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THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

THE Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last, when after the ordinary business of the meeting had been transacted, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election of fifteen from an approved list of twenty-eight candidates. We have already noted the distribution of these candidates as among the several sections of the Craft. Ten of them hailed from London; Hants and Isle of Wight sent up three; Devonshire, Essex, Wilts, and West Yorkshire two each; and Cambridgeshire, Northumberland, East Lancashire, Suffolk, Kent, Staffordshire, and Somersetshire one each. Of the London girls exactly one-half obtained vacancies, while ten of the eighteen Provincial completed the list. The first, second, and third places were secured by the former, L. M. Anscombe being first with 2064 votes, E. J. March second with 2011, and E. M. Penny third with 1857. We must congratulate them on their success, for this was their first and only chance of obtaining admission into the School. No. 4 was a Suffolk girl, E. M. A. Townsend, who to a score of 305 votes from the election last October, polled 1508 additional, making a total of 1813. No. 5, S. H. M. Tippler, from Essex, was a first and last application, and secured 1614 votes, while No. 6, G. L. Smith, of London, also secured her admission at her first attempt with 1497 votes. No. 7, A. C. Corps, Kent, was not very far behind, as she obtained 1461 votes, while A. A. Allison, Northumberland, with 364 to her credit from October last, increased her total to 1425. The East Lancashire candidate, L. Williamson, was likewise a candidate last October, when she polled 532. The further support of her friends yielded 844 additional votes, so that the total of 1376 carried her well on to the ninth place. No. 10, G. B. Balch, Somersetshire, and No. 11, Minnie Wedgwood, of Staffordshire, polled 1302 and 1264 votes respectively, the next in order, E. M. Foxall, being twelfth with 1259 votes. One of the West Yorkshire candidates, Florence James, obtained the thirteenth place with 1,221 votes, and the other stood fifteenth with 1163 votes, the Devon candidate, U. A. Rawle, taking the intermediate position with 1209 votes. All these, from No. 10 inclusive, were first application cases. So much for the successful candidates, which, having regard to the number, were fairly well distributed between the Metropolis and the Provinces. Of the unsuccessful candidates, Nos. 16 and 17, with 1,125 and 1025 votes to their credit respectively, hailed from London. The second Essex candidate, E. Deacon, who had 314 votes to the good from three previous elections, raised her total to 819. Unfortunately, this was a final application, and her name therefore will be removed from the list. No. 19, L. M. S. Shrapnel, Wiltshire, polled 492 votes, but as she is not yet nine years of age, there are several more chances, which her Province will no doubt turn to the best account. No. 20, N. L. Walters, London, polled 316 votes. No. 21, E. M. Parker, of Cambridgeshire, though this was her sixth and last application, scored only 176 votes, of which 92 stood to her credit from her previous attempts. Her name, therefore, will disappear from the list. A. G. Cleaver, London, nine years old, obtained 173 votes, and Edith Brown, Devonshire, 110 votes. The latter has yet one more chance of securing admission, as she will not be eleven years old till November. Of the five remaining candidates, No. 24, London, polled 79 votes, and Nos. 25,

26, and 27, all hailing from the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, obtained 45, 19, and 6 votes respectively. The first and second of this trio have now made three, and the third, two attempts, to gain admission, and they are fortunately young enough to be permitted to try again. The last on the poll, a Wiltshire girl, M. L. Gano, obtained two votes, but doubtless her friends will exert themselves to an appreciable extent at some future election, as she will be eligible for admission till the October election 1883. We do not know that any further remarks need be added, beyond the expression of our regret that the two last cases should have failed. It is always regrettable when a young girl's hopes of admission into the School are thus destroyed. There now remain eleven from the list of last Saturday who are eligible to try in October next, and several of them will have still further chances allowed them.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held in the Great Hall at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 11th inst., when, on the completion of the business described in our Advertisement columns last week, twenty pupils were elected from an approved list of seventy-two candidates, the original number of seventy-six having been reduced by three withdrawals, and one removal. Of the twenty thus elected, the admission of two of them has been made conditional on the result of the further inquiries which have been ordered. Of the seventy-two candidates nineteen belonged to London; Hants and the Isle of Wight sent up five; Durham four, East Lancashire, Kent, and Middlesex three each; Cumberland and Westmoreland, Devon, Dorset, Essex, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, North Wales and Salop, S. Wales West Division, Warwickshire, and West Yorkshire two each; Beds, Berks and Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Guernsey, Herts, Hong Kong, N. and E. Yorkshire, Northumberland, South Africa, Staffordshire, Surrey, West Coast of Africa, and West Lancashire one each. Eight of the successful candidates hailed from London, and the remaining twelve were Provincial; or, having regard to the number of attempts each had made, one had been a candidate at four previous elections, four at three, two at two, and four at one election, while the other nine succeeded at the very first attempt; it being in the case of one of these nine, a first and last ballot, for had he not succeeded in winning a place, his name must have been removed from the list. The two who obtained the first and second places were London candidates, A. Allan with 910 votes to his credit from last October polled 802 more, and secured the highest position with a total of 1712, while G. A. March at his first trial obtained 1676, and the next highest place. No. 3, one of the two candidates from West Yorkshire, was an applicant for the first time and polled 1665, W. W. Lucas, who stood fourth with 1656 votes, being one of three East Lancashire lads, and also a candidate for the first time. W. H. Woollons, from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, had 803 votes to his credit as the accumulated result of four previous ballots. On Monday he increased his score to 1644 and thus secured the fifth vacancy. No. 6, E. C. Rocke of London, and a candidate for the first time, scored 1623 votes; while No. 7, W. L. Wilson, South Africa, with a credit of 1238 votes from three former attempts, received 374 additional, making his total 1612. Next in order is the name of L. L. Whiteley, an Essex candidate, for whom 1575 votes were cast at this his first trial; F. R. Bladon, Berks and Bucks, with 742 from last October, increasing his poll to 1570, and H. J. Tink, one of the two

Dorset boys, being close up with 1562 votes. No. 11, C. E. Webb, hailing from Kent, had received at his three previous attempts only 330 votes, but his friends made a determined onslaught, and with a further poll of 1200 votes, carried him into the eleventh vacancy, with a total of 1530, W. Conway, the Cheshire applicant, being close on his heels with 1,522, all polled for him on this occasion. A London candidate, F. T. Tanner, with 422 votes from the October election, was so well supported that he was returned with 1454 votes, a North Wales and Salop lad, W. I. Williams, being only a short neck behind with 1451, E. C. Lucas, Guernsey, coming next with 1445, of which 968 were already to his credit from three previous ballots. Two London lads followed, one of whom, A. L. Lewis, with 925 to the good from October, increased it to 1431, while the other, John Bloomfield, was a candidate for the first time, and scored 1423. Grantley Wicks, from the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, received 1385 votes, and thus fought his way into the School at his first and only trial, the nineteenth and twentieth vacancies falling to London candidates, of whom the former, C. N. Estling, with 896 votes from three ballots, raised his total to 1365, while S. D. Stephen, who had been twice an unsuccessful applicant, and only procured support to the extent of 940 votes, received 416 additional, and thus raised his total to 1356. These last two candidates are the two whose admission into the School has been made to depend on the result of further inquiries.

Of the unsuccessful candidates, the first is A. Fellows, from London, with a total of 1311 votes, made up of 714 from his four previous ballots, and 597 cast for him on Monday. He has one more chance of securing his election, and with such a credit may reasonably look forward to winning his way into the School in October next. George Wortley, a Durham boy, stood for the first time last October, when he polled 542 votes. This was increased to 1263 on Monday, so that he, too, and indeed the seven next in order, stand well for the next election, namely, C. A. Gurney, Middlesex, who increased his votes from 761 to 1225; S. E. Lee, London, who scored 1134, of which 662 were already to his credit; P. H. Mott, West Lancashire, 1113 votes, all polled on Monday; H. A. Ecclestone, Hong Kong, who raised his total from 741 to 1087; H. Lloyd Jordison, Essex, 950 votes, of which 264 were brought forward, and G. W. K. Hill, and A. Kirkby, both of London; the former raised his number from 294 to 887, while the latter polled 821. Next is a Norfolk boy, W. B. Stanford, with 765 votes; then a Warwickshire candidate, F. A. Clark, with 637 votes, 555 of which, however, were brought forward, and then W. R. Watson, the Surrey candidate, whose poll was increased at the election from 243 to 631. However, it is hardly necessary we should go on enumerating the votes polled for all the unsuccessful ones. Suffice it that Nos. 33 and 34 have over 500 to the good, and No. 35 over 400. The next five from No. 36 to No. 41, both inclusive, polled over 300 votes, but No. 39, H. S. J. Crane, will disappear from the list. At six elections he has only obtained 335 votes, and before October he will have attained the age of eleven. Nos. 42 to 46, both inclusive, have each over 200 votes, No. 43, C. S. V. Field being in the same unfortunate predicament as the boy Crane. Nos. 47 to 54 have each scored between 100 and 200 votes, while No. 55 is close up with 94 votes. All these have one or more chances of success still left them, but No. 56, John Reed, though he has tried seven times has failed, poor lad, ignominiously—no ignominy, of course, attaches to the lad—and he, too, will disappear from the list. No. 59, a Berks and Bucks lad, was withdrawn, so that the 43 votes polled for him were wasted; it would have been his only chance of securing a vacancy. Nos. 66 and 67, the former a London, and the latter a Worcester boy, were withdrawn, No. 74, London, was removed, while No. 75, a Devon youngster scored—how many think you, gentle reader, at his five attempts? Well, a magnificent 0. His friends must have been most energetic in their support of his candidature. *Five* elections with 0 as the result. We suppose the poor boy has been living on hope for the last two years and a half, and now even that has deserted him, for he has no further chance of gaining even a vote, much less a place among the successful candidates. Omitting two withdrawals and the one removal, there were no less than eight candidates for whom were cast under ten votes. This completes our survey of the result of last Monday's election. It only remains for us to add that of

the unsuccessful candidates as many as forty-seven will have their names and the votes, if any, polled for them, carried forward to the October list, so that whatever may be the number of vacancies then competed for, there is every prospect of the list of applicants being as formidable as at this election. Of these forty-seven boys ten are London, and the rest Provincial.

MASONIC LEGEND AND TRADITION.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

AN evening recently spent in the company of an old and experienced Mason was an interesting one to the writer. The venerable brother had been an active and studious Craftsman from early life; had read whatever came within his reach in relation to the history of Freemasonry; had formed opinions concerning the origin and history and growth of the Order, and was prepared to give a reason for his belief. He is, occasionally, quite communicative on this subject, and when in such a mood it is extremely pleasant to pass an hour or two in his company.

On the occasion alluded to I asked his opinion about the origin of Freemasonry—"Whence came it?" Were the stories about its organization among the workmen who constructed the Temple at Jerusalem founded on fact? In brief, what were we to believe about it, or must we leave it where we found it, involved in fiction, legend, and tradition? He seemed willing to communicate, and I listened with reverence and close attention. I now propose to give you, substantially, his views in reply to my question. I may not hope to recall his exact language, but as near as I can, from my notes taken at the time.

