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MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England will be held on Wednesday next, 1st June, and, as will be seen from the notice we publish elsewhere, the amount of important business that is set down for consideration is far in excess of the average. Taking the salient features of the agenda paper in the order of their arrangement, we come, in the first place, on certain propositions for a permanent increase in the number of Grand Officers and the Grand Officers of Provinces of a certain strength. As stated in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, twenty years have elapsed since any permanent addition was made to the number of Grand Officers, and having regard to the fact that in the course of that period many new Lodges have been consecrated, involving, as of course, a very large increase in the number of Freemasons, it recommends that an addition be made in the shape of two Standard Bearers and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies, such addition to take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1882. Now, at first sight this may seem to be a matter of but little consequence. But with the increased numerical strength of the Fraternity, it must follow that there is something like a commensurate increase in the number of those who are deserving of Grand Lodge honours. The Grand Offices, to which, in accordance with law or usage, it is in the power of the Grand Master to appoint brethren are about twelve in all. Grand Treasurer is elected by the members of Grand Lodge. Grand Registrar is appointed annually, but as a knowledge of Masonic law and usage is not acquired in a day, it has been usual to re-appoint from year to year the same Brother to this important office, so that on all questions of importance there may be some one capable of offering a sound and respectable opinion. Grand Secretary, once appointed by the Grand Master, may be looked upon as a life tenant of the office, or, at all events, as is the case with our judges, as tenant during good behaviour. The Grand Superintendency of Works and the Grand Directorship of Ceremonies must be set down in the same category with the Grand Secretaryship, as being offices held for life or during good behaviour. A Grand Assistant Secretary is only occasionally appointed, and then, as in the case of the late Bro. Farnfield, and our present respected Bro. Buss, as a reward of merit for the unusually able performance of important functions in the office of Grand Secretary. A G. Secretary for German Correspondence is a necessary as well as an ornamental addition to the roll of G. Officers, but as the office entails a certain amount of work and corresponding quantum of responsibility, a change in the person holding it is not likely to occur often. Then the Grand and Assistant Grand Pursuivancies by usage entail only a single appointment annually, as the Assistant Grand Pursuivant of one year is customarily, and rightly in our opinion, promoted to Grand Pursuivant of the next. There are thus for appointment annually only the two Grand Wardens, two Grand Chaplains, four Grand Deacons, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Organist, and the Assistant Grand Pursuivant, while as regards the Grand Chaplains, and G. Organist, the number of brethren eligible, from whom the Grand Master must make his selection, is of necessity very limited. However, setting this point aside, it is clear that of the very many deserving brethren whose services it would only be too gratifying to the Grand Master to recognise, it is in his power to requite those of only twelve. A

proposal to increase their number to fifteen, that is by twenty-five per cent., is an eminently judicious one, and we hope, will find acceptance with Grand Lodge. The same remarks apply to the further proposition that in Provinces—and are we justified in including Districts likewise?—in which there are forty Lodges and upwards, the Prov. Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually four Grand Deacons instead of two, and a Provincial Grand Deputy Director of Ceremonies. If this proposition be carried, the rule will apply to East Lancashire, West Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Kent, and Devonshire, and if Districts abroad be included, to those of Victoria and New South Wales.

The next matter of consequence which will be submitted will be the report of the Board of General Purposes on the motion referred to it by Grand Lodge in connection with the Voigt-Tudor difference. It will be in the recollection of our readers that last year Bro. Voigt brought an action for libel against Bro. Tudor and others, and was successful in obtaining a verdict, but with the nominal damages of one farthing only, and each party to the suit had to pay his own costs. This latter point placed Bro. Tudor in a dilemma, and accordingly, at the March Communication, he submitted a motion to the effect that a grant of £150 should be made to him from the Fund of General Purposes towards defraying the £169 4s 11d costs incurred by him. The Board, having duly discussed the matter in all its bearings, report that the principle of Grand Lodge devoting any portion of its funds towards defraying the cost of legal proceedings not incurred by its authority or on its behalf by the Board of General Purposes would be “an innovation constituting a very inconvenient precedent, and leading to most undesirable results;” and further, that there is nothing in the case submitted to them to justify a departure from the principle aforesaid. For ourselves, we have already so distinctly and emphatically expressed our opinion on the matter, that we need hardly be at the pains of repeating ourselves in the present article. It may be as well, however, if we take note of certain of the reasons urged by the Grand Registrar in March against the acceptance by Grand Lodge of Bro. Tudor’s motion. Said our learned Brother:—“This Brother, I regret to say, is an unsuccessful defendant, who has been proved by the verdict of a jury to have improperly, and without foundation, assailed the character of a Brother, and he comes and asks Grand Lodge to pay costs, the greater part of which have been occasioned by his own act in forcing the brother to proceed with his action. Whatever the costs were up to that time, he would have none to pay, except his own Solicitor, but he tried to force the plaintiff in the action to pay those costs, against the advice of the learned Judge, who, by the way, is a Mason and a member of the Middlesex Lodge, and who was extremely desirous this should not go on; and we should never have heard of this stale matter, which occurred in 1877, if it had not been for Bro. Trevor, who is your supplicant now, moving the Court to compel Bro. Voigt to go on with his action or to pay his costs, which he had incurred in defending the statements in this summons, which the jury have found to be without justification.” It should be added that Bro. McIntyre, in the course of his remarks, pointed out that, though the Provincial Grand Master—of North and East Yorkshire—did not, as he might have done, reinstate Brother Voigt and his companions in misfortune—presumably on the ground that to have done so would not have tended to increase the harmony of the Lodge—his Lordship had further said,

"that unless the Lodge went on more properly than it had done, it would be a grave matter for consideration with him whether the Lodge itself should not be suspended." Brother Philbrick, who, like the Grand Registrar, is a Q.C., though not entirely concurring in the comments of his learned brother, agreed with him that Grand Lodge would be acting without precedent, and also entirely outside the principles of the Order, if it acceded to Bro. Tudor's motion. Bro. Shackles, Worshipful Master of Lodge 1511, in which occurred the unfortunate difference which resulted in the lawsuit and Bro. Trevor's motion, then rose, and moved that Grand Lodge should proceed to further business, and Bro. Curteis, of Devon, in seconding the amendment, expressed his opinion that no more monstrous attempt to foist legal expenses on Grand Lodge could ever have been made, and that Bro. Trevor, so far from having upheld the principles of the Craft, had, in violating the secrecy of the ballot, himself ignored one of those great principles. The amendment was carried, but when the Most Worshipful Grand Master was about to put the original motion, it was agreed to relegate the matter to the Board of General Purposes, and defer dealing with the motion till the report had been received; Bro. Gould, in the meantime, very sensibly pointing out that if Grand Lodge paid the costs incurred by the unsuccessful litigant, it ought most certainly, in common justice, to pay those of the successful one. We trust, after the report of the Board, of which we have given particulars, we shall hear no more of Bro. Trevor and his costs.

There is, in addition, a motion of which notice has been given by Bro. Major Edwin Bond, of Lodge No. 887, Birmingham, and which will accordingly come under discussion on Wednesday. It reads to this effect:—"That the Fund of Benevolence be decentralised so far as the Provinces are concerned, and that a moiety of the subscriptions now transmitted to Grand Lodge by the country Lodges be paid direct into the several Provincial Grand Lodges for the purpose of meeting the numerous local claims for immediate relief which are now so constantly made to those Bodies." We shall take an opportunity of dealing with this more fully on some future occasion, but a few remarks just now will be pertinent. We consider the motion exceedingly ill-advised, and as calculated to prove injurious rather than of service to our brethren in the Provinces. We would point out to Bro. Major Bond that the Constitutions provide for the establishment of Provincial Funds of Benevolence, so that ordinary cases of local distress may be dealt with on the spot, while in extraordinary cases relief can be given both out of the Local Fund, and the great Central Fund, or Lodge of Benevolence. If Bro. Major Bond will turn to page 53 of the Constitutions, he will find the following: "Great advantage having been experienced from the establishment of a Local Fund for charitable and other Masonic purposes, each Provincial Grand Lodge may direct payments to be made by the Provincial Grand Officers and the Lodges in the Province for this desirable purpose (exclusive of the contributions payable to the Grand Lodge). The payments by Lodges shall not exceed the following sums, viz., sixpence per quarter for every contributing member of a Lodge, five shillings for every person who has been initiated, and one shilling for every member who has joined any Lodge since the last payment. This fund cannot be established without the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members present in Provincial Grand Lodge, nor unless each Lodge in the Province shall have had due notice of the meeting, and of the intention to propose the establishment of such fund, nor until the decision shall have been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which due notice shall also be given. If this fund be established, the mode of contribution by Lodges shall on no pretence be departed from, though the Provincial Grand Lodge may diminish any of the payments, or exact only part of them at their discretion. Thus country Lodges can, in no case, be subject to fees exceeding those paid by every Lodge within the London district, while their members will have the advantage of a local fund as well as of the general fund of Charity in London. The Provincial Grand Lodge may make such regulations as they may deem necessary for the application of this fund." It will be seen from this, that in those Provinces where such funds are established, brethren who may be so unfortunate as to need assistance have two funds to which they can apply, the local Fund and the central Fund. In this respect they have the advantage over brethren simi-

larly circumstanced, who reside in the Metropolitan district. It must be a great boon to a brother who may need, or be thought worthy of, only a small amount of help, to know that he can obtain it, so to speak, on the spot; while as regards the large and important cases, the prompt assistance from the local fund will doubtless suffice to carry them on till their petitions to the Central Fund have been adjudicated upon, and such grants as may be made are forthcoming. On the other hand, if a portion of the subscriptions directed to be paid to the Fund of Benevolence is handed over to the Provincial Fund, the efficiency of the former will be impaired without any commensurate benefit accruing to the latter. Last year, for instance, the account of the Fund of Benevolence, as stated by Bro. Harding, the Auditor, began the year with a balance due to the Fund of General Purposes of £701 15s. Its Receipts amounted to £9,270 3s, and its Disbursements to £10,109 5s, so that the year closed with a balance, namely, amount overdrawn, taken from Fund for General Purposes, of £1,540 17s. It will be said, of course, that if a moiety of the Provincial Lodge contributions is withheld from the Central Fund and diverted into specially-established Provincial Funds, there will be a diminished number of petitions to the former. We have very serious doubts on this point. If a large central fund is unable, through pressure of applications, to make both sides of its account square, we cannot see how a number of small funds scattered throughout the country will fare better. For instance, a Province is now under an obligation to transmit subscriptions amounting, we will assume, in the aggregate to £60. This added to a number of other sums of smaller or greater amount, together with the contributions of the London Lodges, yield, say, some £7,600 a year. But give one £30 to the Central Fund, and the other £30 to the Provincial Fund, and we should like to know how long it will take the latter to raise a sufficiently large sum so as to administer substantial relief to the extent of £100, £150, and even occasionally to a higher figure. A case in point, by way of illustration, will be found in the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence, which will be submitted on Wednesday next. The Lodge has recommended a grant of £200 to a distressed brother of Lodge No. 945, Abingdon. Now, if we assume that in Berks and Bucks the receipts annually of its provincial Fund of Benevolence reached even the considerable sum of £100—considerable, that is to say, as regards the number of its subscribing members—how would it be possible for it to vote a sum of £200, as has been recommended to be done in the case noted? A large fund with over £50,000 Government Stock to its credit may venture to give largely, when large gifts are held to be desirable or necessary; but a number of small funds could only give in proportion to their modest annual receipts, and, it might be, equally modest investments. No, our Constitutions have wisely provided that for administrative purposes there shall be, where desirable, Provincial Grand Lodges, seeing that they are better able to cope with matters of local interest, while in respect of important questions vitally affecting the well-being of the Fraternity, there is a final appeal to Grand Lodge, our central Masonic Diet or Parliament. But it has also been as wisely ordered that in matters of Benevolence, while the Constitutions, as we have shown, sanction, and indeed encourage the establishment of Provincial Charity Funds, they insist on there being one Grand Central Fund of Benevolence, to which all worthy, indigent Masons, be they Metropolitan or Provincial, English, Scotch, Irish, or foreign, may apply for help in the time of their distress.

