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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be hold at Free Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 18th May. The newly-elect R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, The the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has consented to preside, and what with the support he may rely upon receiving from his Province, and the exertions which we are justified in anticipating will be made by the Board of Stewards, we trust the announcement which it will devolve on Bro. Hedges to make will be as satisfactory as the friends and supporters of the School can desire. There are, however, apart from the very natural anxiety of the brethren to support so long-established, well-ordered, and serviceable an Institution, many and various important reasons why Bro. Hedges and the Board of Stewards for the year should meet with a prompt and liberal response from the Craft generally to their eloquent appeals for the pecuniary help which is so much needed, and these reasons we will devote some modicum of space to consider in this article, so that our readers may have an opportunity of weighing them well between now and the day of the Festival.

is absolutely necessary. Leaving the purchase of Lyn-combe House and certain Government Stock out of the Our friends need hardly to be informed that our Girls' School was founded in the year 1788, chiefly through the active exertions of the late Bro. Chevalier Ruspini, surgeon question, we find the further expenditure incurred reached dentist to George III., who for a succession of years held the sum of $\pounds 1,655$ 12s 4d. Taking the two together we the office of Grand Sword Bearer, and other enthusiastic arrive at a total of over $\pounds 9,655$; or, if we allow a liberal brethren, who with him succeeded in enlisting the symmargin for contingencies, we shall at the same time be not pathy of our then Grand Master, His Royal Highness the very greatly exaggerating if we affirm that a round Duke of Cumberland and his Duchess, after whom, indeed, £10,000 must be forthcoming every year towards the sup-port of our Girls' School. Towards this amount Grand the School was at first named. From the beginning of its career, it appealed successfully to the good wishes of the Lodge contributes $\pounds 150$ and Grand Chapter $\pounds 10$ 10s, while Craft, and it can proudly boast, that in the period of its existence, it has educated, clothed, and maintained as many the interest on invested moneys is set down in 1880 as having been £1,245, so that adding these together, the total permanent income is £1,405 10s. But stating it broadly as twelve hundred and fifty daughters of distressed or deceased brethren. Like many successful institutions of at $\pounds 1,500$, it must nevertheless be obvious to our readers a similar character, it had but a very modest start in life, that about six-sevenths of the year's requirements must be but it has been slowly but surely increasing, till now there subscribed by the Craft, if at least the School is to be maintained at its present strength. Be it also rememare maintained within its walls no less than 228 girls. That so much substantial assistance should have been bered that, in saying this, we are leaving only the very rendered, and be in the way of being rendered to chilsmallest possible surplus to meet a serious contingency dren who would otherwise have been brought up in comsuch as must be looked upon to occur every now and parative poverty, and have had no better education, again even in the best regulated Institutions. This further perhaps, than is afforded at a small day school, must be in reason ought to, and we believe will, have the effect of the highest degree gratifying to the Craft generally, but especially to those who have had a hand in effecting so stimulating the Craft to such efforts as will secure the success of the approaching anniversary. much good. But having brought the School to this state We have spoken of the School as being well-managed. of efficiency, and having undertaken the maintenance and This will be the more apparent if we institute a comparison education of so large a number of girls, there is all the between the expenditure of 1877 and 1880. In the former, greater reason why the Craft must continue annually its as in the latter year, a large sum was disbursed in enlargexertions. It is scarcely necessary to point out that the ing the premises; but leaving this out of the calculation, greater the undertaking, the greater must be the amount the ordinary expenditure, which we have given as of support, and the greater will be the energy indispensable $\pounds7,184$ 1s 9d for last year, in respect of 199 girls, or an to furnish such support. Another element that cannot be average per girl of £36 2s, was in 1877 £5,870 13s 7d for lost sight of is, the just pride we must all feel at the 162 girls, giving an average per girl of £35 15s 11d. The splendour of this particular monument we have been suc-Extraordinary expenditure was £783 12s 8d as against cessful in rearing in honour of the grand principles of £1,655 12s 4d last year, so that comparing the sum of the Freemasonry, and having erected this monument, it is our two classes for each year, we have a total in 1877 of $\pounds 6,654$, bounden duty to maintain it in the most perfect state of and in 1880 of £9,655. The difference in the extraordinary efficiency. It must never be in the power of any folk to expenditure may be explained by the outlay of over £650 point the finger of scorn at the English Craft, and charge on laying out grounds, tar-paving playground, building them with having entered on a task which, as the years dwarf boundary wall, painting and cleaning laundry, &c. rolled on, they found it was impossible for them to con- expenses which, it must be admitted, are not likely to be of

We have more than once expressed ourselves tinue. strongly against the practice during these later years of too rapidly extending our central Institutions. But now that the extension has been made, we loyally bury our old opinions out of sight, and are prepared to support any and every measure which, after due consideration by the authorities, may be thought necessary in order to maintain their present status. Thus, it having once been resolved to purchase Lyncombe House, and receive into the School an additional twenty-five girls, we are as eager as those whom, in the exercise of what we conceived to be our duty, we opposed, to do all we can to keep the School up to its present strength. These are among the principal reasons why we trust the Festival about to be held next Wednesday fortnight will be at least as successful as any of its predecessors.

Let us next consider the income and expenditure of the School, so that we may judge of the amount which must be provided annually for its support. The ordinary expenditure for the year 1880, during which there was an average of 199 pupils on the roll of the Institution, is reported by the Auditors to have amounted to $\pounds 7,184$ 1s 9d, which gives an average cost per girl of £36 2s. If we take into account the cost of the additional twenty-five who began their school career in January, we shall find that for ordinary purposes, the sum of, in round figures, £8,000

annual recurrence. As regards the annual expenditure of the two years, the actual difference in the average cost per girl is only six shillings. Economy, with a due regard to officiency, is clearly therefore the order of the day in the management of this School, and brethren will be all the more disposed to give freely when they know their donations and subscriptions will be turned to the best account. We have also spoken of the excellence of the School as an educational establishment, nor need we go further in any attempt to prove this assertion than to the two years we have already referred to. In 1877, five prizes were awarded to as many girls for passing the Cambridge Examination. | being the new Grand Officers, viz. :-In 1880, one girl was awarded a prize for passing the Senior Cambridge Examination, another was similarly rewarded for "passing in honours Cambridge Examination," and six others were similarly honoured for passing the examination. This is public testimony to the excellence of the education afforded, and proves that the standard of proficiency is not only maintained at what it was in 1877, but has since improved very considerably. Nor can it be denied that a School which bears such good fruit deserves the support of brethren throughout the country.

Having thus urged on the attention of our readers the reasons why we think and believe the Craft generally should exert itself, so that the second Festival of 1881 may as nearly as possible equal in its results that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last, let us add a few words in order to strengthen and confirm what has gone before. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Terry was so fortunate as to secure the Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire as Chairman for his Festival, and West Yorkshire, with its formidable array of Lodges, loyally supported their chief with a total subscription of £3,500. But Gloucestershire, albeit, as we shall see later on, it has regularly done its duty towards all our Institutions, is far from being a strong Province. It has but fourteen Lodges all told, and but two of the towns within its limits can boast of having more than one Lodge-Cheltenham and Gloucester. Yet it has figured well at the majority of the Festivals we have been privileged to chronicle. In 1876 it gave £276 14s to the Boys' School. In 1877 it is returned as having subscribed £287s to the Benevolent, £135 9s to the Girls' School, and £338 2s to that of our Boys: total for the year, £501 18s. In 1878 it gave, Benevolent £118, Girls £229 16s 6d, Boys £379 13s: total, £727 9s 6d. In 1879 the Benevolent received £148 12s, the Girls £312 19s, and the Boys $\pounds 378 \ 10s$: total, $\pounds 840 \ 1s$; while last year the Benevolent had £88 8s, the Girls £358 1s, and the Boys £234 3s, or together $\pounds 680$ 12s. In February last it contributed to the Benevolent $\pounds 263$ 12s. In short, since the beginning of 1875 till now, the total of its subscriptions to our three Institutions is a fraction over $\pounds 3,332$. This is an array of figures which speaks most eloquently for the liberality of our Gloucestershire brethren, and having regard to the aforesaid paucity of Lodges, furnishes an additional reason, if any such reason were needed, why the Metropolis and the other Provinces should come forward and lend a helping hand in the cause which Sir M. Hicks-Beach has loyally undertaken to advocate, and which the Lodges in his Province are sure to support. Let us look hopefully forward, as we feel we may safely do, under the tutelary auspices and with the powerful advocacy of the newly elected Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, to our Girls receiving what, in common parlance, is called a "bumper" Anniversary Festival on the 18th May, now approaching so rapidly.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Annual Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England was L held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 27th inst. Grand Lodge was presided over by Bro. General J. Studholme Brown. rigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey, he being supported by Bro. Major Tudor Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire, who acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. S. Rawson P.D. Grund Master China as Past Grand Master. After the customary formalities as regards the open. ing of Grand Lodge, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proclaimed as Grand Master for the year, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom being appointed as Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. respectively. The other appointments were then proceeded with, the following

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The Earl of March, M.P	Senior Grand Warden
[Justice Cave	
Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of Yor	k] Grand Chaplains
Rev. Ambrose W. Hall)
LieutCol. Creaton	. Grand Treasurer
Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P	Grand Registrar
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
E. E. Wendt	Sec. German Correspondence
Sir James Ramsden	Senior Grand Deacons
Major General H. Clerk, R.A., F.R.S.	Senior Grand Deauons
J. Sampson Peirce	·· } Junior Grand Deacons
H. C. Levander, M.A., F.R.S.	
	G. Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) P.G.W	7. Grand Director of Ceremonies
Capt. A. B. Cooke	. Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
George Lambert	Grand Sword Bearer
C. S. Jekyll	Grand Organist
	Assistant Grand Secretary
W. Clarke	
W. R. Wood	. Assistant do.
H. Sadler	. Grand Tyler

Bros. T. A. Jones 259, W. W. Venn 99, Henry Lando 4, R. M. Bishop S. R. Turner 2, J. H. Hay 5, L. W. Desange 6, A. Tisley 8, Eugene Montellis 14, C. Mashfield 21, A. S. Wildey 23, G. H. Brodie 26, W. Roebuck 29, F. Schofield 46, W. J. Crump 58, J. Hellerly 60, W. G. Logan 91, and E. Letchworth 197, Grand Stewards.

The Acting Grand Master announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to order that in future all Grand Pursuivants should be entitled to past rank in the same way as were the other Grand Officers. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The usual banquet followed at Freemasons' Tavern, General Brownrigg presiding here also. The following were among those present— Bros. Sir E. A. Lechmere, Bart, Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, Earl of March S.G.W., Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart, P.G.C., G. W. Linenger Past G.M. Nebraska, Brackstone Baker, Ernest E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary German Correspondence, Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, Æneas McIntyre, Grand Registrar, Shadwell H. Clerke, Major G. S. Tudor P.G.M. Staffordshire, H D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, S. Rawson P.D.G.M. China, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Sedwich, D.D., P.G.C., Rev. R. Simpson P.G.C., C. A. Murton, Rev. P. Morrell, J. Sampson Peirce J.G.D., T. Fenn, H. C. Levander, M.A., F.R.A.S., P.G.D., C. W. C. Hutton, Robert Grey, Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. W. A. Hill P.G.C., Rev. H. A. Pickard P.G.C. Bor, C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. J. W. Cose, Maior General H. Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. W. A. Hill F.G.O., Nev. H. A. Fickata P.G.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., J. W. Case, Major-General H. Clark, R.A., F.R.S., S.G.D., Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W. G.D.C., R. F. Gould, Rev. Robert P. Burt P.G.C., Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C., H. J. P. Dumas, J. Parkinson, J. A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, Captain N. G. Philips, J. Mason P.G.S.B., Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., G. Lam-bert C.S.B. J. M. C. B. S. Mallons P.G.S.B., C. S. Jekvll bert G.S.B., J. T. Collins P.G.S.B., S.Mullons P.G.S.B., C. S. Jekyll G.O., Magnus Ohren, Captain Arthur Bott Cook Assist. G.D.C., J. L. Thomas, Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. S. Burney, Frank Richardson, John H. Scott, W. R. Wood Assist. G.P., W. Clarke G.P., W. T. Howe P.G.P., H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, T. Cabitt P.G.P. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were honoured. That of the Queen, the Chairman said, required no recommendation in an assembly of Freemasons. It was forty-three years since the gracious lady who ruled over us ascended the throne; doubtless there were some present old enough to remember her accession, but all could appreciate how thoroughly Her Majesty had endeared herself to her subjects. It was not, however, as loyal subjects alone that they honoured Her Majesty; members of the Craft could never forget that she was the daughter of a Freemason and the mother of their most distinguished Grand Master. The toast was duly honoured, and was followed by the National Anthem. The next toast was H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. It happened that it had been the privilege of the noble chairman to be a great deal in Denmark. He had the honour of remembering, and he might say of knowing, Her Royal Highness from the time of her childhood. He well remembered the grief which overspread her native land when she was taken from it and transferred to England; but he ventured to say that she received a welcome from Englishmen which she had thoroughly appreciated. She had identified herself with Englishmen, and was very intimately connected with Masonry. He did not know that he had ever been in any foreign country where the solemnities of Masonry were carried out more accurately and successfully than in Denmark. They must remember it was there that our Grand Master got his first degree in Masonry, and therefore Her Royal Highness had a very friendly regard for everything connected with Masonry. He believed that she was very much touched by the message sent to her by Grand Lodge on her birthday. He hoped he might say without presumption that her two sons, the illustrious young blue jackets now serving their country, might, when The chairman, in proposing it, referred to the installation of the

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was hold on Wheneder at T L Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Free-masons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton G. Treasurer (in the chair), J. M. Case, E. H. Finney, Thomas Massa, H. A. Dubois, W. Bailey, Joshua Nunn, Frank Richardson, James Patten, H. Massey, Peter de Lande Long, E. Letchworth, E. C. Mather, C. Hammerton. and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, and the reading of the minutes of the other Committees subsequently, Bros. Massa, Frank Richardson, John Case, and A. J. Duff-Filer nominated lists of brethren to serve on the House and Audit Committees of the Institution for ensuing year. There were but two petitions for the admission of candidates to the list for election. Bro. Hedges informed the Committee that Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, had appointed Tuesday, the 17th May, for the they became of mature age, be enrolled in the Craft. The toast met Stewards' visit to the School, when he will distribute the prizes. a hearty reception, and was followed by that of the Grand Master The Committee shortly afterwards adjourned.

