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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday, in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. H. B. Marshall was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, on the proposition of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. E. F. Storr. Bro. Marshall tendered his thanks for the compliment, and assured the brethren he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the office in the past to the best of his ability. It had been his privilege during the past year to speak for the first time in Grand Lodge on behalf of the Institution, and it then afforded him great gratification to see the practical sympathy of the brethren assembled, who voted the sum of £1000 towards the additional charges entailed by the purchase of the recently acquired land adjoining the School grounds at Battersea Rise. He was sure he was expressing the sentiments of his colleagues, as well as of himself, when he said they were individually and collectively actuated in that purchase by an earnest desire to promote the best interests, to study the comfort, and increase the benefits of the poor fatherless girls that the Craft had committed to their care. The General Committee for the year was then elected, as follows:—Bros. A. L. Annett, J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, J. F. Corben, Col. Wolseley-Cox, T. A. Dickson, W. Dodd, J. French, T. G. C. Gambrill, Walter Martin, A. Moore, and W. Vincent. An additional vacancy, to be filled at that day's election, was then declared, on the motion of Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G. Standard Bearer, Vice-Patron, seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Standard Bearer, Vice-Patron. The vacancy was caused by the death of Inga Edith Wilkinson, who died after four days' illness. Bro. Gladwell brought forward his proposal, that in recognition of valuable professional services gratuitously rendered to this Institution by Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., Patron, he be elected an honorary Vice-President, with 20 votes at all elections of girls. Bro. Gladwell said it required but few words to introduce this proposal; the Chairman had already alluded to the duties which fell to the House Committee in the matter of the purchase of the extra land at Battersea-rise, and he might allude to the service of Bro. Richardson, a member of the House Committee, whose services as a lawyer had often been placed at the command of the Institution. Those services were conspicuous on the occasion he referred to, when the negotiations necessitated the inspection of many deeds, and the devotion of a great deal of time, much care, attention, and circumspection. Had the business been placed in the hands of some one who had less interest in the welfare of the Institution, the School might have been saddled with a bill of costs far exceeding that which was incurred, and though the negotiations were protracted, they might have been much more prolonged, and the terms might have been far less favourable than they were. There was really more show than substance in the present proposal, for they were only giving Bro. Richardson a little more patronage than he had already acquired by his liberal pecuniary contributions to the Institution. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. 174 next rose, for

the purpose of directing attention to what he considered an objectionable paragraph on the balloting papers for the present election, and which was conspicuously printed in red ink, to the effect that if the subscriber died after he or she had signed the paper, but before the election, the proxy would be invalid. He had no doubt this paragraph had caused discomfort to brethren in advanced years. Although such was the law of the Institution, it was unwise to have it announced on the balloting paper. It was putting the matter very pointedly to the subscribers. He should move that such a paragraph do not appear again. Brother James Stevens P.M. 1426 also expressed dissatisfaction with the paragraph. The Chairman said they were in the unfortunate position of having this law, which he thought was undesirable. The brethren, however, had power to alter it, and they also had power, if they did not alter it, to say that it should not appear on the balloting papers. Notice of motion could be given for the next Quarterly Court, whereupon Bro. Lacey said he should move a resolution on the subject in due course. This concluded the preliminary business, and the poll was declared open for the election of twenty-four girls into the Institution. A list of those who were successful appear in another column; we here append details of the unsuccessful, the votes polled on whose behalf will be carried forward for the next election.

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
19	Turner, Margaret Winifred	—	611	611
20	Cook, Alice Flora	—	588	588
16	Murfin, Constance	—	394	394
28	Steng, Martha Paulina C.	—	250	250
23	Clark, Julia Elizabeth	—	203	203
21	Sutton, Eleanor Julia	—	202	202
11	Lillywhite, Eva Marian	107	68	175
32	Hyde, Winifred Cleveland	—	131	131
24	Rawlings, Lillian Gertrude S.	—	129	129
12	Woods, Lilian	36	15	51
29	Norman, Aline Mary	—	26	26
18	Proudfoot, Edith Lilian	—	19	19

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
BOYS.

THE usual Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, and Half-yearly Election of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. W. Roebuck P.G. Steward. On the minutes being submitted for confirmation, Bro. W. A. Scurrah brought forward his motion, "That so much of the minutes of the Quarterly General Court of Monday, the 11th January 1886, as refers to the alteration of the mode of the election of the House Committee be not confirmed." The proposer of the motion said he did not mean to reflect upon any member of the House Committee; he knew them to be the right men in the right place. They were doing their work thoroughly well. The laws for the election of the House Committee had been carefully framed, but they might be altered and improved. But alteration should be carefully effected, and there ought to be a very good and sound reason for change. Hitherto no reason had been suggested for the alteration. He would like to ask the Secretary, as the most competent to answer—had the old rule that the House Com-

mittee should be elected annually worked well? Bro. Binckes said, after a very large experience he had no hesitation in saying the old rule had worked well. There was always a quorum present; the average number was eight, and very often there were nine, or even twelve. Bro. Scurrah said he had tried, but could not obtain any satisfactory answer to the question, What reason there was for the advisability of altering the law? They might get a new man on the Committee, who might not be up to his work; he might be incompetent, he might not have time to attend, and it might be necessary that he should, so to speak, go to school to learn his work, and it was said that they could not expect a man to be on a Committee of that kind and learn the work thoroughly unless he had been on it twelve months. That was an insult. To say that they could not pick out of Freemasons men who, unless they were on the House Committee twelve months could not know the work, was an affront to the Order, because every one knew that the majority of these Committeemen were business men, up to the details of business; many of them able to give time to the work, and no one should be elected who was not. Every one of the brethren was competent for the work. Look at it in another light. If they had a brother on the Committee who was incapable of doing his work, was it not well to be able to get rid of him as soon as they could? It was a very bad reason, in fact no reason, to say that brother should be on the Committee for three years; the sooner they got rid of an incompetent person and got a competent one the better. What were they doing by this new law? They were proposing that a brother who was incompetent should remain on the Committee for three years, to the exclusion of a competent one. At the end of three years four of the number were to go out, the remainder were to stay four years, then four more were to go out, and four of the twelve would remain in for five years. Was this reasonable? Who provided the sinews of war, and brought the money to support the Institution? For any one to say that those who were the Governors were to be debarred from the privilege of electing these Committees every twelve months was absurd on the face of it. What about the other Committees—the General Committee and the Audit Committee? They ought all to be tarred with the same brush. When the axe was laid at the foot of the tree they all knew that it was only a question of time when that tree would fall. They ought to be very careful how they hurt the susceptibilities of those who subscribed to the Institution, and he hoped they would agree with him and restore the power the brethren had had to elect every year. Brother A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172 seconded the motion, while Brother E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer 22 opposed it. He was surprised at the doctrines Brother Scurrah had propounded. There was not a brother in the room who knew more about Committees than Bro. Scurrah; twenty-five years Bro. Scurrah said he had worked on Committees, and knew the practice well. He was sorry to hear him say he did not believe in triennial elections. He (Bro. Storr) did. He was not the man to go on for a House Committee for one year only. It was all very well to say they must go to school to learn the work, but they must look at the expense, annoyance, and trouble of going in for one year only. He was not ambitious of being on a Committee; the first year the members were of no use at all. If they wanted to do good to the Institution, and to learn their lessons; if they wanted to be somebody on the Committee, let them know what they had to do and serve an apprenticeship. If a man was an ornamental man only, take him off. Bro. Scurrah had not given this question sufficient thought, and he (Bro. Storr), after many years' experience of Committees, entirely disagreed with him. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., as the originator of the proposal, had been and was still of opinion that the Committee should be well versed in their duties, and this could not be done in one year. They wanted brethren well up to the work, and with a thorough knowledge and experience of it. They might elect a brother who would utterly fail. Brethren elected for one year only might say it was not worth while to attend. As for himself, it did not matter to him an atom whether a brother was elected for twelve months or twelve years. Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Grand Master West Yorkshire dissented from Bro. Stewart's proposition, that if a brother were elected for one year only he did not care a button about it, and he would attend or neglect his duties as he thought proper. If that was an argument