"Freemasonry, in its form and fashion of to-day, has a history of only a few centuries. Fort has collected most of what is known on that subject, and his work is quite exhaustive; but beyond the facts and documents he has given us, there is a dim past, through the centuries of which there is an occasional fact that refers to an association either Grecian or Roman or Jewish or Tyrian, probably some from each source, pointing to a real or supposed association of builders. To those half legendary facts, we owe the traditions we so often refer to in the rituals of the present Freemasonry. Even traditions must have some basis for support, and ours may rest upon the snatches of early history, some of which are facts and some the vagrant fancies of busy brains. Some of them were unquestionably facts—many of them mere theories. Let me give you mine, in which recorded truth and fanciful legend are strangely blended. Solomon was about to construct a magnificent Temple at Jerusalem, the capital of his kingdom, in which God was to be worshipped according to certain forms, and with certain symbolic ceremonies. The Jews knew but little of the art of building; but men *must* be had for this great undertaking, workmen, architects, builders; such as could 'hew the architrave' from the cedars of Lebanon, and square great ashlar from the quarries, who could at least prepare the material from its unshapen forms, and then it would be a comparatively easy task to erect the structure. But most of all did he need a 'cunning artificer,' one capable of comprehending the whole plan of the building, of preparing designs and models for the workmen, and of superintending the construction of an edifice, whose original designs were believed to have been furnished by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

"The Tyrians, composing a small kingdom on the sea coast, were renowned as architects. Tyre was but a short distance from Jerusalem; while its king (Hiram) was on the most friendly terms with Solomon. To Hiram, therefore, overtures were made to supply workmen for the great enterprise, and a favourable reply received. The result was an agreement that, for certain considerations, Hiram should supply Solomon with the artists and builders that he needed. The letters which passed between these two neighbouring kings, in the progress of this negotiation, are still extant, and are invested with the seal of unquestioned authenticity. You may read this correspondence, still preserved in that old work called the Bible—reverenced by Jew and Christian the world over. It is found in the second chapter of the first book of Chronicles, and its authenticity is reliable. It will there be seen that Hiram not only supplied the desired workmen for the forest and the quarries, but he found and furnished an artist of extraordinary skill—just such a one as Solomon needed. The king described him as 'the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device that shall be put to him.'

"This man, half Jew and half Tyrian, must have been a rare artist, of wonderful and varied genius. The Freemasons of a century or more ago, in arranging and adjusting the rituals of the degrees, seem to have taken this Tyrian artist under their special care, and, adding fancy to fact, arranged a tragedy as a novelist does his plot, and then passed it upon the neophyte as veritable historic truth! Or, in completing the mystical structure, they may have borrowed some from the Dionysians to complete the ideal, half fact and half fiction, which they constructed from the story of the Tyrian.

"The mysteries of the Dionysians were originally instituted in honour of Bacchus, and looked to Egypt, that land of mysteries, for their parentage. The ceremonies at the reception of a novice were solemn and impressive, and, like the Third Degree in modern Masonry, well calculated to test the virtue and integrity of the candidate. More than three days were required in passing the terrible ordeal, and when he reached the object of his ambition, he was welcomed with shouts, and daily instructed in the doctrines and symbols of the association. This was not unlike the legend of the Third Degree, and it is not difficult to trace the relationship.

"In working out the analogies found in the foundation of our

mysteries, it is not necessary to enter into a detail of the labours of those Tyrian artists, in conjunction with the men of Israel, in the preparation of the material for, and final completion of the Temple which rose in almost unearthly grandeur on Moriah. Jew and Gentile wrought together, as though the achievement was designed to prefigure that of the Gospel in later times, when all were to be included in the privileges and blessings of a Temple equally as holy and still more spiritual. On this analogy the fathers founded another legend.

"Now for the corner-stone of another tradition: For seven years the work of constructing that Temple went steadily forward according to the designs of the 'cunning workman' of Tyre in whom was mingled the blood of the Jew and the Gentile. Israelite and Tyrian toiled side by side, until by the united skill and industry of more than one hundred and fifty thousand workmen the Grand Design was completed. Think you a close and fraternal intimacy had grown up between these workmen? In their hours of 'rest and refreshment' they doubtless talked over the history, customs and religions of their respective nations, with the nature and resulting benefits of a closer union; and though the sons of Abraham could not, perhaps, formally unite with their co-workers, the Tyrians, nor embrace their peculiar dogmas in their entirety, they could unite in some of them. The Israelites, perhaps, would commend the doctrines and duties taught by the Prophets, and instructed their Tyrian associates in relation to the claims and promises—the privileges and blessings vouchsafed to them by the God of Abraham.

"The very rock or timber on which their skill was then engaged would lead to conversation on this subject; and in the hours of relaxation from toil, while reposing under the deep shades of the forest on the plains of Zarthan, or the sides and summit of Lebanon, would suggest the wonders God had wrought in behalf of His chosen people; and such themes would lead them to chant the inspired songs of the Hebrew Bards, until the mind and language of the Jew glowed under the inspiration of the themes, and the hopes and prospects opening before them; while their Tyrian associates would listen, and wonder, and admire. It cannot be supposed that this free and unrestrained intermingling of workmen, even of different races, could continue for a period of seven years, without creating an intimacy as sincere as it was disinterested, and without making each party acquainted with whatever was valuable and desirable in the social, religious, or fraternal institutions of the respective nations. The one was as ready to impart as the other was to receive instruction; while both were benefited, and received impressions that ages did not obliterate.

"But the great work was finally completed, and the workmen were again to be separated. The Temple, in which the solemn and imposing worship of JEHOVAH was to be publicly instituted and stately celebrated, was dedicated with the most imposing ceremonies that earth had ever witnessed. The Ark, with its sacred deposits was safely deposited in the 'Most Holy Place.' On his bended knees 'before all the congregation,' and the vast assemblage which the great event had collected from every part of Judea, the great Monarch of Israel had solemnly consecrated the whole to the worship of JEHOVAH. And God had appeared in awful majesty over the mercy seat, and accepted the offering. Next to the cloud and the thunder and the earthquake upon Mount Sinai, this was the most solemn and awe inspiring scene that man had ever witnessed.

"We may reasonably conclude that many of those Tyrian artists who so long and faithfully laboured in the erection of this wonderful structure, remained to witness the great events of its dedication; and if so, what they saw and heard on that memorable occasion must have made a deep impression upon their minds, and served to confirm them in the truths about which they had heard so much during their seven years' association with their Hebrew friends. Many of the Jewish Craftsmen were, no doubt, by this time well skilled in the science of architecture, and disposed to devote themselves to it in preference to their old occupation. They had also, probably, by association with others, witnessed the order, harmony, perpetual friendship and general benefits resulting from a practice of the secret Rites of the Tyrians or Dionisians, and were ready to adopt them if they could be so modified as not to conflict with their own religious opinions and prejudices. The mythological fictions of the Tyrians it were easy to supercede by the great truths of the Hebrew system as revealed in 'the law and the prophets,' and events which had transpired during the progress of building the Temple (with which every Mason of to-day is familiar) could readily be substituted, in substance, for those prominent in the Dionisian Rites. Here, in my opinion, was the commencement of the ancient Guilds or associations of Builders of different nations, which grew and spread, as their services were needed, down to the Middle Ages. The ancient Rites and ceremonies of the old Builders, adapted to the religious dogmas and ceremonies of the Hebrews, wedded to the moral truths taught in the Sacred Law, and baptized at the Altar of JEHOVAH. I will not say that it was the Freemasonry of to-day, but it was the beginning of those old Guilds of after ages the fruits of whose labours, though many of them in ruins, are the wonder and admiration of still later centuries: and these later associations of builders constituted the germ out of which grew the Freemasonry of the present.

"Our tradition and legends are linked with the architects of Tyre and Egypt and Phœnicia and Jerusalem; and these roots of a now and constantly improving system grew from shadow to substance, from root to tree, from germ to structure, until the culmination is now seen in the Masonic Fraternity everywhere. Our traditions and legends connect us, more or less directly, with those ancient rites and systems, but the particulars are shrouded and lost in the dim obscurity of more than three thousand years. I can account for the origin of Freemasonry, its Jewish lineaments, its adhesion to the moral law of the Bible, and its peculiar secrets, legends and traditions, on no other hypothesis than the one I have given; if any one else can, we shall not dispute about it.

"A fact connected with this theory is worthy of thoughtful consideration: the 'cunning workman' who drew the designs for that wonderful Temple, was of both Tyrian and Jewish extraction, and combined

in himself the artistic skill of one nation with the religious tenets of the other. Jews could not build that Temple, for they had not the artistic skill; Tyrians could not do it, for they were ignorant of the rites and ceremonies of that religious system to be taught within Jew and Gentile, therefore combined to accomplish the work; and to this day, Jew and Gentile kneel side by side around the altars of Freemasonry, harmonizing antagonistic opinions, subduing discordant national prejudices, and thus are gathering the world into a universal harmony."

And here the old brother paused, while, pencil in hand, I looked up from my notes in admiration of the careful thought he had evidently bestowed upon his theory. He may be correct in his reasoning and deductions, and yet there may be latent errors in his views not discernible at first sight because of their plausibility. But what theory can be advanced on such a subject that is absolutely certain and incontrovertible?

What are the facts? Here is an association or fraternity of almost a million of members scattered over the world. In nearly everything they are a unit, their objects, aims and purposes the same. The organization is not political, nor ecclesiastical, nor mechanical, and yet it includes men of all religions creeds, of every party in politics, of all professions and callings. As I said at the beginning of this article, "Whence came they?" They did not grow out of the tribal dispersion of the children of Abraham; they are not the fragments of the persecuted and scattered Crusaders, they are not the outgrowth of a political idea nor a dogmatic creed—"Whence came they?"

The Masonic writers of a century and a half ago thought they could answer the question, but the answer has not stood the test of criticism. The clearest and most cultured minds of Europe and America have given the subject very careful consideration. With a deep anxiety about the question, and an earnest desire to solve the problem, oceans have been crossed, libraries, public and private, have been examined; money, and time, and thought have been devoted to this investigation, and yet we are still in the dark. Science has discovered wonders in nature and art; ancient history has become familiar to the school-boy; astronomy has almost become the plaything of amateurs; while nature, in air, and sea, and land has been tortured until its secrets have been revealed; but no man, no nation, no writer, no devotee of library or Lodge, no student, ancient and modern, has been able to give us a satisfactory answer to the query, "Whence came they?" Now is not this fact remarkable, and does it not reflect in some manner upon the intelligence of Freemasons? We know when creeds and churches took form and organisation; we know even when the Roman church became crystallized into a power that has sometimes ruled the world. We can point out the period when the Roman Empire was established—and when it fell. We can repeat the story of the Patriarchs, and become familiar with the dynasties of ancient Egypt or India—but when and where was Freemasonry born? Even its own members—the oldest and wisest of them—do not know! After all that has been said and written on the subject, it is still theory—guess work—tradition! Is not this astounding? There are still extant Lodges that have been organized for some three hundred years; yet an examination of their recorded transactions gives us no reliable information on the origin and history of the Order!

As we are still, partially at least, at sea on this question, may not the theory suggested in this article by our venerable brother be as nearly correct as any other? Yet we want certainty, or as near to it as can be attained. We want it for the satisfaction of the Craft at large, for the instruction of the neophyte, for the honour of the Order. We want it to refute the errors and to reply to the sarcasms and insults of our enemies; we want it to satisfy honest inquirers, and give the world assurance of our interest in an association of which we are proud to be members.

