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**LAZY MASONS.**

**A**MONG the "Masonic Tidbits" which we have recently extracted from our American contemporary, the *Voice of Masonry*, is one under the above heading, which is given as the expression of "some observing Grand Master," and is to the following effect:—"My experience is, that a lazy Mason will soon become so lazy that he will not attend his Lodge if it were within fifty steps of his door, while the zealous live Mason will go, no matter if he should have to ride ten miles. Lazy Masons are just about of as much use to the Lodge as lazy Christians are to the church. They help to swell the count of membership, are always ready to avail themselves of its benefits, but don't like to shoulder any of its burdens." This hit, says the editor of our contemporary, is so piquant and pointed, and so well deserved, that I cannot resist the temptation to place it before my readers. We cordially endorse the opinion of our American brother in his condemnation of Lazy Masons, and feel that a few words further on the subject may not be considered out of place.

Nothing can be more disheartening to the Master of a Lodge than to find, at the time that his Lodge should be opened, that he, and perhaps two or three others, are the only members present, and when, after making inquiry, he finds that the absence of many of the brethren at the time fixed in the summons was due to laziness, rather than to any inability to attend at the proper time, annoyance follows as a natural course; and, not unfrequently, an inclination to neglect the work in the future is the consequence. If brethren would remember that punctuality among members of Lodges is one of the most desirable characteristics, they would perhaps exert themselves to secure it wherever possible. By so doing they would not only add to their own comfort, but would materially increase that of others. How often has the business of a Lodge had to be rushed through, the banquet hurried, and the speeches cut short, in consequence of want of punctuality at the start, and all caused by brethren who were really too lazy to attend the meeting at the proper time, thereby necessitating delay in the opening of the Lodge, or the appointment of a brother who, maybe, was not thoroughly acquainted with such portions of the work as he might be called upon to undertake, while filling the place of an absent officer. In writing in these terms of absentees at the opening of a Lodge, it would not be fair to say that all who are not punctual in their attendance are defaulters through laziness. There are, of course, many causes which either detain or keep a brother away from his Lodge, but in all such cases, especially when the brother holds office, the Worshipful Master should be previously informed, so as to prevent his waiting unnecessarily. There is one other class of Mason—if we may so term him—to whom our strictures as to laziness most particularly refer. We allude to the brother to be initiated. We have frequently been present at Lodge meetings when the whole proceedings have been brought to a standstill by the non-appearance of the candidate for initiation at the time appointed. In these cases we have thought that the proposer and seconder were to blame;—indeed, they are per-

sonally answerable for the doings of the candidate, so far as Freemasonry is concerned, until he has taken upon himself the responsibilities of membership, and been admitted to a participation in the secrets of the Order. We are of opinion that the Worshipful Master would do well in politely, but firmly, refusing to initiate any one who was not present at the time at which he was summoned, or at least within a reasonable period afterwards. First impressions are the strongest that can be made, and if a brother were taught that punctuality was a feature in Freemasonry, it would not only benefit him, from a Masonic point of view, but perhaps prove of far greater service to him in after life than some of the more popular teachings of Freemasonry. In this respect we must bear in mind that Freemasonry aims at the improvement of ourselves and our fellow men. It is true that inconvenience might follow a postponement, but the sufferer would be the candidate himself, who, it should be remembered, was also the cause of the inconvenience. The nearer the man may be to the place of meeting the more likely is he to be late,—if at all inclined to laziness. When the meeting takes place at a distance, it is necessary to lay out a programme, and work to it, in order to attend the Lodge at all; but when it is within "fifty steps of our door," comparatively speaking, no such preparation is needed, and, as a consequence, unpunctuality is more likely to take place. This may, in a measure, account for the delay in opening some Lodges, especially noticeable in large towns, although, on the other hand, the engagements of members so situated are often more binding, and less amenable to Masonic claims than those of Provincial brethren.

That Lazy Masons are always ready to avail themselves of the benefits of Freemasonry is as true, we admit, in this country as it is in America. Our experience leads us to the belief that members of the "lazy" class are among the foremost of those who apply for assistance, from one source or another, of Masonic relief; indeed, there are so many of this class of applicants about in our midst as to bring down the condemnation of some brethren on Masonic charity generally, and, as a consequence, many truly deserving individuals suffer. It would be hard, indeed, to measure a brother, or the eligibility of a brother's family for assistance, by what such a man had done in the past, but we cannot help taking such subjects into consideration when weighing the claims that are made upon the Order, as, more frequently than otherwise, we find those who do the least are among the loudest in their demands. To what is this lack of past service due? Laziness, and to laziness alone. There are many brethren who could, if they so desired, do much to extend the benefits of Freemasonry during their lifetime, by working on its behalf among their friends. Personally they may be able to do little, but their associations may be such as to bring them in contact with large numbers of those who can; yet, from a want of energy, they do nothing. Should a day of adversity overtake them or their families, they are usually the first to apply for the benefits of the Order. How can we prevent this? We cannot measure out relief in proportion to what a brother has done; nor can we compel brethren to work if they do not feel disposed to do so; but we may urge on all to do something, assuring them

**EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.**

that in advancing the welfare of Freemasonry they will run little chance of doing injury to themselves.

Our contemporary, after having, as he terms it, furnished the mirror by his remarks on this subject, asks every Mason to look in it, and see if he can discover the original. Such a step, generally undertaken, would doubtless lead to good results. There are many men who only require to have their attention drawn to a defect to at once set about remedying it; while others, who are perhaps only lukewarm on a subject, are urged, by a similar course, to increased efforts, with the result that a great improvement follows. If any of our readers are stimulated to greater efforts on behalf of Freemasonry; or if any who have previously remained in the background are induced to undertake some kind of work on behalf of our Order, by reason of our remarks, we shall be highly gratified; as will, we are convinced, the brother to whom we are indebted for the "Tidbit" upon which we have based these comments.

## THE TILER'S CLUB.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

FROM time immemorial, it has been the custom for the brethren to meet in the Tiler's-room before Lodge hours and discuss matters of general and Masonic interest. Indeed, these assemblies had been a sort of committee of the whole, and whatever decision the Tiler's-room conclave arrived at was quite certain to be the decision of the Lodge. In course of time these meetings were styled the Tiler's club, and the Tiler's club it still is termed. Had the room been less comfortable or less attractive, perhaps no Tiler's club would ever have "grewed," for, like Topsey, it never was born, but simply grew. The central figure, and *ex-officio* chairman of the club, was the old Tiler, whose white locks and beaming countenance had been familiar to even the veterans for many years, and every one acted as if he held a life tenure to the office he had filled so long and so acceptably. The old gentleman was somewhat of an oracle in Masonic affairs, had been a zealous worker in his day, and was still regarded as authority on "phraseology." Although he had handled none of the tools except the implement of his office for many years, he was by no means rusty, and few of the younger craftsmen had been taught how to use their working tools by any other teacher. Pleasure and profit were combined in his instructions, for the old brother was continually exhibiting some "testimonials" from his students.

The room was well lighted, heated and ventilated, and at one side was the Tiler's book shelves, containing the companions of his long hours of watching while the Craft was at labour. These he valued highly, and the brother was honoured who secured the privilege of carrying one home with him. The chair of state was a huge hickory splint, and the sceptre the long pipe-stem of the occupant.

Sometimes the deliberations of the club transgressed on the hours of labour of the Lodge, and even the Worshipful Master, who never forgot to imitate the great luminary of nature in the regularity with which he should open and enlighten his Lodge, would indulge the members with an extra ten minutes.

One evening the Tiler was recounting some of his experiences in the army in Mexico, and had exhibited the marks of a bullet wound received at Palo Alto, when some one inquired whether the ugly scar on his hand was received in battle. The veteran reached for his sword, and holding it aloft remarked that they two formed an acquaintance at Buena Vista, and that he had secured the relic of his disfigurement only after a well-directed pistol shot at its lawful owner.

The Worshipful Master interrupted to say that, on account of the Tiler's attachment to the sword, he had been permitted to use the one in his hand, in preference to the proper Masonic implement of his office.

A young Craftsman thereupon inquired whether Freemasonry had a form of sword different from any other, and whether the use of a common sword or sabre was improper. To this the W.M. rejoined: "In this respect also, is our Fraternity unique; in Genesis we read that when the Lord drove our first parents from the Garden of Eden, 'He placed at the east of the Garden, cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way.' The old form of the Tiler's sword was in imitation of this flaming sword, sort of spiral or wavy in shape, and as such a sword could not be sheathed, it was to indicate that it was ever drawn and in readiness to defend the Lodge against the approach of cowans or eavesdroppers.

The Tiler added, "When I was made a Mason, over forty years ago, we gave more attention to the little details that now fail to mark the Masonic Lodge as distinct in all respects from that of any other Society. There are now so many of the so-called secret societies, and so many Masons join them, that we have gradually lost some of our time-honoured practices. Freemasonry is nothing without its symbolism, and the twisted sword, or as the heralds style it, the flaming sword, is the only proper one for Masons to place in the hands of the Tiler. But I should regret to have you separate me and my relic."

Brother Junior Warden then asked whether our ancient Operative predecessors were tiled in a Masonic manner, or whether the Tiler was simply the outgrowth of a necessity to prevent intrusion at the meetings of the modern Speculative Craft.

Every one glanced at the Tiler, for, aside from his oracular

authority, there was an implied doubt in the inquiry that his office was an ancient one, and all were interested in learning how the old sentinel would regard it. Taking the pipe from his mouth, he arose, and selecting a volume of Fort's *Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry*, said: "The enquiry can be answered both affirmatively and negatively. I do not think our ancient brethren were tiled according to the present system, but they were tiled all the same. Now this is what an erudite Masonic scholar has said on this subject: 'The earliest authoritative documents indicate that, as far back as the eleventh century, the Craftsmen were regularly organised while at labour. \* \* \* In their earliest workmanship, the Apprentices no doubt performed the more unimportant parts of labour, as for example, familiarising themselves with the use of Masonic tools, by pounding off the angles and corners of rough stones with a stroke-hammer, and using the gauge or measuring board to shape the edges into true and perfect lines. I think it more in harmony with the dictates of sound reason to presume that the fullest instruction in all the details of art was vouchsafed the Apprentice, in an exact proportion as he evinced his aptitude to acquire the rudiments of a strict science. No doubt a secret meaning was attached to many things which he beheld, but the precise signification of which was only comprehended when he had mastered the theory upon which the practice was grounded—the occasional gleam of light that flashed before his inquiring eye conveyed no fixed idea to a mind untaught, as yet, to interpret the mystic symbolism of its brightness. \* \* \* It is not to be supposed for a moment that this class of artificers, during the continuance of their long term of service, was simply burdened with the mere drudgery of hammering rude and jagged stones, or wielding the gauge with no higher ambition than to make straight and perfect corners. His teacher was his Master, and as such practically progressive, and all the instruction essential to render the Apprentice a thorough and proficient workman was bestowed upon him during this tutelage. And in the pursuance of this purpose he advanced gradually, with a greater or lesser degree of proficiency, to a high standard of mechanical skill, so that at the time the grade of Fellow was conferred on him, he was in full possession already of the necessary knowledge which made him a master of the details of architectural art. \* \* \* He could work out with exquisite elaborateness a floriated capital, and chisel into natural semblance the niched figures with which the church Militant was delineated upon airy towers and cathedral walls; he could dress, with accuracy, the polished stones suitable for elegant pilasters, and contributed his share of arches upon which the superstructure was raised, with infinite skill—all this he had acquired during his Apprenticeship, but the key by which these multitudinous and detached portions were conjoined, the combination by which foundation stones, pilasters and columns, shining walls, chapters gracefully wreathed with flowers, arches and mullions, canopies and ribbed tracery, flying buttresses and rosette finials, were put together to form the cathedral, was one of the secrets which he obtained in being admitted to the degree of Fellow-Craft.' It is obvious that the Operative Craft worked in secret, that is, they did not permit persons to lounge among the workmen, and they must have had some sort of police duty performed by some one of their number. Under the speculative system of Freemasonry, some one brother can and does discharge the duty of tiling the Lodge against interruptions or intrusions.

