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## THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION— A YEAR'S WORK.

**A**FTER the urgent appeals on behalf of the Masonic Charitable Institutions which are made throughout the country day by day, and week by week, from year's end to year's end, it is but fair the Craft should occasionally be told the result of the solicitations which are so pertinaciously continued, and what has been done with the money subscribed. English Freemasons are doubtless accustomed to hear that the Charities of the Order are doing a good work, that they are dependent on the liberality of the Craft for their support, that the claims on their resources are heavy, and that generally there is much to do, and perhaps little to do it with; but how many of them are really conversant with the facts of the case; know to what extent the Institutions do rely on the sympathy of the brethren of England, or what would happen if the flow of subscriptions should be stopped, or even materially lessened? Of course there are some who have taken the trouble to think the matter out, but the majority have given little or no serious attention to the subject. They may perhaps have heard one of the Secretaries of the Institutions make an appeal on behalf of the cause with which they are associated, and which they are so ably qualified to plead for. They have been struck with the argumentative or persuasive eloquence of the speaker, and have there and then determined to do something in support of so deserving a cause; but on reflection they have perhaps been led to look upon the forcible language which at the time impressed them as but the natural utterance of a man whose sole aim is to awaken the spirit of benevolence in his hearers, or in other words that the address was nothing more than the introductory remarks of a good man of business, whose desire it was to secure support for the Institution he represented. There are doubtless many who look upon the appeals of the Secretaries in this light, and not a few who do not subscribe to the Institutions because of the change which takes place in their feelings. But if they do so withhold their donations they do an injustice to a worthy cause. No matter how the Secretaries may appeal; how they paint the horrors of old age and poverty, youth with blighted prospects, together with the utter helplessness of the Institutions to cope with the many calls which are made upon them, we do not think they can exaggerate the claims of the Charities, even if they can plead for them as forcibly as they deserve. Nothing that can be said as to the worthiness of our Institutions is too strong, and no language is too forcible to make use of when advocating their support.

The Annual Report of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was presented to the Governors and Subscribers at their annual meeting on Friday, the 15th instant,—taken in connection with the election of annuitants which took place the same day,—affords us ample material on which to prove the truth of our remarks. Before going fully into details of the case, however, we will attempt to defend our views by one observation:—The Benevolent Institution has at the present time three hundred and seventy-five annuitants on its funds, receiving among them thirteen thousand eight hundred and four pounds per annum in annuities alone. If this was all we had to show as the outcome of this

Masonic Charity, of which we are so proud, we think we should yet have good reason to boast, but as is known to our readers it is but the work of one Institution out of three, and is a fair example of what is being done by each. Let us, however, look at the Report, as presented by the Committee; it may briefly be described as a continuous round of congratulation, and when we consider what has been done during the past year it may well be so. In the first case, there is reference to the Anniversary Festival, which was held on Wednesday, 25th February, under the presidency of Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire. Last year, we are told, the Committee pointed out, with reference to the Festival of the year, that the total raised (£14,665 13s) was the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion in aid of the funds of the Institution, and therefore we can imagine with what pleasure they have to announce—and with what pleasure the news has been received—that this year's total is upwards of three thousand pounds in excess of last year, the actual figures being £17,770 6s 2d. This is indeed a grand total, and reflects the greatest credit on the Chairman and the 352 brethren who constituted the Board of Stewards at the Festival of 1885. Well may the Committee say, "It is impossible the Craft could have furnished a grander illustration than this of the loyalty with which it fulfils its most solemn obligations," and that "it is at a loss for words to sufficiently express its gratitude to the Right Worshipful Chairman and those who laboured so zealously and so successfully in securing this splendid result." Not only is this the opinion of the Committee; it must also be the verdict of every brother associated with the Institution which has been so nobly supported. We are very pleased to see that the Committee have recognised how much of this success is due to the exertions of Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, and have shown the sincerity of their recognition by presenting to that brother the sum of one hundred guineas, "in recognition of his great exertions to secure the success, and of the additional heavy duties which will devolve upon him in the future." There may be—indeed we believe there are—brethren who question the policy of this expenditure, but we ask them to look at the result and answer for themselves the question—how much of the success was due to the exertions of Bro. Terry? We are convinced that a large proportion of it has been the result of his untiring exertions; and if even the £3000 which this year's Festival realised in excess of last year's is all that has come to the Institution in consequence of the special work he has imposed upon himself, and we should be inclined to say that even more is due to his persistent appeals—day and night be it remembered—no one would begrudge the special recognition he has been the recipient of. It is one thing to attend a Masonic meeting once in a way, on pleasure bent, but quite another—as we can testify—to go to two, three, four or even more each week with a set purpose in view, which really amounts to business. An ordinary member of a Lodge can refrain from attending a meeting if he may feel indisposed, if he have other calls on his time, or if indeed he may be inclined so to do, but this is not the case with brethren who have public duties to perform; they must accept and attend to every invitation they receive, no matter when or where the meeting is to be held, and sacrifice all personal calls for the good of the cause they champion. Is it then too much to specially reward them when they have made

special efforts—efforts, too, which have had the most satisfactory results?

The next section of the Report deals with the number of annuitants on the Funds of the Institution, the number seeking admission to its benefits, and the vacancies which were available for them. After the Election of 1884 the Institution had upon its Funds 352 annuitants (170 men and 182 widows), of whom 21 (18 men and 3 widows) died during the twelve months to the day of election of 1885. For this year's contest there were 118 approved candidates, for whom the twenty-one vacancies caused by the death of former annuitants were the only natural ones open. The Committee, however, in face of so formidable a list of applicants, decided, at their meeting in February, to increase the number of vacancies, by placing three more men and ten more widows upon the Fund, and later on the Governors and Subscribers, at the Annual Meeting on the day of Election, declared vacancies for ten more widows, so that the number of annuitants was raised to 375—173 men and 202 widows—to which number it was that day increased and now stands. The amount required for these 375 annuitants is £13,384 per annum, in addition to which it must be borne in mind that a further annual sum of £420 will be needed to provide the half of late husbands' annuities assigned to 21 widows, and payable during the first three years of their widowhood. This very considerable increase in the number of annuitants will of course necessitate even more strenuous exertions in the future, as any falling off in income must naturally be followed by a corresponding decrease in the number of recipients; but such an event we trust it will never be our task to record.

There are several other items of interest in the Report, but inasmuch as we give it in full in another column, it is not necessary to refer to them here. We may, however, again congratulate the Committee on the pleasurable task they have had to perform, and express a hope that their future annual statements may always be as satisfactory.

Referring now to the statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Institution, we find that the totals for the year under all heads have been: Receipts £19,822 0s 4d, and Expenditure £16,168 6s 7d, showing a surplus of £3,653 13s 9d, of which latter sum £2,077 10s has been expended in the purchase of Government Stock, the total The year's work, therefore, has resulted in an increase in the funded property of the Institution, at a cost of upwards of two thousand pounds, and an increase of £1,576 3s 9d in balances carried forward, in addition to the payment of the annuities and the current expenses of the twelve months. The Male Fund started the year (reckoned from 1st April 1884) with a balance of £3,445 12s 9d, and received, during the term under notice, a total of £8,397 19s 7d. Of the receipts, £2,017 10s 8d comes under the head of permanent income, comprising annual grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter £900, and dividends on Stock in Government Funds £1,117 10s 8d. The balance of £6,380 8s 11d is made up of special grants from Grand Chapter, donations from Lodges, Chapters and individuals, annual subscriptions, legacies, and sundries. The expenditure during the same term was £8,254 4s 5d (exclusive of the amount spent in the purchase of stock), and may be divided under three heads, as follows: annuities £6,700, expenses in connection with the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon (medicine, warden, pension to late gardener, gardener's salary, rates and taxes, entertainment of Stewards and annuitants, rent of field, &c.) £227 18s 5d, and expenses of management, postages, election, salaries, commission, &c. £1,326 6s. The Female Fund had a balance brought forward at the commencement of the year of £3,981 3s, and received £11,394 15s 9d during the twelve months. In this case the receipts under the head of permanent income amounted to £1,575 10s 4d, made up of grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter £850, and dividends on stock in Government Funds £725 10s 4d; while the donations from Lodges, Chapters, special grant from Grand Chapter, and individuals, annual subscriptions, legacy, &c. total up to £9,819 5s 5d. The disbursements (exclusive of the sum invested) amounted to £7,909 18s 2d, and, divided as in the case of the Male Fund, shows the following totals: annuities £6,297, expenses in connection with the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon £243 18s 8d, and expenses of management, &c. £1,368 19s 6d. The sustentation of Building Fund had a balance on 31st of March 1884 of £73 6s 7d, received dur-

ing the year £29 5s (from dividends on stock in Government Funds), and expended £4 4s on repairs, so that it stood £21 5s better off at the end of the year than at the commencement. Summarising the totals of the three funds we have the following as the statement of the year: Balances brought forward £7,500 2s 4d, Receipts £19,822 0s 4d (£3,622 6s on Permanent income account, and £16,199 14s 4d donations, &c.), expenditure £16,168 6s 7d, Purchase of Stock £2,077 10s, and balances carried forward £9,076 6s 1d. The expenditure summarised under the three heads given above totals up as follows: Annuities £12,997, Expenses at Croydon £476 1s 1d, and Expenses of Management, &c., £2,695 5s 6d. This latter item is one which brethren are sometimes heard to refer to as being very heavy: but a brief examination of it will, we think, go far to correct this opinion, or at all events to considerably modify it. The totals for the year show an expenditure of £2,695 5s 6d, under what we have termed expenses of management, &c.; but this title is somewhat misleading, as the details of the several items comprised in it will prove. No less a sum than £1,313 10s 9d has to be deducted under the head of Postages, &c., including expenses of election (£472 1s); Stationery, Printing, &c. (£356 0s 4d); Provincial, &c. Expenses (£132 8s); Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied (£119 8s 6d); Rent of Office and hire of Hall for election (£95 5s); Advertisements (£47 13s 9d); Votes of thanks to Stewards (£42 12s 6d); Messenger and Petty Expenses (£48 1s 8d). This leaves us a total of £1,381 14s 9d expended in management expenses proper, and even of this sum £496 6s 9d has to be deducted as the amount of the Collector's commission (£488 16s 9d), and premium on his guarantee policy (£7 10s), giving a final balance of £885 8s, as the expenses entailed in the Secretarial and Clerical duties necessary in connection with the receipt and expenditure of close on twenty thousand pounds. We do not think those who complain of this so-called extravagance can have given any attention to the subject; they have known that a large amount was being annually expended on matters outside actual annuities, without taking into consideration that a very large portion of this outside expenditure was represented by postages, printing, stationery, rent, &c., or they would never have imagined that the management of the Institution was an expensive one. The actual cost—exclusive of collector's commission, which we consider should be considered separately from management expenses—is less than four and a half per cent on the total raised! If we may judge of the value of services by the result which follows, and of the cost of management in comparison with what it realises, we may hold up the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as a pattern of excellence, rather than, as some would have us believe, an expensive and extravagantly managed Institution.