Now, how shall we obtain this knowledge—who will unravel the mystery, or point out the footprints of the Order along the track of the centuries, from the first impression to the present? Can it not be done? Are not the resources of the Craft equal to such an undertaking? The Knights Templars spent, perhaps, a million dollars last summer in a trip to Chicago; but there is not a Templar in America who knows with certainty when the first Commandery was formed on this continent, or under what authority!

But I will leave all this for the present, and probably for others; but give us light and reliable information on a question of so much importance.

THE PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY.—At the annual meeting on Monday, 4th inst., Alderman W. D. King, J.P., presiding, the directors presented a congratulatory report, and recommended, as the result of their nine months' account, a dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum from the commencement of the company in 1879 until the opening of the building by the P.G.M., and a further dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum until the end of the year. The inadequacy of the share capital to provide for the completion of the buildings, and furnish them throughout, had compelled the directors to borrow the sum of £1,200 from the bank. This sum the directors propose to raise by issuing debenture bonds to the shareholders, of the value of £20, redeemable at three months' notice, and bearing a guaranteed rate of 5 per cent. interest per annum, rather than to raise a mortgage or to increase the share capital, or to pay interest and commission to the bankers. The report was adopted. Messrs. T. Mares, T. Good, and G. Dean were elected directors; Messrs. T. P. Wills and C. J. Messum were re-appointed auditors, and thirty guineas were voted to the Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main) for his services.—*Portsmouth Times*.

The annual supper of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will take place at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on the 28th inst., when Bro. G. W. Blackie P.M. 1426 will preside. Tickets, 3s 6d each, may be had of Bro. C. F. Goodenough, Secretary *pro tem*, The Cottage, St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, E.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton in the chair. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Col. Creaton was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution. There were three vacancies on the General Committee, and these were supplied by the election of Bros. Beasley, Pugsley, and Cumberland. Bro. Thomas Massa then proceeded to bring on the following resolution, "That competition designs be invited from Freemason architects who are Governors of the Institution, for a preparatory school to be built on the newly-purchased site, facing Wandsworth-road, to accommodate the children now temporarily lodged in Lyncombe House, and fifty others in addition." Bro. Massa showed that the Craft had greatly increased in number, and that in a short time the present accommodation would not be sufficient. He also showed that Lyncombe House was not a suitable building. He also went into the questions whether the extension was required; could it be afforded; when should it be done; was a non-Freemason architect to be preferred to a brother; and was the newly-purchased ground the proper place on which to build an addition to the School? He showed that St. Anne's Society, with smaller funds, and also a limited area in which to seek support, did more for the money than the Masonic Girls' School, while it gave an equally good education. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. Hale. Bro. Gover moved the previous question, and Bro. Clabon in seconding it, appealed to Bro. Massa to withdraw his other four motions. When there was a necessity for an extension the Committee would report upon it, and the Craft would come forward with the necessary funds. At present no such necessity had been shown. "The previous question" was carried by a large majority, and Bro. Massa then withdrew his remaining motions. The brethren proceeded with the election of fifteen girls out of an approved list of twenty-eight. At the declaration of the poll, the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Names	Forward	To-day	Total
21	Auscombe Louisa Mary (last)	—	2064	2064
21	March Eliza Josephine (last)	—	2011	2011
15	Penny Edith Marion (last)	—	1857	1857
11	Townsend Emma Mary A	305	1508	1813
13	Tippler Susannah H M (last)	—	1614	1614
17	Smith Georgiana Louisa	—	1497	1497
20	Corps, Alice Caroline	—	1451	1451
9	Allison Anne Athalinda	364	1061	1425
16	Williamson Lelia	532	844	1376
27	Balch Gertrude Blanche	—	1302	1302
26	Wedgwood Minnie	—	1264	1264
12	Foxall Helen Matilda	—	1259	1259
25	James Florence	—	1221	1221
28	Rawle Utinia Annie	—	1209	1209
19	Eastwood Harriet Edith	—	1163	1163

UNSUCCESSFUL.

23	Orridge Edith Mary	—	1125	1125
16	Wynman Constance Faith	—	1025	1025
3	Deacon Emily (last)	314	505	819
18	Shrapnel Lilian Mary S	—	492	492
22	Walters Nellie Louise	—	316	316
1	Parker Elizabeth Minnie (last)	92	84	176
14	Cleaver Alice Gertrude	—	173	173
2	Brown Edith	93	17	110
5	Nicholls Augusta Helen	77	2	79
8	Turner Annie Elizabeth	9	36	45
4	Mc Kinney Margaret	8	11	19
6	Fry Martha Jane Choules	—	6	6
7	Gane Mary Larwill	—	2	2

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors of and Subscribers to this Institution was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, presided. Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer, and the General Committee of Life and Annual Subscribers were also re-elected. The following motions were on the paper:—

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. Dufl-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.

The first was altered, on the suggestion of Bro. W. Roebuck, by inserting the words "in the case of paralysis or sudden death from

shipwreck or any other cause." The other two motions were carried as they stood. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the brethren proceeded to elect twenty boys out of an approved list of seventy-two candidates, the Court having rejected one case. At the close of the poll the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
41	Allan Alexander	910	802	1712
59	March George Archibald	—	1676	1676
56	Cairney Frederick W	—	1665	1665
62	Lucas William Walter	—	1656	1656
8	Woolons Walter H	803	841	1644
69	Rocke Ernest Charles	—	1623	1623
17	Wilson William Leslie	1238	374	1612
74	Whiteley Louis Lawton	—	1575	1575
39	Bladon Frederick Rowley	742	828	1570
72	Tink Henry James	—	1562	1562
10	Webb Charles Edward	330	1200	1530
64	Conway Walter	—	1522	1522
40	Tanner Frederick Thomas	422	1032	1454
22	Williams William Isaac	320	1131	1451
15	Lucas Edmund Charles	968	477	1445
36	Lewis Alfred Lucas	925	506	1431
53	Bloomfield John	—	1423	1423
75	Wicks Grantley	—	1385	1385
13	Estlin Charles Nathaniel	896	469	1365
24	Carey Stephen Darcy	940	416	1356

UNSUCCESSFUL.

3	Fellows Arthur	714	597	1311
33	Wortley George	542	711	1253
25	Gurney Charles Aubrey	761	464	1225
9	Lee Sidney Edward	662	472	1134
58	Mott Pierce Henry	—	1113	1113
21	Ecclestone Henry A	741	346	1087
34	Jordison Hugh Lloyd	264	686	950
30	Hill George Wm. King	294	593	887
54	Kirkby Alfred	—	821	821
38	Stanford William Bryant	32	733	765
19	Clark Frederick Arthur	555	112	667
14	Watson William Renwick	243	388	631
6	Neville Fredk. John	409	119	528
26	Langdon James	194	332	526
55	Taylor George William	—	442	442
16	Gunnell William Pearse	371	—	371
60	Ashdown, Arthur Durham	—	352	352
4	Goldsbrough Jno. Tom	338	12	350
2	Crane Harry Samuel J	316	19	335
37	Booth Frederic	197	129	326
32	Jones Cleophas C B	237	84	321
51	Stewart Charles Edward	—	293	293
18	Field Chas. S Ventriss	136	150	286
29	Burgess Harold Thomas	6	268	274
67	Crow Charlie John	—	249	249
63	Skolton Fred. Francis	—	243	243
31	Sisley Walter John	66	122	188
20	Jones Wm. Vincent B	15	154	169
11	Ball Edward Thomas	163	—	163
35	Liversidge Charles Percy	56	91	147
44	Long Joseph William	113	31	144
47	Fowke Alexander W	—	122	122
42	Thompson Clement Wm.	45	68	113
63	Willott George Cross	—	100	100
23	Escott Charles Leopold	94	—	94
—	Read John	34	34	68
48	Pudney Frederick	—	61	61
43	Crabb Tom Walcot	43	6	49
70	Legge Vernon G (withdrawn)	—	43	43
68	Cummings Charles Brown	—	35	35
72	Jones Geoffrey Stuart	—	32	32
27	Collinson James	26	1	27
50	Sowdon Sidney	—	26	26
12	Laing Herbert Lawson	14	8	22
46	Humphrey John	11	10	21
61	Gosden W H (withdrawn)	—	8	8
52	Lewis O E	—	8	8
45	Hill Reginald Aug. L	1	2	3
7	Pratt Robert Williamson	2	—	2
49	Sandeson Charles Jesse	—	2	2
57	Windross John Benjamin	—	2	2
74	Cook Frederick John	—	1	1
28	Farrar Ethelbert	1	—	1
66	Morris Henry E (removed)	—	—	—
5	Foot William Robert D	—	—	—
76	Bottomley Albert Will	—	—	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all sores, wounds, bad legs, and sprains of any kind, this Ointment is the most efficient application. It at once gives ease by allaying inflammation and moderating the flow of blood to the part. Whenever the malady has been of long standing, the Ointment should be assisted by Holloway's purifying Pills, which act upon the stomach and liver, guarding the digestion from falling into that disordered state which the pain, restlessness, and fever attending these ailments is apt to produce, and which much retards recovery, and sometimes even makes serious the slightest case. No mother or nurse should be without these noble remedies; they are equally applicable to all ages and constitutions. They purify the blood, regulate its circulation, renew diseased structures, and invigorate the system.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE annual meeting of this old Lodge was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst., on which occasion Bro. C. Cordingley was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. S. B. Halle, the W.M. of the past year, presided at the opening of the Lodge, being supported by Bros. C. Cordingley S.W., the W.M. elect, W. A. S. Humphries J.W., H. Follett Treasurer, A. A. Wing Secretary, W. Ball S.D., J. Smith J.D., H. J. Nell I.G., and F. M. H. Jones Steward, several members, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. Dyer, Sawyer, Symons, Jones, Moss, and Reed. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Upjohn and Bolt, candidates for the second degree, were prepared, and in due course passed as Fellow Crafts. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Ritter and Murphy, the initiation of whom is expected to take place at the next meeting. The installation of Worshipful Master was next proceeded with, Bro. G. G. Symons assuming the gavel as Installing Master. He performed the ceremony in a clear, distinct, and effective manner, being ably assisted in the work by Bro. P. M. Moss, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. The newly-installed Master having been saluted in due form, appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Humphries S.W., Ball J.W., Follett Treasurer, Wing Secretary, Smith S.D., Nell J.D., Jones I.G., Callow and Hunt Stewards, Steed Tyler. The ceremony was then completed, and the Lodge closed until the first Thursday in May. The brethren next proceeded to the banquet-room, where a first-rate repast was provided by the proprietors of the tavern. The W.M. presided, and in due course proceeded with the toasts of the evening. The customary loyal ones having been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed that of the Master, paying a just compliment to Bro. Cordingley for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office in the past, and wishing him every success and prosperity in the future. The W.M. tendered his hearty thanks to the brethren for the way in which they had responded to the call of the I.P.M. He hoped when his term of office had expired to leave the chair with the esteem of the brethren. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M., presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, as a memento of the year during which he had presided over the Lodge. Bro. Halle expressed his sincere thanks for the great kindness that he experienced during his term of Mastership. Whatever he had done he had undertaken for the advancement of Freemasonry. He had endeavoured to do his best during his year of office, and should always hold his services at the disposal of the Lodge. The toast of the visitors followed. The W.M. heartily welcomed the numerous guests around him—there were among them many brethren who were honoured, not only in the Craft, but also in private life—they were all welcome, and the W.M. trusted had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If the Strong Man Lodge should at any time lack in the good cause, the W.M. felt assured it would never lose its reputation in respect of hospitality, which characteristic of Freemasonry the members of the Lodge were one and all anxious at all times to exemplify. After a reply from a visiting brother, the W.M. gave the health of the Past Masters, which toast Bro. Moss acknowledged in suitable terms. The Treasurer, Secretary and Officers then each received their meed of praise, and the proceedings terminated.

