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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE next event of importance that calls for attention in the Masonic Charity world is the Ninety-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will take place on Wednesday, the 9th prox., at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—Brother W. Wither B. Beach, M.P. As was stated in a recent issue, the number of Stewards is, so far, below the number enrolled last year at a similar date, but it does not necessarily follow that the final number will be lower than in 1882, nor that the total collected may be less satisfactory than was the case then. We trust, both as regards number of Stewards and amount collected, that this year's Festival will compare favourably with the gatherings of the past.

It has been somewhat extensively reported that the Girls' School is not urgently in need of funds, and many of those brethren who have accepted this view of affairs have pointed, as proof of the truth of their argument, to the small number of candidates seeking election, in the case of the Girls' School compared to those in that of the Boys'. Unfortunately, the facts are different; the Girls' School is in want of increased, rather than diminished support; and the very feature which has been referred to as shewing the opposite is one of the principal reasons which can be brought forward why increased support should be accorded to this Institution. How is it that the lists of candidates have recently been, comparatively speaking, so small? It is because the Committee of the Girls' School have largely increased the number of those to be received into their School during the last year or two, and have thus afforded an opportunity of clearing off all the outstanding cases. They have taken in all the candidates that presented themselves, obviating the necessity of elections, and, as a result, they have diminished the number of applicants now seeking admission far below what it could have been if very large additions had not been made. At the same time, they have burdened themselves with a much larger family to keep, and necessarily they want considerably more money to maintain the School than was the case before these large increases. It is very gratifying to be able to open the doors of the Institution to all who are deemed eligible, but once having been received, there is no removing a candidate because the subscriptions fall short, nor would it be good policy to lessen the number of inmates by neglecting to fill up any vacancies which might occur previous to one of the Half-yearly Elections. The only course which will be tolerated is, to keep up the numbers, and, as far as possible, keep the subscriptions up to the amount required.

Bro. Beach, the Chairman of this year's Festival, is a Mason who is well known in the district in which he presides, and also in Grand Lodge. In both he is highly respected; indeed, a more conscientious exponent of Freemasonry could not be desired than is to be found in Bro. Beach. These circumstances will, we think, have no little influence on the total receipts of the Festival which will take place under his presidency, and it is nothing but right that they should do so. Bro. Beach is one of the most frequent attendants at Grand Lodge, and is seldom present there

but his services are called into requisition in connection with one or other of the higher offices. Under such circumstances, he has a claim on the regular attendants of Grand Lodge, who will thus be able to show their appreciation of the attention he gives to them on such occasions. He frequently devotes several hours to Freemasonry, when, as Acting Grand Master, he presides at the Quarterly Communications, and would doubtless feel highly gratified if he saw around him, at the Festival in May next, all those he is accustomed to meet in Grand Lodge. He presides there for the benefit and comfort of the Craft at large, and let us hope the brethren will come forward and support him when it lies in their power, and show they appreciate what is done for them.

The Girls' School has this year one great "counter attraction" to contend against, which may make an appreciable difference in the final returns. We allude to the action of the Boys' School authorities, who are offering double votes to those usually given for all subscriptions on behalf of the "Preparatory School Special Building Fund." This inducement will, it is true, also affect the Boys' School "general total," although not to so marked an extent, as, before the "Special" Fund advantages are available, a donor must have qualified by making a donation to the General Fund. At the same time there can be no doubt that the special advantages offered by the Boys' School will attract to that Institution a large amount of support which in the ordinary course would have been divided between the other two Institutions. Another advantage which we consider the Boys' School has over that of the Girls' is, the fact that its Festival comes later in the year, at a time when a day in the country can be enjoyed, and this has been taken advantage of by the Stewards on the last few occasions, who have held the Festivals at Brighton and elsewhere. This course enables greater inducements to be offered for the attendance of ladies, and we believe that no small amount of support has been given to these Festivals in consequence. The more these meetings get known, the more popular will they become, as they really afford the principal opportunity of allowing the ladies to enjoy with their husbands a day's Freemasonry. The suggestion may perhaps be opposed—on the plea that it is looking too far a-head—but we have heard that brethren excuse themselves from undertaking the office of Steward for the Girl's School this year as they wish to wait until the Centennial Anniversary, which will be in 1888, believing that something special will then be offered to induce a hearty response to the call for Stewards; but to such we would say—Let the future take care of itself. If this plea is to be urged now, how will it fare with the years that intervene before the Centennial really comes? We shall have the Centennial, but not the Institution; or at least not such an Institution as to-day we can point to; besides, even if a brother does serve now, there is nothing to prevent his doing so again five years hence, when if any special inducements are offered to Stewards they will be quite as beneficial for those who have acted before as they will be for new ones. We trust this excuse will not be urged by any who really desire to promote the welfare of the School.

In conclusion, we can but refer to our oft-repeated wish,—that all who are able will undertake the office of Steward for one or other of our Charities. As the Girls' Festival is the next to take place, we naturally direct especial attention

to it. The interval before us is now short, but it is quite sufficient for any brother to make a fair list if he only devotes a little extra energy to the task than perhaps he would have done had he a few more weeks at disposal. We trust that some few, at least, of our readers will see the force of this argument, and, by immediately and energetically undertaking the office of Steward, enforce the truth of it.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presiding. After the minutes of last Quarterly Court had been read and confirmed, Colonel Creaton was proposed as Treasurer of the Institution by Bro. Henry Smith Prov. Representative West Yorkshire. Colonel Creaton had served the Institution well and faithfully; he took a deep interest in it, and ought to be unanimously re-elected. Bro. W. Roebuck Past Grand Steward, seconded the motion, which received unanimous assent. After Col. Creaton had acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, Bro. Henry Smith made a suggestion that there should be agents for the Institution in different parts of the kingdom, who might receive a commission for their collection of subscriptions, and he recouped any expense they might be put to for printing and postage, a course which would only involve the outlay of a few shillings or a couple of pounds, instead of £5 or £6, which it cost the Institutions for the Secretaries to attend and receive what was subscribed. Colonel Creaton remarked that the suggestion was doubtless a good one, but he pointed out that there was a law of the Institution which gave power to appoint a paid agent in every large town or centre. He did not think much had been done upon it up to the present time, but he was sure the Institution would reimburse any expenses a brother was put to in increasing the funds. The law of the Institution was that an agent might be appointed by the General Committee in every large town, or for certain districts or centres that might be determined, whose duty should be to collect subscriptions for the Institution, and such agent should be paid a commission, on such a scale as the Committee should see fit. Bro. Henry Smith said he had entirely overlooked that rule; but Bro. J. R. Hine, of Manchester, said the rule had been in force several years. Bros. J. W. Berrie, J. F. Corben, W. Dodd, A. Moore, E. C. Massey, H. Massey, J. J. Caney, W. Dickenson, C. Pugsley, French, and Herbert Wright were elected on the General Committee of Annual or Life Subscribers for the year. The election of twenty-two girls out of an approved list of twenty-eight candidates was then proceeded with. The result list will be found in our Advertisement columns; we give here, however, the List of Unsuccessful Candidates, with the number of votes each obtained. The London brethren succeeded with seven candidates, Durham one, Kent two, Cheshire one, Madras one, Somerset one, Hants and the Isle of Wight one, Middlesex two, Oxford one, West Yorkshire one, West Lancashire one, Cumberland and Westmoreland two, and Leicestershire one. The highest number of votes was 2,485, made on a first application, and the lowest 878. There were 390 votes difference between the lowest and second lowest, and 1607 between the highest and the lowest.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
3	Hayes, Ellen	214	483	697
22	Henshaw, Helen Mabel	—	624	624
25	Haworth, Sylvia Mary	—	428	428
10	Woodward, Minnie	110	223	333
13	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	—	38	38
18	Ochsenbein, Annie Lucie	—	13	13

The usual votes of thanks to the Chairman and Scrutineers closed the proceedings.

The Grand Festival will be held on Wednesday next, when the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be again installed, and the new Officers appointed. A banquet will be provided by the Grand Stewards at Freemasons' Tavern.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton again taking the chair. After the reading of the minutes, which were duly confirmed, Bro. Binckes stated that £2,000 was about to be invested, making £5,000 on account of £8,000, on the obtaining of which the Preparatory School was to be commenced. Col. Creaton proposed the re-election of Brother George Plucknett as Treasurer of the Institution, and spoke in praise of Bro. Plucknett's performance of his duties. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., and carried unanimously. The General Committee of Life and Annual Subscribers who served for last year were re-elected without a dissentient voice. In the case of Hipley, No. 41 on the list, it was agreed that the lad should be admitted by purchase; Bro. Roebuck P.G.S. proposed the resolution, and Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. 22 seconded it. The case of George W. King Hill, No. 3 on the list, was then discussed, Bro. Binckes desired to bring it forward because a report had got abroad that the mother of the boy had been left by her late husband in comfortable circumstances. Brother Gladwell P.M. 172 was immensely pleased that Bro. Binckes had mentioned the case; he assured the brethren that having made full inquiry into the case, the assertion was incorrect. The case of Frank Alexander Herring, No. 55, was also brought before the Court, the remarks anent this case that have appeared in this journal having directed the attention of the subscribers to it. Considerable discussion ensued; Bros. Alpass G. Standard Bearer, Godtschalk, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., and others taking part. A motion was at length made, that the case be struck out, but it was negatived by 28 votes against 24. Bro. W. Roebuck's motion to add to Law 65 the words "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," was withdrawn.

The Election was then proceeded with, the number of declared vacancies being thirteen. The names of Successful candidates will be found on another page, here we content ourselves by supplying the number of votes polled by the candidates unsuccessful on this occasion.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
11	Willett, George Cross	1751	825	2576
8	Stewart, Charles Edward	1979	563	2542
15	Wyatt, Augustine William	354	2029	2423
5	Stanford, William Bryant	1873	280	2153
26	Hennah, Frederick Wolfe	809	1231	2040
57	Steed, Ernest Arthur	—	1794	1794
22	Sykes, Richard Alfred	329	1351	1680
29	Hooper, Lionel Charles	745	799	1544
25	Hare, Harold Malcolm	940	603	1543
10	Skelton, Frederick Francis	1021	373	1394
24	Pratt, Alfred	527	606	1133
23	Williams, Arthur Frederick	597	498	1095
59	Carré, Emile Eugène P.	—	917	917
4	Liversidge, Charles Percy	655	159	814
41	Hippey, Henry Ernest	527	76	603
21	Delafons, Richard William	363	230	593
34	Shaw, John	299	266	565
9	Windross, John Benjamin	256	263	519
37	Walters, John Edward	134	346	480
27	Rosier, Reginald Walter A. (deceased)	451	10	461
55	Herring, Frank Alexander	—	460	460
38	Coleman, Frederick F.	110	340	450
20	Gale, Horace	220	110	330
43	Powsey, Thomas Edwin	—	277	277
35	Beaumont, Reginald	102	116	218
32	Woodward, Thomas (withdrawn)	215	2	217
47	Booker, Herbert Walter	—	164	164
53	Seagrave, James Pullen	—	161	161
6	Long, Joseph William	154	1	155
28	How, John	140	13	153
13	Cummings, Charles Brown	106	—	106
7	Pudney, Frederick	97	—	97
1	Collinson, James	69	22	91
64	Whiting, Robert Henry	—	91	91
63	Hildred, Benjamin Meeds	—	81	81
54	Bailey, Frank Bernard	—	76	76
52	Lillywhite, Herbert J. M.	—	62	62
46	Longman, Frederick W.	—	28	28
62	Habgood, William Ernest	—	25	25
36	Townsend, William Benjamin	9	2	11
51	Bevis, Samuel Harman	—	11	11