Brother Senior Deacon remarked, as the old man closed his book and replaced it on the shelf, "You have used the word tile, and you are called Tiler, what do they mean and how did they originate as Masonic terms?"

(To be continued.)

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. SAMUEL CARRINGTON.

A COMPLIMENTARY Dinner took place on the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to Bro. Samuel Carrington P.M., Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, when opportunity was afforded of making him a Presentation Testimonial in commemoration of his having filled the chair of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum. The following is a copy of the inscription:—

THIS SILVER,  
consisting of  
SILVER, TEA AND COFFEE SERVICE, AND LIQUEUR STAND,  
and likewise  
GOLD WATCH,  
was presented by the members of the Board of Management and  
other friends of the  
LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASYLUM,  
to  
BRO. SAMUEL CARRINGTON,  
Chairman of the Institution for the Year 1882,  
At a Dinner held at the  
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, LONDON,  
On Tuesday, 10th April 1883,

In testimony of their high appreciation of the integrity he displayed in the discharge of the onerous duties attached to such position; for his energy in procuring funds for the Institution, and especially during the period of his chairmanship, when the subscriptions and donations obtained by him, in conjunction with his colleagues and other supporters of the Society, amounted to £7,949 8s 6d; for the courtesy he evinced towards the members of the Board, and to the subscribers generally; as also for his solicitous care of the inmates of the Institution.

At the same time a suite of jewelry (consisting of a diamond locket and necklet, brooch and earrings), was presented to Mrs. Carrington, as a memento of her husband's chairmanship. The proceedings terminated with a ball. Bro. S. Fryett was in the chair, and there was a numerous attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.  
All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.  
We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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“ UNWORTHY CLAIMANTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF OUR CHARITIES.”

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, “A NORTHERN SUBSCRIBER,” has the courage of his opinions, but I very much question if they will find favour with the subscribers to the Boys' or Girls' Schools, on whose contributions those Institutions rely for their funds. These Schools are intended for the children of deceased and distressed brethren, and it is ridiculous to say that those of a deceased brother whose will was sworn at £9,000 come under this description. The case you have shown up of the boy Herring is by no means so flagrant, but he, I hold, comes not justly within the class of children for whom the Boys' School is intended. I believe he is one of three children who are entitled, on coming of age, each to a one-third share of some £1,600, and though, as your correspondent suggests, the money may not be available now, there ought not to be much difficulty in obtaining the sanction of those whom it concerns to some plan for providing for the child's requirements till he attains his majority. Would it not be possible to purchase for him an admission into the School? the price being, I believe, £170 10s. That would leave intact over £300, and on leaving School he ought to be able to earn his own living. But, in any circumstances, I should like it to be ascertained how many among the remaining candidates have a third of £1,600 payable to them when twenty-one years of age, so that those who have not this prospective advantage may have a prior chance of being elected.

I perfectly well remember the arguments used at the time of Collingwood's election and subsequent rejection. I remember, likewise, that a very active supporter of the School remarked, that if young Collingwood were admitted, he should consider he was fully justified in bringing forward one of his children as a candidate. I know also, it was said the School was not intended for paupers; but pauper, which is a harsh word, may be used to describe an absolute fact or one that is only so relatively. The son or daughter of a gentleman who has possessed a good salary, and moved among people of position and culture, is a pauper if he is left with no more than £30 or £40 a year to support and educate him, so that he may in time be fitted to enter on some respectable occupation, but the son or daughter of a small tradesman possessing the same annual means would be well off. The former might justly be approved as a candidate for one or other of the Schools, the latter not. I quite agree with “A NORTHERN SUBSCRIBER” that “families who have always lived in a higher sphere feel just as much the coming down to a lower one, as those in an inferior do having to make shift lower still;” but surely he must be laughing in his sleeve when he suggests that the son of an affluent brother who bequeathed £9,000 to his family moved in a higher sphere. I hope it will be understood that I intend nothing disrespectful to the memory of the late Bro. Collingwood, who, I have no doubt was an honest and honourable tradesman, and worthy man and brother, but the “sphere” in which he lived was not a superior, nor did it entail any lavish expenditure on the maintenance of himself and his family. He was a “gentleman” only in the same conventional sense as that in which the word “lady” is used when applied to a barmaid. He probably lived far more luxuriously than a vast number of those who are professionally or by birth gentlemen, but he did not belong to the same category with them, and his friends and supporters have no right to speak of his children as belonging to any other sphere than that which includes butchers, bakers, grocers, and the like.

I am very glad you hold fast “on reflection” to the opinion you expressed in the Collingwood case, and that you have made public the facts in the Herring case. I also trust that until those on the list of candidates who are less well off than Herring have been elected into the School, his appeal to the governors will not be responded to.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

London, 10th April 1883.

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THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Herewith please find a tabulated statement, as to the present recipients from the Masonic Institutions. These tables do not include the widows receiving half their late husband's pension, to which they are entitled for three years after such deaths. The number of these is constantly changing, but at the present time is about 17 or 18.

PRESENT RECIPIENTS FROM THE THREE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Aged			Boys	Children		Grand Total
	Males	Females	Total		Boys	Girls	
Bedfordshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Berks and Bucks	3	...	3	2	2	4	7
Bristol	1	2	3	2	1	3	6
Cambridgeshire...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Channel Islands	7	2	9	1	...	1	10
Cheshire	3	3	6	5	4	9	15

Cornwall	3	2	5	...	...	...	5
Cumberland and Westmoreland	2	2	4	4	1	5	9
Derbyshire	1	...	1	1	...	1	2
Devonshire	7	7	14	6	7	13	27
Dorsetshire	3	3	6	7	...	7	13
Durham	...	...	...	6	4	10	10
Essex	2	3	5	4	2	6	11
Gloucestershire...	2	2	2	4	3	7	9
Hants and Isle of Wight	5	6	11	4	12	16	27
Herefordshire	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Hertfordshire	...	...	...	1	2	3	3
Kent	9	5	14	8	12	20	34
Lancashire E.	10	14	24	12	9	21	45
Lancashire W.	2	3	5	3	6	9	14
Leicestershire	...	...	...	2	1	3	3
Lincolnshire	5	3	8	5	6	11	19
Middlesex	1	...	1	4	3	7	8
Monmouthshire	1	...	1	1	2	3	4
Norfolk	2	3	5	1	2	3	8
North & Hunts	4	1	5	2	1	3	8
North Wales and Shropshire	...	...	...	4	2	6	6
Nottinghamshire...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2
Oxfordshire	...	2	2	...	...	...	2
Somersetshire	...	1	1	4	8	12	13
S. Wales E.	...	...	...	4	2	6	6
S. Wales W.	1	1	2	3	2	5	7
Staffordshire	...	1	1	3	3	6	7
Suffolk	5	5	10	1	7	8	18
Surrey	1	...	1	3	...	3	4
Sussex	4	4	8	3	4	7	15
Warwickshire	1	2	3	8	6	14	17
Wiltshire	1	3	4	1	8	9	13
Worcestershire	...	1	1	3	2	5	6
N. & E. Yorks	8	1	9	5	5	10	19
W. Yorkshire	14	13	27	21	21	42	69
Colonies	4	7	11	9	10	19	30
Provincial and Colonial Total	115	102	217	162	158	320	537
London Total	42	59	101	53	81	134	235
Grand Total	157	161	318	215	239	454	772

In this table, as in the one describing the candidates for the coming elections, you will perceive that the Provincial candidates are nearly three times, and the recipients more than twice, as many as those of London, and as the population of England and Wales and the Channel Islands is 27,000,000, of which the London Masonic District is about 6,000,000, the proportion is not so great as might have been expected, but on the other hand the number of votes belonging to the London District is nearly, if not quite, equal to all the other Provinces put together.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

[Our esteemed Brother Henry Smith, the Charity Representative for West Yorkshire, directs out attention to an error our correspondent made in his tabular statement last week. Bro. Smith writes:—“On page 212 you state that W. Yorkshire has fifteen candidates for the April and May elections. I herewith enclose a list of nine—all we have—and the full particulars will enable you to prove that I am correct, and that you have fallen into some error. Perhaps ‘P.M. 1607’ will take the trouble to revise his figures.”]

WEST YORKSHIRE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS 1883.

14th and 16th April, and 18th May.

GIRLS.

Midgley, Elizabeth, Lodge 448, born 10th August 1874, Halifax.

BOYS.

Richardson, H. P., Lodges 302, 974, born 18th July 1873, Bradford.  
Rose, Frederick Joseph, Lodge 289, born 5th January 1875, Leeds.

MALES.

Collins, T., Lo. 290, 275, Huddersfield, Aged 80 Subscribed 51½ yrs.  
Exley Ben, Lodge 208, Dewsbury, „ 62 do. 39 „  
Stork, William, Lodge 837, Ripon, „ 74 do. 21½ „

WIDOWS.

Greenwood, J., Lo. 308, Todmorden, Aged 73 (Husband) do. 46 „  
Matthews, M., Los. 139, 1239, Sheffield „ 61 (do.) do. 15 „  
Barras, E. A., Lodge 139, Sheffield „ 58 (do.) do. 19 „

We are convinced “P.M. 1607” will correct his statement.—Ed. F.C.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills never fail to afford relief in all disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which in its renovated condition carries purity, strength and vigour to every tissue of the body.