UNITED LODGE, No. 607.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Friday afternoon, 8th April, when Lieut. Colonel H. Somerville Burney Grand Deacon of England, and one of the Founders of 697, again attended to perform the Installation ceremony. The W.M. Elect was Bro. A. Gosling S.W., and he appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas G. Mills S.W., G. A. Enstace J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. Chaplain, Thomas Enstace I.P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. Sec., C. D. Marshall S.D., R. Smith J.D., W. Jelley D.C., John B. Luger Organist, S. H. Ellis I.G., Quarter Master Sergeant Foreman, George Littlebury, and J. T. Bailey Stewards, S. Munson Tyler. About forty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a *récherché* banquet being placed on the table by Mrs. Gniwer. The usual toasts were given and responded to on the removal of the cloth; and some excellent singing by the brethren added greatly to the pleasures of the evening. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, were Wor. Bros. Lieut. Colonel H. Somerville Burney J.G.D., Thomas J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, John J. C. Turner W.M. 51 P.P.G.O., John F. Harrington W.M. 160, John Dean W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Richardson P.M. 433 P.P.G.S.B., W. Clarey P.M. 433, Thomas Jennings W.M. 650, F. J. Wiseman W.M. 1734, F. Fleck P.M. 771, W. Sowman J.W. 51, G. F. Smith jun. J.W. 1839, H. Harper S.W. 160, R. H. Scott Sec. 1799, A. Smith 1799, W. Bloom 1799, J. F. French 433, and the following members of 697, in addition to those already mentioned above:—Bros. R. E. Clowes, J. Durant, J. H. Johnson, Thomas Matthewman, J. W. Alliston, T. H. Gravelock, R. Foster, J. J. Wade, R. J. Godfrey, J. Alliston, W. C. Potter, W. G. Siggers, &c.

STRAWBERRY HILL LODGE, No. 946.

THE genial spring weather which has happily set in made the run down to Twickenham, on Wednesday last, exceedingly pleasant, and a large company assembled at the Grotto Hotel to witness the installation of Bro. W. H. Rohrs as W.M. of this Lodge. The brethren

present at the ceremony included the following members of the Lodge, viz.—P.M.'s Bros. G. Mayon Cooke, T. Price, R. T. Whitley, W. H. Waghorn, J. M. Wohlgermuth, W. Platt Sec., W. Smeed, A. Johnson, J. J. Pope; also Bros. J. L. Skinner, J. Aston, A. T. Ackermann, W. Board, J. S. Sweasey, A. Loft, W. S. Bell, Charles Moore, E. D. Garwood, P. V. D'Iffanger, A. Bliss, S. Jewell, E. Burke, A. B. Weston, C. Holland, G. Parkes, and others. There was also a large attendance of visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. William Jones P.M. 765, J. Wright P.M. 1585, A. Green P.M. 211, W. Radcliffe I.P.M. 211, R. W. Forge I.P.M. and Secretary 1793, J. Pillar W.M. 1793, Thomas Goodchild S.D. 1793, J. Greenfield J.D. 1602, T. J. Arnold 780, W. G. Smeed 1585, G. H. McLoughlin 1706, E. H. Dove 45, D. W. Tough 905, H. Handel 1793, W. J. House 1828, W. G. Collier 1793, and others. After the despatch of general business in the Lodge, Bro. Daniel Argyle the W.M. presented Bro. Rohrs S.W. to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Smeed P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. Mid., and the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. Many of our readers have doubtless had the opportunity of hearing Brother Smeed's masterly delivery of this beautiful service. On this occasion every line of the sublime charges was given with point and emphasis, and made a deep impression upon the brethren. After receiving the warm congratulations of those present, the newly appointed W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Skinner S.W., Aston J.W., Beard S.D., D'Iffanger J.D., Parkes I.G., Wohlgermuth Treasurer, W. Platt Secretary, Bliss Organist, Ackermann Director of Ceremonies. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Garwood, who has recently enlarged his dining room, so as to give ample accommodation for a party of sixty or seventy persons. After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M., in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, alluded to the gratifying fact that two of their Past Masters had held honourable positions in the Province as P.G.J.W. and P.G.A.D.C., viz., Bros. Smeed and Whitley, whose names he coupled with the toast. These brethren having suitably responded, Bro. Smeed rose to propose the toast of the evening, and referring to the excellent social qualities of Bro. Rohrs, took occasion to say that he believed the brethren had selected one to rule over their affairs who would prove himself in every respect worthy of their choice. Bro. Rohrs was universally esteemed both in and out of the Lodge, and being an earnest and painstaking Mason, would, he hoped, meet with the success he deserved during his tenure of the chair. The W.M., in replying, wished to thank the brethren for the kindness and assistance he had always experienced from them during his progress through the different offices, and assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to merit a continuance of their esteem and goodwill, whilst his chief aim would be to uphold the dignity and credit which the Lodge at present enjoyed. In felicitous terms, the W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master, and elicited hearty applause from the brethren from his allusion to the many valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Smeed. The latter, in thanking the W.M. and brethren for the compliment paid him, referred to the fact that he was initiated in the Lodge eighteen years ago, and although he could not expect the Grand Architect of the Universe to bestow upon him many more years of strength and activity, he should continue, so long as he was able, to devote his best energies to the Lodge to which he was so warmly attached. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Past Masters, which was replied to by all the brethren present holding that rank, Bros. Argyle and Cooke observing that this was an age of progress, and that the Strawberry Hill Lodge was keeping pace with the time, and enlarging its sphere of social intercourse and usefulness. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Visitors, remarking that several among them had achieved honourable distinction in Freemasonry, and were therefore well able to judge of the position which the Strawberry Hill Lodge was entitled to hold in the Craft. Bros. Jones, Wright, Radcliffe, Green, and others, in responding, bore testimony to the cordial hospitality for which the Lodge was distinguished at all times, and expressed the pleasure they had derived from hearing the installation ceremony so ably performed by Bro. Smeed that evening. Bro. McLoughlin, who was understood to have recently made an appeal on the Stock Exchange, with most successful results, on behalf of one of the charitable institutions of the metropolis, advocated the cause of the Masonic Schools, and hoped the brethren would do what they could in the cause of Charity with all their heart. During the evening several of the brethren contributed some excellent songs, and we must speak in the highest terms of Bro. Ross Browne, who gave several character songs in most artistic style, without the aid of pianoforte accompaniment. Altogether this was one of the most agreeable and successful evenings we have had the pleasure of spending at the Strawberry Hill Lodge.

HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 13th inst., on which occasion the following brethren were present:—C. Atkins W.M., O. L. M. Letreille S.W., A. Rosenthal J.W., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treasurer, J. H. Southwood P.M. Secretary, W. Ryan S.D., H. Evans J.D., G. T. Salmon I.G., F. A. Beeton D.C., H. J. Dean Organist; several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—Bros. R. F. Gould P.M. 92 S.G.D., A. Mulford W.M. 1288, G. Short, W. Toombs, W. R. Lister P.M. 145, J. Batchelor, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, L. Hiong, E. B. Grabham, John Green P.M. 27, G. Andrews, W. Davies, F. G. Longley P.M. 1261, J. B. Sorrell jun. P.M. 176, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, &c. The amount of work which had to be got through was exceptionally heavy, especially for an installation meeting, and as a consequence it was not until a very late hour that the proceedings terminated. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge and a Lodge of emergency were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Frank Taylor and William Renner were

passed. The ballot was brought into requisition and proved unanimous in favour of two gentlemen proposed for initiation, and of Bro. H. F. Frost, a candidate for joining. The two former—Messrs. Samuel Hart Baker and Henry Hooker—were then introduced and received, at the hands of the W.M. the benefit of Masonic light. The report of the Audit Committee was passed, and then the installation of Bro. O. L. M. Latreille was proceeded with. The ceremony was most effectively performed by the I.P.M. Bro. Atkins. In due course the W.M. invested his Officers, the following brethren being appointed for the year:—Rosenthal S.W., Evans J.W., Hogg Treasurer, Atkins Secretary, Salmon S.D., Beeton J.D., J. H. Southwood and Captain Joseph Heaton M.C.'s, Dean Organist, James Mansell I.G., Cox and Reason Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. This concluded the business set down for the evening. Before the W.M. closed the Lodge, he presented to Bro. Atkins the regular P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge. He had very great pleasure in placing it on the breast of Bro. Atkins, to whom he presented it on the unanimous vote of the members, as a small mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the great services he had rendered to the Lodge. He trusted it would be accepted with the same kindly feeling as it was presented, and that Bro. Atkins might long live to look upon it as a pleasing memento of his year of office. Bro. Atkins having tendered his thanks, Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg desired to draw the attention of the brethren to the Hervey Memorial Fund, which had lately been started. The subject had been referred to at a previous meeting, but as so few of the members were then present, no action was taken in the matter. Bro. Hogg could but feel somewhat disgusted that the committee had taken the step they had, and had so utterly ignored the existence of the John Hervey Lodge, which, he ventured to think, was the most fitting memorial to their late respected brother the Craft could provide. He believed every brother around him—visitors as well as members—would agree with him in this respect. He considered the action of the committee disrespectful and un-Masonic. He therefore submitted the following proposition:—That in the opinion of the W.M. and brethren of the John Hervey Lodge no better nor more fitting memorial of the late much and sincerely respected Brother, John Hervey, could be founded than that for some years in existence; the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260 on the books of the Grand Lodge of England, and founded for the express purpose of perpetuating the honoured name of John Hervey amongst Freemasons. The regulation jewel of the P.M. of the Lodge bears his effigy in portrait, and a flourishing Chapter, also bearing his name, has emanated from the John Hervey Lodge. Amongst the names of the founders of the Lodge will be found enrolled that of John Hervey, together with other Grand Officers; at the consecration of which he presided, remaining an honorary member and manifesting great interest in the prosperity of the Lodge to the day of his death. The W.M. and brethren then cannot but feel surprise on finding its existence totally ignored by those who had thought proper to inaugurate a Hervey Memorial Fund, and that the Officers of the John Hervey Lodge should not have been more formally communicated with than by a printed circular prepared for general circulation amongst the Craft. Bro. J. H. Southwood seconded the proposition, feeling assured that members of the Craft would understand the feelings with which the members of the Lodge were actuated. They fully recognised the claims the late John Hervey had on the Craft, and were not desirous of acting in opposition to the Committee, but they at the same time felt somewhat the slight that had been cast upon them. He thought the Committee might have communicated with the Lodge, with the view of connecting what was to be done in the future with the already existing mementoes of Bro. Hervey. By special permission of the Grand Master, they had been allowed to add the prefix John to the name by which the Lodge was known at its consecration, and all this had been done that a lasting memento of a worthy brother might be established. The proposition of Bro. Hogg was then put to the meeting, and adopted, the Secretary being instructed to send to the Committee a copy of the resolution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown room, where a first-rate banquet was served. This concluded, the usual toasts followed. Replying to that of the Grand Officers, Bro. R. F. Gould S.G.D. said, that in a Lodge called after so honoured a Grand Officer as the late Grand Secretary, and which still numbered among its members so worthy a representative of Grand Lodge as Bro. Hogg, it was but natural that the toast should be well received. It was the earnest wish of the present Grand Officers to tread as much as possible in the footsteps of those who had gone before, and whose management of the affairs of Grand Lodge had secured for it the respect of Masons throughout the country. Bro. Gould briefly referred to the discussion which had taken place in Lodge as to the Hervey Memorial, and thought that were it possible for their departed brother to be then amongst them, he could but be satisfied with the memorial that the Lodge presented, exemplifying as it did those principles of which during his lifetime he was so worthy an exponent. Bro. Atkins next gave the toast of the W.M. He had very great pleasure in resigning the office which the brethren so kindly entrusted to him when he looked upon the worthy brother who had succeeded him. He believed it was but four years since Bro. Latreille had been initiated in the Lodge. He had early evinced a desire to work up in Freemasonry, and the result was that, in so short a time, he had been elected by the brethren to preside over the Lodge. Bro. Latreille scarcely felt able to express his thanks. He took upon himself the responsibility of W.M. of the Lodge with some degree of pleasure, but at the same time he was not unmindful of its responsibility. He should endeavour to fulfil all that was required of a W.M. as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, and hoped he might, on attaining the position then occupied by Bro. Atkins, be entitled to the approval of the brethren. The toast of the Initiates followed, the W.M. taking the opportunity to address a few suitable words to the brethren who had that evening been admitted. Bro. Baker felt that, standing as he did on the threshold of Freemasonry, a few words would suffice from him.

