acquiring and retaining a knowledge of the art. Without memory the science could not be disseminated and there could be no "wise and accomplished Freemasons." The attention of the Fellow Craft is continually directed to a consideration of the measure of God's bounty to man, and in the summary of His munificence MEMORY is mentioned as a subject which "far exceeds human enquiry and is a peculiar mystery known only to nature and to nature's God." When we pause in the bustle of our business occupations and permit our thoughts to revert to ourselves, and the wonderful faculties with which we are endowed, and consider our utter inability to create anything approaching to the perfectness of mankind, it seems impossible that any sane mind will question the existence of a Deity to whose wisdom alone is to be attributed our complete and complex organization.

What would have been man's condition without the power of memory? The most extensive experience would have been of no value, and human progress and improvement would have been impossible. As a faculty it consists in the ability of retaining knowledge and of recalling it instantly when we have occasion to make use of it. But this power varies much in individuals; thus: some persons can express themselves fluently in conversation or upon the rostrum, while others require the slower process of writing to convey their ideas and knowledge to others; some can recall events with astonishing accuracy of detail, while others with equal facilities for observation have but a confused impression of the circumstances. But it is not my purpose to deal with memory in a philosophical manner—simply to show what it has done and what it may do.

There are many instances on record of the extraordinary achievements of human memory, and nearly every child has had some experience in the way of memorizing chapters and verses from the Bible.

It is related that Daniel Webster had a remarkable ability in this direction—when a boy at least. Upon one occasion a jack-knife was exhibited to the school and promised to the boy who should, by the succeeding evening, commit to memory the greatest number of verses in the Bible. The reward was a tempting one, and the boys all entered for the prize, many of them did well, but Daniel recited some sixty or seventy verses, and said he had a few chapters to spare, and won the knife.

A poor girl named Julia Warner, taken from a country poor house, once undertook the task of committing the entire New Testament to memory in order to secure the proffered prize of a handsome Bible. She memorized so rapidly that her teacher found it difficult to spare the time to hear her recite. She won the Book at the expense of much headache and mental torture.

Rev. John Jewell, Bishop of Salisbury, who died 22nd September 1571, had a most wonderful memory. He could repeat *verbatim* what he had once written, after a single reading, and it was his custom to commit his sermons while the bells were ringing to summon the people to worship. He said that when he had the heads impressed upon his memory, nothing could confuse the order of his thought. His ability as a memorizer was put to numerous severe tests. Two of his brother divines upon one occasion sought to put his powers to a full trial, and one of them uttered twice some of the most difficult and barbarous words he could find in a calendar, while the other gave him a list of forty Welsh, Irish, and foreign words, which he read twice; after a little reflection he repeated the lists both forward and backward. He professed to have reduced his ability to a science, and to be able to communicate it to others, and succeeded so well with one of his friends that after twenty-eight days tuition of one hour each day, the pupil was able to recite the entire Gospel according to Matthew, as well as to recall instantly any verse, and state what was before and after it.

A Massachusetts divine who died some thirty years ago was accustomed to commit his sermons to memory. He had been pastor of one church for seventy years, and when upwards of ninety-five years of age he preached from memory, without any variation, a sermon he had written half a century before. In the afternoon of the same Sunday he repeated the same sermon, but utterly unconscious of the fact that he had preached it in the morning. When his grand-daughter told him of his repetition he saw it at once, but without admitting it, said, "Why, daughter, how can you be so mistaken?" "But, father, you did, and all the congregation knew it." "Daughter," he replied, "was the bread you made last week the same as you made this?" "Why, no, of course not." "But," he continued, "it was made out of the same flour, from the same barrel, in the same way, and baked in the same oven, and I think it must have been just so with my sermon."

But the most astonishing instance of memorizing is that of Cardinal Giuseppe Gaspardo Mezzofanti, the Italian linguist, who was born 17th September 1774, and died 15th March 1849. He was the son of a carpenter, and was designed for the same occupation, but a priest observed his extraordinary intellectual power and had him educated for the priesthood. Before he had completed his university course he had mastered the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish, French, Coptic, German and Swedish tongues, and at the age of twenty-two was appointed professor of Arabic at Bologna and afterwards of the oriental languages. Political changes caused him to lose his appointment, but he pursued the study of language without cessation. He was in the habit of calling upon strangers at the hotels and learning the pronunciation of their tongues. He says this did not cause him much trouble, for he had a "remarkable flexibility of the organs of speech." At forty-three he read twenty and spoke eighteen languages; three years later he had acquired thirty-two, about which time Lord Byron described him as "a walking polyglot,

a monster of languages, and a Briareus of parts of speech," an opinion that was induced by the Cardinal's familiarity with English slang, in which he showed himself to be more proficient than the English Lord.

In 1838 he was elevated to the Cardinalate, and his residence at Rome gave him more opportunities for pursuing his favourite study. Cases are recorded of persons coming to Rome who spoke some out of the way language which debarred them from coming to confession; on such occasions three weeks was all the time the Cardinal wanted to make himself familiar with their peculiarities. He is said to have spoken each language with the precision and fluency of a native; his pronunciation, idioms, &c., were unexceptionable; even the familiar words of every day life, the little niceties and peculiarities that characterise every tongue, were known to him. He could detect the particular part of a country a person came from by the dialect, and was frequently mistaken by foreigners as a countryman. He said he never forgot anything he ever read, and his accomplishments certainly warrant such an assertion. It is asserted that at his death he was acquainted with 114 languages, but it is thought that many of these were but variations of the same tongue.