## GRAND MASONIC GATHERING AT BAGSHOT.

**A**MIDST a considerable amount of pleasurable interest and excitement, the foundation-stone of the new church of St. Anne's, Bagshot, was laid on Monday afternoon by the R.W. Brother His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, in the presence of a vast concourse of spectators. The weather, when once clear of the fog which hung over London nearly the whole day, was delightfully bright and Spring-like; and, tempted by the brilliancy of out-door appearances, the occasion was made the most of by the brethren of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, to add "pomp and circumstance" to an event which proved to be more than of local interest. From all parts of the county, and by train from London, visitors came into the secluded town, the streets of which bore an aspect of unwonted animation during the afternoon. Leaving Waterloo at a little after mid-day, the City contingent mustered well, and picked up accessions to their strength at the intermediate stations of Clapham Junction, Surbiton, Weybridge, Woking, Brookwood and Frimley, arriving at Bagshot shortly after two o'clock. The sun shone with the fervency of July, albeit there was a fresh breeze astir, which modulated the otherwise oppressive heat into a refreshing temperature; but the roads were unpleasantly dusty, and the brethren arrived at their trysting place—the Mechanics' Institute—"like a lot of millers." As the crowd of visitors, with whom mingled several brethren in uniform, from the military Lodges at Aldershot, Farnham and elsewhere arrived, the inhabitants flocked to the doors and windows of their houses in pleased surprise at so great influx of friends from all the country round. Admirable preparations had been made for the ceremonial, though the dimensions of the hall were not anything like adequate to the accommodation of so numerous and distinguished a gathering. As something must be said upon the main object of the assembly, we may state that the old church, which was built in the year 1820, had fallen into a state of dilapidation, and the estimated cost of placing it in proper repair was found to be so great that it was very wisely decided to take steps for the erection of a perfectly new edifice, sufficient for the requirements of the parishoners, and in which Divine worship might be carried on "decently and in order." Accordingly, the respected Vicar, the Rev. F. A. P. Lory, issued an appeal for help, to which a generous response was made, the ladies of the district with their friends arranging a bazaar of useful and fancy goods, which realised £1,630. To this Her Most Gracious Majesty added £100, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught £300, the Commissioners of Woods and Forests (from whom the site for the new building was secured) £400, Mr. H. P. Leschalles 100 guineas, Mrs. Michael Waterer (for bells) £400, and other amounts, reaching to a total of £1,500. With this aid the Vicar was enabled to invite designs, those of Mr. Henry A. Cheers, architect, of London and Bagshot, being accepted, and the contract was entrusted to Mr. Joseph Higge, builder, of Dorset-square, London. The building, which will form an ornament to the locality, will be of the early English style of architecture, to consist of a nave, transepts, north and south aisles, and a chancel, with a tower at the west end, surmounted by a spire, 120 feet in height, and will accommodate 450 adults. The building will be of brick, faced externally with Bath stone, whilst the interior will be plastered, with open roof of pitched pine, the seats being of the newest design in open stained wood, and the floor tessellated. The estimated cost, with boundary walls and neat iron palisading, is £5,000, towards which nearly £3,000 has been raised, irrespective of the amount collected on Monday. Immediately on their arrival, the brethren repaired to the Institute, and clothed, when Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form by the R.Wor. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master; Bros. Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Senior Warden, W. C. Beaumont P.G.S.W. acting as Junior Warden, Rev. Richard Milner 1616 Chaplain, Sir Patrick Colquhoun Past Grand Registrar as Registrar, George Price Treasurer, Charles Greenwood jun. Worshipful Master 410 Provincial Grand Secretary, J. B. Boucher 1872 S.D., W. Youlton 1638 J.D., A. E. Taylor 1851 Supt. of Works, H. E. Frances D. of C., J. H. Askham 1564 Assist. D. of C., Compton 1929 Organist, Geo. Westall 1714 Sword Bearer, W. J. Kemp 1362 Pursuivant, F. A. Manning 1861 Standard Bearer, and C. T. Speight Tyler. Amongst the Grand Officers and brethren were Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., Rev. H. P. Bent Past Grand Chaplain, Magnus Ohren Past Grand Assist. D. of C., H. Botting 1395 P.P.G.S., R. Eve P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, J. N. Boor P.P.G.S.B. and Secretary 370, G. N. Mooney P.P.G.S.W., George Payne I.P.M. 1534 P.G.S., C. H. Woodward P.G.J.D., G. W. Lister S.W. 410, H. Summers W.M. Royal Albert, G. Godson P.M. 69, S. Bradley P.M. 414, F. G. Cook W.M. 1971, S. J. Pulley P.M. 1714, J. L. Hickley S.W. 1046, W. A. Laver P.M. 1362, J. Mew I.P.M. 1362, W. W. Ridley 1101, J. Collins 1101, W. J. James 1101, S. G. Dundas W.M. 370, J. W. Squire 3, J. G. Horsey I.P.M. 1892, George Turner W.M. 1395, J. Hardy 1395, A. W. Callis 1395, Andrew Rogers 1564, S. P. Coaker 1564, A. H. Bowers 1638, W. Lane W.M. 1638, David W. Cable 1638, E. W. Cox 463, J. Wright P.M. 1046, G. Mesher 1564, R. Tozer 1714, G. W. Parker P.M. 215, James Edwards 1892, F. Carter 1892, J. M. Norman 1638, W. Pile W.M. 1892, T. Adams W.M., B. H. Ridge 1347, J. T. Lock J.W. 1347, A. F. Asher S.D. 1395, R. Bunce Secretary 1714, J. W. Lendrim Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant, H. Sadler G. Tyler, &c. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, prayer was said by the Rev. J. M. Milner, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and after a few simple formalities, a procession was formed, accompanied by the silken banners of several of the local Lodges, the brethren marching two a-breast, in the direction of the site of the proposed new church, which is situated on an eminence, known as Mill Hill, overlooking a magnificent stretch of country. The following was the order of procession:—

Two Tylers with drawn swords.  
Visiting brethren.

Lodges according to their numbers, Juniors walking first.  
Provincial Grand Officers of other Provinces.

Prov. Grand Steward. { A Cornucopia with corn, carried by a Master of a Lodge. } Prov. Grand Steward. { Two Vessels with Wine and Oil, carried by Masters of Lodges. }  
Past Prov. Grand Pursuivants.  
Prov. Grand Pursuivant.  
Prov. Grand Organist.  
Trowel, carried by a Past Master. Mallett, carried by a Past Master.  
Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearers.  
Assistant Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works.  
Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works.  
Past Prov. Grand Deacons.  
Prov. Grand Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions.  
Past Prov. Grand Registrars.  
Prov. Grand Registrar.  
Prov. Grand Treasurer.  
Past Prov. Grand Chaplains.  
Past Prov. Grand Wardens.  
The Corinthian Light, carried by a Master of a Lodge.  
The Column of the Prov. Junior Grand Warden, carried by a Master of a Lodge.  
The Prov. Junior Grand Warden, with a Plumb Rule.  
Prov. Grand { Banner of Prov. Grand } Prov. Grand Steward. { Lodge. } Steward.  
The Doric Light, carried by a Master of a Lodge.  
The Column of a Prov. Senior Grand Warden, carried by the Master of a Lodge.  
The Prov. Senior Grand Warden, with the Level.  
The Prov. Junior Grand Deacon.  
Prov. Grand { The Prov. Grand Chaplain, bearing } Prov. Grand Steward. { the Sacred Law on a Cushion. } Steward.  
Past and Present Officers of the Grand Lodge of England.  
The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, with the Square.  
The Ionic Light, carried by a Master of a Lodge.  
The Prov. Grand Sword Bearer.  
H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., Past Grand Warden.  
The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master.  
The Senior Prov. Grand Deacon.  
Two Prov. Grand Stewards.  
Prov. Grand Tyler.

The clergy and choir, in their surplices, had met at the Vicarage, and included His Grace the Lord Bishop of Winchester (who with Mrs. Harold Browne and the Rev. Robert Browne, his lordship's Chaplain, had been the guest of their Royal Highnesses, at Bagshot Park), the Rev. F. M. Middleton Rural Dean and Vicar of York Town, the Vicar the Rev. F. A. P. Lory, and his Curate the Rev. E. M. Salmon, the Bishop of Ballarat, the Revs. J. M. Freshfield, Vicar of Windlesham; R. Flint, Vicar of Sunningdale; Newton Spencer, Vicar of Emly and Rural Dean; W. Basset, Rector of Frimley; A. Kinch, Rector of Farnborough; W. Suthey Curate of Farnborough; C. B. Fendall, of Windlesham, and others. The Bishop of the Diocese took his seat at the table in front of the stone, the clergy and choir occupying the platform in rear, whilst the brethren were ranged around, in accordance with rank, the Provincial Grand Officers being in the centre. The Duke and Duchess on their arrival were received with respectful salutations, which they graciously acknowledged, and her Royal Highness was escorted to her seat by General Brownrigg, who sat between her and her Royal husband, on the left of the Bishop. Accompanying the Royal party were Colonel Sir H. Elphinstone and Lady Elphinstone, General Sir D. Lysons and Lady Lysons; the infant Princess Margaret, Mr. Miles, Treasurer of the building fund; Colonel Lempriere, R.E.; General Smythe, C.B., and a large gathering of the resident gentry of the district. When the assemblage was seated, the scene within the half-raised walls of the building was exceedingly picturesque, the sun shining brightly over all, and with beams as fervent as on an ordinary July day. The necessary preliminaries having been arranged, the opening sentences of the service were said by the Bishop, the responses being given by the Rev. E. M. Salmon. Then followed Psalm lxxxiv.—"O how amiable"—by the choir, ably led by Mr. G. P. More, who presided ably at the harmonium, the lesson for the day (Ezra iii. 10, 11) being read by the Rural Dean, the Rev. F. M. Middleton. Prayers were then offered for a blessing on the work undertaken, and the preservation of all those who were engaged in it; after which Psalm cxxvii.—"Except the Lord build the house"—was sung. The Prov. Grand Master then advanced to the stone, and addressing His Royal Highness, said: Knowing the deep interest which you and Her Royal Highness take in the laying of the foundation stone, and the building of the edifice which we have come here to complete, I beg, on my part, and on behalf of the Freemasons of Surrey, that you will do us the honour of performing the ceremony of laying this stone, with the test of the plumb, the level, and the square. We trust that you will find it well and truly laid, for which purpose I have the honour to place this trowel in your hands. He then handed to the Duke a magnificent silver trowel, suitably inscribed in commemoration of the event. The R.W. Bro. his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.W., in reply, said: My Lord Bishop and Brethren,—Be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and honourable to the laws of our country. Although not ourselves Operative Masons, yet we have, from time immemorial, been associated with the erection of buildings, to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, unseen from the eyes of all men, secrets that may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of either God or man. They were entrusted to the Masons of ancient days, and they have been faithfully transmitted to us; and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to our latest posterity. Unless our Order had been honourable, and our calling just, it would not have