Prince of Wales at the Albert Hall, remarking that he had never seen a more picturesque gathering than was there assembled. It, however, lacked one element, and that he was only too pleased to see supplied in the gallery before him, the ladies always lent a charm to any proceedings at which they were present. He thought that all who had witnessed that scene could but feel gratified at the selection then made. Although His Royal Highness was not present in Grand Lodge as often as they could wish, the brethren might rest assured that their interests were not neglected. Considering his many duties, it was impossible for him to do all he desired, but so far as he was able he attended personally to all matters appertaining to his office, while the interests of the Craft were never lost sight of by him. The Chairman next proposed the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and Foreign Grand Lodges, the latter to include the United States of America. Bro. Maxwell Close was the first to respond. He desired to thank the brethren for drinking success to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and assared them that he deemed it a great compliment to be called upon to respond to the toast. Having the honour to represent the Grand Lodge of England in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, he knew how cordial and happy were the relations between the two bodies. Nature had done much to sever the two countries, but he believed that the Craft had been unceasing in its efforts to unite the two countries in the bonds of fraternal affection. Bro. Linenger, Past Grand Master Nebraska, followed. It afforded him great pleasure to make a public declaration of the manner in which he had been entertained in England. As representing one of the youngest Grand Lodges of the West, the membership of which, however, was now about 125,000, he was glad to say that Freemasonry in the far West was in a very prosperous condition indeed. He was extremely pleased at the hearty reception he had met with in this country, and assured the brethren that should they ever have an opportunity of visiting his district, the same hand of good fellowship would be extended to them. In proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy G. Master, the Chairman referred to apologies each had sent for their non-attendance. All must regret their not being present. He doubted if they were to search the United Kingdom from one end to the other if they would find two brethren better fitted to fill the offices they occupied. In giving the health of the Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers Present and Past, Gen. Brownrigg referred to the difficulty the Grand Master must experience in making selections of Grand Officers; but he thought the appointments made generally gave satisfaction. On the present occasion he though the Craft was singularly fortunate. The Right Hon. the Earl of March replied. He should make every effort to secure the approbation of Grand Lodge. It struck him at the appointment of the Grand Officers that while some, like himself, were new to office, others were re-appointed-not for the first time. The hearty applause which greeted the latter gave assurance of the approval with which the brethren regarded their past services, and their confidence in the future endeavours of the G. Officers. Bro. D. Sandeman proposed the health of the Chairman. The toast was one for which he had been safely selected because it was one which required no verbiage and no eloquence. There were many brethren in the hall who like himself (and he was proud of the distinction) had for many years been intimately ac-quainted with the Right Worshipfal Chairman in Freemasonry; of the but he knew that all present, whether intimately acquainted with him or not, were well acquainted with his name, which was a household word in the Craft; it was one which belonged to one who had for many years taken great interest and an active part in the ceremonies, taken also a leading part in the Charities, and done everything which could make him dear to them. The chairman tendered his cordial thanks for the toast and for the patience with which the brethren had listened to what he had had to say. Although he had many friends in the room, he attributed their kind attention to the fraternal regard they hal for him as a brother and an old soldier. The health of the Provincial Grand Master followed, the chairman regretting that so few of the members were present. The chairman regretting that so few of the members were present. Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, being the only representative besides himself, Bro. Major Tudor briefly replied. As yet he had had but little to do with the work of his Provincial Grand Mastership, but for a good many years he had been acquainted with the Provinces, and he could safely say that Provincial Grand Masters always desire to do all they can to further the interests of Freemasonry and to cary out its principles. The toast of the Charities followed, Bros. Hedges, Binckes, and Terry, each replying. The chairman considered there could be no better evidence of the interest taken in the Charities than the increased subscriptions which were heard of at the festivals. Year by year they increased, and he hoped year by year they would continue to increase. There had been a good deal of cor-respondence on the subject, but after all he thought among sensible, straight-thinking men it was always better-though he was open to conviction-to go and see the Institutions for themselves. Very

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 4th of May, at six o'clock in the evening *punctually*.

Basiness :- The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme

Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for con-

fination. Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to announce that they have examined the Accounts from the 19th July to the 20th April 1881, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :---

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which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions :---

1st. From Companions James R. Pither as Z., James Judge as H., Stanley Enoch Shipman as J., and seven other for a Chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1722, Dugshai, to be called "The Marmaduke Ramsay Chapter," and to meet at Dugshai, Punjab, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions John Watson as Z., Arthur Stubbs as H., William Newton as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham, to be called "Tho Royal Sussex Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

3rd. From Companions The Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore as Z., William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., as H., The Right Hon. The Earl of Onslow as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the United Lodge, No. 1629, London, to be called "The United Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Companions William Frederick Towle as Z., William Henry Hopkins as H., Henry Lewis Rocca as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Blair Lodge, No. 815, Manchester, to be called "The Blair Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester.

5th. From Companions Matthew Vowles as Z., Charles George Wragg as H., Charles Beckit Truman as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Commercial Lodge, No. 411, Nottingham, to be called "The Commercial Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

6th. From Companions Maurice Hart as Z., Sigismund Schönstadt as H., Henry Ashur Tobias as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, to bo called "The Chapter of Israel," and to meet at the Masonic Hall Hope-street, Liverpool.

7th. From Companions John Bagot Scriven as Z., James Knight as H., William Lambert Manley as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Anchor Lodge, No. 1704, London, to be called "The Cable Chapter," and to meet at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

Sth. From Companions Richard Thomas Hill as Z., Francis Lawrence Goode as II., Herbert W. Ruff as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, to be called "The Eastern Star Chapter," and to meet at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, in the City of London.

9th. From Companions George Thomas Brown as Z., William Chicken as H., Charles Daniel as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, London, to be called "The Prosperity Chapter," and to meet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

10th. From Companions Anthony Maitland Bell as Z., William Charles Arthur Rœttger as H., William John Corrales as J., and nino others for a Chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 617, Buenos Ayres, to be called "The Maesfield Chapter," and to meet in the city of Buenos Ayres.

s. Very These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee reing sure commend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

few he thought could see the correspondence without being sure that to a very great extent there was a good deal to be said about it; but for all that, there was the broad fact that we supported an immense number of orphan children and decayed Masons and their widows. The very basis of Freemasonry was charity and brotherly love, and he hoped the day would never come when the Masonic Charities would cease to be what they were now. The health of the Stewards was duly proposed, and acknowledged by Bro. Rudolph G. Glover. This concluded the proceedings in the banquet hall, and the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where the customary concert was given, under the the direction of Bro. C. S. Jekyll, G. Organist.

MARRIAGE.

OCKENDEN-HAMMOND.-On the 28th inst., at the Parish Church, Hampton, Middlesex, by the Rev. J. Sawyer, B.A., assisted by the Rev. James Burrow, M.A., Vicar, Bro, TROMAS WILLIAM OCKENDES, W.M. 1512, son of the late Bro. Thomas Ockenden, P.M. Forth Lodge, Turks Island, W.I., to MARY JANE, eldest daughter of Bro. WILLIAM HAMMOND, P.M. 201, 1512, &c., P.P.G.D. Middlesex. No Cards. (Signed)

JOHN CREATON, G. Treasurer, President.

JAMAICA.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.— The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Kingston, on the 7th inst., and was presided over by the Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne D.P.G.M.M., who made the following appointments for the ensuing year :— R.W. G. J. Sargeant P.G.M. S.W., R.W. B. Stines jun. P.G.M. J.W., V.W. O. Delgado P.G.M. M.O., V.W. J. L. Ashenheim P.G.M. S.O., Wor. O. Delgado jun. P.G.M. J.O., and Wor. P.G.M.'s T. N. Aguilar Treasurer, G. A. Campbell Registrar of Marks, E. X. Leon Secretary, D. Barned S.D., G. R. Taylor J.D., Dr. T. Allen Inspector of Works, A. H. Jones D. of Ceremonies, L. C. Hollar Sword Bearer, O. P. Myers Standard Bearer, J. M. Simpson and P. Alberga Stewards, and G. Magnus Tyler.

REVIEWS.

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

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The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Pennsylvania. Its early History and Constitutions from A.L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Pro-List of Lodges from earliest date to December 27, 1880 ceedings. Part III. Compiled and published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia : Sherman and Co. Printers, 1880.

THE period of time over which the Minutes contained in the Part before us extend is five years and a half, namely, from the Quarterly Communication in June 1799 to that in December 1804, the R.W Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith being Grand Master for the earlier por-tion, and R.W. Bro. Israal Israel during the latter. The earliest minute contains extracts from the Report of the Charity Committee announcing, in the first place, that the said Committee had received on behalf of Grand Lodge five perpetual shares in the Philadelphia Dispensary in return for a donation of fifty guineas to the funds of that Institution ; and in the next, that when the G. Master and Dep. G. Master had called on Mrs. Dean, widow of a Bro. Dean, to present to her the sum of twenty-five dollars which had been voted her out of the funds of Grand Lodge, the lady, while expressing her grateful sense of the kindness evinced towards her, declined to accept the grant on the ground that she was in better circumstances, and "that she had no doubt but the brethren had many objects which stood in greater need of it than she did." Such an act of honourable selfdenial as this deserves to have been recorded. Two other matters of interest are noted : one, that Bro. S. Benge had presented G. Lodge with two purple sashes for the G. and Dep. G. Masters respectively, together with "an apron of white satin for the R.W.G.M., seven leather aprons for the R.W.D.G.M., S.W., J.W., Secretary, Treasurer, S.D., and J.D., all the aprons trimmed with broad purple ribbon and gold lace, and hangings of broad purple trimmed with gold lace for the jewels of the above-mentioned eight officers." For this handsome gift a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the donor. The other matter concerned Grand Lodge premises, the room where it had previously been held being no longer available. Consequently a Committee was appointed to prepare a scheme whereby a Hall should be erected. On St. John's Day, 24th June, this Committee presented a Report, in which they recommended a scheme for the formation of a "Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall Association" with a view to "raising by subscription and chances the sum of six thousand dollars for the purpose of procuring by purchase, or otherwise erecting a building to be denominated a Freemasons' Lodge." The plan, full particulars of which are furnished, was read a first time, and after two failures to secure the requisite attendance of members, a second time at an extra Communication on the 11th July, the further consideration of its details being postponed. The regular September Quarterly Communication was not held owing to an epidemic of yellow fever in the city, and the consequent removal into the country of a considerable number of the inhabitants, but at a special meeting on the 13th November, the Committee for finding temporary quarters reported, that in compliance with the request of such Committee, His Excellency T. Mifflin, Governor of the State, had granted to Grand Lodge the Secretaries' Chamber in the State Honse till such time as its use for state purposes might be required. The thanks of Grand Lodge were voted to His Excellency, and steps were ordered to be taken so as to have the Chamber furnished and made ready for the reception of Grand Lodge. At the December meeting communi. cations were read from the Grand Lodges of Upper Canada, Lower Canada, and North Carolina. These show that in Upper Canada there were fourteen Lodges, and in Lower Canada sixteen Lodges ; Brother W. Jarvis being G. Master of the former, and H.R.H. Prince Edward afterwards Duke of Kent, G. Master of the latter. Bro. J. B. Smith was then re-elected G. Master, Bro. Israel Dep. G. Master, and other brethren G. Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, the last entry in the minutes of these meetings being the very singular notification that certain brethren had been excluded from Lodge No. 80, one for a period of "80 years," and two others for "40 years." So quaint a notice would seem to suggest that the inhabitants of Pennsylvania, or at all events the members of this particular Lodge, must have been remarkable for their longevity.