He hoped the brethren might never regret the action they had taken that day in admitting him as a member of the Lodge. Bro. Hooker expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for having received him, and trusted he might long remain a member of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors followed, Bros. Gould and others acknowledging it. That of the I.P.M. was next given. Bro. Atkins, in replying, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him that day to instal his successor. He sincerely hoped that the Lodge would go on and continue to prosper. He was particularly gratified at the kind way in which the brethren had recognised the little he had been able to do for the Lodge; he should always prize the jewel they had given him. When, a few years since, he joined the Lodge, he little thought he should so soon become its Master, and be entitled to wear the jewel of P.M. thereof. The health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters was most heartily received, and acknowledged by Bros. Hogg and Southwood. The Press was next honoured, and to this toast Bro. Morgan briefly replied. The Tyler was then summoned, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., Ivey P.M. Secretary, Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., Ravenscroft Steward, Newman Almoner, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley, Flanagan, Margrett, Welch; also Bros. Whitfield, Bailey, Parks, Coates, Titcomb, Cotterell, Greenaway, H. Ferguson, Knight, James, Hinkins, Goff, Weatherhead. Visitors—Bros. C. Stephens W.M. 414, F. J. Ferguson J.W. 414, A. W. Parry J.D. 414, Butler and Martin Stewards 414, J. F. Tarrant Southern Star 1158. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Marmakuke Sands, who was elected for initiation. Bros. Parkes, Coates, Cotterell and Whitfield were candidates for passing; they gave proof of their efficiency, were entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bros. Parkes, Coates, Cotterell and Whitfield were passed to the degree of F.C., Bro. Greenaway a candidate to be raised to the third degree gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency and was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the beautiful ceremony was correctly rendered, the effect being considerably enhanced by the vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Ravenscroft, the acting Organist. On resuming, the W.M. called attention to a communication he had received from the Hervey Memorial Committee; he found that Lodges, as well as individuals, had contributed in sums varying from one to ten guineas; he requested the brethren to express their sentiments on the subject. After some discussion P.M. Margrett proposed that the matter should be deferred till after the Provincial Grand Lodge had met, as the subscription list would not be closed till the end of the year—in this the Lodge acquiesced. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren retired for refreshment to the Ship Hotel.

St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The last meeting previous to the summer vacation was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 6th inst., when there was a full attendance. Bro. C. F. Barham W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. G. T. Barr I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., E. Benjamin S.W., J. A. Jones J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, C. Stevens Treasurer, J. Cox Secretary, A. A. Clement S.D., J. Funston J.D., E. Walker I.G., F. Matthews D.C., G. C. Young Organist, R. Drysdale and H. J. Thrower Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. In addition to about twenty members, there were the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Major John Dunbar 487, W. S. Gedge 228, G. J. Freeman 1613, W. H. Gimmingham 1707, S. Smither 193, L. Dyer 1366, C. Steel 1365, E. P. Phillips 1017. The Lodge having been opened in the several degrees, Bros. Barratt and R. H. Drysdale were raised to the degree of M.M. Mr. Samuel Fennell, having been duly approved, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The ceremonies were admirably and impressively worked by the W.M. and his Officers. The distinguishing characteristic of Masonry was exemplified in the voting and raising of upwards of £20 for a brother who had met with misfortune. Some further business was also transacted, and the Lodge was adjourned till October. After an excellent banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several of the speeches referred to the advantages of the Craft both in England and when travelling in all parts of the world, one of the visitors having been a member of a Lodge during the Crimean war, and since that time in India, Malta, Corfu, and other places. The evening was a pleasant one in all its stages.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.—The regular meeting of this new Lodge was held on the 9th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. T. C. Corpe W.M., Dr. W. G. Bott S.W., Smith J.W., J. W. Dowsnap Treasurer, J. W. Brooke I.P.M. Sec., J. C. Wilkins J.D., Smith sen. D.C., Captain Farse W.S. Visitors—A. C. Payne 192, Cattermole 1808, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the emergency meeting, and the regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. H. S. Trego, F. Gent, and J. Da Silva were passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. A. T. Baschinski, and was unanimously in his favour. This gentleman was then duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. rendered the ceremonies most perfectly. The charge in the first degree, so seldom given, was listened to by the brethren and Visitors with great attention. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Dr. W. G. Bott was unanimously chosen. The W.M. complimented him as one of the founders on having been elected; the members were satisfied that he was competent to carry out the duties. A suitable reply having been given by the W.M. elect, Bro. Dowsnap was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard P.M. Tyler. Bros. Cattermole, Marais, and Watts were appointed

Auditors. The S.W. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair. The Secretary announced that, by permission of the Grand Secretary, the night of meeting had been changed from the last Thursday in the month to the second Saturday. The resignation of a brother was accepted. It was then announced that the brethren intended to form a Chapter in connection with the Lodge, and a motion to that effect was given and carried unanimously. Lodge was closed until the second Saturday in September. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Brooke I.P.M. rose: This was the last time he should have the pleasure of proposing the health of the W.M., who, in surrendering the reins of government, might feel proud to know that the members thought no Master of a Lodge could have done his duties better. The W.M. thanked Bro. Brooke for his kind expressions, and the enthusiastic way the brethren had responded; in resigning the gavel to his successor, he felt sure Bro. Dr. Bott would fully carry out the duties required of him. Personally it was a source of great pleasure to know the members were satisfied. His only regret was that he had to leave the chair; however, he would always be with them, heart and soul. The toast of the Initiate was next given, the W.M. expressing a hope that Bro. Baschinski would never regret this, his first night in Freemasonry. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. For the Visitors Bros. Payne, H. M. Levy and Cattermole replied; the latter brother intimating his wish to become a joining member. The Officers received their meed of praise, and in due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. Bros. Trego, Mus. Bac., Smith, R.A.M., Marcus, Cattermole, Guspeg, and Gent contributed to the harmony of the evening.

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THE ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent signing himself "E. VAN DONOP" has taken a great liberty in writing you upon the absence of the Past Masters from the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1612, on the occasion of the last meeting. I charge him with this for the following reasons:—

1st. His knowledge comes from a report.

2nd. His general information is obtained from members, some of whom he knows, &c.

3rd. He hears this is not the first time they have been away, &c. I should like to know what business it is of "E. VAN DONOP'S?" According to his own showing, he has no farther interest in the Lodge than "knowing some of its members." Is he one of those pests of society, particularly Freemasonry, who neglects his own business to meddle with the affairs of others?

If he is in a position to gain so much information from his friends as he represents, he would have heard I was ill and confined to my house; that Bro. Coombes was kindly attending to my business; that Bro. Rowley lives at Brighton, and Bro. Somers was unable to attend owing to some important engagement.

The letter addressed to you would lead to the inference that the Past Masters were frequently absent. So far as my knowledge goes, this is the first occasion since the Lodge was founded.

I hope, after this explanation, your correspondent will be good enough to mind his own business, and not take upon himself the questionable honour of blazing forth the shortcomings of others.

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD G. SIMS.

Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
12th April 1881.

FREEMASONRY IN SURREY.

To the Editor of the WALLINGTON AND CARSHALTON HERALD.

SIR,—I read with considerable pleasure your report of the consecration of the Wallington Lodge, which gave a very full and lucid statement of the meeting, setting forth the character of the institution and the kindness of its teaching. I, as one living in Epsom, cannot but envy Wallington in being able to start so admirable a society, and I sincerely wish them success.

I observed in your paper some short time since that we were likely to have a Lodge opened in this town, and have been anxiously waiting to hear further particulars concerning it. I trust that the idea is not abandoned, and that before long we shall vie with our neighbour Wallington, and be able to start a good Lodge. I for one look for great and good things that will, I am sure, arise from such a beneficent society, as I feel sure that it would tend to unite and bring together many who would not otherwise meet, and by so doing contribute greatly to the progress and welfare of our town.

Yours truly,

Epsom, 31st March.

EPSOMITE.

DEATH.

PLUMRIDGE.—On Sunday, 13th March 1881, in his 41st year, Brother JAMES THOMAS PLUMRIDGE, of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.

THE Triennial Convocation of the Prince Masons of Ireland will be held at the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Friday, the 22nd April 1881, at six o'clock p.m. The Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., President of the Order, will preside. A report as to the progress and present position of the Order in Ireland will be presented to Grand Chapter. The banquet will take place at seven o'clock. All duly vouched members of the Rose Croix Degree are admissible.

Several Installation Reports are unavoidably held over, notably those of the St. Marylebone, Dalhousie, and Polish National Lodges.

A MASONIC PATRIARCH.—Bro. John Wiggington, the oldest Freemason in England, died on Friday last, at the age of ninety-one. Initiated in 1818, in the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, he soon attained the rank of P.M., and was the father of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in which also he passed the chair. On his jubilee of Masonry he resigned the Treasurership of the latter Lodge—having held it for thirty years—and was presented with a magnificent jewel and illuminated address. Past Grand Senior Warden for Berkshire, he was closely identified with all Masonic works, and greatly assisted in the establishing of the Masonic Hall at Windsor, continuing his connection with Masonry to the last. He was also the oldest Companion in the Royal Arch. He was to have been interred at Eton on Thursday.