against annual elections, how much the more was it an argument against three years' elections. Let them have a fair argument. Bro. Binckes had told them the annual election had been found to work very well. Bro. Binckes had had a great deal of experience, and ought to know. Let the rule go on as it was; let them have annual elections. If it had not gone on well, let them alter the rule. He disliked this peddling with the rules, and constantly interfering with and changing them. Bro. Scurrah's motion was then put, and carried by a large majority. In other respects the minutes of last meeting were agreed to. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.B., Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution. On the motion of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, seconded by Bro. E. F. Storr, the following were elected as the General Committee for the ensuing year:—Bros. Brackstone Baker, Blackmur, Dorey, Dunkley, Law, Noah Martin, E. C. Massey, Henry Massey, McKay, A. H. Scurrah, H. Webb, and H. Wells. Scrutineers of votes were then nominated, and the election of boys into the School was proceeded with. A list of those successful will be found on page 248, while the following list gives particulars as to the votes polled by those who were unsuccessful on this occasion.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
17	Hayward, Alfred Vaughan	—	1301	1301
29	Gay, Wilfred	—	1299	1299
20	Lewis, Horace	—	1259	1259
15	Good, Meyrick George Bruton	—	1175	1175
16	Holmes, Bryant Hanby	—	1068	1068
45	Hayes, Frederick William	—	987	987
*1	Knight, Samuel William	318	165	483
5	Andrews, Joseph Thomas	122	211	333
7	Wood, Joseph	107	66	173
10	Matthews, Percy Haslem	10	107	117
36	Gray, Harold	—	86	86
3	Taylor, Albert	36	14	50
39	Angier, Harry Norman	—	45	45
2	Canon, George	19	1	20
4	Gibbs, Percy	11	2	13
38	Johnston, George Frederick	—	9	9
*14	Bolton, Sidney Robert	—	4	4
18	Jones, Maurice Bibby	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List under Law 52, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

PARTIAL SUSPENSION.

ACCORDING to general Masonic usage, a Mason under suspension is thereby deprived of all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the time being, and until the penalty is removed, by limitation or otherwise, it is unlawful for Masons to hold Masonic intercourse with him while under such sentence, which necessarily excludes him from the Lodge-room when a Lodge is at labour. It matters not for what cause the penalty may have been inflicted—the effect must be the same in all cases until it is removed. There are two grades of this penalty, known as “definite suspension” and “indefinite suspension,” but the only difference between them is in duration, and hence the effect under either must be the same while in force.

In the Proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, among the decisions of the Grand Master, which were approved by the Grand Lodge, we find the following:

“A brother suspended for non-payment of dues has not the privilege of visiting his Lodge. The Lodge may permit him to do so, but this is not a right which he may demand. And when permitted to visit the Lodge, it is only as a visitor, and not as a member, and therefore he cannot vote, sit on committees, or otherwise participate in the business of the Lodge.”

This is what we would term “partial suspension,” the extent of which may be more or less, according to the humour of the Lodge from time to time. The suspended brother goes up to a stated meeting of his Lodge on one occasion and is admitted. At the next meeting he finds the door closed against him. If he has an inclination to attend regularly, all he can do is to go up and inquire, “May I come in to-night?” He is in about the same condition as an Honorary 33° member of the Supreme Council in the Scottish Rite—sometimes he gets in and sometimes he does not. He has the satisfaction of knowing, however, that his Masonry is not costing him anything,

even if he is not enjoying its full benefits. He never did care to take an active part in the proceedings of his Lodge, and the loss of his vote is more than compensated by his relief from dues and committee work. In one sense he becomes a sort of honorary member.

Now we have no objection to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, or of any other State except Indiana, inflicting this sort of a penalty for non-payment of dues, if they will do it under some other name than "suspension." It is in fact nothing more nor less than "dropping a member from the roll," as has been done in some Grand jurisdictions. Make the punishment for non-payment of dues whatever you please, but call the penalty by its right name, so that others may not be misled as to the Masonic standing of your members. In Indiana we could hold Masonic intercourse with one who had been dropped from the roll, but could not with one who is under suspension, even if he had committed no greater offence than non-payment of dues. The obligation not to hold Masonic intercourse with one who is under the penalty of suspension was in no way qualified as to the cause of such suspension. We cannot recognise such a penalty as "partial suspension."—*Masonic Advocate*.

FREEMASONRY IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

MUCH of what we said last week in regard to Suffolk Freemasonry applies with equal force to nearly every other English Province, for to outsiders, and those who are not intimately associated with one or other of them, Freemasonry in one county is very much like that in another; therefore, it is not our intention to make as full a summary of other Provincial Calendars as we did of that of Suffolk, but rather to devote our space to a notice of such items as may be peculiar to the several districts which come under notice. In years to come we hope there will be sufficient in each Provincial Calendar to render its perusal a matter of more general interest, and then we may treat the information contained in them in a different manner to what we here do. We now devote attention to Gloucestershire, the Calendar for which, compiled by Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the Provincial Charity Secretary, presents one or two features of novelty, among which we may mention a page devoted to a "record of Masonic occurrences in Province of Gloucestershire" in 1885; which, unfortunately, mainly consists of an "obituary;" the other matters recorded being the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (held in London), at which the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire presided, and the installation of Bro. John Walker, M.A., as Grand Mark Master of the Province. There is also a record of the Past Officers of the Province—which is presided over by the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.S.G.W.—and then a list of the several Lodges, with the Officers, Past Masters, date and place of meeting, name of Secretary, number of members, &c. of each. From this list we learn that the Province of Gloucestershire has on its roll 605 Masons, distributed among its fourteen Lodges as follows:—

No.	Lodge	Meeting at	Members
82	Foundation	Cheltenham	51
246	Royal Union	Cheltenham	67
270	Royal Faith and Friendship	Berkeley	28
493	Royal Lebanon	Gloucester	79
592	Cotteswold	Cirencester	57
702	Sherborne	Stroud	39
761	St. John	Dursley	24
839	Royal Gloucestershire	Gloucester	60
855	Sympathy	Wotton-under-Edge	30
900	St. George	Tewkesbury	30
951	Prince of Wales	Stow-on-the Wold	29
1005	Zetland	Gloucester	50
1067	Royal Forest of Dean	Newnham-on-Severn	36
1363	Tyndall	Chipping Sodbury	25

The Provincial Grand Chapter, which is also under the government of Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, consists of three Chapters, with a total membership of 155, viz.:

No.	Chapter	Meeting at	Members
82	Unanimity	Cheltenham	88
493	Royal Lebanon	Gloucester	34
839	Royal Gloucestershire	Gloucester	33