The minutes of the next two meetings, held on the 26th and 27th December, describe the measures taken by the brethren of Pennsyl. vania to pay honour to the memory of the illustrious Washington who had departed this life a short time before. That held on the former of the above was an extra Communication, summoned for the purpose of enabling Grand Lodge to comply with the invitation of the State Congress to take part in the funeral obsequies, vulgarly known as "Washington's sham funeral," which had been ordered by the State. But for all the unreality of the proceedings there can be no question as to the reality of the sorrow that was felt by all classes of the community, and especially by the Freemasons who had lost in G. Washington not only a beloved fellow-citizen and revered leader, but also the most distinguished member of the Masonic Craft in the United States. Were evidence of the truth of this statement neces. sarv. we have but to refer to the address delivered in Grand Lodge on the solemn occasion by the R.W. Grand Master, in which, after noticing the deceased General's connection with the Craft, Bro. Smith went on to say :-"The Old as well as the New World reveres this name : he was indeed an illustrious Brother, Citizen, and Chief, in peace and in war, in council and action pre-eminent. The Masons of Penusylvania have exulted that the name of Washington stood enrolled on their list of Brethren, and they will cherish the remembrance of his virtues and ever, in spite of an assurance that he was not at once about to leave, services as a rich logacy for their emulous example. If devotion of sailed for Europe before another meeting, as appointed, could be

time and talents to ameliorate the state of man be a virtue; if obeying the calls of his country in times of the greatest difficulty and danger at every risk be a Masonic duty, of that virtue may Masonry boast that this our Washington has exhibited an instance beyond former example brilliant ; and for the exercise of this duty will our Washing. ton ever stand conspicuous in the foremost ranks. Are a love of order and sacred regard to the laws of the social compact character. istic of Masons? For his exemplary adherence to these Masonic virtues through all the vicissitudes and variegated difficulties of a Revolutionary War, has our Washington received the plaudits of thirteon Sovereign States."

At the latter of the two meetings the Grand Master and other principal Grand Officers were installed, and the subordinate Grand Officers appointed and invested, and this important duty having been fulfilled, resolutions were passed to the effect that the Grand Lodge. room should be put in mourning, and the members of Grand Lodge should wear black crape on the left arm and over the emblems on their aprons for six months. We may add here, before dismissing these references to General Washington, that a special communication was held on the 3rd February 1800, when it was resolved that a Masonic procession should be held on the 22nd of that month-that being the day recommended by the President and Congress of the United States to be set apart as a day of public mourning for the deceased General. articulars of the procession are given under a later date.

But though Grand Lodge was thus mournfully engaged in adding its tribute of respect to that paid by the whole of the United States to the memory of their late chief, they were not unmindful of the ordinary business of the day. In the minutes of the 27th December mention is made of the near likelihood that the "modern" G. Lodge of South Carolina, the only one at the time in the States that was held under a foreign jurisdiction would be amalgamated with the "ancient" Grand Lodge of that State, and that, too, without any departure from, or infringement of, ancient landmarks on the part of the latter; and a hearty wish is expressed that the union of the two may be speedily accomplished. Reference is also made to certain resolutions transmitted by the said ancient Grand Lodge of South Carolina, advocating yet again the establishment of a superintending G. Lodge for the whole of the States, and inviting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to join in the preparation of plaus to that end. In a note it is added that in the year 1799, Grand Lodge and the Lodges in Philadelphia, with the exception of two which had made no returns, had expended in charity over 1492 dollars, nearly one half of which was thus disbursed by the French Lodge, "L'Amenitie," No. 73. In the minutes of the 3rd February 1800, is an entry to the effect that a certain brother had ascertained that "the African Lodge, held in or near this city, was visited by members of some of our Lodges," and a committee of inquiry was appointed, to obtain further particulars and report.

In the minutes of the 3rd March, a question affecting the status of Past Masters who had obtained that degree under a foreige jurisdiction and had become members of Lodges in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania since the adoption of its then existing rules and regulations, was submitted. A long discussion ensued, and in the end the Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master, was requested to give his decision, which he did to the following effect : "That, agreeably to the first article of the said Rules and Regulations, all Past Masters who at the time of adopting the said regulations were actually members of Lodges under this jurisdiction were members of G. Lodge ; but that since the adoption of those Rules and Regulations no P.M., however or wherever made, who was not a P.M., and also a regular member of some Lodge under this jurisdiction at that time, is a member of this G. Lodge unless he shall have served a regular time as Master of a Lodge under said jurisdiction." Nearly the whole of the rest of the minutes of this meeting relates to the proposal made by South Carolina to establish a Superintending or Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States. We may content ourselves, however, with noting that the idea was not favourably received by Pennsylvania, and that as a well-known fact nothing ever came of this or any other proposal of a similar character.

Among the records of an Extra Communication, held on 21st April, is a resolution condemnatory of an apparently common practice at the time of lending the jewels and aprons of Lodges for theatrical purposes. The resolution reads thus: "That this R.W.G.L. dis-approve of the conduct of the aforesaid Masters, inasmuch as the uso to which these emblems of our Order are applied is degrading to the dignity of the Craft, and has a manifest tendency to render it triffing and ridiculous in the eyes of the public and all sensible Masons, and that any such application of these ornaments be considered as meeting the severe disapprobation of this body." At the meeting of the 24th June was read a letter received from the Lodge St. John, Les Frères Unis, No. 77, Port D'Espagne, Trinidad, holding under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, stating that it had given Bro. Delaunay, who had been deputed some time previously to visit the Lodge, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, one part in payment of its dues to

G. Lodge, and the other part as a "voluntary contribution to assist in the purchase or building of a place suitable for the meetings of the R.W.G. Lodge." Thanks were voted for this gift, and the sum of one hundred dollars was ordered to be invested in some public stock in the name of Grand Lodge, and in due course to be applied to the purpose for which it was given.

At the September meeting a statement of accounts for the period from 27th December 1797 to 29th June 1800 was submitted by the Accounts' Committee, from which it appears that the receipts were 925.59 dollars, and the expenditure 406.61 dollars, leaving a balance of 518.97 dollars. A further statement for the period from 28th December 1798 to 5th July 1800 was also submitted, to the effect that the Committee of Accounts, hearing that Bro. McElwee Grand Treasurer was about leaving for Europe, had called upon him to settle his accounts. Bro. McElwee accordingly attended the Committee, and some progress in the matter was made. He had, how-

held. Bros. Orr and Cannon, who had charge of the Grand Treasurer's papers, had obligingly permitted the Committee to examine them, and the result was that the Committee were of opinion Bro McElwee was indebted to Grand Lodge in the sum of £211 6s 7d A motion for the election of another brother as Grand Treasurer was postponed till the next meeting, and Bro Gavin Hamilton was then elected, and installed in that office. At the September meeting a letter of sympathy from the Grand Lodge of Ireland was read in reference to the loss sustained by the United States through the death of Washington. This letter contained a list of the Grand Officers, headed by Lord Viscount Donoughmore Most Worshipful Grand Master, and was accompanied by a letter announcing that an Orphan School had been established, under the patronage of their Grand Lodge, which had voted £200 towards its support. Communications were also read from the Grand Lodges of Lower Canada, Connecticut, Maryland, Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina. We learn also that at this time in North Carolina there were forty Lodges, in New York fifty-four Lodges, in Connecticut thirty-seven Lodges and in South Carolina forty-four Lodges. The election of principal Grand Officers then took place, Bros. Smith and Israel being re-elected Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master respectively. At an adjourned meeting on the 15th December a motion for remunerating the Grand Secretary for his services during the past four years with the sum of three hundred dollars, and that in future he be paid at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum was ordered to stand over. It was then resolved that one-third of the Grand Lodge moneys should be considered as constituting the Charity Fund, and the other two-thirds the General Fund, Grand Treasurer having authority to invest the latter in some productive fund for the benefit of the Lodge. On St. John's Day the installation of the principal and the appointment of the subordinate Grand Officers was carried out with the usual formalities, and the motion with reference to the remuneration of the Grand Secretary was adopted, with the substitution of 120 dollars for 100 dollars as his future annual salary.

At the adjourned Quarterly Communication on the 16th March 1801 a resolution of Grand Royal Arch Chapter was submitted, and approved by G. Lodge. It was to the effect that no candidate should be exalted in any Chapter held under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter thereof, unless his petition for exaltation was accompanied by a certi-ficate from the Worshipful Master and Officers of his Lodge that the petitioner was a regular Past Master, having served the office of Master of such Lodge, or having passed the chair by dispensation from the Grand Master. Sojourners, not residents in the State of Pennsylvania, to be admitted as before. There was also presented a Report of the proceedings of a special Grand Chapter, There was also held on 21st February, relating to certain matters connected with Chapter No. 52, in which certain brethren had been exalted who were not regular Past Masters. The error, however, was set right, and a motion based on the report was passed to the effect, that for a brother to pass the chair of any Lodge he must either have been duly elected Worshipful Master of a Lodge, or have received a dispen-sation for the purpose from the Grand Master. Mention is made likewise of a Bye-Law of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, that no Warrant should be granted until the W. Master designate had been examined as to his knowledge by Grand Lodge or a Committee thereof, and that the Wardens designate must also previously be examined by the Officers of some neighbouring Lodge as to their Masonic proficiency. It was further laid down in the Bye-Laws of the same Grand Lodge that a penalty of eight dollars was imposed on every Lodge absent from a Quarterly Communication, and one of five dollars on one omitting to make its return to Grand Lodge at the proper time.

At Extra Communications on 4th and 18th May respectively, the prayers of three petitions for establishing Lodges-in two instances, in the Island of San Domingo, and in the third, at New Orleans, were granted. On 15th June application was made by Bro. David Putnam, Secretary of American Union Lodge, No. 1, held at Marietta, requesting that, as the house in which the said Lodge had been accustomed to meet had been destroyed by fire, and the furniture, working tools, jewels, and charter burnt, a new Warrant should be granted; but as the request was not made in due form, Grand Secretary was instructed to write to that effect, and enclose copy of the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, so that the petition might be renewed in the manner prescribed therein, when there would be no hesitation in complying with it. In answer to a memorial praying for an inquiry into certain irregularities in the election of Officers in Lodge No. 59, a Committee was appointed to make the requisite inquiries. A third prayer, of a curious kind, was submitted and granted. A brother, "Henry Snider, otherwise known and called Henry Sharpe, had found out that he had been deceived by the woman who had brought him up, whom he had always conceived to he his mother, and who had always kept from him his real name; that he had now found his name to be Snider, which he had adopted, and hence he had petitioned his Lodge for having his true name of Spider substituted, and this had been done. At the instance of his Lodge, however, he besought Grand Lodge to endorse its action, and Grand Lodge acceded to the proposal. On the 23rd June, after an application from a member of No. 2 Lodge for such materials to be furnished to him as would enable him to publish a half yearly Masonic Calendar for the jurisdiction had been ordered to lie on the table, notification was made that a letter from the Secretary of Lodge No. 7, Jamaica, had been received, in which the writer cautioned the brethren against certain Masonic impostors whom he both named and described. The Committee of Inquiry into the alleged irregularities

erection of suitable premises for G. Lodge reported that "a new and unfinished tenement and plot of ground in Arch-street, near to the south-west corner of Ninth and Arch-street," is for sale for 3250 dollars. Resolutions were accordingly passed that it should be purchased, and that a deed of conveyance should be made to the G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Grand Wardens, G. Secretary, and G. Treasurer as joint tenants in fee simple, and that they should execute a declaration of trust to G. Lodge.

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YARBOROUGH MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association, in connection with the Yarborough Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held its monthly meeting at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. President, J. J. Berry P.M. Vice President, J. G. Stevens P.M. Hon. Sec. There were also present—Bros. E. W. Walter W.M. 554, J. Taylor, W. Cross, J. R. Shingfield, A. Walter, S. Poynter, &c. After the usual rontine business, the ballot was proceeded with for Life Governorships; these resulted in favour of Bros. A. Packer and J. R. Shingfield. Bros. Walter and Shingfield were elected to conduct the annual audit, and the question of the Anniversary meeting having been discussed, it was fixed to take place on the 24th of May. From the remarks which fell from Bro. J. G. Stevens, it was gathered that during the existence of the Association, no less than forty-nine Life Governorships had been created. Of this number eighteen have been apportioned to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons, seventeen to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and fourteen to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The total amounts contributed, exclusive of the two ballots just taken, were £502 5s. The officers of the Yarborough Masonic Charitable Association are to be congratulated upon the success which has attended their exertions to aid and sustain our Masonic Institutions.

COLLINS' MUSIC HALL.