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PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.
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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 9th April 1881,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election by Ballot of 15 Girls into the Institution, from a List of 28 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
24	Ancombe, Louisa Mary	2061	1
21	March, Eliza Josephine	2011	2
15	Penny, Edith Marion	1857	3
11	Townsend, Emma Mary A.	1813	4
13	Tippler, Susannah Harriet M.	1614	5
17	Smith, Georgiana Louisa	1497	6
20	Corps, Alice Caroline	1451	7
8	Allison, Anne Athalinda	1425	8
10	Williamson, Lelia	1376	9
27	Balch, Gertrude Blanche	1302	10
26	Wedgwood, Minnie	1264	11
12	Foxall, Ellen Matilda	1250	12
25	James, Florence	1221	13
28	Lawle, Utinia Annie	1209	14
19	Eastwood, Harriet Edith	1163	15

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election if eligible. Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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THE NINETY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place on Wednesday, 18th May next,
The 'Rt. Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS BEACH, Bart., M.P.
R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire,
in the Chair. Stewards are urgently needed.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—April Election.

MRS. PENNY desires to return her grateful thanks for the support given to the case of her daughter, Edith Marion Penny, which will entitle the child to the inestimable benefits of the Institution, she having been placed third on the poll.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of April 1881,
Bro. HENRY SMITH, V. Patron (P.P.G.W. and Prov. G. Sec., W. Yorkshire), in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Twenty Boys from an Approved List of Seventy-six Candidates, reduced by three withdrawals to Seventy-three.

The following were declared to be successful:—

	Votes Polled		Votes Polled
1. Allan, Alexander...	1712	11. Webb, Charles Edward	1530
2. March, George Archibald	1676	12. Conway, Walter	1522
3. Cairney, Frederick William	1665	13. Tanner, Frederick Thomas	1454
4. Lucas, William Walter	1656	14. William, William Isaacs	1451
5. Woollons, Walter Herbert	1644	15. Lucas, Edward Charles	1445
6. Rooke, Ernest Charles	1623	16. Lewis, Alfred Lucas	1431
7. Wilson, William Leslie	1612	17. Bloomfield, John	1423
8. Whiteley, Lewis Lawton	1575	18. Wick, Granly	1395
9. Bladon, Frederick Rowley	1570	*19. Ethlieu, Charles Nath...	1365
10. Pink, Henry James	1562	*20. Carey, Stephen Darcey	1356

* Subject to investigation.

Lists of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for Election in October next.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V. Patron (P.G. Std.), Secretary.
London, 11th April 1881.

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

THE MOST HON. MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY, K.P.

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Durham,

in the Chair. The services of Brethren as Representative Stewards of Provinces or Lodges are respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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THE GRAND FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, the 27th April 1881, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards. No Tickets will be issued after four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

Dinner at Six o'clock precisely.

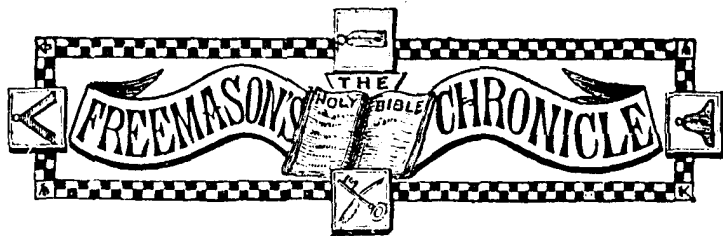
The Musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. C. S. Jekyll, Grand Organist.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft clothing.

ROBERT GRESLEY HALL,

Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.

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23 GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

LODGE HISTORIES.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

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Early in January 1843, Bro. Moses Levy was duly installed Worshipful Master, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, among whom was the late Bro. Alex. Dobie P.G.J.D. and President of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Lazarus was re-appointed to the office of Secretary, and later in the evening was presented with a silver Tea Service, in accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee passed the month previous. The teapot bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. S. M. Lazarus by the members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, in testimony of their Fraternal regard and esteem, for the indefatigable zeal and exertion he has manifested on all Masonic occasions as their Honorary Secretary for five successive years. 4th January 1843."

The report of the Audit Committee showed a balance in hand amounting to £28. At the March meeting, on the proposition of Bro. A. Benjamin P.M., seconded by Bro. D. Moses, it was resolved that the Lodge do take some measures for purchasing a Life-Governorship to the Boys' School. At the meeting on the 1st May, announcement was made in open Lodge of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and the following entry, expressing the deep feeling of regret experienced by the Lodge at the melancholy event, was ordered to be made in the minutes:—

"His Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick was initiated into the mysteries of our Order, in the Royal York Lodge at Berlin in the year 1798, and on the 12th February 1812 was appointed Deputy Grand Master by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, then Grand Master.

"On the 7th day of April 1813 His Royal Highness, then Duke of Sussex, was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge—a few months later to the "United" Grand Lodge—"of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, to the great delight of all the Craft, and that His Royal Highness continued to fill that important office until the period of his decease, with unparalleled zeal, and with great advantage and satisfaction to the Order, and that His Royal Highness had thereby gained the sincere regard and fraternal affection of all the Brethren, until it pleased the Great Disposer of Events to remove His Royal Highness our Most Worshipful Grand Master from this Terrestrial Lodge, and we hope, to the Grand Celestial Lodge above: which melancholy event took place at Kensington Palace on Friday, the 21st day of April 1843, at a quarter past 12 o'clock a.m., to the great regret of all the Fraternity.

"Resolved unanimously—

"That the decease of His Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master, having caused the deepest grief, not only to the Craft in general, but to every Lodge in particular,

"This Lodge therefore feels itself called upon to testify their high respect for the eminent services, great talent, and unwearied exertions of their illustrious Grand Master during a period of thirty years, and to record on their minutes the expression of their veneration for his sacred memory.

"1st May 1843."

We may remark in passing that we have taken the liberty of slightly altering the description given at the outset. The words in the original state that on 7th April 1813, H.R.H. was appointed G. Master of the "United Grand Lodge," but there was no "United Grand Lodge" till December of that year. We think our friends of the Joppa will, under these circumstances, excuse the emendation.

But the entry of this minute in the Lodge Records was not the only mode adopted by the Lodge in order to show the respect in which they held the memory of their late chief. An emergency meeting was held on the 4th May—the day appointed for the obsequies of the illustrious Duke—in which the Lodge of Israel joined, when was held a Masonic funeral service in honour of the deceased. Everything was done to make the ceremony as solemn and impressive as possible. The Lodge was covered with black cloth, the furniture with black velvet; there were additional wax lights, the floor was strewn with flowers, and each brother carried a sprig of acacia. Bro. S. M. Lazarus acted as W. Master, Bro. Moses Levy, W.M. No. 223, as S.W., and Bro. Harris Barnett, No. 247—now Israel, No. 205—as J.W. Bro. J. L. Lyon delivered a most eloquent and appropriate oration, which was most reverently listened to by those brethren.

Very little else of moment happened during the year. In November a resolution was passed to the effect that a return be made of the number of initiates during the past seven years, the number and the name of the W. Master in each year being specified; but,

as it turned out on inquiry that such a motion was contrary to the Constitutions, it was by permission withdrawn at the next meeting. In December Bro. Carstatt was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. David Moses being for the thirty-fourth time re-elected Treas., while Bro. Isaacs was re-appointed Tyler. The same month a further attempt appears to have been made to have the Lodge-quarters removed from the George and Vulture, but when it came to a vote, the motion was unsuccessful. In January 1841, Bro. Carstatt was installed, and at the next meeting votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Bro. Moses Levy, his predecessor, as well as to Bros. Daniel and Woolf, who occupied the chair in the years 1841 and 1842 respectively. At the same Lodge a motion, which Bro. Lazarus had some time previously given notice of, namely, that each member contribute an additional sixpence per quarter to what he already paid for Masonic charity, was carried unanimously. In April of this year, there is a singular entry, singular in this respect, that a brother is at the trouble of sending in a letter of resignation, while in a footnote it is stated that the brother in question withdrew his resignation, and remained a subscribing member. In the May minutes is entered an address of congratulation to the late Earl of Zetland on his appointment to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master in succession to the late lamented Duke of Sussex. It may be said, indeed, that though the minutes of Joppa are not complete, nor anything in the way of models of what minutes should be, they nevertheless record very fully whatever of consequence happened during the period to which they relate. We have already seen this in the full and circumstantial record referring to the death of the Duke of Sussex, and here, within the brief period of a few months, is a second and almost equally prominent instance. But to return to this address to the late Earl of Zetland, which is as follows:—

"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"May it please your Lordship,

"We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, embrace the earliest opportunity of congratulating your Lordship on your accession to the chair of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"The house of Dundas has been for many years closely allied to the Craft, which has derived great advantages from its attachment to the Order.

"The many virtues of your late revered Father are well known and remembered by the Craft, and leave no doubt that they have descended to your Lordship.

"May the Great Architect of the Universe grant your Lordship health and length of days to preside over the Craft!

"Done in open Lodge at the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, this 6th day of May, 1844.

(Signed) S. M. Lazarus
Secretary.

An answer to this address was received in due course, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, but the space it should have occupied is left vacant.

In June, the petitions of the widows of two brethren for recommendation to the Lodge of Benevolence were rejected, one on account of some informality, and the other because it was beyond the date allowed by the Constitutions.

In September a letter of condolence with Bro. S. M. Levi was addressed to him on the death of his affianced bride, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. This letter of condolence was duly acknowledged. In December, Bros. Carstatt, David Moses, and Isaacs were re-elected W. Master, Treasurer, and Tyler respectively. We are not surprised that the first-named brother should have been re-chosen. During his term of office the number of initiates and joining members was very considerable, more so, indeed, than in any single year in the history of those Lodges whose minutes we have been privileged to examine. Moreover, the re-installation of Bro. Carstatt was made additionally prominent, the usual dinner being dispensed with, and a ball and supper substituted. At the meeting held the following month, a Committee, consisting of the W. Master, Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge, was appointed for the purpose of revising the Lodge Bye-Laws. We also gather from a corrected statement of accounts that the balance in favour of the Lodge for the present month amounted to £38 12s 1d. In April, a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that £5 be paid to the "Royal Masonic Annuity Fund," in order to purchase a Life Governorship for fifteen years. In June it was arranged that the Lodge should adjourn till the month of September, the members to pay only half dues in the meantime. At a meeting on the 29th September, a complaint was submitted by Bro. F. I. Behrend, from Berlin, to the effect that he had been refused admission into the Royal York Lodge at Berlin, on the 19th May preceding, on the sole ground of his being of the Hebrew persuasion, and in accordance with his request a letter giving the requisite particulars was addressed to the Board of General Purposes in the following terms:—

"To the Worshipful the President, Vice-Presidents, and members of the Board of General Purposes,

"W. Sirs and Brethren,

"A complaint having been preferred by Bro. F. I. Behrend to the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, in which he was initiated a member, against the Royal York Lodge at Berlin, for refusing him admittance into their Lodge on the 19th day of May 1845, solely on the grounds of his being of the Jewish religion, such being contrary to the principles of the Order, the Lodge of Joppa on the 29th September instant having taken the subject into their consideration, resolved unanimously to support and forward such complaint, which they hereby do, with all the original documents and translations to the Board of General Purposes, considering it a matter which deserves their

serious consideration, more particularly as there is an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of England and the Royal York Lodge at Berlin. Without entering at any length on the subject, as the enclosed documents will fully explain the nature thereof, date, and circumstances connected with it, the Lodge of Joppa sincerely hope the Board will give it such attention as a matter of so much importance requires, and will take such steps as will at once remove the barrier between Brother and Brother, and restore that fraternal feeling and bond of friendship which are cultivated throughout the Universe by Brethren of every creed, sect, and opinion.