In conclusion, a few words as to this year's election. We have already seen that there were forty-four vacancies to be filled, and one hundred and eighteen approved candidates to compete for them. Of this latter number 5 died previous to the contest, so there were 113 left to go to the poll. Of these, forty-four were elected as immediate annuitants, six as deferred annuitants, and the remainder were sent away unsuccessful;—with the exception of the four (two male and two female) highest on the poll, who are entitled to receive the sums of money granted by the Committee of the John Hervey Fund. We offer our congratulations with those of the two former classes, and our sympathy with those of the latter. All we can hope for them is, that they may be more fortunate next year, when we trust it may be possible to give as gratifying a record as this has been of the year's work of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Last week we published the names of the successful candidates, with the number of votes polled; in another part of this issue we publish a list of the unsuccessful, with the number of votes standing to their credit, all of which will, as usual, be carried forward for their benefit next year.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As Spring advances a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes, which have arisen from the presence of matters forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fullness after eating, lassitude, gout and rheumatism may be effectually checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

## THE THEATRES.

**Princess's.**—The present brief but most successful run of the "Silver King" closed on Wednesday, when a crowded and enthusiastic audience gave the occasion almost the excitement of a "première." Mr. Wilson Barrett, Mr. Willard, and Miss Eastlake were recalled after each act, and when the curtain finally fell the manager was thrice summoned. As the audience would not depart without a speech, Mr. Wilson Barrett modestly thanked them for the reception given to the "Silver King," and announced the re-appearance of another old friend on Saturday. We trust ere long Mr. Barrett will present us with another Shakespearian revival. Personally we feel so classic an actor is unwise if he buries himself too much in the slums of "Horrible London."

**Toole's.**—The comic muse of King William-street, with sprightly impertinence, has seized upon the prevalent Japanomania, and offers us his delightfully preposterous "Japananza." Here Bro. J. Toole, as the "Great Tay-Kin," is almost unrecognisable when, like the dawn in Eastern "mantle clad," he appears in the gorgeous costume of old Japan. This merry little skit was written before the Japanese village met with such sudden disaster, but though the shops, the lanterns, the flags, the inhabitants with shaven heads, queer wooden clogs, foliated garments, with features and complexions to match, are introduced as matter for laughter, the laughter is of the kindest sort. Mr. Toole is once more a hen-pecked spouse; he is indulging in the meekest little flirtation at the Village, whilst the villagers with native simplicity dance and sing with exonerating realism. To escape his angry wife, he assumes the dress of a native conjuror, and is under the necessity of dissembling his incapacity. But he is happily helped out of his difficulty by the charming native lady, Miss Osaker, who delighted every one with her pretty rendering of some capital palming and pass-pass tricks. There is a very clever duet in the true Gilbertian vein, introduced in praise of the great Tay-Kin family, with its cheap wines and cheap science, its poker for travellers, copper mines, co-operative companies, invention shows, with unlimited flirtation privileges, and all the newest productions of the gifted fraternity. The song is nightly encored, whilst a duet between Mr. Toole and Mr. Ward is equally fetching. Every one engaged entered with zest into the fun; especially amusing were Mr. Cheesman, Mr. Shelton, and Miss Emily Thorne. We must not omit to mention delightful Netty Grey, the three-year-old jap baby.

**Mr. William Bull's Orchid Exhibition.**—A short journey on the Metropolitan Railway and fifteen minutes in a Chelsea omnibus and we reach the enchanted palace of the queen of flowers, Orchids—so devotedly served by her devoted liegeman William Bull. At Mr. Bull's nursery, 136 Queen's-road, Chelsea, we pass through a greenhouse where tall tree ferns spread their fans in happy disregard of London smoke, thence through a second door and we are amidst the loveliest, most brilliant and most fantastic wonders, whose forbears make the glory of the forests of Mexico, Peru, Ceylon, Java or the Indies. All colours that are fair, save blue—is it not strange that the hue of heaven should be denied these children of the air? There are multiform varieties of the slipper orchid, so quaintly graceful, but with its death-trap for prying insects. The saffron-toned octopus bloom, with its long groping arms. That merry conceit of a flower the bird on a rock, a loving mimicry. The graceful cluster of the cymbidium, with its delicate peach lines touched with deep red. The graceful calanthe, which condescends to grow on the earth. The pure white orchid from Borneo, the butterfly spreading its petal wings and waving its delicate stamen antennae. A hundred varieties, all beautiful and all growing with luxuriance; one might imagine the scene a dream of the far East. Mr. Bull shows us some that will grow in an unwarmed conservatory, while there are many that can be purchased for a few shillings. Here is to be seen the divine Chelsiniensis, of which Mr. Bull asserts that he possesses the only plant that has ever bloomed in Europe. We advise those of our readers who may be depressed by the assertive character of the north winds to invoke Mr. Bull's kindly aid, we can assure them he can introduce them to a paradise of perennial bloom.

**The Oxford.**—Those who, like ourselves, find enjoyment in an abundant and refined entertainment can scarcely hope to secure any more congenial means of passing an evening than at this pre-eminently successful music-hall. By the exercise of that tact in management and judicious selection of *matériel* for which he has become proverbial, Bro. J. H. Jennings has made the Oxford par excellence the resort of those who admire talent in this particular line, and who love gay and sparkling humour as distinguished from boisterous buffoonery. On the occasion of our visit, after the usual prefatory incidents, we watched with interest the spirited and clever exploits of the Avolo Boys, "pine-stick marvels and musical wonders," whose performances justly entitle them to their self-assumed appellation. Then came the American speciality artistes, Rowe and Athol, who were well received, but one of the most notable features of the entertainment was the astounding pantomimic act of the Boisset Troupe, whose evolutions on the stage were of the most marvellous and interesting character. The troupe, six in number, were made up after the most picturesque fashion, French in every characteristic, and their "knock-about" work was of a novel and, to our thinking, hazardous character, for shoulders, shins, and other excrescences of the human frame. They received assistance from some cleverly contrived properties, in the shape of a cabinet, pianoforte, and other appliances. The musical ability of the troupe is also of a high order, and when the audience perceived that their instruments were capable of receiving the bodies of the performers, who dived or were literally thrown into them, their wonder may be better imagined than de-

scribed. We think Bro. Jennings has done wisely in retaining the services of this truly clever troupe for the Whitsuntide entertainments, and we cordially recommend all who are in want of a thoroughly enjoyable means of amusement and relaxation to pay a visit to the Oxford. The tariff has recently been revised, and refreshments are now purveyed at the ordinary out-door prices, so that the public need not fear the tax which is often found at places of amusement, and of which complaint is so justly made. To those of our friends who are total abstainers it will be gratifying to know that a cup of tea, coffee, or chocolate, "eminently drinkable," can be obtained at the modest charge of threepence.

**Alhambra.**—Those of our readers who delight in ballets and a strong variety company should pay the Alhambra a visit. The Swans and Melusine ballets, with Mdlle Sampietro and Mdlle Palladino respectively as premières, give a chance of seeing some graceful dancing. Miss Vesta Tilley and Miss Jenny Hill are clever, though the songs of the latter lack refinement. Pierce and Monaghan sing and dance well; while Dutch Dily proves himself a master of the instrument he introduces. Mons. Treway, performs some clever juggling tricks, while his balancing is exceptionally good. The Chiesi troupe go through some extraordinary acrobatic feats, while the hat throwing and catching of the men is effected with marvellous accuracy. Charles Coborn received the usual reception given to those artists who lay themselves out for political songs. In conclusion the band, which is under the direction of M. Jacobi, during the evening plays several popular selections in an admirable manner.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION  
UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, 1885 ELECTION.

## MALES.

No. on List.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
6 Allies, Frederick	15	485	500
3 Harrison, William	137	304	441
7 Robinson, John	2	267	269
41 Hackforth, Henry		257	257
4 Harper, Francis	40	201	241
10 Nichol, Robert	94	—	94
2 Sarl, Charles	39	36	75
40 Rowe, John		53	53
16 McLean, William John		50	50
13 Nixon, William		37	37
8 Leigh, Charles	8	12	20
35 Fry, Robert Henry		15	15
26 Hogg, Henry Leggott		9	9
5 Musham, John	6	2	8

## FEMALES.

31 Conlton, Elizabeth	421	934	1355
1 Elliott, Isabella	1014	235	1249
11 Rumsey, Phoebe Ann	950	297	1247
9 Hill, Elizabeth	713	523	1236
22 Leaver, Jane	664	554	1218
64 Shayer, Helen		874	874
49 Owen, Cordelia		869	869
20 Townsend, Jane Mary	353	318	671
55 Shury, Maria		589	589
63 Death, Matilda Eleanor		538	538
3 Rowell, Margaret	411	30	441
54 Taylor, Mary A.		409	409
7 Pelton, Mary	264	102	366
40 Barnett, Elizabeth	83	272	355
16 Timms, Susan	291	14	305
30 Dann, Elizabeth Caroline	209	81	290
75 Andrew, Harriett		257	257
24 Cooley, Elizabeth L.	181	44	225
47 Tunstall, Ann	15	201	216
51 Coles, Emma		216	216
18 Heppel, Mary	137	35	172
70 Wardale, Rachel		135	135
71 Burrell, Elizabeth		98	98
46 Mannington, Elizabeth A.	34	60	94
62 Haskins, Emily E.		75	75
17 Lovelock, Louisa	61	4	65
4 Maddick, Jane	16	47	63
35 Jackson, Elizabeth R.	15	39	54
52 Bennett, Mary Ann		41	41
43 Percy, Mary	14	26	40
37 Babbage, Mary Ann C.	—	34	34
41 Ford, Mary Ann	2	31	33
57 Vile, Maria		31	31
25 Scott, Laura Kezia Simmons	19	11	30
28 Redman, Mary	16	12	28
69 Buss, Sarah		22	22
12 Parker, Annie	6	14	20
6 Copeland, Charlotte	17	—	17
8 Rigalsford, Sarah	11	5	16
72 Baker, Ann E.		15	15
74 Weston, Julia		13	13
21 Greenwood, Helen	4	4	8
23 Cook, Elizabeth Ann	4	4	8
50 White, Mary		6	6
58 Lloyd, Annie		2	2
29 Salisbury, Jane	—	1	1
66 Knott, Jane V.		1	1
67 Oates, Elizabeth		—	—
68 Hartley, Isabella		—	—
73 Chapman, Charlotte		—	—