BRO. HERBERT SPRAKE, the General Manager of this Hall, **D** took his annual benefit on Thursday evening, in presence of an andience that was crowded to overflowing. In fact, the Hall, which is none of the largest, might have been filled half-a-dozen times over with the friends of the beneficiary, who were bent on paying him a well-deserved compliment on so important an occasion. One of the most liberal programmes we have seen was provided, and among those who tendered their services were a majority of the ablest and best known music hall artists of the day. Under the head of "comic" was ranged the names of the Great MacDermott, the Great Vance, T. W. Barrett, Herbert Campbell, Sidney Franks, Victor Liston. Among the serio-comics were Jenny Hill, Ethel Victor, Nellie Farrell, Ida Morris, and Amy Francis. The "Specialities" included Mab Chambers, the Wonderful Banjoist and Laughing Artiste; Pattie Haywood, Burlesque Actress ; Chirgwin, the White-eyed Kaffir ; Vento, Ventriloquist ; and J. Maccann, Concertina Soloist. There were in addition Duettists and Trios, and Negro Artists, the whole of the arrangements being under the charge of Mr. Stephen Medcalf, of the Manor House, Green Lanes, who was assisted in his arduous duties by Messrs. Walter Laburnum and Fred. Williams, while the stage was under the able direction of Mr. W. Palmer. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and as Collins's Music Hall is known to be one of the best managed in the metropolis, it goes without saying that all who were fortunate enough to be present enjoyed themselves most thoroughly.

The M.W. G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to grant a Warrant for a new Lodge to be called the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, to be held at the Inns of CourtHotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields. The R.W. P.G.M. for Dorsetshire and P.G.D., Bro. Montague I. Guest, M.P., being one of the Founders. Bro. W. H. Dean P.M. 417 and P.P.G.S.B. Dorset is the W.M. designate.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that on Monday evening, at the Greyhound, Richmond, of which Bro. Mouflet is host, the opportunity was taken of recognising the valuable services which Bro. Phillips, P.M. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, has rendered for some considerable time past to the Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820, as its Preceptor, or, to phrase it more complimentarily, as its "guide, philosopher, and friend." On the occasion in question, and in the presence of a numerous gathering of the brethren, Bro. Phillips was made the recipient of a testimonial, which the W. Master for the evening presented after a brief but eulogistic speech, and which Bro. Phillips acknowledged very warmly.

and described. The Committee of Inquiry into the alleged irregalarities connected with the election of the Officers of Lodge No. 59 reported as to their having undonbtedly taken place, and it was ordered that the Lodge be directed to instal the Officers elect the following evening. At the meeting on St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June, it was mentioned that Lodge No. 73 had resolved on holding but one election annually—on St. John the Evangelist's Day. At the same meeting the Committee appointed to arrange for the purchase or

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE, No. 1306.

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THE installation meeting of this thriving Lodgo was held at the I. Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Wednesday ovening, the 13th inst., when the following brothren and visitors assembled :--Bros. C. Veal W.M., J. Magrath S.W., T. Wooding J.W. H. T. Hardy Secretary, Beck P.M. Treasurer, J. Horseley S.D., T. J Tyer J.D., J. Conture D.C., J. G. Twinn I.G. pro tem., T. J. Tarling W.S., A. G. Clements and G. T. Holdom Stewards. P.M.'s Brothers Dawson and Hayward; also Bros. J. Loftus, C. Rayner, J. S. Phillips. J. Carrociero, C. Whybrow, H. Parsons, C. East, T. J. Barnes junior, J. McDougall, F. Crawley, Wm. McCreddie, O. N. Stranger, T. B. Ryton, W. L. Hodgson, J. M. Stevens, J. Sommers, E. Blaney, Visitors-Bros. J. McClelland, H. Harbard, B. Stewart, Hammond S. S. P. Blight, C. Stephenson, Sherwin, C. Allen, R. Green, W. S. Bassett, G. J. King, John Shepherd, John How. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, according to the usages of the Craft, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting, with the report of the Audit Com-mittee read and confirmed. A ballot having proved successful in favour of Mr. O. N. Stranger, he was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Veal W.M. then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Magrath S.W. into the chair of K.S., the working of this ceremony was performed in a masterly manner; it might perhaps he equalled, but not excelled. After the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow :- Bros. T. Wooding S.W., Horseley J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, A. G. Clements Secretary, T. J. Tyer S.D., Couture J.D., G. T. Holdom I.G., Rev. M. C. Brown Chaplain, Twinn D.C., Sommers W.S., J. Loftus and Rayner Stewards, Long-staff Tyler. The W.M. on rising said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was, in the name of the Lodge, to present Bro. Veal, the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel; he was confident that it would be highly appreciated; the brethren all considered the jewel well earned, as the duties of his office for the year had been carried ont with the greatest excellence; in conclusion he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would permit him to wear it for many years to come, so that it might be looked upon by his children with the highest value and estimation. A brief acknowledgment was here given by the Immediate Paast Master, who had no desire to detain the brethren as he supposed they would expect to hear his voice later in the evening. Votes of thanks-firstly, to Bro. Veal, for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge; secondly, to Bro. P.M. Dawson, for the able manner he had acted as D.C.; thirdly, to the Audit Committee; fourthly, to Bro. H. T. Hardy, for his attention to the duties of Secretary, and two proposels for initiates hearent the business of Secretary; and two proposals for initiates brought the business of the Lodge to a close. A sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by the proprietors (Kingston and Fromm), followed. The artistic arrangements and general view of the tables was most enticing, and this was further well supported by the abundance of good things that followed. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic teasts, all of which were duly honoured. The I.P.M. said he now rose with great pleasure to propose the toast of the W.M. All present well knew his capabilities and willingness. He had filled creditably the offices prior to that he now held, and he believed this was a unanimous opinion of all the brethren. He had been associated with him for some considerable time, and he trusted that his year of office would be a successful one in every respect. The W.M., replying, thanked Brother Veal for the kind expressions he had made respecting himself. He was ready and willing to work if it came before him. He sincerely hoped to make good progress, and he thought this might be expected when he saw such good feeling around him. He had every faith in being well supported by his Officers. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. he could not speak too highly of what Bro. Veal had done for the Lodge. His successful efforts were already known to all the brethren. The expense and trouble that Bro. Veal had put himself to invarious ways for the welfare of the Lodge commanded their gratitude. He would ask them to be upstanding and give a hearty Wapping fire to their esteemed Bro. Veal, which it is needless to say was well responded to. Bro. Veal, in reply, said when he first filled the chair he thought it an easy task; he, nevertheless, was amply rewarded for all that he had done when he saw it so well acknowledged. He heartily thanked them for the handsome present they had thought proper to give him, and should feel proud to wear it as long as he lived. Notwithstanding that he had left the chair he should always be pleased to be brought into action whenever he was required. He hoped to be amongst them for some time to come, and see the present Officers advance and attain the prominent position that Bro. Magrath now held. The toast of the Initiate was next given and suitably replied to. The next toast from the chair was that of the Visitors, all of whom severally responded, in terms praising all they had seen and heard. The E.A.'s song, with others, added much to the enjoyment of the brethren, thus a really pleasant even ing was spent. The Officers' toast was next in order, and that of the Tyler brought the meeting to an end.

taken the necessary obligations, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren saluted their new ruler in due form, and the investiture of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the W.M. appointing them as follows :--Bros. A. Peterken S.W., II. L. Godolphin J.W., Spencer S.D., J. Togwell J.D., E. J. Friede. berg I.(L. J. Howcraft D.C., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer and $W_{in\theta}$ Steward, W. Hogg P.M. Secretary. The Installing Master, Bro. Hallam, then gave a five rendering of the three charges, and con. cluded his arduous duties amid the applause of all present. The ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. Thomas Christmas and Thomas Eastman; proving favourable, those gentlemen were admitted into the secrets and mysteries. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, and unanimously adopted. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in capital style by the caterors, Bros. Fromm and Kingston. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given, that of the Queen and the Craft being heartily received; Bro. Friedeberg sang a verse of the National Anthem. The health of the Prince of Wales was next honoured, followed by a verse of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then gave the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers past and present, which was responded to by Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. Bro. Hallam, having taken up the gavel, expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing, for the first time, the health of the W.M. With this all present would be in accord, and he was sure all would join in it. Bro. Durell was a W.M. the brethren might be proud of; they all felt assured that, if his health permitted him to attend every meeting, he would give satisfaction by his working. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Hallam and the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was very much indebted to them, and trusted that, as Bro. Hallam had wished, he would be able, with the help of the A.O.T.U., to attend every meeting, and discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all. The Past Masters were next honoured, the W.M. saying that all the brethren liked to be Past Masters, and work up in that direction, but their true value could only be felt by a new occupant of the chair. Bro. Hallam responded; he was gratified at the warm and hearty manner in which the toast had been received. He might be pardoned for saying a few words about himself. During the past year, as W.M., he had experienced many anxious moments, and had received great assistance from the Past Masters, the Wardens, and, above all, the members of the Lodge. On behalf of himself and fellow P.M.'s, he tendered his sincere thanks. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and duly responded to. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then proposed, and heartily received. Bro. Musto replied, on behalf of Bro. Hogg and himself. He had had the honour of introducing the W.M. into Freemasoury, and teaching him some portion of his Masonic knowledge. Bro. Durell proved himself an apt papil. It at all times afforded him (Bro. Musto) considerable pleasure to see those whom he had introduced into the Order, or imparted Masonic instruction to, arrive at the For himself, he would be always willing to perchair of K.S. form any duty or hold any office in the Lodge whereby he might advance its interests. Speaking as Treasurer, he said that whilst they found him the money for the bills the W.M. ordered, if not ex. travagant, he would pay them, but their Treasurer could not become their banker. He also trusted the Benevolent Fund (recently started) would not trench upon the comforts of the brethren, as he maintained that, whilst they were enjoying the fourth degree, we felt most for the wants of others. The Initiates was then given, the W.M. remarking that without the introduction of new blood the Order would gradually decline. He asked them to give a hearty reception to the newly made brethren. In response, Bro. Eastman said he scarcely knew at present what to say, but he promised them that, with God's help, he would strive to become a worthy Mason. This sentiment—endorsed by Bro. Christmas, the other initiate—was very favourably received. The health of the Officers was then given, and duly responded to. The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening's proceedings. Bro. Godolphin, in his songs-" The Village Blacksmith" and Monarch of the Woods"-was most effective, and Bro. C. Eschwege also gave much pleasure by his.rendering of "The Vagabond," and a recitation from "The Lady of Lyons." Several other brethren contributed to the general harmony, and a word of praise is due to Bro. Shelford 765 for his able accompany-ment, and the very enlivening morceaux played during the post prandial procedings.

RAVENSBOURNE LODGE, No. 1601.

THE annual installation meeting in connection with this young and popular Lodge, whose headquarters are at the Offices of the Lewisham District Board of Works, at Catford, took place under the most agreeable anspices on Friday evening last. Lodge was opened at five o'elock, in accordance with ancient formalities, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Francis Burdett, who was supported by W. Bro. Magnus Ohren Assist. G.D. of C. England (W.M. elect) S.W., Bros. W. George Lemon P.M. 165 Treasurer acting as J.W., Charles W. Thompson P.M. Hon. Sec., Edwin Howard P.M. 181 S.D., Robert Langford Sindall W.M. 1293 J.D., Alexander Gordon Hennell D.C., John Carline I.G., Nelson Reed P.M. and W.M. 1572, Joseph Clever, G. W. Murnane, B. Horton, E. Harlock, H. W. Jackson, H. E. Joyce, John P. Ingoldby, Richard Worf, J. Clarricoats, Alfred Thompson and Alfred F. Layton. Visitors—Bros. Charles Greenword G.S.B., John Sampson Peirce P.M. 2, J. J. Avory P.M. 70, George Lewis J.D. 1671, C. M. Ohren J.D. 452, Percy Crampton 1572, C. J. Sturge 1572, Edward A. Basley 1586 and Edward Wharton 1706. The minutes of last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Committee of Management was considered and passed, with expressions as to the satisfactory condition of the Lodge, both numerically and financially. Lodge was then advanced, and by request of the W. Master of the Carnaryon Lodge 1572, Bro. Charles Joseph

FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Bros. Kingston and Fromm's, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C. Bro. H. R. Hallam W.M. was supported by Bros. R. Durell S.W. (W.M. elect), A. Peterken J.W., H. L. Godolphin S.D., Past Masters W. Musto Treasurer, W. Hogg Secretary, T. Foxall, J. Shepherd, J. Wright, &c. Among the visitors were Bros. L. Isaacs 1614, C. Veal, A. Calver 933, T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, R. Dryden, T. Loane W.S. 1421, &c. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Richard Durell was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and having Storge was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being performed, and the impressive charges duly delivered, by the retiring W. Master, who acquitted himself admirably. Bro. Magnas Ohren was then presented as Worshipful Master elect, and a Board of In. stalled Masters having been constituted, he was installed in form, and received the customary salutations of the brethren on their readmission. Bro. Nelson Reed P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and the manner in which he performed the coremony afforded interest, as it gave evident pleasure and instruction to the brethren assembled. The newly installed W. Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed :-- Bros. W. Geo. Lemon P.M. S.W. and Hon. Treasurer, Edwin Howard P.M 181 J.W., Rev. William Taylor Jones P.M. Chaplain, Charles W. Thompson P.M. Hon. Sec., Robert Langford Sindall W.M. 1293 S.D., John Cailine J.D., Nelson Reed P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Alexander Gordon Hennell I.G., Benjamin Horton 1st Steward, Alfred Thompson 2nd Steward and Henry Shaw Tyler. Lodge duties having been concluded, the brethren took train for London, and the banquet was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, the throne-room of which had been specially reserved for the company of guests. A récherché repast was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and the arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, gave abundant satisfaction. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, amidst a profusion of exquisite cut flowers, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Most Worshipful the Pro G. Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and passed, the Worshipful Master said he had hoped to have seen two or three other Grand Officers present that evening, but unfortunately those whom he invited had not been able to attend. He was not aware of this at the time he invited them, but it was only at the last moment they were obliged to decline. He had hoped that the G. Secretary would have been present, and had they kept a place for him till the last moment ; but he had a Committee of Grand Lodge to attend, and could not therefore be with them. However, they had a representative of Grand Lodge whom all were proud to see, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood, the present Grand Sword Bearer of England. Bro. Charles Greenwood G.S.B., who was received with applause, said there was no doubt they had in their Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and other prominent members of Grand Lodge, distinguished Masons of whom any assembly might be proud. They gave an immense amount of labour and care to all matters that affected Masonry ; and the duties of the Grand Officers were most arduous and important. It might be fairly said that before a man was appointed a Grand Officer he must have won his spurs and have done good suit and service to the Craft. They had an excellent example of this in their Worshipful Master, whom he had known many years, and had an opportunity of seeing how anxious he was to promote the best interests of the Craft. He (the speaker) was perhaps best known in the Province of Surrey, in which he had held the office of Grand Secretary for many years. He could say that no brother was more highly or deservedly respected in that Province than was their esteemed brother who now occupied the chair of the Ravensbourne Lodge, and who was the Prov. G.S.W. He angured a very prosperous year for the Lodge when they had in the chair so excellent a man as Bro. Ohren, in those of the Wardens worthy brethren of whom any Lodge might be proud. If the Ravensbourne Lodge did not make its mark in Masonry, he should be very much deceived. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M. felt sure the brethren would receive the toast with the utmost courtesy and pleasure. He could scarcely do sufficient honour to it, although he must say his friend Bro. Greenwood had somewhat taken the wind out of his sails. He was very proud, as one of the founders of this Lodge, that so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Ohren had been elevated to the position he now filled, for his name was as a household word amongst them. The W.M., who was received with loud and prolonged applause, thanked the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had received the toast. When he became a founder of this Lodge, he little anticipated he should become a Grand Officer. Bro. Greenwood had spoken of the position he held, and he must say the Ravensbourne Lodge had been one of the jewels that had assisted him in attaining the dignity he now enjoyed, by the kindness of the brethren. Every man must make his mark in Masonry, and amongst the Lodges with which he had been connected, the Ravensbourne had been one of the most useful and advantageous to him. He had now arrived at a point that every man who entered Masonry should try and achieve---the top of the tree---the chair of a Masonic Lodge. He thanked them for the honour they had done him in promoting him to that position, and for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name. He could only say he trusted that at the expiration of his year of office, the brethren would be able to say he had done his duty. In turn, he gave the health of "The Visitors," amongst whom he was glad to welcome many distinguished

expression of their hearty good wishes and appreciation of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The I.P.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he had been identified with the Craft many years, and thanked the brethren for the gift, not merely for its intrinsic value, but as an expression of their cordiality and goodwill, which he trusted might over subsist amongst them for years to come. Bro. Nelson Reed also returned thanks, in doing which he regretted the absence of Bro. Jones P.M., who was the father of the Lodge, and who had done good suit and service to it. He had very great pleasure in conducting the installation ceremony, and congratulated the Lodge upon having secured the services of so excellent a Master as the brother who now presided over them. Bro. C. W. Thompson also responded to the toast in a few happily chosen sentences. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Samuel Jerrard, their late Secretary, who had been compelled, through ill health, to resign his office. The Lodge had been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Lemon as Treasurer, and he was proud that he had been elevated to so high a position. Several other toasts were honoured, the health of Bro. W. G. Lemon being received with especial favour. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given, Bro. E. A. Basley, Mus. Doc., rendering efficient assistance as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.-Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 23rd instant. Present :- Bros. Gibbs W.M., Perl S.W., Potter J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Fidge S.D., Weeden J.D., Williams I.G.; also Bros. S. F. Moss, I. P. Cohen, Brasted, Trewin-nard, A. Mullord, Gilham, Richardson, E. Woodman, T. G. Reason, Houghton, Ferrar, Wolf, Snook, and R. M. Jones. After usual formalities had been duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. M. Jones acting as candidate. On Lodge being advanced a degree, Bro. Gilham proved himself efficient, and was entrusted, when Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gilham candidate; both cere-monies were ably performed by the W.M. Bro. G. F. Snook, of the Kingsland Lodge 1693, was elected a member, and Bro. Perl was duly appointed to preside on the first Saturday in May, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction this evening, under the very able presidency of Bro. S. E. Moss P.M. Tranquillity Lodge 184, who will be supported by Bros. D. Moss I.G. Star 1275) S.W., Brasted (W.M. Duke of Connaught 1524) J.W., and R. Pearcy (P.M. United Strength 228) Preceptor. Lodge opens at 7 p.m.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.-Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 19th April. Bros. Myers W.M., Johnson S.W., Pavitt J.W., Smith S.D., Roddam I.G., Brownson, Day, Rawe, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M., assisted by the brethren, afterwards worked the first section of the lecture.

Bro. Johnson was elected to occupy the chair on Tuesday, 3rd May. On Tuesday, 26th April, Bros. Candick W.M., Myers S.W., Pavitt J.W., Musto Preceptor, Ives I.G.; Smith, Johnson, Watkins, Rawe, Keable, &c. In accordance with the rules of this Lodge of Instruction, at this meeting sections only were worked. It was gratifying to have one so well versed in the sections as Bro. Cundick to occupy the chair; he was ably supported by Bro. Myers. The following worked the several sections :-- 1st, Bro. Ives; 2nd, Bro. Watkins; 3rd, Bro. Pavitt; 4th, Bro. Johnson; 5th, Bro. Smith; 6th, Bro. Musto; 7th, Bro. Myers. Lodge was regularly closed, and adjourned to 3rd May.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This evoning RIGOLETTO. On Monday, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR. On Tuesday, FAUST e MARGHERITA. On Thursday, LES HUGUENOTS. At 8.30 each evening.

DRURY LANE.-At 7.30, THE STORES. At 8.15, VIRGINIUS. HAYMARKET.-At 8, TAMING A TIGER. At 8.30, MASKS AND FACES.

PRINCESS'S.-At 7, THE INTRIGUE. At 7.45, BRANDED.

STRAND.-At 7.30, A SUMMER CLOUD. At 8, OLIVETTE.

COURT.—At 7, TWO OLD BOYS. At 8, ROMEO AND JULIET. ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING. At 9, THE MONEY SPINNER, or THE LADY OF LYONS.

YCEUM.-At 7.45, THE CUP. At 9.30, THE BELLE'S STRATAGEM OR OTHELLO.

OLYMPIC .- At 7.30, DEAF AS A POST. At 8.30, JO (last night.)

ADELPHI.-At7.15, BARNEY THE BARON. At8, MICHAEL STROGOFF.

GALETY.-At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.20, LITTLE SENTINEL. At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES. brethren that evening. It was gratifying to him to know that some had attended anna af TTTTTTTT -At 7.50, BRAVE HEARTS. At 8.45, he wished to convey to them a cordial welcome. Bro. J. S. Peirce CAT ? VAUDEVILLE,-At 7.45, TOM PINCH. At 9.30, DIVORCE. P.M., in responding, was glad, as a Mason of over a quarter of a cen-OPERA COMIQUE .-- At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.30, PATIENCE. bary, to find on the banks of the Ravensbourne an example of such PRINCE OF WALES'S .- At 7.50, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8,40, excellent working. He applauded Bro. Ohren for electing men to the higher offices in the Lodge who had gone through a considerable THE COLONEL FOLLY.-At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST, &c. ROYALTY.-At 7.30, PRISONERS AT THE BAR. At 8.15, STAGE STRUCK and DON JUAN JUNIOR. amount of Masonic labour, and who had borne the heat and burden of the day. It was a pleasure to an old Mason like himself to see other old Masons keeping to the front, in order that the younger brethren, GLOBE.-At 7.30, SEEING FROU FROU. At 8, LA BOULANGERE. who were the backbone of every Lodge, might receive from them lessons which would be useful in their career, and which, although IMPERIAL.-At 3, ARKWRIGHT'S WIFE. STANDARD .- POOR RELATIONS. ALHAMBRA.-At 8.0, JEANNE, JEANNETTE, AND JEANNETON, &c. they might not appreciate it in their neophyte state, they would do in after years. He congratulated Bro. Ohren upon having attained so NEW SADLER'S WELLS .-- HIS WIFE. high a position in the Craft, and felt assured he would hand down the SURREY .- THE WORLD. ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, CONCERT, BLONDIN, FIRE-WORKS, BARBER OF SEVILLE, CLEMATIS SHOW, &c. CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c., &c. insignia of office to his predecessor pure and unsullied. The W.M. then gave the health of the Past Masters, in doing which he presented to the Immediate Past Master a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted to him by the Lodge. He hoped Bro. Burdett would receive it as an HENGLER'S CIRQUE, - Daily at 7.30.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

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A curious incident is noticed at the meeting in April 1850. The W. Master (Bro. Selig) announced that he had appointed Bro. D. Joseph I.G. to the office of J.D., and Brother J. Phillips to that of I.G. The Secretary very sensibly pointed out that such a course of procedure was anconstitutional, as the resignation of Bro. Defries J.D. had not been received, and consequently there was no vacancy. The W. Master, however, was obstinate, and invested Bro. Phillips with his jewel of office, but at the May meeting he was under the necessity of retiring from his false position. He had been informed in the interim by the Grand Secretary that such appointments as he had made were, under the circumstances, contrary to the Laws of the Craft, and accordingly so much of the minutes of the previous Lodge as related to such irregular proceedings were non-confirmed. It may be added that the absence from his post of Bro. Defries J.D. was the cause of no little inconvenience to the Lodge, and that brother was written to with a view to its being ascertained if he had any intention of taking up the duties which had been assigned to him. As far as we can judge no notice of this application would seem to have been taken, and later in the year, on the remonstrance of the W.M. in open Lodge, as to the continued absence of Bro. Defries, it was resolved to appoint a new Junior Deacon in his stead, and Bro. Phillips received the appointment. One or two other matters of consequence happened during Bro. Selig's Mastership. The Lodge Bye-Laws were revised. The Secretary announced that he had discovered among the records of the Lodge "an autograph signature" of the late Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., and a resolution was passed to the effect that such signature should be framed and glazed and placed in the Lodge. In December a motion was made that Bro. Alexander Levy should be elected a joining member on payment of the registering fee only. An amendment, however, that Brother Levy should pay the full amount of the joining fee was carried, and Bro. Levy then tendered his resignation, which, with a due regard to its dignity, the Lodge wisely, in one sense, declined to accept, though it may fairly be doubted if the membership of the brother in question was in any way creditable to Joppa Lodge. At the same meeting Bro. W. B. Aaron was elected to be Worshipful Master for the year 1851, Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs being re-elected Treasurer It was further unanimously agreed that a Past and Tyler. Master's jewel be presented to Brother Selig in recognition of his services in the chair. We must note, however, that before Bro. Selig vacated office, a resolution was adopted unanimously for the removal of the Lodge from the George and Vulture, Cornhill, to the King's Head, Poultry, and this having been duly confirmed, the Lodge met at its new quarters for the first time on 6th January 1851, when the installation of Bro. Aaron as W. Master, followed by the appointment and investiture of Officers, took place. The Audit Committee's Report was submitted and approved. Sundry resolutions of the Committee of General Purposes, notably that providing for one audit in the year instead of two, were accepted, while the Benevolent Fund Report was submitted, and drew from the brethren manifestations of satisfaction, which, considering it had in the short period of its existence already reached close on £100, were fully justified. Bro. Carstatt was re-elected President of the Fund, and in response to his address, a further sum of £23 12s 6d was subscribed to it. In March the joining fee was, in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, increased from one to two guineas. In May a quaint Bye-Law, yet one creditable to the Lodge, was unanimously passed, that a brother who had rendered good ser. vice should be admitted a member on subscription of five shillings per annum, his privileges to include those of voting on all occasions and being present on all occasions, without payment, at the various banquets. But the new law did not meet with the approval of the Grand Master, who considered it was inconsistent with the spirit and intention of the general laws of the Fraternity, and under those circumstances, so much of the minutes as related to such Bye-Law were nonconfirmed. At the Emergency meeting, held in August, the some-what unusual occurrence is noted of the withdrawal of a candidate's name for initiation on the ground that sundry members of the Lodge were not on friendly terms with him. At the September meeting a statement was presented showing that the Benevolent Fund amounted to £155 10s, of which £129 15s were in Consols, the rest being donations promised and subscriptions due, together with a cash balance in hands of Treasurer amounting to £43s. On this occasion the Lodge was honoured with a visit from "His Royal Highness the Ex-King of Oude, a member of the Globe Lodge, No. 23," who was accompanied by his Secretary. In October, after a slight difference betweent two members had been settled amicably, certain propositions made by the Committee of General Purposes, and relating chiefly to the expenditure of the Lodge, were dealt with, one relating to the extension of the vacation from two to three months being carried unanimonsly. In December, the usual election of Master, Treasurer,

and Tyler took place, Bro. J. A. Ellis being so fortunate as to be chosen for the first-named office, while Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-chosen to the other two. The Committee and Trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund were appointed, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Aaron for his valued services as W.M. A captain in the Hungarian service, who had been initiated in Hamburgh, received a small sum in relief of his immediate necessities.