We beg to remind our readers, and especially those of the Degree in question, that the Summer Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday next, 31st instant. The meeting will be especially attractive, as the Earl of Lathom M.W. G.M.M.M. will instal his successor, Lord Henniker, and the latter will then appoint his Officers for the year.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Surrey, will meet on Tuesday next, the 31st instant, at the Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon, under the banner of the Frederick of Unity Chapter, No. 452. Most Excellent Companion General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent, will preside, and a strong muster of the Companions may be anticipated.

THE NEW LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

THE brethren of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have reason to be extremely proud of the recent addition that has been made to the Lodges of their district, and are to be congratulated on the splendid success which attended the inauguration of their new Lodge—the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, No. 1903. We only hope that an existence begun under such auspices as attended the Consecration may be continued for many years to come, and that the same degree of success may ever attend the new Lodge as was manifest at its first meeting. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., acted as Consecrating and Installing Officer, and he fulfilled the duties of those important offices in a most satisfactory manner. The meeting was held on Wednesday, 25th inst., in the Lecture Hall, Penny-street, Portsmouth, which had been most tastefully decorated, with flowers, banners, &c., and when filled by the brethren, as it was in every part during the ceremony, presented a most pleasing spectacle. A special train from London brought H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and several influential members of Grand Lodge. They were received at the railway station by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who was accompanied by his Staff and Lord Charles Beresford, Commander of the Royal Yacht Osborne, the W.M. designate of the new Lodge, and proceeded direct to the place of meeting. On the entrance of His Royal Highness into the Lodge, the march, "Hail to our Prince," composed by Bro. Winterbottom, Bandmaster of the Royal Artillery, was played by Bro. G. Jones, Prov. G. Organist, and he and the other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers took their seats amid the heartiest applause of the brethren assembled. Bro. Beach assumed the chair, and was supported on the dais by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden Prov. G.M. Essex, Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorset, Bro. Samuel Rawson P.D.G.M. China, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Rev. C. J. Martyn and Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplains England, W. Hickman P.A.G.D. of C. Deputy Prov. G. Master, &c. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and the brethren having saluted the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the Lodge being in due course formally constituted by the Provincial Grand Master. The installation of Lord Charles Beresford then took place, and he, having appointed his Officers, proceeded to close the Lodge, first tendering a vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master, and proposing that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and the Provincial Grand Master should be elected honorary members of the new Lodge. Bro. Townsend, who was appointed P.M. of the Lodge, said he had been requested by his brother Founders, to tender to the newly installed Worshipful Master their sincere thanks for the great consideration he had shown in undertaking the first Mastership of the Lodge, and to present to him a Founder's jewel, which they hoped he would accept as a pleasing memento of this most auspicious occasion. Lord Beresford suitably responded, and proposed a vote of thanks to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught for having done them the honour of attending. He had done so at great personal inconvenience, and the Worshipful Master felt that the presence of His Royal Highness had added greatly to the success of what he deemed a most important meeting. The Duke of Connaught cordially expressed his thanks for the reception that had been accorded him. He had attended with the greatest pleasure the proceedings of the day, and looked upon the ceremony as the most imposing he had ever witnessed in connection with Freemasonry, alone excepting the Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, at the Albert Hall. Heartily good wishes having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, about 250 of the brethren afterwards partaking of a banquet at the Headquarters of the Artillery Volunteers, under the presidency of Lord Charles Beresford. In addition to those already named, the Worshipful Master was supported by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and many other distinguished personages.

As we have already said, the greatest credit is due to all who have taken a part in the establishment of this new Lodge, which undoubtedly has started under more

favourable auspices than any other of the many now in existence. The petition to the Grand Master bore the names of upwards of sixty brethren, so that the Lodge really started with a membership far in advance of that enjoyed by the majority of English Lodges; we only hope that this prosperity at starting may continue, and that for all time the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge may stand out as a grand illustration of the principles of Freemasonry. It is our intention to give a full report of the day's proceedings in our next issue.

We publish elsewhere in our columns a pretty full account of the proceedings of the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, with reference to which we took occasion to offer a few remarks in our last week's issue. We have since been favoured with, and acknowledge with sincere thanks, receipt of copy of the full "Report presented by the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School to the Grand Lodge of Ireland" on 5th May current. We stated then that the amount of subscriptions promised to 4th May was £10,523, of which £7,353 had actually been paid. It seems, however, that a Dublin Lodge and Chapter, to wit the Shakespeare, No. 143, has promised a further £600, conditionally on its having accorded to it the right of nominating one pupil from time to time for thirty years, but as yet there has been no time to submit the proposal to the Governors. If, as is most probable, the Governors accept the offer, then the subscriptions will reach £11,123, or within rather less than £900 of the total sum required, namely, £12,000. Of the amount promised, Dublin Lodges, Chapters, and Preceptories figure for a fraction over £8,200, and the Provinces for £1,953, while, in the shape of miscellaneous subscriptions, that is, from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, Great Priory Ireland, Grand Council 33° England, &c., &c., there is a further sum of over £968, the total from these three sources being, as we have said, £11,123. In addition are contributions for special purposes, namely, 250 guineas, by Speedy Memorial Fund, for Infirmary; and £100, by Earl of Pembroke, for Railings; while Bro. John McCurdy, C.E., has promised to defray cost of additional piers for Entrance Gates. This bears out fully the statement that the Provinces, which receive the greater share of the benefits of the Institution, do not give as much help as might justly be expected of them. One excellent idea, which seems to have been acted upon with considerable advantage, should find favour with us about this time—that is, for some weeks before our Charity Festivals. It is thus noted in the report:—"During the past year a suggestion to devote the COLLECTIONS at Masonic meetings to the Funds of the ORPHAN SCHOOLS has been largely acted upon, and a very considerable sum, contributed in separate donations of small amount, has thus been realised." And it is added, "If, in this and other ways, every member of the Order could be induced to make some contribution, however small, in each year to the Schools, they might be maintained in their fullest efficiency—at a cost which, being freely shared by all, could be felt by none." We referred to this last week, but it will bear reiteration.

The concert at the Morley Hall, under the direction of Bro. George Weige, took place, according to announcement, on Monday evening last. There was a very good attendance, and the efforts of the musical artistes gave unqualified satisfaction. We congratulate Bro. Weige and those associated with him on the result.

We have great pleasure in announcing that, on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday, the Queen has directed letters patent to be issued, conferring on His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., the style and titles of Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, and Baron Arklow.

The consecration of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, will take place the beginning of July next, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—There is nothing in the whole "Materia Medica" like these Medicaments for the certainty of their action in lumbago, sciatica, tic dolorous and all flying or settled pains in the nerves and muscles. Diseases of this nature originate in bad blood and depraved humours, and until these are corrected, there can be no permanent cure. The ordinary remedies afford but temporary relief, and in the end always disappoint the sufferer. Holloway's Ointment penetrates the human system as salt penetrates meat, and the Pills greatly assist and accelerate its operation by clearing away all obstructions, and giving tone to the system generally. The prophylactic virtues of Holloway's remedies stand unrivalled.

MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

IF an illustration were wanted of the strength and influence of the Masonic Order in Dublin, that illustration was forthcoming in the Exhibition Palace on Thursday evening, 12th inst., on the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Schools. The magnificent building in Earlsfort-terrace has been consecrated "many a time and oft" to brilliant assemblages, but seldom, if ever, before has it contained within its walls a gathering so splendid, so picturesque, so representative of the beauty, the culture, and the wealth of the metropolis, as on this last occasion. In the absence of the Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the chair was taken by R. W. Bro. R. W. Shackleton, Q.C., D.G.M. who was well supported by Grand Officers, Past Masters, and other Brethren. In opening the proceedings the Chairman said, he regretted the absence of the Grand Master, who was obliged to be away from Ireland. He read a letter from his Grace, expressing regret at not being able to be in his place at the ceremony, and also tendering his thanks to Her Excellency the Countess Cowper for her promise to be present, to give away the prizes. He also hoped to be more fortunate in future, and trusted he should be in his place another year at their great Masonic assembly. The Chairman also referred to the absence of the S.G. Chaplain, who he said had never once before deserted his post since the institution of these assemblies; illness however now prevented his attendance. The J.G. Warden, Lord Arthur Hill, had telegraphed that it would be impossible for him to leave London, special and important business detaining him. Before proceeding to the business of the evening, the Chairman said:—I am going to impart a few secrets, as I know the ladies who hear me will be very anxious to hear something of the secrets of our Order. The secret is that we have no secret at all. We have certain principles which are inculcated amongst us, and these principles are known to the world. These are the principles that guide us Masons, and those principles are in print, and any one can see them. But there are two of those principles that I think it well to be alluded to. In these days, when materialism is openly announced, when infidelity is avowedly entertained by men of high position, I think we Masons ought, without the slightest hesitation, to avow our utter abhorrence of these things. When we look around and gaze on the heavens, studded with myriad lights; when we look at the earth, carpeted with flowers of every hue, and giving forth the most beautiful perfumes; and when we regard man, the greatest work of all, with all his heavenward aspirations, and are told, as some of these wise men tell us, that these things are not the production of the great Creator of the Universe, but are, in their technical language, the mere fortuitous conglomeration of atoms—atomical attraction—are we to hear such things and remain silent? We Masons never enquire into a man's creed; we ask no man what his religious belief is; we do not ask to know how he worships his God—the only thing we ask is that he shall believe in a Supreme Being. Another of our universal principles is charity. The charity we inculcate, and the earliest lessons we inculcate to our brethren, are universal benevolence and goodwill to all men, and more especially to our Brother Masons. We are assembled here to-night in celebration of one act of charity, and I am sure, when we look around, we are glad to see so many of our friends coming, year after year, to celebrate this our annual gathering. As you are aware, our Female School was founded for a small number of inmates, and it was determined to build a new school-house. Last year the corner-stone of that building was laid by the Grand Master, and on that occasion also we were honored by the presence of her Excellency the Countess Cowper. To-night our gathering is again graced by her presence, and you will hear from some of the Brethren who will follow me the progress that has been made in the building since this time twelvemonths. We Governors had determined not to infringe on the funds of the School for the purpose of completing the edifice, and I am proud to say we have been able to go on without doing so. But if the School is complete, there is another thing to be done, and that is to furnish it. Now, I know that amongst the fairer portion of my audience there is in every heart a soft tender spot, which, if I only had the magician's art, I might be able to touch; but I can appeal to them and ask them to assist us. It is the intention of the Governors, early in the ensuing year, to hold a bazaar or fancy fair, and we hope from the proceeds of that to be able to furnish the School. Now, on this occasion we wish to enlist the sympathies and call upon the industrious fingers of our lady friends to assist us and help us in every way they can. I know they will not refuse their consent. I ask them not to do so, and I will take their silence now as consent. Before sitting down, I wish to mention that during the last year several of the older girls have left the School, so that on this occasion we have comparatively few but young children, and, as some of them are going to perform on the piano, I would on their behalf bespeak, if necessary, the kind sympathy and indulgence of the audience here.