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## PARSIS AND FIRE WORSHIP.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In looking over the *British Critic* for the half year ending December 1803, I notice a review of "Letters upon the Atlantis of Plato, and the Ancient History of Asia," by M. Bailly. The author fixes upon "the bleak and frozen regions of Siberia," as "the primitive seat of science, the abode of the first race of men, the famed Atlantides, who descending in latter ages from the overflowing plains of Scythia, and down the steep of Caucasus, brought with them into Southern Asia the rudiments of the arts and sciences, and the worship of the sun and fire, which, he asserts, could only have originated in a climate, and in the cheerless empire of polar darkness." So writes the reviewer. M. Bailly was a Frenchman of great reputation as an astronomer, and it is said of him that he achieved notoriety not only for the views he held on the above subject, but also for his ingratitude. He is accused of having received a private pension from the King, and of having insulted and betrayed him. Whatever may have been the truth in this matter, M. Bailly gained favour with the revolutionary party, but the connection proved his Nemesis. He advanced too far for his reputation, but not far enough for his new friends, and from patriot to traitor was but a short step. He was guillotined in 1793. Like Voltaire, whom he so much admired and flattered, he was the enemy of all religion, and his views relating thereto must be received with caution, if not with grave suspicion.

M. Bailly's hostility to religion warped his judgment, and it may be influenced his estimation and statements of facts. Therefore the following must be taken with the limitations I have mentioned. He says the Persian nation, "in point of antiquity is at least equal to the Chinese." Popular opinion assigns to the latter nation a fabulous age, but if M. Bailly is to be relied upon the origin of the Chinese empire can be held within the grasp of time. He adds that the Persian empire and the foundation of Persepolis ascend to "three thousand two hundred and nine years before Jesus Christ." Whatever may be the value of this estimate, there can be no doubt of the antiquity of Persia, a claim urged by the author of the history of the Parsis, and confirmed by others well able to judge. With equal confidence M. Bailly says the Persians were "worshippers of the fire of the sun." Here he parts company with Dosabhai Framji Karaka, and falls into what appears to be a common error. That some Persians might have confounded substance with symbol, a physical fact with a spiritual type, as did the Egyptians of old, and as many do now, is quite possible, but the question arises—did the Persians really worship fire and the sun as material entities? M. Bailly assumes that they did, apparently upon the authority of tradition, and not upon facts duly weighed. There is good evidence against his assumption, for the learned Thos. Hyde, D.D., a century before M. Bailly's time, very clearly describes the theory of fire and sun worship. The reviewer in the *Critic*, on the authority of Dr. Hyde, says, that the Persians "paid not their worship to the simple element of fire, but adored it as the symbol of the Supreme Being, who pervades, animates and cherishes the universe. The sun was still a brighter symbol, and still purer image, the august temple in which the Deity was thought to have placed his throne, and was honoured with most fervent devotion, but still as a secondary object."

In "the Pillar of Fire: or Israel in Bondage," by the Rev. J. H. Ingraham, LL.D., one of the principal characters is made to say "This meaning . . . removes . . . the impression . . . that you and the queen and your whole court [Egyptian] worshipped the sun as the Persic and Parthian natives do." The following is put into the mouth of another important character: "We are not idolaters like the Persian and Barbara Kings." These statements, coming from such a source, are rather staggering. While viewing with suspicion the authority of M. Bailly, that of Dr. Ingraham on the other hand claims respect. I do not pretend to decide between the rival statements, I quote them to show that the belief in the idolatry of the Persians is wide-spread, and is not confined to the uneducated. The Parsis of India seem particularly jealous of their religion, as is shown by the work of their latest historian. The idea of idolatry is repugnant to them, and yet it confronts them in the estimation of many at least who would not wilfully misinterpret their views, and who are entitled to speak with authority. The difficulty is for experts to settle, my part in the matter ends with calling attention to a very serious divergence of opinion. Whatever may have been the practice of the ancient Persians, I do not think it can be maintained that their descendants—the Parsis of India—worship either fire or the sun, or that they are open in any sense to the charge of idolatry.

I am, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER.

## WHICH IS RIGHT?

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You know Pope's query,—"When doctors disagree, who shall decide?" "W.M.," who wrote to you three weeks ago, and to your contemporary a fortnight since,

is evidently between two stools. His question is a simple and natural one. Notice of motion for the exclusion of a brother had been given, and as Master of the Lodge he wished to know whether he should be acting Masonically and within the rules of the Constitutions and Civil law if he placed the name of the threatened brother on the Lodge summons, especially as the accused had written protesting against such action. As a key-note to "W.M.'s" sentiments, which were creditable to him, it may be mentioned that he asked also whether it would not be wiser to treat the case in the same manner as that of a brother in arrears.

Your answer is,—and it is worth repeating,—"No good purpose can follow the publication of the name in such a case; in addition, we are of opinion that an action for libel might stand."

Your contemporary says that not only would it be in accordance with Masonic authority "to give the name of the brother proposed to be excluded," but "that it constitutes no libel to do so. Such also appears to have been the opinion of Bro. Mr. Justice Field in a well-known case." I must plead ignorance of the "well-known case." Were I conversant with it, perhaps I might find that it was not on all fours with the case "W.M." mentions. Putting aside the question of precedent—for at present it is an unknown quantity in the argument—I propose to deal with the matter from a common sense view. First of all it is doubtful whether your contemporary has not volunteered its authority—that is, has inserted a letter from your issue of the previous week for the sake of airing its knowledge and of playing the scarcely friendly part of censor upon yourself. That this view is not altogether without warrant may be seen by an advertisement of the candidate for assistance from a Benevolent Institution. The election took place on 1st May, and it is stated in the advertisement that it would take place on that day, and yet the advertisement is repeated on the 9th. It is a clear case of copying, and not of order. The advertisement I refer to is that of a candidate for the Governesses' Benevolent Annuity Fund. I know of one or two cases in which you have inserted charitable advertisements gratuitously, when you have felt there were special claims, and I should not be surprised to hear that you had been solicited to assist in this instance. If that be so, it is rather singular that your contemporary should wait a fortnight before complying with a similar request, presuming, of course, such request to have been made. I am strengthened in this view by observing that in your contemporary's issue of the 16th inst. not only is this same advertisement repeated, but there is another one referring to the anniversary of the Ragged School Union, which actually took place on the 11th inst. I pass by other advertisements which have appeared from time to time, because your contemporary although dated Saturday is published on Friday morning, so that announcements referring to matters to take place on that day cannot fairly be claimed as anachronisms. The other cases I refer to are stupid blunders. They imply that what we in the country call "bucks" are largely used by your contemporary. There are other advertisements and matters of a suspicious character which indicate to me some of the tricks of the trade. And while I am in the censorious mood, I may as well say that I hold the editor responsible for the proper reading of his own matter at least. Your contemporary is often disfigured by typographical blunders, which show not only negligence but incompetence. The word "outline" for "ontlive" is unpardonable in a leader in a paper that boasts in the very next sentence that it is "really and truly one of the leading Masonic journals in Masonry." Truly! how modest! Now I like the *Freemason*, and am sorry to notice, as I do from time to time, its many shortcomings. Its egotism, I admit, is occasionally too strong. The flavour is always present, but the element of self-praise now and then chokes one. I like a little Latin or French sometimes, not that I understand much of either, but it looks so learned to be able to use foreign words and phrases. It is true English would be equally, if not more effective, but then it would not look so nice nor please the "gods" nearly so well. Forgive me for trespassing thus far. And now let me say a few words about the two answers referred to above.

I do not think many will hesitate to say on which side lies the higher claim to morality and Masonic generosity. To the possible parading of a brother's Masonic delinquencies I have the strongest objection. It is contrary to the spirit of the Craft. If the offence were of a more serious character, then the publication of it would not only be immoral on the part of the brother who caused it to be done, but decidedly libellous in a legal sense. I should like to know where the Masonic authority is to be found for your contemporary's opinion. "W.M." cannot find a rule in the Book of Constitutions that applies to the case, and I do not remember any rule that can be appealed to. Surely your contemporary might have pointed out the authority, especially as "W.M." distinctly asks for it. But it does nothing of the kind; it speaks *ex cathedra*, and expects to be received as Sir Oracle.

Freemasonry, if it is anything, is a secret society. The law of the land sanctions its existence, but it in no way exonerates it from legal responsibility. Apart from the un-Masonic act of publishing anything that reflects on the character of a brother, there remains the rights of citizenship, and no privilege ought to protect a man against Masonic unbrotherly feeling and the infraction of legal rights. I do not believe that the law would sanction such a violation as your contemporary suggests, and I am certain that every Masonic feeling is against such a proceeding. We are bound to uphold a Mason's honour, to deal generously with his faults, to protect him even against himself. To say then that it is lawful to publish a statement that might injure him, that would certainly leave a stain upon his character, is contrary to every right I ever heard of, and repugnant to that charity which hopeth all things, and covereth a multitude of sins. You have common sense, honour, morality and charity on your side;—I leave your contemporary to find out what virtue it can claim.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

FAIR PLAY.