We have noted that at the close of 1850 motion was made and carried that the Lodge should remove from the George and Vulture, Cornhill, where it was located in March 1841, to the King's Head, Poultry. We presume the latter hostelry can hardly have given satisfaction, as at two successive emergency meetings in December 1851 it was unanimously agreed that the Lodge should be removed to 39 Finsbury-square, which at the time appears to have borne the desig-nation of the City Masonic Hall, and there it was that in January 1852 Bro. Ellis received the benefit of installation as W. Master, Bro. Aaron subsequently receiving his Past Master's jewel. At the February meeting Bro. H. M. Levy, of Lodge 291, Edinburgh, who is now a very active Past Master of the Lodge, was elected a joining mem-ber of the Lodge. At the meeting on 1st March announcement was made that, in accordance with the unanimous vote of the Lodge, a letter of condolence had been addressed to the widow of Bro. J. A. Jones, one of the trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and that it had been most gratefully acknowledged by the family of the deceased brother. It was further announced that Mr. A. A. Jones, the deceased's brother, had presented five guineas to the Fund. In June, in consequence of a notice from the landlord of the house, it became necessary to seek frosh quarters, and after due consideration, at an emergency meeting assembled for the purpose, a Sab-Committee was appointed with a view to making the arrangements; and in October the Lodge resumed its meetings at its new quarters, the White Hart, Bishopsgate-street, the principal event of the meeting being a motion that Bro. D. Moses, who had held the office of Treasurer for over forty years, should be requested to sit for his portrait, as the Lodge was anxions to be possessed of such a memorial of one who had so long and faithfully served it. The request was acceded to by Brother Moses, and a Committee for carrying out the necessary arrangements was appointed. Nothing further of any moment occurred during Bro. Ellis's term of office; and when, in the course of things, the election night came round and Bro. Beyfus had been elected his successor, while Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively, the usual satisfactory compliment of a Past Master's jewel was voted to him in recognition of his great services to the Lodge, while, in addition to this, it was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Ellis for the zeal and ability he had displayed, and for his readiness on all occasions to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The proceedings at the installation were of an eminently satisfactory character. There was a balance in favour of the Lodge, after reckoning its assets and liabilities, of upwards of £26, while the Benevolent Fund Report showed that, when the promised subscriptions had all been paid in, the total sum was over £240. In the course of the evening a hearty appeal was made on its behalf by the W. Master, in response to which subscriptions were announced to the extent of \pounds 45 3s. In the course of this Lodge petitions for relief were presented on behalf of two brethren, who were inmates of the "Hand-in-hand Institution," but the Lodge ruled that, as "that asylum afforded every comfort to its members," the petitions were not deserving of consideration. At the meeting on the 2nd May 1853, among other can. didates for initiation, occurs the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, now P.M., Secretary, and P.G.P. England, who is thus within a few days of having completed a connection with the Craft of over twenty-eight years. It may be as well to add that the election was unanimous, and that his initiation into the mysteries of the first degree followed as early as possible the same evening. On the same day the sum of £5 was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the portrait of Bro. D. Moses, Treas. Later in the year this portrait, handsomely framed, was pre-sented to the worthy Treas., the following inscription being placed on **a** tablet attached :---" Presented to Bro. D. Moses, by the Members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, as a mark of their esteem for his valuable services as Treasurer 43 consecutive years, A.L. 5614-A.D. 1853." The presentation was made in open Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and most gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Moses. In the interim, a rude letter of resignation was sent to the Lodge by two of its members, which, for reasons best known to itself, the said Lodge did not think proper to receive. Later in the year, steps were taken for the purpose of obtaining long leasehold premises where a Masonic Hall might be erected, and a Committee to that end was appointed, without, however, being able to effect what was desired. In November occurred another case of the rejection of a candidate, the number of black balls being seven. In December the ballot for a candidate was deferred till the next meeting, because different state. ments were made by two brethren as to whether the candidate had said it would seriously inconvenience him to attend and take his degrees, in the event of the ballot being successful. In the case of a certain brother from Liverpool, who applied in the course of the same meeting for relief, and whose case proved to be a very distressing one, the Lodge Bye-Law restricting the amount was suspended, and the poor brother was assisted to the extent of three guineas. After this the election for Worshipful Master took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. A. J. Jones S.W. Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-elected to their old offices of Treasurer and Tyler respectively. The Committee and Trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund were chosen, and a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring Master, Bro. Beyfus, the terms of the resolution respecting the testimonial to that worthy brother being more than usually complimentary, and a sum of over £30 was at once subscribed by the members for the purpose of giving due effect to the resolution. Nor need any one be surprised at this. After making every allowance for out-standing liabilities, the balance. as per the report of the Auditors, showed a sum of £54 5s 6d in favour of the Lodge, while the Benevolent Fund had increased during Brother Beyfus's year of office

from £240 to over £326, or, including subscriptions and donations, promised but not paid, £340 198 7d.

On 2nd January 1854, Bro. A. J. Jones was installed Worshipful Master, and his predecessor was presented with the very handsome testimonial voted to him so gracefully on the last occasion he presided in the chair of the Lodge. The various reports were submitted and approved, with the exception of that of the General Purposes Committee which, as it contained two important propositious, was ordered to stand over for consideration. Of these propositions one was to the effect that the ballot for candidates for initiation should be delayed as late as possible at a meeting, in order that it should take place in as numerous a gathering of members as possible-a most wise resolution, which might be commended to other Lodges. The other proposal was to the effect that, owing to the great increase in the membership of the Lodge, the initiation fee should be increased to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five guineas. It will be seen in due course what was the fate of these proposals. At the February meeting a report of the Committee of General Purposes was submitted. The first resolution was to the effect that a member and past Officer, who had been guilty of conduct disrespectful to the Worshipful Master on the occasion of his installation, should be admonished, and as this part of the report was accepted, the sentence of admonition was recorded against him. The other resolution, which, however, was not accepted, was strong in its condemnation of the brother who had undertaken to supply the installation banquet. We may imagine how strong was the feeling of the Committee when it introduced into its motion such language as that "such a dinner was disgraceful for any professed cook to lay upon a table at a Public Festival." In March it was unanaimonsly resolved to subscribe one guinea annually to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. At the May meeting we find among other candidates for initiation, and who were accepted, the name of Bro. S. B. Gompertz, and he and them were initiated accordingly the same evening. In November a recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes was agreed to, that the initiation fee should thenceforward be seven guineas, and not ten guineas, as formerly suggested, while the annual subscription was fixed at £2 10s per member, with an additional seven shillings and sixpence in the case of those brethren who dined on installation night. In December Bro. Henry Lyons was elected Worshipful Master for 1855, while the outgoing Master, Bro. A.J. Jones, was complimented in the usual manner. The latter also received the further honour of being unanimously elected on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund.

On 1st January 1855 Bro. Lyons was installed, and Bro. Jones de-corated. The Anditors' report showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of over £74, out of which it was unanimously agreed to pre-sent the sum of ten gnineas to the Patriotic Fund. It was further agreed that the Worshipful Master should have the privilege of in. viting six guests to the banquet instead of two. On this occasion there were present no less than eighty-two brethren, including visitors. In February steps were taken with a view to moving to other quarters, and after due consideration and discussion, at an emergency meeting, it was resolved that a move should be made to the Albion, Aldersgate-street, the present headquarters of the Lodge, and most excellent headquarters they are known to be. In May a resolution was passed, on the motion of Bro. Past Master Selig, to the effect that a memorial should be presented to the Board of General Purposes, complaining against the President and Board of Stewards for refusing tickets to the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Lodge for the last Grand Festival of the Order, held on the 25th April. A reply was furnished to this, in which the Grand Secretary stated that the said Board of General Purposes saw nothing in the memorial or resolution calling for its inter. ference. In October the unusual incident of seven gentlemen being initiated on one and the same evening occurred, the Most Worshipfal Grand Master's sanction having been previously applied for and granted, the ground on which the application was made being that some of them were on the point of leaving England. At an emergency meeting, held in the same month, two grandsons of the venerable Treasurer, Bro. D. Moses, were balloted for, and initiated. In November the Committee of General Purposes submitted a report to the effect that (1) the provision at the last banquet had been prepared in accordance with ancient custom, so that a rumour to the contrary had no foundation in fact; (2) it would be necessary for each member to pay an additional halfcrown per quarter if it was intended to have five banquets in the year; (3) the Tyler's remuneration should be increased from nine to fifteen shillings. These several recommendations were anapimously accepted. The month following Bro. Risch was elected Worshipful Master for the year 1856, while Bro. Beyfus was appointed a Trustee of the Benevolent Fund, vice Bro. Henry Levy P.M., who was about to leave England. The Committee to the said Fund was elected by ballot, as usual, and a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. H. Lyons, in recogniservices to the Lodge. At the meeting in January 1856, after the installation of Bro. Risch as W. Master, the appointment and investiture of Officers, and the presentation to Bro. H. Lyons I.P.M. of a handsome Past Master's jewel, with an illuminated vote of thanks for his services, the Reports of the Audit Committee and Benevolent Fund Committee were submitted and passed. The former showed a balance to the good of over £73, and from the latter we learn that the net amount received in 1855 was £84 16s 11d. At the February meeting, a Report was presented with reference to having a ball, and it was resolved on making the necessary arrangements for one to take place on the 18th March. The Committee of General Parposes submitted a Report on the subject of the price to be paid per head for banquets, and also in respect of an application which had been made to the Worshipful Master for his recommendation in favour of a new Lodge. The Committee reported as to the latter business that Bro. Risch had declined to meet the wishes of the applicants until he had the opinion of the Committee and the Lodge. The recommendation of the former was to the effect that the Master and Wardens be authorised to sign the cognition of their contents.

petition, with the proviso that as the principal point arged by the applicants for a new Lodge was that the Lodge of Joppa was "uncomfortably numerous," the application of the Lodge the petitioners for the Warrant, and the election of others who might join it, should be considered "tantamount to a resignation from the Lodge of Joppa," in the event of the prayer of the petitioners being granted, as that would be "the only means of carrying out the genuine objects" the brethren had in forming the new Lodge. This recommendation, in spite of an amendment to non. confirm it, was endorsed by the Lodge by a very large majority. On 7th April Bro. S. M. Lazarns tendered his resignation of the Secre. taryship, and Bro. Selig P.M. was appointed in his stead. In May the sum of two gnineas was voted towords the Girls' School Festival. and it was resolved to subscribe one guinea annually towards that admirable Institution. At this meeting a brother appealed for relief. and also that his petition to the Lodge of Benevolence should be supported by the Lodge. Both applications were acceded to, but we gather from the minutes of the June meeting that the brother died before the petition could be presented to the Lodge of Bene. volence, and the widow therefore prayed the Lodge to support her petition. This request was promptly attended to, and the poor lady's wishes were satisfied. At an emergency meeting on the 16th October, a report from the Committee of General Purposes, recommending that the members pay fifteen shillings per quarter instead of twelve shillings and sixpence was submitted. The recommendation was discussed at length, and adjourned on the motion of Bro. Beyfas P.M., on the ground that a great deal of time had been spent in debate, and that dinner was waiting. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting hall, where they " partook of dinner with ample dessert and wine, &c.," and doubtless with an appetite increased a thousandfold by the labours of discussion. The December meeting must have been a mournful one, the W.M., Bro. Risch, having died since last meeting. The funeral service was read as a tribute of respect to his memory, and after considering various plans for further honouring their deceased Worshipful Master, it was resolved to erect by private sub. scription among the members a monument over their brother's grave. The sum of £27 was then and there collected towards this purpose, and it was further resolved to have a resolution of regret for the un. timely demise, after a brief illness, of Bro. Risch, entered on the minutes, and a similar resolution on vellum framed and glazed, and hung np in the Lodge room, as a perpetual memorial in his honour. Bro. L. Alexander was elected W.M. by a majority of votes, and the same brethren who had occupied those offices for many many years were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler.