"Done by Order of the Lodge,

(Signed) N. CARSTATT W.M.
S. LAZARUS Sec.

29th September 1845."

This letter appears to have been referred by the Board to the Earl of Zetland M.W.G.M., and his Lordship must have taken steps to remonstrate with the Royal York Lodge, for in the minutes of the 29th December is a letter addressed to the Grand Master, sincerely and gratefully thanking him for the manner in which he "introduced the subject to Grand Lodge, and the effective measures which" his Lordship intended "taking with the hope of relieving" Jewish brethren "from their present privation of participating in the privileges of the Order."

This letter was read at an emergency meeting, the chief business of the regular meeting having been, as usual, the election of W. Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, the choice of the Lodge falling upon Bros. Abrahams, David Moses, and Isaacs respectively. On the same occasion it was resolved that, in recognition of his valuable services as W. Master of the Lodge during his two years of office, Bro. Carstatt should be presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas. In January 1846, Bro. Abrahams was installed in the presence of fourteen installed Masters, among whom was the late Bro. T. H. Hall, Grand Registrar, Prov. G. Master of Cambridge-shire, and Bro. Carstatt subsequently received his jewel, which was set with diamonds, and bore the inscription, "Presented by the members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, to Bro. N. Carstatt, for his efficient and valuable services as W. Master for the years 1844 and 1845. 7th January 1846." Such a testimonial was never more fully deserved. We have already noted that the number of initiates and joining members during his first year of office was very considerable. His second year was equally successful in this respect, while as regards the Funds of the Lodge, they were in a most satisfactory state when he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Abrahams, the balance to the credit of the Lodge being over £80. As a matter of course, the installation was followed by the investiture of the Officers, but no brother was appointed and invested Secretary, though during the period we have been considering, that officer was entitled to the membership and an annual honorarium of £6. We are not in a position to say if Bro. Lazarus was of opinion that this was too modest a recognition of his services, or if the Lodge so held in consequence of the increase in the numerical strength of the Lodge. At all events, the Lodge Committee of General Purposes submitted a report on the subject of the Lodge being without a Secretary, and at the March meeting that office was tendered to Bro. S. M. Lazarus, in consideration of his receiving for his services the sum of £10. Nothing requiring any special notice appears to have happened during Bro. Abrahams' term of office. The number of initiates and joining members was in keeping with the steady increase of the past few years, and when Bro. Abrahams laid down the reins of office to his successor, Bro. Canner, he had the satisfaction of knowing that during his rule the Lodge had prospered both as regards numbers and finances, the net balance at the end of 1846 being, as per Auditors' report, £90. In such circumstances the unanimous vote of the Lodge that he should be presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was something more than a graceful compliment to his efficiency in the chair; it was a just acknowledgment of such efficiency.

At the installation of Bro. Canner, there were present R.W. Bro. Henry Shute Prov. G. Master of Bristol, and W. H. White Grand Secretary, and when the ceremony was over and the Officers for the year appointed and invested, Bro. Abrahams received his testimonial, and later on in the evening presented to the Lodge a new set of gavels. In the minutes of the meeting of the 1st February 1847, is noted the very rare occurrence of a candidate for initiation being rejected. In those of the 29th March we are informed that a letter was read from the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex, accompanied by an application from Bro. Rowland Alston P.G.M., on behalf of the nine orphan children of the late Rev. F. T. Hewlett Prov. Grand Chaplain, and in response a sum of two guineas was voted by the Lodge. In June, a Portsmouth brother who had attained the great age of eighty-eight years and was in great distress was relieved to the extent of a guinea out of the Lodge funds, while a subscription among the members resulted in the raising of a farther sum of one guinea and a half. At the December meeting Bro. J. Nathan was elected W.M. for the ensuing year by the narrow majority of one vote over his rival candidate Bro. B. Moss; Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs being re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Canner was voted a Past Master's jewel, and from the record of the meeting of the Audit Committee held later in the month, it seems there remained to be carried forward to the year 1848, the good balance of within a fraction of £83. It further transpired on this same occasion that the Treasurer had paid for the last P.M.'s jewel voted £3 10s more than he had received, owing to sundry brethren who had promised subscriptions never having paid them. The Committee therefore suggested that the Treasurer should be re-imbursed the amount out of the Lodge funds.

During Bro. Nathan's year of office we find more than one case of the initiation of a minor, the necessary dispensation from the Grand Master having been first duly received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. In March 1848, a brother who had resigned his membership thirty-three years previously, and in the interim had not

subscribed to any other Lodge, presented a petition for the purpose of having it recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence. The Lodge, however, did not think it merited their favourable consideration, though, under the circumstances, they relieved him to the extent of £3; one-third from the Lodge funds and the rest by private subscription. In September, a motion was carried with a view to having the Byo Laws of the Lodge revised. The Committee of General Purposes were entrusted with the task of revising, and the amendments they suggested were subsequently approved of in open Lodge. Towards the close of the year certain attacks in the *Freemason's Quarterly Review* on Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, were reported to the Lodge, and at the election meeting in December—when, by the way, Bro. Henry Levy was elected by a small majority of votes to be W. Master for 1849—the following letter was agreed to be sent to his Lordship:—

"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

M.W. Grand Master,

"We, the Master, P. Masters, Wardens, Officers, and members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, have heard with the deepest regret that several articles have been published in a work entitled the *Freemason's Quarterly Review* and circulated throughout the Craft, which have a tendency to traduce your Lordship's exalted and distinguished position as our M.W. Grand Master, that obloquy has been measured out to your Lordship with no sparing hand, and that motions are constantly introduced whereby the business of Grand Lodge is greatly impeded and is calculated to injure our Order by causing a disunion and thereby weakening our bonds of fraternal affection, and likewise intended to deprive your Lordship of several of the ancient privileges hitherto possessed by our late illustrious Grand Masters.

"We beg to express our utter abhorrence of such proceedings, and to assure your Lordship that we shall deem it our bounden duty to support, uphold, and maintain, in all its pristine lustre, the dignity of the Grand Master of England, in whom we beg to express our entire confidence, and take leave most respectfully to renew, with additional attachment, our allegiance to your Lordship, and at the same time pledge ourselves to support you by every constitutional means, and endeavour to suppress those factions should they again appear in Grand Lodge.

"Done in open Lodge, held at the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, in the City of London, the 4th day of December 1848. Signed on behalf of its members,

"J. NATHAN, Master.

"S. SELIG, S.W.

"H. LEVY, J.W.

"S. M. LAZARUS, Sec."

The hand of the average scholar is certainly not visible in the composition of the foregoing letter, but the hearty expressions of sympathy with the Grand Master are a credit to the worthy brethren of Joppa.

The installation meeting in January 1849 was a slightly tempestuous one as regards the opening, several brethren being under the impression it was opened before the hour fixed in the summons. However, the storm passed away, and the induction of Bro. Henry Levy into the chair passed off satisfactorily, among the more distinguished visitors present being Bro. R. G. Alston P.G.J. Warden. In the course of this year a nice question was raised as to whether a brother, having once tendered his resignation and had it accepted by the Lodge, could withdraw and resume his membership. The Grand Secretary ruled that this could not be done, but a way out of the difficulty was suggested by that official, who pointed out that the Lodge might refuse to confirm so much of the minutes as related to the acceptance by it of a member's resignation. Otherwise a brother who had resigned must, in the event of his desiring to renew his membership, undergo the usual ordeal of the ballot. In May, it was agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding five guineas towards the fund then being raised with a view of presenting a testimonial to Bro. W. H. White Grand Secretary, and it was resolved that the Worshipful Master should represent the Lodge on the Testimonial Committee. In September, in consequence of the very satisfactory state of the Lodge funds, it was agreed, on the representation of the Audit Committee, to purchase some new furniture and repair some of what it already possessed. In November, a resolution was unanimously adopted "to establish a Fund for the Relief of Aged and Deceased Members of this Lodge, their widows or orphans," the arrangement of Laws and Regulations for such Fund being entrusted to the Committee of General Purposes. We have already noted several instances of the generosity with which the Lodge assisted such brethren as were in distress, and the establishment of such a Fund reflects even greater credit, if possible, on the members. These Laws were submitted and approved at a special meeting held on 1st December, the Fund itself being started with £20 presented by the Lodge, together with donations, &c., by individual members. This proved the nucleus, while, as regards its maintenance, it was agreed that each member should subscribe sixpence a month, and that the Lodge should give out of its funds from time to time, according to its ability. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Carstatt P.M. for his exertions in establishing the Fund; a somewhat similar compliment being paid to the other brethren who had laboured to the same end. Two days after Bro. S. Selig was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs being re-chosen Treasurer and Tyler respectively, while a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. H. Levy, in recognition of his services as W.M. Prior to Bro. Selig's installation, Bro. Levy presented to the Lodge a handsome poiniard, while, after the installation, he received his jewel, set with diamonds, and Bro. Carstatt P.M. the illuminated vote of thanks accorded him for his labours in establishing the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The balance brought forward from the year 1842 was

£110 16s 1d, but of this £20 had to be paid over to the Benevolent Fund, £20 for furniture, £36 to Grand Lodge, and £5 to the White Testimonial; so that the net balance was under £30, or, with money due to the Lodge, about £10. In March 1850 the Treasurer reported that he had purchased stock, in the name of the Benevolent Fund, to the amount of £69 16s 6d. In the same month, however, a strict inquiry took place into the Lodge accounts, and from this it appears that, having regard to the assets and liabilities, there was, in fact, a small balance against the Lodge, and the Committee of General Purposes recommended in their report the adoption of certain steps by which it was anticipated the finances would be straight again. These recommendations were adopted, with the result that in a very short time the Lodge had a considerable sum to its credit.

[To be continued.]