The activity of the memory has always been regarded as subject to the physical condition of the body, and ancient philosophers prescribed plasters, powders, and perfumes to stimulate and strengthen it. Albertus Magnus, a learned Dominican, who lived in the thirteenth century, is regarded by some as the author of a book of *Secrets*, in which the following receipt is given: "If the heart, eye or brain of a lapwing or black plover be hanged upon a man's neck, it is profitable against forgetfulness, and sharpeneth man's understanding."

The art of improving the memory by artificial means has been a subject of much thought by scholars, and it is supposed that the art originated with the Egyptians. Cicero states that the poet Simonides of Cos first reduced it to a system about 500 B.C. He had been in attendance at a banquet, and during his temporary absence the building fell and crushed the guests: the bodies were so mutilated that they were beyond recognition, but his recollection of the position each occupied at the table enabled him to distinguish them, and he was thus led to contrive a process for aiding the memory. There have been various systems originated to aid the memory, but they have been so complex that little good has resulted. Indeed, the systems have been employed chiefly by their inventors to exhibit feats of memory, which Lord Bacon stated he regarded as "no more than rope-dancing, antic-postures and feats of activity; and, indeed, they are nearly the same things—the one being the abuse of the bodily as the other is of the mental powers; and though they may cause admiration, they cannot be highly esteemed."

The principle of artificial memory is to associate some material object with the idea we wish to remember. Almost every person has experienced the principle when revisiting familiar places from which he has been long absent, or meeting some old friend of by-gone days. The annual reunions of the soldiers of our late war tend more to keep alive reminiscences of the strife than anything that could be devised; we see an old comrade's face or form, scarred or mutilated as it may be, and at once our memory goes back to the day we saw him fall, or to some scrape in which we were concerned. Antietam, Gettysburg, Libby, Andersonville are simple words, but the mere mention of them brings up hosts of memories. The second sight mystery is an application of the principle, and every one who has occasion to depend upon the memory has a system more or less elaborate as an aid to the recollection.

During the seventeenth century there was one Robert Pasfield, a servant to an English gentleman, who could neither read nor write. He was a zealous churchman and fond of sermons, and as an aid to his memory he invented a girdle of leather which went twice around his body; this he divided into parts and allotted a part to each book of the Bible, in the proper order; the chapters he represented by thongs of leather, with knots and points for verses. With this girdle upon him he made notes of the sermon, and with such success that he could repeat it through its several heads and quote the various texts mentioned in it.

It is not many years since school teachers insisted upon their pupils "learning by heart." The exact words of the author were enjoined as essential to a perfect comprehension of the lesson, and even in history was this senseless practice enforced. In some studies the exact phraseology is necessary, as on the stage and in the rites of Masonry. Where this "learning by rote" is attempted, a sitting posture should be avoided, as it soon produces restlessness, and the mind becomes diverted from the task. It will be found that walking to and fro in the room and repeating the language aloud will be both healthful exercise and an easy way of impressing the words of the text upon the memory. As an aid to the memory in committing written or printed text my own experience has been that by associating the several paragraphs with the position they occupy on the page, a cue is given by which the order of language is observed. We sometimes forget a very important clause, and by a system of association, such as I suggest, the mind has before it an imaginary page from which the language is, as it were, read. Some Officers in Masonic bodies have much memorizing to do in order to gracefully discharge their duties, and it might not be uninteresting or unprofitable if brethren of experience were to give us their systems of fixing words upon their memories.

We understand from the *Portsmouth Times* that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has granted the petition for a warrant for a new Masonic Lodge in Portsmouth, to be called the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, No. 1903. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), at an early date, on which occasion the first W.M. of the new Lodge (Bro. Commander Lord Charles Beresford P.M.) will be present and instal the Officers of the new Lodge, which promises to be a great success.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL.

- Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1607—Loyalty
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 11th APRIL.

- Quarterly General Court, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 R.A. 154—Unity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 12th APRIL.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1559—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.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton

- 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidecup
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Chendale
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 539—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1274—Burdett Counts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. Marvlebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 4 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Stevne Hotel, Worthing.
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)
 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1559—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)