In January 1857 took place, with the customary ceremonial, the installation of the new Master Bro. Lewis Alexander, among his officers being Bros. E. P. Albert S.D.—promoted from J.D. in 1856 and H. M. Levy I.G. The Audit Report showed a balance in favour of the Lodge, after every outlay had been provided for, of $\pounds 107$ 12s 8d, while that of the Benevolent Fund showed that £77 2s 6d was added to that fund in 1856, and after dinner a further sum of fifteen guineas was subscribed to it. At the April meeting a son of Bro. Henry Lyons was initiated, by dispensation from the M.W.G. Master, he being a minor of eighteen years and upwards. At the same meeting a motion was submitted for the removal of the Lodge from the Albion, but an amendment, that no sufficient reasons had been assigned for the removal, and that therefore it should remain in its present quarters, was carried, and the motion thus fell to the ground In May a motion to increase the annual subscription from £2 10s to £3 3s was lost, as it was agreed to by only 14 votes to 9, and the Bye-Laws required a two-thirds majority of those present in all questions affecting the amounts to be paid to the Lodge.

[To be continued.]

A DESERVING CASE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,-Allow me the space of a few words in behalf of a widow of a Freemason who seems to be much neglected, although much deserving the support of the Masonic fraternity.

She is named Naomi Gamble, of Plymouth, making her fourth application, and standing No. 5 on the list of candidates for election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons in the month ensuing of May 1881.

Her late husband, as I am credibly informed, spent much of his money, for nearly a quarter of a century on Masonry; and his poor widow is now left out in the cold forsaken, unless she can find a friend to help the helpless. I shall be glad to receive proxies in her favour. Yours faithfully,

DANIEL ACE, D.D., F.R.A.S.

Laughton Vicarage, Gainsborough,

26th April 1881.

We have received a further able letter from Bro. Sims P.M., and also one from another Officer of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, on the "Attendance of Past Masters." As Bro. Sims courteously accepts Bro. E. Van Donop's apology for having unintentionally wounded the feelings of Bro. Sims and his brother Past Masters, and concludes his letter with the two very excellent pieces of advice—" Don't do it again," and "Be merry and wise," and as we think no advantage will be gained by the publication of these letters, we close the correspondence with this acknowledgment of the receipt of said letters, and express the hope the writers will be content with this re-

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CONSECRATION OF THE SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE Consecration of the Selwyn Lodge took place on Thursday. 21st inst at the East Dublich We look place on Thursday. 21st inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, its advent boing most successful, and auguring well for its future prosperity. The occagion will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present, as a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England, who was assisted by Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.P.G.C. (since appointed G. Chaplain) as Chaplain, Capt. N. G. Philips P.G.D. as S.W., H. D. Sandeman B.D.G.M. Bengal as I.W. and James Town B.F. D.C. W. (Superior P.D.G.M. Bengal as J.W., and James Terry P.M. P.P.G.W. (Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) as Director of Ceremonies. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Edwin M. Lott P.P.G.J.W. Jersey P.P.G.O. Surrey, &c., and the way in which they were carried out aided the general success of the meeting. The consecrating ceremony having been completed, Bro. W. H. Hook P.M. 186 and 1619 was duly installed into the chair as first W.M.—the G. Secretary fulfilling the duties of Installing Master, and warmly con-gratulating Bro. Hook on his accession-for the third time-to the highest office of a Lodge. The Officers were then appointed, and a long list of names of candidates, both for joining and initiation, having been presented, and the propositions on their behalf seconded, the Lodge was closed, and brethren proceeded to the banquet-room, where a first-rate repast awaited them. The banquet was served by Bro. Gurney in a manner which reflected the highest credit on his supervision and care; everything that could conduce to the comfort and pleasure of the brethren was carried out, with the result that a most enjoyable evening was spent. After disposing of the usual loyal toasts the Worshipful Master gave the Grand Officers, thanking them for their presence on the occasion, which presence had lent lustre to the ceremonies; and grace and dignity to the social board. The W.M. felt honoured by having so many illustrious Masons to support him. The Right Wor. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman replied, in a few well chosen remarks stating the gratification and pleasure it gave him and the Grand Officers to assist on this occasion, and to support the dignity of the chair in Lodge and at the banquet. The toast of the Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, was then given by the W.M., who thanked him very much for the courtesy and kindness shewn him, for the manner in which he had received him at Grand Lodge, the careful advice he had given him, and the interest he had taken in the formation of the Lodge. He most heartily tendered his best thanks for the very able and impressive manner in which he had performed the duties of consecration and installation, and he felt proud to have the honour of his presence at his right hand that evening. The Grand Secretary returned thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been given, and said he was delighted to be present with the W.M. and brethren. He expressed his gratification at the manner in which the W.M. had arranged everything. He believed he could say, there was nothing left undone which could have been done by the W.M. to ensure success, and he believed from so good a foundation a most influential and useful Lodge would be the result. They had a goodly number of influential members and candidates proposed that evening. members and candidates proposed that evening. They had a good Lodge-room and accommodation, and a good Mason as the first W.M. The Grand Secretary then proposed the W.M.'s health, which was received most enthusiastically. He felt sure, from what he had seen and known of Brother Hook that he was the right man in the right place. He could testify to the anxiety which the W.M. had evinced for the welfare of his Lodge. He was evidently a Mason in the true acceptance of the term. His son and his son-inlaw were both present, and had been initiated by their respected father. He felt quite sure the foundation of the Selwyn Lodge was safe in his hands, and he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him many years to watch over the interests of the Lodge. The W.M. responded in a few well-chosen remarks, thanking the Grand Secretary for his kindness and good opinion of himself; he felt that whatever was worth doing was worth doing well, and hoped his conduct through life would always merit the esteem and confidence of his brethren in Freemasonry. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, coupling the toast with the name of Bro. C. Hutton Past Grand Deacon. He said they had a goodly array of Visitors there, indeed so many that time would not permit him to give their names, but he felt sure they all believed the right hand of fellowship was held out to them, and always would be by the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge. They were honoured that evening by the presence of many great names in the Masonic world who had thought it not beneath them to visit and uphold this Lodge on its birthday; he thanked them most heartily for their presence and support on the occasion. Bro. Hatton, in response, said he took exception to one or two re-marks of the W.M. with regard to thinking it beneath their dignity to be present there that evening; he thought it one of the 885 principles of Freemasonry that mansions, terrace gardens and broad acres were no obstacles to the fraternisation of Mason with Mason; all barriers were swept away when they met on the level in their Lodges; he was pleased to be there. It was no light task to undertake the obtaining a warrant for a new Lodge, especially now the Grand Master had expressed his opinion on the subject; grants would be few, and very carefully considered. The members might be surprised to hear he had known their W.M. for twenty-five years, and could tell them Bro. Hook was no rolling stone, he had by his own energy and perseverance placed himself in a high position in the mercantile world; he is a man of energy, usefulness and uprightness. He (Bro. Hutton) had no fear for the success of their Lodge now he saw who was at the head of it. Follow Bro. Hook's advice, follow his principles, listen to his suggestions, and support him their Lodge will then be one of the best in London. He thanked them one and all for the very kind way in which they had £2,967; Marshall, £2,960; J. Horn. £2,950; W. Shailer, £2,943; received the toast of the Visitors. The W.M. next gave the Officers; C. J. Matthew, £2,918; A. Watson, £2,870; A. Maguire, £2,799; W. he was particularly fortunate in having Officers who intended the Blewden, £2,767; J. Colbeck, £2,630.

work should be done well; he hoped the Selwyn Lodge would be second to none in its working; it was a most painful thing to see an Officer performing his duties in a meaningless and slovenly manner; one such in a Lodge spoilt the whole coremony; he trusted and believed each Officer he had appointed was' fully competent for his position. He thanked them for their support; they had responded most heartily to his wishes. The splendid Lodge furniture and littings would be paid for nearly all by donations from the Officers and brethren, and this was a good beginning. He trusted at the end of his year of office to say, Well done, good and faithful servants; he believed he should have the full confidence of the Officers and brethren during his year of office. Bro. Liuscott S.W., replied on behalf of the Officers. He trusted that the opinions of the W.M. would be fully realised; he could speak with confidence for himself; he believed every Officer was anxious to work well and fully to support the W.M. The Worshipful Master gave the Charities, coupling the name of Bro. Terry, whom he thanked heartily for the part he had taken in the ceremonies, and his kind words at all times. Bro. Terry was always ready with advice and help, and deserved well of all who knew him; he trusted the Selwyn Lodge would come to the front as regarded the Charities; he did hope and trust that in the second year of its existence the members would send a Steward to one of the Institutions, with a round acknowledgment of the thanks of the Selwyn for favours received. Bro. Terry, in the course of his remarks in reply, said, of course all the Charities wanted help; all he could say was, that although the W.M. did bring a substantial amount as Steward for the Benevolent Fund last year, he could strongly recommend him to try it again next year; personally he could recom-mend the Benevolent Fund; he thanked the brethren for toasting him so heartily, and hoped soon to see them in working trim. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, which were pronounced to be a great success in every way. Bros. G. T. Carter, J. L. Hodges, and Wallis, with Bro. E. M. Lott at the pianoforte, gave some songs, &c., during the evening, thus adding to the enjoyment of the brethren.

Royal Alfrea Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.— At the regular meeting, held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on 22nd April. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Tucker (T.) S.D., Gunner (H.S.) J.D., Monson I.G., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker candidate. After a call off, Lodge opened in second and third degrees, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Ganner can-didate. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 29th instant.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.-Held at Bro. Fromm's, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Wednesday, 20th inst., under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Lodge was opened by Bro. S. L. Green P.M. W.M., supported by Bros. Partridge S.W., Robson J.W., McDonald, Kimbell, Smith, Sey-mour-Clarke Sec., and others. The ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Partridge was afterwards elected W.M. for Wednesday, 27th inst. Brethren are earnestly invited to attend. The House is next Moorgate-street Station. Hours seven until nine p.m.

Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446 .---At the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, on Tuesday. Bro. Paul W.M., W. Cleghorn S.W., Hemming J.W., Farwig Preceptor, F. V. Green Hon. Sec.; Birrell, Hurdell, Richardson, Percy, F. Green, Cohen, Levy, &c. Formalities were fully observed, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren :-First Lecture-Bros. Cohen, J. J. Smith, Skinner, Cleghorn, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, and Watts respectively. Second Lecture-Bros. Pink, Hemming, Richardson, Cleghorn, and Hurdell. Third Lecture-Bros. Blandell, Birrell, and Richardson. Lodge was resumed. Bros. Percy, N. J. Lloyd, Gulliford, George Coleman, Kirkaldy, Birrell, and Hill were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was voted to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections, and that he be elected an honorary member. The W.M. returned thanks in suitable terms. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed.

NEW ZEALAND.

An Auckland correspondent sends us the following items :-

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge S.C. was held 1st February, at the Masonic Hall, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker V.W.P.G.M. for the North Island of New Zealand presiding. The principal basiness was the election of Grand Lodge Officers. With one exception the whole of the retiring Officers were re-elected. Bro. Hendry P.G. Sword Bearer, declined to take office again, and Bro. Dunwoodie I.P.M. of Lodge Manukau was elected in his place.

It would appear as if the erection of a Masonic Hall in Auckland, on the site in Prince's-street, is after all to be an accomplished fact, for, after years of waiting, plans have been prepared by Mr. Skinner, which have been approved by the committee. Tenders have been called, and, at a meeting held on Monday night, one was accepted. There was close competition. The tenders received are as follows, and the lowest was accepted :- J. Ellingham, £3,579; Bailden and Ste-phenson, £3,127; J. J. Holland, £3,040; McConnachie and Flatt,

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, 30th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction) 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction) 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction) 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regont-st., W., at 8

1462-Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone R.A. 303-Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 2nd MAY.