Bro. Capel Macnamara, J.L.D., Honorary Secretary, then read the annual report, of which the following is an extract:—The anticipations expressed in the last report as to the new School have been fully realised. The foundation stone of the building was laid with full Masonic ceremonial on the 24th of June (St. John's Day) 1880, by the M.W. the G.M., in the presence of their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess Cowper. The works have since been vigorously carried on, and at the date of this report the main building has been roofed, the out offices have been commenced, the boundary walls, railings, and gates are in process of erection, and it is confidently expected that the buildings will be completed and ready for occupation early in the year 1882. The contractors have hitherto given full satisfaction to the Building Committee. Great care has been taken to incur no extra expense which could be avoided, and there is no reason to apprehend that the cost of the buildings, complete in all their essential parts, will exceed the estimated sum of

£12,000. Special contributions which were given to meet certain additional expenses, such as the cost of handsome railings and suitable gates, and the Speedy Memorial Fund, which was devoted by the donors towards the cost of the infirmary, are not included in this sum. The most conspicuous liberality has been manifested by the members of the Order in support of this great undertaking. The subscriptions promised up to 1st May 1881 amounted to £10,523 5s, of which £7,353 7s 8d was actually paid. If the Building Fund up to 1st of March 1881 be included, the amount contributed to the Masonic Female Orphan School during the period of this report far exceeds the receipts during any corresponding period in the history of the Institution—a result which, having regard to the circumstances of the time, affords the deepest gratification to the Governors. The Governors having, with the approval of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Ireland, resolved to raise the funds required for the completion of the new School without drawing upon the invested capital, it is still necessary to collect a sum of about £2,000. 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, and especially from the North of Ireland, are not in due proportion to the sums received from the Dublin members of the Order. The Governors earnestly desire and confidently hope that, by increased exertions, especially on the part of the friends of the Institution in the provinces, the Building Fund may very speedily be completed. The general income for the year 1880 was £1,990 10s 10d, and the expenditure (including a balance of £37 9s 5d due from 1879) was £2,591 17s 5d. There was, therefore, a deficit at the close of the year of £638 16s, which, but for the amount received for the Building Fund, would have caused the greatest anxiety. The Governors observe with regret that the decline in the receipts has now been progressive for several years. When the School is removed, it is expected that the annual cost of maintaining the same number of children will not be greater than in the existing house, but it would be a melancholy disappointment if the Governors were precluded, by want of funds, from making the enlarged accommodation available for the admission of a greater number of pupils as rapidly as really eligible candidates came forward. It may be calculated that an increase of £40 per annum will be required for the maintenance of each additional girl. It is, therefore, essential to increase the amount of the permanent income, and the Governors believe that this can be best done by increasing the number of Annual Governors, and by inducing those who have already given larger sums not to discontinue the yearly subscriptions, on which the School must chiefly depend for its permanent stability. The number of subscribing 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 both Schools would be obtained. The Governors feel that no more convenient mode could be adopted of multiplying small contributions than by extending the custom of making collections at the meetings and devoting them to the Schools. During the year ten pupils have left the School. The inadequacy of the existing School to meet the demands upon it was painfully demonstrated during the year. Only six pupils could be admitted, though eighteen candidates presented themselves in June, and seventeen in December. Seven were struck off the lists, having reached the limit of age without obtaining admission. The number of pupils in the School on 31st December 1880 was thirty-five. Bro. Dr. Webb, Q.C., proposed that the report should be widely circulated, and that the best thanks of the meeting be presented to the Officers of the Institution, and especially to its medical officers, for the disinterested and devoted attention which they have bestowed upon its interests, and for the unbounded interest and sympathy which they have manifested throughout for its prosperity and progress. He proceeded: I must say that there is not a lady present, or, for that matter, not an un-Masonic gentleman present, whose curiosity has not been aroused as to what may be the symbolic significance of the curious devices and the mysterious badges by which the brethren are adorned. I may venture to follow your example, sir. I will venture to take this great meeting into my confidence, and to reveal a secret—a secret which was revealed by you, and which was no secret whatsoever—a secret which is no secret I presume—which requires merely to be mentioned in order that you may be reminded of what is in reality a mere fact, and that is this, that the true jewels and badges of this illustrious Order are not those which are worn upon the shoulder and displayed upon the breast. If I may use the language, the familiar language of the mother of the Gracchi, "These are my jewels," pointing to her children. I say that these young girls, whom we are educating in the paths of virtue, are our jewels. That these young boys, whom we are educating in the paths of virtue, are the real badges of the Order. It is not, however, my duty to-night to glorify the Order. The resolution which I have the honour to propose is that the report be widely circulated, and the more widely it is circulated, the more it will redound to the honour of the Brotherhood. What does that report exhibit? It shows that in this disastrous year, in this year of universal distress, there have been in the Masonic body strong, determined and adventurous spirits, who have resolved to take this year above all others to characterise a new departure in Masonry, and to symbolise it by the erection of a building which all future generations, or at least to many generations to come, will be a standing memorial of the liberality and munificence of the contemporary Order. The years of grace 1880 and 1881 have been marked by the private munificence of the Brotherhood in the accumulation of so large a sum as £10,500. Though this has been the case, there remain those who have not yet performed their duty in this respect, and I am ashamed to confess I am one of the number. It is not right that the new Masonic building should be allowed to commence its career of usefulness in debt, and the report says there is a sum of £2,000 still requiring to be subscribed before it can be relieved from that incubus. Now, I honestly confess my error, and I will promise amendment—if there is any Mason present who has fallen into a similar oblivion of his duty

I hope he will be animated by the feeling of compunction that now animates me, and will follow my poor example and remember his sin. There is another point to which you, sir, have referred, and to which I will merely allude in the most transitory and transient manner, that is—that when this building will be completed it will require to be furnished, and one of the most useful portions of furniture—without which, in fact, it would be entirely deficient—is a library for the School. It is to the ladies who sympathize with the Masonic Order that we look for assistance in carrying this out—in accomplishing that particular work. Therefore we look forward to the proposed Masonic Bazaar and Fancy Fair as one which will elicit and exhibit the sympathy which the ladies of Dublin have in the benevolent objects of this great body. One word—and I have already occupied your time too long—they say there is no gratitude like gratitude for future favours. Gratitude for future favours will be measured in this case by gratitude for the past. I am sure I would be omitting to express the feelings of the Order if I failed to allude to the obligations under which every member of it feels to the noble lady who has honoured us with her presence here this evening, as well as on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of our new building, when she was not deterred by circumstances which would have deterred many other ladies from performing the duty, and lent on the occasion the grace and charm of her presence. I sincerely trust that when this great Masonic Bazaar is opened and this Fancy Fair is in full swing that it will not be wanting in the only thing needful to make it a triumphant success, and that is the presence of Countess Cowper. Bro. the Rev. F. F. Carmichael, LL.D., in seconding the motion, said, the time had been, in this very hall, when speakers on this platform had deemed it necessary to defend the cause of Masonry from unjust accusations. That day had undoubtedly gone by, and gone, perhaps, for ever, because as a body we are able to appeal to great and decisive results. In this world judgment always goes in favour of great results. "By their fruits shall ye know them," is a maxim that has the very highest sanction, and the common sense of mankind has verified the truth of that Divine maxim. We are not ashamed to be known by our fruits. We now appeal to these great Schools, and the wonderful success that has been achieved in relation to them, and we can boldly put our cause before the public, and ask for its support. The Masonic body in Dublin has increased, in the course of years, in a most wonderful degree, from the time when it met in a small and almost unknown place to this time, when it has a grand hall of its own; and now a noble building rears itself against the range of beautiful mountains that lie to the south of this city, a most conspicuous object in the landscape. That is due to the generosity of the Masonic Brotherhood, and is in itself a real increase of the work that is done by our body. In the minds of some people Masonry is entirely connected with festive gatherings and good eating and drinking. Now, I do not see why reasonable people should object to the social aspect of Masonry at all. I must confess that I am on the side of the Socialists. I think we never get on so well, carrying out any great general purpose, as when we meet at the social board. It is wonderful how you change your opinions about any man when you dine with him. Well, believing that to be the case, I believe that the social aspect of Masonry is a thing that ought to be supported and sustained. The modern breakfast, introduced mainly by the religious societies, is a decided move in the wrong direction. There is a conspiracy between the modern breakfast and the afternoon tea to abolish the time-honoured dinner party, and society and humanity will be the losers most undoubtedly by the change. By all means let us support the social aspect of Masonry, as well as her charitable and benevolent aspects. An Institution that intends or tries to deal with a great human purpose should adapt itself as far as possible to the many-sided aspects of men. You cannot deal with man as a mere emotional creature, or as a mere intellectual creature, or take him out of the great body of his kind, or separate him from the genial influences that spread between man and man, when face looks upon face, when hand touches hand. That is the great secret of Masonry—the Brotherhood that lies at the root of it—the fact that we recognise the great human Brotherhood, and that, although we do deem ourselves in some respects as elect amongst the many, and as those at the head of the great mass in recognising the profound duties that lie at the root of Brotherhood, it is not with the design of standing apart from our kind, but in endeavouring in every way to spread abroad amongst mankind the great principles that we reverence and endeavour to carry out. Therefore, with great confidence and joy we draw attention to the results of this great Charity, as testified to the satisfaction of all. We rely upon these results as evidence of the nobility of the motives that influence us and the object that we are undoubtedly effecting; and the certainty that as time goes on and the great principles of the Brotherhood spread amongst mankind, the Masonic Body will be regarded as one of the greatest pioneers in the great advance. Bro. James Spaight Acting Provincial Grand Secretary had much pleasure in moving—"That, whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance with which the Institution has hitherto been favoured, the Governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren, in order still further to extend its usefulness." Bro. Dr. Banks, Worshipful Grand Steward, in seconding the proposition, which was eventually carried, said—We wish to return our heartiest thanks to those who have come forward to assist us in the arduous work we undertook. There were very many who thought that this undertaking would be a failure, but I confess I was one of those who never thought of failure. I had reliance on the charity of the Masonic Order, a charity that never failed, and I believed that the work, once commenced, would go on to a favourable termination. In that belief and expectation I have not been deceived. Now it is our duty to return our most grateful thanks to the members of the Order who supported us. If my duty ended here it would be one of unmingled pleasure; but I have now to appeal to the members of the Order who have held back, and who have not as yet lent us a hand. I believe many have been prevented in this unpropitious year from helping us, and have been unable to give us as much as they would

like to give. I would say to those who are not so richly endowed with this world's goods, "Give as much as your means will admit of;" and if a number of small subscriptions come in they will at once remove the debt. With respect to the munificence of the Lodges, I may mention that two have given more than a thousand pounds; but it is a subject of regret that the country has not been as generous as the city, and that one part of Ireland, which is the richest, has not come forward in a way that might fairly be expected. I am sure, however, that the appeal that has been made to-night will be followed by good results. The procession was then reformed, and all proceeded to a dais erected in the transept, where her Excellency distributed the prizes to the successful pupils, as follow:—

The Ffennell Prize, for the best answering in Scripture, Geography, Grammar, and English History, was awarded to Catherine A. Johnston.