42	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.	.	.	2	6	8
45	Bray, Henry	.	.	—	8	8
19	Douglas, Francis C. A.	.	.	3	4	7
18	Bell, Frank William	.	.	3	2	5
56	Graves, Harry Robert	.	.	—	5	5
48	Green, James Murray	.	.	—	4	4
61	Davis, Frederick Teilo	.	.	—	2	2
49	Whiting, Edward Alfred	.	.	—	1	1
50	Rose, Frederick Joseph	.	.	—	1	1
60	Musgrave, Thomas Frank (withdrawn)	.	.	—	1	1
65	Crutchett, Albert Edmund	.	.	—	—	—

The proceedings closed with the customary votes of thanks to Scrutineers and Chairman.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when Brother Joshua Nunn presided; Bros. James Brett S.V.P. and Charles Atkins J.V.P. occupying their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. T. Cubitt, W. Mann, H. Garrod, J. H. Matthews, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, C. B. Hogard, J. D. Collier, F. Spanll, W. P. Brown, A. Spaull, W. Holloway, G. E. Fairchild, Capt. A. Nicols, George Cordwell, T. C. Walls, J. Dawkins, John Maclean, John Jervis, T. Harper, C. Hawksley, George Andrews, W. A. Tinney, A. J. Burr, J. F. de Gallais, T. W. Ockenden, Courtenay Wynn, A. Tisley, H. P. Tiddiman, W. Groove, H. E. Tucker, J. R. Behenna, J. C. Woodrow, W. O. Lyon, A. Marvin, W. Hopekirk, Edgar Bowyer, and E. C. Massey. The brethren first confirmed the sums, amounting to £305, recommended at last meeting to be granted by the M.W. Grand Master. The list of new cases was then considered. It contained thirty, of which two were dismissed, six were deferred, and the other twenty-two were relieved with an aggregate sum of £645, which consisted of one grant of £100 (£100), two of £50 (£100), three of £40 (£120), six of £30 (£180), two of £25 (£50), two of £20 (£40), one of £15 (£15), three of £10 (£30), and two of £5 (£10). The Lodge was then closed, at nine o'clock.

“JOHN BULL” ON FREEMASONRY.

“N. E. K.” writes to us to vindicate the Masonic organization known as the *Grand Orient* of France from the “sweeping charge of Infidelity.” He supports his view by a long quotation from an address which occurs, or, at any rate, once occurred, in the initiatory rite of the *Grand Orient*, and in which the Name of God is mentioned. We think our esteemed correspondent must be unaware that, only a few years ago, the *Grand Orient* expunged the Name of God from its proceedings. That is simply a matter of fact beyond dispute, and indeed admitted on all hands. What we intended to point out last week was, that this avowedly Atheistic Rite is not “spurious,” but a perfectly genuine Masonic organisation; and our object was to draw an inference hostile to all Freemasonry. Our view is, that the English Freemasons who objurgate the *Grand Orient* cannot really dissociate themselves either from that or from any other Masonic sect, without abandoning the pretensions of Freemasonry to world-wide universality—a course which would be fatal to their own claims to be included in the Masonic brotherhood. Our correspondent has also favoured us with an account of the “Origin of all the known Masonic Rites,” a part of which is amusingly mythical; as, for instance, the assertion that one Rite was “purified” by an Alexandrian disciple of St. Mark—a process which seems to have lacked the element of stability.

The true origin of Freemasonry has long been discussed. The various Lodges included within it are certainly modern in their origin; but the Craft itself is unquestionably ancient, and the general course of its history not difficult to trace. It is, indeed, the offspring of that vast movement which, ever since the foundation of Christianity, has flowed on side by side with it as a hostile rival. The doctrines borrowed from Eastern philosophy by the Gnostics and Manichees, who mingled them with those of Christianity, were the direct source of all the ancient heresies, such as the Arian, Nestorian, and Eutychian. Gnosticism itself continued to live on, and the movements of its votaries can be distinctly traced during the Middle Ages. The Albigenses, for instance, as is evident to any one who carefully studies their doctrines and history, were certainly of Gnostic origin; and the same is true of various other religious sects down to the present day. By what process it was that the mediæval military Orders, such as that of the Knights Templars, imbibed Gnosticism, it may be difficult to determine. The fact of their having done so seems at any rate to be established. It is through Gnosticism and the mediæval Secret Societies, especially the Military Orders, that the pedigree of Freemasonry is, we believe, to be traced. The historical method of inquiry and the weight of internal evidence alike point to this conclusion.

Such an account of the origin of Freemasonry is, we fear, calculated to shock the sensibilities of the vast majority of English Freemasons, who have no sympathy whatever with Revolutionary or anti-Christian doctrine, and who, in becoming members of the Craft, innocently supposed that they were simply joining a vast mutual benefit society extending itself throughout the world. As we remarked

last week, the English Freemasons of the present day are for the most part unaware of the true history and character of the Masonic organisation. But this is an ignorance which is soon dispelled by anything approaching to a careful study of what may be called the inner political history of Europe during the last hundred and fifty years.

For instance, it can be shown that the great French Revolution, both in its origin and in its progress, was directly the handiwork of the Freemasons. Earlier in the century Voltaire and Rousseau—both of them Freemasons—had propagated the teaching which the Revolution put into practice. The actual outbreak of the Revolution was preceded by two great Masonic Conventions, held a few years before, at which the Revolutionary programme was settled. The lists of names of Freemasons who attended these Conventions include those of every single Revolutionist of note, such as Philippe Egalité, Siyès, Robespierre, Danton, Marat, Condorcet, and a host of others. The very motto of *Liberté, égalité, fraternité* is Masonic; and it has been noticed that the unhappy Louis XVI., on being brought back in triumph to the Hotel de Ville, was received with distinctively Masonic honours. Since then every Revolutionary outburst in Europe has invariably been preceded by a Masonic Convention. This was notably the case with the troubles of 1848, the war between France and Austria in 1859, the subsequent Italian Revolution, and the last French Revolution of 1870. Lord Beaconsfield said that the two greatest forces in Europe are the Church and the Secret Societies—the Secret Societies being, as we have said before, Masonic to the core.

The narration of these facts is not uncommonly received in England with incredulity on the part of the general public, and of course with indignation on the part of the Freemasons. But facts they remain, nevertheless—facts which are not only provable, but which, on the Continent, are perfectly notorious and universally recognised.

Freemasonry, taken at its best, is a secret organisation, the essential and primary condition of membership in which is, that the candidate should pledge himself by an oath to obey certain rules, before he knows what the rules are. That is the broad principle upon which all Freemasonry rests—a fact which no Freemason will presume to deny. Our contention is, that that principle is altogether contrary to the most elementary laws of morals. To vow obedience to any merely human command, the nature of which is unknown until obedience to it has been promised, is, it seems to us, perfectly indefensible on any moral grounds whatever.

But Freemasonry, viewed as it really is, and in its actual working, is the backbone of the Cosmopolitan Revolution—Socialist and Atheistic. This is not the result of merely accidental causes. In playing this role Masonry is true to its anti-Christian parentage. Side by side for centuries there have flowed on as it were two great streams, the Christian and the anti-Christian. The rival organisations are each of them universal in extent, and each of them has its laws, its hierarchy, its ritual. They instinctively know each other when they meet; between them no truce can ever be possible; the struggle is a death struggle, the issue of which, though it may seem to the bystanders to be uncertain, is in no way doubtful.

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RECIPIENTS OF THE BENEFITS OF THE INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I willingly acknowledge my error to Bro. Henry Smith, and am sorry my geography was so incorrect. His reminder has made me look into the matter, and I herewith append the correction, which I believe to be as follows:—

			Males	Females	
Lancashire (W.)	.	.	2	1	= 3
Lancashire (E.)	.	.	2	3	= 5
Lincolnshire	.	.	3	0	= 3
Yorkshire (W.)	.	.	3	3	= 6
Yorkshire (N. & E.)	.	.	1	2	= 3

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

THE GRAND TREASURER ELECT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I heartily thank you for inserting my late letters on the above subject. They have however failed to elicit any reply, and I am therefore driven to the conclusion that my assertion that our worthy Bro. J. D. Allcroft has rendered “Masonic service” properly so called for a period of nine years, and not “nearly forty years,” is unanswerable, and that it is not “Masonic service,” but some other qualification which has led to his being selected for the intended honour. Although it was on the former ground his proposer urged his claim, any other conclusion would lead to the inference that Grand Lodge was imposed upon. I now dismiss the subject, and, again thanking you, remain,

Yours fraternally,

“ON THE SQUARE.”

RESTORATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF KIDDERMINSTER.

IT may well be said the active members of our Order have many parts to play. Last week it was our pleasant duty to chronicle the laying of the Foundation Stone of a new Church at Bagshot, wherein members of the Craft took an active share in the labours of the day; this week we refer to an equally pleasant gathering, but the scene on this occasion lies further away, and we must ask our readers to accompany us, in thought at least, to the Province of Worcestershire. It appears that for a long period the tower of the Parish Church of Kidderminster has been in a dangerous state, and the bell-ringers have from time to time called attention to this. No definite steps, however, were taken until at a vestry meeting, on 2nd March 1882, at which the Vicar presided, it was resolved to try and raise £1000 for repairing the tower and re-hanging the bells. On the same day the present Mayor—G. W. Grosvenor Esq.—was, at a meeting of Freemasons, elected Worshipful Master of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874. The connection between these events will be more apparent when it is stated that the worthy Mayor has since been the originator of a movement which has led to the Freemasons of the district presenting the church with a valuable set of chimes. The question having arisen as to whether the pinnacles, which are of a modern and very debased style of architecture, should be refixed or a proper restoration made, Mr. Hopkins, diocesan architect, was consulted on this point, and he advised that until a complete restoration of the tower be undertaken, it would be better to re-instate the present pinnacles, and this advice has been followed. In addition to the above works, new floors under the bells and for the clock chamber have been inserted, and the stone steps to the turret staircase thoroughly repaired, all of which works have been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The old peal of eight bells has been re-hung in a strong oak frame, with entirely new fixings, and three new bells have been added for the chimes. The clock has been repaired and refixed, with new copper dial, on south front, and the old wooden one on west front. A set of carrillon chimes have been presented by the Freemasons of the town, which will play at every third hour, and are set upon the eleven bells, having a change of three barrels, two of which contain fourteen secular tunes and the third seven sacred tunes. The old ting-tang quarters have been replaced by the Westminster chimes, and there is also a barrel for chiming 182 changes and rounds on the eight old bells. The whole of this work has been satisfactorily carried out. The cost of repairs to the tower and re-hanging the bells and the work to the clock is about £960, and that of the chimes (which is borne by the Freemasons) about £250. Other improvements, such as the drainage round the church (which was in a deplorable condition), the gravelling of walks, and the erection of a screen to the south door to chancel have been carried out by the churchwardens at a further cost of about £50. Our esteemed brother the Mayor determined to signalise the occasion by giving a banquet to the members of the Corporation and other public officials, and to the Freemasons, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Invitations were sent to 280 guests, and about 260 signified their acceptance of his Worship's hospitality. Whilst doing this the Mayor, with that kind thoughtfulness which is a marked trait in his character, decided that other officials of perhaps not quite such high social standing should also be provided for, and commissioned Mr. D. Lane to cater for them in the Corn Exchange, at the same time that the banquet proper was in progress in the adjoining hall. A portion of the Corn Exchange was partitioned off and furnished as a drawing-room. The room was first covered with a red cloth, and upon this were laid handsome carpets. The walls had their unsightliness disguised by rich tapestry hangings, and chairs, couches, mirrors, &c., helped to furnish the apartment and give it a cheerful and bright appearance. The Mayor, wearing his robe and other insignia of office, stood here and received the members of the Corporation and other burgesses in the most frank and cordial manner. Whilst there was no stiffness in the affair, there was just that amount of ceremony which all Englishmen like on State occasions. When the proper time arrived, a procession was arranged, and started from the Parish Church, and some flags and banners that were suspended from different places assisted in enlivening the scene. Admission to the church could only be obtained by ticket, and it is hardly necessary to say that the whole of the interior of the sacred building, with the exception of that reserved for those who walked in the procession was filled long before the time announced for the service. On arriving at the gates leading to the churchyard, the procession was met by the Bishop of St. Albans, the Dean of Salisbury, and a large number of the local clergy, and the choristers, who preceded them into the Church. The interior of the building had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and presented a most attractive appearance. The prayers were read by the Rev. C. Stockdale; the first lesson by the Rev. Canon Melville, and the second by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury. The singing of the Te Deum, the Anthem, &c., by the choir was exquisite, and spoke volumes for the careful training they had received from their excellent choir-master, Mr. W. Taylor, Mus. Bac. Oxon. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, who took for his text the 10th verse of the 18th chapter of the Book of Proverbs, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe." He described in graphic language the ancient use of bells and church towers, and said they were very serviceable in ancient times in calling worshippers to the churches from a distance, and that even in these modern days, amongst the clang of machinery and the discordant noises that arose from our crowded busy cities they performed a similar office and bade men to remember that there was something beyond this life. Settlers in distant lands like Australia and Africa were said frequently as they were going to worship to fancy they heard the bells of their parish church ring out the summons that they had listened to so many times before they left their homes, and the thought brought back to the scenes of their childhood, the