## Obituary.

### THE LATE BRO. SIR W. W. WYNN, BART., M.P.

It is difficult to understand how it is that the death of one man should cause such an extraordinary display of emotion as was witnessed in North Wales last week, except upon the supposition that Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, the object of the people's mourning, really reigned in their hearts. His birth was the signal for an outburst of enthusiasm, his marriage created great excitement, and his death is mourned as if a father in Israel had departed. In his life Sir Watkin displayed all the qualities of a prince, and although a strictly party man in politics, his generosity was never bounded by the narrowness of parties or of creeds. The representatives of the two political bodies vied with each other in bearing testimony to our deceased brother's excellent qualities, the Liberal organ just showing its party teeth, but not sufficiently to spoil the praise it was impelled to bestow. We are told by the *Shropshire Post*, the organ of the party to which Sir Watkin belonged, that it "would require the compendium of an extraordinary catalogue of kind and beneficent acts . . . to show the good that had been brought about with his co-operation and at his instigation." "Within the family circle Sir Watkin was regarded with the love and affection of all; outside he was looked upon as a public benefactor, and such he was. Few people in North Wales escaped the reach of his beneficence. His tenantry knew and appreciated his word as a landlord; the rich appreciated his genial presence and sound sense; the poor appreciated his kind-hearted and liberal generosity." All the circumstances bear witness to the truth of this picture. Mansion and cottage, church and chapel, in singular unanimity, felt the blow when Sir Watkin died. Those who know how extreme and bitter are the political dissenters of Wales, will estimate their testimony as to the worth of the deceased. Their better nature was touched, and with all the generosity and pride of the native Cymri, they yielded full and unstinted praise. If anything were wanted to show the depth of feeling that had been aroused it was shown at the funeral, which took place at Llangedwyn on Friday last. As early as five o'clock in the morning two thousand people assembled in Wynnstay Park, and the number was considerably increased by six o'clock, when the hearse was sent on its journey through the long avenue of stately trees, the branches and leaves of which formed a grand canopy. The sides of the road were lined with members of the Volunteer Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and by people of all classes. Throughout the whole route there was the same manifestation of interest and mourning. The hearse was literally covered with beautiful wreaths, and among those who contributed these emblems of respect and immortality were the Lodges Fitzalan, 1432, Oswestry, and Square and Compasses, 1336, Wrexham. There was a very large gathering of the brethren at the funeral to pay a tribute of respect to their deceased Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, among whom were Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart, D.P.G.C., Rowland G. Venables 611, P.G.S.W., Rees Buckley Williams 991, P.G.J.W., Rev. Robert Jackson 1896 P.G.C., Rev. John Lewis 1509, P.G.C., J. P. White 262 P.G.T., W. H. Spaul 1124 P.G. Secretary, Dr. E. Robinson 998 P.A.G.S., John Kitto 1582 P.G.S.D., W. Putman 611 P.G.J.D., W. J. Lovegrove 1988, 1509 P.G.S. of Works, W. H. Foulkes 1674 P.G.D. of C., Dr. F. H. V. Grosholz 1583 P.G.A.D. of C., A. T. Akeroyd 1432 P.G.O., W. Simms 1621 P.G.P., C. K. Benson 1336 P.A.G.P., V. C. L. Crump 117, Treasurer to the Charity Association, P.G. Steward, T. A. Forster 1594 P.G. Stew., J. Maclardy 1432 P.G. Stew., R. Lewis 117 Auditor. The following Masters were present:—Bros. T. C. Royle 117, R. A. Craig 262, W. Morton 611, John Owen 998, G. P. Rayner 1113, L. E. Woolston 1120, G. J. Morgan 1124, J. Perry-Jones 1143, J. F. Edisbury 1336, Samuel Morris 1369, J. H. Parsons 1432, T. L. Evans 1488, John Ginders 1575, J. Jones 1584, H. A. Steer 1674. Each Mason carried a sprig of acacia, which he dropped on the grave as he passed. The scene at the little church and at the grave was most solemn and affecting. Mixed with the relatives of the deceased were peers and peasants, members of the House of Commons and ministers of many faiths. No fewer than a hundred vehicles found their way to Llangedwyn on the

occasion of the funeral, and certainly the present generation have never witnessed such a sight as they saw in the village on Friday last. The occasion was a sad one, but the experience was a grand and noble one. The best side of human nature was presented; the simple faith of the people found exemplification in the breasts of the highest, and all combined to pay tribute to honest worth.

Wynnstay has had some rather remarkable inhabitants, of whom we do not desire to speak until we come to the time when the present family became its masters. The direct ancestors of the deceased's family bore the name of Williams, and the father of the first baronet of that name was Canon of Bangor. His son was a barrister, and while on his Welsh circuit is said to have danced with the daughter of Walter Kyffin, Esq., of Glasgoed, Llansilin, whose heart he captivated, and to whose hand he aspired. When he approached the father of the maiden he asked his would-be son-in-law, "What have you?" The ready reply was, "I have, sir, a tongue and a gown." Williams got his bride, and prospered amazingly. He was Speaker in the House of Commons in the time of Charles II., and Solicitor General under James II., when he was made a knight, and afterwards a baronet. While Speaker he incurred a heavy money fine for performing what was little more than an executive act, and as one of the leading counsel for the King against the Seven Bishops, he incurred no little public odium. Sir Thomas Powys was Attorney General, but the brunt of the great forensic fight rested on the shoulders of Sir William Williams, who displayed some fine qualities of mind, and a good deal of temper. The second Sir William married into the Wynn family of Gwydyr, of ancient and kingly descent, and his son became the first Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, of Wynnstay. This baronet was the type of his successor. Smollett said he was "brave, open, and hospitable," and his career proved it. The second Sir Watkin married a daughter of the Duke of Beaufort, but early became a widower. When he came of age a banquet took place in Wynnstay Park, at which were 15,000 guests. "Three coaches full of cooks were sent from London for the occasion," says the *Annual Register*. Sir Watkin married a second time, the daughter of the Right Hon. George Grenville, Prime Minister, and his subsequent life was devoted to the encouragement of art, music, and the drama. He was fond of masquerades, and on one occasion Lelie says, "The jolly Sir Watkin produced great effect at a masquerade in the Pantheon, by riding in as St. David, mounted on a Welsh goat." It is said that he "established a Freemasons' Lodge at Wynnstay, and some of the furniture then used in it is now possessed by St. Oswald's Lodge of Odd Fellows, Oswestry." This "Jolly Sir Watkin," died in 1789 at the early age of forty-one, much beloved. The third Sir Watkin "doted on the military." He founded a regiment of yeomen, called the "Ancient British Fencibles," who did good service in quelling the rebellion in Ireland. They were called "Sir Watkin's Lambs" and "Bloody Britons," and when the strains of the Welsh air, "Sir Watkin's Delight," caught the Irish ear it roused them to fury. This baronet encouraged the Lancastrian method of teaching, and gave a building at Wexham "sufficiently large enough to educate 500 poor children . . . besides subscribing very handsomely towards the support of the Institutions." In 1814 he equipped another regiment for foreign service, but was too late for the battle of Toulouse. His reception on his return was enthusiastic, and he was presented with a silver vase "weighing 1,500 oz., costing 19s 6d per oz., measuring 3 ft. 2 in. by 2 ft. 4 in. across, and containing 14 gallons." In 1817 Sir Watkin married Lady Henrietta Clive, who became the mother of the late baronet. His father died in 1840, when a demonstration similar to that of Friday week took place. The late Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn's successor is his nephew, who is only twenty-four years of age. He is said to have "a very genial disposition," and to have "won the hearts of all with whom he has come in contact." He has a rich inheritance, and richer than that the record of the good deeds of his noble-hearted predecessor.

### BRO. W. W. MOXHAY.

On the 13th instant, at Reading, Bro. William Watkinson Moxhay, P.M. 414, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Moxhay, who entered the Lodge of Union, 414, on 13th February 1854, was well known and highly

esteemed in the Craft. For many years he installed the Masters of the Reading Lodges, his correct ritual and impressive manner in so doing being always much admired. The respect and esteem in which he was held by the Craft was testified by the large attendance at his funeral, which took place in Reading Cemetery, on the 16th instant. The Provincial Grand Secretary, with the Masters and Secretaries of the three Reading Lodges, and the S.W. of the Union Lodge, acted as pall bearers.

BRO. J. E. CARPENTER, M.A., PH. D., P.M. 284, 1196.

THE unexpected and somewhat sudden death of the "Father" of the Urban Lodge, Bro. Joseph Edwardes Carpenter P.M. P.Z., has not only deprived it of its indefatigable and much-esteemed Secretary, but the music-loving public of the most eminent song and ballad writer since the ever-celebrated Tom Moore. Many of the late Bro. Carpenter's productions were set to music by well-known composers, amongst whom Charles Stephen Glover, Vincent Wallace, Macfarren, and Wrighton may be mentioned, and his works attained a universal popularity which has indeed made his name a household word. Wherever the English language is spoken, his "Beautiful Venice," "What are the wild waves saying," "Happy be thy dreams," "Her bright smile haunts me still," and other lyric gems are sure to be found. In addition to his reputation as a song writer, he will be remembered in connection with one of the most popular works of modern times—"Carpenter's Penny Readings," published by F. Warne and Co., the aggregate sale of which may be counted by hundreds of thousands. "Carpenter's celebrated Song Books," published in 8 volumes, containing some 6000 songs, with the names of the authors and composers correctly given, forms the most complete collection of national songs ever published. These and other works, which space will not permit us to enumerate, edited and compiled or composed by Dr. Carpenter, form a lasting memorial of our departed brother. "By their works ye shall know know them." The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Highgate Cemetery, was attended by several of his literary and musical friends, many of whom are members of the Urban Lodge or Chapter, or the Urban Club, from which the former sprang. The Worshipful Master, Bro. C. Butler, and a strong muster of the Past Masters and members were present at the grave, amongst whom we noticed Bros. C. Hawksley I.P.M., J. R. Ware P.M., Jonathan Pearson P.M., J. Tickle P.M., J. Simpson P.M., R. W. Blatchford P.M., F. Eckstein P.M., G. E. Fairchild P.M., J. F. Beck S.W., J. W. Taan J.W., and the following brethren:—A. E. Jones, Francis Radford, R. W. Cheadle, J. Morison, W. E. Haycock P.M. 901, J. T. Plomer, E. Barge P.M. 167, J. J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Dr. R. Walford, G. Watts, Donald King, B. Jeffreys P.M.; also Dr. Lempriere, H. Church, and other members of "light and learning." The coffin, of polished oak, with massive brass mounts, was conveyed from deceased's residence in Norland-square to St. James's Church, Notting Hill, where the first portion of the Burial Service was performed. The procession then moved to the Cemetery, where it was joined by the majority of the before-named brethren and gentlemen, who had assembled at the grave to pay their last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. The sprig of acacia was duly placed at the head of the grave by a thoughtful brother, and the mourners separated. The deceased was seventy-two years of age at the date of his death.

#### MRS. SPEIGHT.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death, on Tuesday morning last, of Mrs. Mary Ann Speight, beloved wife of Bro. C. T. Speight, so well known in the Craft as Provincial Grand Tyler for Surrey, and Tyler of many private Lodges both in the City and suburbs. The lamented deceased, who was in the sixty-eighth year of her age, had long been afflicted with a cancer on the liver, for which she had been attended by Bro. Dr. Cock, of Peckham. Her malady, however, took a more serious turn about three weeks ago, when she was compelled to take to her bed, and after much suffering she expired shortly before nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, at her residence, No. 9 Mona-road, Peckham. The mournful intelligence will be received with profound regret amongst

the very wide circle of Freemasons with whom Bro. Speight is held in high and deserved respect, for his unvarying attention and courtesy in the performance of arduous duties. We understand that the funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon next, at Brockley Cemetery, the cortège leaving Mona-road at three o'clock.