The Astley Prizes. First division for English, comprising Spelling, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, First Prize, Catherine A. Johnston; Second, Eleanor E. Burton. Second division, for French, Lilian Hay and Mabel Barnwell.

The Nagle Prizes, for General Proficiency and Good Conduct throughout the year, Catherine A. Johnston and Annie Browne.

The Good Conduct Medals (Silver and Bronze), presented by Bro. Samuel B. Oldham Deputy Grand Secretary, were won by Susanna Rapson and Mary Close. These medals are awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves, for general good conduct, amiability, and kindness to their fellow pupils.

The Ladies' Committee Prize for General Household Work—Margaret Buckley and Mercy Robinson.

The Matron's Prize for General Tidiness—Anna Butler and Annie Browne.

Prizes for Calisthenics, awarded by Bro. Sergeant-Major Gartland—Laura Bradburne and Lillie Alexander.

The General School Prizes were distributed to the following pupils:—

FOURTH CLASS.—Mande Hay, Birdie Tyner, Madeline Fraser, Louisa Mackey, Mary Carey, Rose Oswald, Alice Leonard, Edith Hitchcock, Millie Vaughan, Amy Anderson.

THIRD CLASS.—Jane Grice, Isabella Alexander, Susanna Rapson, Annie Brown.

SECOND CLASS.—Rose A. McCook, Fanny Dawson, Mabel Barnwell, Sarah Browne, Kathleen Tandy.

FIRST CLASS.—Susan Green, Emily Burton, Laura Bradburne, Edith M'Allister, Margaret Buckley, Lilian Hay, Catherine A. Johnston, Mary Close, Anna Butler.

Boys.—George S. Hitchcock, Henry Keily, John A. Johnston, Wm. S. Little, William S. Steele, Henry M. Stephenson, Herbert K. Irvine, Thomas H. Barnwell, Henry Rountree.

The Ashley Prize, value £5, Wills Ballantine.

Special Prizes for Writing, given by Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald—Henry Rountree, Henry Stephenson, Henry Smith.

Special Prizes for English Composition, given by Bro. Robert O'Brien Furlong—George S. Hitchcock, Charles Topham, John A. M'Comb.

The Oldham Good Conduct Medals were awarded by the boys themselves to Alfred H. Berney (silver), and Henry Rountree (bronze).

This concluded the proceedings, and the Countess Cowper was escorted to her carriage by the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers.

It should be mentioned that during the evening several of the girls played musical selections on the pianoforte with very great precision and skill.—*Dublin Daily Express*.

JAMAICA.

United Service Lodge, No. 1873.—A meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on 5th April 1881. There were present Bro. A. H. Jones as W.M. in the absence of Bro. Commander Warry, R.N., gone to England; Bros. Capt. Marvin S.W., Dr. M. P. Cormac McCormack J.W., F. S. Sanguinetti S.D., I. A. Harvey J.D., J. B. Lucie-Smith Secretary, Rev. Acheson Findlay Chaplain, E. S. Sanguinetti I.G., G. Magnus Tyler, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Duff W.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 623 S.C., and Inspector St. John Hepburn, No. 383. Bro. Capt. R. F. Devereux, 2nd W.I. regiment, was elected a joining member, and a Lodge of Instruction was held in the 3rd degree, Bros. A. H. Jones acting as Preceptor and Capt. Portlock Dadson P.M. as candidate.

Kingston Chapter Rose Croix.—A meeting was held on the 11th of April, at the Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, Ill. Bro. W. Andrews 30 degree as M.W. Sov. There were also present Ill. Bro. Capt. Portlock Dadson 32 degree, E. Bros. C. H. Davis, W. Duff, Dr. M. P. Cormac McCormack, E. Jordan Andrews, J. C. Ford, &c. Bros. Charles Lauchlin Campbell and Inspector St. John G. B. Hepburn, of the Jamaica constabulary, were duly perfected in the 18th degree.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, when there were present Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis W.M., R. W. Hollin P.M. as S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Secretary, G. Garbutt M.O., M. Millington S.O., A. T. B. Turner J.O., T. G. Hodgson S.D., E. J. De Salis as J.D., W. B. Dyson I.G., &c. Several letters of apology were read, and there being no business, the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed. At the conclusion, and after the close of the Lodge, the York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened, and Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis was installed in the chair of N. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. Bro. E. J. De Salis was also elevated to the degree.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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"MASONIC NAMES FOR GOD."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Wilson-street, and Endell-street, Long Acre,
London, W.C., 15th May 1881.

To heavenly themes, sublimer strains belong.—Milton.

DEAR SIR,—Pardon my offering a suggestion to men who are probably better informed than myself; but in the article about the "Masonic Names for God" (page 325) you seem to have omitted to notice that the J is really Hi and Y, which alters the pronunciation; for instance, it should be Hi-erusalem instead of Ge-rusalem. My idea is taken from my old pastor and master, the Rev. Dr. Cumming, whose teaching I accepted and appreciated, even as a child, for very many years. He used to say "Hierhova" or "Yehova;" it sounds far softer.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

J. MORTIMER BURROWS.

[We must respectfully point out to Bro. Burrows that the article "Masonic Names for God," which appeared in our issue of the 14th inst., was quoted from the *Masonic Review*. We are, therefore, not responsible for any apparent errors of omission. We can also endorse our correspondent's statement as to the proper pronunciation of Jehovah being *Yehovah*, while the Greek word for our Jerusalem, written in the English character, is "Hierousaleem."—ED. F.C.]

TRAFFICKING IN VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—There is a saying, "Once bitten, twice shy." It is also written, "Put not your faith in princes." The former expression I apply to myself, the second I suggest to those misguided individuals, who venture to trust the "London Masonic Charity Association" for the due performance of their engagements, and I will try to explain the reason why I have arrived at this conclusion. Why! Sir, I was nearly "landed" with the whole of my men's votes at the close of yesterday's election. Others with myself were interested in procuring the due election of a widow, and I was distinctly promised an exchange of widows' votes for all my men's votes. I was ready to fulfil my part of the engagement or contract, but as a matter of fact I could not procure a single widow's vote in exchange from the Association, for they evidently had none, and what I complain of most is, that the Secretary did not even hint his inability to complete his portion of the contract. If, in the natural course of business, men neglect to fulfil their engagements regularly entered into, the result, as a rule, is sometimes awkward to those who do. Not only did I fail to receive the votes so promised, but the Association could not take up their IOU for votes I had exchanged with them at the last election for Boys and Girls. They appeared to be doing a roaring trade yesterday, in exchanging for future delivery, but their system of doing business must be extremely complicated if, when the time arrives for them to redeem their IOU's, they have nothing to pay them with. All I know is this, if others, on the next occasion, are to be served as I have been, it is just as well they should be warned of this apparently happy-go-lucky style of doing business beforehand. The widow appearing in their printed list or circular that was successful, got in more by luck than judgment, if the Association was instrumental in her case. For the cause I was interested in, they did not, for they could not, provide a single vote. It appears to me that they "ran" for the men alone, leaving the widows out in the cold altogether. I ask you, Sir, to insert this letter, in order that future investors in the Association may know what their investments are worth; it seems to me the Committee enter into wild engagements with those foolish enough to trust them, without the slightest chance of fulfilling them.

Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

London, 21st May 1880.

AN ACROSTIC.

TO MY FRIEND ALFRED A. MARKS, M.B.

A Mason gives a brother hand and heart;
Links of such chains of friendship never start;
Fraternity, benevolence, and love combine,
Religion to enthroned, within his shrine;
Extending aid to comrades in distress,
Defence of widow and the fatherless.

As the Great Architect hath laid the plan,
Man, mans himself, by God-like deeds to man;
All Masons prize the bond of brotherhood,
Renouncing sordid greed, for common good;
Kindred in manhood, soul, in spirit one,
Sparing life's troubles till its work be done.

HENRY J. MOXON.

London, 24th May 1881.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF AUDLEY LODGE, No. 1896

ON Friday 20th inst., favoured by the fineness of the weather, the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in great force to do honour to the Consecration of the Audley Lodge, as well as to dispose of its own business. Sir Watkin W. Wynn was, we understand, the guest of J. C. Burton Borough, Esq., at Chetwynd Park, on Thursday night. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall at one o'clock. Among those present were Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., P.G.M., Bulkeley Hughes D.P.G.M., the P.G.M. of Staffordshire G. S. Tudor, the Marquis of Londonderry P.G.M. of Durham, and upwards of 100 brethren. After the other business, the Consecration of Audley Lodge took place; and when the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, the Installation of the Master of the Audley Lodge (J. Bodenham) was efficiently performed by E. H. Spaul, of London. The Master then invested his Officers as follow:—Lieut.-Col. Masefield S.W., Dr. Gordon J.W., Rev. Robert Jackson S.D., Thos. James J.D., Rev. B. Rising Chaplain, W. Harrison I.G., James Cartwright Tyler. Eight candidates were duly proposed for membership.

We should say that the Audley Lodge's place of meeting is the Town Hall. From the Town Hall the Provincial Grand Lodge—including of course the Lodge just consecrated—formed, and marched in procession to church, a large number of spectators lining the route. The gathering was quite as effective as we had been led to expect, and quite as large. The scarves and aprons (with jewels added in many cases), the swords and staves of office, and the Grand Master's banner were all picturesque, while the four boys (Mason's sons)—Archie Bennion, James Thompson, Clarence, and James Smart—bearing the open Bible, were objects of great interest to the crowd through which they passed. The procession moved down street to the Grammar School, and entering the churchyard by the north gate, passed into the church. Mr. Smart presided at the organ, and played a voluntary while the congregation were seating.