faces of their parents, brethren, and neighbours, or even of those who were no more, and would exercise upon them a peaceful and benign influence. His hearers had been accustomed to hear church bells and to see church towers from their childhood, and consequently took little notice of them. Some two or three years ago he (the preacher) was going to consecrate a church, and as he passed through the different villages, each with its church peeping out from amidst the surrounding houses, he had one by his side upon whom it made a deep impression. He was a Bishop from the wilds of North America, where one might go for miles and miles without seeing a House of God, and he spoke of this land as being blessed beyond measure, and said that the people under such happy influences must be living in bonds of peace, love, and unity together. Many of those who were lying on their beds of sickness would hear the pleasant chimes ringing from the old church tower, and would call upon the Lord who was their helper. He assured those present that whatever they did for God's house would not return unto them void. The prayers they offered up there would be heard, answered, and the gifts they gave would find acceptance on God's altar. He asked them, as he had often asked them in times past, and seldom or never in vain, not to let the burden of debt lie on the work they dedicated to God that day. Let them remember as they cast their gifts into the plates in whose name the gifts were asked; that it was not to exalt or magnify themselves in any way; not to minister to their own use or to add to their pride or satisfaction, but simply to repair the breaches which time had made in the holy and beautiful house which their forefathers built for them. As those present were leaving the church, the National Anthem was played on the bells. At two o'clock the guests assembled in the reception room for the banquet, and the ladies were formally presented to the Mayor. After a time they marched into the Town Hall, which had been elegantly decorated with plants and evergreens, and which, with the array of tables ornamented with beautiful plants and covered with various coloured glasses, presented a decidedly inviting appearance. Whilst the guests were taking their seats, Mr. Taylor gave an organ solo. The Kidderminster Glee Union then sang "For these and all Thy Mercies." The viands were well cooked and served up in the best possible manner, and Mr. D. Lane is to be congratulated on the skill and ability with which he catered for so large a number. After the cloth had been removed, the Mayor said the first toast was one which was always drunk in an assembly of Englishmen. It was that of our Gracious Sovereign. The National Anthem was sung. The Mayor next gave his Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. They performed the duties pertaining to their exalted station in a manner which entitled them to the esteem of all Englishmen. This was especially the case with his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who on that occasion he must speak of not only as the heir to the throne, but as the chief officer of the Order of Freemasons in the United Kingdom. He had performed most admirably all the social duties involved by his station; and he performed the duties of Grand Master of the Freemasons in a way that endeared him to the members of the Craft. He begged to give them the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. Song—"God bless the Prince of Wales." Mr. J. Brinton, M.P., proposed the Lord Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and the Rev. D. Robertson Rural Dean and Rector of Hartlebury, returned thanks. The Mayor said he would now proceed to the pleasing duty which devolved upon him. But before doing so he wished to mention that he had received letters of regret from several whom they should have been pleased to see there. The last name he would mention was that of Sir Edmund Lechmere. He (the Mayor) hoped that he, as the head of the Masonic Order in Worcestershire, would have made it convenient to be present. He had however, received a letter from him on the previous day saying it would be impossible for him to do so. Sir Edmund had been put on a Private Bill Committee in the House of Commons, and there was no escape from his duties. He hoped the Mayor would express his very great regret to the brethren of his Province that he could not assist in the last stage of this work, which he felt had reflected so much credit on the Province, and of which he cordially and sincerely approved. The Mayor then went on to say that the formal presentation of the chimes was an illuminated document, which he trusted the Church authorities would kindly hang in their vestry as a memento of that occasion. He then read it as follows:—

The Freemasons of Kidderminster, as their special contribution to the work of restoring and beautifying the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints, have caused the chiming apparatus to be erected in the tower at their sole charge and expense, and with the sincerest goodwill they hereby dedicate and give it to the perpetual service and pleasure of their fellow-townsmen, committing it to the care and keeping of the vicar and churchwardens, this eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

GEORGE W. GROSVENOR,
Provincial Grand Warden, and Chairman
of the Chimes Committee.

The Mayor said in making the presentation he felt he ought to take the liberty of alluding to Freemasonry and the interest taken by Freemasons in ecclesiastical art and architecture. Freemasons did not often come before the public in their corporate capacity, and the aims and principles of the Order were only but imperfectly understood and appreciated by the outside world. He knew the general opinion entertained of Freemasonry, especially by ladies,—he had no reason to think so himself,—they were looked upon as harmless lunatics, who took a delight in ribbons and gems, and in occasionally meeting together in quiet conviviality. He hoped that when those who took that view thought for a moment of the considerable work Freemasonry found in acts of charity, their opinion might be modified. Public buildings—Masonic Schools and Institutions—were supported entirely by the voluntary contributions of the members of the Craft, having a total income of not less than between £40,000 and £50,000 per annum. Of that sum no less than £2,100 had been contributed by

Worcestershire during the last four years. Of that £2,100, one-fifth, or £420, had been raised in Kidderminster. Freemasonry was not a philanthropic institution. It possessed great and valuable privileges, but he must not excite a curiosity which he could not gratify. They, indeed, possessed secrets—secrets concealed from those who were not Masons—but, as the Prince of Wales observed, those secrets were loyal and honourable, and not opposed to the laws of God or to the interests of the realm. They had been entrusted to Masons in ancient times, and ever since had been religiously guarded by successive generations of members of the Craft. These hidden acts and secret mysteries in the early ages of the Christian era were preserved and handed down through the guilds and monastic institutions, to whom they were indebted for the stately cathedrals which adorned our land. It was the pride of Freemasons to encourage and take a lively interest in the preservation and restoration and adornment of those undying memorials of the skill and ingenuity of their ancient brethren. It might be interesting to some of them to know that amongst the Freemasons of former times was the great architect Sir Christopher Wren, and that the mallet he used in laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral was still preserved in one of the London Masonic Lodges. To come to later times, the first stone of the magnificent Cathedral at Truro was laid by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order. That imposing ceremony took place in the presence of a vast assemblage of Freemasons from all parts of the kingdom. In our own county the Masonic Fraternity had had the privilege of taking part in the restoration of the Cathedral at Worcester, and had contributed at their own expense a fine window in the north transept of the Cathedral. The neighbouring Abbey of Tewkesbury had of late been enriched, by the restoration and adornment, by one of the Freemasons, of one of its chapels. Considering the interest of the Craft in such labours, it need not be a matter of surprise to them that the local Masons quietly seized the opportunity of taking a share in the restoration and enrichment of our own fine old parish church. It happened in March last year that there was a large and important gathering of Masons on the same evening as that convened by the Vicar for initiating a movement for the repair of the tower and the rehangings of the bells. As he (the Mayor) presided at the meeting, the happy thought occurred to him that it would be a suitable action if the Freemasons as a body would undertake to provide the chiming machinery for the church. The idea was taken up most enthusiastically by the brethren present, and in a very few days the requisite funds were subscribed. He knew that the sound of the bells did not please everybody. There were unfortunate mortals who had no music in their souls, who took no delight in the mellow cadences of chiming bells, and the melody caused in the breasts of some persons' feelings similar to those experienced by the American poet on listening to the grinding of a barrel organ. He expressed those feelings in the following terms:—

"Thank heaven, the air again is still,
The music all his ground,
And silence, like a poultice, comes
To heal the blows of sound."

