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ANALYSIS OF THE R.M.B.I. SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

BEFORE entering upon our accustomed task of analysing the Subscription List, it will be as well, perhaps, if we offer a few words of congratulation to those more immediately connected with the celebration of Tuesday. We have invariably made it our business to point out that the distinguished brother who consents to occupy the chair at one of our Festivals incurs a certain amount of responsibility. Not only has he to preside at the dinner, but he must also bestir himself very actively with a view to securing as large an amount of support as possible for the Institution he is for the moment more immediately interested in. Now, as we remarked last week, the Province of South Wales, Western Division, of which Right Worshipful Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Lloyd-Philipps is the respected chief, is but a small one, having only nine Lodges on its roll. No matter then how loyally the brethren of this province might support their Prov. G. Master, it was out of all reason to suppose they could emulate the triumphs of stronger and more influential Provinces. The will was as great, but the field was circumscribed. Yet we venture to say that, merely having regard to the support given him by his own Province, Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd-Philipps cannot be otherwise than gratified at the result of Tuesday's proceedings, while if he takes note of the grand total subscribed from all quarters, he must be still more delighted when, taking the returns in round figures, at £12,500—a sum of over £103 was received the very morning after the Festival—he finds the average of the Stewards' lists was within a fraction of the very considerable sum of £50.

And if the Chairman is to be congratulated, so assuredly are the Stewards, individually and collectively, who exerted themselves so strenuously and so successfully in helping our Benevolent Institution, and enabling it to continue with undiminished ability the good work to which it is devoted. The officials, too, are to be congratulated on the result. Bro. Terry and his staff have laboured during the past twelve months unremittingly in order that the Festival now past might bear good fruit. They knew it was well nigh impossible to expect a West Yorkshire would be able to preside this year as well as last, and that a total of over £14,300 was out of the question. They also knew—none better, indeed—how necessary it was a good harvest should be gathered in, if the Institution were to continue at its present strength; and with this knowledge ever before them, they set about the task of enlisting the services of Stewards with a zeal and energy beyond all praise. They have their reward in the consciousness of having done their part towards the result of Tuesday. Lastly, we must congratulate the Institution and its well-wishers that, thanks to the contributions of the day in question, it will be possible to maintain the number of annuitants at its present strength.

Let us now turn to the more especial task of the moment. The Anniversary of 1882, if it cannot quite be compared with its immediate predecessor, is undeniably a fruitful one, in excess rather than in defect of the average

of the last few years. The Board of Stewards also was an average one, and consisted of 254 brethren, of whom 138 represented Lodges or Chapters in the Metropolitan District, while 116 acted for sundry of the Provinces. The amount, as announced in the course of the evening, was, omitting fractions, £12,337, of which London contributed £6,884, and the Provinces £5,452, eleven lists being at the time outstanding. Of these eleven, one, as we have already stated, reached Bro. Terry the morning after the Festival, so that the amount thus far contributed by London is £6,998—the total of the newly received list, that of Burlington Lodge, No 96, by the hands of Bro. J. Anstey Wild jun., being £103 19s. Of the 138 London Stewards, six appear to have been unattached, while the remaining 132 acted on behalf of 120 Lodges, six Royal Arch Chapters, and one Sanctuary Ancient and Primitive Rite. As regards order of priority, Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, heads the list with £187 19s, the result of the joint exertions of Bros. R. A. Morgan and J. Bergman, Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, being close up with £180 5s, thanks to its Steward, Bro. James Boulton. Next comes Prosperity, No. 65, with £142 16s, and then, in the order stated, Yarborough, No. 554—always a liberally-contributing Lodge—with £128 6s, per Bro. J. J. Berry; Sincerity, No. 174, with £117 17s; Merchant Navy, No. 781, £115 18s; Friends in Council, No. 1383—Friends indeed and Friends in need—£112 7s; Sovereign Sanctuary Ancient and Primitive Rite, £110 18s 6d; Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, per Bro. Festa, its Senior Warden, £105, and No. 1949 with a similar sum—both these being new Lodges, and less than a year old; Burlington, No. 96, and Temple Bar, No. 1728, each with £103 19s; United Strength, No. 228, with £103 11s 6d; Antiquity, No. 2, £101 16s; Tranquillity, No. 185, per Bro. Croaker P.M., £103 3s; and Temperance, No. 169, £100. Thus, though there is no specially large amount given by a single Lodge, there is a goodly array of three-figure contributions.

One or two remarks, supplementary to the foregoing, may reasonably be made. While the old Lodges are, as usual, very strongly represented, Grand Stewards' Lodge, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27, 29, 30, 33, &c., &c., sending up Stewards, the junior Lodges are also well to the fore, no less than five Lodges of last year's creation being in the list, to two of which we have already paid the just compliment of noticing their contributions. It is also worthy of remark that—writing subject to correction—this is the largest proportion of London Lodges at any of the Festivals it has been our privilege to record. There are in round figures some 310 Lodges in the Metropolitan district, so that over one-third are represented.

We now turn to the Provinces, which, so far as they sent up representatives, contributed the handsome total of £5,452. On glancing at the list, it will be found that thirty of them sent up Stewards, and as there are only forty-one, with three districts having no Provincial organisation, the representation is distributed over three-fourths of the whole country, London being, of course, excepted. The absentees are as follow:—Bedfordshire (5 Lodges) and Cambridgeshire (4 Lodges), as usual; Bristol (8 Lodges), which, however, has been fairly well represented

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on sundry occasions; Herefordshire (4 Lodges)—a very frequent absentee, we regret to say; Lincolnshire (21 Lodges), present at fifteen out of the last twenty-two Festivals; Northamptonshire and Hunts (10 Lodges), Northumberland (21 Lodges), a liberal contributor to the Boys' School; Notts (13 Lodges); Somersetshire (22 Lodges), present, however, at nineteen out of twenty-two Festivals, and possessing a strong voting power in consequence; Warwickshire (30 Lodges), also represented at nineteen out of the said twenty-two Festivals, with subscriptions amounting to over £5,000; Channel Islands (5 Lodges), no Provincial organisation; Jersey (7 Lodges); and the Isle of Man (3 Lodges). One District abroad, namely, Malta including North Africa, also sent up a Steward, Bro. Broadley, of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, Tunis. Thus, of the thousand Lodges—there or thereabouts—in the Provinces, only 153 were unrepresented, and the majority of these have done their duty satisfactorily on other occasions.

Let us run through the contributing Provinces, which are as follow:—Berks and Bucks (21 Lodges, of which 11 meet in Berks, and 10 in Bucks). The former county sent up nine Stewards, representing five Lodges and a Chapter, and the latter one Steward for No. 591, Abingdon. The total sum given is £243 14s, of which all but £2 16s is derived from Berks, two of whose Stewards' lists are apparently outstanding. It has only once been an absentee since 1st January 1875, the aggregate of its contributions being now £4,266. One Lodge does duty for the Province of Cheshire with a roll of thirty-eight Lodges, the amount of the list being £45. This Province also has only missed one Festival in the period already noted, and though its subscriptions may not appear to be on a scale commensurate with the number of its Lodges, it must be borne in mind that it has an Educational Institute of its own, which for many years past has been doing admirable service in assisting the children of deceased and indigent brethren. Cornwall with twenty-eight Lodges is represented by the Cornubian, No. 450, Hayle, the amount being £178 10s. This is a very fair list, especially when we note that in 1876 it gave over £453 to the Boys' School; in 1878 £570 to the Benevolent; and in 1879 £378 to the Girls' School. Cumberland and Westmoreland (19 Lodges) has a most active worker in the person of its Prov. G. Secretary, Brother G. J. McKay, whose list this time is £105, which with an addition of £10 10s from Brother Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Lodge No. 1073, Keswick, makes up a total of £115 10s. In 1878 it gave £150 to the Boys' School, and last year to the same Institution £210, while in 1880 it raised over £375 for the R.M.I.G. Thus the brethren in the Lake country are to be congratulated on the sufficiency of their charitable labours.

Derbyshire, which has the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., for its chief, and nineteen Lodges on its roll, figured at the Festival of Tuesday to the extent of £53 11s, the senior of the two Buxton Lodges—No. 1235—contributing that amount by the hands of two Stewards. It has been regularly represented at the Boys' Festivals since 1875, having given to that Institution over £1,000, while it has only missed one of the preceding seven Festivals of the Benevolent, and three of those held in aid of our Girls. A solitary Devon Lodge, the junior Torquay Lodge, No. 1402, gives £5 5s. It has, however, quite recently started a Charitable organisation of its own, and moreover has missed but three of the twenty-one Festivals of 1875-81, its contributions in that period exceeding £2,660. Dorsetshire (13 Lodges) contributes as a Province £36 15s, but though this may appear to be a small amount, our tables, published last year, show subscriptions to the Boys' School to the extent of £1,810, to the Benevolent £1,054, and to the Girls' £515, or together £3,379, a very satisfactory picture, having regard to its limited number of Lodges. Durham (27 Lodges) is entered for £63, and last year it gave £174. But it bestows the bulk of its favour on the Schools, the Boys' having been presented with £1,956, of which £728 was contributed last year, when its Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, took the chair at Brighton; and the Girls' with over £814. A brief respite after last year's exertions will be readily conceded, therefore, to a Province which has done so well.

We next transfer our attentions from the North to the Home County of Essex with its nineteen Lodges, two of which by the medium of three Stewards send up between

them the neat little sum of £93 10s. This is the seventh consecutive year it has figured at the Festivals of the Benevolent. It has had Stewards at all seven of the Boys' School since 1875, and has been only twice an absentee in the same period at the Girls' Anniversaries. The aggregate of its subscriptions as published by us is now only a little short of £2,100. Gloucestershire, with its modest array of fourteen Lodges, contributed so largely to the Festivals of last year, having raised £1,000 for the Girls' in support of its newly-installed chief, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., to say nothing of £283 10s to the Boys' School and £263 11s to the Benevolent, or together £1,547, so that our readers will exhibit no surprise that at this Festival it should have been represented only by two Lodges and a Chapter, whose joint lists, including a sum of twenty guineas for Bro. Baron De Ferrières, M.P., amount to £110 5s. However, this helps to raise the total of its contributions since 1875 to the three Institutions to over £4,800, being an average of little short of £343 per Lodge, which, all will allow, is a goodly record, of which the Province may well be proud.