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Constable in the chair. Bro. Terry, Secretary, reported the death of one female and four male annuitants, the total amounts they had received being £1,400. Bro. Terry also read the Finance Committee's Report, which showed that over £14,300 was realised at the late Festival, the largest sum derived from one Festival in the annals of the Institution. £9,057 had been collected since the Festival. Up to the 31st March there was a balance, after all annuities and expenses had been defrayed, of over £3,100. The Finance Committee recommended the investment of £1,500 on the Male Fund, and £1,500 on the Female Fund, in Three per Cent. Reduced. The Committee also recommended the presentation to Bro. James Terry of one hundred guineas, in recognition of his successful exertions on behalf of the Institution at the late Festival. The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted. Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield and William Hale were appointed the Committee to draw up the annual report. Bro. Terry read a letter from Bro. Curteis, stating that the Province of Devon wished to commemorate the services of the late Rev. J. Huyshe Prov. G.M., and asking what sum would be required to purchase a perpetual presentation of an annuitant to the Institution. After some discussion, in which Bros. J. G. Stevens, J. A. Farnfield, William Stephens, J. M. Case, James Brett, R. H. Girard, Raynham W. Stuart, J. H. Leggott, C. G. Dilley, and C. J. Perceval took part, the Committee decided that the reply to be given should be such a sum as would produce £40 per annum in the Funds. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. S. West Yorkshire, it was resolved "That the House Committee be instructed to obtain an estimate for the enlargement of the present hall (at the Institution at Croydon) and providing proper accommodation for the same." Bro. Terry read a letter from Bro. H. Smith Prov. Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, thanking the brethren for the presentation to him of an illuminated address and the honorary Vice Presidency of the Institution in recognition of his exertions, by which mainly over £3,000 was sent up to the Institution from West Yorkshire at the late Festival. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. £50 was voted to the widow of the late Bro. Knill, formerly collector to the Institution, after which the Committee adjourned.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446, at the Harp Tavern, 19 Jermyn-street, W., on Tuesday, 26th inst., at seven o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. J. Paul 1287 W.M., W. Cleghorn S.W. 1287 S.W., J. Hemming 1287 J.W., E. Farwig P.M. 180 Preceptor, F. V. Green 1687 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Cohen, F. Green, Skinner, J. Smith, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, and W. J. Burgess. Second Lecture:—Bros. Pink, J. Hemming, Richardson, J. B. Docker, and Hurdell. Third Lecture:—Bros. Blundell, Birrell, and Winterbottom.

The Fifteen Sections were worked on the 11th instant, at the Adelphi Club of Instruction, connected with the members of the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670. Bro. William Musto P.M. 1319 had been invited to preside, and the following Past Masters and brethren from the east end of London supported him:—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as I.P.M., B. Cundick P.M. 1421 as S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 as J.W., and Bros. Geo. Stephens J.D. 1623 and McDonald S.D. 1445. There was a good muster of brethren, who watched the workings with great interest. Among those we saw Bros. Dunn P.M. Treas. 1670, Sadler 1670, Hart 1670, Lewis 1670, Webster P.M. Secretary 1670, Rogers S.D. 1670, Whalley J.W. 1670, Oswald, Watkins 1670, Mundy 1670, Levy I.G. 1670. Among the Visitors were Bros. Blunt, Cumming, Money Lee 1201, Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Macgregor I.G. 1445, &c. The sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Duckitt, Langdon, Low, Barnes, Myers, Cundick, Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. Chetwynd, Gruggen, Tisley, Harding, McDonald. Third Lecture—Bros. Tinney, Nicols, Barnes. At the conclusion of the working a vote of thanks to P.M.'s Musto, Barnes, Cundick and Myers was accorded with pleasing unanimity for their kindness in placing their valuable services at the disposal of the members of the Club, who, as young members, would doubtless greatly profit by the instruction that had been imparted. Each of the brethren returned thanks. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. F. H. Gruggen, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, to whose untiring exertions the success of the evening was mainly attributable. The Club was then closed. The brethren having passed a most enjoyable evening.

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, 16th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, 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.

TUESDAY, 19th APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 9. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 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
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturin, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesen, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R.A. 203—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—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.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

- 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1216—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 21st APRIL.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
 K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Egyptian Lodge No. 27.—The members of this Lodge met on Thursday, 7th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a numerous gathering under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. H. Conlson. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Brothers Clemow, the proprietors of the hotel, whose arrangements gave universal satisfaction. There were several visitors present. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, and with an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music a pleasant evening was spent.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—The first meeting of this Lodge since the installation of Bro. W. Chicken as W.M., was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the brethren mustered in considerable force, and were joined by

several visitors. The Officers present were Bros. C. E. Ferry I.P.M., J. Roberts S.W., G. Schadler J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, C. J. Rich S.D., F. Kearney J.D., J. Hawkins I.G., C. Daniel D.C., J. Boston A.D.C., E. Marshall W.S., and C. T. Speight P.M. Prov. G. Tyler Surrey, Tyler. At the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the throne room of the hotel, where Messrs. Ritter and Clifford had prepared a sumptuous banquet, the arrangements being admirably superintended by Brother Mills. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. There was plenty of good singing and music to lengthen the enjoyment of the assembly.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—Held at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 12th inst. Bros. T. F. Harvey W.M., A. Wood S.W., J. Smith J.W., J. Taylor Deacon, Austen I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross Hon. Sec., Shingfield, Stephens, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Shingfield candidate. Lodge was advanced and closed to the first degree, the W.M. worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Wood was elected to the chair for the 19th inst. The Secretary announced that the annual supper would be held on Tuesday, 3rd May next. Tickets 4s each. Bro. E. W. Walter W.M. 554 has kindly consented to preside. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 19th instant.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 12th April, Bros. Clark W.M., Christian S.W., Dignam J.W., Polak S.D., Wardell J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Smith, Boyce, Catling, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Boyce, as candidate for the degree of Fellow Craft, was interrogated and entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Boyce was passed. Bro. Boyce answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Smith was installed into the chair of King Solomon. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees; the W.M. then invested his officers. Bro. P.M. Wallington gave the addresses in a very impressive manner. Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday last. Bros. Rawe W.M., Myers S.W., Johnson J.W., Pavitt S.D., Ives J.D., Worsley Secretary I.G., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Keable, Brownson, Peterken, Day, White. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Bro. Brownson answered the necessary questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. The Lodge was closed in the first degree, when Bro. Day, of Faith Lodge, No. 141, was admitted a member. Bro. Myers was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The election of Treasurer and Secretary, as well as the audit of accounts, will take place on Tuesday next. Audit at seven o'clock.

Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—At the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, the usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. C. A. Woods officiated as W.M.; he was supported by Bro. Hobbs as S.W. and Bro. Pink as J.D.; Bros. Farwig, Detraz, Cohen, Paul, Maxsted, Blundell, J. C. Smith, W. C. Smith, Wheeler, F. V. Green, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M. then opened the Lodge in the second degree, and worked the first section of the second lecture. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Blundell candidate, after which Bro. Paul worked the second, third, fourth and fifth sections. Bro. Hobbs was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked by Bro. Paul, on Tuesday, 26th April. The meeting was then adjourned.

St. Martin-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538.—A convocation of this Chapter was convened on Monday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The Chapter was opened by Comp. Dr. Ralph Gooding Z., supported by Comps. A. J. Pritchard H., and Geo. Gregory J., assisted by Past Principals Major Williams and F. B. Williams. The Companions were admitted, and Bro. Muggerridge, of the Grand Masters' Lodge, being in attendance, was duly and impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The Companions afterwards adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. The following Visitors were present:—Comps. Partridge M.E.Z. elect Pythagorean 79, T. Burne S.E. Royal Albert Chapter 907, and Comps. Ramsey and Holmes, Star Chapter 1275.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown and Woolpack Tavern, St. John-street-road, E.C., on Tuesday, 12th April. Present—Bros. Payne W.M., Weedon S.W., Dillon J.W., Bird S.D., Charles J.D., Rothschild I.G., Osborn Sejourner; also Bros. Botibol, Woodman, Haines, Gilham, Gibbs, Godolphin, Hurst, Somers, Williams, and many others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Botibol gave proofs of his proficiency, and after Lodge was opened in the second

degree was duly passed. Bro. P.M. Gilham, acting as candidate, was duly raised to the third degree. The ceremonies were impressively rendered by the W.M. Before Lodge was closed it was carried that its meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 26th April, at eight o'clock. In the absence of Bro. Pearcey, who was attending a meeting of his mother Lodge, Bro. Isaac acted most efficiently as Preceptor.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, at York, when there were present Bros. J. T. Sellar W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as S.W., M. Millington J.W., Geo. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, A. T. B. Turner S.D., J. Blonkin J.D., T. Humphries Assistant Secretary, J. R. Jackson Assistant M.C., W. B. Dyson I.G., and a number of other brethren. The business consisted of a passing, which having been performed, Lodge was resumed again in the first degree, and letters of apology were read from the Secretary, who was absent, from domestic affliction, and the S.W., who was in London. A telegram was also read from Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. and A. M. Broadley P.M., in London, conveying hearty good wishes to the Lodge. Bro. R. Ware presented to the Lodge library a complete and handsomely bound set of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE since the formation of the Lodge, and Bro. Whytehead added some volumes of Transactions of American Grand Lodges and a portrait of Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, for the Lodge album. Votes of thanks were passed to both brethren. After the Lodge was closed a very harmonious evening was spent, and many toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Whytehead, in proposing the candidate, took occasion to explain the system of Masonic degrees in Blue Masonry in England and on the Continent, and alluded to the origin of speculative Masonry as it exists at the present day, urging on the brethren that they should make as much use as possible of the Lodge library, which already embraced a numerous selection of useful and standard works on Masonry, the perusal of which could not fail to increase in their minds the interest which they already felt in the Craft.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W., on 7th April, Brothers H. Kasner W.M., J. Green S.W., A. Jones J.W., W. Seward S.D., G. Coop J.D., C. Bellerby I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; Brothers Watkin Brown, T. Smith, and Cunningham. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meetings held on 17th and 31st March were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Cunningham answered the questions leading to the third degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was closed in third and second degrees. A discussion ensued in regard to Bye-law No. 1, and on the motion of Bro. A. Jones, seconded by Bro. G. Coop, it was agreed that Bye-law No. 1 be suspended until the last Thursday in May, and that the Lodge meet weekly until that time, except on Thursday next, the 14th inst. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 21st April.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—At the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held, at 6 p.m., on the 6th instant. There were present:—Bro. S. Davison W.M., E. A. Head S.W., Wm. Rudge J.W., John G. Horsey I.P.M., G. Mitchell Secretary, C. Firbank J.D.; also Bros. Wm. Pile, W. H. Brown, A. Betchley, J. Cooper, G. Berry, M. Ovenden, G. W. Holmes, G. Histed and Henry Histed. Visitor—Bro. Thomas Smith Lord Warden 1096. Bro. John G. Horsey I.P.M. took the chair after the opening in the third degree, and raised Bros. G. and H. Histed. The W.M. then resumed his chair, and initiated Mr. E. G. Turner, of Crawley Downs, after which Lodge was closed.

The Wallington Lodge of Instruction will be opened on Thursday, 28th April, at 6.30 p.m., when the ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed, and the first and second Lectures given; Installing Master, Bro. C. Sawyer W.M. 1892 P.M. 1619. First Lecture: Bro. John G. Horsey 186 S.W. 1892 P.M. 1619; Second Lecture: Bro. R. R. Davis 1851 P.M. 250. Brethren are invited to attend.

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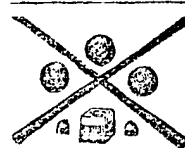
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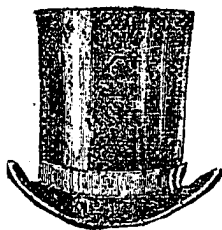
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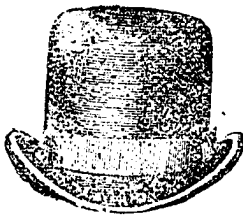
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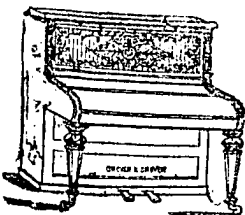
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