On behalf of the Freemasons of Kidderminster he would now hand over, through his Lordship, to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Kidderminster, the chiming apparatus at the present time in St. Mary's Church. The Bishop of St. Albans said, if he might be allowed, in a sort of semi-official capacity that day, on behalf of his son, to accept the kind and generous and most appropriate gift of the Freemasons, he should have great pleasure in doing so, and would hand over that record of their proceedings—(this was the illuminated and framed parchment that had been read by the Mayor)—to the proper authorities to be kept in the vestry. It was a singular coincidence that in a very short time he would probably have to acknowledge a gift somewhat similar, although not quite the same, from the Freemasons in his own cathedral church of St. Albans. Later on Mr. T. Lea, M.P., rose to propose a toast; it was one they would receive with a due amount of cordiality. It was that of the Freemasons, and he should couple with it the name of Bro. Godson, who held at the present time the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire. He felt it would have been much better had that toast been entrusted to some one who knew more of the works and the acts of Freemasonry than he did. They had heard something of them that day in the Mayor's speech, and they had heard something more in those chimes. They knew, also, that the Freemasons had established excellent Institutions for the care of aged Freemasons and also for orphan children. There was also a feature of Freemasonry that had not been mentioned, and it was that no Freemason came to want. It was their duty to support the Government in endeavouring to root out mischief, whether at home or abroad. He desired that in that spirit Freemasonry should exist throughout our country. If every man in it were a Freemason they should have no fear of dynamite. They were grateful to the Freemasons for their kindly charity; and for those chimes which, he regretted to say, he had not heard, but which he hoped to hear. He felt sure that the people of Kidderminster would deeply appreciate the kindness of the Freemasons. Bro. A. Godson responded, and said he hoped that when they came to worship within the sound of those chimes, they would always find their labours began and ended in peace. That was a Masonic sentiment. He hoped that if ever they came to meet in the future, happy would they meet and happy part again.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Influenza, sore throat, quinsy, mumps, and similar complaints always abound in unsettled weather, and are most safely and effectually subdued by rubbing Holloway's Ointment at least twice a day upon the chest and glands of the throat. The Ointment penetrates the skin, reduces inflammation, and heals ulcerations. This treatment is sufficient for curing the most serious and complicated throat affections, provided Holloway's Pills be taken at the same time. When swallowing gives pain, the Ointment may be relied on till improving symptoms admit of painless deglutition. In asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy whooping cough, incipient consumption, scarlet fever and measles Holloway's medicines are not less valuable in mitigating the most troublesome features than they are certain in ultimately curing.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—The last meeting of the session of this excellent Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 16th inst. Bro. A. Staley P.M. and W.M. presided, and with marked ability performed an abnormal amount of work, without apparent discomfort to himself. He was well seconded by Bros. S. Barnett and L. Boaz Senior and Junior Wardens, and, as may be well understood, the Deacons, Bros. Peartree and Marks, showed a proper appreciation of the responsibilities which under the circumstances devolved upon them. There were no less than three raisings; two candidates were passed, and the following four gentlemen were initiated, viz., Messrs. Mark Emanuel, James Henry Reeves, Sigmund Birne, and Michael Cohen. Several sums were voted to relieve immediate cases of distress; two with amounts of half a-guinea each; two with three guineas. One of these brethren required five guineas, but the W.M. had power only to grant three, without notice of motion. However, the brethren immediately subscribed the balance; indeed, an amount considerably beyond what the applicant applied for. Ten guineas was voted on the list of the W.M., who acts as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. The W.M. also announced his intention to represent the Lodge at the coming Festival of the Girls' School. Ample refreshment followed, after which, the hour being advanced, the W.M. gave "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft," which sentiment is presumed to embody the three principal toasts. The health of the Initiates was proposed by the W.M., who remarked, that besides the close attention the new brethren had evinced in the ceremonies, they had shown they possessed the qualities of the true Masonic spirit by the way in which they responded to the call for the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bro. Emanuel, in responding, said that as a matter of course he conceived that on such an occasion he should probably be called upon to say something in reply to a toast; he therefore arranged a rather elaborate speech, which he repeated to himself over and over again, and was sure of making a sensation; but now the time had arrived for giving vent to his eloquence, the whole had evaporated, and he did not remember a single word. Bro. Bush I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M., which toast was most enthusiastically received. The Worshipful Master, replying, said, that whatever his shortcomings, he was certain of the fraternal feeling of the Lodge—there was not an unpleasant face among the brethren. He was sure there was not another Lodge in which the absence of bickering or ill-feeling was more conspicuous. Digressing from that subject, he would assert that even Visitors were received with the same heartiness as was accorded to him; the consequence was, that brethren who hail from the Tranquillity Lodge were sure of a cordial reception wherever they visited. He could scarcely find words adequate to represent his feelings of gratitude, but would assure the members of his zeal which would always be exercised for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. McDowell, of the Rifle Brigade Lodge, replying for the Visitors, bore testimony to the excellent working of the Lodge. Bro. Staley, a brother of the W.M., also spoke; while Bro. Lyons, Treasurer of the Joppa Lodge, was so well pleased with the Institution, that he not only was a frequent visitor, but by his influence his son became a member. The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of the Past Masters, dwelt upon the assistance those who had passed the chair rendered the Masters. Bro. Bush as the I.P.M. having said a few words, Bro. Bloomfield was called upon to take the place of Bro. N. Moss, who the W.M. had named to respond. Brother Bloomfield said, it was rather unfair to him to be called upon to speak for another, when he did not know that he had anything to say for himself. With all due respect to the Worshipful Master, and craving his forgiveness, he would assert that to praise the Past Masters for their assistance was misleading and a sham. He was sorry to say, some people might urge he ought to be glad that he was nearly the senior Past Master; but during all the years he had occupied that position he had never been called upon to render any assistance. The position was a sinecure. He was sure the majority of the brethren had never heard his voice, as far as work was concerned. The fact was, the Worshipful Masters, one after another, were so well up in their duties that the P.M.'s were superfluous. He had, however, no doubt that should opportunity present itself the P.M.'s, one and all, would be found ready and willing to give the best assistance in their power to help; indeed, would deem themselves under strong obligations to the W.M. who would make use of them. Bro. J. D. Barnett, P.M. and Organist, assisted at the piano, while Bros. Mitchell, Ross, Tipper, and Laurie contributed, by their vocal efforts, to the pleasure of the evening. The Visitors were Bros. McDowell W.M. 1962, Lyon P.M. Treasurer 188, Mickley P.M. 449, Codd W.M. 1728, A. Jacob 487, J. Benjamin P.M. Victoria, S. Australia, Ramas 360, Staley 1597; and others. The P.M.'s were Bros. Bush, Croker, Ross, N. Moss, D. Barnett, R. Z. Bloomfield, E. Gottheil.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. R. Dowsett W.M., Blackwell I.P.M., Ridley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Cordery M.C., Hickie Organist, Creed acting Secretary, Ivey P.M. Secretary acting I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Pulley, E. Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Knight, Slaughter, Sparrow, Vowles, Collins, Greenaway, Bailey, Bennett, W. Margrett, T. Margrett. Visitors—Bros. Harrison 1895, Dallcar 1466, Tarrant 1158, Gadd 1247. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bennett, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Bennett was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., while the effect was considerably heightened by vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Bro. Hickie

Organist. The W.M. gave the traditional history in a most correct and perfect manner. Lodge was resumed. The Worshipful Master proposed that the Treasurer's accounts, as audited by the Permanent Committee (an abstract of which had been sent to each member), be passed, and that a vote of thanks to the Treasurer be recorded on the minutes; this was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried. The I.P.M., in accordance with a notice of motion which appeared on the agenda paper, now moved that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. who would, in the capacity of Steward, represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of that Institution. This was seconded by Bro. Ridley S.W., and carried. The Worshipful Master expressed his sincere thanks for the grant, and hoped to have the personal assistance of the members, so that his list might compare favourably with those of his predecessors. Brother Sparrow, who had lately come to this country from New Zealand, desired to present to the Lodge two ebonised columns, surmounted by a pair of globes (presented to the Lodge in 1869 by Brother Pulley Past Master). This splendid present, placed at the foot of the winding staircase, was much admired, and gave a finishing touch to this elegantly furnished hall. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, returned his sincere thanks to Brother Sparrow for his magnificent present, and moved that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to that brother; this was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried with acclamation. Past Master Pulley desired to call the attention of the Lodge to the decease of two brethren, one of whom was a subscribing member, and the other had been initiated in this Lodge. One of them leaves a widow and three children in destitute circumstances, two of the children being twins and in ill health. The other, he feared, was somewhat similarly circumstanced, but not in such destitution; he hoped the Permanent Committee would investigate, and take the matters into consideration. The Worshipful Master expressed the hope that the death of these brothers would make a lasting impression on the minds of the members. He suggested that a letter of sympathy be sent to the widow of each brother, signed by himself and the Secretary; also that the Permanent Committee be empowered to aid the destitute widow with temporary relief; this was seconded by Brother Margrett P.M. and supported by Brother Ridley S.W., who suggested that the Lodge, of which one of these brethren was connected previous to his coming to Reading, be communicated with, and be asked to co-operate with the Grey Friars in endeavouring to obtain assistance from the Fund of Benevolence;—carried. After the proposal of a candidate for initiation, and the customary routine work, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bros. Taylor W.M., Sims S.W., Smith J.W., Power P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Stokes S.W., Nettlefold J.W., Briscoe I.G., Walker Wine Steward, Plummer Assistant Wine Steward, Crossley Organist, Thomas Tyler; Past Master Brother Ranacres. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Eykyn 1585, Tompson 594, Austin 1275, Griffin 975, Hill 1658, Swallow P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was formally opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Hargroves, Mullet, Backlog, Mitcham, and Back were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. Stevens, who was duly initiated into the Order. Both the ceremonies were impressively rendered. After a candidate had been proposed for initiation, and other business transacted, Lodge was closed. After an excellent supper, the Worshipful Master, in very eloquent terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Power P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. They had seen how ably Bro. Smith had fulfilled his duties; he had had five brethren to raise, and one candidate to initiate; they could appreciate such a worker, who filled the chair in every way to their satisfaction. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Power for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their cordial acceptance of the toast. If he had given them satisfaction by his working he was amply repaid for any trouble he had taken to perfect himself. In speaking to the toast of the initiate, the W.M. said they were pleased to see Bro. Stevens among them. There were two candidates on the agenda paper, but one was unable to be present; he hoped the brethren would give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Stevens briefly, but appropriately responded. Bro. H. M. Levy replied for the Visitors, and paid a just compliment to the W.M. for the excellence of his working. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Past Masters said the duty was a very pleasing one. They had three of their Past Masters present, and he could say no better could be found; their services in the cause of Freemasonry could not be surpassed. Bro. Power in responding said, it was the duty of the Past Masters to assist the Worshipful Master; this he was ever ready to do, and he felt he could say as much for the others. Bro. Smith next paid a graceful compliment to his Officers, and thanked them for the manner in which they assisted him. In response Bro. Simms S.W. made an excellent speech; Bro. Wilkins J.W. followed, and he was succeeded by the Treasurer, who with pride stated the Lodge was in a flourishing condition; they had discharged all liabilities; this he thought was a great thing for so young a Lodge. Bro. Mitchell, one of the founders, P.M. and Secretary, said his services were always at command. Several of the junior Officers having also spoken, the W.M. summoned the Tyler. Bros. Hardy, Rouse, Back, W. Mitchell, Ranacres and Briscoe contributed to the harmony.

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, "by invite" will work the Fifteen Sections at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Meekham's, the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Highbury, on Friday, the 27th inst. Brethren are cordially invited on that occasion.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

