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THE FESTIVAL OF THE MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at the Great Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday evening. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, occupied the chair, and was supported right and left by Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, and Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, with other influential brethren. The number of those present, irrespective of the ladies, may be reckoned at 400. The banquet was of the usual character, and, as invariably happens with those which are served at Bro. Best's wellknown hostelry, under the able direction of Bro. Dawkins, gave the greatest satisfaction. The Band of the Boys' School did their best to enliven the proceedings during dinner, and there was the customary Concert in the Temple afterwards, under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells. These matters, however, are sufficiently described in the report we give of the whole proceedings in another column; so that we shall not be at the trouble of more than recapitulating them here. Neither shall we attempt anything like our regular Analysis of the Subscription List, having regard to the lateness at which it of necessity reaches us. We shall content ourselves with a few comments of a general character.

It must be allowed that the Festival which is just past has proved a greater success than very many were led to expect, and on this ground, if on no other, we should feel it our duty to congratulate the Chairman, the Board of Stewards, and the Secretary, Bro. Hedges, on the result of their joint efforts. We have already said that the appearance of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, in the character of Chairman on this occasion, would have to be regarded as his maiden effort as a chosen leader among Craftsmen, and we are glad it is in our power to record that this effort has proved of such advantage to the Girls' School. The Board of Stewards mustered exactly 260 strong, a number which, albeit inferior to that of last year, is, as we remarked last week, greater than it has ever been at any previous Fes-The fact that the total of the subscriptions, as announced by Bro. Hedges, was as nearly as possible £11,500. shows how well and worthily the brethren who gave their services on this Board must have exerted themselves, in order to have realised so capital a sum, while Bro. Hedges cannot be otherwise than satisfied that, at the three Fesmore than an average of £12,266 per Festival. We do not which has been pursued so successfully by his brother Secreother cases, of Bro. Hedges's pudding by the eating, it cannot be denied it is a most excellent composition. That he should have scored, as he has, within a few months of Bro. Terry's great achievement, and maintained his reputation so well as to be almost level with the result of his first Festival, and, all circumstances considered, so close up to what it was last year, when Prince Leopold presided, is very greatly to his credit. We trust he will always have as excellent a record to point to.

We have said we have no intention in the present instance of attempting anything like an analysis of the List. We cannot, however, allow this opportunity to pass without offering our special congratulations to the Province of Gloucestershire. We have pointed out that it is but a modest Province—modest, that is to say, as to the number of its Lodges, and the extent of its membership. It has but fourteen Lodges, and its subscribing members, all told, are but 578, but it commissioned no less than twentyfour Stewards, and these among them made up a total of £1,000. From the Report we publish of the Installation of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, it will be seen that the amount it was said the Province had raised was over £700, and on the motion of the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the further sum of £35 was voted out of the Grand Lodge funds. It was resolved this should be still further increased, and ultimately the amount we have stated was made up. This may be justly set down as about the grandest Provincial effort on record. Fourteen Lodges-twenty-four Stewards -£1,000. Nothing more than this need be said, at all events in this number. London has done well, with its one hundred and fourteen Stewards, and its contribution of £5,374 7s 6d, while the Provinces, omitting Gloucestershire, have sent up £4,884 17 4d, these amounts making up the sum we announced at first, namely, not so very far short of £11,500. We may as well note, however, that for all its brilliant efforts in February, West Yorkshire is well up to the mark, with a list of subscriptions amounting in all to £500. But we are forgetting our determination not to attempt anything analytical, and if we continue in this strain we shall find ourselves launched upon a fulllength sketch, to which, at so shortanotice, and with so little time for preparation, we are hardly likely to do justice. We repeat, that we are well satisfied with the result of Wednesday's proceedings, and we renew our congratulations to all who have had a share in producing so excellent a result.

THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL MASO-NIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

E publish in another part of our columns the report which was yesterday submitted to and approved by the General Committee of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The salient features are worth noting. The total amount of the subscriptions at the Festival in February, when R.W. Bro. tivals which have occurred since his appointment to the Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire, occupied post of Secretary, he has been able to announce results the chair, is stated as £14,360. The number of annuitants amounting in the aggregate to over £36,800, or rather during the past year was 150 males and 155 females, and it has been agreed to increase these to 155 males and 160 always agree with our worthy brother's policy. There are females, or together, 315; while there are likewise fourthose who think he would do better to follow the example | teen widows in receipt each of the half of her late husband's annuity, so that the outlay on this account to which the Intaries. But we should act most unjustly if we thought for one stitution is committed now amounts to £11,600. The nummoment of withholding from him the great praise to which ber of vacancies originally to be balloted for at yesterday's he is so justly entitled. If we are to judge, as is done in election was thirteen men and seven widows, and the number of approved candidates was thirty-seven men and sixtyone women. Seven men and three widows have died in the interim, so that with the additional five men and five women agreed to be elected, the number to be balloted for were twenty-five men by thirty-seven candidates, and fifteen widows by sixty-one candidates. The result of the contest will be found elsewhere in the present number.

The accounts speak for themselves. The total Receipts Male Fund, including a Balance forward of £4,023 1s,

amount to £15,576 12s 5d. The Disbursements, including £2,000 "Placed at Call," and for purchase of stock £10,588 3s 11d, while the Disbursements, among which will be found £1,000 "Placed at Call," are £7,244 17s 10d, so that the Balance in hand is £3,343 6s 1d. If to these Masonry. be added the Balance of £34 16s 4d on the Sustentation Fund, the Total Balance will be found to be no less than £8,112 17s 5d. The total Stock to the credit of the Institution is £60,525, the interest on which is £2,722 19s 11d. These sums are thus distributed-Male Fund, Stock £36,950, interest £1,681 18s; Widows' Fund, Stock £22,575, interest £1,011 1s 11d; Sustentation Fund Stock £1,000, interest £30. More satisfactory evidence than this it is impossible to wish for, in order to show the progress made by an Institution which even now has not been in existence more than thirty-nine years. We have no doubt that with the skilful management which has been shown during the last few years, this prosperous state of things will continue.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

ON Tuesday, 31st instant, will be held the Summer Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. It is expected the meeting will be an unusually brilliant one, not only from the distinguished brethren of the Degree, who, in all probability, will be present and take part in the proceedings, but likewise because it is now just five-andtwenty years since the Grand Mark Lodge, with Lord Leigh as its first Grand Master, was established. Every one of the brethren who has since occupied the Mark throne, has been also a distinguished Craft Mason. Lord Leigh, it must be remembered, was chosen Grand Mark Master Mason as being a staunch Constitutional Mason, and was, as he is still, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. His several successors, who all happily remain among us in full bodily and Masonic vigour, include among Craft celebrities, Bros. Viscount Holmesdale Prov. Grand Master Kent, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master Somersetshire, the Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Northumberland, the Earl of Limerick Prov. Grand Master Bristol, and the Earl of Lathom Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. That under the auspices of these successive distinguished chiefs the Degree has flourished, even, perhaps, beyond the most sanguine expectations of its supporters and well-wishers, must be manifest when we bear in mind that there are over 250 Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, with a total subscribing membership of in round figures 12,000. It has its own Benevolent Fund, the annual festival of which may be expected to bring in an ever-increasing amount, which will, at least, not fall short of the proceeds of last year's gathering, when over £560 was subscribed. New Lodges are being occasionally consecrated, several new Provinces have been organised, and there is every reason to expect that its popularity will become greater year by year. Thus, the meeting of the 31st instant will, for the reasons we have specified, be looked forward to with much interest, an interest which will be intensified when we announce to our Mark friends, as we are in a position to do, that not only will the Earl of from the Institution. It would be as well also if the Craft Lathom Grand Mark Master Mason preside and instal his generally bore in mind this further statement in Bro. successor, Lord Henniker Grand Mark Master Mason Machamara's report, namely, that "the number of subelect, but it is understood and expected that Lord Holmesdale, Lord Leigh, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal—all Past Grand Masters—will be present, together with the Earl of Kintore, Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., and other influential members of the Order. Of course, the installation of a New Grand Master is an event, which, happening as it does only once in three years, is sure to attract a more than usually strong concourse of brethren. Then the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers lends an additional excitement to those present, and the fact of the outgoing Grand Master being our respected Brother the Earl of Lathom, while the new G. Master elect is the justly popular Lord Henniker, will commensurately increase the importance of Tuesday week's Communication. But above and beyond the different points we have

enumerated as being certain to enlist the sympathies of all good Constitutional and Mark Masons, we trust the meet-£1,976 5s, reach £10,841 17s 5d, leaving a balance to the ing will be a brilliant success for the sake of Mark Masoury good of £4,734 15s. On the Widows' Fund the Receipts, itself, which, if not included as an integral part of Ancient with Balance forward of £2,035 3s 8d included, amount to and Accepted Masonry, as defined by the Constitutions of