Full particulars are also given as regards the Mark and the higher degrees of Masonry, while the closing pages of the Calendar are devoted to the subject of Charity. From

these we learn that the Charity Committee of the Province consists of the head of the Province and his Deputy, the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Secretary, a representative from each Lodge, &c., in the Province—who must be at least a Life Subscriber to one or more of the Charities—such subscribing members, resident in the Province, as have served the office of Steward to two of the Charities; brethren who act as Stewards (for the year in which they serve), and all Life Governors of the Provincial Benevolent Fund. This Committee has the management of the Provincial cases at the several elections of the Institutions, and the Calendar gives a list of those who have been elected through the instrumentality of this Committee. In connection with the subject it is stated that at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Cheltenham in 1882 it was resolved, in respect to the distribution of alms for the poor and distressed that at all meetings of Lodges in the Province, whether followed by a banquet or not, the box for poor and distressed Masons should be sent round, and the sum collected inserted in the minutes of the Lodge on each occasion. It was also decided that a portion of the sum collected should be handed over to the Charity Steward of the Province, in aid of the fund for the relief of poor and distressed Masons of the Province exclusively, or their wives and children, and that for the first five years, by way of experiment, the portion should be one-half of the sums collected. Any brother subscribing five guineas (in one or more sums) to this Fund becomes a Governor, and as such is entitled to attend all meetings of the Charity Committee. Then follow details of the Masonic Charity Association of the Province, the objects of which are (A) The increase of the number of Life Subscribers and Life Governors to the Royal Masonic Charities, and (B) The formation of a systematic Benevolent Fund for the purpose (1) of educating and advancing in life the children of distressed or deceased Freemasons in the Province; and (2) to give assistance in elections to the Masonic Charities. Lists are also given of brethren who have served the office of Steward to the Charities for the year 1885, together with the amounts collected, and this is followed by a list showing the votes held by the several Lodges, &c. (and the members thereof) in the Province. This list gives the total number of votes in Gloucestershire as follows:—691 Girls', 1016 Boys', 625 Men's, and 777 Widows', a total of 3019. This number, which was the total on the 1st January 1886, compares with past years as follows:—1879, 936; 1880, 1229; 1881, 1463; 1882, 2017; 1883, 2093; 1884, 2320; and 1885, 2489. There has thus been an increase each year, which on the eight years shows an improvement of 2173 votes. A list of Lodges, &c. in adjoining Provinces brings to a conclusion a very useful little work, which, as may be judged from the extracts we give, contains much valuable information in connection with Freemasonry in Gloucestershire.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. J. Terry (Secretary) reported that four of the male annuitants had died since the last meeting, as also had one of the male candidates. One of the widows on the list for the next election had written, withdrawing her candidature, which withdrawal was accepted. The report of the Warden for the past month, and the report of the Finance Committee were read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The application of a widow for the usual share of her deceased husband's annuity was received and granted, after which a Committee was appointed to prepare the annual report of the Institution, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall P.G. Treasurer will preside at the next Festival of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, 25th May.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

AN OLD LODGE.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

THERE are many old Lodges in Scotland which date not only years prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of that country, but far into the seventeenth century, some even earlier still. As the records of such Lodges in several instances overlap the debatable period, or, in other words, the "transition period," naturally such minutes afford most reliable evidence of the character of these old Lodges, before and after the advent of the Grand Lodge in 1736.

The interesting and most suggestive Histories of Lodges "Kilwinning," "Mary's Chapel" (Edinburgh), "Journey-men," No. 8, &c., have been carefully written by Brothers Lyon, Hunter and others, and so far as they and we know, or can discover, the esoteric ceremony in vogue until the second or third decades of the last century was confined to the admission of Apprentices, after which all were on the same level as respected Masonic secrets; that is to say, whatever was subsequently communicated, if aught, was of a secret character; all participated, or might do so, whether Apprentices, Fellows or Masters.

I am aware that this statement has not passed unchallenged, but it has never been disproved. Should any records be traced, proving three distinct and separate degrees were worked before the origin of the premier Grand Lodge of England, 1716-17, and exhibiting, also, proof that they were written before the second decade of the last century for England, and the second or third decades for Scotland, I shall be among the first to acknowledge the evidence, *but not until then*.

Bro. Alexander Ross, whilst Master of the "St. John's Old Kilwinning Lodge," No. 6, Inverness, wrote an excellent account of its ancient records, the volume being published in 1877, in a sumptuous style, though very little notice, unfortunately, has been taken of its value and importance. The Lodge may have been an old offshoot of the "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," especially from the suggestiveness of its title, but beyond intimating the probability of such a connection, we cannot at present venture.

The Lodge was represented by its Masters and Wardens at the inauguration of the Scottish Grand Lodge, November 30th, 1736, and on September 26th, 1737, the members petitioned the authorities in Edinburgh for a charter, in accordance with their accepted antiquity at the time. The brethren claimed existence as a Lodge from 1678, having abundant material then at hand in confirmation thereof, though they were aware that a still greater antiquity might be favourably entertained. They stated "That preceding the year 1678, it seems by tradition of our oldest members now living, that the Lodge kept their minutes from time to time in an irregular manner, upon sheets or baffles of paper, most of which we cannot collect, so as to make anything of them to purpose—they having either been canceled or lost by accident."

"But upon the 27th December, 1678 years, Ther was a book given in by The Honble. William M'Intosh (Broyr German to the then Laird of M'Intosh) who was then chosen Master of the Lodge, from which date all the regular meetings and transactions of the Lodge are recorded till this date."

The petitioners recite the names of the several Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, "Boxmasters or Treasurers," from 1678 to 1736 (inclusive), but not one word occurs relative to Masonic degrees or ceremonies of any kind whatever.

It is much to be regretted that at the present time the Lodge only possesses records from the year 1737, but, fortunately, its petition in 1737 affords particulars of the regular Officers from 1678, so that its official roll is thus complete from that year to now, a period of over two centuries!

The petition remarks as to the continuity of the election of Officers of the Lodge in manner as follows: "Inverness, 27th December, 1678, William Mack Intosh was chosen Master, Alexander Nicolson, *Senr.*, Andw. Ross, *Jun.* Wardens, & Dd. Ross, boxmr. The same persons continued in these offices till 15th November, 1681, when William Hendrie was chosen boxmaster or Treasurer, & the above members continued till 1st December, 1684, when John M'Bean was chosen Jun. Warden & Andw. Ross Treasurer; ye rest continued till—" "27th December,

1692 when James Barbour was chosen Master," &c. (and so on to 27th December, 1736.)

The charter issued by the Grand Lodge recites that "It was evidently made to appear to us and our brethren of the Grand Lodge, by proper documents, that from the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand six hundred and seventy-eight, they have been constituted and erected in a regular Masson Lodge by the name and designation of Old Inverness Kilwinning aforesaid, since which time they have been in use to keep regular meetings, in which they have received and entered Apprentices, past Fellow Crafts, and raised Master Masons, and for that purpose have kept regular books, wherein they entered their proceedings in the way and manner practiced in other well govern'd Masson's Lodges." The Lodge was confirmed in its privileges, and empowered "to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons," and was allowed precedence from the year 1678, so that if a daughter of the *Old Kilwinning Lodge*, it took date one year latter than the first known of its Lodges, viz., "Canongate Kilwinning," No. 2, Edinburgh, warranted or authorized in 1677.

Happily, both of the charters are still preserved. Now, it should be noted that neither the petition, nor aught else from Inverness, so far as we know, said aught about the conferring of the three degrees from 1678, no warrant before 1717 ever alludes to such, and no records exist which refer to the third degree prior to the last century, so that the declaration of the Grand Lodge officials in 1737, respecting this old Lodge and its working three degrees from 1678, is purely fanciful. On the constitution of the Lodge thus officially, the membership consisted of nineteen Masters, ten Fellow Crafts, and twenty-six Apprentices, fifty-five in all, mainly Speculative Freemasons, if not exclusively so. The Lodge seems to have possessed an interest in property and lands, in common with the Six Incorporated Trades, and from time to time dividends were received thereon.

According to Bro. Alexander Ross, the first Provincial Grand Master in Scotland, Alex. Drummond, Esq., was appointed over the Lodges in the western counties, who visited the Lodge at Inverness, April 20th, 1739.