Hants and the Isle of Wight, with thirty-six Lodges, contributes £272 10s, being the total of the lists sent up by five of its Lodges. During 1875-81 it gave to the Boys £1,971, to the Girls £583, and to the Benevolent £1,276, making together £3,830; so that it figures now for £4,100. It has only missed two out of the last twenty-two Festivals, nor is this to be wondered at, having regard to the fact that its worthy Chief, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., is one of the most zealous as well as popular members of the Craft.

To "Little" Herts, with a muster of only eleven Lodges all told, belongs the honour of having raised the largest total in the Provinces, even the Lancashires and West Yorkshire having to yield to it on this occasion. No less than eight of its Lodges sent up Stewards, the Cecil, No. 449, Hitchin, having two representatives, while the Gladsmuir Chapter is represented, as well as the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet. The Watford Lodge, No. 104, heads the list with a handsome contribution, per Bro. J. E. Dawson, of £157 10s. Bro. Terry, acting as the representative of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, Hatfield, is entered for a solid £115 10s. The Cecil, No. 449, Hitchin, gives in all £74 8s, of which £16 1s is on Bro. Silcock's list, and £58 7s on Bro. Dr. George Mickley's. Gladsmuir Lodge, per Bro. C. Grey P.M., figures for £30, and the Gladsmuir Chapter, per Comp. W. J. Crutch, for £40 3s. The Halsey, No. 1479, St. Albans, contributes, per Bro. W. Masters, £42; the Hertford, per Bro. W. Warrenner, M.D., £30 9s; King Harold, No. 1327, Waltham New Town, £28 11s; and the youngest Lodge in the Province, the King Henry the 8th, No. 1757, Hemel Hempstead, a modest £15 3s. These together amount to £533 14s, which, as we have said, is the largest total contributed by any single Province. This raises its subscriptions to the Institution, of which our respected Bro. Terry is the Secretary, to the sum of £2,494 6s 6d, while, in addition, it has given over £720 to the Boys' School, and over £552 to the Girls' School, making together £3,766 as the result of its labours at twenty-one out of twenty-two Festivals. Again we say, as on former occasions, "Bravo! little Herts," to which we will take upon ourselves to add the expression of a hope that other similarly small Provinces—which, however, shall be nameless—will do what in them lies to emulate our little friend and staunch supporter of all our Institutions.

Pass we now to the county of Hops and Cherries—with its forty-six Lodges. This is not only a very strong Province, but it makes a point of being represented at every one of our Festivals. During 1875-81, it gave to the Girls' School £1,860 14s; to the Boys' School £3,315 10s; and to the Benevolent Institution £2,547 6s 6d, making together £7,723 10s 6d, which, by its present contribution of £370 9s 6d is carried to £8,094 exactly. Folkestone, Tunbridge Wells, Plumstead, Swanley, and Chislehurst, do duty for the Province in this instance, and none will deny but they have done admirably, the Cornwallis, No. 1107, Swanley, heading the list with £110 15s 6d, and the Pattison, No. 913, the senior Plumstead Lodge, being close up with £105 10s 6d.

The two Lancashires are numerically our strongest Provinces, and though, under such circumstances, it might have been expected they would take the lead of the others, yet there is no doubt they have shown a most praiseworthy liberality in their support of our Institutions. They are

both fortunate in possessing extremely worthy and popular chiefs, West Lancashire being presided over by the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master of England, and East Lancashire by Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Past Grand Warden of England. Both these R.W. Provincial Grand Masters have presided, the Earl of Lathom at the Festivals of the R.M.B.I. in 1876, and the Boys' School in 1880, and Col. Starkie at the Benevolent in 1879. East Lancashire is the stronger of the two Masonic Divisions of the county, having no less than ninety-one Lodges. It is entered in our tables for the years 1875-81 as having contributed £762 0s 6d to the Girls' School, £1,338 to the Boys' School, and £4,179 1s to the Benevolent—in all £6,279 1s 6d. Seven of its Lodges, by the hands of nine Stewards, jointly contribute £412 15s, one list, however, being apparently outstanding. This brings its total up to the present time to £6,691 16s 6d, and, what is equally satisfactory, it has figured at every one of the last twenty-two Festivals. Its greatest effort was in 1879, when its Chief presided at the Anniversary of the Benevolent, and was supported to the extent of £3,542. West Lancashire has eighty-one Lodges, and during 1875-81 gave to the Girls' School £1,389 6s; to the Boys' School £3,486 16s 6d, and to the Benevolent £2,431 17s: total £7,307 19s 6d. Its present subscription is £237 19s, of which £105 stands to the credit of Bro. Wylie, unattached, the rest being composed of amounts contributed by two Lodges and two Chapters. This makes up its total now to £7,545 18s 6d, the result of contributions to all the Festivals we have been privileged to chronicle.

Leicestershire and Rutland, with ten Lodges, all things considered, does extremely well. Brother Dr. W. C. Crofts, as representative of the whole Province, has handed in £152 15s. At five of the last seven Festivals, Boys' School, it gave £831 6s 6d, of which £400 18s 6d was raised in 1877; at three of the seven Girls' School Festivals it figures for an aggregate of £535 12s; while at the same number of Benevolent Anniversaries it has given £250 18s. Thus, at twelve out of the last twenty-two gatherings Leicestershire and Rutland, albeit but a weak Province, speaking numerically, has shown itself a tower of strength in Charity by contributing a total slightly in excess of £1,770.

Another Home County, in the shape of Middlesex, of which the genial Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., is the respected chief, next engages our attention. It has a compact array of thirty-two Lodges, and is invariably well represented at all the Festivals, distributing its favours among our three Institutions with a praiseworthy impartiality. In the septennial period so constantly alluded to, it has given to the Girls' School £3,293 3s 9d, its largest totals being in the years 1876 and 1877, when it raised £711 12s, and £744 4s 6d respectively; to the Boys' School £2,034 8s, its subscription of last year, £467 5s, being the largest of the seven items; and to the Benevolent £2,063 5s, the highest amount for any one year being the £440 7s of 1879. Now, by the hands of nine Stewards, of whom Bro. George Kenning is unattached, while the others represent among them six Lodges and two Chapters, it contributes £408 2s. This, added to the sum of £7,390 16s 9d for the seven years, makes a grand total of £7,798 18s 9d, a return that must be in all respects most flattering to the worthy chief, his Lodges, and the brethren.

Monmouthshire, with eight Lodges, as the immediate neighbour of South Wales, and being, as in fact it is, even more Welsh than it is English, might naturally have been expected to contribute freely of its means, and we rejoice to say it has amply realised this very natural expectation, the sum given by the Province, per Bro. J. A. Rolls, M.P., acting as its representative, being £257 7s. At the four Anniversaries of this Institution to which it has sent up Stewards it has given £445 15s; the Boys' School, at a like number, has benefited to the extent of £388 10s, and the Girls, at the five Festivals, to that of £721 15s, though, as in the return for 1875, the two Welsh Provinces and Monmouthshire are grouped together, we shall be probably more near the mark if, after deducting two-thirds of the particular amount for the Welsh Provinces, we set down the contributions of Monmouthshire at £412. Under any circumstances, we can credit Monmouthshire with the very capital contribution of over £1,500—not a bad amount for a Province with only eight Lodges.

Norfolk (16 Lodges) has a single Lodge represented, whose list is given as £36 15s. It has been entered at twelve of the Festivals during 1875-81, having raised for

the Boys' School £632 18s; for the Girls' ditto £129 8s, and for the Benevolent £448 10s, together £1,510 16s, or with the contribution of Tuesday £1,547 11s. Its largest aggregate for a single year was in 1879, when it raised over £306 for the Benevolent Institution.

North Wales and Salop has twenty-seven Lodges, and from a feeling of sympathy with its sister Province in South Wales, has fairly well exerted itself on this occasion, five Lodges sending up, by as many Stewards, £149 17s 6d, its Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Spaul, heading the array as representative of the St. Oswald, No. 1124, Oswestry, with Fifty Guineas. Its only contributions to this Institution previously have been two sums of £10 10s each; but for the Boys' it has raised over £1,106, and for the Girls' over £459. We take the excellent subscription of last Tuesday as an omen of good for the year 1882.

Next in order is Oxfordshire, with ten Lodges. It enjoys the honour of being under the rule of a most illustrious chief, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany. That it deeply appreciates this honour must be judged from the liberal and impartial support it extends to all our Institutions. It has missed not a single one of the Festivals we have reported, having given to "Our Boys" £566 9s, to "Our Girls" £742 4s, and to the Benevolent, exclusive of the current year, £867 9s 6d—in all £2,176 2s 6d. To this must now be added £176 18s, of which £105 is the subscription of Apollo University, No. 357, making a grand total now of £2,353 and a fraction. Its most successful year was for the Girls' in 1880, when His Royal Highness took the chair, and over £309 12s was announced.

We now come to the Chairman's Province, namely, the Western Division of South Wales with its modest array of nine Lodges. It was represented by four Stewards, including Lord Kensington, M.P., its Deputy Prov. Grand Master, one of the four acting as representative of the Province. The sum total is £360 3s, which, as we stated at the outset, is in all respects worthy of so small a Province. During 1875-81 it raised £608 14s for the Boys, £536 5s—with a sum not stated in 1875—for the Girls, and £235 10s for the Benevolent. Consequently, it has till now given altogether over £1,740 to our three Institutions since 1st January 1875.

Staffordshire (26 Lodges) is down for a small twenty-five guineas, sent up by a Wolverhampton Lodge, St. Peter's, No. 419. In 1875-81 it raised for the Boys' School £985 8s; for the Girls' School £1,346 17s—its greatest effort being in 1880, when it contributed £536 11s; and for the Benevolent £751 2s. Thus, including the £26 5s of last Tuesday, it has contributed altogether, during the period included in our inquiries, slightly over £3,109.