The service was choral—the prayers being intoned by the Rev. R. Jackson in a very clear voice, and a strong choir giving the psalms and hymns with full effect. The anthem "O thou that tellest" is a more florid composition than is often sung in public worship, and the congregation seemed hardly to know what to make of it. The first lesson was read by the Rev. B. Rising, who (as well as Bro. Jackson, and afterwards Dr. Gordon) appeared in Masonic attire. The Rector of Newport read the second lesson. Dr. Gordon's sermon was lofty in conception, and very eloquent in expression. The text was from St. Matthew's Gospel, xx. 26-28: "But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." The first part of it was a highly eulogistic commendation of Masonry as founded on the principle that service to mankind is the truest and noblest title to honour. The last part was a magnificent statement of the glory of Him "Who took upon Him the form of a servant," and reached the throne, far above all principalities and powers, by the service of toil and suffering. The Doctor commenced by saying the aim of Masonic association was to carry out the principle of the text in practical religion, brotherhood and philanthropy. He insisted strongly on the fact that it is service which deserves honour; and that it is eminent service which the world recognizes as greatness. This, he said, was the claim of the Masonic Brotherhood to honour, and he asserted that for nobility of conception and unbounded charity none could exceed it. In illustration of the truth that self-denying service is the secret of all nobleness, he referred to the honours conferred on the patriot statesman, the scientific discoverer, and the soldier hero. Their glory was the outcome of service—self denying even to the hazard of their lives. This was the secret of the honour their Brotherhood had won. They bound themselves by the strongest religious bond to do good—especially to their Brethren. This explained the mighty impetus the Masonic society had received of late years. It flourished, not because a Prince of the blood royal was at its head, and nobles were numbered among its members, but because this spirit animated the thousands of good men and true who composed it; because its Brotherhood was the largest factor of practical beneficence in the world—Christianity alone excepted; because they were helpful to each other and the servants of the commonwealth. Turning then, with a great change of manner, to the example of Divine service in the text, the preacher briefly referred with wonderful vividness to the glory of Christ the Lord, and with great pathos to the sufferings and sacrifices by which it was won; and concluded by appealing on behalf of the Masonic Charities of the Province, for His sake "Who gave Himself for men." The collection amounted to £14 10s 2½d.

At the close of the service the procession re-formed and marched back to the Town Hall, where Mr. Ensor, of the Royal Victoria Hotel, had prepared a banquet. This was, as we are informed by one who should know, of a first class character in every respect; and such as the caterer may be well congratulated on. The P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, presided, and seemed to be, we are happy to say, in renewed health and good spirits. The toasts were as follow:—

The Queen and the Craft; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. These were all given from the chair, and well received, with full Masonic honours. Sir Watkin's health was proposed by W.M. Bodenham, who spoke in complimentary terms of the P.G.M., and his connection with the progress of Masonry in North Wales and Shropshire. He hoped he might be spared to them for many years, and again hold his P.G. Lodge in Newport.

Sir W. W. Wynn, in replying, thanked all the members of the Audley Lodge for their kindness to him. He was sorry to have

inconvenienced them by postponing the meeting on account of the funeral of Earl Beaconsfield. Though Masonry included all shades of religious and political opinion, he was sure the great majority would approve the course he took.

The Visiting P.G. Masters was proposed by Sir Watkin Wynn, and responded to by the P.G.M. of Staffordshire. The D.P.G. Master, and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge present and past, was proposed by Bro. Tudor P.G.M. Staffordshire, and responded to by P.G.J.W. Davies. The W.M. and Success to the "Andley Lodge" was proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by the W.M., in a most happy speech. The Visiting Brethren was proposed by W.M. Bodenham, and responded to by Bro. Matthews, of Wolverhampton. The Consecrating Officer was proposed by Bro. Gordon Warren, and responded to by Bro. Spaul P.G.S., Oswestry. The Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Davies P.G.J.W., and Bro. E. H. Spaul responded. W.M. Bodenham proposed the Officers of the Andley Lodge, and Dr. Gordon responded. The Masonic Charities were also proposed by W.M. Bodenham, and the P.G.S. responded for them.

The evening closed with the Tyler's toast. We should add that a very excellent glee party from Birmingham enlivened the proceedings with much pleasant harmony.—*Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser.*

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

AS the gatherings of this eminent Chapter of Improvement for the season are drawing to a close, the concluding meetings are more numerous attended—and by some of the most skilful Royal Arch Masons to be found in the Metropolitan district. This was particularly the case on Tuesday evening last, when the assembly at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, was more numerous than usual; attributable, doubtless, to the double attraction which had been previously announced, commencing, in the first instance, with a rehearsal of the ceremony of installation of the three Principals, by Comp. Turquand, to be followed, as usual, by the ceremony of Exaltation. As the formal induction of the three Principals is seldom witnessed in a Chapter of Instruction, this event was looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. The Chapter having been formally opened, Comp. Turquand assumed his position as M.E.Z., and in a most able and painstaking manner installed Comp. Field, the newly-installed M.E.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, into the first chair; and the beautiful ritual of this degree was rendered in a manner that elicited the warmest commendations, for seldom is it seen performed so well. The next part of the business was the installation of Comp. Storr into the chair of H., which was followed by the placing of Comp. Catterson into the chair of J.; each of these latter ceremonies being equally well performed. The Convocation of Installed Principals being closed, the Companions below the chair were admitted, and the ordinary business of Exaltation was proceeded with. The Officers present were Comps. R. Payne Z., J. Payne H., Chicken J., Maidwell S.N., M'Dowell P.S., F. Brown S.E. and Preceptor; also Comps. Kirke, Turquand, Massa, Storr, Field, H. Thompson, W. Fraser, Taylor, C. Pulman, Lardner, Tasser, Goodenough, King, Veal, Catterson, Edmonds, J. S. Fraser, &c. The ceremony of Exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Storr candidate. The whole of the Principals were well up to their duties. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. Turquand for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of Exaltation of the Principals—which is one seldom to be witnessed outside a regular Chapter. This that worthy Companion acknowledged. The following Officers were then elected for the ensuing fortnight, when the season will be brought to a close:—Comps. Massa Z., J. Payne H., Maidwell J., R. Payne S.N., Goodenough P.S. Chapter was then closed, and the convocation adjourned until the 24th instant.

Northumberland and Berwick Lodge of Mark Master Masons T.I.—The last regular meeting of this Lodge, before adjourning for the summer months, took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There were present Bros. T. J. Armstrong W.M., John Ridsdale P.M., R. L. Armstrong S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., J. Wood M.O., J. S. B. Bell S., S. M. Harris J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, I. G. Place Secretary, C. B. Ford S.D., W. M. Lion as J.D., Masters I.G., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ballot was taken for two brethren for advancement, which proved successful in each case, but the candidates not being in attendance, there was no work. The Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room and sat down to a capital supper, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts with several complimentary ones, were given and duly honoured.

On Tuesday, 31st May, will be rehearsed, by Bro. W. S. Daniel, W.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, the ceremony of installation, at the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1381, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. On this occasion the Lodge will be under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. R. Stacey.

With the March number was completed the first volume of *Moore's Masonic Messenger*, a very useful organ of the Craft, published in Detroit, Michigan. Bro. Moore has had a long experience in connection with Masonic journalism, and we trust we shall long continue to number him among the learned of our fraternity.

BRITANNIC LODGE, No. 33.

AT the annual installation meeting of this Lodge, which was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, 13th instant, Bro. Major J. S. Peirce G.D. P.G.S., and the oldest P.M. of this Lodge, and an active member for the last 23 years, was presented by I.P.M. Bro. Walter Webb, on behalf of the brethren, with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome silver centre piece plateau and flower vases, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. John Sampson Peirce G.D. P.G.S. P.M. 2 P.M. 33, as a token of fraternal esteem and high appreciation of his zealous and valuable services to the Lodge, not only as a Past Master, but also as its Director of Ceremonies.—13th May 1881." together with a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing. The presentation was made after the Lodge meeting, at an elegant banquet, when about 100 brethren sat down.

Union Lodge, No. 38.—In consequence of the Earl of March, M.P., who is S.W. of this Lodge, having recently been appointed Senior Warden of England, the brethren, at their ordinary monthly meeting, passed, on the proposition of Bro. G. Smith P.M. P.P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Molesworth P.M. P.P.G.D., the following resolution:—That the brethren of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in open Lodge assembled, desire to offer their sincere and hearty congratulations to R.W. Bro. the Earl of March, M.P., on his recent appointment by the W.M. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the high and distinguished position of Senior Grand Warden of England." The resolution, which has been forwarded to the noble Lord, was signed by the W.M. Bro. R. G. Raper P.P.J.G.W., and by Bro. C. H. R. Ballard Secretary.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 19th instant. Bro. William Pennofather W.M. opened the Lodge, and was supported during the evening by Bros. W. Malthouse S.W., McButt J.W., H. J. Lardner S.D., G. H. Stephens J.D., J. J. Howes I.G., W. Snow D.C., R. B. Greenwood A.D.C., J. Butt W.S., Past Masters E. Mallett Secretary, G. S. Elliott, T. W. Adams, T. Butt 907, Silver J. King, Brickdale, Thornton, Brasher, Milton, Gaskin, Wilkinson, Smith, Wareham, Chambers, Mackay, &c. The Visitors were Bros. Van Raalte W.M. 917, Stafford 1366, Lazarus 1017, &c. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened, and Bros. Brasher and Thornton, having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, were raised to the third degree, the ceremony in each case being performed, in an admirable manner, by Bro. Pennofather. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Henry Wareham, and proving favourable, he, together with Mr. Chambers, who had previously been balloted for, were initiated into the Order. After several matters had been discussed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, served under the able superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toast list was gone through, each meeting with a hearty reception. After spending a most harmonious evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich-green. Present—Bros. W. H. Hook W.M., W. W. Linscott S.W., Dr. L. C. N. Nicod J.W., A. J. Belliss Secretary, W. R. Burnett S.D., A. R. W. Powles J.D., W. B. Marcus I.G., C. Mussard W.S., W. J. Ballimore W.S., A. F. Grainger Organist, W. H. Sedg, T. Johnson, C. Busyman, W. Boshier, J. S. Gurney, J. H. G. Winter, R. Anderson, W. Davies, A. Campbell, G. T. Acock, C. W. Acock, J. Woodstock Tyler. The Lodge being opened in duo form, and the summons convening the meeting having been read, the following gentlemen were balloted for and unanimously elected, viz.:—Messrs. W. R. Pready, E. J. Collins, J. C. Cracknell, J. E. Powell, and H. R. Powell. Messrs. E. J. Collins and H. R. Powell being present, were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Hook, the ceremony being most impressively performed. There being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual toasts followed, and after some capital songs, rendered by Bros. Marcus, Mussard, Boshier, and others, the brethren separated.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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**HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION,
THE
MASONIC ROOMS, THE CRITERION, PICCADILLY, LONDON,
TUESDAY, 31st MAY 1881.**

**THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM,
M.W. G.M.M.**

**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.

FREDERICK BINCKES, (P.G.J.W.)

Grand Secretary.