One shilling sterling was the fine inflicted for drunkenness, if seeking to attend the Lodge; two shillings for the second time, and "for the third time to be turned out of the Lodge," the sentence being dependent upon a "solemn recantation," payment of fine, and "discretion of the Lodge."

The Lodge processions were conducted with great regularity and much pomp. On every St. John's Day the Masons walked, properly clothed, through the streets of the Town. The meetings for business commenced often as early as nine o'clock a.m. On the occasion of the annual election of office bearers, the Lodge walked thereafter in procession to church, in communion with the other Lodges.

On 25th March, 1745, it was provided "Yt each Entered Apprentice may sign the same in testimony of his adherence to them (By-Laws), *yt his mark, then taken out*, may show the members of this as well as oyr. Lodges, the time of his admission."

A Friendly or Benefit Society has existed in connection with the Lodge for many years, and is in a prosperous condition financially, having an estimated net income of £609 per annum from investments, &c.

The St. Andrew's Killwinning Lodge, Inverness, was in existence A.D. 1735, and probably before. In 1745 the members had the misfortune to have their "records, jewels, utensils and cash, either stolen or destroyed by the men of the Duke of Cumberland's army, their room being used by the 'orderly-sergeant,' the warrant only being saved." This Lodge joined its more fortunate and friendly rival in 1839, when it was No. 31 on the roll, so that subsequently its member came under St. John's Lodge, No. 6. Long may the prosperity of the old Lodge continue.—*Voice of Masonry*.

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GENTLEMEN MASONS.

TO our view, and doubtless in accordance with the views of the readers of *The Keystone*, a Freemason is nothing if not a gentleman. A gentleman must be the very corner-stone of a Freemason. The corner-stone of a material edifice, in Masonic symbolism, itself represents a true Mason, who is always a perfect Ashlar—plumb, level and square. There is an eminent fitness in this symbolism, because early in the last century, when Freemasonry ceased to be in any degree operative, and became purely speculative—that is, when Freemasons were no longer builders of cathedrals and other stately edifices, but when gentlemen who were not operative Masons came to be admitted into the old cathedral organizations, or operative Lodges deduced from them, and were there taught moral lessons from the implements of Masonry and the old legends of the Craft—this new class of members of the old Masonic Fraternity were denominated “Gentlemen Masons.” We quote from one of the old MS. of the last century.

What do you learn by being a gentleman Mason?

Answer: Secrecy, Morality and Good Fellowship.

What do you learn by being an operative Mason?

Answer: To Hew, Square and Mould Stone, lay a Level and raise a Perpendicular.

As our readers are aware, the transition of Freemasonry from having been an operative art to being a speculative science, was gradual, and almost imperceptible. Just as now the various tradesmen's guilds of London elect as members gentlemen who are innocent of knowledge of their respective trades, so in the olden time, when Freemasons were famous only as fabricators and architects, they occasionally admitted men eminent for social or political distinction as members of their Lodges. This has been abundantly proved by old Minute-Books of Lodges, old MSS. and old books of general information, like Plot's *History of Staffordshire*. The fact is incontestible. But we are not concerned with this fact now, further than so far as it introduces us to one of the names—Gentlemen Masons, given to members of the ancient and honourable Craft. It is a good name, a significant name, a name that we should cherish. It betokens more than it literally expresses. It signifies now not only one who is not an operative Mason, manually using in building operations the Plumb, the Level and the Square, but one who is a worthy successor of the middle-age Freemasons, to whom we owe the most of the glories which belong to Gothic architecture in that wonderful era. It signifies to us that a man must be in the accepted sense of the term, to-day, a gentleman before he can be a Freemason. Freemasonry founds itself now exclusively upon gentlemen as its corner-stone. And, mark you, gentlemen are born, not made; resembling poets in this respect. Education will do wonders, but we do not believe it can make a gentleman. Only the Grand Architect of the Universe can do that. A gentleman is a fine piece of clay, a specimen man, the farthest remove from a boor; a man you can trust, a man you can respect a man you can love. In such an one you may implicitly repose brotherly love, and this is the particular kind of love Masonry bestows. With gentlemen for the Cornerstone of Masonry in these modern times, what is Freemasonry not susceptible of, in the way of fraternal accomplishment? A gentleman is a pleasant Brother to meet in your Lodge, a pleasant man to meet when you are away from home. He is approachable, affable, with a heart as well as a head, with kindly sympathies as well as an eye for “the main chance.” He is “one of us” because he deserved to be, and however much of a gentleman he was before he was made a Mason, he is more of one now. He has been taught that he is not an “independent” in this world, not even merely a family man, bound to specially regard only those of his own flesh and blood; but he has broadened his views in becoming a member of our universal brotherhood. Just as the sun is said never to go down on the British possessions, so the sun never goes down on the brotherhood of Freemasons. They are in every civilized country. They brave even the dangers of the Arctic circle and the wilds of Africa. They are everywhere. In every country the Freemason finds a Brother, and in every land a home. This feature alone leads not a few to attentively regard the Craft, and seek to be included in it. Upon the few rare Masonic occasions that a public procession of the Craft appears, the world inevitably notices the bearing and character of the brethren

who so appear and notes the fact that they are gentlemen, men of social and business position, including among them the leaders in all the great social and industrial movements of the day. Masonry does not make a display in public for the purpose of calling attention to this fact, but the fact is always evident on the rare occasions referred to. It is because these occasions are rare, that gentlemen do not hesitate to appear on them, for if they were every day, many gentlemen would decline to participate.

The Craft has every reason to be proud of this old designation, “Gentleman Mason,” because it is not merely the index to an interesting history in connection with the origin of the term, but it represents an actual fact, which reflects honour upon our ancient and honourable Fraternity in its accepted form to-day.—*Keystone*.

IS FREEMASONRY DECLINING

OF the former glory of Freemasonry there can be no question. As a system, it has passed through various processes of evolution, and advanced by successive steps, all along the way making expression of essential truths well calculated to give light and blessing to the world. As an organization it has broadened and deepened its influence, becoming a factor of no small importance among the benign forces of society. It has acquired resources both of material and of higher good, and thus has insured a remarkable degree of success. It has attained an honourable position, because of the principles and ideas it has illustrated, and because of the practical services it has rendered in ways of moral and social usefulness. The record which the Masonic organization has made is one of bright and blessed accomplishment, and Craftsmen may well rejoice that so much of inspiration is to be gathered from a survey of the past.

There is no question as to the prestige which comes from former days of Masonic progress and accomplishment. That ancient renown is an indisputable fact. But how does the Institution manifest itself at the present time? Is it holding its own? Is it augmenting its power and usefulness, or is it declining? There are those who tell us that Masonry is on the wane, that it has about fulfilled its mission, and is not well adapted to the needs and conditions of modern life. There are others who say that the character of the Institution has been impaired by changes of system and administration—by innovations that ought not to have been allowed, and which surely involve a loss both of strength and utility. And still another class tell us that there is not now any such attachment to the Craft as formerly existed, and on this allegation they formulate their pessimistic theories of Masonic deterioration, decay, and death.

We take no stock in these gloomy prophecies. Our belief is, that Freemasonry was never in a condition of so much strength and prosperity as now. To-day it gathers to itself more of the increments of power than in any former period of its history, and exercises a broader and more potent ministry of blessing than ever before.

Freemasonry is not declining! It is not declining as a system. It still stands for the same great principles which gave it character and prominence in the early time, and sets forth a code of morals and ethics that may well claim the assent of intelligent and noble minds. Brotherly love, relief, and truth, are still emphasized as the fundamental ideas of the system, which is illustrated by ancient form and ceremony. No changes have come in to destroy or cripple the primal teachings of Freemasonry as regards man's duty. There is the same call now, the same clear enforcement by word and illustration by a varied symbolism that were put before the fathers as they were instructed in the Masonic system. Changes may have crept into the ritual and the work, but these have in no sense affected the great, distinguishing principles that underlie the Institution. Freemasonry in its essential character, retains the ancient impress, and presents itself to the world in an undimmed moral splendour.