THE ANNUAL FETE OF THE MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

WE publish elsewhere a full account of the annual gathering in connection with the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin, on Thursday, the 12th instant. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Most Worshipful Grand Master. was unavoidably absent, and consequently his place was taken by Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, who was numerously supported by the Grand Officers, Masters, and Past Masters, &c., of the Craft, as well as a strong muster of the fair sex, who evinced, as usual, the deepest interest in the proceedings. Moreover, there was the additional attraction that the Countess Cowper, wife of Bro. the Earl of Cowper, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, had graciously arranged to distribute the prizes, and her presence lent an additional charm to the occasion. The proceedings were of a more than usually interesting character. A new building is in course of erection, and we can sincerely congratulate our Irish brethren on the success which has attended their efforts. It is less than a year since the foundation-stone was laid by the Grand Master, in the presence of their Excellencies the Earl and Countess Cowper, yet such is the progress that has been made, that it is confidently anticipated the building will be completed and ready for occupation early in 1882. The greatest care would seem to have been taken so as to incur no unnecessary or avoidable expense, and it is believed that when the premises are complete, the cost will not be found to have exceeded the original estimate of £12,000. In order to meet this outlay, the greatest exertions have been made to secure the amount, and up to the 4th instant there were promised subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to £10,553 5s, of which £7,353 7s 8d had actually been paid. But when the estimated amount has been received, and the building completed, a further £2000 will be necessary in order to make the latter habitable. Thus the Governors, who have resolved on carrying out the work without trenching upon the invested capital, have their work before them, and it may be as well if they take especial notice of a point noticed by Bro. C. Macnamara, LL.D., the Hon. Secretary of the Fund, namely, that "though the amount already given is so large, the number of individual donors is comparatively very small; and although the orphans of Provincial brethren who are received into the School far outnumber those from Dublin, the subscriptions from the country, especially from the North of Ireland, are not in due proportion to the sums received from the Dublin members of the Order." There is nothing unusual, we regret to say, about this. It happens here, as in the Emerald Isle, that those who seek the largest share of benefits, are often the least forward in subscribing. Possibly, however, our Provincial Irish brethren will show a laudable desire to disturb this unequal arrangement, and that they will bring their subscriptions more nearly on a level with the benefits they do not hesitate to receive scribing brethren in Ireland is so large, that if all, or even a majority, could be induced to subscribe a small sum each an ample endowment for the Schools would be obtained." This is, in effect, what we have again and again said in reference to our own Institutions, that if each subscribing Mason would only give five shillings annually to each of them, there would be ample to support them, and even to extend their sphere of operations. We must not omit to mention that, with a view to increasing the amount necessary to fit and furnish the new building, it is proposed to hold a Fancy Fair and Bazaar in the early part of the ensuing year, and we doubt not the fair ladies of Erin will be only too happy to contribute of their skill and by their presence in order to ensure its success. As to the distribution of prizes by the Countess Cowper,

and we need only remark that the kindly office was most ably fulfilled by Her Excellency. At the same time it is but fair to the girl pupils who were called upon to give a display of their musical training to say, that they acquitted themselves in a manner which secured for them the wellmerited appreciation of all present. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and what with the ladies and their bright costumes, and the brethren with their splendid jewels and badges, it is difficult to picture a scene that could well have been more brilliant or more animated. The only drawback on the general enjoyment was the announcement that owing to the falling off in the subscriptions, there had been an excess of expenditure over income to the extent of over £600. We trust this shortcoming will be remedied by a larger and more liberal influx of subscriptions and donations in the course of this year.

THE LATE PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

WE have to announce that the project for establishing a Fund, to be known as the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, has been abandoned. We do so with regret; but at the same time we are unable to say we are very far from being surprised that the duty of making this announcement should at length have devolved upon us. At the outset, we cordially supported the idea, which, as our readers are well aware, was enunciated by the Earl of Rosslyn when he presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1879. His Lordship expressed an opinion to the effect that, admirable as were the arrangements made for the education of our orphan children, there was still a something wanting in order to make those arrangements complete. That something was a fund for providing worthy pupils on leaving school who needed help and some little assistance in making their start in life. The idea found favour in influential quarters and well-nigh all our illustrious and most distinguished Craftsmen readily promised it their support. Everything within reason was done to secure the success of the project, and in the summer of last year a grand Fancy Fair and Bazaar was held for the purpose of still further increasing This Bazaar was opened by the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., who was supported by the Earl of Rosslyn, Lord Brooke, M.P., and other brethren of influence. Almost every variety of entertainment was provided, and, to all appearances, there was a considerable amount of success attending the festive gathering. But, from the close of the Bazaar, for reasons which we do not know, and into the merits of which it is no business of ours to inquire, a change would seem to have come o'er the spirit of the dream of those interested. The very praiseworthy zeal exhibited in starting the Fund was, as it were by magic, converted into a complete apathy in supporting it. believe the Bazaar Committee met and ordered a settlement of accounts. We are under the impression that some kind of statement of accounts has, at some time or other, been furnished; at least, we have heard that the proceeds of the Fair and Bazaar were just sufficient to pay the expenses of organising the Fund. Some time since, the surplus articles of the Bazaar were balloted for, and on Wednesday, the 11th instant, a final meeting of the Committee was held, when it was agreed that the project which had once looked so very promising should be abandoned. We naturally regret this result, and the more so because we so steadily and consistently advocated the establishment of the Fund. We content ourselves, however, with recording the above facts; others must endeavour to find

cause they are assignable. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good; and although the proposal originated by the Earl of Rosslyn has fallen through, the main idea has not been lost sight of by the authorities of our Schools. Till recently the utmost which it was in the power of the Executive of either of these Institutions to award to even the most necessitous and deserving case was a sum of £20. However, since the Pupils' Fund was proposed, the law has been altered, and in case of extreme merit, the sum of £40 can be voted to a single pupil, Boy or Girl, on leaving School; and for this much, at all events, we are indebted, in the first instance, to the Earl of Rosslyn for suggesting an Assistance Fund, and in the next, to those who so actively and zealously assisted his Lordship.

we give the names of the fortunate recipients in our report, the subscribers as to what shall be done with their several contributions. If they wish them returned, our respected Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn (Deputy Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, Past Grand Chaplain), Honorary Treasurer, will refund them. If they wish them to be handed over to either of our existing Masonic Charities, they have but to indicate the Institution to which they would have them devoted, and effect will be given to their wishes; while, if they are content to leave the moneys where they are, then in due course they will be distributed among deserving pupils, who are on the point of leaving School. letters to this effect will receive the attention they deserve. And thus is determined a most worthy project, which, at one time, bid fair to prove a magnificent success.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW MASONIC LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

THE arrangements for the constitution of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, have now been completed. The ceremonies of constitution and installation will be conducted by the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, assisted by V.W. Bro. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., and the Grand Officers of the Province, in the Lecture Hall, Penny-street, on Wednesday, 25th inst. A special fast train from Waterloo, only stopping at Woking to pick up the Duke of Connaught and his equerry, will reach the Town Railway Station at 11.30 a.m., and His Royal Highuess will be received by Commander Lord Charles Beresford W.M. designate, and four Officers of the Lodge. The party will drive to the Officers' house entrance on the Grand Parade, and on their entering the Lecture Hall the ceremonies will at once commence. A choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. Winterbottom, will perform the musical part of the ceremony, Bro. G. Jones P.G.O. accompanying on the harmonium. Master Masons are to enter the hall from Penny-street; Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, and Wardens from the High-street; and Present and Past Provincial Officers from the entrance on the Grand Parade. All brethren are to appear in evening dress. Officers of the Lodge will be installed as follows:—Bros. Lord Chas. Beresford W.M., H. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., S. H. Carden, R.N., J.W., H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. Leon Emanuel Hon. Secretary, Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, Knowles, R.N., S.D., Martyr J.D., Winterbottom Organist, Lind D.C., McLeod, R.E., I.G., H. Long and S. Knight Stewards, Mansell, R.N., and Carter Tylers. The ceremony, it is thought, will last until two o'clock, when the company will adjourn to the Drill Shed, Governor's Green, where a banquet will take place, under the presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, who will be supported by H.R.H. the Dake of Connaught and H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. The company will, it is expected, include the Duke of St. Albans, Earl Mount-Edgeumbe, the Earl of March, Lord Tenderden, Admiral-Superintendent the Hon. F. A. C. Foley, Colonel Reilly, R.H.A., Captains Lord Albert Seymonr and the Honourable C. G. Byng, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. The Duke of Connaught will leave at five o'clock, by special train, to enable His Royal Highness to attend the State Ball. entrance to the Lodge will be guarded by a force of police, and that to the Drill Shed by the military authorities. The band of the Royal Marine Artillery will play selections on Governor's Green. quetting room will be decorated with bunting, and the tables with choice cut flowers and potted plants, some of which will, through the kindness of Major General Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram, Bart., come from Leigh Park. A considerable number of brethren have, we understand, already given in their names as joining members of the Lodge, and numerous gentlemen are likewise nominated for initiations. Up to the present time gifts of the value of over £300 have been made to the Lodge by various members. The W.M. designate has presented colours, jewels, and gauntlets of superior workmanship, and the working tools to match have come from the officers and members. Already 400 tickets have been issued to the various Lodges in the Province for the ceremony of constitution, and by the time the returns have been received by the Honorary Secretary, the number will, it is expected, reach 800. It may be stated that Masons not belonging to a local Lodge can obtain tickets either for the constitution or the banquet on application to the Hon. Secretary (Bro. A. L. Emanuel, Ordnauce-row, Portsea), or Bro. Townsend, the Naval Hotel, Portsea. - Portsmouth Times.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 27th, commencing at 6 p.m. Bros. Abell P.M. 1599 W.M., Woods S.W. 145 S.W., Daniel W.M. 1541 J.W., W. W. Snelling 1541 Hon. Sec. First Lecture :- Bros. Minstrell, Johnson, Durndell, Pelikan, Snelling, Squirrell, and Woods. Second Lecture :- Bros. C. A. Pardon, Daniel, Suodin, Gush, and Tate. Third Lecture :- Bros. Webb, Edwin Storr, and Larchin.

single pupil, Boy or Girl, on leaving School; and for this such, at all events, we are indebted, in the first instance, of the Earl of Rosslyn for suggesting an Assistance Fund, and in the next, to those who so actively and zealously issisted his Lordship.