An Ipswich Lodge—the British Union, No. 114—worthily upholds the fame of the East Anglian county of Suffolk, Bro. Clarke G.P. England, as its representative, contributing a list of £130 3s. There are twenty Lodges in the Province, and irrespective of this sum, it has raised for "Our Boys" £746 5s; for the Sister Institution at Battersea Rise £493 19s 6d, and for the Benevolent £751 5s, in all £1,991 9s 6d, or with Bro. Clarke's list over £2,121. It has figured at all the Anniversaries we have noted.

Surrey, with twenty-four Lodges, is down for £162 1s 6d, the aggregate of seven lists from six Lodges and a Chapter. If we add this to its former contributions of £812 8s 6d to the Boys', £437 6s to the Girls', and £533 8s to the Benevolent, we arrive at the very satisfactory total of £1,945 4s. It has not missed a Festival since 1875. Its neighbour of Sussex, with exactly the same number of Lodges, has contributed almost an identical sum, namely, £162 9s, but there would seem to be another list yet due. "Our Boys" appear to be the favoured Institution, having received from it £1,691 19s 6d, though this in great measure may be attributable to last year's Festival having been held at Brighton, when it raised no less than £771 15s. To the Girls' it has given £807 2s 6d, and to the Benevolent £1,250 4s, of which £600 belongs to 1880. Thus the three have received in all, including Tuesday's list, just £3,911 15s. Very well done, Sussex!

Wilts (ten Lodges) sends up a neat £89 5s, which added to its previous subscriptions during 1875-81, of £299 5s to the Boys', £729 19s 6d to the Girls', and £971 17s 6d to the Benevolent, makes an aggregate of a few shillings over £2,090. This, it must be admitted, indicates a strong regard for our Institutions, giving, as it does, an average per Lodge of £209.

Worcestershire, with its eleven Lodges, under the healthy

and active rule of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., is making excellent play, and now freely supports our Charities. It has given £638 8s to the Boys—of which the sum of £580 13s was raised in the year 1880—and £574 7s to the Girls, £364 7s being its contribution in the same year; but the only subscription to the R.M.B.I. it has hitherto been our privilege to record is £42 in 1879. The present sum of £176 8s is the more welcome, and it proves the Province to be as increasingly impartial in dispensing its good things as it has latterly become liberal.

Of the two Yorkshire Provinces, that of the North and East Ridings, with its twenty-seven Lodges, is entered in the present list for £42, the joint subscription of a Hall Lodge and Chapter (No. 1010 in both cases) and Eboracum, No. 1611, the junior York Lodge. Two years ago, when its Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, took the chair at the Anniversary of the Benevolent, it loyally supported him with a total of contributions amounting to £855 4s, while, including Tuesday's £42, it has now given to this Institution £1,117 17s. The Boys' School has secured aid to the extent of £397 19s, while the Girls have received £239 8s, what it gave in 1878 not being stated. West Yorkshire contributes £350, the number of its Stewards being eight, of whom Captain Wordsworth appears to be unattached. Last year, when its Prov. G. Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., presided as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, it had a most formidable Board of Stewards, who raised among them £3,560, while its contributions during 1875-81 amount to the magnificent total of £14,636 17s, namely, to "Our Boys" £3,461 9s, to "Our Girls" £4,748 13s, and to the Benevolent £6,426 15s. With this year's £350 the sum for the last twenty-two Festivals is £14,986 17s. Comment on this is unnecessary.

Since the above Analysis was written, we have been informed that another list—that of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, London—for £81 18s has been received, as well as the following additions to sundry other lists, namely:

W. Lake	London	-	-	5	5	0
619 James C. Hayes	"	-	-	3	16	0
715 E. Zwinger	"	-	-	1	10	0
1259 E. H. Rolfe	"	-	-	1	1	0
1615 Charles P. Kempe, M.D.	"	-	-	6	6	0
1853 Thomas M. Meredith	"	-	-	0	15	0
Gloucestershire	Henry Godfrey, J.P.	-	-	5	5	0
Hants & I. of W.	Rev. F. W. Thoyts, M.A.	-	-	18	0	0
Kent	Joseph Storey	-	-	10	10	0
East Lancashire	W. J. Cunliffe	-	-	2	4	6
North Wales & Salop	Thomas Coxhead	-	-	10	10	0
Total	-	-	-	£65	2	6

These amounts have been added to the list we publish elsewhere, but it may be as well to note the effect which the two fresh lists—both London ones—namely, for Lodge No. 96, £103 19s, which has been taken into account by us, and for No. 173, £81 18s, which has not, together with the above additions, has had on the general total as announced on Tuesday.

London, as announced	-	-	£6,884	10	0
Add, Lodge No. 96	£103	19	0		
" " 173	81	18	0		
Small amounts, as detailed above	18	13	0		
			204	10	0
			£7,089	0	0
Provinces, as announced	-	-	£5,452	13	6
Additions since received, as noted above	-	-	46	9	6
			£5,499	3	0
Present Total	-	-	12,588	3	0

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised at the present time, and the earliest evidences of ill health must be immediately checked, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsy, coughs, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. J. A. Lloyd-Philipps, Provincial Grand Master South Wales (Western Division), who was well supported by Officers of Grand Lodge and brethren generally, there being close on 400 present at the banquet. The dinner was well served, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were given. In proposing that of Her Majesty the Queen, the Chairman referred to the notices which had lately appeared in the public press of Her Majesty's intention to reside for a time in the sunny south for the benefit of her health, and expressed a hope that the change might prove beneficial. He called upon the brethren to drink to her safe return to her native soil in renewed health and strength. The toast of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales K.G., M.W.G.M., the Patron and President of the Institution; The Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, followed. The Chairman considered the example set by the Grand Master worthy of being copied, not only by each Provincial Grand Master, but also by the Master of every private Lodge. He referred to the approaching marriage of the Duke of Albany, and felt assured that Freemasons generally, would give a hearty welcome to the wife of the respected Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. The toasts of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master followed. With the latter was coupled the Present and Past Grand Officers. The Chairman felt that the present Officers of Grand Lodge would follow the example set them by Past Officers, and work in such a manner as to uphold the dignity of the Grand Lodge of England as it had been upheld in the past. With the toast was coupled the name of the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Grand Chaplain. In reply, that brother expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be called upon to reply to that toast. On no occasion had he risen with more pride than on the present, when he saw before him so noble an assemblage of brethren met together for an object of benevolence—the ruling feature of Freemasonry. He felt that all present had but one desire—to hear a large amount announced on behalf of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. An old man himself, blessed with all he could desire, he could yet sympathise with those who were similarly circumstanced as regarded age, but who were unfortunately in want, and on their behalf he and the Grand Officers generally could but express the hope that a large list of subscriptions would be announced to-night.

The Chairman, on rising to propose the toast of the evening, was received with prolonged cheering. He said:—Brethren, it is with much diffidence that I rise to propose this toast. It is one that I feel could have been placed in much better hands than my own, for, being a soldier, I prefer action rather than words. But I must pray your attention for a short time on behalf of this toast, the principal toast at the Annual Festival of the Benevolent Institution for 1882. This Institution was suggested by the late Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, and since its establishment 556 brethren have been elected on its funds. After the last election there were 155 male annuitants receiving £40 a year. That makes up a sum of £6200, towards which we have a permanent income of £1800. The residue of the income, including the working expenses, has to be made up by donations and subscriptions. I only trust that when Bro. Terry, the Secretary, presently announces the sums collected by the different Stewards, we shall find that a very handsome sum has been placed to the credit of this Institution. The Freemasons' Widows' Fund was established under the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland in 1849. Since that time 319 widows have been elected, and after the last election there were 160 widows receiving £32 per annum each. Now, last Friday I had the pleasure of going over the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, and I made what, as a soldier, I may call a very minute barrack inspection. I went there as a stranger, to satisfy myself, and also to satisfy a great number of my brethren who have not an opportunity of visiting the Institution, and I must say I was very much struck with its cleanliness, with the air of comfort that pervaded the whole place, especially the rooms; and likewise with the gratitude expressed by the old men and women there. I had the honour of shaking hands with the oldest Freemason in England, the Warden of this Institution, who is now ninety-three years of age. I talked with some of the inmates, and, with gratitude in their hearts, and tears in their eyes, they said, "Oh, sir, what should we do if it was not for this Institution, and for the kindness of the Freemasons at large." I will not detain you longer, brethren, but I will just say this, that the Benevolent Institution is one that commends itself to your generous support. I come from a small province in the very westernmost of Wales, and I felt it my duty, on receiving an invitation to preside here, to come with a true Freemason's heart, to do what I could for you. I assure you it has given me great pleasure to preside here to-night, and I now ask you to drink right heartily, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart replied to the toast. They were assembled that night to help the aged, and to get others to help also. He had been a Mason thirty-five years, during which time he had acted as Steward for the Charities on many occasions. The first Stewardship he had undertaken was for the Old People, and he was ready to act again in case of need. He might tell the brethren that on the occasion of his first Stewardship they thought £500 a great success; but such had been the growth of the Institution, that now they hoped for £500 with £14,000 in addition. He advised the brethren to pay a visit to the Institution, feeling assured that the more members of the Craft saw of it, the more they would appreciate it. He was very proud to hear the statements of the Chairman in regard to his visit to Croydon, more especially as he had had the pleasure of conducting Bro. Philipps over the Institution, and introducing him to the inmates. What would the annuitants have done without the Institution? he asked. They must have gone to the Lodge of Benevolence. He considered that the Institution was far better than the Lodge of Benevolence; for at the one brethren received permanent,

while at the other only temporary aid was afforded. He felt sure that the brethren would be highly gratified on hearing the result of the various Stewards' efforts. Bro. J. Terry then read the list of donations, giving the total amount as £6,884 10s for London, and £5,452 13s 6d for the Provinces (total £12,337 3s 6d), with eleven lists to come in. (The various amounts, with additions made since, are given elsewhere). The total, Bro. Terry said, must be most gratifying to all concerned, it was the largest, with two exceptions, ever received on behalf of the Institution. This result had been attained with 143 Stewards less than were secured last year, when £14,300 was announced. Without casting any reflection on the brethren who had acted then, he felt this year's result showed that the Stewards of 1882 had each and all worked more zealously, if possible, than Stewards had ever worked before. Bro. Col. Lyne gave the toast of the Chairman, asking the brethren to join him in giving a hearty welcome to their President, and thereby showing their thanks for what he had done. He was sure the Principality would equally appreciate the compliment the brethren had paid them in having selected one of its Prov. Grand Masters to preside over the Festival as the brethren did the honour paid them by their Chairman in undertaking the office. He congratulated the Chairman on the grand assemblage surrounding him, and still further on the happy result of the efforts made by the Stewards, which had placed him in the proud position of third on the list of chairmen as regarded results. Colonel Lyne felt that the kind way in which the gifts of the Provinces were received, was an inducement for the brethren thereof to go on, and do all that lay in their power for the advantage of the Institutions. There was an old saying, "Good wine needs no bush," and as he felt that the Chairman's toast needed no remarks from him to ensure a hearty welcome, he would at once call on the brethren to honour it. The toast having been received most enthusiastically, the Chairman replied. He hardly knew how to respond after the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received. At the solicitation of the Secretary of the Institution he had consented, subject to the approval of the Grand