Its organic life is not declining. It never had a more numerous following than now. Its membership has increased during the year just ended. It has prospered in the things that appear in the outward showing; establishing new Lodges in all the countries of the civilized world; building new halls, gathering material resources to a greater extent than in any former period; and in manifold

ways, making expression of its vigorous life and advancing power. It is still the leading fraternity among the world's association that exercise their social and humane ministries.

Freemasonry is not declining in the character of its membership. Doubtless there are weak, indifferent brethren, who would not meet the tests of any severe trial with much of steadfast devotion to the Craft. In the anti-Masonic days, some denied the faith, and showed how empty and vain their Masonic professions had been. Under the same conditions, most likely some brethren who have been ready to enter a popular organization, would be equally ready to forsake it if it became unpopular. But beside these are others, the majority of the Fraternity as we believe, who are most allegiant to Freemasonry both as a system and an Institution. They have Masonic enthusiasm, devotion, zeal, and in their hands the interests of the Craft will suffer no loss. We have a feeling of pride when we consider the membership of Masonic Lodges, and notice the intelligence, moral worth, and true manhood therein represented. Our Institution will not decline, so long as it can call to itself such material and be thus supported.

Freemasonry is not declining in its service of social, benevolent, and moral good. It performs a benign work in a way hidden from the general view. It administers its practical charities in a way peculiar to itself. It relieves much suffering, and sends the gleams of hope and joy into many darkened homes and hearts. It brings its followers together in sweet and hallowed fellowship, and by its blessed communications of friendly thought and help augments the zest of life. It gives moral helps and delights as well, thus making its offices felt in all that tends to the establishment of a worthy character, and the maintaining of a useful and true life. While Freemasonry makes its power to be felt in such directions; while it exercises so broad and blessed a ministry among men, there need be no fear of its decline or fall. It will endure as an agency of good—an instrumentality of light and blessing, which has resting upon it the Divine approval.—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE THIRD TOTTENHAM AND ENFIELD MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE annual report of this valuable Association has just been presented, and, as we have reported the progress of the movement in the last three years, we have pleasure in observing, from the final balance-sheet, before us, that the efforts of the promoters have been brought to a successful issue. The President of the Association, which has proved of so much benefit to the members during the existence of the organisation, is Bro. John Maller P.M. 754, who has been assisted by Bros. E. Poore P.M. 1237, P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, Vice-President; J. H. Thompson P.M. 1707, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer; J. Garrod P.M. 754, H. V. Clements S.W. 1237, P.M. 754, &c. P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, E. J. Everdell P.M. 1579, W. M. Tegg P.M. 754, E. G. Lewis P.M. 754, &c., G. Tegg W.M. 1579, &c., A. Bryant P.M. 1237 P. Prov. G.J.D. Middlesex, W. J. Meek S.D. 754, J. D. Birkin J.W. 754, E. F. Day 534, J. Steer 1579, G. Rowe P.M. 754, J. M. Rudd P.M. 1579, S. Parsons S.D. 1237, Committee; and A. J. Fiddler W.M. 754 P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex Hon. Sec. The Committee, in presenting their report, state that during the past year £110 16s 6d has been subscribed, and eleven appropriations made to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. The total amount subscribed during the four years of the existence of the Association amounts to £409 2s 6d, and the Committee congratulate the members on its being brought to so successful an issue. The total amount subscribed by the three Associations was over £1,600, a result which reflects the highest credit and satisfaction, not only upon the executive but the members generally. It is unnecessary to enter into minute details as to the manner in which the Funds of the Association have been dispensed, but a glance at the balance-sheet is sufficient to show the vast amount of good which has been effected, and the substantial benefit which has been accorded to the three Charities connected with the Craft. Joining in the congratulations expressed by the Committee, we heartily hope that any future exertions in the same laudable direction by similar Associations may be crowned with equal, if not greater, success than that which has attended the movement which has just been closed with such satisfaction to all concerned in the Third Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 17th April 1886:—

Monday—Leigh Lodge. Tuesday—Wanderers' Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter. Wednesday—Banquet to Lord R. Churchill, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity, John Hervey Lodge. Thursday—Globe Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge. Friday—Jordau Lodge.

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THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A short time since a letter, signed "P.M. 1607," appeared in your columns, and appended to it were the financial tables for the year so arranged as to convey the compiler's view of the position of the several Provinces in relation to the three Masonic Charities. In the letter the Province of Lincolnshire is made to appear greatly in default, as the following extract will show:—"The next on the list is Lincolnshire, with an annual deficiency of £640. Now this case is worse than the preceding, for while Devonshire is taking £1020 from the funds she is contributing at the rate of nearly £378 per annum. Lincolnshire, on the other hand, is burdening the funds with £696 per annum, to which she contributes something under £60. I am given to understand this Province is starting Provincial Charities of its own, and a very good thing too; but she should be just before she is generous, and not lay all the burden of her destitute Craftsmen and their belongings on the shoulders of the other Provinces. The Benevolent are short by over £233, the Boys' £246, and the Girls' 156." Such boys, girls and annuitants from this Province as are now deriving benefit from the Masonic Institutions have secured these advantages either by the payment of a sum in cash, or because a sufficient number of votes was given in their favour, and as the votes given to them were secured by the payment of a sum of money representing their value, it is somewhat difficult to understand the meaning of the paragraph from the letter of "P.M. 1607" above quoted. The Province has voting power, for which it has paid; is it not at liberty to use it in securing the object for which votes are acquired? or is the Province in possession of benefits from the Masonic Institutions to which it is not entitled? In what way is it acting unjustly? It would be instructive if "P.M. 1607" would make these points clear. Apart from the above, the figures given in the Tables, as far as this Province is concerned, are far from being correct, and it is much to be regretted that the compiler of the tables did not make sure that his figures were accurate before giving publicity to them. Seven years' contributions to the Boys' Institution are put down as £161 3s, whereas over £490 has been sent in support of this Institution during the period named. The cost this year is put down at £270—that is, charging for six boys, whereas two of the six boys in the Institution are "Oliver Memorial" boys, and were purchased into the School—over £180 having been paid on account of each boy, so that clearly their cost should not be placed side by side with the contributions from the Province. The cost of the girls is put down at £170, whereas it should be £136, there being only four girls in the School, and not five as calculated for. The contributions for the seven years are said to be £94 10s, whereas over £196 was contributed for such period. As to the Benevolent Institution, I regret I cannot get at the total sum sent from the Province for the seven years, but I know in 1885 two Lodges contributed nearly £90 to this Institution, apart from the ordinary subscriptions of say £14, and there should be placed to the credit of the seven years in question, something like £115 being the proportion of the purchase money for about fifty votes for fifteen years. The figures given by me* make a difference of about £200 in favour of this Province, and reduce what "P.M. 1607" calls a deficiency of £640 to about £430. As far as I can form an opinion of the future of this Province there is, I believe, a strong and loyal attachment to the Central Charities, which the inaccurate and misleading remarks of "P.M. 1607" will not seriously interfere with. The stream of Masonic benevolence has it is true been largely directed for some time to the formation of Provincial Charities, which I am glad "P.M. 1607" approves of, but I hope that at no distant date the Province will direct its charitable efforts towards further helping the grand Central Institutions, of which every Mason may be justly proud.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

B. VICKERS, Prov. G.S.

Lincoln, 9th April 1886.