It remains for the Committee to ascertain the wishes of

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, GLOUCESTER.

INSTALLATION OF SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, BART., M.P.

THURSDAY was a "red letter day" in the annals of Freemasonry in Gloucestershire, and, indeed, in this part of the country. It is rarely that the installation of a Provincial Grand Master is witnessed, the appointment being permanent. So far as Gloncestershire is concerned, no such event has been witnessed during the past quarter of a century, or, indeed, since the charter for the county was issued. In 1856, in the month of May, if we mistake not Gloucestershire became a Masonic Province under the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, who appointed Bro. George Frederick Newmarch his Very Worshipful Deputy, and under his guidance the Province has flourished until the present time. announced some few months since that Lord Sherborne, from increasing age, and a desire for rest, had announced his intention of resigning his high office, and his determination was speedily followed by the resignation of his Deputy, Bro. Newmarch. On Thursday the Brethren assembled in great force at the Shirehall to witness the installation of, and to do honour to, their new chief, the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, M.P. The assembly was a most brilliant one, and numbered from 600 to 700 brethren. They all wore the various insignia of the Craft. The installing Master, R.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, was unable to attend in consequence of family bereavement, and his place was taken by the R.W.G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who initiated Sir Michael 25 years ago, and who, attended by the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, entered the hall in procession and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Installing The following was Master being saluted according to ancient form. the order of procession :-

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bristol. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herefordshire. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmonthshire. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire. Provincial Grand Lodge Officers of other Provinces. Officers of Grand Lodge, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire:

Past Provincial Grand Parsuivants, Organists, Sword Bearers, Directors of Ceremonies, Superintendents of Works, Grand Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrars, Chaplains, Wardens.

Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Grand Sword Bearer. The Deputy Grand Master. The Installing Master.

Grand Deacon. The Grand Lodge was constituted as follows:—Bros. W. H. Gwinnett P.M. P.P.S.G.W. S.W., T. Nelson Foster P.M. P.P.S.G.W. J.W. H. Godfrey P.M. P.P.S.G.W. S.D., W. P. Want P.M. P.P.J.G.W. J.D. H. Kynaston P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Russell J. Kerr P.M. P.P.S.G.W Director of Ceremonies, E. H. Edgell P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Assist. Director of Ceremonies, John Bryan P.M. P.P.G.J.D., E. D. Worsley P.M P.P.G. Super. of W., C. Tudway P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. S. Olver P.M. P.P.G.S.B., C. Harford Lloyd P.P.G.O. Organist, T. Cadle P.M. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand P.P.G.P. Pursuivant. Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Installing Master addressed the Lodge, stating the object of the meeting. The Provincial Grand Pursuivant (Bro. T. Cadle) then announced the arrival of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Designate (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, The Right Hon. Baronet was introduced by a deputation of Masters and Past Masters. The P.G. Sec. (Bro. E. Trinder) read the Patent, and the Acting Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. H. Kynaston) offered prayer. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master was then installed in due form, and proclaimed by the Director of Cere-The W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith was appointed D.P.G.M The other Officers of the Lodge were then appointed, and the business of the Grand Lodge was transacted. quet was subsequently held at the Corn Exchange, and attended by between three and four hundred of the brethren. repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of the Bell Hotel, and the catering gave general satisfaction. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided, and he was supported on his right by Bros. J. Brook-Smith, G. F. Newmarch, J. Walker, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Colonel Basevi, W. H. Gwinnett, S. G. Homfray, T. Nelson Foster, H. C. Tombs, and L. White; and on his left by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Canon Millar, Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., J. E. Dorington, C. Raikes Davy, W. Godfrey, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. W. E. Haddow, Rev. H. Kynaston, Rev. H. G. Layton, Rev. A. Williams, &c. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master said the first toast in all assemblies of Englishmen was that of The Queen. As loyal subjects they would always drink the health of her Majesty with great pleasure, but as Masons they were doubly glad to do so, and to couple with the toast that of the Craft. They remembered that in her Majesty they had not only a Constitutional Sovereign-one of the best, if not the best, that had ever occupied the Throne of these realms—but also a bright example of those virtues and sympathy for charity which as Masons they professed to admire. The Prov. Grand Master next proposed The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He said it was a bright day for the Craft when his Royal Highness consented to add to his other numerous avocations the duty of the office of Grand Master of the Freemasous of England. And worthily he filled that high and important office, and he was confident that the great interest he felt in the Craft was by no means diminished by lapse of time. He was sure that under his rule the Craft would be as prosperous in the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the contained the following, printed in Old English on a fly-leaf :- "Pre-

Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present. Lord Carnarvon, he said, was an old and valued friend of his, and he believed he was known to them all as a Prov. Grand Master, as a man of genius, of great eloquence, and of singular tact in the management of the difficult business which often came before Grand Lodge. He had hoped that Lord Lathom might have been amongst them that day, and nothing but recent domestic affliction kept him away. He was sure they all recognised in him a man whose geniality and amiable character made him the type of one who should occupy a distinguished place amongst Freemasons. He was glad to find that there were no less than eleven Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England present, and he was sure they would give them a real Gloucestershire welcome, so that they might carry away agreeable recollections of their visit. Bro. C. R. Davy was not only an old Officer, but he was one of themselves; he was a resident amongst them, and was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge. Bro. Shadwell Clerke was also a most able and efficient Officer, and discharged his high and important office admirably. Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded. and said the Grand Lodge had never done its duty better than by anpointing Sir Michael Hicks-Beach as Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke also responded, and said they could not have entrusted the Mastership to more genial or abler hands. Bro. G. F. Newmarch said of course they would anticipate the next toast, which was that of the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, their friend and neighbour. No words of his were required to recommend him to them, and he would not attempt any eulogy. Sherborne intimated his intention to retire from the duties of his high office, the eyes of all of them, without exception, turned to one man, and that man was Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. He might frankly say that, as a Gloucestershire man, they were proud of him. one of them; he was essentially a Gloucestershire man, as was Lord Sherborne before him; he was not only respected in his own county, but he had made a name in the country of which they were all proud. He was glad that he had selected a man to assist him in the office, than whom a more zealous Mason could not be found, namely, Bro. Brooke-Smith. He was sure that, whatever success Masonry might have had in Gloucestershire in the past, it would continue to flourish under the guidance of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiastic cheering. He said it was impossible for him to thank them too warmly for their reception of him on this the first occasion of his appearing amongst them as Provincial Grand Master. He thanked Bro. Newmarch for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the applause with which they had greeted what he had been pleased to say about him; but, in addition, he desired to thank them all for the numbers in which they had attended that day-numbers that he believed he was justified in saying far exceeded those of any previous Masonic gathering at Gloucester. would frankly tell them, what was already known to some in that When Lord Sherborne intimated his desire to retire from the office which he so well filled for so many years, some brethren, friends of his (Sir Michael's), were good enough to suggest to him that he might hope to be his successor. He confessed he shrank from it, and did not consider himself likely to be appointed to the office. He felt that he had other public avocations, to which he ought not there further to allude, which would take up much of his time time which a Provincial Grand Master ought to devote to the interests of his Province. He felt also, what he did not say, that for some years he had been amongst them as an active member of a political party, that he had been accustomed to speak his mind, and that possibly under these circumstances he might not be acceptable to all. He felt that possibly it might not tend to the harmony and progress of Freemasonry if a person actively engaged in that kind of warfare were chosen as the head of this Province. Those were his feelings, and he stated them frankly now. But when he told them that from all quarters and from all persons—from those he could not have suspected of entertaining friendly feelings towards him, from those to whom he was opposed in political and private opinion—there came to him kindly, friendly, and fraternal welcome, if it should please the Grand Lodge to appoint him, he felt no hesitation, when he told them that, he perhaps need hardly add that he felt when the office was offered to him, that it was his bounden duty to accept it, and so far as his poor abilities enabled him, to perform the duties. He felt sure that he could rely on the aid of the brethren to promote the interests of Freemasonry in the Province. He had his part to do, and that part had been ably put before him by his friend and relative on his right hand. He did not want to promise what he would not perform. He hoped during this and the following year to be able to visit every Lodge in the Province, and the first would be Dursley, the Royal Lebanon, and the Chipping Sodbury Lodges. He hoped that they would all work in harmony, and that, knowing one another better, they would respect each other more. At all events, he hoped that his appointment would not tend to lessen their interest in Freemasonr and if he was as successful as Lord Sherborne had been, he should be able to look back upon his term of office with satisfaction. The other toasts included the Installing Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. G. Master of Hants, the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Master, the W. Bro. J. Brooke-Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge Past and Present, the Visitors, and the Lodges of the Provinces. Before the Lodge was closed a formal presentation of an original copy of the Book of Constitutions, re-bound in morocco, garter blue and gold, and enclosed in a case of walnut wood, lined with purple velvet, was made by Bro. Henry Jeffs to the Provincial Grand Master, which Sir Michael Hicks-Beach was pleased to accept. The Book is scarce, and to bibliophilists valuable, being Anderson's and Désagulier's edition of 1723, and of the first official issue sanctioned by warrant of Grand Lodge. There future as it had been in the past. The Prov. Grand Master then proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the MS. Constitution. The book presented to the Provincial G. Master was in 1722 an informal issue of the Old Regulations in a copy of a sented, with respectful and fraternal regards of Bro. Henry Jeffs, Past Master No. 1005, to Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., on his installation as the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Gloncestershire, 1881." The arrangements at the Shirehall were made by Mr. Russell Kerr and Mr. Edw. Trinder, and were perfect; and all the arrangements in the banqueting room were admirably carried out by Mr. R. Vassar Smith.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENEVO-LENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held 'yesterday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair. There were also present Bros. Henry Smith Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, J. L. Hine, Alfred W. Stanfield, J. Wordsworth, John Simpson, Robert Wylie, Charles Godtschalk, John Constable, Charles John Perceval, S. Rawson, Louis Steau, William Clarke, Raynham W. Stewart, Edw. Davies, H. S. Alpass, James A Burch, John Chadwick, A. F. A. Woodford, James Butting, Frederick Davison, Fred. Adlard, W. S. Perryman, Edgar Bowyer, Robert D. Cummings, S. P. Norris, Thomas Cubitt, George Wyatt, William Hale, John Diprose, T. W. Lew, Henry Bartlett, J. R. Gallant, Thomas Meggy, Brackstone Baker, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of last meeting having been approved, the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read, as follows, by Bro. Terry:—

REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure in bringing to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the progress the Institution has made during the past twelve months.

The Annual Festival was directed to be held by the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., on Wednesday, the 23rd February last, and the Committee were exceedingly fortunate in obtaining the consent of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P. and D.L., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, to preside upon the occasion. He was very nobly supported by the members of his Province, as well as by brethren from London and other parts of the country—no less than 399 Stewards acting upon the occasion—their exertions resulted in the handsome sum of £14,360 being raised to benefit the Fund—and, looking both at the number of Stewards as well as the amount, it is with feelings of gratitude that the Committee tender their heartiest thanks to all concerned. Taking into consideration the great depression there has been during the last year throughout the country, in every branch of trade, profession, and business, they hardly dared to hope for such a success.

After the last election, there were 150 males and 155 widows upon the Fund, being an addition of 15 annuitants over any previous year, while to-day awaiting election there is, unfortunately, the large number of 98 candidates.

During the year, 20 annuitants have died—13 men and 7 widows—and the Committee, at their meeting in February last, decided that the vacancies thus created should be filled up; and, bearing in mind the large number of candidates and the success of the recent Festival, they have determined to place 5 additional men and 5 additional widows upon the Funds—a step which they feel convinced will have the warmest sympathy and support of the Governors and Subscribers. Since the proxies have been issued, 7 men and 3 widows have died, and, according to the Laws, these vacancies will also be filled up—so that the total number to be elected to-day will be 25 men and 15 widows.

There are, in addition, 14 widows receiving £20 each, being half their late husband's annuity, and which is accorded to them for three years—unless they are elected to the full sum before that time expires.

The various payments thus being made will then amount to £11,600 for annuities only, excluding all working and other incidental expenses in the management of the Institution.

The Committee, however, confidently rely upon the generous support of the Craft to sustain the Institution in every way that is possible, and which has never been more practically exemplied than in its contributions at the last Festival.

The Committee again renew their thanks to Grand Lodge, for its grant of £70 to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals, and its value was never more appreciated by them than during the inclemency of the past winter.

The Committee also tender their thanks to the Honorary Surgeons, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist. Esq., for their unremitting attention and kindness to those under their care.

The Institution is now undergoing reparation rendered necessary by the usual wear and tear inseparable from the structural decay of the Building. It is also being enlarged to meet the requirements of the present day, and the Committee are certain that when completed, it will add much to the comfort of the Residents, Visitors, and others, when visiting the same.

During the year the Committee have had the pleasure of receiving a Legacy of £100 free of duty, and in recording this fact would wish to impress upon those Brethren blessed with means the desirability of following so good an example.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March 1881, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:—

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Warden at Institution	20 0 0	
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J. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. 20th May 1880.

Bros. Quittman, Bulmer, and Hale were re-elected on the Committee for the ensuing year, and Bros. H. G. Warren and A. H. Tattershall were re-elected Auditors. Bros. Bowyer, Clarke, Davies, and Stean were chosen to receive proxies, and the Scrutineers of votes were afterwards appointed. The chairman then announced the poll open for the election of 25 men and 15 widows.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A VAGRANT MASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-I take an early opportunity of warning almoners and benevolent Masons in general against an individual who is unworthy of recognition. He has a clearance certificate from the St. George's Lodge, No. 190, Aberdeen. He was in the vicinity of Portsmouth about the 12th instant, and is, I fancy, going westward.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THE SECRETARY 804.

THE APPROACH OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have re-ventilated the subject of summer excursions, and the expense of attending them. I am neither very affluent nor very much the reverse, yet I like to enjoy myself, and am always glad when an opportunity presents itself that I can take my wife and daughters with me. Last year I might have attended the summer banquet of a London Lodge which, for obvious reasons, must be nameless, but I found it would have involved an initial expenditure of £5 for the four of us, to say nothing of the et ceteras which the woman folk generally deem necessary, and cabs or the train to or from the general rendezvous. This was a little too much for my purse, and as we had made up our minds that a day's trip into the country must be taken, we selected a very quiet little but familiar country place, not twenty miles from Charing-cross, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves for about half the money, and that without any kind of stint in any respect. Would it not be as well if those who had the arranging of these summer banquets made note of the fact that a heavy outlay is not indispensable to a day's pleasure, and that, with the exercise of a little management, from ten to fifteen shillings may be made to go as far as from twenty-five to thirty shillings? Where people have plenty of money at command it would be a sin not to spend it, but that is no reason why it should be expended wastefully or ostentatiously.

I am, faithfully and fraternally,

HOLD, ENOUGH.

MARK MASONRY.

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S LODGE, No. 163.

MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Newport A Pagnell, on Monday, 9th May. Present—Bros. T. Taylor W.M., J. R. Wiliner I.P.M., L. Cooper S.W., J. M. Cuthbert J.W., E. J. Saunders S.O., B. Wilford J.O., E. Carr Treasurer and Organist; V.W. Bro. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.M.C. Secretary, C. Terry S.D., E. Revill I.G., and several other brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. R. King P.M., — Valentine P.M., Lieut. Craster, and H. H. Booth. The candidates were then introduced and duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. The ceremony was for the first time in the history of this Lodge performed with full musical accompaniment, under the direction of Bro. Carr, this addition to the beautiful ritual of the Mark degree being much appreciated by the brethren. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M. alluded to the loss the Lodge had sus. tained since the last meeting by the death of their Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Margoliouth, and the Secretary was requested to convey the sym. pathy of the brethren to Mrs. Margoliouth. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room. After the banquet the usual toasts were given, that of the Grand Mark Officers being responded to by V.W. Bro. Brownrigg P.G.M.C., who said that the Lodge was particularly well represented at Grand Lodge, four of the members being Past Grand Officers. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health said, that he might congratulate both himself and the Lodge on a very successful year of office, having up to the present time advanced twelve brethren to this hononrable degree.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT MARK LODGE, No. 199.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursdays 5th May, at the Masonic Rooms, 771 Bishopsgate-street-within. and was very well attended, the brethren present including Bros. W. J. Meek W.M., H. Meyer S.W. and W.M. elect, W. Bensley J.W., B. Meyer P.M. Treasurer, D. M. Dewar Asst. Grand Secretary, T. Poore P.G.I.G., J. J. Gould S.O., R. Marshall J.O., J. Hill Secre. tary, G. Andrews S.D., A. P. Little Reg. of Marks, J. H. Peach Org.; Bros. Southwood, Greenhill, Westfield, Birkin. Lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. Poore, who, with his wonted kindness, had consented to assist in the important ceremony of the evening. Bro. H. Meyer was then presented to the Installing Officer by Bro. B. Meyer P.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and was placed in the chair of A., according to ancient custom. The newlyinstalled W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. Beasley S.W., H. Stephens J.W., J. J. Gonld M.O., W.H. Edwards S.O., W.J. Westfield J.O., B. Meyer P.M. Treasurer, James Hill Scoretary, J. E. Greenbill S.D., R. Marshall J.D., J. D. Burkin I.G., W. J. Meek I.P.M. Dir. of Cer., and J. H. Pench Org. After the customary greetings Lodge was closed and adjourned. A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened, Bro. T. Poore occupying the chair of W.C.N., Bro. Dewar that of J., and Bro. Meek that of S. Fifteen brethren were then exalted to the degree of R.A.M. The consecration of the new Lodge followed, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. D. M. Dewar, assisted by Bros T. Poore and W. J. Meek. Bro. Meek was subsequently enthroned as W.C.N., and appointed his Officers: -Bros. H. Meyer J., B. Meyer S., H. Stephens S.D., Westfield J.D., Burkin Guardian, J. Hill Sec., Peach After the usual inquiry, and resultant hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the aute-room, where a collation awaited them, to which ample justice was done. The Loyal and Mark toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. T. Poore, to whom he expressed the obligations of the Lodge for his valuable services on this and many other occasions. In reply, Bro. Poore declared the deep satisfaction and pleasure he always felt in doing anything in his power for the welfare and furtherance of Mark Masonry, and the more so on this occasion, as it gave him the opportunity of offering some slight service in acknowledgment of the kind reception he had at all times received from the brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The W.M., having resigned the gavel to W.C.N. Brother Meek, proposed the health of the Consecrating Officer V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, whose ready help and friendly connsel was available in all emergencies, and as gratefully received as it was heartily given. Bro. Dewar responded in cordial terms, acknowledging the hearty reception always accorded him by the brethren, and expressing his gratification at the continued prosperity of the Lodge, and congratulating the members on the comfort and convenience of their new suite of rooms. After the toast of the "Officers" the W.M. announced that he had received a communication from Bro Brighten Prov. G.S., to the effect that the Lodge would have tinguished privilege this year of sending a Brother to Grand Lodge, and one also to Prov. Grand Lodge, and, with the consent of the brethren, he proposed recommending the I.P.M. Bro. Meek for Grand Lodge, and Bro. Hill the Secretary for Prov. Grand Lodge—a proposition heartily adopted by the brethren.

We must remind our readers that the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday next, 26th instant, between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m. On this occasion it will be the duty of those present to elect the House Committee for the ensuing year; and we may state, for the information of those interested, that all the members of the present House Committee have been re-nominated, while Brother J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563, has also been nominated for election.

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5	Cooke Matthew -	•	_	<u>.</u> :				-	1329
6	Riley Thomas -		-	•	-			-	1323
7	Armstrong Robert					•			1245
8	Lampen Thomas -		•	-	-				1145
9	Ward Joseph -	-							1128
10	Lockwood John -	•	•						1115
11	Middleton John -		-	-					1108
12	Smith Alfred -	•		:					1062
13	Smith William -	•	•	-	-				1058
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15	Darby Henry A -	-	•		•				1003
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17	Beale Thomas William		-	-	_		-	-	996
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39	Crisp Sarah Ann	-		-	-	-	
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	48	Geary Mary .	-	-	-	-	-	-		24
	49	Gregory Eleanor	-	-	-	-	_	-		22
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The thanks of the meeting was voted to the Scrutineers, and on motion it was resolved that the result be advertised as usual, and the report of the day's proceedings printed and circulated. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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MEETING OF LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence held its meeting for May on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. J. M. Clabon, Jos. Nunn, and James Brett occupied the chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. The Board of Masters had the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge, 1st of June, read to them. The Lodge of Benevolence confirmed the recommendations of Grants made at last meeting to the amount of £365. They considered the new cases, of which there were thirty on the list. Three of these in the course of the evening were deferred, the remaining twenty-seven were relieved with a total amount of £760. The Lodge was then closed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead.—The first meeting of this summer Lodge was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., at Bro. Deacon's, the Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead. Present—Bros. Capt. John Finch W.M. 173 and 180, H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, T. B. Linscott J.D., John Greenfield 1602 D.C., C. Nowell Tyler, and numerous visitors, principally from the Phoenix Lodge. The minutes of the last meeting, in October, having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Edw. William Allen P.M. 173, as a joining member, and declared unanimous. The ceremony of raising Bro. John Napier Fulton, of the Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, to the sublime degree of M.M., was then most ably and impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. John Greenfield acting as S.D. Letters of apology from P.M.'s Sharpe and Foulger having been read, for the absence of the former through serious indisposition, and for the latter through other causes, the Lodge was closed in solemn form, and adjourned until next month. We are glad to state that, as predicted by us in October last, a number of brethren, visitors from the Phænix Lodge, were proposed as joining members; at the same time it is very unsatisfac. tory to find so many Officers absent when important work has to be done. A large number of the brethren and visitors made a trip of 24 miles by drag to Hughenden Manor in the morning, and we need hardly state that ample justice was done to a plain dinner, provided 1231 with his usual taste by Bro. Deacon.

NEW SADLER'S WELLS .- During the present week Mr. H. J. Byron's popular drama Blow for Blow has been played, and with very great success. A noticeable feature about the performance is the evenness of the cast, there not being a single character which was not adequately interpreted, while, in several instances, the artistes exhibited a thorough appreciation of the parts severally assigned to them. Thus Mr. E. Lyons played Charley Spraggs, one of the finest of the late Mr. George Honey's delineations. Kitty Wobbler, in which Miss E. Weathersby made such an impression, was interpreted by Miss Laura Lindon, while Mildred Craddock in the Prologue, and Alice Petherick in the drama were played most ably by Miss Isabel Bateman, whose impersonation of the twin parts elicited the warmest

We are compelled to hold over the Account of the Dublin Masonic School, to which reference is made in another column.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 20th May 1831,
W. Bro. Lt.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 25 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 37 candidates, and 15 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 61 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

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	Appleby Emma Eliza	•••	•••	1193	*Eade Hannah Betsy	•••	•••	872
	Cherrill Elizabeth M	•••	• • •	1168				

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts,

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Secretary.

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THE RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER, R.W. D.G.M.M.; M.W. G.M.M.M. ELECT.

INSTALLATION OF MOST W. GRAND MASTER.

ON this the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c. it has been determined to extend the customary arrangements for the Banquet to follow the Installation of the Grand Master, and to fix the price of Dinner Tickets at 12s 6d, the Wine being provided at the expense of Grand Lodge. A Collation will, in addition, be provided for Ladies, Tickets for which may be obtained, at 7s 6d each.

A Musical Selection will be given during Dinner, and a Concert will take place in the Evening, at which the services of eminent Professionals will be secured, under the Direction of the Grand Organist.

To enable the Grand Stewards to carry out the various arrangements efficiently and satisfactorily, a return of the necessary Form as to attendance to the Grand Secretary, not later than Wednesday, the 25th May, is absolutely necessary.

N.B.—Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be on the Table at 6 p.m. precisely. Ladies to assemble at 7 p.m.

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STEWARDS' VISIT.

VISIT by the Stewards to either the Girls' or Boys' Schools has, for some time past, been looked upon as one of the features in connection with the Anniversary Festivals of our Educational Institutions, and from the ever increasing interest which attaches to these periodical gatherings we think there is little chance of the custom being discontinued. On Tuesday the Stewards for the Girls' School were entertained at Battersea, the Chairman of the Festival, Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., presiding, and in due course presenting the various prizes. The first part of the entertainment, comprised a selection of music, &c., by the scholars, of which the following is the programme:-

Chant—Psalm xix.

Duett—"The Heavens are telling——Haydn—24 hands (6 pianos).

Recitation—"A B C"—Eliza Cook—Eveline E. Pelham.

Trio (Little Girls)—Frühlings Einzug—Oosten—36 hands (6 pianos). Recitation—"Harold and Edith"—Tennyson—Ada Huyshe Clase and Violet H. Lang.

Duett (Little Girls)-"Zauberflöte-Mozart-24 hands. Recitation—" Paradise and the Peri"—Moore—Beatrice Newman.

Duett—Marche du "Capriccio" Op. 22.—Mendelssohn—24 hands.

Recitation—" Möise sur le Nil"—Victor Hugo—Edwina Russell Jones.

Solo—" Allegretto and Allegro from Sonata" Op. 6—Mendelssohn— Ethel Hinson.