lasted all these centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and to further our interests. We are assembled to-day, in the midst of all you here present, for the erection of a house to the glory and the worship of the Most High, which we pray God may bless and prosper as it seems good to Him. (So mote it be.) As it is the duty of all Masons in any undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, I will call upon you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace. The Prov. Grand Chaplain having offered prayer, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught said, It is my will and pleasure that the foundation-stone of this church be laid, and Brother the Provincial Grand Secretary will read the inscription on the plate. Brother Charles Greenwood jun., the Provincial Grand Secretary, then read:—"This foundation-stone was laid by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with Masonic honours, A.D. 1883. Henry A. Cheers, architect." The Prov. Grand Treasurer deposited coins of the realm and other articles in the cavity of the stone, after which mortar was spread, and the stone lowered to its resting place. His Royal Highness having tested it with the plumb-rule said, "I find this stone to be plumb, and the Craftsmen have prepared it true and trusty." Applying the level, he said, "I find this stone to be level, and the Craftsmen have laboured skilfully." Trying it with the square, he said, "I find this stone to be plumb, level and square, and I declare it to be truly prepared and duly laid, and that the Craftsmen have done their work well." He then gave three knocks with the maul, and declared the stone truly laid. Corn, wine and oil were placed on the stone, emblematical of plenty and abundance, joy and peace and unanimity. Might peace, prosperity, happiness and good-will ever prevail amongst those who should minister in that place, to the glory of the Most High, till time should be no more. (So mote it be.) The Bishop then prayed that true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love might always abide, and that the place might remain ever consecrated to prayer and the praise of His Holy Name. As the offertory was being taken, the choir and congregation sang the hymn, "Christ is our Corner stone." A pleasing incident here occurred, her Royal Highness the Duchess receiving at the hands of several children, some of whom were very diminutive, and appeared timid and abashed in the presence of royalty, purses containing sums collected towards the building fund. The first to place a purse upon the stone was the rosy-faced little infant Princess Margaret, only a few months old, and who appeared charmingly oblivious of the prominent part she was taking in the ceremony. Her father, the Duke, patted her lovingly on the cheek as she was being taken up to the stone in the arms of her nurse. The anthem, "How dreadful is the place!" and Psalm lxxxvii., "His foundations are upon the holy hills," were sung, and the concluding prayers were said by the Vicar, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction. Soon afterwards the company dispersed, the Royal party, accompanied by the Bishop of Winchester and Mrs. Harold Browne, and the Bishop's Chaplain, driving home to Bagshot Park. The clergy and other friends were entertained at the Vicarage, and the brethren having re-assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge, were thanked for their attendance in such numbers, and dismissed, returning by the 4.30 train for home.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, the 7th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Edgar Bowyer (in the chair), Joyce Murray, J. L. Mather, L. Ruff, Arthur E. Gladwell, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Donald M. Dewar, H. Massey, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Maple, Alfred Williams, E. Baxter, George Cooper, F. Adlard, John Palmer, Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Festa, C. F. Hogard, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The sum of £10 was voted for educating a boy out of the School for six months on account of his ill health; and £2000 was ordered to be invested in India 4 per cents. The Secretary reported that £500 having been left by a testator to "The Freemasons' Boys' School," application was made to the Chancery Division to decide whether The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was the object of the testator's bounty. The Chief Clerk decided that it was, and the £500, free of legacy duty, had been received. Petitions for placing two boys on the list for the election in October were passed, as was also the qualification of a presentation boy. Outfits of £5 each were granted to three former pupils of the Institution, now in situations. In consequence of withdrawals the number of candidates for next Monday's election was reduced to 62. Brother W. Roebuck gave notice of a motion for the Quarterly Court of next Monday, after which the Committee adjourned.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed, on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., by Bro. Whitley P.M. P.P.G.D.C., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, nearly opposite the York Station L.B.S.C. Railway, and five minutes walk from the Queen's Road Station L. and S.W. Railway. The proceedings commence at eight o'clock.

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### PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER, No. 145.

THE regular April meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 10th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Comps. Braine M.E.Z., Headon H., Leggott J., Venn P.Z. S.E., Bull P.Z. Treasurer, Moon Provincial Soj., P.Z.'s Comps. Haslett, Thielay, and Moody. Visitors—J. Stevens P.Z. 720, J. A. Barking Young P.Z., W. Smallpeice 1201, C. A. Wood 1512, Sprake 813, Stohwasser Z. 21, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. Chapter was formally opened by the Principals. The minutes of last convocation were confirmed. Bro. F. T. C. Keeble W.M. elect 1426 was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the working being most efficiently carried out. The election of M.E.Z. and Principals then took place; Comp. Headon was elected M.E.Z., Leggott H., Elsley J., Bull P.Z. Treasurer, Venn P.Z. S.E., Reinhardt Janitor. A jewel was voted to the retiring Z., Companion Braine, for his excellent working. The Chapter was then closed until December. A capital banquet followed, superintended by Companion Dawkins. Comp. Braine proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. Haslett proposed the toast of the M.E.Z., and complimented him on his excellent working; indeed, he had never heard it more perfectly rendered. The M.E.Z. in reply thanked Companion Haslett for his kind expressions; what he had done he hoped was for the benefit of the Chapter. It would be his great pleasure to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. The toast of the M.E.Z. Elect was then given. Comp. Headon's working in Craft Masonry was well known, and it was a great pleasure to have such a good working R.A. Mason to fill the chair of this Chapter, which, if it was to be second to none, the M.E.Z. elect would be the one to carry this out. In Comp. Leggott no better working Mason could be found, more particularly for the Charities. The toast of the Exalte, Comp. Keeble came next on the list, and it was in very able terms responded to. Comps. Stohwasser Z. 21, and J. Stevens P.Z. 720, responded for the Visitors. The health of the Treasurer Comp. Bull, and of Comp. Haslett P.Z. S.E. was then given, the M.E.Z. stating no Companions could be found who knew their duties better; no Chapter could consider itself efficient without it had capable Officers. This toast having been responded to, the Junior Officers and Janitor's followed. Comps. Stevens, Moody, Haslett, and Levy contributed to the harmony.

### JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Monday (in lieu of the regular meeting of the 2nd instant, that date being Bank Holiday), at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. H. P. Isaac M.E.Z., I. P. Cohen H., A. Henochsberg J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E. and Treasurer, J. Dewsnap S.N., L. Lazarus P.Z. as P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, W. Littaur; Visitors—Comps. W. Vincent P.Z., A. Abrahams late 188, J. A. Gartley 142, G. Smith jun., C. Killick H. 228, Round. Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bro. J. B. Mesquito 205 and H. C. Lonsdale, which being in favour of the candidates, they were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfect. The resignation of Comp. Boekbinder was accepted with regret. The sum of two guineas was voted from the Chapter, to be placed on the list of Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., who will serve as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 9th of May. The Chapter was then closed till the last Monday in May, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z., in eloquent terms, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. W. Littaur P.Z. proposed the toast of the Z. This was a pleasing duty for him to perform, as Comp. Isaac was a good Craftsman and R.A. Mason. He (Comp. Littaur) had exalted him; he had filled every chair to the satisfaction of the Companions. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the Companions for their good wishes. He would strive to advance the prosperity of the Chapter, and his great aim would be to promote its success. In speaking to the toast of the Exaltees, the M.E.Z. said, by the attention they had paid to the ceremony, he felt assured they would become creditable Royal Arch Masons. All were gratified they had selected this Chapter to be exalted in. Comp. Mesquito eloquently responded, and he was followed by Comp. Lonsdale, who although but a young Mason, had heard so much of the Joppa Chapter wherever he went, that he thought he could not do better than join it. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He thought the Chapter might boast of two attributes—cordiality amongst its members, and hospitality to its guests. In the name of the Chapter, he would extend to them a hearty welcome. Comp. Killick responded; he had experienced an intellectual treat that evening. The Chapter might be congratulated on the ability of its Z., and the excellent working of its Officers. Comps. Gartley and Vincent followed, acknowledging the extreme pleasure they had experienced in the excellent working. The toast of the P.Z.'s came next. Comp. J. Emanuel P.Z. and S.E. responded. The H. and J. were next complimented, and after response had been made, the Janitor gave the parting toast.

The Camden Chapter, No. 704, was consecrated on Friday, 6th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, by Comp. James Terry, who was assisted by Comps. J. D. Collier and E. C. Daines. Comps. E. Dimsdale and G. S. Graham assisted with the music.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire was held on Thursday, the 29th ultimo, at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Bolton, on which occasion the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Companion Le Gendre N. Starkie, presided, and was supported by Comps. Beswicke-Royds Provincial Grand H., Franklin Thomas Provincial Grand J., G. P. Brockbank Provincial Grand N., J. Chadwick Prov. Grand E., E. Ashworth P.P.G.N., J. Newton P.P.G.N., J. T. Peel Prov. P.S., Blacka Prov. 1st A.S., J. Holmes Prov. Grand Treasurer, J. T. Hooper P.P.G. Treasurer, J. H. Sillitoe P.P.A. Soj., Hargreaves P.P.A. Soj., and many other Past Provincial Grand Officers; M.E.Z.'s Comps. Nicholl 317, Greenhalgh 221, Waterson 126, M. Hardman 344, Halliwell 42, Taylor 286, Godley 325, Loftos 128, Walker Z. elect 37; P.Z.'s Comps. Dawson 317, Jaffrey 152, Rutter 221, Richardson 221, Morris 221, Brown 37, S. Horrocks 128, Porritt 283, Horrocks 348, J. Harwood 348, Higson 348, Whittaker 350; also Comp. E. G. Harwood 221 Mayor of Bolton, and about 50 other Companions. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in form, the minutes of the last P.G. Chapter were read and confirmed. The roll of Chapters was called over, and four of the number, being unrepresented, were fined in accordance with the Bye-laws. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Companion Holmes, of Ashton, presented the accounts of the past year, duly audited by Comps. Dawson and Jaffrey. The same being satisfactory, were passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Auditors, and the retiring Treasurer. Comp. J. H. Greenhalgh Z. 221 was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following Companions were then invested as Officers for the year 1883-4:—

Comp. Capt. Beswicke-Royds	...	...	P.G.H.
J. H. Sillitoe P.Z. 645	...	...	P.G.J.
John Chadwick P.Z. 152	...	...	P.G.E.
Thomas Mason P.Z. 116	...	...	P.G.N.
R. L. Mestayer P.Z. 204	...	...	P.G. Sojourner
J. Walsh P.Z. 345	...	...	P.G. 1st A. Soj.
James Horrocks P.Z. 345	...	...	P.G. 2nd A. Soj.
J. H. Greenhalgh P.Z. 221	...	...	P.G. Treasurer
J. M. Rutter P.Z. 221	...	...	P.G. Registrar
John Bollard H. 116...	...	...	P.G. Sword Bearer
James Walker Z. 37	...	...	P.G. St. Bearer
Samuel Porritt P.Z. 283	...	...	P.G.D.C.
J. Dearnally 300	...	...	P.G. Organist
J. Barrett 221	...	...	P.G. Stewards
S. Crowther 37	...	...	
John Harwood 348	...	...	
Thomas Mitchell	...	...	P.G. Janitor