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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##### KENT LODGE, No. 15.

A MEETING of this ancient and excellent working Lodge was held on the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, which was numerously attended by members and visitors. This was the last meeting previous to the vacation, and many took advantage of the occasion to testify their regard for the genial and popular W.M. Bro. Woolley. Bro. James S.W., Cannell J.W., Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, Dukes P.M. Secretary, Pritchard S.D., Towers J.D., Burton I.G., Saunders Organist, Stimson I.P.M., P.M.'s Wells, Ginman, Hirst, Ball. Visitors—Nicholl P.M. 107, Woodruffe 87, Harrington 1563, Legg S.W. 1227, Dove 45, Balchin 2030, Skelton P.M. 1056, Tilling 765, Weedon S.W. 813, Levett 1982, Judd 1960, Roberts 1260, Weston 98, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries, Bro. Williams and Hood Barrs answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and were raised to the third degree, the W.M. perfectly and impressively reciting the Traditional History, and thus rendering the beautiful ceremony complete. Each of the Officers was perfect in his duties. In due course, routine business was completed, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed until October. The brethren, fifty-two in number, adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a *récherché* banquet and dessert was supplied by Bros. Gordon and Hamp, in the Duke's Room. The W.M., who presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Stimson, on rising to propose the health of the W.M. said it was a pleasure to have to propose this toast, which he knew would be received with satisfaction by every one. On the evening of Br Woolley's election he (Bro. Stimson) had ventured to predict he would prove himself a credit to the Lodge. The members trusted he might have many candidates, and they felt assured that under his presidency the present would be one of the most successful years in the annals of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Stimson for his kind remarks; if he had done his duty to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters; those present were admirably qualified to do their work. The I.P.M. Bro. Stimson was one who in many respects had rendered the Lodge service; while personally he (the W.M.) felt how great was his indebtedness to him; he would associate his name with the toast. Bro. Stimson was pleased to respond; he was always ready to give assistance to the W.M. for the time being, but their esteemed Bro. Woolley did not require help from any Officer; he was fully competent to carry out his duties. Still, he could assure the younger members who were aspiring to the chair that he as well as the other Past Masters would be pleased to render them any assistance in their power. The toast of the Visitors was next submitted; the Lodge was pleased to see them. Bro. H. M. Levy responded to the toast. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented. The W.M. said no more competent brethren could have been selected. Bros. Sleeman and Dukes having made suitable response, the toasts of the Wardens, the Officers, and that of the Tyler followed, and the proceedings were brought to a close. Bros. Stimson, Little, Collins, and Weston contributed some excellent songs and glees. Bros. S. Wells P.M. and Plummer looked after the comfort of the Visitors.

##### FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No 100.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS Prince Edward of Wales, or as he is popularly known, Prince Albert Victor, who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Alpha Lodge by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England a short time since, was passed to the second degree at the Town Hall, Yarmouth, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst. This was a Lodge of emergency, convened specially for the purpose. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. J. W. French W.M. P.G.S. Norfolk, the Royal candidate going through the ceremony in a manner which showed his appreciation of it, and he quite won the respect and goodwill of all present by his ready acquiescence and good-natured but dignified bearing. At the close, Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. G.M. Norfolk, said that he could not let the occasion pass without conveying to the brethren the feelings of gratitude and pleasure he experienced at the most excellent manner in which all the Officers had performed their work. He presumed that the brethren had duly appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon them, and right well had they risen to the occasion. He paid a well-deserved compliment to Bro. French, the W.M., remarking that he performed his duties in a manner he had never seen equalled—a remark which every one present agreed with, for a more decided success could not have been possible. The assembly room presented a most charming appearance. The large body of Masons in full regalia, the presence of more than 30 Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the lovely display of hot-house flowers, forming a bank behind the dais, presented a picture never to be forgotten, and which must have made the ceremony more than usually impressive to a candidate. The brethren of the Lodge present were Bros. Owles I.P.M. P.G.S.B. Norfolk, Beeching S.W., A. E. Welch Junior Warden, Rev. E. Whitehead Chaplain, O. Diver P.M. Treasurer, Bond P.P.G.P. Norfolk P.M. Secretary, Southey S.D., Cubitt J.D., Bonfellow P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Sill I.G., Pyemont Organist, Blagg Steward, Knights Tyler; Past Masters Martin,



Etheridge, Howes, Franklin, Johnson, Chipperfield, Bly, Fairbairn, Seaman, Bayfield, Dods, Sayer, George; also Brothers Steele, Pycraft, Price, Harrison, Bales, Bond, Castle, Reeves, Thorne, Johnson, Boswell, H. Morgan, T. J. Morgan, Bray, Bullen, Mann, Chaston, Greenwood, Potter, Balls, Wilshak, Taylor, James, W. Diver, Wrate, Simmons, Blanchflower, Watson, Southey, Castle, Bostock, Brooks, Bartram, Weston, Green, Mitchell, Robinson, Calver, Keymer, Tunbridge, Franklyn, Lacon, and Bowler. The Visitors present were Bros. Lord Suffield P.G.M. Norfolk, Major Penrice D.P.G.M., Sir W. Ffolkes P.P.G.J.W., Barwell P.G.S.W., Aldis P.G. Secretary, Barnard P.G.R., Cnibitt P.P.G.R., Jay P.P.G.D.C., Quinton P.P.G.R., Jewson P.P.G.S.D., Gunn P.G. Tyler, Holmes P.M. 85, Keppell, Yonell P.G. Treas. Suffolk, Palmer P.M. 313, Barnard P.M. 100, Wiltshire 313, C. Diver P.M. 313, P.P.G.J.W., Baker 313, Everitt 71, C. Backland 1631, W. H. Willis 100, Moss W.M. 943, Spowarts S.W. 943, Walesby P.M. 929, Fuller 943, Cnibitt W.M. 193, Gibson 1816, Gea 1524, Hodgson P.M. 71, Skipper 1803, Laing 313, Mickelburgh 738, Moore J.W. 1194, Ecclestone P.M., Allen, Nobbs, Bowes P.M. 305, Hammant Sec. 313, Brown W.M. 313, R. C. Mann P.M. 929, Woolverton 100, W. H. Mann 929, Waters 313, Jeckels 71, Laddell W.M. 93, Hyde 213, Cooper 807, Saul Worshipful Master 71, Smith 93, Connell Senior Warden 93, Norman 71, Collier 1631, Blake 1631, Read 1631, Tennant 71, Tewson 929, Preston 313, Gwyn 53, Watling 313, Ferrier 313, Bunn 313, Ruddock 313, Baldwin 943, Jeay 807, Woolsey 228, Pankhurst 807, Thomas 71, Dance 71, Bellamy 1631, Fisk 1631, Wright 1631, Keymer 1631, Cockrill 1631, Harvey 1631, Smith 93, Beck 313, Wiseman 1631, Mayo 313, Burton 313, Cooper 71, Bateley 1631, Tonell I.G. 1631, Owles 313, Arnott 1631, Allerton 71, Welham 71, Rose 71, Smith 313, Rising 313, Reade 358, Pickford 104, Eden 313, Churchman P.G.S. 107, Elwes 1452, Tearne 1452, Pearce 52, Rackham 391, D. Hewett 313, Henry Brand 313, G. Bradbury 305, G. F. Crane P.M. 975, Newson 305, Taylor 313, Hewett 1671, Teasdel 1631 and others. After the ceremony H.R.H. left the hall, and on departing was loudly cheered by many persons who had assembled at the grand entrance. The visiting brethren were invited by their brothers of Friendship Lodge to join them at a collation at the Crown and Anchor Hotel later in the evening. The invitation was very generally accepted, and splendid provision made for them by Bro. Franklin P.M. Of course the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and throughout the proceedings were most hearty and enjoyable. The thanks of the Lodge are due to Bros. Major Dods, Martin, Johnson, Etheridge, Diver, Bonfellow, and Chipperfield, who assisted the Officers in their various duties and in carrying out the arrangements for the day; to Bro. Pyemont for his excellent rendering of the musical portion of the ceremony, and to Bro. Bond P.M. for the efficient manner in which his Secretarial duties were carried out. In consequence of the admirable arrangements made for carrying out the ceremony the Prov. G.M. has since informed the brethren that the next Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Yarmouth at an early date. We may add that Bro. French W.M. 100 went through the whole of the degree quite unassisted, including the working tools and tracing board, the latter of which our Royal brother appeared to be particularly interested in.

#### GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 13th May, when there were present Bros. W. W. Ridley acting W.M., R. Dowsett acting I.P.M., R. C. Prickett S.W., W. Ravenscroft J.W., Stransom Treas., J. Greenaway Sec., H. Creed S.D., T. R. Vowles J.D., W. Rhind acting I.G., W. Hickie Organist, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. G. Flanagan, and E. Margrett; also Bros. O. Einton, W. A. Hanks, S. Biggs, James. Visitors Bros. J. Miller 723, and C. B. Tabbs I.G. 2043. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stewart, a candidate for passing, satisfactorily answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Stewart who had retired was readmitted and passed to the degree of F.C. by the acting W.M. Lodge was resumed and a ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation; the gentleman was approved. Bro. Stransom was nominated by the acting W.M. on behalf of the W.M. as Treasurer for the ensuing year, the S.W. seconded the nomination. Bro. E. Margrett P.M. proposed a resolution "That the brethren of this Lodge have heard with deep regret of the decease of Bro. W. W. Moxhay P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, and Hon. member of 1101, and that it be recorded on the minutes the deep sense of the loss which Masonry has sustained. That to show their respect they attend his funeral, and join the two other Lodges in placing a wreath on the coffin," it was also resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of our late esteemed brother. Bro. R. Dowsett P.M. gave notice of motion "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. who represented the Lodge." All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned to the second Wednesday in October.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The weekly meeting of this popular Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday evening, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, when Bro. Webster, as Worshipful Master, was supported by Bros. Wilkinson S.W., Harvey J.W., Wimble S.D., Monico J.D., J. G. Garland I.G., Walter Martin Preceptor, Best, Seaman, Lardent, Amphlett, Andrews, Tinney, and others. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the second and third, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Seaman as candidate. The traditional history was admirably rendered by Bro. Wimble. Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and the first section of the lecture was

worked by Bro. Wimble. Bro. Lardner, of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and suitably returned thanks. Bro. Wilkinson was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Wednesday in the ensuing month. The Preceptor announced that on next Wednesday evening Bro. Beavis W.M. of the Southwark Lodge, 879, would rehearse the ceremony of installation, when it was hoped there would be a large attendance of the brethren. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, the Lodge was closed in form and perfect harmony.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday last. Bros. Cubitt W.M., Simmonds S.W., Harrman J.W., P.M. Webb Preceptor, Pitt Secretary, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fernley candidate. Bro. Harrman, of Pownall Lodge, No. 119, State of Maine, U.S.A. was elected a member. Bro. Simmonds was appointed W.M. for next meeting. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday, 3rd June, at seven o'clock.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 11th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Hurst P.M. W.M., Western S.W., Stockhall J.W., Forge J.D. and Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Brett S.D., Potter I.G., Trowinnard Preceptor. P.M.'s Osborn, Mullord, Hammond, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Bro. Stretch answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was then closed in due form.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. The President of the Lodge of Benevolence (Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B.) and the two Vice Presidents (Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P.) occupied their respective offices. A large number of brethren were present. The Board of Masters having been first opened, and the agenda paper for the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of the 3rd of June having been settled, the Lodge of Benevolence proceeded with the business of the day. Having confirmed the recommendations of the last meeting, they considered the new cases—of which there were thirty-one. Two were dismissed, one deferred, and the remaining twenty-seven relieved with a total of £620. The grants comprised two sums of £5 each, five of £10, eleven of £20, four of £30, three of £40, and two of £50.