Master, to preside. He did so with great diffidence. He could assure the brethren that the Masonic heart beat as warmly in his, the western part of the country, as it did in the great city of London. He had experienced great pleasure in presiding that day, and personally thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn was entrusted with the proposition of the next toast—Success to the other Masonic Institutions—which he proposed in a few words. He reminded the brethren that Masonry was a progressive science. He should like to see the results of the other two Festivals exceed in amount the total announced that night. If every one would determine to outdo what had been done, he was sure the results of the coming Festivals might be made unparalleled successes. Bro. Hedges replied, congratulating the Benevolent Institution and its officials on the success that had attended the Festival. He reminded the brethren that the Festival of the Girls' School would take place in May next, under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught, and hoped for as great a success. Bro. Binckes followed, expressing his thanks for the way in which he had also been referred to in connection with the toast. He only hoped that the splendid success which had attended the Festival of the Benevolent Institution might attend that of the Boys' School, which would take place in June next, under the presidency of the first magistrate of the first city of the world. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., proposed the health of the Stewards, to which Bro. W. Clarke G.P., the President of the Board, responded. The Chairman gave The Ladies, which concluded the programme in the banqueting hall. The brethren then repaired to the Temple, where the usual Concert was provided. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, she being supported by Miss Jessie Royd, Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss S. M. Salmon, Madame Osborne Williams, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. Arthur Thomas, Bro. Bantock Pierpoint, and Bro. Henry Pyatt. The Conductors were Bros. Henry Parker and P. E. Van Noorden. The Festival of 1882 may be pronounced a great success in every way, and we have much pleasure in tendering our congratulations.

The following is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON.

LONDON.

Lodge	Br. Edgar Bowyer	- 85 0 0
	John Henry Leggott	- 10 10 0
	William March	- 50 18 6
	Abner Torkington	- 27 6 0
	F A White	- 10 10 0
	W Lake	- 10 10 0
Grand Stewards		
Lodge	W Smithett	- 38 16 6
1	Ralph M Bishop	- 15 15 0
2	Edmund A Pontifex	- 101 16 0
3	W H Perryman	- 67 4 0
4	Rev. H Lansdell, F.R.G.S.	- 21 0 0
5	Capt. H G Matthews	- 28 7 0
7	John Marnham	- 9 5 0
8	E Walter Rushworth	- 17 15 0
9	Alfred Endean	- 47 5 6
10	Rev. J N Palmer	- 29 5 0
11	Felix Curlier	- 42 9 6
Chapter		
12	Comp. Joseph Clever	- 36 15 0
Lodge		
14	Br. W Bedford Liddiard	- 10 10 0
15	E A Wells	- 49 6 6
18	John Abbott	- 15 15 0
19	William M Bywater	- 23 2 0
21	Robert Berridge	- 43 0 0
22	E Francis Storr	- 59 12 0
27	J H Coulson	- 61 17 0
29	John H Bott	- 17 17 0
30	Joseph Driscoll	- 56 12 0
33	M Ohren (Lodge 1601)	{ 55 5 0 26 5 0
46	James R Cassell	- 49 16 6
49	James Moon	- 73 10 0
49	Alfred Williams	- 10 10 0
55	James Cooper	- 63 14 0
63	John Henry Watts	- 42 10 6
65	Wm Chicken	- 142 16 0
Chapter		
73	Comp. John Mason	- 90 10 0
Lodge		
73	Br. Thos Palmer	- 75 14 6
79	H W Partridge	- 10 10 0
87	Richard Lambourn	- 58 14 0
96	Jas A Wild jun. (since announcement)	- 103 19 0
101	Thos E Taylor	- 48 16 6
108	J Monico	- 20 0 0
141	Edward Bye	- 32 1 0
Chapter		
142	Comp. R Martin	- 15 14 0
Lodge		
144	Br. Richard Barham	- 74 4 6
147	J J Hutchings	- 66 15 0
165	Chas Belton	- 10 10 0
167	J G Humphreys	- 56 3 6

Lodge	169	Geo Bolton	- 100 0 0
	171	W H Bateman	- 31 10 0
	172	Geo Hockey	- 40 0 0
	173	John Finch	- 81 18 0
	174	Fred Brown	- 117 17 0
	181	Wm Heseltine	- 35 14 0
	185	Fred Croaker	- 100 3 0
	188	Richard Baker	- 11 11 0
	193	Bedford Lemere	- 86 1 0
	194	Geo N Watts	- 53 1 0
	197	Hy Luke Hansard, M.A.	- 18 15 0
	198	J C Carr	- 50 0 0
	205	Joseph Da Silva	- 76 8 0
	228	George H Patmore	- 103 11 6
	256	John A Farnfield	- 51 7 0
	259	Rev A W Hall, M.A.	- 47 5 0
	435	A Allhausen	- 25 3 6
	511	Carter Millbourn	- 60 10 0
	548	Henry Carman	- 44 11 6
	554	J J Berry	- 128 6 0
	619	Jas C Hayes	- 50 0 0
	657	Geo P Gillard	- 28 7 0
	704	W Fredk Rogers	-
	715	E Zwinger	- 20 8 0
	749	W Groves	- 34 14 0
	754	Wm M Tegg	- 26 14 6
	781	F Robinson	- 115 18 0
	813	R R Harper	- 52 10 0
	822	Fredk Abbott	- 44 2 0
	860	T B Dodson	- 22 0 0
	862	R P Tate	- 71 17 0
	871	G Harvey	- 21 0 0
	890	T G Smith	- 105 0 0
	907	G T Barr	- 49 4 0
	917	J F Van Raalte	- 22 11 0
	1017	John Syers	-
	1056	James Boulton	- 180 5 0
	1076	Francis Brien	- 68 15 0
	1178	R Challoner	- 53 13 0
	1259	E H Rolfe	- 55 3 6
Chapter			
	1260	Comp. J Pigot	-
	1275	Govan Macdonald	- 12 1 0
Lodge			
	1278	Br. Wm H Making	- 38 17 0
	1288	Alex Mullord	- 52 10 0
	1305	J J Pope	- 52 10 0
	1319	Edward Swaunborough	- 23 3 0
Chapter			
	1319	Comp F R W Hedges	- 11 11 0
Lodge			
	1321	Br. F T Edgington	- 74 9 0
	1328	Benjamin Turner	- 84 0 0
	1329	G T Bickerton	- 30 0 0
	1339	H E Frances	- 63 0 0
Chapter			
	1348	Comp. Peter Parsons	- 31 10 0
	1366	Br. Edward L Shelton	- 95 5 6

Lodge	1381	H M Appleton	- 50 0 0
	1383	William R G Farmer	- 112 7 0
	1420	James S Sinclair	- 46 19 0
	1421	R W Biggs	- 84 0 0
	1426	Chas Taylor	-
	1489	T Hastings Miller	- 63 0 0
	1538	George Gregory	- 35 17 0
	1540	Henry Faija	- 53 11 0
	1584	T Drew Bear	- 36 15 0
	1607	E Couchman Beedell	- 63 0 0
	1614	S Jacobs	-
	1615	Charles P Kempe, M.D.	- 29 6 0
	1641	Robert J Foisey	- 50 0 0
	1657	E Anderton	- 44 2 0
	1668	W T Lover	- 42 10 0
	1671	{ Richard A Morgan } { J Benjamin }	- 187 19 0
	1677	R D Cammings	- 45 14 6
	1681	R Burleton	- 50 5 0
	1706	M Maybrick	- 44 2 0
	1716	W C Young	- 64 4 6
	1719	Thomas A Greene	- 29 18 0
	1719	Joseph Manwaring	- 10 10 0
	1719	M Mildred	- 10 10 0
	1728	Charles Butcher	- 103 19 0
	1732	L Solomon	- 79 4 0
	1766	{ A A Clements Joint } { J A Jones List }	- 100 0 0
	1769	Charles Thompson	- 49 7 0
	1804	W H Farnfield	- 47 15 6
	1804	John Roberts	- 10 10 0
	1839	G F Smith jun	- 21 8 6
	1853	Thomas M Meredith	- 90 15 0
	1900	G P Festa	- 105 0 0
	1922	Robert J Taylor	- 42 0 0
	1928	Henry Massey	- 22 10 0
	1949	H B Marshall, C.C.	- 105 0 0
	1950	R P Forge	- 86 0 0
	Sovereign		
	Sanctuary		
	A & P Rite	J H Southwood	- 110 18 6

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

	209	Br. Andrew Pears	- 27 5 0
	574	Walter B Wilson	- 32 11 0
	591	Gustav A Charaben	- 2 16 0
	915	Frederick Blake	- 44 2 0
	915	E Morland	- 10 10 0
Chapter			
	945	Comp. John Tomkins, J.P.	- 42 0 0
Lodge			
	1101	Br. Edward J Blackwell	- 72 0 0
		James Botting	-
	1566	Ephraim Davey	-
		Chas M Footitt	- 12 10 0