- MONDAY, 2nd MAY. 45-Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.) 174-Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction) 180-St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction) 180-St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction) 188-Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. 548-Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction) 704-Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction) 1425-Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction) 1439-Mauquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.) 1603-Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.) 1623-West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Faul's, at 7 (Inst.) 1625-Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.) 1695-New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.) 1695-New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.) M.M. 139-Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. 37-Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors

- 1695-Kingshahl, Chrisoberg Heyrk, Canoberg, Y., ab 3.30 (Histatesta)
 1695-Kingshahl, Chrisoberg Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 37-Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53-Royal Sussex, Masonie Hall, Oli Orchard-street, Bath
 119-Snn, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
 133-Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154-Unanimity, Masonie Hall, Oli Orchard-street, Bath
 199-Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 339-Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 391-Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
 995-Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431-St. Georgo, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441-Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478-Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441-Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478-Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 2820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823-Everton, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 2820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 850-St. Oswald, Town Hall, Altricham, Cheshire
 1069-Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Rochester
 1055-Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1055-Gward, Masonic Hall, George-street, Birmingham
 121-Goderich, Masonic Hall, George-street, Birmingham
 121-Goderich, Masonic Hall, Waterloo, Liverpool
 139-Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Katerloo, Liverpool
 139-Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 130-Barten, Masonic Hall, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1302-Do Warren, Masonic Hall, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1304-Deptune, Masonic Hall, Kuterlood
 1305-St. Jamesia, Alabonic Hall, Kuterlood
 1305-St. Jamesia, Hall, Shedelde, Liverpool
 1304-Masonic Hall, Kuterlood
 1304-Deptune, Mason

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY.

- TUESDAY, 3rd MAY. Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.) 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavorn, Leadenhall-street, F.C., at 7. (Instruction) 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction) 141—Faith, 2 Wostminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction) 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction) 564—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction) 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction) 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.) 1267—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C. 1201—Golden Rule, Caté Royal, Regent-street, W 1209—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction) 1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.) 1446—Mount Edgeumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction) 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich 1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.) 1402—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.) 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.) R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction) Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30. 70—St. John, Huysha Masonie Temple, Plymouth

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY.

- WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY. Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7 193-Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction) 223-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-Pammure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction) 781-Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction) 862-Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Inst.) 962-Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction) 1278-Bardett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, Opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.) 1278-Binsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction) 145-Prince I copold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction) 1452-Pokenam, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516Odd Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction) 1622-Beaconstield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction) 1624-Beaconstield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Regent-st., at 8 (Inst.) 1707-Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Regent-st., at 8 (Inst.) 1707-Manor, Anderton's Hotel, Storet, Regent-st., at 8 (Inst.) 1707-Manor, Anderton's Hotel, Storet, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction) 1622-Beaconstield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction) 1707-Aleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction) 1707-Aleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction) 1707-Aleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Regent-st., at 7 (Instruction) 1717-Domatic, Union Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction) 174-Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.

- R.A. 177-Domatic. Union Tavera, Airstreet, Regent-A, at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistlo, Freemasons' Tuvern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 74-Athol, Masonic Hall, Sovern-street, Birmingham.
 298-Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 226-Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Rochdale
 237-Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406-Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417-Faith and Upanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471-Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Corperstreet, Newcostle-on-Tyne
 417-Faith and Upanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471-Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 634-Dow ashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 611-Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 645-Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Gooper-street, Manchester.
 673-Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Faraworth, near Bolton.
 972-St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction.)
 992-St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1004-Kingston, Masonic Hall, Gover-street, Derby
 103-Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Gover-street, Jerby
 1091-Erne, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107-Cornwalis, Masonic Hall, Gayport-street, Almvick
 123-Talbot, Masonic Hall, Chaport-street, Almvick
 123-Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 135-Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigna.
 136-De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 136-Tardial, Horsea, Hall (Instruction)
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 136-Action, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stammore.
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THURSDAY, 5th MAY. 3-Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction) 15-Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction) 27-Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction) 45-Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' avenue, Basinghall-street. 87-Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction) 211-St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction) 213-Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W:, at 8 (Instruction) 254-Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney 754-High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction) 1289-Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury 1339-Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction) 1426-The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.) 1445-Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston 1523-St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich 1639-Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. 1614-Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.) 1673-Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction) R.A. 753-Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.) R.A. 1507-Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. M.M. 199-Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch 24-Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.

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R.A. 1365-Clapten of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhil
70-St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103-Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120-Pailadian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124-Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
153-Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226-Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241-Merchants, Masonic Hall, Viverpool. at 6.30 (Instruction)
248-True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
205-Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364-Cambrian, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493-St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493-Royal Lebanon, Sproad Eagle, Gloucester
558-Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673-St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734-Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794-Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
904-Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847-Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948-St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960-Bute, Masonic Hall, Uverston.
1002-Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.
1134-Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Refear.
1310-Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322-Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336-Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473-Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
170-Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
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 M.M. 199-Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
 21-Newenstle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Neweastle.
 31-United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 39-Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41-Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50-Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 212-Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 240-Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254-Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 260-Napthali, Masonic Hall, Marche-place, Heywood
 260-Pather and Network (Coventry)
 260-Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 294-Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295-Combernere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300-Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309-Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317-Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham, Cover, Street, Manchester.
 360-Ponfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
 410-St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 425-Oestiran, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 446-Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
 509-Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637-Portland, Masonic Hall, Bulltring-Iane, Great Grimsby.
 913-Patison, Lord Ragian Tavern, Pluae, Kirkby Lonsdale
 914-Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bulltring-Iane, Great Grimsby.
 914-Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012-Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancshire.
 1074-Underley, Masonic Hall, Burg, Lincolnshire
 1394-Benet, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304-Benderley, Minos Hall, Hornca

FRIDAY, 6th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. 25-Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)

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607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction) 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.) 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.) 834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.) 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction) 903—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) 1269—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.) 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction) 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Konsington, at 8. (Inst.) Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
1159—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall. Cooper-street. Manchester. R.A. 79-Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (1981.) Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
44-Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81-Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127-Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
210-Frudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242-St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306-Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
412-St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521-Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539-St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel. Walsall.
574-Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
700-Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837-Do Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839-Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1006-Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1332-Athelstan, Town Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528-Fort, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1529-Fort, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Hexham.
1661-Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Bradford.
1664-Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725-Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, High-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.-General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 7.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096, DEAL.

IN consequence of the usual night of meeting falling on Good Friday a Lodge of France Friday of France Friday of France Friday of France Franc Friday, a Lodge of Emergency was held on Friday, 22nd inst., at the Lodge Room, St. George's Hall, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Carterfield S.W. and W.M. elect. The weather was fine, but owing to the few and inconvenient trains to Deal, there was not quite such a numerous gathering as was expected. As a rule this is one of the best attended meetings in this part of the Province, owing, no doubt, to the reputation which this Lodge has gained for itself during the past few years. There were present—Bros. H. R. L. Botting W.M., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R., J. B. Harrison P.M. P.G.C., F. Leith P.M., E. Kirby P.M. Treasurer, R. Measham P.M. P.G.C. Devon, T. Ayling P.M., W. Carterfield S.W., G. Band S.D., R. S. Davey D.C., H. Chambers Steward, S. Holgate Tyler, S. Willey E. Rea, J. Loughlin, H. Webb, George C. Harding, B. M. Beer, E. Grigg, Alex. F. S. Bird P.P.G.J.W., B. Wood W.M., T. Bent P.M. of 784, C. W. Carlyon 1174, J. Jackson 1428, W. Crawford W.M. 127, J. Pardon 1205, R. J. Emmerson P.M. P.P.G.J.W., L. Hills P.M. 1206. T. Fenwick W.M. 1209 P.P.G.S.B., J. Webb W.M. 1223 and J. Chubb P.M. 1314; Bro. H. Abrams 127 officiated as Organist. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. as this was on the notices of the meeting. As soon as the Lodge was opened in the second degree, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. E. Kirby, who during the ceremony acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. then duly and regularly installed his successor into the chair in a way that has seldom been equalled, and rarely, if ever, excelled; reflecting the highest credit upon the Lodge, and adding another to its laurels. No point was omitted. When the Lodge was closed in the second and third degrees, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:-Bros. Band S.W., Davey J.W., Chambers S.D., Rea J.D., Harrison Chaplain, Kirby Treas., Usher Hon. Sec., Leith D.C. B. M. Beer and Webb Stewards, Holgate Tyler, accompanying each with a few suitable remarks. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in a most impressive manner, which chained the attention of every one. After the ceremony was over, votes of thanks were given to the Visitors for the pleasure they had afforded by their presence, and to the Installing Master for the very efficient way in which he had performed his arduous duties that afternoon ; these were suitably responded to. The W.M., in a neat and feeling speech, then presented the Installing Master with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of their fraternal regard and esteem. . In thanking the Worshipful Master and brethren for their, to him, most unexpected kindness, he assured them the gift would always be highly prized by him and his. There being no further business after the election of Bro. T. Ayling as the Representative of the Lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee, Lodge was closed, and the brothren and visitors adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Spinner, of Margate, in the Lodge room, The viands were of first rate was most elegantly decorated. quality, excellently cooked, and admirably served, much to the gratification of those present, who did ample justice to the repast. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to. Brother Bird in replying to the toast of the Prov. G. Officers, took occasion to bring forward the Holmesdale Testimonial Fund, and after pointing out the great good the Prov. G. Master had done in the Province during the past twenty-one years, said it was a matter of great regret that the subscriptions had fallen very much short of their auticipations. Though most Lodges had subscribed, very few individual members had done so. The subscriptions were limited to 10s for members, but there was no reason why a smaller sum should not be given. This there was no reason why a smaller sum should not be given. This was a matter he should leave to the consciences of the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. Botting, then rose: he had the pleasure of proposing the next toast which was the one they were there to do honour to— the health of their W.M. The unanimity of the vote by which they had elected Bro. Carterfield as their W.M. for the ensuing year was a

sufficient proof of their confidence in him, and of their knowledge of his qualities without needing any trampeting from him. He congratulated the W.M. on his selection of Officers as he was sure his choice met the approbation of the brethren, and would ensure the proper working of the Lodge and the maintenance of its efficiency. Their W.M. had served a very good apprenticeship, and he was confident that if his health permitted, he would never be absent from his post. He (Bro. Botting) had had the pleasure of introducing him into Freemasonry, and in fulfilment of his promise given then had stuck closely to him, and would see him safely through his year of office. He called on the brethren to unite with him in wishing their W.M. a prosperous year of office, and every happiness here below. This toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm and real, good "Kentish Fire." The W.M. briefly but suitably responded. Bro. Kirby then proposed the Masonic Charities, and in a very forcible speech pointed out the great good these Charities were doing, and how the necessity of maintaining them became every year a greater duty in spite of the exertions they had already made. Although many Masons were constant subscribers, yet there was a countless number who never subscribed anything. He pointed out that the large sums that were collected last year by the Stewards should incite them to greater exertions. Every Mason could act as a Steward by collecting subscriptions from his own family and friends. However small those subscriptions might be, they would help to swell the amount. He could point to several well known members who for years had acted as Stewards, and he thought it was quite time some of the younger brethren came forward to take their place, and infuse fresh life into the work. He coupled Bro. Ayling's name with this toast. In reply, Bro. Ayling gave some very interesting statistics with reference to the Institutions, and took the opportunity of refuting the statements made by some one who had not studied the matter, that the cost of each boy in the School was £80. Such a statement, unsupported by evidence, was such as never ought to have been made by a Mason, as it was likely to give the brethren an idea that the Institutions were very extravagantly managed, when such was not the case. He compared them with other great Schools, and maintained they could maintain their own, as was evidenced by the result of the last examinations. In conclusion, he made a very strong and urgent appeal for support on behalf of our excellent Institutions which Bro. Kirby had aptly called the "three noblest in the kingdom." Bro. Usher P.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., saying he had done his duty well, had been most constant in his attendance, and zealous in the performance of his duties. The way in which he had done the work that afternoon was a fitting termination to his year of office. He had justly earned the respect and esteem of the brethren, and all hoped he would be spared many years to be with them, and continue his services to the Lodge. Bro. Harrison proposed the Visitors, and remarked that he hoped by that time next year there would be greater facilities for locomotion, and so they might reasonably expect a greater number. Bro. Webb W.M. Amherst Lodge replied, and thanked them for the very capital evening he had spent, and complimented the Lodge upon their excellent working. Bros. Wood and Crawford also responded. The W.M. gave the P.M.'s, and Bro. Usher the Senior P.M., and one of the founders of the Lodge returned thanks. Bro. Band S.W. replied to the toast of the Officers, and said it was their intention to strive with all their might to prove themselves worthy of the honour that had been bestowed on them, and that in them their W.M.'s confidence had not been misplaced. After the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening. The proceedings were very agreeably enlivened by some excellent vocal music. Under the direction of Bro. Botting, assisted by Bro. Abrams at the piano, the following programme was gone through with excellent finish and style, to the intense enjoyment of the brethren, Bros. Botting and Chambers and Messrs. Davies and Arnold being the vocalists :- The National Anthem, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," Hatton's "Happiest Land," "The Four Jolly Smiths" (Bro. Botting), duet, "Larboard Watch" (Chambers and Arnold), rendered with capital effect ; song, "The Sexton" (Arnold), most feelingly sung; Pearson's "Iron Founders" (four part song) was very much admired by the audience; song, "Give me the man of honest heart," was most excellently sung by Bro. Chambers; trio, "Here's a health," was rapturously applauded. Mr. Davis then sang "The Village Blacksmith" in a manner which earned the approbation of all present. Duet, "The Convent Bells" (Davis and Botting) and Pinsuti's "Good night, Beloved," completed this capital programme.

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