- 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 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. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 341—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 636—D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 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, Trade-gate, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 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.
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—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, Colleshill.
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 1393—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 16th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—Held at Bro. W. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. At the regular meeting of this Lodge, on the 27th ult., the evening was devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. T. Wooding J.W. 1306 had been invited to preside, and had the advantage of the able support of Bros. P.M.'s T. J. Barnes as S.W., B. Cundick as J.W., and W. Musto Preceptor as I.P.M., G. H. Stephens Hon. Sec. After full compliance with formalities, the sections were worked, and most ably, as follows: First Lecture:—Bros. Shingfield, Richardson, Loane, Job, Moss, Yetton, and T. J. Barnes; Second Lecture:—Bros. Stewart, Taylor, Myers, Musto, and Webb; Third Lecture:—Bros. Cohen, Cundick, and G. H. Stephens. After the working, Bros. Huxley 55, Couture D.C. 1306, Quay 948, G. Coote 1278, MacGregor I.G. 1445, and others, were admitted members of this Lodge of Instruction, where the teaching of Bro. Musto Preceptor, and the other Past Masters is acknowledged to be unequalled. The highly efficient services of the W.M., Brother Wooding, were next recognised; he being unanimously accorded a vote of thanks from the Lodge, together with the compliment of honorary membership. A vote of thanks to the veteran P.M. and teacher Bro. Barnes was next passed, for his kind and efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to the Senior Warden's chair. Bro. Barnes acknowledged the compliment in an instructive speech. The brethren who had assisted were also thanked, and Lodge was closed; a highly agreeable and instructive evening having been passed.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The usual meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Bro. Cross acted as W.M., and was supported as follows:—Bros. Smith S.W., A. Wood, B. Stewart Deacon, J. Taylor I.G., Poulter, A. Walter, Stephens, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Poulter acting as candidate. Bro. Taylor then occupied the chair, and worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 12th inst.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday evening, 1st April, at half-past seven for eight o'clock. Bro. Monson, who had been appointed to the chair, kindly relinquished his claim

in favour of Bro. Becket. The Officers were Bros. Monson S.W., Maton J.W., C. D. Botley S.D., F. Botley J.D., Blasby I.G.; there were also present Bros. Roe Preceptor, Gomm I.P.M., Goss P.M., Tucker Treasurer, Gunner Hon. Sec., Kent, Sperring, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sperring candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Gunner volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Blasby answered the usual questions leading to third degree. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Monson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his Officers. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to Brother Becket for his efficient working, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Becket expressed his gratification, and only regretted that his "private avocations" precluded his attending so frequently as he could wish; he also testified his appreciation of Bro. Monson's kindness in giving over the chair to him for the evening. Bro. Secretary reported that, in accordance with the recent vote, the Treasurer had handed him a cheque for five guineas, and that he had given it over to Bro. Gomm to be placed on his list as Steward for the Boys' Institution. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till 8th inst., usual hour. In our report last week of the Royal Alfred Lodge, we omitted to mention that five guineas was voted on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; the amount is to be placed on Bro. Gomm's list.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 30th March. Bros. P.M. Myers W.M., Peterken S.W., Watkins J.W., Ives I.G., Worsley Secretary; also Bros. Pavitt, Smith, Knopp, Brownsom and Wallington P.M. 860. Lodge opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by P.M. Bro. Myers, who installed Bro. Smith W.M. elect 860 into the chair of K.S.; the working of Bro. Myers was most perfect. The Lodge closed to 1st degree, when Bro. Peterken was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We were gratified at seeing Bro. Wallington on a visit to this little Lodge of Instruction; he received a hearty welcome from those of his old pupils who were present. Now Bro. Wallington has once paid a visit here, we trust the brethren will often have him in attendance. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second and fourth sections of the lecture.

On Tuesday, 5th April, Bros. Peterken W.M., Rawe S.W., Loane J.W., Myers S.D., Johnson J.D., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; P.M. Barnes, Bros. Forsyth, Keable, White, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keable candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first four sections of the lecture. Bro. Rawe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All were pleased to see our friend, Bro. Barnes assisting in working the sections. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Peterken was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremony, for the first time. We are sorry to hear that Bro. Smith, a most regular attendant at this Lodge, was absent on account of illness. We wish him a speedy return to health.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 5th April, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement. Present—Bros. Shipley W.M., Medwin S.W., Orme J.W., Mather Preceptor, Sparrow Secretary, Cuthbertson S.D., Couchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Levi candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Korn candidate. Lodge opened in third degree, and closed to first. Bro. F. Perl, of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, was elected a member. Bro. Medwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

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Orion Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 3, Havant.—On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the members of the above Chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Waterloo-road, the attendance being a fair one. Sir Knight J. Clay P.M.W. occupied the chair, in the absence of J. Harrison M.W.; J. Clarke S.W., J. Purnell J.W. There being no candidate for advancement, the position of the Rite was discussed, and the Festival of Nature celebrated, J. W. Hillman R. Ill. G.M. of C. presiding, after which the members adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where the Festival was completed.

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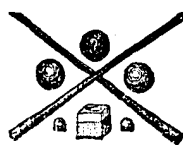
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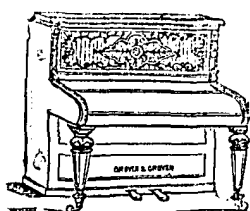
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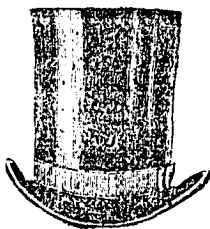
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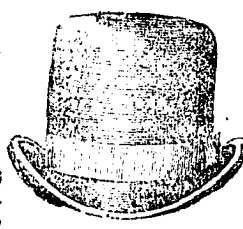
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