On the motion of Comp. G. P. Brockbank P.Prov.G.S.N., the sum of £10 was voted to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Companions Richardson and Alcock were elected Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed in due form, the Companions adjourned to banquet, at the Swan Hotel, the meeting place of Concord Chapter, No. 37, where the Provincial G. Superintendent presided, supported by several of the Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers who had been present at the Chapter. The customary loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Companion Phillips proposed the Grand Officers of England, coupled with the name of Companion Royds Provincial G.H., and one of the Grand Officers of the year. Companion Royds replied, expressing his determination to do his duty, both in the Province and Grand Chapter, without fear or favour. Companion Brockbank proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Superintendent Colonel Starkie, referring to his position as one of the leading landowners in the district, and the esteem he was held in by Masons throughout the whole of East Lancashire, especially noticing his fairness in distributing the honours of his Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter to brethren and Companions who had duly earned their promotion by assiduity to Lodge labours and the practice of Masonic Charity. The Most Excellent Superintendent, in reply, thanked the proposer of the toast for the kindly way he had spoken of him, and eulogised the brethren of Bolton for the way in which they always catered for the material comforts of the brethren when called upon to provide accommodation for the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter; he also referred in terms of great commendation to the admirable manner in which the members of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, had entertained the members of the Grand Lodge who attended at the Sesqui-centennial celebration of the Lodge in October last. The toast of the Prov. Grand H. Comp. Royds, and the Prov. Grand J. was duly honoured, and replied to in a characteristic speech by Comp. Sillitoe Prov. Grand J. A silent tribute of respect was paid to the memory of Comp. Thomas Entwisle P. Prov. Grand S.N., who died in harness as Z. of Chapter of Concord, the oldest Chapter in the North of England, and which has been in active working condition from the year 1768. The Prov. G. Superintendent proposed The Mayor of Bolton, speaking highly of his personal character, and of the pleasure it afforded him to meet the Chief Magistrate of Bolton again at a Masonic meeting in a locality where Masonry was practically carried out in all its fulness. The Mayor (Comp. E. G. Harwood) briefly responded, and thanked the Prov. Grand Superintendent for his complimentary remarks, and stated that, although only a young Mason, it was his earnest wish to progress in the science, and expressed his great gratification at being able to welcome so distinguished a Mason as Col. Starkie at a Provincial meeting in Bolton during his tenure of office. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Comp. Sillitoe, who expatiated on the merits of these Institutions, and made an earnest appeal for increased contributions to their funds. The Bolton Chapters was proposed by Comp. Ashworth Past Prov. S.N., and responded to by Comps. Richardson P.Z. Chapter 221, and J. Greenhalgh Prov. Grand

Treasurer. The toast To all Poor and Distressed Arch Masons, proposed by Comp. Brockbank, as the oldest Arch Mason present, brought the proceedings of a highly successful meeting to a close.

We understand that E. Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy P.G.M. for Essex, and Recorder of Colchester, has been appointed by H.R.H. the Grand Z. to the post of Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex; and that Comp. Philbrick will be installed at Chelmsford, on Wednesday, the 16th May, by E. Comp. Lord Lathom G.H. of England.

### INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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#### EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

ON Monday last, the members of this young suburban Lodge, which has rapidly risen into popularity amongst the brethren in the South of London, assembled in force at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, the occasion being the installation of Bro. R. J. Taylor as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. Anthony Runacres. The weather outside London was delightfully fine and genial, and a numerous party of the members and visitors made the event an opportunity of enjoying a day in the open country, which is just now assuming a Spring-like brightness. Soon after two o'clock the meeting took place at the Greyhound, when the retiring Worshipful Master presided, supported by Bro. R. J. Taylor S.W. and W.M. elect, J. Turle Lee J.W., G. W. Evans S.D., Charles Evans I.G., E. Witts P.M. Secretary, and Boyton; Bros. Clarke, Jones, Dawe, Warne, Spencer, Sims, Cannon, Hill, Mason, O'Donnell, Hayhoe, Robins, Thomson, Hunts, Firkins, Vane, and Stow M.C. Visitors: Bros. Taylor W.M. 1558, P.M.'s Gallant 25, Dairy 141, Dickson 860, Barker 1632, Bnrleton 1681, Hawkins 1693, Barham I.P.M. 144, Stokoe J.D. 1963, Albert 43, Harnett 813, Edgeley 1446, Anderson 1672. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting, and the emergencies of 30th October and 12th February having been read and confirmed, Bro. I. G. Albert, L.D.S., of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, proposed by Bro. Chapman, and seconded by the Worshipful Master elect; and Bro. W. Blount, of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, proposed by Bro. Evans, and seconded by the W.M., were unanimously accepted as joining members. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound and healthy condition financially, was received and adopted, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee for their services. Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. Francis John Dawe and Henry Thomas Warne were raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, who acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner, and to the satisfaction of all present. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Henry Alexander Thomson, Charles N. Robins, and Edward Hayhoe were severally passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the working in this degree being equally well performed. After some other business, Bro. Taylor was presented as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and having assented to the ordinary interrogatories, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Taylor was solemnly installed into the chair, the ritual being impressively rendered by the outgoing Worshipful Master, who officiated as the Installing Officer. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was greeted with the customary honours, and received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, with whom he is deservedly popular. He invested his Officers, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Anthony Runacres I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. W. T. Chapman S.W., G. W. Evans J.W., Edward Witts P.M. Secretary, J. Turle Lee S.D., Charles Evans J.D., J. S. Clarke I.G., Connell Wine Steward, and O'Donnell Assistant Wine Steward. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, presented to Brother Runacres a magnificent Past Master's jewel, having a diamond centre, and the Earl of Lathom's crest and the name of the Lodge embossed on the border. On the reverse side was the following inscription:—

Presented to  
BROTHER ANTHONY RUNACRES,  
by the brethren of  
THE EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922,  
As a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of the zeal and  
ability with which he discharged his duties as  
WORSHIPFUL MASTER,  
during the year 1882-3. 9th April 1883.

After affixing it to Bro. Runacres's breast, the Worshipful Master alluded to the zealous and admirable manner in which he had performed the task entrusted to him as ruler of the Lodge, and said their excellent Immediate Past Master had had wisdom to discern, and ability to execute all that could conduce to the well-being and prosperity of the Earl of Lathom Lodge. In private he was admired and esteemed by all with whom he came into contact, whilst in his capacity as a Mason and a Master of this Lodge he had gained for himself universal affection. This jewel was but a slight tribute of their appreciation of services well and worthily rendered to the Lodge, and he expressed the hope that Bro. Runacres might live for many years to continue those services, and to live in the esteem and good opinion of the brethren, which he now so deservedly enjoyed. Bro. Runacres could scarcely find words adequately to express his deep sense of the honours which had been conferred upon him, and of the kindly sentiments which had fallen from the lips of the Worshipful Master. He could only say he should endeavour to deserve all that had been so generously said of him, by straining every nerve to advance the best interests of the Earl of Lathom Lodge. He felt a deep interest in

Masonry, and anything he could do to promote the welfare of the Craft in general, and this Lodge in particular, would be to him a pleasure as well as a duty. Lodge having been closed in form, the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening, alluded in felicitous terms to the energy, zeal, and ability displayed by Bro. Taylor, whilst filling the Senior Warden's chair during the past year, and to his assiduity in promoting harmony and good fellowship amongst the brethren. From the admirable working they had witnessed in Lodge, and the genial way in which he had presided over the amenities of the festive board, they might rest satisfied that Bro. Taylor would make a most efficient Master, and he congratulated the brethren upon the judicious selection they had made. He wished for their newly-installed Worshipful Master a happy and prosperous year of office, and assured him the Officers and brethren would assist him to the utmost of their power in contributing to that result. The Worshipful Master, who was most cordially received, said he was deeply sensible of the proud and honourable distinction which had been conferred upon him by the brethren of the Lodge in placing him in the chair, and it should be his earnest endeavour during the coming year to justify their selection by strict attention to duty. He should leave no stone unturned to promote the best interests of the Craft in general, and his Lodge in particular, in which he had felt so deep and genuine an interest ever since it was established. He trusted he might have the assistance of his Immediate Past Master, and the cordial co-operation of the Officers and brethren generally, and he had no fear, if this was extended to him, the year's work would be both pleasant and advantageous to them all. He should try and emulate the excellent example set him by his predecessor, and hoped that when the tenure of his office expired he should have acquitted himself with credit and with satisfaction to the Lodge. He then resumed his seat amidst loud acclamations. In rising again to propose the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer, the W.M. spoke of the constant and unwearied exertions made by Bro. Runacres to forward the best interests of the Lodge. He had been unremitting in his attention to the duties of his office, and had shown a happy ability in the promotion of harmony and goodwill amongst the body of members. He trusted that Bro. Runacres might be spared for a long time yet to assist in the governance of the Lodge, and to accord to it the benefit of his intelligent administration and experienced and valuable counsel. The Immediate Past Master, in response, said, After the remarks he had uttered in the Lodge-room very little was needed for him to convey to the brethren his deep sense of the compliment they had paid to him. It would be his endeavour, in the future, as it had been in the past, to assist by every means in his power to sustain and uphold the interests of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, and to render what assistance he could to their excellent Worshipful Master and the brethren generally. The work of the Lodge was a labour of love to him, and he rejoiced to see the unanimity and sound brotherly feeling which animated all the members of the Lodge. Might that harmony of sentiment and action long continue, to their common and mutual happiness and advantage. He should prize the magnificent jewel which now glistened on his breast, for its intrinsic value, but very much more for the kindly and brotherly sentiments by which it had been prompted. Their generous expressions towards him that day would never cease to be remembered, and would form a source of happy reflection, he hoped, for many years to come. The health of the Past Masters was then given, and duly acknowledged; and Brother Mason, in responding for the Charities, delivered an earnest appeal for continued help towards the great Benevolent Institutions, which are the pride and boast of the Craft. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was suitably acknowledged by the Wardens, and the Tyler then closed the proceedings, which were throughout of a very happy and enjoyable description. An abundance of good music and singing tended materially to enhance the pleasures of the evening, and the brethren separated at an early hour, highly delighted with the success which had attended their gathering.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. Millington W.M., Serjeant S.W., Little J.W., Pinder Preceptor, A. Clark S.D., Black I.G.; also Bros. Rowe, Patrick, Turberfield, Gieseke, Kraum. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kraum candidate. Bro. Turberfield answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Brother Serjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