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209 Br. Andrew Pears	- 27 5 0
574 Walter B Wilson	- 32 11 0
591 Gustav A Charuben	- 2 16 0
915 Frederick Blake	- 44 2 0
915 E Morland	- 10 10 0
Chapter	
945 Comp. John Tomkins, J.P.	- 42 0 0
Lodge	
1101 Br. Edward J Blackwell	- 72 0 0
James Botting	-
1566 Ephraim Davey	-
Chas M Footitt	- 12 10 0

243 14 0

CHESHIRE.			KENT.			OXFORDSHIRE.		
Lodge			Lodge			Lodge		
1565	Eustace G Parker	45 0 0	558	James Kennett	31 10 0	340	F W Ansell	38 12 0
			874	Charles Graham	63 0 0	357	H R Cooper Smith, M.A.	105 0 0
			913	W B Lloyd	105 10 6	478	R E Baynes	15 5 0
			1107	Joseph Storey	110 15 6	1895	A Brakspear	18 1 0
				E Kipps	59 13 6			176 18 0
					370 9 6			
CORNWALL.			EAST LANCASHIRE.			S. WALES (Western Division).		
450	John Coombe	178 10 0	44	W Francis Parkinson	10 10 0	464	Br. Rt Hon Lord Kensing-	
			221	Thomas Entwisle	42 0 0	ton, M.P.		
			277	Rev. J Harrison, M.A.	10 10 0	Province Edwin Thomas	360 3 0	
			317	James Wilson	10 10 0	378	Dr H D Reynolds	
				J W Edwards	10 10 0		John James	
				W J Cunliffe	12 14 6			
			467	Walter Potts	26 5 0			
			645	E P Stubbs	52 10 0			
			1009	Frank A Huet (L.D.S.)	250 0 0			
					414 19 6			
CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORLAND.			WEST LANCASHIRE.			STAFFORDSHIRE.		
129	G J McKay	105 0 0						
1073	Rev. A F A Woodford	10 10 0						
		115 10 0						
DERBYSHIRE.			LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.			SURREY.		
1235	Philp Le Gros	43 1 0				416	J D Thomson	17 17 0
1235	John Stanley	10 10 0				452	F A Manning, C.E.	5 15 0
		53 11 0				889	Alfred Nuthall	25 3 0
DEVONSHIRE.						1046	C R Anderson	21 0 0
1402	Thomas Perry	5 5 0				Chapter		
DORSETSHIRE.						1395	Comp. S G Kirchhoffer	18 18 0
Province	W. Douglas Dugdale	36 15 0				Lodge		
DURHAM.						1638	Br. W Youldon	46 9 0
764	Charles S Lane	63 0 0				1714	T J Pulley	26 19 0
ESSEX.								162 1 6
	A C Veley	21 0 0						
433	William R Crozier	43 10 0						
1543	E Shedd	29 0 0						
		93 10 0						
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.								
Chapter								
82	Comp. J Brook-Smith, M.A.							
Lodge								
82	Br. Henry Godfrey, J.P.	15 15 0						
82	Baron de Ferrieres, J.P.	21 0 0						
592	John Mullings	78 15 0						
		115 10 0						
HANTS & ISLE OF WIGHT.								
35	A Barfield	32 10 0						
342	Joseph T Craven	73 10 0						
694	Rev F W Thoyts, M.A.	48 0 0						
723	Richard Eve	31 10 0						
1776	Edward S Main	105 0 0						
		290 10 0						
HERTFORDSHIRE.								
403	William Warrenner, M.D.	30 9 0						
404	Jno E Dawson	157 10 0						
449	James Shilcock	16 1 0						
449	Dr Geo Mickley	58 7 0						
1327	W A Sproat	28 11 0						
Chapter								
1385	Comp W J Crutch	40 3 0						
Lodge								
1385	Br Charles Grey	30 0 0						
1479	W Masters	42 0 0						
1580	James Terry Secretary	115 10 0						
1757	Henry Balderson	15 3 0						
		533 14 0						
MIDDLESEX.								
	Br. G Kenning	10 10 0						
708	James Inglis	15 15 0						
1194	William Vincent	110 17 0						
1237	A G Fiddler	52 10 0						
1326	J W Baldwin	28 6 0						
Chapter								
1503	Comp. D P Cama	15 15 0						
1549	William Stephens	10 10 0						
Lodge								
1567	Br. W H Goodall	61 11 6						
1637	John Burrows King	102 7 6						
		408 2 0						
MONMOUTHSHIRE.								
	Province J A Rolls, M.P.	257 7 0						
NORFOLK.								
85	Dr C D Hill Drury	36 15 0						
NORTH WALES AND SALOP.								
597	John Peters	31 15 0						
755	John R L Hazeldine	44 0 0						
1124	F R Spanll	52 10 0						
1674	Thomas Coxhead	13 2 6						
1849	Henry Platt	19 0 0						
		160 7 6						
WORCESTERSHIRE.								
280	William Barkley	42 0 0						
280	Harry F Dale	10 10 0						
377	G W Grosvenor	59 17 0						
529	G H Williamson	64 1 0						
		176 8 0						
YORKSHIRE (N & E Riding).								
1010	Br. George Bohn	10 10 0						
Chapter								
1010	Comp. Henry Logan	10 10 0						
Lodge								
1611	Br. G C Padel	21 0 0						
		42 0 0						
WEST YORKSHIRE.								
	Br. Captain Wordsworth							
139	William G Roper							
290	William Harrop							
302	Thomas Hill							
910	Robert Fisher							
1019	Alf. W Stanfield, J.P.							
1301	John T Goodall							
1301	Sunderland C Sykes							
		350 0 0						
NORTH AFRICA.								
1717	A M Broadley	10 10 0						

MARK MASONRY.

THE WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 223.

THIS Lodge met at the Masonic Lodge room, 8A Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Friday, the 17th inst., the W.M. Bro. H. J. Lardner being well supported by Officers and members, and a good working evening resulted. Amongst those present were the following, viz., Bros. T. Booth S.W., G. S. Elliott as J.W., R. Greenwood M.O., C. F. Goodenough S.O., Appleton J.O., W. Pennefather Sec., E. Gilbert P.M. and Treasurer, Brickdale, Brasher, Smyth, and others. The V.W. Brothers Donald M. Dewar P.G.M.O. Assistant Grand Mark Secretary and James Stevens P.G.J.O., &c. &c., were also present, and assisted in the work of advancement. The minutes having been read, several brethren were balloted for as candidates, and of these Bros. H. J. Ewins of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, and J. H. Rumball, C. J. Smith, H. K. Clisby, and P. H. Clisby, all of the West Smithfield Lodge 1623, being in attendance, were severally

introduced and duly advanced to the honourable degree. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the brethren generally promised to support him. The Lodge was closed after some small matters of business detail had received attention, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, at the invite of the W.M., who is well redeeming a former promise that his year of office should greatly advantage and materially increase the prosperity of the Lodge.

Bro. R. C. Harrison, Junior Warden of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, will preside at the meeting to be held at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday next, 28th inst., when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has undertaken to deliver his lecture on the Ceremonials of the First Degree. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. precisely.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 21st February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Dignam W.M., Christian S.W., Smyth J.W., Corble S.D., T. Clark J.D., Edwards I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Darnell, Jones, Lamb, Gosling, Baker, Little, T. Jones, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Baker offered himself as a candidate for raising, was interrogated, and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the same brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the Worshipful Master giving the traditional history. Bro. Edwards assisted Bro. F. Carr to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was regularly closed to first degree, and Bro. Jones, of Lodge 1607, was elected a member. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Grey's, the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. Defriez W.M., Horley S.W., A. Clark J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, Gieseke Treasurer, Sorjeant S.D., Strond J.D., F. Perl I.G.; also Bros. Grey, Moss, Klein, Ford, Rowe, &c. After preliminaries Bro. Strond answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Strond being the candidate. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. Horley was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. A ballot in connection with the Charity Association was then proceeded with, when the same proved in favour of Bro. Perkins.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, 23rd instant, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Alexander Jones W.M., T. Smith S.W., C. Bellerby J.W., J. Wells Secretary, J. Woolmer S.D., J. Green J.D.; Andrews P.M., E. C. Porter, Lamb, Hewlings, J. Owen, Pitt, H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Hewlings answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lamb candidate. Bro. T. Smith was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Wallington Lodge, No. 1892.—A regular meeting of this very successful Lodge took place at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Charles Sawyer W.M., John G. Horsey S.W., W. Pile J.W., W. Russell Crowe Treasurer, Leon A. Mesrouze Secretary, E. Dickman S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., W. P. Catterson I.G., W. Harwood W.S., also Bros. Captain R. Crowe, R. R. Davis, G. W. Filmer, G. C. Barry, J. Edwards, G. Maspero, T. Carter, and W. W. Weal. Visitors—W. Sheadd P.M. Panmure 720, E. W. L. Gillemund 720, W. G. Frost Lorne 1347, R. Davis Laughton 1673, and W. J. Ogden 1817. The Lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Weal was examined and entrusted; Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Brother Weal passed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and an unanimous ballot taken for Messrs. S. W. Wilcox and Alfred Bishop, and these gentlemen were then regularly initiated. Bro. G. Horsey S.W. was next elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, as also for Bro. W. R. Crowe as Treasurer. The election of the Tyler and the appointment of Auditors brought the business to a close. The brethren reassembled at the King's Arms Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Right Worshipful Sir Francis Burdett has kindly promised to visit the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382, on Monday next. The members meet at the Chequers, Uxbridge, and on this occasion Lodge will be opened at 6.30.

BRO. DR. JOHN BOWES.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Bro. Dr. Bowes Master of the Warrington Blue Coat School, which took place at that Institution, on Saturday, the 11th instant. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, suffered from congestion of the lungs. He was well known and deservedly respected, as well in literary and social as in Masonic circles. Our deceased brother's literary attainments were of a very high order, and in addition to his various publications in the form of books, he was a contributor to the local newspaper press as well as to our columns. Dr. Bowles was connected with the Lodge of Lights, 148, Warrington, and it may be said there were few members of the Craft equal to him in knowledge of the ritual, in the deep impressiveness with which he rendered it, and in the brotherly readiness with which he would communicate his store of knowledge. He was a Past Master of the Lodge of Lights, Prov. G. Treasurer of the Western Division of the county of Lancaster, and had filled the offices of Prov. G.D.C., Prov. Grand Reg., Prov. G.J.W., &c. He was also P.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter "Elias Ashmole," and a Provincial Grand Officer of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., the brethren who attended wearing white ties, white kid gloves, and sprigs of acacia in their coats. We offer our respectful sympathy to his family and friends.