THERE was a well-attended meeting of the members, with many distinguished visitors, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 14th instant. The chair was occupied by Bros. G. F. Smith jun. W.M., A. Stokes S.W., Wilkins J.W., Dewsnap Treasurer, J. W. Brooke P.M. Sec., G. F. Smith sen. J.D., Williams I.G., Cattermole M.C., J. Da Silva Organist; Past Masters Corpe and Maloney. Visitors—Bros. Philbrick Deputy Provincial Grand Master Essex, Knbn 298, Sheffield 901, Halsey P.M. 134, Clowes W.M. 650, Edmonds S.W. 913, Halestrap 1471, Braham 1471, Smith 1438, Hastelow P.M. 101, Carter 382, Crate P.P.G.C. P.M. 697, Johnston 1777, Hodges, Da Silva P.M. 205, Max Mendelsohn 212, Smith 1706, Robertson 1538, Malster 1706, Wood 1901, Watson 1706, Thomas 1818, Ganz P.G.O., Legge 15, Hook P.M. 185, Allen 51, Watson, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After due observance of preliminaries, Brother Heinekey was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Blake was passed. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Stokes. Bro. Corpe was elected Treasurer, in consequence of Bro. Dewsnap having retired, and Bro. Bowler was appointed Tyler. Bro. Stokes thanked the brethren for having elected him W.M. of this flourishing Lodge; he hoped to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. Bros. Ayres, Ensworth, and Barstow were elected Auditors. The W.M. proposed, and it was carried unanimously, that a jewel be presented to Bro. Dewsnap, on his retiring from the office of Treasurer, for the efficient manner he had carried out his duties. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring Master for the manner he had discharged his functions, and a sum of £10 10s was voted, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Brother Fielding presented the Lodge with a very elegant casket for the use of the Benevolent Fund, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him and entered on the minutes. A similar vote was given to Bros. Monday and Da Silva for having invested the sum of £100 for the benefit of the Lodge without making any charge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren (seventy-one in number) sat down in the Crown room, where a very sumptuous and recherché banquet was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M., in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was given, Miss Hoare singing the solo pleasingly. In speaking to the toast of H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master; the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master; and the R.W. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they were honoured that evening by the presence of distinguished brethren. The Rev. Bro. J. Studholme Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Philbrick D.P.G.M. for Essex, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, and others. The members were pleased to see such distinguished brethren at a Lodge so young in the Craft. Bro. Brownrigg eloquently responded, and in the course of his remarks expressed the pleasure he felt at the progress made by the Lodge. He could go back to the country, and say what he had seen that night had been well done. There was no fault to be found with the Lodge. He had predicted this on the night of its consecration, when he had the gratification of being present. Here Bros. Winn, Carter, Hodges and Hanson sang a glee that was deservedly applauded. The W.M. on again rising said he had now the great pleasure to propose the toast of the Brethren from the Province of Essex. There were three present, but he would call on their esteemed Bro. Philbrick to respond. Bro. Philbrick in a very eloquent speech replied, and then Bro. Wilhelm Ganz played a solo on the pianoforte. Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg said he felt a great deal of pleasure in proposing the next toast, which usually falls to the lot of the Immediate Past Master; it was the health of the W.M. Bro. Taylor knew his work, and had introduced and initiated nineteen gentlemen into the Order. He (Bro. Brownrigg) knew that when the Duke of Connaught brethren undertook any work, they did it well; that had been fully exemplified by the W.M. After a song by Miss Cater—"Beauty, sleep"—the W.M. replied; he was at all times anxious to keep up the reputation of the Lodge. Its having invested £100 in Consols was a very good beginning; their Benevolent Fund possessed over £25, and with that night's addition would realise about £30; he was sorry to leave the chair, but there were other brethren equally deserving to fill it. He thanked all very heartily for their reception of the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bro. Rev. C. H. Crate P.P.G.C. and T. J. Ralling P.M. P.P.G.S., both of Essex; and Bros. Edmonds, Hook, and Roberts. Bro. Carter here sang, with exquisite taste, "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee." Bro. Crate in responding said he and Bro. Ralling had received a very excellent lesson in the working of the Lodge, and felt it a great pleasure to note its financial position. They should carry away pleasing recollections of the hospitality they had enjoyed, and hoped to be present, and see the future prosperity of the Lodge. Bros. Edmonds, Roberts, and Hook P.M. likewise responded. The latter said he had initiated the W.M., in a Lodge in which he had the honour of being a P.M. Miss Heath here sang "The Lost Chord," most artistically, and received loud and well-deserved applause. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters. Each of them in the Lodge well knew his work. Bro. Mitchell is a good Secretary, and Brother Corpe would make a careful Treasurer. Bro. Maloney is not a P.M. of the Lodge, but they were pleased to see him among them. Bro. Brooke was the first to respond; he regretted the absence of Bro. Bott, who, from some unforeseen circumstances, had not been able to be present. When the W.M. went into office he promised to fulfil certain duties, and carry them out to the best of his ability. He had done so, to their satisfaction; and thanks were due to him. They should be pleased to receive him among the Past Masters. Bro. Corpe followed, expressing his appreciation of the compliment paid him in a very humorous speech. Miss Hoare and Miss Helen Heath sang "I know a Maiden." In proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. said they were pleased to see the Worthy Secretary of the Boys' School, Brother Binckes P.G.S.; he

hoped the brethren would support the noble Institutions of the Craft. They had sent up three Stewards to the Charities each year, although the Lodge had only been four years in existence. This they were proud of. He would couple the name of Bro. Binckes with the toast; they all knew his great energies were devoted to the cause of the noble Institutions, which were fully deserving of their support. Bro. Hanson then sang the "Last Watch." Brother Binckes in responding said, that day they had elected 22 girls out of 26 candidates; but on Monday there were 13 boys to be elected out of 62 candidates. As the W.M. had urged, great credit is due this Lodge for its exertions; in the four years of its existence it had well supported the Masonic Charities. This was the first time he had been present at the Lodge; he was pleased to visit them, and hoped that the three Institutions would be supported. There were 238 girls, and 215 boys, children of Masons, being maintained and educated in the Schools. In addition, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution granted annuities to about 330 distressed Masons and their widows. He would urge on every brother to give a small amount annually to the Institutions; they would then prosper, and be prepared to meet all claims made upon their resources. The Worshipful Master next had a very pleasing toast to propose,—the Masonic Press. He might say there were two recognised organs,—the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and the *Freemason*; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast, and would couple with it the name of Brother H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Brother Levy said, after the eloquent speech of Brother Binckes, but few words need emanate from him. He had been connected with the Press for twenty years, and to him it was a pleasing duty to respond for the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which journal gave truthful reports, if not lengthy ones. The promoters of the CHRONICLE had always advocated the claims of the Institutions, and he was gratified to know their efforts were appreciated. He thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. After Miss Margaret Hoare had delighted the brethren with another charming song; the toast of the Officers was given, and responded to by Bros. Stokes and Dewsnap. The Worshipful Master proposed a special toast for the Musical Brethren, who with the Ladies, had contributed so much to the entertainment. This having been acknowledged, the Worshipful Master gave the Tyler's toast, and the proceedings closed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on 14th inst. Bros. Weeden W.M., Ashton S.W., Woolf J.W., Rhodes S.D., Archer J.D., Gibbs I.G., Brasted acting Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Houghton, Venning, Bevan, Recknall, Mallett, Richardson, Marks, Lone, and Manger. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Manger offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The ceremony of the second degree was next rehearsed, Bro. Lone candidate, and Bro. Marks performed the work, the W.M. vacating the chair in his favour. Bro. Brasted worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Weeden worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Ashton. Bro. Recknall, P.M. of the Euphrates Lodge, 212, was elected a member, and Bro. Ashton was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Bunker S.W., Smyth J.W., Carr Sec, Robinson S.D., Clarke J.D., Ames I.G.; P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Brasted, Marks, and Allen. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called off and resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Allen working the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Bunker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday the 11th inst. Present—Bros. M. Millington W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. Blenkin S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., W. B. Dyson S.D., W. Lackenby as J.D., G. Chapman I.G., and several other members and visitors. Having raised the Lodge to the third degree the W.M. proceeded to put Bros. Irving and Nance through the ceremonies, the traditional history and concluding addresses being given by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and Bro. C. G. Padel P.M. presided at the harmonium. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Ware presented to the Lodge a bound volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and Bro. Whytehead two old editions of the Constitutions and a bound volume of the *Voice of Masonry*, for which votes of thanks were passed. Brother Whytehead also announced that Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett had presented to the Lodge a copy of Bartolozzi's valuable engraving of Stothart's picture of the Festival of the Girls' School. He was having the engraving cleaned and mounted, and should then present it formally for Brother Orde-Powlett. It was stated that the sum raised amongst the brethren for the purchase of the Mechanics' Institute now amounted to over £1,000.

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MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 34.

THE Centenary Ball of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. D. Lyon, and an efficient Board of Stewards, including Brothers Artus, Postans, Butler, Perkins, Waylett, Jenkins, Gibbs, Greenfield, Parker, Gribbon, Meyer, Hales, De Lacy, Hughes, Bean, Rixou, A. C. Thorpe, Wainwright, E. J. Thorpe, Wells, and Wood. Bros. Jenkins and Rixon efficiently acted as M.C.'s. A very distinguished company assembled. The St. George's Rifles String Band discoursed sweet music, under the direction of Mr. Fleet. A very sumptuous and recherché supper was provided, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the toasts—the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. Bro. Artus, in rising to propose the health of the W.M., said it was a great pleasure for him, as senior P.M. and Secretary, to descant on the merits of the W.M.; he wished to impress upon those present that the members of this Lodge were a happy family, and where that good feeling existed, a Lodge was sure to prosper. Might he live long to see it so continue. Their W.M. was one they could look up to, and the members were proud to have him in that position. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Artus for his kindness. It was a great pleasure to be Master of such a Lodge, more especially so on the occasion of its Centenary Ball. He hoped that every one present had enjoyed the entertainment. Bro. Meyer, in a happily conceived speech, proposed the toast of the Ladies, and Bro. J. Thorpe as ably responded. Dancing was then resumed. Before leaving, the Ladies and brethren expressed to the W.M. and Bro. Artus their appreciation of the exertions made for their enjoyment.

Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday week last. The following members were present: Comps. C. G. Padel Z., T. B. Whytehead P.Z. as H., G. Simpson J., James Key S.E., G. Balmford P.Z. as S.N., M. Millington as P.S., E. J. de Salis and H. Chapman, as Assistants; W. Lackenby, R. Ware, and others. Bros. S. J. Dalton, Eboracum Lodge, 1611, and Sergt.-Major Morgan, 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, were exalted to the degree. After the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper, at which the M.E.Z. presided.

THE A. AND A. SCOTTISH RITE.

WE are continually in receipt of copies of communications which are being sent to the Secretaries, Deputies and Commanders of the several organisations known as the "Cerneau Supreme Council," wherein the writers, with more or less forcible language, give their reasons for withdrawing their connection from these irregular Bodies, the dissolution of which has been progressing for some time past, and hence the scamper from the sinking squadron of Cerneau Supreme Councils, of which we are informed there are three or four in antagonism in this city.

The following communication addressed to one of the Deputies, which was signed by seventeen Masons, is the most courteous. We have three others before us:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the undersigned, desire to withdraw from the Cerneau Bodies.

You will please advise us of the amounts we owe to the several Bodies, and upon such advice reaching us we will at once remit; after which, please drop our names from the tablets.

Our reasons for preferring the above request can be stated in a few words.

We are thoroughly convinced that your Body is in possession of nothing on which to establish a claim of legitimacy, and that all the time and money we have given have been expended foolishly and in vain.

Although we notify you officially of our withdrawal, we wish you to understand that we have nothing but respect and brotherly love to offer you personally.

Yours respectfully.

Hebrew Leader.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has promised to deliver his interesting lecture, "Explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree," in the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1452, at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Thursday, the 26th inst. Bro. W. Woolner Garnham P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, Secretary to the Lodge, has, at the request of W. Bro. H. J. Eastaugh W.M., issued a special circular convening the Lodge meeting for 6.55 p.m. punctually. A large attendance of brethren from the surrounding districts is anticipated. Arrangements have also been made with Bro. J. Stevens to deliver his Lecture at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street, Hull, on Friday, the 27th instant.

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A T A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 14th April 1883,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 22 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 28 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED :—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
27	Shervill, Angela Georgina	2485	1
21	Grabham, Helen	2184	2
16	Wrighton, Mildred Ammon	2153	3
11	Keily, Maud Pitt	2141	4
26	Musgrave, Grace A. I.	2062	5
19	Bates, Edith Mary	2015	6
2	Wortley, Kate	1978	7
1	Hill, Ethel Augusta	1923	8
6	Stokes, Kate	1761	9
5	Mason, Florence	1761	10
15	Midgley, Elizabeth	1573	11
23	Carruthers, Emily Gooding	1512	12
20	Garner, Blanche Amelia	1493	13
4	Prebble, Frances Annie	1440	14
14	Trotman, Florence Hamilton	1377	15
24	Fearon, Ada Elizabeth	1320	16
8	Willcox, Florence Mary G.	1276	17
28	Weare, Caroline Louisa	1275	18
12	Hippey, Ethel Constance	1264	19
7	Beavon, Florence Maud	1243	20
9	M'Leod, Isabella	1208	21
17	Smith, Jane	878	22

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

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A T A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of April 1883,

Col. J. CREATON, in the chair.