A regular meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, under the presidency of the W.M. Brother Frederick J. Hentsch. There was no ceremonial work on the agenda, occasion was therefore taken by the members to invite Bro. W. W. Morgan, the Senior Warden, to deliver one of his Lectures. Bro. Morgan selected "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development," for his text, and his discourse was listened to with the greatest interest. At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Morgan was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Morgan expressed his gratification that his efforts had met with approval, and threw out a suggestion that other of the members should follow the precedent he had inaugurated; the so-called "off-nights" would then prove instructive to the younger members of the Lodge, and sustain the interest of the elder brethren.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, Colonel Creton presiding. There were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, C. G. Dilley, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, Louis Stein, John Bulmer, C. J. Perceval, C. Lacey, J. M. Case, A. A. Richards, W. Hilton, J. J. Berry, A. H. Tattershall, T. W. C. Bush, T. Cubitt, James Garnor, C. H. Webb, James Willing jun., and E. C. Massey. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the Secretary reported that four deaths had occurred since last meeting, viz., two male annuitants, and one male and one female candidate, thus making the vacancies to be filled at next election, 25 male and 15 female annuitants. The Report of the Finance Committee, verifying the accounts to 31st March, was read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes; and the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the investment of £1,000 in India Four per Cents., in the names of the Trustees of the Male and Female Funds respectively, and that £2,000 should be placed on deposit account, was ordered to be carried out. Bros. Creton, Farnfield, and Lacey were appointed a Committee to draw up the Annual Report, to be submitted to the meeting in May next. A moiety of the annuity of a brother whose death was reported at last meeting was granted to his widow. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

The R.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon presided, on Wednesday evening, at the Anniversary Festival of the Railway Officers' and Servants' Benevolent Institution, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there was a large and distinguished company supporting the noble Earl in the chair. Amongst them may be mentioned Lord Suffield Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., the Mayors of Canterbury and Dover, Mr. H. E. Frances, General Sir J. Linton Simmons, Alderman Hadley Treasurer, Mr. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Mr. Sheriff Savory, and many other prominent Freemasons. The Lord Mayor was unavoidably prevented from attending, that evening being devoted to a banquet at the Mansion House to Bros. Lord Wolseley and Lord Alcester, who had during the day been presented with the freedom of the City of London. Earl Carnarvon delivered an earnest appeal on behalf of the Institution whose anniversary was being celebrated, and whose object is to provide annuities for the aged and decayed officers and servants of the various railway companies throughout the United Kingdom, to relieve them in times of sickness and distress, and to provide for their orphans. The Secretary (M. James Salmon) was enabled, during the evening, to announce that the combined efforts of the Stewards on the occasion had resulted in an aggregate of donations and subscriptions, amounting to £2,700 towards which our esteemed Pro Grand Master contributed the handsome sum of five hundred guineas. The intimation was received with loud and prolonged cheering.

The Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs, with other brethren, who are members of the John Carpenter Club, which consists of old City of London School boys, and is named after the Founder of the School, have been granted a Warrant for a new Lodge, to be called the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, which will meet at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The Lord Mayor, who by the way, we think is the first City of London School boy who has attained the highest Civic dignity, is the W.M. designate, and Bro. Savory has been appointed Treasurer *pro tem*. The Consecration will take place on the 11th proximo, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel I. Clerke will be the Consecrating Officer. Colonel Clerke will be assisted by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and other distinguished Grand Officers.

A movable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Nottingham, on Thursday, the 26th inst., under the auspices of the Newstead Lodge (T.I.), at the Masonic Hall, at three p.m. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M. will preside. Nottinghamshire will be constituted a Mark Province on this occasion, and Bro. John Watson will be appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Master.

The installation meeting of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, took place on Wednesday evening. A full report shall appear in our next.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 16th day of April 1883, for the transaction of ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, 12 brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. J. L. MATHER, H.C., V.P.:

"That, in consequence of a premature vacancy, 13 boys be elected, instead of 12, as stated on the voting papers.

2. By W. Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, H.C., V.-Patron:

"That the following words be added to Law 65: 'The two householders signing the bond shall also undertake to remove the boy from the School at their own expense during the holidays sanctioned by the House Committee, in the event of the parents or relatives refusing to do so.'"

3. By Bro. R. W. STEWART, H.C., V.P.:

"That in the event of Bro. Roebuck's notice of motion being adopted, the laws and necessary bonds be altered in accordance with such motion.

To elect Twelve (or Thirteen, should the Court so determine) Boys from a List of Sixty-four Candidates, as appears on the voting papers, reduced to Sixty-two by the withdrawal of No. 32, Woodward, Thomas, and No. 60, Musgrave, Thomas Frank, and the death of No. 27, Rosier, Reginald W. A. The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'Clock, or so soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'Clock precisely.

By Order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.)  
Vice-Patron, Secretary.

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7th April 1883.

## THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

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The Rt. Hon. the EARL OF CARNARVON in the Chair.

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

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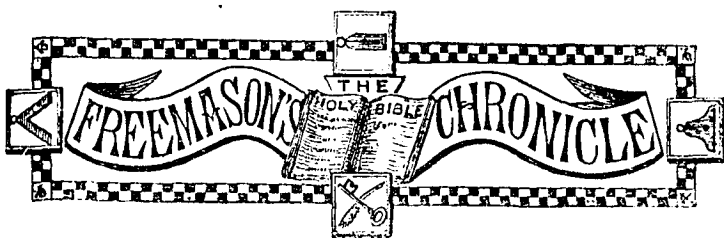
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## THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 218).

**F**ROM the Stonemasons of Germany Bro. Gould transfers his attention to the Craft Guilds—*Corps d'Etat*—of France, which existed from the earliest times down to the period of the French Revolution, when the National Assembly in 1793 decreed their abolition. At the outset he notes the remarkable fact that the French Masonic writers, unlike their German brethren, have not looked for the origin of Freemasonry in the past history of their country or its traditions and usages. This, he observes, is all the more remarkable because, "by a judicious combination of the history of the French trade guilds with that of the *Companionage*, a much better case might be made out than the *Steinmetz* theory, requiring for its complete establishment no deliberate falsification of history, as in the former instance, but only a slight amount of faith in some very plausible conclusions, and natural deductions from undoubted facts." He quotes, however, sundry passages which show that some French writers had a certain glimmering of the possibility of a connection between the Craft Guilds and modern Freemasonry. Thus the writer of an anonymous pamphlet, which appeared in 1848, speaks of the "community of origin which unites the societies of the *Companionage* with that of the Freemasons." M. Simon says, "The moment we begin to reflect, we are quickly led in studying the facts to the conclusion that the *Companionage* and Freemasonry have one common origin." Thory gives a slight sketch of the *Companionage*, and remarks, "Some authors have maintained that the *coteries* of working masons gave rise to the Order of Freemasons," while Besuchet, in his "Précis Historique de l'Ordre de la Franc-Maçonnerie," observes that in 1729 the prevailing opinion in France was that "England only restored to her what she had already borrowed, inasmuch as it is probable, according to a mass of authorities and traditions, that Freemasonry, in its three first or symbolic degrees, is of French origin."

In tracing the rise and progress of these Guilds, Brother Gould invites his readers to bear in mind that France was not, until comparatively recent times, a homogeneous state. Julius Cæsar found it in three divisions, which he specifies: the Belgæ, inhabiting one, being Teutons; and the Aquitani, who inhabited another, being, it is supposed, of African origin; while Gaul Proper, or Celtic Gaul, was inhabited by the Celts, or Gauls as the Romans called them; these last being subsequently subdivided into three classes. But though the manners and customs of the three races differed from each other very widely, Roman civilisation,

though it failed to affect them all to an equal degree, obtained a deep and lasting hold on all classes, as is shown by the fact that in spite of the ultimate subjugation of the whole country by the German tribes, all the dialects and languages known and used at different times "have merged in a derivative of the Latin tongue." Moreover, this same civilisation, which had obtained a firm footing in the country long before the first invasions of the barbarians, was not destroyed by the invaders. The Alans, Suevians, Vandals, and Burgundians, who crossed the Rhine at the close of 405 A.D., and passing through France into Spain, left many of their number behind, who settled in Gaul, and pillaged the cities, but did not destroy them. These settlers soon became allies of the Romans, though retaining their own usages and customs. Then the Franks and Visigoths successively effected settlements in the country, and the former, who occupied principally the north central provinces, grew in strength as the Roman empire grew weaker, and succeeded finally in getting rid of the Roman domination, but not of its civilisation. "The conquerors," says Bro. Gould, "had for three generations"—406-486—"been neighbours and allies of Rome, although they had probably not conformed to any great extent with the Roman customs. They already looked upon the country as their home; many warriors must have been natives of it, and there would be no desire to utterly devastate it. The war was not one of ruthless extermination. The legions were driven out, but the cities remained. They were repeatedly pillaged by the victors, but they were not destroyed; the citizens were harassed, and doubtless many of them killed, but the basis of civilised life was untouched; the Teutons, true to their nature, retired to the country districts, leaving the cities to recover from their losses, and to accumulate fresh hoards which might serve as the spoil of some future foray." Having got rid of the Roman governors, the Franks gradually established their authority over the other tribes settled in Gaul, and before the end of the Merovingian dynasty in 752, Gaul had practically become the country of the Franks, or France, the inhabitants remaining, however, composed of representatives of all the tribes that had settled in the country. "In the cities the inhabitants had probably changed very little, and preserved their manners, customs, and language," the Germans avoiding the towns, even Paris, the capital, being seldom inhabited by them. Thus, on the departure of the Roman governors, the cities set about organising themselves afresh, and would appear "to have immediately formed a species of republican government." The executive authority was placed in the hands of the lieutenants who had already exercised it on behalf of the old governors. "The priests and bishops naturally took a prominent part in this new system, which was probably based on the trade organisation of the Romans. Those Colleges, which consisted of more than one trade, appear to have split up into their several component parts, and their elected officers to have formed, together with the heads of the clergy, a municipal council. As they already exercised the petty police of the towns, they now added to their duties magisterial functions, and the imperial prerogative of levying taxes." And, in order to prove that "the cities of France, up to the time of Charlemagne, were veritable republics; and also that the divisions into craft guilds existed from very early times," Bro. Gould adduces "a few quotations from careful writers and authentic documents," the testimony itself on these points being most ample. Very many of these quotations may with advantage be reproduced.