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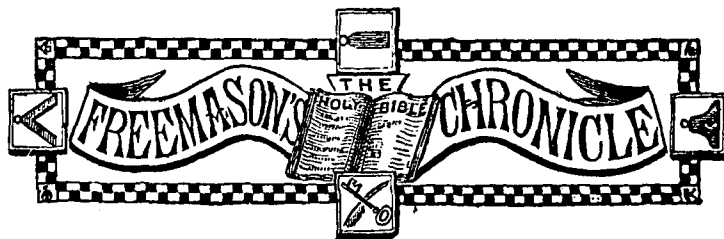
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1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.
2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December 1881 will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in
which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—A Brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, London . . . £50 0 0
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6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Grand Lodge having at the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December last directed the Board to consider and report on a motion submitted by Brother Charles John Perceval, P.M. of Lodge No. 1607, to the following effect, viz.,—"That in all cases when a question is brought before Grand Lodge, for which a division is demanded, the telling of the same shall be conducted in a similar method to that pursued in the House of Commons, viz.,—Two tellers from each side of the question be appointed to record the votes as the members pass out, and make their report accordingly."

The Board have carefully considered the subject, and beg to report thereon—

1st. That the proposal of Brother Perceval to conduct the counting of votes in a manner similar to that in use in the House of Commons would be impracticable, inasmuch as printed lists of members would be required, and it would be likewise necessary that the tellers should be able to name the Brethren passing them.

2nd. That some other course might be adopted which would meet the complaint at present made of confusion, and possible inaccuracy, in obtaining the numbers voting; but the Board consider that in order to carry the matter out in a thorough and satisfactory manner, a rule should be laid down that all Brethren remaining in Grand Lodge, after a division is ordered, should be required to vote on one side or the other, after due opportunity of withdrawing has been given to those Brethren who desire not to take part in the division.

3rd. That temporary turnstiles be erected just outside the portals of Grand Lodge, to be in charge of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistants, through one of which all the Brethren (except the presiding officer) remaining for the division should be required to pass on divisions being called for. And the Board believe that sufficient accommodation for the moment would be found for the Brethren in the corridor and in the "Sussex" room in the Freemasons' Tavern (directly opposite the door of Grand Lodge), which they have ascertained can be reserved for the Quarterly Communications at an annual charge of five guineas.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

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To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of January last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3,812 8s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

7. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1881.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By Brother JOSHUA NUNN P.G.S.B. President of the Lodge of Benevolence:

In the Book of Constitutions, page 96, Article 3, after the word "Month" in third line, to add the words "at 4 o'clock."

(2) By Brother GEORGE P. BRITTEN P.M. No. 183:—

Book of Constitutions, "Fund of Benevolence," Article 12, page 103:—

To erase the word "Three" and insert the word "Seven."

To add, "Grand Secretary shall prepare a list of all petitions for relief, stating the name and address of each petitioner, with the number or numbers of any Lodge

or Lodges of which he may have been a member, and the number of the recommending Lodge; and such list shall be printed and forwarded on the Saturday preceding each meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence to all members of the Lodge of Benevolence, as defined by Article 3, page 96."

(3) By Brother FREDERIC DAVISON W.M. No. 10:—

"That the Lodge of Benevolence meet twice a month at 6 p.m."

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

No. 1954.—The Molesworth Lodge, Wadebridge, Cornwall.
1955.—The Freetown Lodge, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.
1956.—The Reunion Lodge, Blenheim, New Zealand.
1957.—The Grove Lodge, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.
1958.—The Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, Havant, Hants.
1959.—The Phoenix Lodge, Akaroa, New Zealand.
1960.—The Stewart Lodge, Rawul Pindee, East Indies.
1961.—The Punjab Northern Lodge, Jhelum, East Indies.

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CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC LODGE AT FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A NEW Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated at the Public Hall, Fenton, on Wednesday, a Provincial Grand Lodge of emergency being convened for that purpose. Many of the members of the Portland Lodge (No. 637), held at Stoke, and Etruscan Lodge (546), held at Longton, reside at Fenton, and have for many years contemplated the formation of a Lodge of their own, not only as a matter of convenience to themselves, but with the belief that by so doing they would bring within the Craft many who have not been initiated, and thus promote the cause in which they are interested. Both the Etruscan and the Portland brethren supported the application for the charter, which was granted by M.W.G.M. of England, the Prince of Wales. The promoters of the new Lodge adopted for its name "Minerva," a Roman goddess, whom Varro, an ancient Latin scholar and critic, regarded as the impersonation of divine thought, having under her care all that constitutes the development of human destiny. The consecration of a new Lodge is an event which excites considerable interest amongst the fraternity, not only on account of the fact that even in these days of the rapid growth of Masonry the opening of a new Lodge is of comparatively rare occurrence, but also owing to the imposing nature of the ceremony itself. Hence there was a large gathering of Freemasons at Fenton on Wednesday. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Major G. S. Tudor attended to perform the ceremony. The Lodge was opened at one o'clock by the P.G.M., the Wardens' chair being occupied by Bros. Gothard and Bickley. The P.G.M. stated that he had been commanded to perform the ceremony of consecrating the Minerva Lodge, and Bro. Cartwright, as P.G.S., stated the steps which had been taken for the formation of the Lodge. He said the M.W.G.M. of England had been pleased to grant a charter which was dated the 25th of October 1881, authorizing the opening of a Lodge in the Public Hall, Fenton, in the Province of Staffordshire, and the members were desirous that it should be properly constituted and the Officers installed and invested. In the warrant Bros. F. Wedgewood Grove P.M. 637 P.G.J.D. was designated the W.M., W. T. McNeal P.M. 546 the S.W., and Thomas Ashworth P.M. 418 the J.W. The Lodge was named the Minerva, and numbered 1,942 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and the ordinary meetings were fixed to be held the last Tuesday in each month. It was signed on behalf of the M.W.G.M. by the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and also by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary. The brethren of the Minerva signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant. Bro. the Rev. J. Westbury, in the absence of Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Iles, acted as Chaplain, and delivered an oration. He said it had been customary amongst Masons from time immemorial that on special occasions particular reference should be made to the duties, privileges, and responsibilities belonging to those who were worthy members of their Order; and on that occasion, without making any formal address, it would be well for him first to bring back their minds, so far as he could, to the early teaching of Freemasonry as a system. There were three things which it seemed to him they should consider with respect to each of their Lodges and each individual member. The first was to mind propriety in the appointments of the Lodge, and he thought the members of the Minerva might be congratulated upon the appointments they had prepared, in each of which some deep moral truth was symbolized. They ought to learn from that propriety that what they had to do, if done at all, was worth doing well, and that if it was not worth doing well it was not worth doing at all. As Masons they should be thorough men—thorough in their devotion to their Lodges, desiring to see that all their ceremonies were so performed and that everything in conducting the business of the Lodges was so gone through as to impress by the outward sign what was the inward and spiritual power. Another thing which came to his mind was that in their Lodges there was a certain—they might say a perfect—equality. They gave honour to whom honour was due, and that was only right. To the Officers of the Lodge they promised obedience, and by the fidelity of

the Officers to their obligations the members generally were enabled to fulfil their own duties more perfectly than they otherwise would. But, official duties set aside, they were all upon an equality—all brethren; and, then, as brethren, let them remember if one brother suffered they all suffered with him, for they were all members of one body. Those words were used in another sense, in connection with a brotherhood with which he was associated, of perhaps even a more sacred character than Masonry; but if they were to learn the real mission true Masonry taught they would be better husbands, better employers, better citizens than they were. Still the secret and cement of their Masonic Order was in this feeling that one man was not different to another—that each Mason, equally with any of his brethren, was a child and servant of the Great Architect of the Universe. The last thought which suggested itself was the need of consistency. If a member was a good Mason he was a good man; he could not be anything else. He might be a Mason and a bad man, but he could not be a good Mason and a bad man. Let their conduct be consistent outside the Lodge with what they did within it; let it not be thought from their outside conduct that there was anything improper in their assemblies; but let it be said when Masons were noticed by the outside world that their conduct was in the highest degree commendable, and give the glory not to themselves, but to the Supreme Ruler of the world. The musical portion of the ceremony was then commenced. After the usual prayers, the invocation was given by the P.G.M., and the Chaplain read the 1st to the 16th verses of the second chapter of the 2nd Book of Chronicles. The Lodge board was then uncovered. The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the Wardens carried the cornucopia, wine, and oil round the Lodge, appropriate verses being sung, and the consecrating Officer strewed corn as an emblem of plenty, poured wine as the emblem of joy and happiness, and oil as the emblem of unity. The formal dedication and constitution of the Lodge followed, more solemn music being introduced, concluding with the National Anthem. The ceremony of installing Bro. Grove as W.M. was then proceeded with, this duty being performed by Bro. E. Roberts P.M. 637, assisted by Bro. S. Smith P.M. 637. In addition to the Wardens previously mentioned, the following Officers were duly invested;—Bros. G. Hallam Treasurer, E. Peake Secretary, J. Marfleet S.D., T. W. Gimson J.D., S. Smith D.C., Lindop I.G., T. Barker Organist, J. Shenton Steward. At the close of the Lodge a special tramway train conveyed the brethren from Fenton to Stoke, and a banquet was prepared in excellent style by Bro. Patzer, at the North Staffordshire Hotel. About sixty attended the banquet, and the W.M. presided. At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toasts, proposed by the W.M., were very heartily drunk. Bro. F. James proposed the health of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and other Officers of Grand Lodge. He (Bro. James) said there was no man in England who could better give expression to the feelings which animated English Freemasons than the Earl of Carnarvon. Not long ago the Grand Orient of France made a proposition to eliminate from the Masonic ritual the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. They suggested to the Grand Lodge of England that they should alter their ritual to the same extent. Lord Carnarvon, in a few brief sentences, expressed the unanimous feeling of every English Mason that it was a matter that was utterly impossible even for them to consider for a moment. Members of the Grand Lodge decided that they did not wish to dictate to the Grand Orient what they should do, but while they were willing to exchange fraternal sentiments with every Lodge of France, they could not consent to admit any Mason who had been initiated under any rules the Grand Orient proposed. The toast was very cordially received. The W.M. proposed the toast of the P.G.M., referring to the long illness which Bro. Tudor had suffered, and expressing a hope that he would be completely restored to health. The toast was warmly honoured. Bro. Tudor responded, and expressed a sincere wish that the newly-consecrated Lodge at Fenton might prosper. Bro. E. V. Greatbatch proposed the health of Bro. Col. Foster Gough D.P.G.M., and other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, past and present, for whom Bro. F. James and Bro. T. Bickley responded. Bro. A. G. Prince, in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Grove throughout his Masonic career had been a credit to the Craft, and there was no doubt that under his direction everything would be well managed at the Minerva. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Grove, in acknowledging the compliment, said he considered it a great honour to be Master of any Lodge, but it was an extremely high honour to be the first Master. Numbering amongst his Officers several Past Masters, he had every reason to expect a successful year of office. It had long been an idea of himself and others that they should have in Fenton a Masonic Lodge, and it was gratifying to know that their wish had been consummated. They had no intention of being at enmity with anybody. They knew that they might draw some members from other Lodges, and at the same time attract Masons who did not belong to either as well as initiate many who were not Masons. They felt that if they did take a few away from neighbouring Lodges the Craft in general would be benefited. He was glad that during his term of office as Chairman of the Fenton Local Board another institution had been added to those of the town, and that it was an institution which, while it could not do any harm, was calculated to effect much good. He hoped the members of the Minerva would act with that wisdom which the name indicated. He had been twitted with having named the Lodge after a heathen goddess, but tradition put her down as a wise woman, and if they could act up to the tradition of Minerva nobody would have cause to repent it. Bro. S. Smith proposed "The Visiting Brethren," on whose behalf Bro. W. Cartwright P.G.S., Brough P.M. 516 and D. Smith W.M. 637, responded. Bro. J. G. Bakewell P.M. 516, proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," for whom Bros. Ashworth J.W., and Gimson J.D., responded. Bro. Crapper P.P.G.A.D.C. submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities," speaking of the vast amount of good effected by the money subscribed by Freemasons for their noble Charities,