		* BOYS.							
		Cost this Year.	Seven Years' Contributions.			Annual Average.	Deficiency for Current Year.		
		£	£	s	d	£	s	d	£
P.M. 1607	-	270	161	3	0	23	0	5	246
My figures	-	180	496	0	0	70	17	1	109
					GIRLS.				
P.M. 1607	-	170	94	10	0	13	10	0	156
My figures	-	136	196	7	0	28	1	0	107
					BENEVOLENT.				
P.M. 1607	-	256	158	9	0	22	12	9	233
My figures	-	256	300	0	0	42	17	1	213

We have been requested to state that the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Hart, King's Road, Chelsea, will in future meet on Thursday evenings, at half-past seven o'clock, instead of Friday, as heretofore. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here, as usual, on Good Friday.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville.—Tuesday witnessed the first evening performance of "Sophia," by Mr. Robert Buchanan. The author has selected the well-known novel "Tom Jones" for his theme, but has refrained from using any part of the book which might cause offence, and the results of his labours are satisfactory. Act I. shows a lawn before Squire Western's house, where we witness an interview between Tom Jones (who is despised by all), and Blifil (a mean and lying scoundrel), both under the guardianship of Mr. Allworthy, a country gentleman, who believes Blifil to be the essence of goodness. Tom Jones, after kissing a poacher's daughter, protecting the poacher, and thrashing Blifil within an inch of his life, is turned out of the house, a consummation brought about by the lying propensities of Blifil. The scene in Act II. is described as a "Barber's Shop and Rural Prospect," and here we find Tom has taken refuge with Partridge, whose oft-repeated remark of "Next, please," causes much laughter. Sophia, however, through her maid Honour, discovers Tom's retreat, and informs him she is being forced into a marriage with Blifil, who is distasteful to her. She escapes to London, whither she is tracked by her father and Blifil. She is also followed there by Tom. Act III. represents a room in Lady Bellaston's house in Golden Square. This lady pretends to help Sophia. She visits Tom in the garret where he is lodging, where he has taken refuge with Partridge. Now follows an amusing episode. Honour pays a visit in search of Tom, and is hidden by Partridge in a cupboard. Lady Bellaston then enters, and is also hidden in an adjoining room. Sophia in turn arrives, and is found a hiding place, but she is surprised at the entrance of Squire Western and Blifil. Some conversation takes place, which ends in Sophia disclosing herself, and renouncing Tom, and signifying her intention to conform to her father's will by marrying Blifil. Act IV. shows us a room at the Bull and Gate Inn, Holborn, where all is made right, through the agency of Honour and Partridge, and Blifil's villainy is exposed. In almost every case the parts assigned to the several artistes suited them admirably. The Sophia of Miss Kate Rorke was fresh, sympathetic, and charming. The way in which she threw herself into Tom Jones's arms when she visited him in his garret seemed so natural that it was received with rapturous applause. Miss Lottie Venne is well suited with the part of Honour; while Miss Helen Forsyth plays with spirit as Molly Seagrim. Miss Sophia Larkin was at her ease in illustrating the vanity of Miss Western. Miss Rose Leclercq thoroughly earned the applause which was bestowed on her as the baffled Lady Bellaston. Mr. T. Thorne has secured another of those parts from which he manages to create so much fun. His Partridge was full of humour, and he will doubtless revel in a part that suits his style so admirably. In Mr. Charles Glenny's Tom Jones there was no lack of manliness and buoyancy. Mr. Allworthy was well played by Mr. Gilbert Farquhar; Mr. Carleton discreetly accentuated Blifil's villainy; while Mr. Fuller Mellish showed improvement as the poacher Seagrim. Mr. Fred Thorne works hard to command success as Squire Western, and this he certainly does. He at times, however, makes too much noise for so small a theatre. At the conclusion of the piece both author and artistes were called before the curtain.

Gaiety.—Mr. Eugene C. Stafford, the manager of this theatre, announces his annual benefit matinée, for Tuesday afternoon next, the 20th instant, when a new comedy, entitled "Veracity," will be produced.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, held at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, 19th instant. Bros. J. C. Smith W.M., James Hemming S.W., J. Thom J.W. Second Lecture—Bros. Thom, Edmonds, Procter, Hemming, Emblin. Third Lecture—Bros. Fraser, Storr, Solomon. Commencing at 7.30.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will in future be held at the New Market Hotel, 26 King-street, Smithfield, E.C. It meets every Monday at 7.30 p.m., under the Preceptorship of Bro. William Pennfather P.M., with Bro. H. J. Lardner as Assistant Preceptor, and will close at 9.30. Craftsmen are cordially invited.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, will not meet on Thursday next (the evening before Good Friday). On the following Thursday evening, the 29th inst., the members will assemble as usual.

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Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The annual supper was held on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at the Gaudon Hotel, Clapham S.W., under the presidency of Bro. Johnson P.M. 1320, Secretary 2005, Preceptor of the Lodge. There was a large assemblage present, amongst whom were several prominent local brethren. The supper was of a most recherché character, and was served in Bro. Shannaw's well-known style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being given from the chair, Bro. Woods P.M. proposed, in eloquent terms, the toast of the evening—Success to the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, and in the course of his remarks said there could be no doubt that under such an able Preceptor, and with such ample accommodation, the Lodge could not fail to be a prosperous one. The Preceptor (Bro. Johnson), the Treasurer (Bro. Westley), and the Secretary (Bro. King), suitably responded. The health of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. Johnson, and Bro. Jenkins W.M. Royal Jubilee Lodge and Bro. Stunt W.M. Blackheath Lodge returned thanks. The Chairman, in proposing the health of the host (Bro. Shannaw), commented upon the excellence of the repast he had provided. Bro. Shannaw briefly replied. Several brethren contributed some excellent songs, and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241.—The members of this Lodge of Instruction held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on 6th inst., the principal Officers being Bro. R. Robinson P.P.G.R. acting as W.M., Bro. A. C. Luker S.W. 251 as S.W., Bro. W. H. Cooke S.W. 1013 as J.W. Bros. Brotherton and West were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary. During the banquet which followed the business, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the Treasurer read the financial statement, which proved that the Lodge was in a most flourishing condition. The following brethren responded to the special toasts—Bro. W. H. Cooke for the Officers, Bro. James Pendleton for the mother Lodge, Bros. Brotherton and Luker for the Treasurer, and Bro. West for the Secretary. This Lodge of Instruction owes its present strong position mainly to the Preceptor, Bro. R. Robinson, with whose profound knowledge of the Ritual are combined a specially courteous and pleasing manner, and all the tact necessary to the discharge of his important duties.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 9th instant, at the Star and Garter, Kew, when there were present—Bros. Turner W.M., Hughes S.W., F. Botley J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Sec., Thomas S.D., Cammell J.D., Rev. Pickering Chaplain, Francis I.G., Sugg Organist, Goss, Hughes. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goss candidate. The questions leading to the third degree were answered by Bro. Frances, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. H. Hughes candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley answered the questions of the fifth section of the first lecture. Bro. J. H. Hughes was elected W.M. for 16th inst. It was proposed and seconded that the Masonic votes of the Lodge of Instruction be vested in the names of the Secretary or Secretaries for the time being. Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—The usual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, whose doings were commented upon last week, was held on Saturday evening, 10th inst., at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, and the following were the Officers on that occasion:—Bros. Ruffles W.M., Maxsted S.W., Hooper pro tem for Hampton J.W., Botibol S.D., Perkins J.D., Stacey P.M. Preceptor, Wesley I.G. The ceremony of passing was gone through, Bro. Isaacs candidate, and the work was done in a highly creditable manner, and at its conclusion several sections of the degree were worked by the brethren. Nothing further was brought forward in the shape of business, and the Lodge was closed in complete harmony in the usual manner.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 12th inst., at Baker Bros., the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Turner W.M., Richardson S.W., Flack J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hancock S.D., Dixie J.D., Barnett I.G., Western acting Preceptor. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Weeden, as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The third section of the lecture was worked. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Styles, Camden Lodge, No. 704, was elected a member, and Bro. Richardson appointed W.M. for Monday, 19th inst.

Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—Held at the Wheatsheaf, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Bros. Davis W.M., Williams S.W., Spiegel J.W., Burton P.M. S.D., Jennings I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Molony candidate. Bro. Williams W.M. of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge was elected W.M. for Thursday, the 15th inst. It was arranged that the annual Festival of the Creton Lodge of Instruction take place on the 29th inst., at the Wheatsheaf, at 8 o'clock, the members present promised their support, and it is expected, under the management of Bro. Chalfont P.M. Secretary, this will prove a success. It was decided that the Lecture on the Origin of Freemasonry, its transmission from the early ages to the present generation, with the different rituals, will be delivered by Bro. Spiegel P.M. on 6th May. The Lodge was then closed.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,
ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

Chief Patroness :
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
Grand Patron and President :
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.
Grand Patroness :
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 10th April 1886,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election, by ballot, of 24 Girls into the Institution from a list of 36 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED :—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
25	Cutbush, Amy D. ...	3074	1
34	Sanders, L. E.	2154	2
6	Barnard, G. E. M. ...	2045	3
2	Pratt, M. ...	1964	4
7	Dickenson, M. A. ...	1911	5
1	Wells, L. F. ...	1837	6
9	Walmsley, E. M. ...	1821	7
26	Hood, E. M. ...	1694	8
31	Smith, F. A. ...	1637	9
15	Chapman, E. L. ...	1650	10
5	Kirkman, E. ...	1604	11
14	Richardson, F. ...	1539	12
33	Addenbrooke, M. J. ...	1512	13
22	Glass, M. H. ...	1509	14
10	Pinder, J. M. ...	1508	15
4	Knight, J. D. ...	1499	16
17	Bulmer, F. ...	1473	17
36	Bell, V. A. W. ...	1454	18
3	Phillips, E. ...	1409	19
30	Woodman, M. R. ...	1340	20
27	Arrowsmith, L. M. ...	1120	21
35	Hardley, L. D. ...	1033	22
8	Wardroper, G. E. ...	1015	23
13	Fulford, E. M. ...	703	24

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
10th April 1886.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of April 1886,

Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, V.P., Trustee (P.G. Steward), in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of THIRTY BOYS from an approved List of Forty-eight Candidates, the following being declared successful :—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	37	Sanders, E. H. ...	2057
2	24	Groombridge, R. T. ...	1746
3	40	Bunney, T. B. ...	1686
4	30	Humphries, W. H. ...	1674
5	13	Stocken, W. A. ...	1644
6	25	Leaman, R. ...	1639
7	41	Williams, A. E. ...	1635
8	21	Mayne, E. A. J. ...	1625
9	12	Freeman, W. B. ...	1592
10	9	Fox, O. R. J. ...	1579
11	6	Webb, F. T. ...	1569
12	34	Ace, C. T. W. ...	1542
13	11	Limpriht, C. W. ...	1511
14	22	Saville, C. R. ...	1508
15	31	Mitchell, S. J. ...	1507
16	43	Waspe, W. ...	1505
17	47	Buckley, C. S. ...	1502
18	26	Phipson, A. W. ...	1485
19	19	Midgley, R. ...	1456
20	46	Benham, F. C. ...	1456
21	23	Thaw, F. G. ...	1454
22	48	Brister, O. L. ...	1451
23	27	Melhuish, R. ...	1430
24	32	Lane, F. J. ...	1429
25	8	Plows, H. B. ...	1421
26	35	Haines, G. E. ...	1407
27	44	Hancock, F. E. ...	1378
28	28	Watts, S. W. ...	1366
29	42	Nicholson, R. C. ...	1344
30	33	Sugden, H. A. ...	1312

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

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
12th April 1886.

THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 30th June. The Right. Hon. LORD SUFFIELD, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, has kindly consented to preside.

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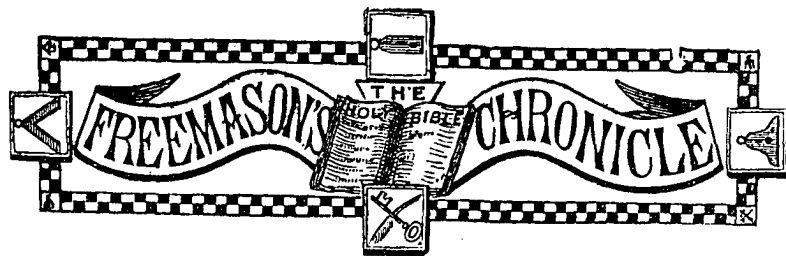
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting was held at Ripon, on Wednesday, 7th instant, under the banner of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352. The Prince Leopold Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the W.M., the Rev. W. C. Lukis. Two Master Masons, Bros. Parker and Hutchinson, were regularly advanced to the degree of a Mark Master, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. Francis Smith was regularly installed into the chair of A. by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. L. Mason. Bro. Smith was duly proclaimed and afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year. At 5:20 the

Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, entered, and duly opened by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., D.P.G.M.M., Joseph W. Mouckman P.P.G.W. as P.G.S.W., L. P. Pugh, M.D., Prov. G.J.W., Rev. Dr. Smyth Prov. G.M.O., Thomas Whitaker P.P.G.W. as Provincial G.S.O., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. Grand Registrar as Prov. G.J.O., W. Corke P.G.S.O. Provincial Grand Secretary, Parkin as Prov. G.S.D., Hutchinson as Prov. G.J.D., James H. Gratien Prov. G.I. of Works, W. R. Massie Prov. G.D.C., J. J. Green as Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Henry A. Styring Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, Pearson as Prov. Grand I.G., Frances Smith, Tupman, and Thorpe as Prov. Grand Stewards. The Provincial Grand Mark Master was duly proclaimed, and in thanking the brethren said: I do not know whether any word is necessary to explain the reason of our meeting at Ripon, having had a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency here in last April. Then we met to consecrate the Lodge under whose banner we are assembled to-day; now we are specially asked to be present and assist at the installation of Bro. Smith as the W.M. for the ensuing year. I congratulate the Prince Leopold brethren on the steady progress they have made during the first year of their existence, and I am sure all the members of Provincial Grand Lodge join me in wishing the new Master, Bro. Smith, a happy and prosperous year of office. In November last we rather unexpectedly received a notice of the proposed alteration of the Book of Constitutions, and a draft copy was sent for inspection. I regret the matter was so hurried; indeed the time was so short that we could not call the General Purposes Committee together to consider them. I do not know how far the altered Book of Constitutions may affect our Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws. But it will be desirable as soon as the new Constitutions are published for the Committee to meet and carefully consider them. There is one alteration in the Book of Constitutions which will be satisfactory to all. It has enabled Grand Lodge to elect H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Mark Master. We may congratulate ourselves on the distinguished honour conferred on our Order by the acceptance of the position of Grand Mark Master by his Royal Highness, which, I am sure, will be very beneficial to the Order. Brethren, it will devolve upon you to-day to nominate a Provincial Grand Master, as my time of office, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order, will expire next September. I desire most heartily to thank the brethren for all the kind and loyal support given to me during my term of office, which I shall always remember with pleasure. I trust, brethren, that you will not allow kindly feelings to bias you in your choice to-day, for I can assure you that, whoever it may be, he shall have from me all the assistance and help he may need. Brethren, we require still a little more perseverance in some of our Lodges. Many are working well, but some are flagging. May I ask the help and assistance of the active members in promoting the welfare of all the Lodges in the Province?" The roll of Lodges having been called, it was found that with one exception all were represented. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Halifax, on Wednesday, the 14th October last, having been confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were read from several Provincial Grand Officers. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis) proposed, the Provincial Grand Registrar (Bro. W. F. Tomlinson) seconded, and the Provincial Grand Master Overseer (Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth) supported, a resolution, nominating Bro. C. L. Mason for re-appointment by the Grand Master for the ensuing three years. This resolution was unanimously adopted. The Provincial Grand Master, in acknowledging the resolution, said that he would endeavour in the future, as he had done in the past, to do all he possibly could for the welfare of the Order in the Province. Invitations were tendered from Leeds and Sheffield for the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold its next meeting in those towns, and the Provincial Grand Master intimated that those invitations should receive due attention. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Unicorn Inn, where Bro. Collinson had made ample arrangements for their comfort. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was passed by the brethren.