A Masonic gathering of peculiar interest to Derbyshire was held on 11th May. Mark Masonry has recently made remarkable strides within our borders, and the Provincial Grand Mark Master has just given substantial proof of his appreciation of the fact. Bro. William Kelly, of Leicester, the dignitary in question, is one of the oldest and most distinguished of English Freemasons; of the Mark degree, he is undoubtedly one of the greatest living ornaments. He has been for seven-and-twenty years the venerated head of the united Province of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby, and is known and honoured throughout England. Holding the Provincial Grand Lodge under the banner of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, Bro. Kelly took the opportunity of distributing honours to the brethren of Derby and Derbyshire with a lavish hand. That he should have decided this course, was, as he pointed out, most natural. Since the establishment, in 1879, of the first Mark Lodge in this county (the Duke of Connaught, which formerly met in various towns on alternate Lodge nights, but which now has its permanent headquarters at Buxton), the degree has developed by leaps and bounds. It is less than three years ago that the Derby Lodge was consecrated, and it now numbers sixty members, whilst last summer a third Lodge, designated the William Kelly, was successfully launched, and is now being prosperously conducted at Winskill. Nor does the stream of progress stop here. A warrant has been granted for the immediate consecration of a fourth Lodge, the Dove Valley, to be held at Ashbourne, and steps are being taken to establish a fifth at Ilkeston. Bro. Kelly may well regard such results as exceptional. We doubt if he could point to a corresponding example of activity. Foremost in the prosecution of this good work has been Bro. Percy Wallis, who has already won Provincial and Grand honours, and who is now W.M. of the Derby Lodge and Master Designate of the Dove Valley—which latter Lodge, indeed, will, in a great measure, owe its existence to his praiseworthy labours. In selecting Bro. Wallis as his Senior Grand Warden, the Provincial Grand Master made an appointment which will be received with the utmost pleasure. Provincial honours were also bestowed upon the following members of the Derby Lodge: Bros. the Rev. Thomas Orrell P.G. Chaplain, William Whittaker P.J.G. Deacon, and J. Bland P.G. Steward. Three members of the Duke of Connaught were singled out for distinction, viz., Bros. G. T. Wright P.J.G. Overseer, J. H. Lawson P. Registrar of Marks, and James O. Manton P.G.S. of Works. Nor was the youngest of the Derbyshire Lodges, the "William Kelly," overlooked. Bro. W. L. Ball being appointed P.G. Master Overseer, and Bro. J. R. Cain P.G. Standard Bearer. Thus it will be seen that amongst the Provincial Grand Mark Officers for the current year there are no fewer than nine Derbyshire Masons.—Derby Reporter.

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THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS  
 Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,  
 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June next, when  
 and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters,  
 and Overseers of private Lodges, are hereby summoned to attend, and at  
 which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be  
 present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

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

Grand Secretary.

A Banquet will be provided in the Venetian Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at  
 Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside.

The Tickets will be 15s each, including Wine, if taken before the day of  
 meeting, and 17s 6d if taken out on that day, and it is requested that every  
 brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of  
 the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 30th of May.

Grand Lodge Office,  
 8a Red Lion Square, London, W.C.  
 20th May 1885.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER  
 MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at  
 the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Monday, 1st June 1885,  
 when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the  
 Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the  
 Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are  
 invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provin-  
 cial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.M.,

Wm. G. BRIGHTEN P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.W., &c.

Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

May 1885.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

**A** PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, on Saturday, 6th June, at 3 p.m. precisely.  
By command of the Prov. G. Master,  
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M.  
*Provincial Grand Secretary (pro tem).*

## ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

**A** MEETING of the ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER of H.R.M. will be held at No. 33 Golden Square, London, W., on Saturday, the 4th day of July 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of R.S.Y.C.S. of London and the Metropolitan Counties will be held at the same place, on the same day, immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony of H.R.M.

The names of Candidates must be delivered, not later than 26th June, to  
Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON,  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

28 Golden Square, W.

## Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons.

**TO** the BRETHREN and LADIES who so kindly assisted me at the Election, on 15th May, on behalf of Widow SHAYES, I beg to return my sincere thanks; and though unsuccessful in this most trying and truly deserving case I trust to have their support at the next Election, should we be spared until then. This is truly a case of great distress, and the applicant will meanwhile have to be supported by the East End Lodges, who have hitherto responded so freely to keep this poor widow from want. Again thanking you for your support, and trusting to receive its renewal in future,  
I beg to remain, yours fraternally,

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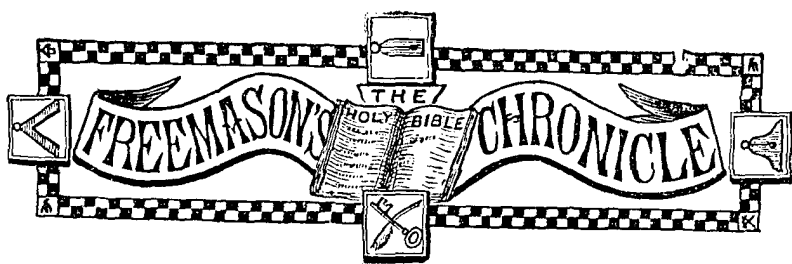
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## PROVINCIAL G. LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, AND DERBYSHIRE.

**T**HE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons in the Province was held at Freemasons' Hall, Derby, on Monday, the 11th inst. The Derby Lodge, No. 302, having been opened, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.S., accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lodge-room, the Prov. G.M. being received with customary honours. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. E. C. Milligan as D.P.G.M., Thomas Worthington P.S.G.W., Thomas Cox P.J.G.W., S. Cleaver P.G. Treasurer, Clement E. Stretton (G. Steward England) P.G. Secretary, R. Taylor P.G.S.D., W. L. Ball P.G.D.C., J. H. Lawson P.G. Standard Bearer, W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., P.G. Org., H. Brown P.G. Steward, M. J. Walker P.P.J.G.W., G. T. Wright P.M. 246, Percy Wallis W.M. 302, Rev. T. Orrell

P.P.G. Chaplain, John Walker, T. Coltman, R. L. H. Mole Secretary 302, G. Small 302, W. Silver-Hall, J. H. Clarke, J. O. Manton, W. Whittaker, J. Bland, John Dove Harris, J. J. Hart, W. J. Curtis, James Tanser P.G. Tyler, and many others. The minutes of the last annual meeting were duly confirmed, and the rolls of Lodges and Provincial Grand Officers were called over and met with a general response. The Worshipful Masters of Lodges presented their reports, which together with the Registrar's summary of returns, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes, showed that every Lodge in the Province is working efficiently, and that Mark Masonry is making highly satisfactory progress, as evidenced by the fact that during the past year a new Lodge, No. 339, has been established at Winhill, Burton-on-Trent (bearing the name of the esteemed Provincial Grand Master), and a warrant has recently been granted for the constitution of another new Lodge in Derbyshire, to be held at Ashbourne, and named the Dove Valley No. 353. [This Lodge was consecrated on the 18th inst.] The Treasurer's accounts for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £43 0s 1d, were received; a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. S. Cleaver for his past services, and he was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer. The R.W.P.G.M. delivered a very interesting address relating to the prosperity of Mark Masonry in his Province, specially referring to the progress made by the Derbyshire brethren. At the conclusion of the address the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders	...	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
Percy Wallis P.G. St. Eng.	...	Prov. Senior Grand Warden
Henry Brown	...	Prov. Junior Grand Warden
Wm. Lawrence Ball	...	Prov. G. Master Overseer
Richard Taylor	...	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
George Thomas Wright	...	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. Thomas Orrell, M.A.	...	Prov. G. Chaplain
Samuel Cleaver	...	Prov. G. Treasurer
J. H. Lawson	...	Prov. G. Registrar
Clement E. Stretton G. Stwd. Eng.	...	Prov. G. Secretary
Arthur H. Marsh	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
William Whittaker	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
James O. Manton	...	Prov. G. Inspector of Wks.
John Dove Harris	...	Prov. G. D. of Ceremonies
John J. Hart	...	Prov. G. Asst. D. of Cers.
W. Rhys Williams	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
J. R. Cain	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
W. H. Barrow F.C.O.	...	Prov. G. Organist
James D. Bennett	...	Prov. G. Inner Guard
Edward Watson	...	Prov. G. Stewards
W. J. Curtis	...	
Joseph Bland	...	Prov. G. Tylers
Thomas Dunn	...	
James Tanser	...	

A letter was read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, thanking the Lodge for the address of sympathy forwarded to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany Provincial Grand Master. The sum of £10 10s was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed upon Brother Walker's list as Steward. The recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes that the Transactions of this Prov. Grand Lodge should be annually printed and circulated amongst the members, and that a state sword be purchased, were adopted. The invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Leicester, under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, having been accepted by the P.G.M., the P.G. Lodge was closed in ample form. The annual banquet then took place, after which the usual Loyal and Mark toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged, and a highly successful meeting terminated.