and observing that while the Craft was increasing numerically they might expect their Charities to go on and be still more prosperous and useful than they had been in the past. Bro. J. Webberley P.P.G.P. made an appropriate acknowledgment, and observed that whereas the Etruscan Lodge formerly had only eight votes for the Charities in London, they had now about fifty, owing to a great extent to the formation of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association—an institution of whose usefulness he spoke in high terms of praise. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. Several brethren favoured the company with vocal music, and the evening was spent very harmoniously and pleasantly.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—Met at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday last. Amongst the members present were Bros. Wm. Gunner W.M., G. Lambert S.W., G. Allen P.M. as J.W., James Stevens P.M., C. P. McKay P.M., H. Payne P.M., Thos. Poore P.M. and Secretary, C. Everist S.D., A. J. Barton J.D., S. Ash D.C., G. Treves Steward, Charles Thomas Tyler, J. Laird as I.G., J. A. B. Ball, G. R. Smith, G. Lilley, G. Mulley, and others. Visitor—W. S. Dunkley Royal Hanover 1777. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Smith was then passed to the second degree. The following notice of motion by Bro. Lambert S.W. was carried:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge Funds as a donation to the Masonic School for Boys." Bro. D. Truster P.M. having offered to represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival, that sum was directed to be placed on his list. Refreshments followed labour, and in the course of the evening, amidst many songs and recitations, a very pleasing reference was made to an absent Past Master, Bro. N. W. Hodges, whose recognition of the meetings of the Lodge are always made at each successive meeting. On this occasion the Secretary, Bro. Poore, interested the brethren with an account of a very handsome presentation of numerous valuable articles of utility, and engrossed testimonials of respect, to Bro. Hodges on his leaving Dundee for Aberdeen, to assume the joint acting management of the Dundee and Aberdeen Theatres. The spontaneous testimony of his many associates, including kind communications from Bro. J. L. Toole and other distinguished professionals, gave very great pleasure to the brethren; and on the suggestion of Bro. Stevens, the Secretary was requested to convey to Bro. Hodges their congratulations on his successful endeavours having been so favourably recognised. The brethren separated, after a very enjoyable evening.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, 20th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. Taplin W.M., Cotton S.W., Nicholson J.W., Brooks S.D., Gray J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker Preceptor being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Lodge was called from, and to labour, and then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tucker rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. W. Burdett being the candidate. Bro. Cotton was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. It being understood that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, would be in Uxbridge on Monday next, it was resolved to request him to honour the Lodge by a visit on that occasion. The Lodge was closed, and duly adjourned until Monday next, at 6p.m., when, according to information we have since received, Sir Francis Burdett has kindly promised to attend.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Goss (P.M.) W.M., C. E. Botley (Hon. Sec.) S.W., Costelow (W.M. 780) J.W., F. Botley acting Secretary, E. Monson S.D., George Thomas J.D., A. Jones I.G., Andrews (P.M.) Preceptor; Past Masters Bros. E. H. Sugg and J. C. Roe; Bros. Maton, Lees, Cordingley, Sperring, Metcalfe, S. Blasby. Visitor—Bro. Pitt, Zetland 511. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was in due course advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. Preceptor gave the lecture of the third degree, including the traditional history. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Past Master Sugg candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. then informed the brethren that Bro. Morgan had consented to give one of his Lectures; this announcement was received with pleasure, and Friday, the 10th of March, was mentioned as a suitable day, subject to Bro. Morgan's convenience. Bro. Costelow (W.M. 780) was then unanimously elected W.M. for 24th February. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—This most successful of the North London Lodges of Instruction, held its 91th meeting at the Canonbury Tavern, on Monday, 20th inst.; the Lodge was opened at 8.30 to the minute, the Preceptor and Secretary being very strict on this point. Bro. R. M. Jones, the W.M. for the evening, rehearsed the first ceremony, after which he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. P. Forge W.M. of 1950. Bro. Lyn having proved himself an efficient E.A., was entrusted, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. After this the Lodge was closed in the second, and Bro. Jones resumed the chair. This being the first occasion he had occupied that position, the brethren passed a cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded upon the minutes, for the able manner he had discharged the duties. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. Bro. P.M. Percy will rehearse the ceremony of installation next Monday.

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.

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SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 163—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 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.)
 1808—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Champaign Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 61—Probit, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 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, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1553—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.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 807—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 8 for 7
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crownndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Ballham Hotel, Ballham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)

- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 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, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1535—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 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.
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, In Ilow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 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.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1384—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
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staughte, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1351—St. Clement Danes, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—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.
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 410—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroxteter
 482—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 483—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon,

509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 971—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
 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
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padliham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1330—Stockwell, Half Moon, Heme Hill.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd (8) Inst.
 780—R. yal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (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.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 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.
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 6.30

SATURDAY, 4th MARCH.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 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-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 95.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place at the Ship and Turtle, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Bros. J. Wardell Worshipful Master, R. J. Collyer S.W., H. Ruff J.W., P. Edinger P.M. Secretary, A. J. Machlin S.D., Swan I.G.; P.M.'s J. Marriott, J. S. Barnett, H. W. Ruff, Good, Bonner, Ducas, E. Bonner, Allen. Visitors—J. Brander P.M. 157, R. Wilkinson late 95 P.M., C. Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts, Wayland 1227, Bromley P.M. 228, T. Walton P.M. 157, J. Grove 1227, Sharp 49, H. Johnson Allen 733, Buck 1702, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, Deller 174, J. M. White 180, Fish P.M. 1366, Ralph 1018, Blalberg 188. Canningham, Simmons, J. Corbett 22, Hollington P.M. 933, B. Norrington, Fitzgerald 1364, Wardell P.P.G.D. Essex, Allen P.M., Levy P.M. 188. After Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, ballots were taken for the

admission of Messrs. J. C. B. Richardson and John Lewis Holmes, and being unanimous in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order in a very able and perfect manner. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Collyer S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner, and was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. There were twenty-four Installed Masters present. On the readmission of the brethren, the Worshipful Master was saluted according to ancient custom, and he, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Wardell I.P.M., B. H. Ruff S.W., Machlin J.W., Edinger P.M. (re-appointed) Secretary, Swan S.D., Knight J.D., Jutsum I.G., Manning M.C., Speight P.M. Tyler. This selection seemed to give general satisfaction. The Worshipful Master regretted the absence, through illness, of Bro. Davis P.M., who had been elected Treasurer; however, he hoped to see him among them shortly. It was then proposed that a letter be sent to the worthy Treasurer, who had recently met with an accident, expressing a hope for his speedy recovery; this was carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, fifty in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter. The Worshipful Master, in genial and eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Wardell I.P.M. rose; he had a toast to propose which was always received with pleasure—the health of the Worshipful Master, who he (Bro. Wardell) had known for twenty years. Bro. Collyer was well known to the Officers of the Masonic Charities, and he had brought good and intelligent brethren into the Lodge. The members had recognised his worth, and had unanimously elected him. At the expiration of his year of office he was sure they would see they had selected one worthy to rule over them. The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked Bro. Wardell for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. He hoped to merit the kind expressions elicited; his only aim would be for their benefit. In proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master, the W.M. thanked him for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiating the newly-made brethren; he also expressed the great pleasure he had received in being installed in so satisfactory a way. He had now great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel of the Lodge; every member and visitor must agree that Bro. Wardell well deserved it, and he (the W.M.) hoped he might be spared for many years to carry out the duties of the Lodge. Bro. Wardell thanked them for the elegant jewel just presented to him; he thought he had done but very little during his year of office, but he was pleased to know his efforts were appreciated by them. With the toast of the Visitors, to whom the Worshipful Master gave a cordial welcome, was associated the names of Bros. Wardell P.P.G.D. Essex and Charles Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts, the latter of whom spoke of the excellent manner in which the W.M. had presided, and also how admirably the ceremony of installation had been performed; in fact, he might say he had never seen it more perfectly rendered. He hoped the Worshipful Master would have a happy year of office. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. said they had the good fortune of being initiated in a Lodge where he felt, from what had been said by their visitors, the ceremonies were perfectly performed; and he was sure, by the attention each had given to the working, that they were deeply impressed. Bro. Richardson, in an excellent speech, responded, and Bro. Holmes followed, the latter remarking that this had been one of the most pleasant evenings of his life; he felt honoured in being proposed by Bro. Swan, and seconded by Bro. Ruff, and he was gratified that he had gone through the ordeal of initiation. He hoped to qualify himself to do all required of him. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, who, on the present occasion, were present in goodly numbers. However, they had one regret, and that was the absence of their esteemed Treasurer. He would call on Brother Marriott to respond. After an able response from Brother Marriott, the W.M. proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities. That night was being held the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; he wished that Institution every success, and hoped that Brother Knight, who will act as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, would be well supported by the members. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge were next complimented, and Bro. Edinger P.M. and Secretary replied. Bros. Knight, Swan, and Jutsum responded for the Officers, and then the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after passing a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

ROYAL YORK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 315.