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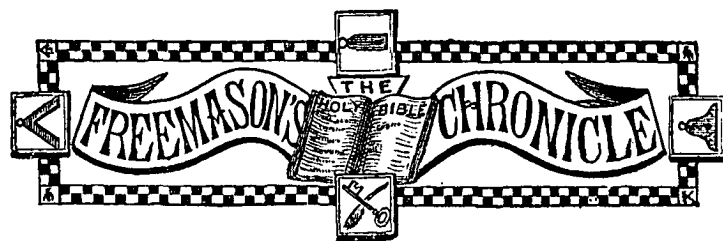
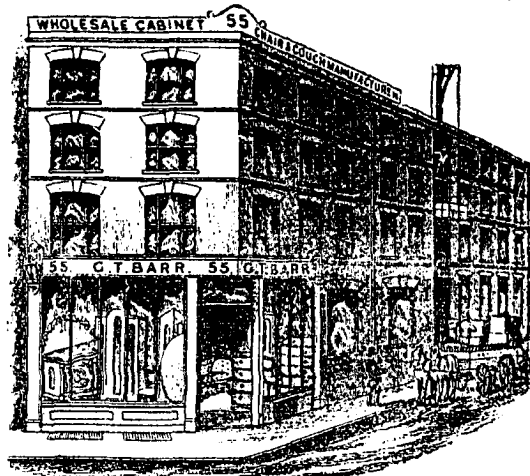
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**QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF
GRAND LODGE.**

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st June 1881:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 27th April for confirmation.
3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, Berkhamstead	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Virtue and Silence Lodge, No. 332, Hadleigh	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover	50	0	0
A Brother of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, London	150	0	0
A Brother of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	250	0	0
A Brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Social Friendship Lodge, No. 497, H.M. 89th Regiment	50	0	0
A Brother of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London	75	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon	200	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

1st.—Twenty years having elapsed since a permanent addition was made to the number of Grand Officers, during which period a very large increase has taken place, both in number of the Lodges and members of the Order under the Grand Lodge of England, the Board are of opinion that the time has arrived when some addition may be

properly and advantageously made to the list of Grand Officers annually appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master.

2. The Board therefore recommend that an addition be made accordingly, that such addition take the form of the appointment annually of two Standard Bearers and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies, and that the same take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1882.

3rd.—The Board also recommend that in Provinces numbering forty Lodges and upwards the Provincial Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually four Deacons, instead of two as at present, and also a Deputy Director of Ceremonies.

4th.—The Board have to report further that their Premises Committee have laid before them a statement that an opportunity occurs of acquiring a freehold stable and premises in New Yard, adjoining the property of Grand Lodge; that £1000 has been asked for these premises, which the Committee consider far in excess of its value, but, after careful consideration, are of opinion that for the sum of £600 the premises in question would be a useful acquisition to Grand Lodge, and the Board agreeing with the Premises Committee in their opinion recommend Grand Lodge to authorise the purchase of the said freehold premises (containing some 450 feet superficial) at a price not exceeding £600.

5th.—The President will move accordingly.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom it was on the 2nd day of March last referred to investigate the appeal involved in the following Motion proposed to Grand Lodge by Bro. Tudor Trevor and to report thereon to the next meeting of Grand Lodge:—

That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the un-Masonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the Principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M., &c. in aid of his costs in defending the action "Bro. Voigt versus Bros. Carr, Laking and Trevor," tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Bro. Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s 11d, and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby,

beg to report thereon as follows:—

1. At the request, and for the better convenience of Bro. Tudor Trevor, who represented his inability to appear in London on the ordinary days of meeting, the Board held a Special Meeting on a day selected by him, for the purpose of considering the reference on the 6th day of May instant, at which were present the following members:—

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, President	Bro. THOMAS FENN
F. GREEN, Vice-President	PETER DE LANDE LONG
Sir A. W. WOODS, <i>Garter</i>	JOHN MESSENT
HENRY C. LEVANDER	CHARLES W. THOMPSON
ROBERT F. GOULD	CHARLES ATKINS
FRANK RICHARDSON	Lt.-Col. FRANCIS C. WEMYSS
Lt.-Col. HUGH S. SOMER-	ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D.
VILLE BURNBY	EDWARD B. GRABHAM
FREDK. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C.	HENRY BISHOP
JOHN A. RUCKER	JOHN G. STEVENS.

2. Bro. Tudor Trevor, Bro. Voigt, and also the W. Master of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, all received an intimation of the meeting, and all availed themselves of the opportunity of being present.

3. Brother Tudor and Brother Voigt were heard at length, and the W. Master of the Alexandra Lodge was also heard in reply to several questions it was thought necessary to put to him.

4. After a careful investigation of the matter referred, the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

I.—That the principle of Grand Lodge devoting any portion of its Funds towards defraying the cost of legal proceedings, not incurred by its authority or by that of the Board of General Purposes (as its executive Board), would be an innovation constituting a very inconvenient precedent, and leading to most undesirable results.

II.—That there does not appear to be any sufficient ground or reason why the case now under investigation should be specially excepted from the operation of the principle laid down in the preceding Resolution.

5.—And the above Resolutions are recommended by the Board for the adoption of Grand Lodge accordingly.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th May 1881.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, 17th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on

all occasions by the V.W. Brother Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) FRANK GREEN,
Vice-President.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday the 13th May instant, showing a Balance in the Bank of England of 5,766 12s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

APPEAL.

Appeal by Brother Charles Edward Torrance, P.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, against a sentence of exclusion passed on him by the Lodge for non-payment of dues, and which Appeal the District Grand Master of Montreal had declined to entertain.

N.B.—The papers relating to this Appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during Office hours.

PROPOSED MOTIONS.

1. Further consideration of Motion by Brother Tudor Trevor, P.M. No. 941, Bombay, now of No. 41, Bath, and late of No. 1511, Hornsea; referred at last Grand Lodge, on 2nd March, for investigation and report by the Board of General Purposes:—

"That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the un-Masonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the Principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending Brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action 'Brother Voigt versus Brothers Carr, Laking, and Trevor,' tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Brother Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s 11d, and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby."

2. By V. W. Brother Lieut-Col. JOHN ORETON, Grand Treasurer—
"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter months.

3. By Brother Major EDWIN BOND, J.W. No. 887, Birmingham—
"That the Fund of Benevolence be decentralized so far as the Provinces are concerned, and that a moiety of the subscriptions now transmitted to Grand Lodge by the Country Lodges be paid direct into the several Provincial Grand Lodges for the purpose of meeting the numerous local claims for immediate relief which are now so constantly made to those Bodies."

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

MASTERS.

ANDREW, GEORGE CALKIN	No. 92
BEAUMONT, WM. COPPARD	" 1826
BOSWELL, WM. HENRY	" 1686
BRODIE, G. BERNARD, M.D.	" 26
CASSELL, J. R.	" 46
HARDING, CHARLES	" 778
LOVELAND, R. L.	" 1869
SAWYER, F. J.	" 1339
STEWART, H. THOS.	" 143
WALDRON, J. W.	" 1383

PAST MASTERS.

ADLARD, F.	No. 7
ATKINS, C.	" 27
ALTMAN, A. J.	" 1657
BISHOP, H.	" 66
COOPER-SMITH, HY.	" 1731
DUBOIS, H. A.	" 1777
FRANCIS, H. E.	" 857
GOODING, R., M.D.	" 1
GRABHAM, E. B.	" 19
GREEN, F.	" 1567
MEAD, F.	" 227
MESSENT, J.	" 231
PIGGOTT, R. T., D.C.L.	" 11
PITT-LEWIS, G.	" 165
ROEBUCK, WM.	" 463
SMALLPEICE, WM.	" 1395
STEPHENS, W.	" 1489
STEVENS, J. G.	" 554
TATTERSHALL, A. H.	" 140
THOMPSON, C. W.	" 969

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board :--

BRETT, JAMES	P.M. No.	177
GOODING, R., M.D.	"	1
LEITCHWORTH, E.	"	1579
MATTHEWS, J. H.	"	143
MEADOWS, M.D.	"	4
POYNTER, S.	"	902
SMITH, G.	"	21

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons :--

ATKINS, CHARLES	P.M.	27
BRETT, JAMES	"	177
BUSH, THOMAS W. C.	"	1728
CLARKE, WILLIAM	"	114
COTTEBRUNE, CHAS. A.	"	1257
MOUTRIE, WILLIAM F. C.	"	11
PENN, GEORGE	"	1642
TATTERSHALL, ALF. H.	"	140
WARREN, HENRY GEORGE	G.S.L.	
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	"	1507

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :--

- No.] 1898.—The Central Australia Lodge, Bourke, New South Wales.
1899.—The Wellesley Lodge, Sandhurst, Berks.
1900.—The Montague Guest Lodge, Lincoln Inn Fields.
1901.—The Selwyn Lodge, East Dulwich.
1902.—The St. Cuthbert Lodge, Bedlington, Northumberland.
1903.—The Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, Portsmouth.
1904.—The Rangitikei Lodge, Bulls, Wellington, New Zealand.
1905.—The Prince Alfred Lodge, Petersham, New South Wales.
1906.—The John Miller Lodge, Royapooram, Madras.
1907.—The Notre Dame Lodge, Betts Cove, Newfoundland.
1908.—The Cholmondeley Lodge, Frodsham, Cheshire.
1909.—The Carnarvon Lodge, Nottingham.
1910.—The Shadwell Clerke Lodge, Notting Hill.
1911.—The De la Pré Lodge, Northampton.

MASONIC C.C. v. WOOD GREEN C.C.
SECOND ELEVEN.

PLAYED in lovely weather, on Saturday, 21st May, on a fairly good wicket, and after an extremely well contested game resulted in a victory for the Masonics by 3 wickets and three runs. The M.C.C. having won the toss, put their opponents in, who sent in Lewis and Thomas. The wickets fell very rapidly, owing to the capital bowling of E. V. Gardner and P. James. With the exception of Conolly and Bidwell, who made 16 and 7 respectively, no heavy scoring was shown by Wood Green. The last wicket fell for 44. After the usual interval, the M.C.C. went in. The first 2 wickets fell for 12. E. V. Gardner, after a very steady innings, was unfortunately bowled for 8. The rest followed in and out rapidly, and the innings ended for 23. Wood Green in their second innings were easily disposed of, E. V. Gardner and P. James only succeeding in adding 15 to the total. This left the M.C.C. 37 in order to win—a task they completed, thanks to the fine batting of W. A. Stansfield, who made 27 (not out). The Masonic Band played, at intervals, a choice selection of music, which highly pleased the spectators, and made the game very pleasant. The following is the full score :—

WOOD GREEN.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Lewis A James b E V Gardner	6	Not out	2
Thomas A G b James	0	b James	1
Lamprell b James	2	b E V Gardner	2
Conolly St Pulman b E V Gardner	16	b James	0
E C Bidwell b James	7	b James	5
A M Pool b E V Gardner	0	b E V Gardner	0
Griffiths b E V Gardner	0	b James	1
Algar b James	0	b James	0
Lloyd b James	0	ct & b E V Gardner	2
Bennett b James	1	run out	0
Case not out	2	run out	0
Carter b E V Gardner	4	ct Gardner b James	0
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total	44	Total	15

MASONIC C.C.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Duff b Lewis	5	b Bidwell	0
Robinson b Lewis	0	b Lewis	0
E V Gardner b Bidwell	8	lbw Bidwell	4
James run out	1	b Lewis	0
Pulman b Lewis	0	b Lewis	0
L Wain b Bidwell	0	b Lewis	2
Stansfield b Bidwell	6	not out	27
Nash b Lewis	0	b Bidwell	1
Whalley b Lewis	0	b Bidwell	3
Stephenson b Lewis	0	not out	
Percy not out	2		
Pilling ct Pool b Lewis	0		
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	23	Total	39