Reading—"Lesson of Faith"—Mrs. Gatty—Fanny Ashby.
Duett—Scherzo and Intermezzo aus der "Sommernachstraum"— Mendelssohn-24 hands.

Recitation-" Wolsey and Cromwell"-Shakespeare-Alice Wiseman and Edith A. Wilson. Duo-Rondo Op. 73--Chopin-12 hands.

At the conclusion of these selections, the Noble Chairman presented the several prizes awarded by the Institution and private donors, to the following:---

Edith Ann Wilson, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Fanny Ashby, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Edwina Russell Jones and Alice Mary Newboult, each a part of £5 for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:-

Passing Senior Cambridge Examination, Helena Meacock and Florence C. Faithfull; Passing in Honours Cambridge Examination. Edith Ann Wilson, Edwina Russell Jones, and Alice Mary Newboult; Passing Cambridge Examination, Fanny Ashby, Ethel Hinson, Margaret W. Allison, Maria English, Minnie E. Cowley, and Charlotte Coleman; Perseverance and General Proficiency (1st Class), Ida Mary Bryant; Writing and Drawing, Georgina Kate Daly; Needlework, Ida Mary Bryant, Minnie Phillips, Colina Sharp, and Matida Mary Hothersall; Machine Work, Fanny Craig, Alice Boyd, and Kate Boyd; General Usefulness, Florence C. Faithfull and Alice A. Wiseman; Neatness in Household Duties, Kate Isabel Mills; Personal Neatness, Josephine Amelia Herlan; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year) Meta Bell Brazier and Edith Mande Potts.

Class II .- Mabel Elizabeth Sanford, General Proficiency; Emma Elizabeth Tipper, General Improvement; Ada Hartley Healey, Perseverance; Annie Eliza Scott, Perseverance; Agnes Florence Rowley, Drawing; Florence M. G. Moore, Drawing.

Class III.—Clara Kingcombe, General Proficiency; Alice Warburton Cecil, General Improvement; Beatrice Helena Fudge, Per-

Class IV.—Julia Mand Harvey, General Proficiency; Cecily Sara Jardine, Perseverance; Gertrude Annie Daly, Perseverance.

Class V.—Catherine Frances Hide, General Proficiency. By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:-

Mary A. Johnson. By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French: -Edwina

Russell Jones. By Mrs. Crick, for Elecution: -Fanny Ashby, Beatrice A. F. Newman, and Eveline E. Pelham.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Religious Knowledge (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination): -Edith A. Wilson, and Edwina

By Bro. Collard Montrie, for Music :- Ada Huyshe Clase.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music: -Sarah Lizzie Bellamy

and Fanny E. Lapington.
The St. James "Yates Memorial Prize" (per St. James Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery) :- Alice Ann Wiseman.

From the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd degree, for Good Conduct:—Margaret Whitworth Allison.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Physical Geography, Mary Louisa

Bowler; for Cookery, Ethel Hinson.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework: - Maria English.

From the "Wentworth Little Memorial Prize," for Music: - Laura S. Stransom, Violet II. Laug, and Mary A. Johnson.

From the "John Boyd Memorial Prize for Drawing:-Minnie E. Cowley, Alice M. Newboult, and Eliza E. Daly.

By Friends of the Late Bro. James Blyth, for Calisthenics and Deportment:-Isabella Douglas, and (among the little Girls) Adelaide

M. Brunskill. By Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott and Lady Truscott:-Ethel Hinson, Music; Agnes Kate Chapman, Physiography; Mary C. A. Sargant, Physiography; Florence Rose Sargant, Magnetism and Electricity; Emily S. Treleaven, Cookery.

Having completed the presentations, the Chairman proceeded to address a few words to the pupils, and the company assembled. was sure all the visitors present would wish him to express their acknowledgments to the managers of the School for the enter-tainment given by the pupils. He expressed great satisfaction at what he had heard and seen; both had given him a great amount of pleasure; he thought from the way in which the audience had welcomed the several selections that they also were satisfied. was much struck with the quiet modesty and good taste displayed by the children who had given the recitations, and was especially pleased that one of the prize winners for elocution came from his own Province of Gloucestershire. As regarded the children themselves -- to those who had won prizes he would give a caution, not to be led thereby to think by this success the chief object in life was already gained. That was not so; life was still before them, and they had still to press on, and must only look at this success, as an encouragement for further effort. The unsuccessful would learn from their failure that there were ups and downs in life, and must still persevere, remembering the maxim that patience and perseverance conquer all things. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the company proceeded to the refreshment rooms, where ten awaited them, which concluded, another move was made to the large school room, where the papils went through their calisthenic exercise in the usual admirable manner which characterises this part of the day's programme. The singing of the National Anthem brought the programme to a conclusion, the pupils and visitors passing the remainder of the evening in dancing.

THE FESTIVAL.

THE Ninety-Third Anniversary Festival in connection with the Girls' School was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloncestershire. The meeting was very well attended, and, as will be seen from the figures given below, may be pronounced a grand success. The banquet was well served by Bro. A. Best, proprietor of the tavern, who personally superintended, assisted by Bro. E. Dawkins. At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been sung, the Chairman gave the usual toasts. In proposing that of the Queen, he said nothing could be more unmasonic than for brethren to arrogate to themselves the exclusive possession of any virtue, but he would venture to say that among all the inhabitants of Her Majesty's dominions there were no more loyal subjects than the members of our Order. We revere the Queen, as the best of constitutional Sovereigns; we admire the purity of her life, as a wife and a mother; but, above all, on such an occasion as this, when we have met to advocate the claims of one of our great Charities, do we remember that which is Her Majesty's distinguishing characteristic-viz., her true womanly sympathy with all that is poorest in her realms. The toast was well received, and honoured in the usual form. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family was next given. The chairman felt that the geniality of the Prince of Wales added not a little to the warmth of the loyalty with which Freemasons would naturally regard the Heir to the Throne and the Grand Master of their Order. The grace of the Princess of Wales was proverbial, nor must they forget the kindness of both their Royal Highnesses, nor the interest which they had shewn in the Institution honoured that evening. Part of the building had, by permission of Her Royal Highness, been named the Alexandra Wing, and he felt that was but a proof of the interest which she took in its welfare. With regard to other members of the Royal Family, no one in the room was likely to forget the efficient and able manner in which Prince Leopold, only a year ago, was good enough to plead for the Institution. The result was a success, perhaps far beyond what the best friends of the School could have anticipated, and it would be long before they could forget the action of his Royal Highness. The next toast—that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past—was, the Chairman said, of a very comprehensive character, He was sure that in the presence of so many brethren who had experienced the advantage which the Craft had derived from the wise counsels and high abilities of the Earl of Carnarvon, he need may nothing to recommend the Pro Grand Master. Lord Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, is popular in his great Province, the home of so many members of the Craft, and popular wherever his genial presence was known throughout the country. As to the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, he need say little. It was but a few days since he had had to express his warm personal thanks to no small number of them for the enthusiasm in Freemasonry which prompted their presence at his installation, at a considerable distance from the ordinary scenes of their labours. But their conduct then was but an example of their ordinary work, and he was quite sure that if the interests of Freemasonry demanded it, the Officers of Grand Lodge would be found ready, as in that case, to do their duty. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesev, replied. As the Chairman had said, the toast was a most comprehensive one. The Grand Officers, from the highest to the lowest, had exerted themselves to the utmost of