## CONSECRATION OF THE DOVE VALLEY MARK LODGE.

**M**AINLY as the result of the efforts of Bro. Percy Wallis, a Mark Masons' Lodge, bearing the above distinctive title, has just been consecrated in the town of Ashbourne. A great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings, brethren (many of them distinguished in Mark Masonry) attending in considerable numbers from London, Derby, Leicester, Manchester, Buxton, Nottingham and other neighbouring towns. The important ceremony of consecration was performed by R.W. Bro. Charles F. Matier Past Grand Warden England, assisted by V.W. Bro. Robert Berridge, G.D. of C. (England), Bros. Roebuck P.G. Overseer (England), Chas. Lane P.G. Overseer (England), and Bro. Arthur Middleton P.G.S.B. (England). There were also present—the Provincial Grand Master of the United Province of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby, R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., and Bros. Haughton C. Okeover P.M., E. C. Milligan P.M., J. H. Lawson W.M. 246, and the following mem-

bers from the Derby Lodge: Bros. Thomas Horsley, F. Campion, A. Woodiwiss, R. L. H. Mole, W. J. Piper, F. Sale, T. Smith, the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, E. Horne, C. Webster, A. Frazer, and J. Walker. In the course of the consecration ceremony, which was performed most ably and impressively by Bros. Matier and Berridge, Bro. the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, acting on behalf of the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. T. Orrell, delivered a short but singularly happy and effective oration. Having referred to the recent remarkable development of Mark Masonry in Derbyshire, the Chaplain went on to express a fervent hope that the members of the newly-formed Lodge might learn a lesson from that peaceful valley after which it was named. There they saw how all nature was subservient to the will of the great Overseer of the Universe. Everything had been begun in order, everything was conducted in peace, and everything in that beauteous world of nature was free from strife and discord. But if these results were to be attained, the brethren must live up to the principles of their Order. If they did this, the outside world, who were curious to know the characteristics of Masonry, would be heard to say:—"We do not know, we cannot tell, but we know those who are Masons are religious men, are law-abiding citizens, men who are always willing to join in any good cause, and ready to help in time of need." The Consecrating Officer subsequently installed Bro. Percy Wallis as first Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and Bros. John Howell and Arthur Stubbs were invested as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The other Officers appointed were Bros. G. M. Bond M.O., Prince S.O., Littleton J.O., J. H. Cooke Treasurer, Rigby Secretary, W. H. Tutt S.D., McLean Junior Deacon, and Brown Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony (which was conducted at the Town Hall) the brethren dined together at the Green Man Hotel. The post prandial proceedings were of the most agreeable character, it being intimated by more than one speaker that the creation of a Derbyshire Mark Province might be looked for at no distant date, although the brethren are loth to sever themselves from the genial rule of the R.W. Bro. Kelly, whose great service in the cause of Mark Masonry are so well known. Letters of apology were read from, amongst others—Bros. Binckes P.G.W. Grand Secretary, F. Richardson Grand Registrar, H. Hatherley P.G.M.O., John L. Mather Old Kent, John Toplis W.M. 344, Whittaker S.W. 303, Bland J.W. 302, George Small, Fletcher, C. Fendelow 33, C. E. Stretton G.S. Prov. Grand Secretary, W. L. Ball Prov. G.M.O.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Friday, the 15th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The Report of the Committee of Management and the Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure (both of which we append) were adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. C. H. Webb desired to call attention to that portion of the Report which had reference to the candidates seeking admittance to the Institution, and to three of them whose ages exceed eighty-two years each. Many brethren would no doubt like to see these old people admitted as annuitants at once. They had been on the list so many times that he felt something should be done for them—the chances were they would not be elected. If the report could be amended in this respect he was sure the meeting would adopt it, as the increase in the expenditure by such a course would be small. Bro. Terry read the rule applicable to the case, and said that taking candidates off the list and making them annuitants could only be effected at the meeting of the Committee in June. They could not override the laws of the Institution, however much they might desire to aid these poor candidates. Brother Webb said he was sorry the privilege had not been made use of since the year 1876. He found it was adopted then. Bro. Terry said that any vacancies which occurred through death, and report of which reached the office up to the morning of the election were filled up that day. The power Bro. Webb sought had not been exercised before the meeting in June. The Committee had fully considered the question, and had found they could not do what Bro. Webb desired. In reply to Bro. Webb Bro. Terry said the three cases to which attention had been called had not been particularly considered. The following brethren were then elected as the Committee of Management for the year:—Frederick Adlard P.M. 7, Raynham W. Stewart P.M. 12, Stephen Barton Wilson P.M. 59, A. Forsyth, M.D. W.M. 140, W. Hilton P.M. 1351, Louis Stean P.M. 292, J. Bulmer P.M. 174, C. H. Driver P.M. 905, Charles E. Soppet P.M. 60, Thomas Griffiths P.M. 907. Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. Berry, and J. Newton were re-appointed as Auditors, and Bro. Bowyer elected as Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund. This concluded the special business of the meeting, the poll was declared open, and the election was proceeded with.

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings, during the past year, to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 25th of February last. The Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, occupied the chair. A Board of Stewards, 352 strong, supported him, and the result was an aggregate of donations and subscriptions amounting to £17,770 6s 2d. It is impossible the Craft could have furnished a grander illustration than this of the loyalty with which it fulfils its most solemn obligations. The Committee, in its Report of last year, pointed out, with reference to the sum (£14,665 13s) raised at the Festival in February 1884, that it was "the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion," in aid of the funds of the Institution. Yet the total subscribed under the auspices of R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, with the cordial assistance of the Board of Stewards (especially of those hailing from his own Province), and the generous co-operation of the brethren generally, was in excess of the total for 1884 by upwards of £3,000. In such circumstances it will be easily understood that the Committee is at a loss for words to sufficiently express its gratitude to the R.W. Chairman and those who laboured so zealously and so successfully in securing this splendid result.

The Committee has also to report that in consequence of the success attendant upon the Festival, the sum of 100 guineas was presented to Bro. James Terry, in recognition of his great exertions to secure it, and of the additional heavy duties which will devolve upon him in the future.

At the Election in May 1884, there were upon the Funds of the Institution 352 annuitants, namely, 170 men and 182 widows, while to-day there are 118 candidates—42 men and 76 widows—whose respective claims to be received into the Institution have been most carefully investigated and approved. In the face of a list so formidable in point of numbers, and having regard to the fact that only 16 vacancies, namely, 14 men and two widows, had occurred since the last Election, the Committee decided at its meeting in February last upon increasing the number of annuitants still further by placing 3 more men and 10 more widows upon the Fund, thus raising the aggregate of the two classes from 352 to 365. Since then there have died four men and one widow, so that the numbers to be elected to-day on the respective Funds, exclusive of the three deferred annuitants on each, would be 21 men and 13 widows. Having regard to the brilliant success of the Festival, and in the exercise of what it conscientiously believes will be found a sound discretion, the Committee consider themselves justified in recommending to the Governors and Subscribers in Annual General Meeting assembled to elect 10 more widows, so that in the event of this recommendation being adopted, the full number to be elected will be 24 men and 26 widows, the aggregate on the two Funds being thus increased from 352 to 375, and the amount annually required towards their support from £12,624 to £13,384. It must also be borne in mind that a further annual sum of £420 will be needed in order to provide the half annuities assigned by law to 21 widows, and payable during the first three years of their widowhood. Thus the total sum to be expended for annuities alone will be £13,804.

The Committee, however, in taking upon itself the responsibility of recommending this increase, is desirous of impressing upon the Governors and Subscribers, as well as upon the Craft generally, that the continuance of so large an expenditure for Annuities will only be possible in the event of the Institution continuing to receive that generous measure of support which has been extended to it as heretofore. The Committee nevertheless expresses its confident hope that upon these facts becoming generally known to the Craft the necessary assistance will be forthcoming to enable it to extend the good work for which the Institution was established.

The Committee take this opportunity of expressing its thanks to the United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70 towards providing the residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coal during the Winter months.

It is desirous also of conveying its most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their great kindness and unremitting attention to those among the Annuitants who have had occasion to seek medical advice and assistance.

They are likewise pleased at being in a position to report that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, subject to those ordinary cleansings which are periodically necessary in all such buildings, and that the recent introduction of gas and other improvements has had the effect of increasing the comfort and convenience of the Residents.

The Committee considers it would not be properly discharging its duty if it did not take this opportunity of placing on record its deep sense of regret at the death of Lieut.-Colonel Creaton (J.P.), Past Grand Treasurer of England, and a Patron and one of the Trustees of the Institution. During a connection with the Charity extending over very many years, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton always showed himself most assiduous and earnest in his endeavours to promote its welfare, and it feels it is only an act of justice that it should offer this heartfelt tribute of respect to his memory.

The Committee also wishes to express its sorrow at the death of Bro. James Norris, Warden of the Institution at Croydon. Bro. Norris faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of his office during a period of 16 years, and is succeeded by his daughter, Miss Norris, who, as Matron, had shared with him the responsibilities of regulating and directing the interior arrangements of the Asylum at Croydon.

In submitting the audited statement of accounts for the past year, the Committee is satisfied it will be found to disclose a wise and economical administration of the funds of the Institution, and it appeals, as well to the Craft generally as to the Governors and Subscribers in particular, for a continuance of their support and encouragement, thereby enabling the Committee to discharge its arduous

and responsible duties with satisfaction to the Subscribers, and with benefit to the Annuityants.

The Committee is desirous of expressing, in conclusion, the earnest hope that these increasingly urgent appeals for aid in carrying out the benevolent intentions of the founders and supporters of the Institution will be as generously listened to in the future as they have been in the past. Notwithstanding the great increase which has been made of late years in the number of Annuityants there has been concurrently, at the close of each successive annual election, a very large number of unsuccessful candidates, the alleviation of whose sad necessities has inevitably been deferred for at least a further twelvemonths, a circumstance which the Committee most deeply deploras.