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BURDETT COUTTS
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1278.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was celebrated on the 4th inst., at the Lamb Tavern, Wilmot-street, Bethnal-green-road, where it is now comfortably established, and gives every promise of again becoming a most successful working Lodge. The W.M. of the parent Lodge, Bro. Dr. Defriez, having kindly consented to preside, Lodge was opened in due form in a room adjoining the usual Lodge room, and the W.M. was assisted by the following brethren :—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. as S.W., Clark J.W., Abrahams S.D., Ward J.D., Hammond I.G., Hand Hon. Secretary. There were also present Bros. Huxley, Jones, Smith, Christian, Glass, Brittain, Frichtenicht, Swan, Stewart, Anderson, Quay, Gray, Chitson, Venner, Fisher, E. Venner, Clements, Holdom, G. H. Stephens, &c. After the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Barnes S.W. worked the first section of the lecture with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when the following brethren were admitted members, viz., Bros. Glass 453, E. Venner 901, and Frichtenicht 217, each of whom expressed thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the usual Lodge room, which, under the skilful direction of Bro. J. B. D'Ardenne, had undergone a complete transformation, and been made to serve as a spacious and handsome *salle à manger*, the tables being ornamented with flowers, in excellent taste. When comfortably seated, to the number of about three dozen, grace was said, and an excellent repast was done justice to. It has seldom fallen to our lot to have been present at so successful and harmonious a meeting, all present enjoying themselves most heartily. That excellent aid to the digestive organs, a good toast list, was next discussed. Bro. Defriez having given Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions, and the Best Interests of the Craft, the sentiment was heartily received, and Bro. Sturtevant (S.W. of the mother Lodge, who acted throughout the evening as I.P.M.) sang "God save the Queen," the brethren assisting. The next toast, the W.M. said, was the toast of the evening. In proposing prosperity to the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, he felt quite certain, if the brethren would attend, they would find out its great value. It was years since he joined, and he felt greatly indebted to the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction. He would associate the name of Bro. Barnes, who was well known, with this toast, from whom the W. Master owned to have received considerable instruction. Bro. Barnes, in response, said he was one of the founders of the Lodge, and for a long time took great interest in it, being a frequent attendant at its meetings. He wished it all prosperity and success. Although of late not able to be with them often, he was with them in the spirit if not in the flesh. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Sturtevant. Bro. Defriez was, he said, the W.M. of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, and it was very kind of him to come and assist them by taking the chair on this occasion. They all wished to make the Lodge of Instruction a success, and although it had sometimes fallen into disuse, it now was going on most prosperously. It was conveniently located, so that brethren could reach it by rail, and they were fortunate in having a good host (Bro. D'Ardenne). He would ask them to drink the health of the W.M., whose assistance had rendered the present meeting a success. After a song from Bro. Hammond, Bro. Defriez said he was very much obliged to Bro. Sturtevant and to the brethren for proposing and responding to the toast. He felt very much indebted to the Burdett Coutts Lodge for instruction which had enabled him to fill the chair in the mother Lodge. In proposing the Officers, the W.M., after accounting for the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Hogg P.M. the Preceptor, said no Lodge could succeed unless it had a good Preceptor. The brethren in coming for instruction had to pay; this necessitated having a Treasurer to take care of the money, and a Secretary to keep the accounts. He asked them to drink the health of those excellent Officers. After a capital song from Bro. A. Abrahams, Bros. Hand Secretary, and D'Ardenne Treasurer, returned thanks. The Mother Lodge was next honoured, and Bro. Sturtevant, who was called upon to respond, after a few remarks, said the mother Lodge took its title from a lady whose name is closely associated with charity, and what, he would ask, was Masonry but charity? The meeting gave him great pleasure, and he could say, might the Lodge continue its present prosperity, in which wish he was sure every member of the mother Lodge would join. The next toast the W.M. said was a most important one. He asked them to drink to the Sister Lodges of Instruction in the neighbourhood. They had received assistance from all, and felt much obliged to them, especially on the occasion of working the Fifteen Sections. There was Bro. Barnes, who was a host in himself; Bro. B. Stewart Secretary of the Tredegar 1623, G. H. Stephens Secretary of the Israel No. 205, Christian of the Dalhousie 860, and others. This was received with great cordiality, and several of the brethren responded. The toasts of the Masonic Press, replied to by Bro. G. H. Stephens; the Visitors, replied to by Bros. Fisher S.D. Abbey Lodge 1184, Gray P.M. Camden Lodge 704, and Limbe of the Corinthian; the Hosts, responded to by Bros. Huxley and D'Ardenne, with the alternation of some good singing and a capital recitation by Bro. Stephens, occupied the remainder of this most pleasant evening. Great praise is due to Bro. Hand Hon. Sec. for so ably organising the meeting, and to Bro. D'Ardenne for so efficiently placing the resources of his establishment at the disposal of the brethren in so handsome and creditable a manner.

Among the Volunteer Officers on whom Her Majesty has conferred the honour of Aide-de-Camp, is the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Salop.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1206.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, at Headquarters of the First Surrey Volunteer Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when a large attendance of members and visitors testified to the interest taken in the continued progress of the Macdonald. Amongst those present were Bros. W. C. Hale W.M., D. A. Ross S.W. and W.M. elect, T. A. Hooper J.W., A. Styau Treasurer, W. J. Messenger P.M. Secretary, C. H. Nevill S.D., A. C. Bradley J.D., A. J. Style A.D.C., Alfred Youngman I.G., A. Woodcock C.S.; Past Masters Charles Fountain I.P.M., James Stevens, Newington Bridges D.C., H. Hammond, M. S. Lariham, and T. W. Cornell; also Bros. A. G. White, H. A. Price, H. Cuff, J. Curtis, A. H. Goggs, E. W. Dubois, W. S. Harvey, A. H. Mann, H. Ward, V. H. D'Avaux, R. Sandell, A. R. Cranch, T. P. Staley, T. V. Turner, F. P. Baxter, P. Yonge, F. Hutchins. Visitors—Bros. G. W. J. King W.M. 905, Thomas Preston, H. Goodman, H. J. M. Williams, and W. S. R. Payne, all of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669; H. J. Thorne D.C. 1818, F. C. Rossignol 1672, A. F. Lowrie 1556, James Tulloch 142, John Probert P.M. British, A. Bertram of The Great City, and Burcham Cooper of the Ivy 1411. After the confirmation of minutes, and the passing to the F.C. degree of the initiates in attendance, Bro. D. A. Ross the W.M. elect was presented to the W.M., Bro. W. C. Hale, for installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S. by his immediate predecessor. The newly installed Master appointed his Officers in rotation, and Bro. Past Master Bridges having delivered the customary addresses, the proceedings connected with the installation ceremony were completed. The Auditors' report met with a favourable reception, the balance in favour of the Lodge being considered most satisfactory. After the despatch of some routine business, the W.M. announced to the brethren that he had made arrangements for the banquet to take place at the Bridge House Hotel, instead of the large Mess-room attached to Headquarters, and he fully explained his reasons for this departure from former custom, and satisfied his hearers that his reasons were good and sufficient. Consequently, on the closing of the Lodge, each brother present declared his agreement with the Worshipful Master by accepting the accommodation provided in the conveyances then in waiting, and by means of which they speedily reached the banquet-room, prepared for them by Messrs. Roberts. We must candidly admit that, notwithstanding the hitherto good repute in which the festive gatherings of the Macdonald in their "Mess-room" have always been held, the contrast on this occasion, having regard to display and service, was greatly in favour of the view taken by the new W.M. that change was necessary. At all events, a more elaborate menu, with excellent wines and liberal attendance, could not have been desired, and the proprietors of the Hotel deserved the expressions of satisfaction which their efforts to please called forth. After clearance of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, his remarks being greatly assisted by the appropriate Shakspearian quotations with which the menu card was liberally besprinkled. These were not of the usual character, but appeared to be a perfectly new series, and the result of much research on the part of the compiler, who, it was whispered, was the Worshipful Master himself. Whether that be so or not, the work was very creditable. The toast of the Worshipful Master was enthusiastically received, and in a manner which testified to his popularity. In reply, the Worshipful Master again referred to the departure from former usage in leaving the Lodge rooms for a distant hotel, and his remarks called forth a further endorsement of the policy he had adopted. The Visitors, in responding for the compliment paid to them, also expressed their conviction that the best interests of the Lodge would be advanced by the new arrangement. The customary acknowledgments of services of Past Masters and Officers were made, and duly responded to. The proceedings of a delightful evening were interspersed by excellent singing and recitals, amongst which may be particularly noticed the recitation by Past Master James Stevens (the originator of the Lodge) of the admirable Masonic poem "Masons' Vows," which he appears to have made quite his own. With the Tyler's toast this most enjoyable gathering came to a conclusion at a reasonable hour.

PRIORY CHAPTER, No. 1000.

THE installation meeting of this very flourishing Chapter was held at the Terminus Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Excellent Companion Rev. H. J. Hatch M.E.Z. presided at the opening of the Chapter. The preliminary business being completed, Bro. Dr. Thomas King, M.D., P.M. 160 P.P.G.P. Essex, was duly exalted to the supreme degree. After the delivery of the three lectures, Excellent Companion James Terry P.Z. 174 P.G.D.C. Herts proceeded to install the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.:—Companions W. Pissey M.E.Z., E. Judd H., Dr. J. F. Jones J. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Terry for his able and impressive rendering of the ceremonies. The following were invested Officers, viz.:—Companions Rev. H. J. Hatch I.P.Z., J. A. Wardell P.Z. Scribe E., F. Wood Scribe N., A. Lucking P.Z. Treasurer, J. F. T. Wiseman Prin. Soj., A. Martin Janitor. Amongst those present, besides the above-mentioned, were Companions Dr. E. E. Phillips P.Z., C. Palmer, H. Luker, J. M. Farr, H. Beecher. Visitor—Companion W. G. Brighten P.Z. 72 and 1339. A banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Rev. H. J. Hatch, in recognition of his able services during the past year. The Janitor's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