Thus Levasseur, in his "Histoire des Classes Ouvrières en France," says—"It was more especially in the south and in the cities that the traditions of the past were perpetuated. The country districts had been invaded by the men and usages of Germany, but the cities, a sojourn in which was avoided by the barbarians, preserved their Roman populations, and even a portion of their ancient civil and political institutions. In 462 the games in the circus were still celebrated at Arles." In Vol. iii. of "Le Moyen Age et la Renaissance," article, "A.A. Montoil, Corporation des Métiers," is a passage to the effect that "in the fifth century the history of the holy hermit Ampelius, who lived at Cimiez, mentions the consul or chief of the locksmiths." The following are from Levasseur: "In the year 585 Gontran visited Orleans; all the inhabitants came out to meet him, bearing their flags and banners;" and "In 629 Dagobert established a fair in Paris for the merchants, foreigners as well as natives. It took place yearly on the 9th October, and lasted four

weeks." Ouin-Lacroix, in his "Histoire des Anciennes Corporations d'Arts et Métiers" states that "a capitulary of Charlemagne decrees that the corporation of bakers shall be maintained in full efficiency in the provinces, and an edict of 864 mentions the gild of goldsmiths." Thierry remarks, "The inhabitants of Rheims preserved in the twelfth century the recollection of the Roman origin of their municipal council. The citizens of Metz prided themselves on having exercised civil rights before the Duchy of Lorraine existed; they used to say, 'Lorraine is young and Metz old.' At Lyons, Bourges, and Boulogne, the citizens maintained that there had existed for those cities a right of free justice and administration before France became a kingdom. Arles, Marseilles, Perigueux, Angoulême, and even smaller cities in the south that had been mere castles under the Roman Empire, believed their semi-republican organisation to be anterior to the Frankish conquest, and to all the feudal holdings of the Middle Ages. Toulouse gave itself a capitol after the manner of Rome." Levasseur again says: "The true origin of the corporation is found in the social life of the Romans, and amongst the vanquished Gauls, who always formed the principal population in the cities, and faithfully preserved under their new masters the remembrances and traces of their ancient organisations;" and also: "In the majority of cities the organisation of the craft guilds preceded that of the commune; the proof of it is, that in almost all the communes the political system and the election of magistrates were based on the division of the citizens into trade corporations." The following from MM. Renouvier and Ricard is also to the same purport: "In the south the trade guilds followed the same development as the communes; although only recognised feudally in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, they existed from time immemorial. Survivals of the old Roman organisation, the corporations sought refuge in the church, and attained to public life and independence at that period when order commenced to be established in the relations between the commune, the feudal lord, and the Church." In the preface to Monteil's "Histoire de l'Industrie Française," it is stated that "Roman civil architecture, industry, art—in one word, the whole Roman tradition was perpetuated in France till the tenth century. Even the German conquerors, whilst preserving their own national laws, customs, and usages, accepted the Gallic industry much as they found it." And again, "The Middle Ages invented nothing, but they gathered together from the preceding Civilisation its traditions, of which they carefully preserved the memory; and in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries the industries still flourished which had created the opulence of Roman Gaul, generally in the very districts which had given them birth." The facts adduced from these quotations, in Brother Gould's opinion, "go far to show the great probability of a virtual and direct descent from the Roman colleges and municipalities to the French trade guilds and communes of the early Middle Ages;" and later on, while admitting that "there is no direct proof obtainable that these corporations were the descendants, in unbroken continuity, of the Roman colleges," he considers that "the balance of probability seems to affirm it."

In the changes that were introduced under the Carolingian dynasty, when the country was reduced to a state of greater dependence on the central authority, "the trade guilds retained the greater part of their previous importance, and were deftly woven into the new fabric." Under the feudal system, the cities became subject to the bishop or lord paramount, and then followed struggles on the part of the municipalities to recover their independence. In the reign of Philip the Fair, the cities were possessed of their ancient privileges, and about the same period the Craft guilds were able "to produce documents confirming and settling their ancient privileges," and the fees and fine previously paid to the feudal lord were payable to the King. "In Paris," we are further told, "the rise of the municipality is characterised by a singular feature—the government of the city being vested, not in the delegates of all the guilds, but in the officers of one huge guild only, that of the Hanse," the progress of which is described, after which he directs his attention to the trade guilds and their regulations, the first attempt to introduce order and uniformity among them having been made in the latter half of the thirteenth century by Etienne Boileau, provost of Paris. Of course, it is not surprising that the regulations should contain much that is curious; as, for instance, in the case of the

baker's guild on the reception of a new master. Of the ceremony on this occasion we have the following: "On the day agreed upon, the candidate leaves his house followed by all the bakers of the city, and coming to the master of the bakers, presents to him a new jar full of nuts, saying, 'Master I have done and accomplished my four years; behold my pot full of nuts.' Then the master of the bakers, turning to the secretary (*clerc écrivain*) of the craft, demands to know if that is truly so. Upon receiving a reply in the affirmative, the master of the bakers returns the jar to the candidate, who smashes it against the wall, and—behold him master." In the case of the millstone makers, who belong to the same category as the stonemasons, we read: "A banqueting hall was prepared, and above that a loft, whither, whilst the masters were partaking of good cheer below, the youngest accepted master, with a broomstick stuck into his belt in lieu of a sword, conducted the candidate. Shortly after, there issued therefrom cries which never ceased, as though he were being cudgelled to death."

We next come to the fraternity, which was closely allied to the craft guilds. Indeed, says Bro. Gould, "every craft guild belonged, as a body, to some fraternity, maintained an altar in some neighbouring church, and decorated it with candles, to supply which it levied on its members fines and fees to be paid in wax. From this wax candle the fraternity was sometimes spoken of simply as *le cierge*, 'the candle.' This fraternity, which, though composed of the same members as the Craft, and for that reason often difficult of distinction from it, "was always a distinct entity, and was often legislated for separately," we are told, "provided for the assembly of the brethren at stated periods, for religious exercises and social pleasures; those of the table occupying a large share," and as "the newly received Master was expected to provide the members of the fraternity with a banquet," it is not surprising to read that "it was the excess to which the feasting was carried which eventually formed one of the great hindrances to becoming a master." Again, "Provision was made for a due attendance of members at the nuptials and obsequies of one of their number, and it afforded a convenient meeting-place for secret political purposes, and for maturing further restrictions in favour of the existing masters." But "their most useful sphere of action was the sustenance and relief of aged and poor masters, their widows, and children, the assistance rendered to members in cases of illness, and to companions on their travels. The members appear to have belonged solely to the body of masters, although apprentices entering on their indentures, and companions working in the city, were required to contribute to the funds. In return, they were assisted from the treasury, and shared the benefit of the religious services." It is also noteworthy that "there were sometimes several fraternities in one craft, at other times several crafts united to form a fraternity." The earliest documentary evidence we have of these "craft fraternities" (not guilds) relate to "the Hanse"—already mentioned—"1170, the Clothworkers of Paris, 1188, the barber surgeons, 1270, and the notaries, 1300;" and Bro. Gould quotes the "Statutes regulating the Fraternity (*cierge*, candle) of the masons' trade (*du Mestier de Machonnerie*) of Amiens, bearing" date 15th June 1407, which is preserved in the archives of that city.

As to the building trades, Bro. Gould remarks that "the oldest code which has been preserved is probably that of Boileau (about 1260). In it we find them already subdivided into many branches, which of itself presupposes a much earlier existence, as the division of labour always marks a considerable development of a trade. This code unites, under the Banner of St. Blaise, the masons, stonemasons, plasterers (both makers and users), and the mortarers (both makers and users of mortar). From other sources we know that the quarry-workers and the tylers (but not the tyle-makers) owed allegiance to the same banner, and also the millstone-makers." Of the twenty-four articles contained in the code, those of interest to the brethren are quoted and commented upon, where necessary. He also gives evidence of the corporate existence at an early date of the building trades. Thus at Amiens the Masons took part in the municipal elections for the first time in 1348, and in 1387 the municipality had a city architect. In 1244 "Paul Olivier, *maistre de peira* (Master Mason)," is mentioned in the archives of Montpellier. "The statutes of the *probes hommes* of Avignon regulate, in 1423, the pay of the stone masons." Then, "in 1208, Ingelram was architect of Rouen Cathedral; in

1280 Jehan Davi constructed the south porch;" while, later, we are told that "in 1389 Jehan de Boyeaux was appointed master mason of the city of Rouen. His title was 'master of the works of masonry,' his salary 10 *livres* a-year; he had a seat at the municipal board, and wore a distinctive dress almost like that of the *échevins* of the city. The salary, however, rapidly increased. In 1562, Pierre de Marromme received 75 *livres*, and in 1692 Nicolas de Carpentier 1500 *livres*, besides other emoluments. This title and office of master of the works still existed in 1777, Fontaine being then the architect." Last of all, we have a translation of a charter of the French builders, "preserved in a volume of manuscripts in the library of the Bishop of Mirepoix," and dated 1586. These are described as the "Statutes and Ordinances made by the Masters-Mason Architects of the City of Montpellier, According to their ancient privileges, which have been lost and destroyed during the troubles and wars which have been in this country, and now re-enacted under the good pleasure of our Sire the King, and of Monsieur the governor of the said city," and were ratified by the King in Council. In addition to the ratification, there are twenty-two articles, No. 7 of which provides for the appointment of two consuls and provosts of the Craft, "who shall keep the box and collect the pence, ordained as well to sustain and assist poor masters and suffering companions, as for defraying the cost which it may be proper to incur for the maintenance of the guild." The key of this box is placed in the charge of one of the oldest masters "who will keep it, together with the first, provost during the said year," the provosts keeping an account of what they distribute and the expenses incurred and rendering it to their successors. Nos. 8 and 9 regulate the amount to be contributed by the masters, fellows, and apprentices. No. 10 provides for the masters attending the funeral of one of their body, and No. 13, for the weekly inspection by the provosts of "the masonry and work in course of erection." No. 15 lays it down that "No mason who is not a sworn master may undertake a new edifice in ashlar work, from the foundations upwards, the sworn masters of other sworn towns of this kingdom excepted;" though "proprietors may employ fellows" for certain purposes. No. 18 provides for the settlement of differences between masters and fellows "on account of the craft," and No. 19 against any wrongdoing on the part of a servant or fellow, while No. 20 ordains that the statutes shall be read "once a year on the day of their assembly and election of consuls and provosts," so that masters may not plead ignorance of them.

The rest of the chapter is interesting, but it is not necessary we should go further into the subject of the French Craft Guilds, to which the fourth chapter of Bro. Gould's work is devoted.

(To be continued.)

## 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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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### SATURDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1448—Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea  
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith  
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

### MONDAY, 16th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Austria Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)

548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1175—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)  
1199—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
1825—Frederick, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
1893—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 173—Temp's, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney  
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
402—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
820—Jolly of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.  
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
1198—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.  
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1542—Legion, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1973—Saxe and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere  
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
R.A. 249—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham  
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

### TUESDAY, 17th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
39—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
58—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blids., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
96—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.  
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
390—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1349—Fiat, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
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)  
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Muddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1695—New Finsbury Park  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
394—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
1006—Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley  
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.  
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

### WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)



- 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (Inst.)  
 534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 720—Pannure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 751—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 861—Whittington, Red Lion, Fennin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1278—Burdett Courts, D. K.'s Head, 79 Whit-chapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gle-gall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
 1673—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1791—Grafton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Donatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 159—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 M.M. 11—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 216—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
 254—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 424—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunstons Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1205—Cinque Ports, Red Lion Hotel, Sandwich  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1371—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
 1377—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Adheunum, Lancaster  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 10 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshotbottom  
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes  
 R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Altwick

## THURSDAY, 19th APRIL.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 62—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collage-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderson's Hall, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 701—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horse, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-bill, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Mason's Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1171—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 4—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30. (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundels  
 93—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth

- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 204—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 208—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonclough, near Manchester  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Acerington  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 636—Orle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 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)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddle  
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith  
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaan Tavern, Plumstead

## FRIDAY, 20th APRIL.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.  
 Banquet Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clanton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1902—London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lendenhall St.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 M.M. 1—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 176—Era, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagen and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bount Inn, Slaidburn  
 401—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 453—Chiswell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