their power for many years past, and he believed had done so to the satisfaction of every member of the Order. He was only too happy to reply for the Grand Officers, because he saw himself surrounded by Grand Officers of England and Ireland. Speaking of the Provincial Grand Officers, he felt they were all doing their duty. Most of them were Past Grand Wardens, and, therefore, were thoroughly efficient in every possible way. The work they maintained was, under their superintendence, carried out in a most satisfactory manner; to the brethren in London especially. Sometimes the latter brethren were apt to think that the work in the country was performed in a slovenly manner; but he might say that the ceremonies as performed in London were now spreading throughout the Provinces, and he felt that with the Prov. G. Masters and Grand Officers they now had, they would ultimately see a system of working throughout the country which would be satisfactory to all brethren. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. West Yorks, proposed the health of the Chairman. He rose with some diffidence to propose this toast, which, however, he was sure would be acceptable, most acceptable, to every brother present. The Chairman was a man well known throughout the kingdom, not only in his public capacity, but in private life; and more particularly so in his own home, where for years and years he had been held up as a pattern for every man to follow. He had had the honour of his acquaintance for a considerable time—he thought since 1864, when he believed they first met in the House of Commons. From that time up to the present moment, the kindest feelings had, he believed, existed between them; and he had every reason to be thankful that he had known him so intimately. It was a credit to know a person who had great distinctions. He had long been a public servant. As they were all aware, he had for many years filled the highest position in Ireland—that of Chief Secretary—the duties of which position he administered to the satisfaction of all. After that he was Secretary to the Colonies for many years, and therefore his experience as a public man was very great indeed. They ought to consider it a great honour that he should have come among them to preside on this occasion. He referred to the large attendance of West Yorkshire brethren, and had no doubt but that they would always vie with Gloucestershire as to who should do the most for Freemasonry. The Chairman, in returning thanks, expressed the gratitude he experienced at the manner in which his health had been proposed, and the kindly welcome which had been extended towards him by all present. Sir H. Edwards had spoken in terms far too flattering of his conduct in other Services, but he begged to remind them and him, that they had met that evening, not as Politicians, but as Masons. It was as a Mason he had accepted the invitation to preside, and he had done so in the belief that of all the many good qualities by which the Craft was distinguished, not one was better or more acceptable than the encouragement of Charity. He could not feel otherwise than flattered at the number of brethren present, remembering, as he did, that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold had occupied the chair last year. He was afraid that under his humbler presidency there might have been a falling off in the attendance. He was glad, therefore, to find that he had the moral support of so many, and he felt sure, before the evening was over, it would be found he had received likewise their material support. Having also especially expressed his thanks to his Gloucesters hire brethren—his own dear friends and neighbours—for having met him in such numbers, and for the liberal subscriptions which would be announced later on behalf of his Province, the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful Chairman passed on to plead the cause of the Institution. It occurred to him that it would have been better, perhaps, had the toast of his health been deferred till after he had fulfilled this important duty. Be that as it might, however, he would at once, but briefly, claim their attention while he spoke to the toast of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." It was, he pointed out, an ancient Charity, to this extent at least-that in a very few years it would be celebrating its Hundredth Anniversary. During the period of its existence it had grown to be one of the brightest ornaments of the Craft. It had educated no less than 1,254 children of members of the Craft, and there were at the present moment 228 girls in receipt of its benefits. It did not need much argument to show that such an Institution deserved to be supported. It would be as well, however, if he reminded them of the uncertainties of life, and the accidents to which all of them were liable. A mere glance at the records of the School would show the position which some of those brethren once held whose children had received, or were receiving, the benefits of this School, and among those present there was not one who could be certain that in the time to come he might not, if he should have children, or his descendants, have good reason to be thankful for the existence of, and

that he had contributed some aid towards this Charity. He then spoke of his experience of Tuesday, when he had presided at the presentation of prizes, and he felt there was not a School in the whole of England where a more religious or useful education was given. No one could visit it without being struck with the general tone and character, the modest and cheerful deportment, and the ability of the pupils. Their training was shown by the successes achieved in the Cambridge Examinations, while the School Executive had taken care that the system adopted should be made to include the useful domestic, as well as the more ornamental branches of female education. He had noticed particularly that one of the best cooks in the School was also one of its best musicians; but what had struck him more than anything else was the cheerfulness of the girls, and this he could only attribute to the loving care evinced in their welfare by the governesses and teachers. It might be, added the Chairman, that the present were hard times to all of them, and that men had not so much means at their disposal as they had ten years ago. But of this he was certain, that no money given in Charity was ever wasted, and he felt confident they could not show respect for their Masonic obligations better than, by contributing largely to the Masonic Institutions. With these remarks he begged to give them "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer desired to thank the Chairman very sincerely for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast. The prosperity of the Institution would, he trusted, be continued in the future as it had been in the past. Two things were requisite; money—which the large-hearted brethren came forward with, and management,—which he was happy to say was there every. thing that could be desired. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution, then announced that the sum of £11,454 represented the result of the efforts of the Stewards, of whom there were 260. (Full particulars are given on another page). Bro. Maxwell Close proposed Success to the other Masonic Charities; he felt he should be wanting in his appreciation of the principles of the Craft, and form a very low estimate of the Masonic principles, and the benevolence of the brethren assembled, if he deemed it necessary to read any lecture upon the necessity of supporting Masonic Institutions. It was not his mission to draw invidious comparisons between any of the Masonic Charities, he believed that the Craft, true to its principles and its charity, were giving an equal and energetic support to all. Bro. Frederick Binckes replied. He assured the brethren it was a very high honour to stand there once more at so successful a gathering, on behalf of one of the great Masonic Institutions, to return thanks for wishes so kindly expressed towards the other Institutions; he congratulated those connected with the Girls' School on the result of the Festival. He wished it to be distinctly understood that there ought not to be, was not, nor could be, anything in the shape of hostile feeling of one Institution towards another as regarded the success of either one of the great Annual Celebrations. They were all doing the best they could, and always, he hoped, would continue to act as they had in the past,—for the promotion of the welfare of the Institutions. At the same time, he hoped all had hearts large enough to indulge in the most cordial feelings of congratulation on the success attending each or all of them as they came round year by year. With reference to the Festival of the Boys' School, it was pretty well known that a few years ago they had departed from the ordinary course of celebration, and went a little way into the country, for the purpose of affording ladies an opportunity of partaking of the Festivals at the same tables with the brethren, and that course had been pursued for the last six years. He was violating no confidence—in fact, he wished to make known as widely as possible that they were about to make a startling piece of innovation on the way of inroad. They had taken the Festival some seven miles to the North of London, and occasionally seven miles to the South; they now proposed to go, on the 29th of June, fifty miles Southward,-to the healthy shores of Brighton. The hope was that arrangements would be made there, of a very satisfactory nature, that would add to the enjoyment, at an expense not exceeding previous years. did not fail to express the very warm and sanguine hope that the Institution would then derive a large amount of that pecuniary support it so much needed, and so eminently deserved. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn gave "The Stewards of the Day," to which Bro. Frank Richardson replied. "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, and acknowledged by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres. This concluded the toast list of the evening, and the brethren repaired to the Temple, where the customary Concert was in progress. We may add that the Boys' Band of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys played a selection during the banquet; the other musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells.

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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, 21st MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 23rd MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
518—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—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Ins.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.) 4-Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
724—Derby, Masonie Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonie Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonie Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonie Hall, Darley-street, Bradford

TUESDAY, 24th MAY.

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14—Tuscan, Freemasous' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)

65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)

177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)

753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)

1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)

1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)

1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)

1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)

1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)

1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)

1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)

1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)

1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)

1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30. Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornnill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)

253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MAY.

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193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern. Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
11278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
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1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruct 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.) 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dercham, Norfolk 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction) 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.) 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction) 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 258— mphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenœum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.5. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)

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99—Shakespeare, The Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.) 1658 -- Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

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. 766—Wiliam Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.) R.A. 766.—Wilam Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

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51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
75—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phænix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 295—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Buruley
FRIDAY, 27th MAY.

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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)

507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)

760—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)

902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)

933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)

1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)

1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)

1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.) 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1395—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction) 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction) 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction) 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Sinsi Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8 1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Mon. day last, at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Bros. Gush W.M., Fitch S.W., Johnson J.W., Wing Treasurer, Fox Secretary. Collison S.D., Pelican J.D., Caton I.G., and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, it was regularly advanced. Bro. Corke answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Fox worked the first section of the third lecture, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Corke acting as candidate. Bro. Pelican worked the second, and Bro. Gush the third section of the degree. Bro. Corke was elected a member. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Monday next, at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction. No. 780.—The brethren held their usual weekly meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 13th instant. There were present Bros. Tucker (Treas.) W.M., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Monson S.D., Sperring J.D., F. Botley I.G., Roe P.M. Prec., Blasby W.M. 780, Goss P.M., Gomm P.M., Geflowski, S. Blasby, Maton, Cunningham 1612, Hayes 1559, &c. After all formalities had been observed. Bro. Hayes answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, the traditional history included, to the evident enjoyment of the brethren. Lodge was then closed in the third degree, and Bro. Tucker vacated the chair in favour of the W.M. of the mother Lodge, who resumed Lodge to the first degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of Bro. Goss kindly representing the candidate. Bro. Tucker resumed the chair. Bros. Hayes and Cunningham were elected members. Bro. Gunner was chosen W.M. for 3rd June, and he appointed his Officers. 20th May will be Officers' night, and the 27th May the regular meeting of the mother Lodge. Lodge was then closed, with due observance of antient custom, and the meeting adjourned till 20th May at 8 p.m.

Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—On Tuesday, 10th instant, at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street. Present Bros. Blundell W.M., Percy S.W., Richardson J.W., Farwig Preceptor, F. Green Hon. Secretary; Bros. Hemming, Sillis, Kirkaldy, and others. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Farwig. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. F. Green candidate. The second and fifth sections were worked by Bro. Hemming, and the third by Bro. Richardson. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

PAXTON LODGE, No. 1686.