GORDON LODGE, No. 1726.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Assembly Rooms, Bognor, when the retiring W.M. Bro. R. Talmy Turner installed, as his successor in the chair, Bro. Arthur Smith Prov. G. Steward. Bro. A. Smith, who is an enthusiastic and efficient Mason, served last year, with much distinction, as W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester. Having returned thanks for the election to the chief office in Masonry in his native town, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, among them being Bro. A. G. Harvie S.W., Bro. H. N. Travers J.W., Bro. Swansborne Treasurer, and Bro. A. T. Long Secretary. The usual banquet took place in the evening, at the Norfolk Hotel, when there was a good attendance of brethren. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the gathering was invested with additional interest by the presence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. Among the other Visitors were the W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 38, Bro. R. G. Raper, Bros. St. Clair P.M. 38 P.M. 1726, A. J. Wright P.M. 38, W. H. Barrett Senior Deacon 38, W. Dean Junior Deacon 38, O. Lloyd 38, G. Kemp 38, Wyndham Burrell 38 and 1495, the W. Master of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship 851 Skindle, and Visitors from the Lodges Hova Ecclesiam 1466, and St. Cecilia 1636. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening spent, Bro. A. Kenningham, of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, delighting the company by his splendid singing.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 25th inst., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. S. N. Abrahams W.M., M. Levy S.W., J. Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, G. T. Mann S.D., N. H. Benjamin J.D., M. H. Leverton I.G., W. H. Gulliford P.M. D.C., D. M. Davis Organist, L. Lazarus Steward, P.M.'s L. J. Salomons, Chevalier S. Pollitzer, Grunbaum. Visitors—G. Reynolds 749, N. Bonson 180, L. Jacobs S.D. 1732, M. Swersee 185, Godden P.M. 862, P. E. Van Noorden Org. 188, J. Abrahams P.M. 188, Goldberger late 1017, Hoyes 123, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. A. Solomon was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Lindsay Sloper, J. Levi, S. Swersee, No. 185, were raised to the sublime degree (the latter by the courtesy of the W.M.) It was a pleasure to listen to the working of the W.M., whose perfect and impressive rendering of the ceremonies has rarely been excelled; the traditional history was given in full. The resignation of Bro. Nathan was accepted, with regret. Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. Silver. The W.M., in proposing the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty, alluded to her having attained her 62nd birthday, and hoped that she might continue to reign for many years. The National Anthem was sung. In proposing the toast of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, the W.M. spoke of the honour conferred upon Bro. Prince Leopold in creating him Duke of Albany; he must not forget, however, that they had a Grand Officer present, Bro. E. P. Albert Past Grand Pursuivant, in whom this Lodge is honoured, in having him for one of its Officers. After a response from Bro. E. P. Albert, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Visiting Brethren. There were many present, and he would be pleased to hear any remarks each or any might make. In responding, several of the guests paid great compliments to the W.M. for the able manner in which the ceremonies had been performed, and the genial presidency he displayed; while the efficient manner in which the Officers carried out the business of the Lodge left nothing to be desired. Bro. L. J. Salomons I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. The expressions given utterance to by the visiting brethren had taken the words out of his mouth. However, the P.M.'s felt they all owed him a debt of gratitude for the way he had filled the chair. One and all were proud of him. The W.M. said he felt gratified to hear the compliments paid him; he hoped he had done some service for the brethren; this assurance would be a sufficient incentive to him to do anything for the Lodge and for the Craft in general. The Lodge would not meet again until October, when he hoped the brethren would assemble in health and prosperity. The Past Masters was next given; they had been tried, and never been found wanting. Bro. L. J. Salomons is one who has gained the good will and the approbation of the Lodge. Bro. Albert held three positions; he is a P.G.P., a P.M. of the Lodge, and its Sec., and the members owe him a debt of gratitude. Bros. Grunbaum, Chevalier S. Pollitzer, and Gulliford, had all done their duty. Bro. L. J. Salomons I.P.M. responded; he could hardly find language to speak after the kind words of the W.M. The services of the Past Masters were always at command. Bro. Gulliford followed. The W.M. had spoken of the excellent working of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction; he might add it stood second to none in the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Junior Officers, and made especial reference to the valuable services rendered by Bro. P. E. Van Noorden. Bro. Syer S.W. in brief and eloquent terms responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given, concluding a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The W.M. provided an excellent musical melange, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden. Miss Florence Dysart and Bro. P. E. Van Noorden sang a very effective duet. Bros. Lindsay Sloper, Dr. Chandler, and Davis contributed to the harmony. Bro. W. H. Gulliford displayed great care and attention for the comforts of the brethren.

At the Leeds Town Hall no less than 10,000 persons attended the three successive recitals on the grand organ, "In memoriam, the Earl of Beaconsfield," by the Corporation organist, Dr. Spark, who also produced a new and effective funeral march for the occasion, which has just been published and appropriately dedicated to Mrs. Blagden, wife of the Vicar of Houghenden. This lady, it will be remembered, played the music at the funeral service of the late Earl.

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, 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 Mugeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1484—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

MONDAY, 30th MAY.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burlett-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.)
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st MAY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 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 Edgecumbe, 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, G.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1517—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 2nd JUNE.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 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.)
 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. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch. (Instruction.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 291—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1132—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Enlign, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 R.A. 429—Thames, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
 R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1153—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)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 219—Frudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 993—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 19th instant. Present—Bros. D. M. Davis W.M., J. Da Silva S.W., G. H. Norden J.W., Gartley Deacon, Vallentine I.G., L. Norden Secretary, Webb P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The first section was worked by Bro. Da Silva. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree. Both were worked in a most able and efficient manner. It was resolved that a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. be entered on the minutes for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge took the chair, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 20th instant, at 8 p.m., supported by most of his Officers, and by Past Masters Bros. Roe,

Gomm, Turner No. 14; Bros. Dorey, Hayes, Maton, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Hayes offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. S. Blasby candidate. Bros. S. Blasby and Daniell answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Hayes again kindly volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. C. H. Turner P.M. Tuscan Lodge No. 14 and P.G.S. was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting for Instruction was adjourned till 3rd June, at 8 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 24th inst., Bros. Edwards W.M., Wardell S.W., Smyth J.W., Polak S.D., Glass J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Prec.; Bros. Carr, Forss, Boyce, A. Clark, Christian, March, Brasted. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Clark candidate. The same candidate was entrusted, and the Lodge opened in the second, when the ceremony of that degree was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. Edwards into the chair of K.S. Bro. Edwards invested the Officers. Bro. P.M. Wallington then gave the addresses. Bro. Coble, of Lodge 453, was elected a member. Bro. Wardell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, 933.—On the 13th inst., at the Old King's Head, Baker's-row, Whitechapel-road, Bros. W. Richardson W.M., I. P. Cohen S.W., T. Loane J.W., Hopkins S.D., J. R. Shingfield J.D., A. G. Clements I.G., P.M.'s B. Cundick Preceptor, W. Musto Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Taylor, Job, Moss, West, Tyer, Waterer, Levy, Swaffer, Bulwinckle, Seymour-Clarke, Clayton, Wilcox, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Waterer candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second, and Bro. Macdonald the third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Levy, Enphrates 212, was elected a member. Bro. Cohen was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, which, upon proposition unanimously carried, was arranged to be held at the Old Duke's Head, Baker's-row, Whitechapel-road, on the 20th inst.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—The usual assembly of this prosperous Lodge was held at the ordinary place of meeting, the Spotted Dog, Upton, on 18th inst. The W.M., Bro. A. W. Fenner, occupied the chair of K.S., and, his Officers being present, opened the Lodge in due form promptly and at the time announced in the summons. There was a large attendance of the members and Past Masters. Among the latter were Bros. G. Brown, Andrews, John Bellamy Grand Steward and first Master of the Lodge. The Visitors included Bros. A. H. Hickman S.W. United Strength 228, J. Myers 405 (Scotland), W. Wright Duke of Connaught 1524, W. G. Kent Past S.W. West Kent 1297. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bros. Turlefield and Morris were examined, and duly made Master Masons. Having resumed, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Sneth, Licensed Victualler, 14 Artillery-lane, Bishopsgate, and for Mr. Amandus Hartman, Grosvenor Hotel, Pimlico. The brethren were unanimously in favour of each. Mr. H. D. Allison also, who had been previously ballotted for, being present, the three candidates were severally initiated in excellent form. The ceremonies were most admirably worked, the various Officers being, one and all, well up in the ritual. Bro. Sherwin the Organist added considerably to the impressiveness by the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties. The Worshipful Master and his Officers were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Summer Banquet, and the proceedings terminated in the usual manner.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The brethren of this flourishing Lodge met on 11th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. Being the first night of the W.M.'s year, and the last of the season, a good muster of the brethren assembled, the manner in which the work was carried out giving much satisfaction. There were present Bros. J. Magrath W.M., T. Wooding S.W., J. Horsley J.W., W. Beck P.M. Treas., A. G. Clements Secretary, T. J. Tyer S.D., J. Conturo J.D., J. G. Twinn D.C., G. T. Holdom I.G., J. Sommers and J. Loftus Stewards, P.M.'s C. Veal and J. W. Dawson, J. Carrociero, O. N. Stanger, H. Parsons, Frank Crawley, W. McCredie, W. Bate, T. F. Tarling, W. L. Hodgson, George Wise, Francis Slater, and R. G. Ricketts. Visitor—Bro. G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623. Lodge having been formally opened, the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. G. Wise and F. Slater, and those gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, Bro. Magrath working carefully and well. Bro. O. N. Stanger was next tested as to his proficiency; it proving satisfactory, he was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing Bro. Stanger to the second degree was well performed. No other business presenting itself, after discussing several appeals for charity, the Charity Box was circulated, and its contents were agreed to be given to the widow of a deceased brother, whose application to the Board of Benevolence was also entertained and supported by the Lodge. The I.P.M. Bro. Veal gave notice of motion to increase both the initiation fee and the annual subscription. Hearty good wishes were expressed to the W.M. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until October.

Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this flourishing Lodge (and the last previous to the

annual vacation) took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 16th instant, when there was a numerous and influential gathering of members and visitors. Bro. S. J. Henochsberg the popular W.M. was in his place, and most admirably performed the duties of his office, his chief work being that of raising Bro. Hosker to the degree of M.M. Amongst those at the Lodge were Bros. H. A. Tobias I.P.M., A. J. Henochsberg P.M., S. Schonstadt P.M., A. Levy P.M. P.G. Treasurer, R. Robinson P.P.G. Registrar, M. Aronsberg S.W., M. P. Tueski J.W., M. Hart P.M. Treasurer, J. Saber Secretary, D. Gabrielsen S.D., H. M. Silver I.G., B. Levy M.C., M. Baum and P. S. Levy Stewards; Bros. H. Gibbs, H. Gabriel, A. Lyons, R. Abrahams, H. S. Alpess P.G. Secretary, &c. Bro. A. Lyons, Treasurer of the Ball Committee, presented a balance sheet, from which it appeared that the sum of £50 7s 9d was the amount which had been netted from the annual merry meeting of the Lodge, and this sum was handed over to the Benevolent Fund connected with the Lodge, which has now upwards of £300 to its credit. The sum of ten guineas was voted in aid of the Boys' Schools, London, and Bro. Maurice Hart P.M. Treasurer, who will attend the approaching festival as a Steward, notified that he would be glad to receive the individual subscriptions of the brethren, so that this sum might be further augmented. The brethren subsequently banqueted under the presidency of Bro. S. J. Henochsberg W.M., and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. Bro. H. A. Tobias I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke of him in high terms, and wished him the greatest happiness in connection with his marriage in August next. The W.M. replied in suitable terms. It may be stated that it appeared from the minutes that the brethren have voted a substantial sum for the purpose of presenting Bro. Henochsberg with a marriage gift, and the vote will be supplemented by individual subscriptions from the brethren. Bros. Windsor P.M., Maurice Hart P.M., and A. Henochsberg P.M. contributed to the harmony, the latter brother giving a very excellent recitation.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th May, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W. Present:—Bros. Alexander Jones W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., G. Coop J.W., J. Wells S.D., G. S. Wright J.D., H. Kasner P.M. I.G.; Past Masters Bros. F. Smith, C. Bellerby, and H. Stephens. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bro. H. E. Tucker was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed.

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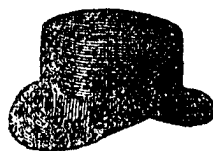
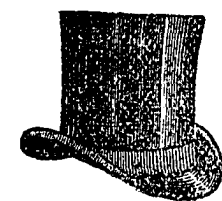
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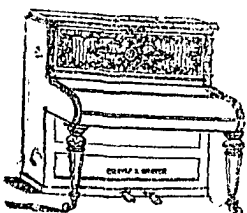
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