## SATURDAY, 21st APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pirbright, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 142—St. Thom's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 M.M. 315—Henniker, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C. (Consecration)  
 119—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE members held a regular meeting on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. Benjamin W.M., Martin S.W., Beau J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, H. A. Botibol S.D., L. Wall J.D., J. Dewsnap I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M.M.C., J. Wynman and G. M. Lion Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, L. M. Myers I.P.M., R. Baker, L. Alexander. Visitors—T. H. Newell 1538, Siemens 1502, J. C. Loring 1744, W. G. Jennings 1681. Lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been confirmed, Messrs. H. Davis and Maurice Jackson



were proposed as candidates for initiation. The ballot was in their favour, and they were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working was worthy of the prestige this old Lodge has secured. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the resignation of Bro. S. B. Alexander, Steward, was tendered and accepted. Bro. L. M. Myers P.M. said they had experienced a loss by the death of Bro. E. Moss, one of the oldest members of the Lodge. He proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Lewis Lazarus P.M. announced that it was his intention to serve as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. H. Botibol seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be placed on his list. Bro. L. Alexander P.M., in supporting the motion, said the Lodge had not done so much for the Charities as the members could have wished, but he hoped they would do more in the future. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. eloquently responded for the Grand Officers. In speaking to the toast of the Benevolent Fund the W.M. informed the brethren that the two initiates had given the sum of 21s each. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. L. Alexander Past President, who, in responding, stated that the sum now at the disposal of the Lodge was nearly £1,000. The W.M. gave the toast of the newly initiated brethren, and this having been responded to, Bro. L. M. Myers I.P.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M.; he was sure that when work was to be done they could see the W.M. was able to do it. He urged all to co-operate, and he felt assured this would be a successful year for the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, returned his sincere thanks for the manner the toast had been received. To be the W.M. of the Lodge had been the aim of his life. He hoped that while under his direction the Lodge would retain its ancient prestige, and in every respect be second to none. Bro. W. G. Jennings acknowledged the honour conferred upon him by having his name associated with the toast of the Visitors. He hoped to keep up his long acquaintanceship with the members, and be present at many of their festive gatherings. Bros. L. M. Myers I.P.M. responding in a very eloquent speech for the Past Masters, and then the toasts of the Wardens and Junior Officers were given, and acknowledged. Bros. Siemens, the W.M., R. Baker, H. L. Phillips, Thomas, and Dodson contributed to the harmony.

**Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.**—A meeting was held on Monday evening last, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction. Bros. Westley W.M., Cormack S.W., Sherring J.W., Warren S.D., Littler J.D., Wood I.G., Brown Tyler. After preliminaries, Bro. Pardon worked the first section of the second lecture. Lodge resumed to first, when Bro. Brown answered the questions previous to being passed. Lodge was again resumed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Brown as candidate. The W.M. afterwards worked the second section of the first lecture, and Bro. Sherring the third.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on 7th instant. Bros. Dixie W.M., Marks S.W., Ashton J.W., Woolf S.D., Weeden J.D., Gribbell I.G., Percy Preceptor, Lorkin Treasurer, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Hatch, Richardson, Manger, Stoughton, Lone, Hirst, and Carr. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hatch candidate. Bro. Percy worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Ashton; also the second, assisted by Bro. Woolf. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Lorkin worked the second and third sections, assisted by Bros. Gribbell and Weeden. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Marks was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his efficient working. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed. The Percy is one of the oldest Lodges of Instruction in London, and for a number of years has been under the Preceptorship of Bro. R. Percy P.M. 228. Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge will be amply repaid by paying a visit here. Lodge meets at eight o'clock every Saturday evening.

**Polish National Lodge, No. 534.**—The Audit Committee of this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday, 5th inst. After a thorough examination of the accounts there was found to be a substantial balance in favour of the Lodge. The following were present—Bros. Lancaster W.M., Jackson I.P.M., E. T. Smith W.M. elect; P.M.'s Szulczewski, Jagielski, S. Nowakowski Treasurer, Diosy, Ràth, Paas Secretary, Ebner: Bros. Culverhouse and J. Nowakowski.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 10th inst. Bros. Wardell W.M., Christian S.W., Bunker J.W., Glass S.D., Smyth J.D., Watkinson I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, F. Carr Secretary; also Bros. Allen, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Carr offered himself as candidate for passing, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Allen working the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cushing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. The Annual Supper will take place on Friday, 20th April.

### ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE brethren of this Lodge held an emergency meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 6th inst., at three o'clock p.m., under the presidency of Bro. Rudolph Franckel W. Master. Amongst those present were Bros. Past Masters Blasby acting as I.P.M., W. Gomm Treasurer, Hilton Secretary, Littlewood as S.W., Walter Goss, C. F. May, Henry Potter; W. Beckett J.W., R. Gifford J.D., C. Maton I.G., James Tarling M.C. Visitors—H. Cammell I.G. 15, E. H. Sagg P.M. 452, W. Williams 857, Thomas Winter 198, Montague Flint 1612, Arthur Turner Secretary 1818, J. L. Lyon Treasurer 188, R. Andrews 35, H. Tucker W.M. 1612, Lewis Honig 1319, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. After the Lodge had been regularly opened, Bro. Henry Spencer James Flint was raised to the sublime degree. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Edwin Littlejohns, who was proposed by Bro. May P.M. and seconded by Bro. Hilton P.M. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was regularly initiated by the W.M., who proved himself a competent worker. After other business had been carried out, Lodge was closed. We may here refer to a pleasing incident that lately took place in connection with this Lodge, Brother Costelow, the Immediate Past Master of the Royal Alfred, from a variety of causes, was unable, during his year of office, to pay that strict attention to his duties so necessary in a Lodge having so large a list of members. He had, however, a worthy and considerate helpmate in Brother B. E. Blasby, his predecessor, who was unceasing in his endeavours to advance the interests of the Lodge. The members seem fully to have realised and appreciated this, and it is our duty to announce that after resolution had been duly proposed, seconded, and carried, an elegantly illuminated address was prepared and presented to Brother Blasby, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to  
BROTHER B. E. BLASBY I.P.M. of the ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF  
FREEMASONS,  
for the very able manner in which he carried out the duties of the  
Lodge in the absence of the W.M.

(Signed) L. FRANCKEL W.M.  
W. GOSS P.M. S.W.  
W. BECKETT J.W.  
W. GOMM P.M. Treasurer.  
W. HILTON P.M. Secretary.

We sincerely congratulate Brother Blasby on his being the recipient of such a testimonial, and we also bear testimony to the zeal he has so prominently displayed. May his associations with the members of 780 ever be as pleasant as now they are. The usual banquet was served in the Dining Hall of the Star and Garter, and was ably superintended by Brother John Brill. Brother James Tarling, as usual, spared no effort in carrying out his duties as Steward. The toasts customary on these occasions were given.

### ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE meeting prior to the vacation was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 4th inst, when the proceedings were of a very interesting character. Bro. J. A. Jones W.M. presided, there being also present Bros. L. Stean P.M., G. T. Barr P.M., C. F. Barham P.M., E. Benjamin I.P.M., A. A. Clement S.W., J. Funston J.W., D. King Treasurer, J. Cox Secretary, E. Walker S.D., F. Matthews J.D., R. Drysdale I.G., H. J. Thrower M.C., G. C. Young Organist, L. Harrison and E. T. Clark Stewards; also Bros. C. Short, H. Waynforth, W. Strickland, J. Tidball, J. James, G. Lockyer, T. Douglass, R. Boyce P.M. 813, Dr. W. Holt, E. J. Rose, E. A. Beckett, W. H. Brand, and E. T. Henman jun. Visitors—Bros. J. Woodham 101, R. W. Byott 861, J. Little 1607, H. Morell 1839 and G. H. Stephens J.W. 1623. Lodge was opened in ancient form; the business included the raising of Bros. G. Colls, L. Fraser, T. Weatherly, and the passing of J. W. Griffiths. The W.M., in graceful terms, presented a handsomely illuminated vellum, in massive gilt frame, to Bro. Charles Stevens, for his services as Treasurer since the consecration of the Lodge in 1873 up to December last. Bro. Stevens feelingly acknowledged the kindness of the Lodge, and although only slowly recovering from severe indisposition, expressed his pleasure at being present on the occasion. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and in the after proceedings the speeches were more than ordinarily interesting. In giving the toast of the W.M., Bro. Benjamin referred to the excellent working and prosperity of the Lodge under Bro. Jones's Mastership—a compliment which was duly acknowledged, and the Past Masters in their turn expressed their great interest in the Lodge's welfare, and readiness at all times to place their knowledge and experience at the service of the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. Barr intimated a desire to go up as Steward for the Girls' School, and asked the support of the brethren. The toasts of the Visitors and Officers were warmly honoured and appropriately responded to. Bros. Douglass, Strickland, Barham, Harrison, Little, and others, contributed some excellent harmony, accompanied by the Organist.

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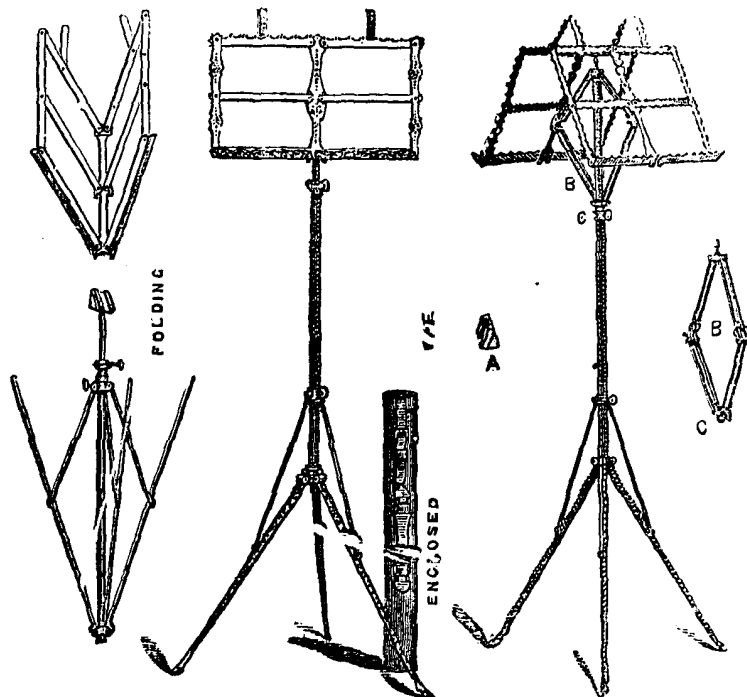
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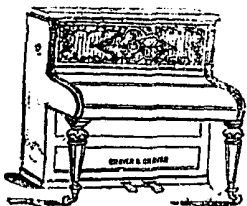
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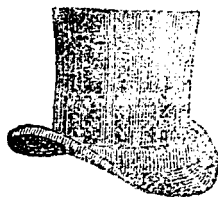
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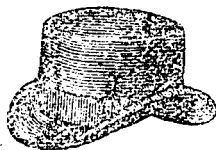
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