A ballot took place for the Election of 13 Boys, from an approved list of 65, reduced by withdrawals to 62, Candidates, the following being declared to be successful :—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	2	Farrar, Ethelbert	3520
2	3	Hill, George William King	3491
3	30	Tustin, Harry Holman	3423
4	14	Simpson, Edward Henry	3347
5	17	Tettenborn, Arthur James	3282
6	16	Botting, Alfred Henry	3258
7	39	Bowes, Arthur Kebble	3212
8	33	Salter, Frederick Bruce	3202
9	12	Crow, Charlie John	3157
10	41	Hodge, William James	3100
11	58	Richardson, Harold Percy	2993
12	31	Basham, Frederick Charles Victor	2927
13	44	High, Herbert Alfred	2872

Lists of candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election, in October next.

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The Banquet will take place at Five o'clock. Tickets, 12s 6d each, inclusive of wine; application for which must be made to Bro. JOSEPH WARD, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

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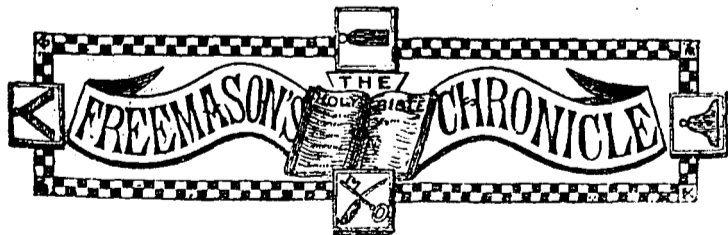
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE annual meeting of this old established and flourishing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, 12th inst. Lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock by Bro. Lancaster, who was supported by Bros. E. T. Smith S.W. W.M. elect, J. J. Runtz J.W., Bieling S.D., Oliver Bryant J.D., Tongue I.G., Hayday M.C., and the following Past Masters:—Dr. Jackson I.P.M., Dr. Jagielski, Rath, Ebner, Nowakowski Treasurer, Paas Secretary. All preliminaries being duly observed, Brother Stanislaus John Nowakowski was raised to the third degree, and Bros.

Edrapt, Simpson, Dunn, and Lincoln were passed; both ceremonies being accurately rendered. The next business was the ceremony of installing Bro. Smith to the chair of K.S. by the W.M., who performed this duty in a manner that gave the highest satisfaction and enjoyment to the large number of members and guests who were present. Bro. Smith chose the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Lancaster I.P.M., Runtz S.W., Bieling J.W., Bryant S.D., Tongue J.D., Gordon I.G., Apsey M.C., and Banks Tyler. The W.M. presented, in the name of the Lodge, the handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted at last meeting, hoping that Bro. Lancaster would live many years to wear it. Bro. Lancaster in reply thanked the brethren for their kindness to him during his year of office, and assured them he would always do everything he possibly could for the advancement of the Lodge. Ballot was then taken for Mr. George Edward Davenport, aged 37, public accountant, 8 Warwick Street, Regent Street. This proved to be unanimous in his favour, and he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., in a most creditable manner. After hearty good wishes had been given to the new W.M., at the satisfactory report of the Audit Committee read, and other business transacted, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banquetting hall. When grace had been said, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts disposed of, the I.P.M. rose and proposed the health of Bro. Smith, their new W.M., stating that he had been known to them all for years as an able and energetic worker in the Lodge. Personally he wished Bro. Smith a prosperous year of office, and hoped he would have the support of the brethren, and terminate his year with even a larger balance than the one already in hand. The W.M. in the course of his reply said, if the enthusiastic manner of the brethren receiving his name had anything to do with their feelings, it showed he had the sympathy of the brethren in starting on his year of office. He was happy to say they were strong in numbers as well as in exchequer, and he hoped to be able to pass the Lodge to his successor in the same healthy condition in which he received it from the I.P.M., who had that evening performed such good work, namely, one raising, four passings, and the ceremony of installation, all of which had been performed in a most able manner. Bro. Lancaster deserved the highest thanks of the Lodge for the way in which he had done the work. The candidates he had introduced, and the manner in which he had represented the Lodge at the various Charitable Institutions. The Immediate Past Master, who on rising was greeted with long and continued applause, stated that he considered it a very great honour and pleasure to have presided over the Lodge during the past year; he had received from all the greatest kindness and assistance. He congratulated the Lodge on its having so goodly a balance. He could not finish his remarks without thanking the Officers for the regularity and punctuality of their attendance; not only at the regular, but also at the weekly meetings, where they had attained so high a standard of efficiency as workers. He reminded the brethren that he was again going up as Steward, and would be pleased to receive any assistance from them, however small. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate. Bro. Davenport was well known to a large circle of Masons as a most conscientious man; he would prove to be a happy addition to their Lodge. This brother, in reply, stated that it gave him much pleasure to belong to the Polish National; he could only thank them most heartily for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, which toast was replied to by Bro. Saegart and Crombie. Bro. Saegart stated he was very much obliged to the brethren for the hospitality he always received at the Polish Lodge; he thought one little matter ought not to be overlooked: that was to give honour to whom honour was due. He had been highly pleased with the manner in which the brethren had received the name of Bro. Lancaster, who had worked so hard, and discharged his duties in such a way as will lay up for him a crown of joy and rejoicing. Bro. Saegart next alluded to the W.M., Bro. Smith, who had already proved he was able to perform his duties as Master; he felt sure that the brethren will have no cause to regret the choice they made. Bro. Crombie thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had honoured the mention of his name. He was very pleased with the way in which all the duties had been performed, and as an old Mason desired to give a little piece of advice to his younger brethren. That was, to pay every attention to their Masonic education, and carry out the principles of Masonry. No good Mason could possibly be a bad man. It was the first time he had the pleasure of visiting them, but hoped soon to renew his acquaintance with the members. The toast of the P.M.'s was fluently responded to by Bro. Jagielski. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Stanbrown, Buckingham and Chandos, 1050, Inglis Strawberry Hill 946, Hickman P.M. United Strength 228, Alford W.M. United Strength 228, Boulton W.M. Victoria 1056, Hopgood Bagshawe 1457, Carter P.M. Faith 141, Nicholls St. John the Baptist 475, Saegart P.M. Wellington 548, Slack P.M. Ranelagh 834, Kelsey Great Northern 1287, Latreille W.M. Old King's Arms 28, Buck P.M. Suburban 1702, Bell P.M. Perfect Ashlar 1178, Browne Royal Alfred 780, Taylor S.W. Eccleston 1624, Roberts Eccleston 1624, Shrimpton Skelmersdale 1658, Larkins P.M. Belgrade 749, Weston J.W. Kingsland 1693, Hoone Crusaders 1677, Berry Fitzroy 569, Cross P.M. Villiers 1194, Crombie P.M. Old King's Arms 28, Lucas Royal Leopold 669.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 11th inst. After the routine business had been got through, the W.M., Bro. Henry Evans, vacated the chair in favour of the I.P.M. Bro. Orlando Latreille, who had undertaken to work the installation ceremony. Brother Captain Heaton, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master elect, was presented and obligated in due form. A Board of Installed Masters was convened, and Bro. Heaton was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren under the degree of I.M. having been re-admitted, the Worshipful Master

was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. Brother Heaton then proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Salmon S.W., Sorrell P.M. 176 J.W., Baker S.D., Tayler J.D., Frost I.G. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. and P.M., who had been re-elected Treasurer, was, we regret to say, unable to attend for investment, he having been confined to his house for some weeks past by a severe attack of bronchitis. Bro. Chas. Atkins Past Master was re-appointed Secretary. The Worshipful Master, in appointing the Officers, instructed each one in the duties attached to the position. The appointment of Officers being concluded, Bro. Latreille addressed the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren with an eloquence that elicited the applause of every brother who had the advantage of being present. The Worshipful Master subsequently proceeded to initiate Mr. Wm. Henry. The work, considering the Officers were new to it, was admirably performed by those engaged. We are pleased to notice that this Lodge has a balance of £233 4s 10d to credit of its Benevolent Fund, established in 1878. Visitors—Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, C. A. Grammer W.M. 27. A. Tisley W.M. 1589, J. Willing W.M. 1987, J. Pigott P.M. 1288, C. Phillips P.M. 820, W. Manger P.M. 1314, J. Green P.M. 27, C. W. G. Pinero Past Master 257, &c. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. The Grand Secretary, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, expressed his regret at the absence of his esteemed friend and colleague in Grand Lodge, Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., and his pleasure in attending the John Hervey Lodge, seeing it bore and would perpetuate the name of his predecessor in the office of Grand Secretary. That distinguished brother having associated himself with, and taken an interest in the Lodge, it was very gratifying to him (Colonel Clerke) to find the work carried on in such an admirable manner. The Installing Master had performed the ceremony with eloquence and ability, whilst the new W.M. had proved his capacity by his excellent working at the initiation of the brother on his right. The toast of the Visitors was associated with the names of Bro. Grammer W.M. 27, and Bro. Tisley W.M. 1589, who, together with several other visiting brethren, acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, the brethren separated after a most successful and enjoyable evening.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1507.

THE installation meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Langham Hotel, Portland-place, where there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Lodge was opened by Brother Benjamin Phillips W.M., who was supported by Bros. White P.M. 177 S.W. and W.M. elect, Monflet J.W., Chaplin Treasurer, Baker P.M. Secretary, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., Smith I.G., Kift Organist. P.M.'s Bros. Timewell, Draper, Ashwell, Foxall P.G.P. Visitors—Bros. L. Ascot P.M. 733, Berkley P.M. 507, Dr. Stirling 174, G. Fredericks late 118, Mussard 1901 and 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bros. Curtis, Barr, and Ashdown were raised to the sublime degree, and Bros. P. Rocco, C. Woolf, Artaud, and Billing were passed. Both ceremonies were excellently worked by the W.M., while each Officer was equally perfect. Bro. White P.M. 177, 1563, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Phillips, who conducted the ceremony in a very excellent manner; Bro. Ascot efficiently acted as M.C. By special request the W.M. gave the concluding address, which he delivered most impressively. The newly-installed Master then, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers. Bros. B. Phillips I.P.M., F. C. Monflet S.W., Hill J.W., J. Chaplin Treas. re-elected, J. L. Baker P.M. Sec., Halliday S.D., F. Smith J.D., Durand I.G., G. Spurgin M.C., J. Kift Organist, Daly Tyler. The Auditors' report was read and adopted, and then Lodge was closed until the second Wednesday in June. The brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and recherché banquet and dessert, provided by Captain Gordon. The W.M., in very eloquent terms, proposed the preliminary loyal toasts, the Queen and the Craft and H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. In speaking of the Grand Officers the W.M. said those who attend Grand Lodge see how ably they do their duty. He called on all to give the toast the reception it merited. Mr. Armand Semple, M.D., a friend of Bro. Dr. Spurgin, here delighted the brethren with a song entitled "Golden Love." Bro. Phillips I.P.M. then rose. It was with great pleasure he had to propose the health of the W.M., who had been associated with him for many years. Brother White was well calculated to preside over them, and would prove himself as good a Master as ever had been elected in the Lodge. He would promote harmony, and his year of office was sure to be a successful one. Bro. Stirling, previous to the W.M.'s reply, played a solo on the violin. Bro. White then thanked Brother Phillips for the way he had spoken of him. He hoped the same love and harmony that now existed would continue. Every member of the Lodge, he was sure, wished it to go on and prosper. Personally he could hardly express his gratitude for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the Lodge was indebted to Bro. Ascot for his assistance in the ceremony; on behalf of the members he thanked him. He could also say they were very pleased to see the visiting brethren present. The St. Marylebone Lodge is at all times pleased to see them. Bro. Ascot in eloquent terms responded; he was present at the consecration of the Lodge, thirteen years ago, and was gratified to see the progress it had made. Bro. Alderman sang in excellent style "The Vagabond." In speaking to the next toast the W.M. said it was not an ordinary one. Bro. Phillips, the I.P.M. and Installing Master of the day, had passed and raised seven brethren. He had likewise installed him; and he (the W.M.) was sure the brethren had appreciated the valuable services thus rendered. In due course, he hoped to instal his successor. However, that was an event for the future. He asked for the toast a hearty reception; but before Bro. Phillips responded, he desired to say the brethren had voted him a jewel, for the manner in which he