THE annual invitation ball and supper was held in the rooms of the Royal Pavilion, on Wednesday evening, the 15th instant. Although at this season there are a great many balls being held, it was the general opinion of those present that this ball was the most enjoyable, every one present being highly delighted with the arrangements made. The company numbered over 200. The committee appointed for carrying out the necessary duties were Bros. J. W. Stride P.M., A. J. Hawkes P.M., G. S. Godfree, H. Kent, R. Paige, A. H. Thacker, with J. B. Hannay acting as Hon. Secretary, and through whom everything was carried out in such order that it conducted materially to the enjoyment of all. The floral decorations were of profuse description, and were displayed by Bro. W. Balchin with his usual good taste and skill. Messrs. Pike and Co., of East-street, distinguished themselves by hanging oriental and lace curtains at intervals in the long corridor, and, as it were, dividing it into rooms, in which were placed lounges, easy chairs, and handsome cabinets, with pier-glasses with plants at each end, whilst Messrs. Green and Co., of Pavilion-buildings, added to the general

effect by contributing several of their special gas brackets, which were decorated with artificial flowers and leaves. Refreshments were supplied the whole time, and during an interval in the dancing the company adjourned to the banqueting room, where they partook of supper, all present being seated. Great credit is due to the caterers, Bros. Sayers and Marks, who carried out their work in the best form. Dancing was kept up with very great spirit until 5 a.m., the music being under the directorship of Bro. W. Devine.

FESTIVAL OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE members of this Lodge of Instruction (No. 1507) held their annual festival on Monday, 20th inst., at the regular quarters of the Lodge—The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, City—under the presidency of the Preceptor, Bro. W. M. Stiles, who is also Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge. There was a good attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. Past Masters W. Side, C. J. Scales, H. Stiles, F. Clemow, G. Tribbell; E. E. Barratt Kidder W.M. 12 (who acted as Senior Warden), Edwin Storr (Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction), and others. The repast was very well served by Brother Kingston, the proprietor of the establishment, and at its conclusion Brother Stiles proposed the first toast of the evening—Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft. This having been honoured, and the National Anthem sung, Brother Side proposed the health of the acting Master—Brother W. Mason Stiles, the W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge. Had he been called upon to propose this toast in the Metropolitan Lodge itself, he should have known somewhat better what to say in introducing it, but in the Lodge of Instruction he felt there were many members who really knew Bro. Stiles better than he did. However, he knew him sufficiently well to rest assured that the toast of his health would be well received, and he also felt that the knowledge possessed by those present of Brother Stiles's ability was sufficient to induce them to honour the toast without any further remarks from him. He accordingly gave the health of Brother Stiles, the Worshipful Master of the evening. The toast having been honoured, Brother Stiles replied. He thanked those present for the hearty manner in which the brethren had received him, not only then, but on many previous occasions. His name being associated with the toast of Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, which occurred later on the list, he would then have better opportunity of expressing himself in reference to the affairs of the Lodge; at present he would content himself with returning his hearty thanks, and expressing, as W.M. of the mother Lodge, how much the brethren thereof were indebted to the Lodge of Instruction for the efficiency displayed by the Officers. He next proposed the health of the Visitors. Had they been present on an ordinary night, they would have had an opportunity of seeing how the members could work; as it was, the members had had the opportunity of seeing how the guests could work. He only hoped that the work they had provided for them had given each of their number as much gratification as their presence had afforded the members of the Lodge of Instruction, and that they would have frequent opportunities in the future of attending again. Each of the guests having replied, Bro. Barratt Kidder rose to propose the next toast. He considered it a great honour to be entrusted with the toast of Prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, which he now offered to the brethren for their acceptance, more especially as with it was associated the name of Bro. W. Mason Stiles, its Preceptor. It was a lucky day for Freemasonry when Bro. Stiles received that name, for, in the truest sense, he had acted up to it; indeed, Bro. Kidder felt there was no man who better acted up to the true principles of Freemasonry than did the W.M. of that evening. He was honoured and respected by all who knew him, and was as worthy a Brother as ever lived. The toast was received most enthusiastically, and Bro. Stiles suitably responded. He should be wanting in gratitude and pride if he did not first refer to his positions of W.M. of the mother Lodge and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction—the highest honours the brethren of each could confer on any of their number. Speaking of the Lodge of Instruction, he felt they could but be gratified at the progress it had made. When, seven years ago, it was started, those who had interested themselves in the matter could have little idea of the extent to which the Lodge would go. Under the tutelage of their late Preceptor, Bro. Adams, some of the best Masons of the present day learnt in it the whole of their knowledge of the ritual, and that alone, he thought, reflected some credit on the Lodge. As regarded the Charities of the Order, in that respect also they had something to boast of. During the time the Lodge had been in existence three Charity Associations had been formed in connection with it, and up to the present time upwards of 290 guineas had been subscribed, through their instrumentality, from members of the Lodge of Instruction and its friends. He felt he might say that at least three-fourths of this money would never have found its way to the Masonic Institutions but for the existence of their Lodge. For himself, he could but again express the pride he felt in being Preceptor of the Lodge. He next proposed the Past Masters and Officers of the Parent Lodge. They had that night the company of two of the Past Masters, the Senior Warden, and the Master of Ceremonies of the Metropolitan Lodge, to each of whom he referred in a few well-chosen words, and concluded by calling on the brethren to drink their health. A reply to this toast, and the proposal of a few others brought the proceedings to a termination. Bro. W. M. Stiles brought forward the tankard presented to him at the last annual banquet, and he and the brethren present passed it round as "the loving cup" of the evening. The various toasts were interspersed with songs, recitations, &c., which added greatly to the enjoyment of those present.

Robert Burns' Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—Held at the North Pole, Oxford Street, 18th February.—Bros. Blandell W.M., Blum S.W., Vine J.W., Green S.D., Harvey J.D., Wynn I.G.; Bro. Baker P.M. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and the first section of the second lecture was worked by P.M. Baker. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Harvey candidate. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. Blum was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Present—Bros. G. Ferrar W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., Weeden J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Parkes S.D., Dignam J.D., Snook I.G.; also Bros. Marks, R. M. Jones, Archer, C. Lorkin, Robinson, Darnell, Gribbell, Douglass, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Jones answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Jones being the candidate. Bro. Pearcy gave the traditional history. Lodge resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Douglas answered the questions leading to the second degree, and Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Douglass, of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1766, was elected a member. Bros. C. Lorkin, Gribbell, and R. M. Jones were elected Auditors, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 17th, at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, W. Bros. W. G. West P.M., W. Heath, G. J. K. Tribbel P.M., T. Saunders, W. Dunham, A. Braun, H. Moore. After the usual formal business of the meeting had been disposed of, Bro. Dunham (who had given the use of his drawing-room for the meeting), said he regretted very much that he had not a room suitable for a Lodge in his house to offer them, or he would have done so with pleasure. He might be permitted to say the brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction were quite welcome to the use of the room they were in as long as it would suit them. It was hardly fit for a Lodge room, but such as it was they were heartily welcome to the use of. His public room was occupied every evening, and he did not think he could make arrangements by which it could be made available. If they could find a more suitable habitation, he would be very happy to let them have the furniture which he bought at the sale room on Saturday last, as long as they felt disposed to make use of it. It was proposed and carried that Bro. Moore, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Secretary *pro tem*, be instructed to write to the late Secretary for the books belonging to the Lodge. Bro. Tribbel, in supporting the proposition, said he thought the books were the property of the Lodge, and certainly did not belong to any individual member, and, therefore, as the Lodge was still in existence (notwithstanding the action taken by the Officers and some of the brethren on a late occasion) he thought the Lodge was justly entitled to have the books, and should therefore vote that Bro. Moore be requested to write for them. Bro. Weston proposed that the brethren then present should form themselves into a Committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of finding a room suitable for Lodge meetings. Bro. Heath seconded the proposition, which was carried. Bro. Braun proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Dunham, for his kindness in granting them the use of his room for their meeting that evening, and also for his very kind offer respecting the Lodge furniture. Bro. Saunders seconded the proposition, which was put and carried. The meeting was then closed, and adjourned till Friday, the 24th inst., at eight o'clock p.m.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. G. H. Stephens W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Wallington I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Glass, Smyth, Greenwood, T. Clark, D. Moss, Christian, and H. Forss. Second Lecture—Bros. Wardell, Webb, Brasted, C. Lorkin, and E. J. Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. Edwards, E. Dignam, and Wallington. Bro. F. Carr Hon. Sec.

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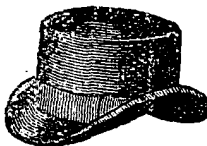
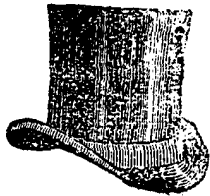
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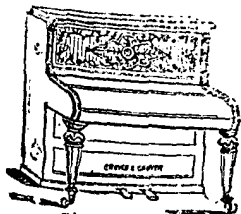
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