Subjoined is a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended the 31st March 1885, together with the usual particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1884	-	-	-	3,445	12	9
RECEIPTS.						
Donation from Grand Lodge	-	800	0	0		
Do. Grand Chapter	-	100	0	0		
Do. Grand Chapter (special)	-	250	0	0		
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	-	5,266	8	0		
Annual Subscriptions	-	802	17	5		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	-	1,117	10	8		
Rent of Field	-	8	15	6		
Legacies	-	14	5	0		
Donation for supply of Coals	-	35	0	0		
Bro. Fisher's account	-	3	3	0		
				8,397	19	7
				£11,843	12	4

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuityants	-	6,700	0	0		
Salaries: Office	-	433	5	0		
Collector—Commission	-	218	6	9		
Messenger	-	5	0	0		
Provincial, &c. Expenses	-	66	4	0		
Medicine for Residents at Institution	-	12	10	0		
Warden	-	20	0	0		
Pension to late Gardener and Gardener's salary	-	54	12	0		
Rates and Taxes	-	64	0	4		
Repairs, Painting, &c. and goods supplied	-	59	14	3		
Stationery, Printing, &c.	-	179	15	2		
Advertisements	-	23	16	10		
Postages, &c. including expenses of Election	-	238	14	8		
Petty expenses	-	19	5	6		
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuityants	-	59	17	5		
Hire of Hall on day of Election	-	2	12	6		
Rent, &c.—Office	-	45	0	0		
Do. of Field	-	16	18	8		
Purchase of Stock	-	1,038	15	0		
Votes of thanks to Stewards	-	21	6	3		
Premium on Collectors' Guarantee Policy	-	3	15	0		
Bankers' Charges	-	0	1	1		
Assistance in office	-	9	9	0		
				9,292	19	5

Balance on this Fund - £2,550 12 11

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1884	-	-	-	3,981	3	0
RECEIPTS.						
Donation from Grand Lodge	-	800	0	0		
Do. Grand Chapter	-	50	0	0		
Do. do. (special)	-	250	0	0		
Do from Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	-	8,164	12	11		
Annual Subscriptions	-	1,310	17	0		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	-	725	10	4		
Rent of Field	-	8	15	6		
Legacy	-	50	0	0		
Donation for Supply of Coals	-	35	0	0		
				11,394	15	9
				£15,375	18	9

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuityants	-	6,297	0	0		
Salaries—Office	-	433	5	0		
Collector—Commission	-	270	10	0		
Messenger	-	5	0	0		
Provincial, &c. expenses	-	66	4	0		
Medicine for Residents at Institution	-	12	10	0		
Matron	-	62	0	0		
Gardener's Salary	-	28	12	0		
Rates and Taxes	-	64	0	5		
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	-	59	14	3		
Stationery, Printing, &c.	-	176	5	2		
Advertisements	-	23	16	11		

Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	-	233	6	4		
Petty expenses	-	18	14	6		
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuityants	-	59	17	6		
Hire of Hall on day of Election	-	2	12	6		
Rent, &c.—Office	-	45	0	0		
Do. of Field	-	16	18	9		
Purchase of Stock	-	1,038	15	0		
Votes of thanks to Stewards	-	21	6	3		
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	-	3	15	0		
Bankers' charges	-	0	0	7		
Assistance in Office	-	9	9	0		
				8,948	13	2

Balance on this Fund - £3,427 5 7

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1884	-	73	6	7		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	-	29	5	0		
				102	11	7

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs	-	4	4	0		
Balance on this Fund	-	£98	7	7		
Total Balance as per Auditors' Report		£9,076	6	1		

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	-	800	0	0		
Do. from Grand Chapter	-	100	0	0		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	-	1,117	10	8		
				2,017	10	8

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual grant from Grand Lodge	-	800	0	0		
Do. from Grand Chapter	-	50	0	0		
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	-	725	10	4		
				1,575	10	4

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDINGS.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds	-	30	0	0		
				£3,623	1	0

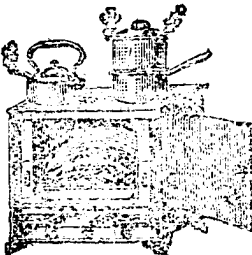
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
15th May 1885.

The Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, will be consecrated at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 20th of June. Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, G.S.D. Grand Craft Lodge of England, is the W.M. designate, and amongst the Founders are some of the best known Craftsmen of the day. We anticipate this new Lodge will be a great success.

DEATH.

SPEIGHT.—On the 19th inst., at 9 Mona-road, Peckham, MARY ANN, the beloved wife of Brother C. T. SPEIGHT, Prov. Grand Tyler Surrey, aged 67 years.

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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, 23rd MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Archer, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Mugggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 176—Caveae, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greithceuh  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1932—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

## MONDAY, 25th MAY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.  
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 143—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
 802—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth  
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton  
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Malden.  
 R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth  
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon  
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 26th MAY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey  
 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)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 870—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pawnall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 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)  
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
 R.A. 21—Cyprus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (Inst)  
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnley  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 244—Melchior, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrion, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent  
 779—Perrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston  
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1240—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex  
 1353—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaitnton

- 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze

- R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham  
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight  
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester  
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, 27th MAY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 854—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)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pennin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst)  
 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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

- 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1264—Nepane, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Horasca, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite  
 1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire  
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
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## THURSDAY, 28th MAY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Virruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 35 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (Inst)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1195—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Craton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.  
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E  
 R.A. 147—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury  
 at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford  
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 288—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton  
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Acerington  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1437—Liberty of Havering, R. sing Sur., Romford  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking  
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

### FRIDAY, 29th MAY.

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)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

431—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens

### SATURDAY, 30th MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Unica, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

The following dinners were held at the Freemason's Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 23rd May:—

Monday—Grand Masters Lodge. Tuesday—May Ball. Wednesday—Novio Magians, Universal Chapter. Thursday—Club of Nobody's Friend, Royal Caledonian Asylum, United Pilgrims Chapter. Saturday—Army Pay Department.

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"Summer Tours in Scotland, Glasgow to the Highlands. 'Royal Route,' (via Crinan and Caledonian Canals), with Time Tables and Lists of Fares, by David MacBrayne's Royal Mail Steamers." David MacBrayne, 119 Hope-street, Glasgow.

Those who have read Mr. William Black's novels and Dr. Johnson's "Visit to the Hebrides," can form some idea of the Western Highlands of Scotland, situate in the Atlantic, and extending from the southern point of the Mull of Kintyre to the northern extremity of Lewis, a distance little short of two hundred miles. In a pleasure-seeking sense, a much better idea of these romantic islands and the Highlands east of them may be gathered from the little work before us. It is all a guide-book should be, and something more. Issued by the owner of a line of steamers that have for a quarter of a century afforded the public easy access to spots that before then were seldom visited by strangers, it has the fullness and completeness that experience gives. The trips are varied and numerous, branching in every conceivable direction, embraced in a large scheme. Times, fares, routes, and accommodation are all set forth with clearness. 18 photo lithographs illustrate the text, which is written with a faithfulness and a real desire to instruct and amuse not always to be found in guide books. There is no striving after effect, and yet the descriptions have a charm in themselves which produces the natural desire to go and see the originals, so simply yet naturally depicted. A map accompanies the book, with the various routes of the steamers traced in red. The text explains all about the journeys, and what there is to be seen in a manner as pleasant as it is effective. We have no hesitation in saying that any one taking the map and the description together will get a better idea of that part of Scotland to the west of Thurso in the north, and Glasgow in the south, than in any single work that has ever come under our notice. The book only costs sixpence, and is really worth having for its own sake. It may be had at the various book stalls, and at the Glasgow address. Mr. MacBrayne has adopted the title of the "Royal Route," and has now added another new paddle-steamer, called the "Grenadier," to his fleet. This vessel has made her trial trip, and for the present has taken the place of the Iona on the Glasgow and Ardrishaig station, to be relieved by the Columba, when she will proceed to the north. This latter vessel is fitted up in the style of Pullman's cars, and the windows being carried round at the stern afford a pleasant look-out for the passengers. Separate circular tables are fitted up in the breakfast and dining saloon, and meals are served to suit the convenience of visitors. The cabins are fitted up with every convenience; a shampooing and hair-dressing establishment, with every toilet requisite, is provided, and there is a commodious bath-room, supplied with salt water, for the weary traveller, besides a cloak-room, where hand-bags and small articles may be left in security. Add to all this a post-office, "where letters, telegrams, &c., are received, stamped, sorted, and distributed at every calling place along the route, for transmission to all parts," and we think our readers will agree with us that nothing but money and time are wanted to make a trip in the "Columba" one of the pleasurable events of life. No doubt the "Grenadier" has been fitted up with the same regard to comfort, and that all that engineering skill and capital can do have been done to make the fleet swift, pleasant, and effective carriers.

### OPENING OF THE HOTEL METROPOLE.

THIS enormous building, forming one of the stately edifices that have been and are still being built in Northumberland Avenue, Charing Cross, is just about receiving its finishing touches. We shall not attempt to describe the architecture of the hotel, but some conception of its size may be gathered from the fact that it contains six hundred bedrooms, and that the several rooms set apart for dining will accommodate a thousand persons. The furnishing has been entrusted to Messrs. Maple and Co., of Tottenham Court-road, and apparently all that modern art and money could command has been requisitioned. Beauty and utility have been combined in such a way as to please the eye and satisfy the demands of comfort. A formal, or, more strictly speaking, a complimentary opening of this public palace took place on Monday last, on which occasion there was a grand military concert at half-past eight in the evening, supported by the bands of the Royal Artillery, the Coldstream Guards, and the Portsmouth Division of the Royal Marines. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the concert, and we are told that the "long list of patrons and patronesses includes nearly all the members of the Royal Family, the great ducal houses, and many recognised leaders of aristocratic and fashionable society." Tickets for the concert were a guinea each, and were supplied by Lady Bective, 10 Stratford-place, W. We cheerfully give these particulars because the whole of the money received for tickets is to be handed to the Egyptian War Fund, thus charity was combined with pleasure. This is the reason why Lady Bective took so active a part in the concert. Visitors had an opportunity of inspecting the arrangements and appointments of the hotel, which formed no small attraction, we can assure our readers. The hotel will open for business on the 1st June.

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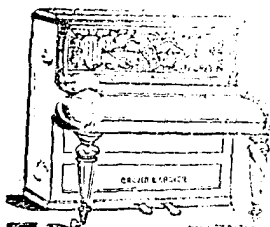
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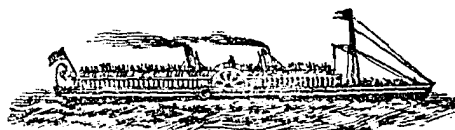
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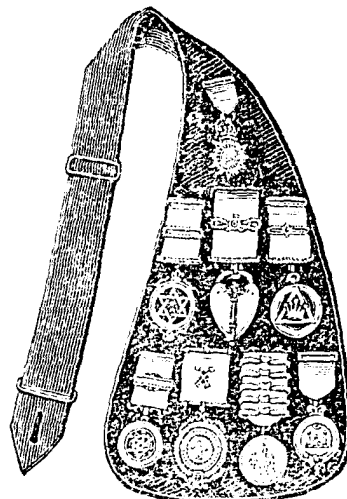


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