had carried out the duties of the chair. It had been voted unanimously, and he hoped Bro. Phillips might be spared for many years to wear it, in recollection of his association with their Lodge. Bro. Phillips in reply could scarcely find words to say how gratified he was to hear the kind words of Bro. White. He appreciated the good feeling of his many friends. Ten years since he was initiated, by Bro. Stringer. He had been successful in his Masonic career, inasmuch as he was a P.M. of the City of Westminster, as well as of the St. Marylebone. In both Lodges he had received many kindnesses, which he trusted he might never forget. He thanked the members for the elegant jewel just presented; this was the second one voted him, and he hoped to be spared to wear it among them for many years. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, said he hoped they would support him during his year of office; indeed, he was sure they would do so. Brother Semple again delighted the brethren with one of his splendid songs, and then Bro. Timewell, on behalf of the P.M.'s, responded. He regretted being absent during Bro. Phillips's year; he could assure them it was out of no disrespect to him; he thought no better Mason existed. He hoped in future to be a more regular attendant. Brothers Foxall and Draper followed. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next; to both of these Officers hearty thanks were due. The Worshipful Master generally has all the credit; but it is generally due to the efforts of the Treasurer and Secretary that a Lodge owes its prosperity. Here both Officers had done their duty well. After Bro. Stirling had played a solo on the pianoforte, Bro. Chaplin (Treasurer) responded. Bro. Baker followed; while he was Secretary, he hoped not only to give satisfaction to the W.M., but to every brother in the Lodge. Bro. Phillips had had a successful year of office, and he (Bro. Baker) hoped Bro. White would have a still more successful one; this he was sure would be satisfactory to all. In speaking to his Officers the W.M. fully impressed on them the necessity of their attending Lodges of Instruction; he would ever readily give them his assistance; he knew their working qualifications, and had every confidence in them. To Bro. Dr. Spurgin he and the Lodge were specially grateful; the musical treat he had provided them was much appreciated. Bro. Spurgin had induced some of his private friends who possessed high intellectual attainments and splendid voices to render him assistance, and the result had been eminently satisfactory. Bros. Monflet S.W. and Dr. Spurgin acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Seager Hunt, in replying to the next toast said, the Lay Members, he felt assured, would strive to advance the welfare of the Lodge. Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given. We cannot conclude this notice without a word for Dr. Spurgin; he and his friends deserve great praise for the excellent musical entertainment they provided; this greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1306.

THE annual installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary-Axe, E.C., on Wednesday, the 11th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Wooding, who was supported by I.P.M. T. Magrath and P.M.'s W. H. Hayward, W. Poore, C. Veal, and W. Beck Treasurer; T. J. Tyrer J.W. and W.M. elect, A. G. Clements Secretary, I. P. Couture S.D., G. T. Holdom J.D., J. Sommers M.C., W. Sherwin Organist, I. G. Twinn I.G., J. Loftus Steward; also Bros. S. M. Pipe, G. Wise, T. J. Barnes jun., C. Stephenson, A. W. Flack, J. Oxley, W. T. Hardy, T. Phillips, J. L. Green, A. Lloyd, C. Haussmann, T. J. Tarling, T. Willetts, W. McCredie, E. Oppenheim, T. J. Morris, H. Harbord 901, H. Forss 917, P. Jackman 1805, R. Hayward 1306, A. Meyers W.M. 1421, H. McClelland 901, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, P. K. Job P.M. 1076, R. Hirst 1421, C. H. Bardoleau 1421, G. Clarke 554, T. Loane 1421. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites soon after four o'clock, and the minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was most unanimously received and adopted. This showed the Lodge to be in a most satisfactory financial position. Bro. Tyrer was then presented as W.M. for the ensuing year, and duly installed into the chair, the impressive ceremony being carried out most ably by the retiring Master. After the customary salutations, Bro. Tyrer (the new Master) invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Wooding I.P.M., Couture S.W., Clements J.W., Holdom S.D., Twinn J.D., Pipe Secretary, Beck Treasurer, Hardy I.G., Hayward M.C., Loftus Asst. M.C., Barnes W.S., Wise and Norris Stewards, Longstaff Tyler. Reference was made to the new home and new title of the Lodge (which had received the assent of Grand Lodge), and mutual congratulations were exchanged by all as to the conspicuous foundation for the future prosperity of the Lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed in favour of Bro. Hayward for his able services in contributing to this issue, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. At the conclusion of other business, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to the banquetting room, where the new W.M. presided in a very able and congenial manner. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, while the toast of the Visitors received all honours. In due course, the brethren separated, after having been favoured with songs by several of those present, and an excellent recitation by Bro. Oxley.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th April, at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall. Bros. Medwin W.M., Tyler S.W., Ford J.W., Millar Sec., Hawksley S.D., Mather Preceptor, Conchman I.G.; Bros. Goldney, Hepburn, Hunter, Blay, Stockdale, Draper jun., Benison, Laroom, Mitchell. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goldney candidate. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Benison candidate. Bro. Mather worked this ceremony. Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated after a very instructive evening.

SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the New Masonic Hall, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, near Champion Hill Station, on Thursday, the 19th instant. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday, 15th March, and the emergency meeting, held Wednesday, 4th April, were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Three Master Masons with the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge were appointed a Committee to manage the Benevolent Fund. Brother George Frederic Barton, La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, was proposed as a candidate for joining by Bro. Bellis S.W., and seconded by Brother E. Eagle. Bro. Bellis did a similar honour in favour of Bro. William Edward Constable (F.C.), Southwark Lodge, No. 379; in this case Brother Marcus J.D. seconded the proposition. Both were accepted. There were two candidates for initiation—Mr. Joseph Searby, who was proposed by Bro. Bellis S.W., and seconded by Bro. Marcus J.D., and Mr. Isaac Dadd, who had for his sponsors Bros. Phillips and Davies. Here again the ballot was unanimous, and both gentlemen were introduced and initiated. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. J. Bellis, was now presented, and Bro. Nicod proceeded to instal him into the chair of the Lodge. This our zealous brother did in a most satisfactory way; indeed, the whole work of the year has been conducted by him in a perfect and painstaking way. We may state here Bro. Nicod's duties have not been of a mere perfunctory character; he has initiated seven candidates, passed five, and raised five; when to this is added that he undertook the duties of Installing Master, and, as we have said, ably fulfilled them, we think he deserves the praise that was lavishly bestowed on him. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. L. C. N. Nicod Immediate Past Master, W. R. Bennett S.W., A. R. W. Powles J.W., E. Eagle Treasurer, W. H. Hook P.M. Secretary, W. B. Marcus S.D., W. J. Bullimore J.D., R. E. Anderson I.G., R. P. Forge P.M. M.C., W. Boshier W.S., L. E. Eagle, Assist. W.S. The addresses were then delivered, and after routine work, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. In addition to nearly the whole of the members, the following Visitors were present:—E. C. Malet de Cartaret P.G.M. Jersey, Charles Naylor P.M. 958 P.D.C. Jersey, R. E. H. Goffin J.W. 1573, Thomas Wallis 1901, James Watsey P.M. 1310, John Osborn P.M. 1602, E. Woodman J.W. 1950, T. Perrin W.M. 1297, John Rhodes 1524, R. Pierpoint J.W. 177, W. J. Garland 1728, R. W. Moss 548, C. Clifton S.W. 944 P.D.G. Org. Bombay, D. Keyse S.D. 1314, J. J. Taffs W.M. 186, W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572, J. Mount Sperring W.S. 186, J. G. Caston 40, J. Tickle P.M. 1196 Past Provincial Grand Registrar Middlesex, John Page 1572, E. C. Massey P.M. 1296, R. Applegarth 1415, Reginald Bridger 72, W. W. Morgan Senior Warden 211, &c. The banquet was most liberally supplied by Bro. Gurney, and the viands and wines were of excellent quality. The speeches were brief and to the point. The I.P.M.'s services were dilated on, and an elegant jewel was presented to him, which bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to
BROTHER S. C. N. NICOD P.M.
by the brethren of the SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901,
19th April 1883,

as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the able and courteous manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office—1882-83."

Bro. Bellis must be congratulated on entering upon his duties as Master under such favourable circumstances. A word for our esteemed Bro. Hook; he exerted himself most successfully to make this meeting go off happily, and his "Masonic Surprise" was indeed a happy thought. Long may he live to see the Lodge he has taken so much interest in flourish and extend its influence. A capital musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bro. A. F. Grainger Organist. We append the programme. Song and Chorus, "God save the Queen;" Solo and Chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales;" Song, "Tell her I love her so," Bro. C. A. White; Song, "Good Night Beloved," Bro. Wallis; Solo (clarionette), "Luisa di Montfort," Bro. L. E. Eagle; Song, "The Gipsies' Life," Bro. Hook; Song, "Sailing," Bro. A. F. Grainger; Song, "The old and young Marie," Bro. C. A. White; Duett, "The Moon has raised her Lamp," Bros. Wallis and Hook; Solo (pianoforte) "Gavotte," Bro. A. F. Grainger; Song, "Good-bye Sweetheart," Bro. C. A. White.

THE meeting of the Press Lodge, last Saturday, was one of the most successful the Lodge has had since its commencement. The W.M. Bro. H. F. Bussey, performed his work in admirable style, and he was most ably supported by his Officers. Mr. Joseph Capp and Mr. Frederick Saunders were initiated, and Bros. Brine, Baines, and Seabrook were elected on the Benevolent Fund Committee. A Founder's and Past Secretary's jewel was presented to the late Secretary, Bro. Basil Cooke, and the Lodge resolved to join with the West Kent and Orpheus Lodges in erecting a headstone at the grave of Past Master John Allen, in Nunhead Cemetery. Bros. Macartney, M.P., and Hyde Clarke were among the visitors to the Lodge, and expressed their pleasure with the way in which the working was done. Bro. Hyde Clarke, in addressing the brethren in response to the toast of the Grand Officers, after supper, contrasted the style of the Gallery Lodge with that of others, and predicted for it a glorious future. The Benevolent Fund he looked upon as a great feature; it would enable the brethren to do an immense amount of real good.

We have received from Bro. T. Francis, of Havant, a copy of his recently published History of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex. Bro. Francis seems to have bestowed much care upon the production of his work, which we will take an early opportunity of perusing.

MASONIC HALLS.

NEXT to ability in the Officers to render the Ritual with force, beauty and propriety, nothing is so important to the dignity and prosperity of Freemasonry as a Hall, handsomely fitted up with proper appointments to give adequate expression to the beautiful degrees of the system. If we go into a town, and find an elegant Masonic hall, with handsome equipments, furniture and apparatus, we do not need to ask what kind of Masons meet there; the fact speaks for itself. But if we find a miserable hall, with bare floors, dilapidated furniture, dirty walls and windows, we do not need to ask anything here about Masonry; we know it is in the last stages of dissolution, if it ever had any healthy existence at any time. We were once in an Ohio town of say 1000 inhabitants, and, as we usually do, we asked some of the brethren to show us their hall. We noticed some evident reluctance and trouble to find the key; but at length the key was found, and as we ascended the dirty staircase, the brother conducting us began to apologise for the condition of the hall. When we were ushered into it, we found a large room, with bare floor, white-washed walls defiled by tobacco juice that had been squirted against them, and had run down in rivulets upon them. The stations, east, west and south, were unpainted boxes, the chairs around the walls were rush-bottomed chairs in every stage of degeneracy! We beat a hasty retreat, and thought to ourself, as we descended the staircase, that if we had lived in that town when a profane, the Masonic Institution would have been the very last Institution we should have wanted to unite with.