THIS Lodge-which has hitherto held its meetings at the Crystal Palace, and has now, by consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, been removed to the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, the former place having been found very inconvenient for the members-held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 14th instant. The brethren present were Bros. F. J. Sawyer W.M., W. H. Boswell S.W. (W.M. elect), J. M. Klenck P.M. Trensurer, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Honorary Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Honorary Chaplain, N. J. Basnett S.D., G. R. Dodd J.D., T. Walker I.G.; also Bros. Goddard, Jones, Sherman, Damart, Partridge, Piucoti, Moore, M.A. Visitors-Bros. T. Vincent P.G.S. W.M. 1861, T. Fryer J.W. 181, E. Cocks S.W. 1339, W. Richardson 72. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was about to be taken for the initiation of Mr. T. Hanington, when Bro. Moore, M.A., rose, and stated that he had no desire to oppose the introduction of Mr. Hanington into the Lodge, but he would like his proposer to state his knowledge of the intended member. Bro. Partridge, as proposer, gave a very satisfactory reply, and Bro. Frances, as seconder of the proposition, said he felt sure no member of the Lodge would introduce a candidate he thought unworthy of the privilege of being made a Mason. The Rev. R. J. Simpson complimented the Lodge on the evident care the brethren took in the selection of members, and thought it worthy of imitation in all Lodges. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Hanington, who was then introduced and ably inducted into the first mysteries of the Craft by Brother Sawyer. On the retirement of Bro. Hanington. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Boswell was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M. The Officers were appointed as follow:—Bros. Basnett S.W., Dodd J.W., J. M. Klenck Treasurer, H. E. Frances Secretary, Walker S.D., Goddard J.D., Partridge I.G., Sharman D.C., Damart W.S. The charges and addresses were then given by Bro. Frances in his usual impressive manner. A handsome jewel, the design of Bro. Frances, was presented to Bro. Sawyer I.P.M., who had served the office of W.M. for eighteen months. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, where the usual toasts were honoured, and charity-solicited for a special case of distress-met with a liberal response from the members.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE annual Installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Marine Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, on Tuesday, 10th inst., at which a large number of brethren were present, including W. Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, J. P. Lewis W.M. 276 P.G.S., W. O. Ward P.M. 650 P.P.G.P., S. Jacobs 1327 P.P.G.P. Herts, George Abbott P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk, A. Gosling W.M. 697, Thos. Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., T. Eustace I.P.M. 697 P.G.S.B., G. A. Eustace J.W. 697, Harry Everard Sec. 650, G. L. Jackson 650. The members of 1799 included—W. Bros. E. Dorling W.M. and P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk, C. Randall S.W., C. Hempson J.W. (the W.M. elect), R. H. Scott Sec., R. Welham Treas., W. Finer I.G., J. James Tyler, B. A. Arnold P.M., F. Fleck P.M. 771, G. A. Rickarby, W. R. Bloom, E. Osmond, Flanders, Patten, W. B. Turner, Daniell, C. Rushbrooke Nunn, F. J. Nunn, Cracknell, Harris, Smith, Nicholson, Towse, &c. The installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by W. Bro. A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W. After his installation the new Master appointed the following Officers for the year-W. R. Bloom S.W., R. H. Scott J.W., R. Welham Treas., E. Dorling P.M. Sec., A. G. Rickarby S.D., W. Finer J.D., F. J. Nunn I.G., C. R. Nunn Organist, J. Flanders Steward, and J. James Tyler. The special features at the Lodge were the presentation by its munificent founder, Bro. B. A. Arnold, of a beautiful set of gauntlets, in blue satin and silver lace, for the W.M., S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. Arnold assuring the Lodge it should never want for a friend while he was living; and the other was the singing of a sweet Installation Hymn, specially composed for the occasion by Bro. C. R. Nunn, of Clacton-on-Sea. brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquot, served up in the excellent manner for which Brother Fleck is so well noted. The toasts, given in the usual Masonic manner, included The Queen and the Craft, The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, The M.W. Pro G.M. of England, The R.W. D.G.M. of England and the rest of the Grand Officers, The R.W. P.G.M. of Essex, and the P.G. Officers past and present, The Installing Master, The Worshipful Master, The Immediate P.M., The Visitors, &c. The principal musical brethren were G. Abbott, Ipswich, and C. R. Nunn, Clacton-on-Sea, the latter acting as Organist in the Lodge. Through the promised help of Bro. B. A. Arnold P.G.S.W. of Essex, in all probability a Royal Arch Chapter will be petitioned for in connection with this Lodge.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present:—Bros. George Coop W.M., A. Jones S.W., J. Green J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary, H. Youens S.D., R. J. Paton J.D., C. Bellerby I.G.; Past Masters H. Kasner and W. Rickwood; Bros. G. S. Wright, E. Geflowski, Cunningham, Le Guys, E. C. Porter, Gasson. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Cunningham candidate, the traditional history being fully explained. The Lodge was closed to first degree. Bro. R. J. Paton, of Israel Lodge No. 205, was unanimously elected a member. It was agreed that the Annual Banquet should take place on the first Thursday in September. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and then Lodge was closed in due form.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1741. — Tuesday, 17th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Present —Bros. Cuthbertson W.M., Redding S.W., Blinkhorn J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Kern S.D., Pitt I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Hepburn and Hall candidates respectively. Lodge was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree, when Bro. Buch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—The brethren of this Lodge held their second meeting for the year, at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday, 14th inst. There were present Bros. E. Legge (P.M. of the Urban Lodge) W.M., C. J. Perceval I.P.M., E. Bedell S.W., Jones W., Carr S.D., Roberts J.D., W. Giller I.G., J. Newton P.M. Sec., F. Brown P.M. Treas., Webb P.M.; also Bros. C. Hill (Honorary Member), A. Perceval, Cushing, Clark, Houldsworth, Little, &c. Lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and verified, after which the five last named brethren were asked the questions for the second degree, and were entrusted. All of them then retired, and on re-admission were duly passed to the second degree, the charge and the lecture on the second tracing board was delivered to them by the I.P.M. Bro. C. J. Perceval. A petition was signed on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. After a short interval the brethren sat down to a récherché banquet, admirably placed on the table by the enterprising managers, Messrs. Jones and Barber. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the evening was enlivened by vocal harmony, ably rendered by several of the members. The brethren broke up at an early hour, on their way to the Station passing through the Large Hall of the Alexandra Palace, which was rendered more than ordinarily attractive by a beautiful show of flowers.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 17th instant. Bros. Smith W.M., Ives S.W., Myers J.W., Pavitt I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. McGeorge, Day, Keable, Rawe, and Peterken. The Lodge opened, and after the minutes had been read, was advanced to the second degree. Bro. McGeorge answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge opened in the third, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the Preceptor undertaking the Deacon's work, thus giving a practical lesson to the younger Masons present. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge closed to the first, when Bro. Worsley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion sections only will be worked. Business to commence at seven precisely. As this is the first time the Secretary has undertaken to occupy the chair this year, we trust his friends will rally round him. He will be ably assisted by P.M. Myers as S.W.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at York. Bro. J. T. Seller in the chair; and there were also present Bros. C. G. Padel I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., G. Balmford P.M., G. Simpson S.W., Jas. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Assistant Secretary, A. T. B. Turner and J. Blenkin Deacons, R. Ware, J. R. Jackson, and many other brethren. The business consisted of the raising of Bro. Lamb to the third degree, which was performed by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history, tracing board and working tools. Several volumes of books were presented to the Lodge library, and votes of thanks passed to the donors. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Provincial Charity Steward, announced that he should be present at the forthcoming Festival for the Girls, and several subscriptions were added to his list. After the close of the Lodge a couple of hours were spent in social conversation and refreshment.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The regular meeting was held on the 15th instant, at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. Kauffmann W.M., Davis S.W., E. Harvey J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Sec., J. Harvey S.D., N. Vallentine J.D., H. Phillips I.G., J. Hemming Pre-In all thirty-one brethren were present. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. The ceremonies of passing and initiation were then rehearsed. Bros. Wood, W. C. Smith, Harrison, and Avenal were elected members. As Bro. Devine's premises are about to be rebuilt, it was necessary that the members should make arrangements to continue their Lodge of Instruction somewhere in the immediate neighbourhood. It was therefore proposed and carried that so soon as it became necessary to remove, of which due notice will be given, the meetings be held temporarily at Bro. Copelin's, Adam's Arms, Hampstead-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. Davis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the meeting was adjourned.



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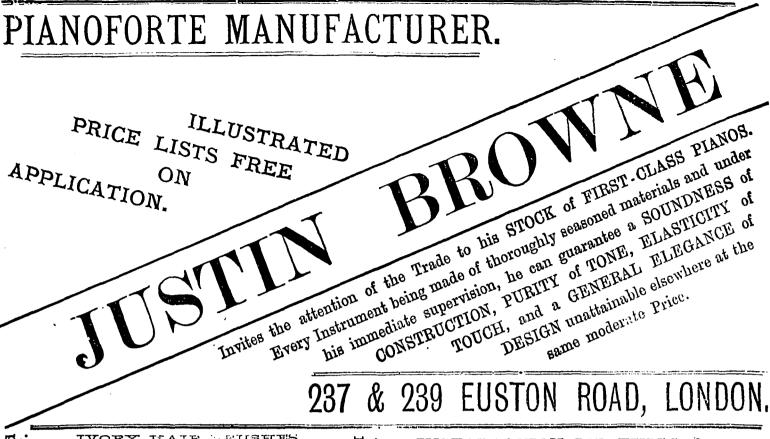
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