And so, feeling the importance of the subject, as Masonic halls are being continually built and renovated, we purpose to give a few words as to the proper construction and equipment of a suitable Masonic hall. If you are about to build, or refit your hall, by all means give heed to some recommendations like the following:

1. Give yourselves plenty of room. Do not get into a little eight by ten affair, where your enthusiasm will all be burnt out by bad air and asphyxia. Be sure and give yourselves room to breathe and to work. It is true that a few brethren in a business meeting look almost lost in a large room, and it is very well, if you can, to have a smaller room also, where you can occasionally meet, but most Lodges can only afford one main room, and it is much better to have the brethren in a small meeting look like a mouse under an umbrella, if thereby you have room to render your work well, than to have a small room where you will be smothered and have no floor space for a suitable rendering of the Ritual.

2. If possible have a stage with shifting side and back scenes in your East. All of our best Masonic halls are now being constructed with these stages and scenery, the idea being borrowed, we think, mainly from the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati. Since that Cathedral was constructed, some fifteen or twenty years ago, Chicago, Indianapolis, Columbus, Dayton, and other places have followed suit, and the fashion ought to be general. Those who want to see to how many uses a stage with scenic accompaniments can be put should go to the Scottish Rite apartments at Chicago, where with not half the amount of room that we have at Cincinnati the very dramatic Ritual of the Scottish Rite is elaborately and handsomely rendered, very largely by the use of the stage alone. Almost everything in Masonic work in the degrees of the York and the Scottish Rite (which together constitute everything that is legitimate in Freemasonry) can be exhibited and worked out in a single room, if necessary, fitted up with a stage and proper accompaniments; and as Masonic work is so largely dramatic in its character, a stage is almost a necessity in properly exhibiting it.

3. In fitting up a Masonic hall there should be a gallery or passage way around part of it, and if possible a large part of it. Every Mason knows that Masonic work requires "travelling," and passage ways around the Lodge-room are very desirable, if not absolutely necessary. We will undertake to render every degree in the York and Scottish systems by the aid of these three things we have mentioned: a large, well-furnished hall, a stage with scenic accompaniments, and a wide gallery or passage way around a good part of the Lodge-room.

4. Of course, there must be at least two ante-rooms: a preparation room and a visitors' waiting-room. These are absolutely necessary to all Masonic work; and no Lodge should have a charter unless provided with these; other rooms are useful as property rooms, but two ante-rooms must always be connected with every Lodge-room.

5. The lighting apparatus is also quite important in fitting up a Masonic hall. The best arrangement is to have a central reflecting light, big enough to light up the whole room, with a ventilating arrangement in connection with it. If you have gas in your town, of course you will use it in your Lodge, and by a "cut-off" you can easily regulate the amount of light to suit the dramatic demands of the work you are engaged in, giving "more light" or "less light" just as you please. If you have no gas, it will not be so easy to regulate the light, but by the aid of curtains, movable by a Master of Ceremonies, you can produce tolerably good effects, and, talking about lights, a Lodge that can afford a stereopticon will find it a valuable auxiliary both in rendering the Ritual, and in entertaining the members and their families when gathered socially.

6. We need add nothing as to dresses, regalia, furniture, and other properties. The more beautiful and extensive these can be furnished, the more impressive will the Ritual be. But these things must be regulated by the funds of the Lodge.—*Masonic Review*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of 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, 21st APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crchton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 142—St. Thom's's, Cannon Street Hotel
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 M.M. 315—Henniker, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C. (CONSECRATION)
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 23rd APRIL.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 935—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebbles Bridge
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro

TUESDAY, 24th APRIL.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blves., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Jopna, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 840—Dalkousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1348—Thury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1416—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)
 1510—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1359—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maldenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Pearlfort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL

- GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 143—Confidence Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 519—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 861—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Gu'dhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1278—Burdett Courts, D. K.'s Head, 79 Whit-chapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1540—Chancer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1601—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Tranquillity, Boy's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 825—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 998—Sonder, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarro
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1241—Nenture, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1293—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
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 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
- THURSDAY, 26th APRIL.
- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Viruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stang-to, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1186—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 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 Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lo. 's Hote, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Brndshawgate, Bolton
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuncaton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Crabbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street Hull
 R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
 R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 424—De Burgh, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 27th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 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)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 788—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Rams'agh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
 R.A. 1088—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 28th APRIL.

1198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

THE TILER'S CLUB.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

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The old Tiler resumed his seat and pipe, and replied with a smile and pointing to the W.M., "There is your Master, ask him." That brother rejoined that it was the Tiler's club that was then in session, not the Lodge, and that the inquiry had been made of the Tiler, not the Master. This sally provoked a laugh, when Brother Senior Warden remarked that he had seen it argued by an English writer, that the word was derived from a Roman word, *Teilor*, signifying "weapon man," or the man with a drawn sword, and that in the Greek mysteries the man who admitted the candidates was so styled. Farther, that he had recently been reading some old Masonic Magazines, and had noticed that in March 1857, a Rev. Brother delivered a lecture before Victoria Lodge, Dublin, Ireland, in which he proposed a new etymology for the word Mason, that was relevant to the question propounded by brother Senior Deacon. This brother stated that as every Lodge is guarded, it is supposed the guard is armed; formerly the weapon was a club, the Latin for which is *maca*, from this the mace of authority is derived, and as the early craftsmen worked with closed or guarded doors—guarded by a *maca*—the Institution in time was called Masonry and its members *Masons*."

The Tiler smiled complacently while listening to this ingenious theory, and remarked that the authority he had just quoted had stated that the derivation of the word was encompassed with much difficulty and uncertainty. Krause had translated it *Ziegeldecker*, or tile coverer, but in the opinion of Bro. Fort, the most satisfactory explanation was found in the corruption of *Tailleur de pierre*, which to ears ignorant of its significance, would sound like Tiler de per. The two methods of spelling the word, Tiler and Tyler, had some bearing, perhaps in the derivation. Operative Freemasonry was, in the opinion of the old Tiler, something more than a toiling assembly of mechanics, the master-pieces of architecture they have left behind them prove that they were acquainted with the principles of science, artists in the truest sense, and endowed with intellectual powers far in advance of their contemporaries. To admit that the word was derived from the old occupation of tiling a roof were to admit that that class of labour was intellectual, and was equivalent to saying that a hod-carrier was a brick-layer.

Bro. Janior Deacon asked whether the word Tiler had not some connection with the Masonic word *hele*.

The W.M. said he was sorry he would have to disagree with the old Tiler in his conclusions, neither did he know that he would enlighten the brethren much, for after all the researches of skilled Craftsmen, the derivation of the word seems to be as obscure as ever. The Tiler had referred to the inferior position of the tilers, or tile-coverers; whatever may have been their standing, they were of sufficient importance to be formed into a guild by themselves, and in the statute of King Edward II. in 1350, their wages are fixed. The titles and implements of Speculative Freemasonry are derived from the operative Craftsmen, and it is to them we should refer for information on this disputed point. It was a part of the Masons' business to make the pavements in their cathedrals, as well as to roof them, and this derivation has been most acceptable among Masonic scholars. The signification attached to it is that, as the tiler, when the building is erected, finishes and covers it with a roof of tile, so the Tiler of the Lodge closes the door and covers the sacred precincts from all intrusion.

The Tiler admitted the force of the Wor. Master's remarks, and said he had read some years ago of another kind of Tiler. A brother travelling in the west of England had visited a Lodge where he found a woman officiating at the outer door. His surprise was to some extent subdued when the brethren informed him she was the widow of the late Tiler, and was continued in the office as a matter of charity.

The Senior Warden remarked that one interesting peculiarity of the Tiler's office had not been mentioned, which was that some of its functions were like those of the old parish beadle. This local functionary was formerly dressed in a manner becoming his distinguished (!) rank, and our ancient brethren appeared to have dressed the Tiler in a similar manner. In a schedule of the regalia, records &c., belonging to the Grand Lodge of all England, taken at a Committee held 15th September 1779, is the entry, "A blue cloth coat with a red collar, for the Tiler."

The young Craftsman who had provoked the discussion, had been examining some old magazines lying on the shelf, and at this point said he had discovered a few verses that suited the old brother before them, and handed them to the Senior Deacon, who read as follows:

THE OLD TILER.

God bless the old Tiler! how long he has trudged
 Through sunshine and storm, with his summonses due;
 No pain nor fatigue has he ever begrudged,
 To serve the Fraternity, Freemasons and you.

God bless the old Tiler! how oft he has led
 The funeral procession from Lodge door to grave;
 How grandly his weapon has guarded the dead
 To their last quiet home, where the acacia boughs wave.

God bless the old Tiler! how oft he has knocked
 When vigilant stranger craved welcome and rest;
 How widely your portals, though guarded and locked,
 Have swung to the signal the Tiler knows best.

There's a Lodge where the door is not guarded nor tiled;
 There's a land without graves, without mourning or sin;
 There's a Master most gracious, paternal and wise,
 And he waits the old Tiler, and bids him "Come in."

And there the old Tiler, no longer outside,
 No longer with weapon of war in his hand;
 A glorified spirit shall grandly abide,
 And, close by the Master, high honoured shall stand.

At the conclusion of the reading, the W. Master announced the hour for labour, and the Tiler's club was adjourned.

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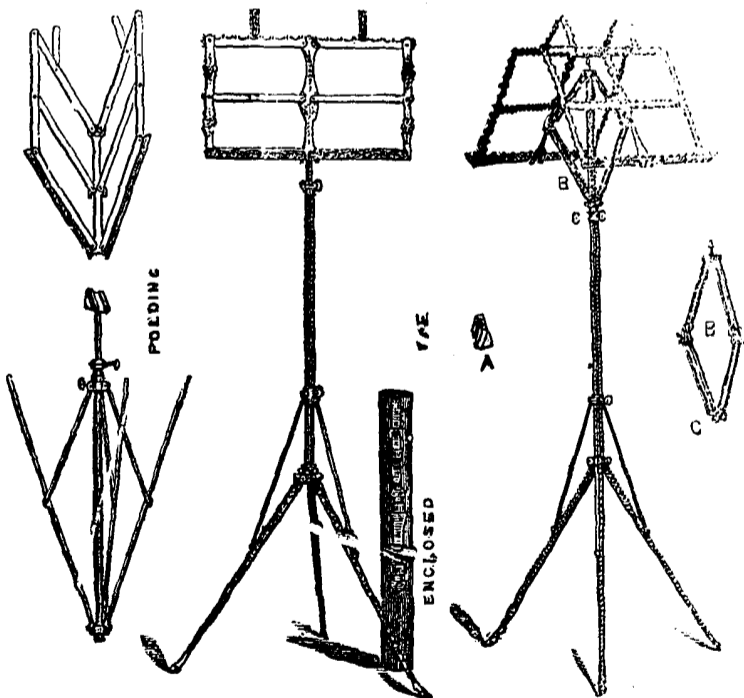
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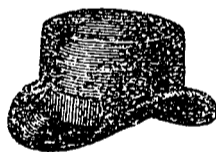
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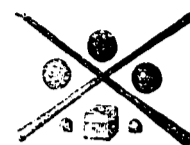
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