ROYAL ARCH.

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ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 1502.

THE members of this Chapter attended in strong force at the usual meeting, held on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. Comps. S. J. Henochsberg M.E.Z., M. Aronsberg H., and H. Archer J. were the Principals, and there were also present Comps. M. Hart P.Z. Treas., H. A. Tobias P.Z. S.E., A. Kirkpatrick S.N., D. Stern First Assist. Soj., R. Wilcock Second Assist. Soj., P. Ball Janitor, R. Robinson P.Z., S. Simmons, J. P. Paris, H. J. Cottrell, D. Gabriel sen., A. J. Lindsay P.Z. 126, A. D. Hesketh P.S. 1356, J. C. Robinson H. 249, E. Sherwood P.S. 680, and Hugh Williams P.P.G.S.B. P.Z. 1094. Two candidates were exalted, and the manner in which the new First Principal performed the principal portions of the ceremony elicited general approval. He received admirable assistance from the other Principals and subordinate Officers. An excellent supper was subsequently supplied by Comp. Casey, the House Steward, and the subsequent proceedings, generally presided over by Comp. Henochsberg Z., were of a most enjoyable nature.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—To achieve honours in the Craft degree of Freemasonry has ever been the desire and emulation of the great body of its members, and when the coveted position of Worshipful Master is attained, it is generally

believed that the acmé of the Order has been arrived at. There is, however, as every Master Mason knows, certain things which are left in store for him, should he be fortunate in obtaining a knowledge of them, and they will be found in the development of the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch; and therefore all its ceremonies are regarded with that veneration which is due to this exalted degree. There are but few of its members who are sufficiently versed in the Ritual of the ceremonies of installation of its Principals as to undertake the treble duty when required, and therefore, when it was announced that three Acting Principals in the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement would instal their successors, an unusual amount of interest was felt in the gathering on this occasion. The convocation for this purpose was held at an earlier hour than usual on Tuesday, 13th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, City, and as the ceremonies announced are so seldom rehearsed, the gathering was attended by some of the most eminent and exalted members of the degree. Amongst those present, we noticed Comps. H. Ruff P.Z. 95, Strugnell P.Z. 1044, H. Thompson P.Z. 619, Dr. Pridmore P.Z. 619, Horne P.Z. 7, Webb P.Z. Stanmore Chapter, Middlesex, C. Daniel P.Z. 65, Knight Z. 174, Brooks Z. 975, Ferry Z. 65, Frazer Z. 214, Gillard Z. 19, Smart Z. 766, Notley Z. elect 7, Charles Z. elect 19, Roberts Z. elect 65, Wells H. elect 1556, Payne H. elect 1524, Haynes H. elect 65, Beedell J. 538, Jeffs J. elect 19, and many other Principals and Past Principals. The Chapter having been opened in due form, the Installation of the three Principals was rehearsed by Comps. Webb Z., Fraser H., and Gillard J., and it is not too much to say the whole of these interesting ceremonies are rarely given in so perfect a manner as they were rendered on this occasion, and there was a concurrent opinion that the highest praise was due to Comp. Brown, the Preceptor of the Chapter, for what he had done in bringing about so satisfactory a result. The rest of the Companions were afterwards admitted, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by Comps. Notley Z., Payne H., Ruff J., Brown S.E. and Preceptor, Webb S.N., Beedell P.Z., Comp. Haynes being the candidate. The ceremony being brought to a conclusion, it was proposed, and unanimously carried, that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to the three Principals who had rehearsed the ceremonies. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing fortnight—Comps. Webb Z., Ruff H., Jeffs J., Jones S.N., Payne P.S. It was announced that Comps. Brooks, Hall, and Notley had undertaken to rehearse the Installation ceremonies on Tuesday, the 11th of May, the last time they will be rehearsed this season, and it is hoped that a large gathering of Principals will attend on that occasion. Since this Chapter of Improvement has been removed to its present place of meeting it is every night numerously attended, and those aspirants for distinction in this supreme degree will find it a great advantage to them to receive the instruction here to be obtained. The Ritual of the degree is communicated in its greatest purity by its talented Preceptor, who is most painstaking in his endeavours to make all his pupils proficient as Royal Arch Masons, and fit them to fill any office in the Chapter to which hereafter they may be called.

The North London Chapter of Improvement maintains the goodly attendances that have been the rule of late. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed on Thursday by Companions Dean M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., J. Strugnell J. The other offices were filled as under:—Comps. Sheffield S.E., Bird S.N., Edmonds P.S.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE closing meeting of this Lodge for the winter season took place at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Martin W.M., who was supported by E. Thring S.W., T. H. Peirce P.M. as J.W., William Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, F. T. Bennett S.D.; P.M.'s Alfred Green, Alfred Withers, Usher Back, T. H. Lavers, John Laver, F. J. Hentsch and W. W. Morgan. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Charles James Dawson, and Capt. George Caleb Challen were raised to the sublime degree, and after routine business the Lodge was closed. A supper followed, after which the toasts customary to the occasion were honoured. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Hart Senior Warden 1046, C. Luckett 1426, A. Honnson Inner Guard 1110, George Taylor, Past Master 1539, J. A. Collings Organist 1673, C. F. Cartis 1950. In the course of the evening reference was made to the appointment of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge to the Deputy Grand Mastership of the Province of Surrey. Bro. Morgan, who made the announcement, spoke of the illness which prevented Bro. Greenwood's attendance that evening. This illness was particularly to be deplored at the present time, as Bro. Greenwood was engaged most strenuously in support of his chief—General Brownrigg—who would preside at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Greenwood had undertaken a Stewardship for the Girls' School, as representing the St. Michael's Lodge, and in his absence he (the speaker) urged the brethren to support their Treasurer to the best of their ability. A most liberal response was made by those present, and as the sum of ten guineas was voted at a previous meeting, there is little doubt that an amount will be forthcoming which will be creditable to the Lodge which Bro. Greenwood will represent. Bro. Radcliffe was requested to convey to Bro. Greenwood the sympathy the brethren felt for him in his illness, and their hope that he would be soon restored to health.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE Installation meeting of this popular Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 8th April, with Bro. Bieling W.M., O. Bryant S.W. and W.M. elect, Tongue J.W., Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. S.D., Apsey J.D., Turner I.G., A. Runtz D.C., Banks Tyler. Lodge was opened at 6 a.m., when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A very satisfactory report from the Audit Committee was read and accepted. Dr. Jackson then presented the Master elect (Bro. Bryant) to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony was most carefully performed by the retiring W.M., and in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to the board of fourteen Installed Masters, and to the large number of guests who were present. After the W.M. had selected his Officers for the ensuing year, it was his pleasing duty to present Bro. Bieling with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him at the last meeting. This was received, and suitably acknowledged by the recipient. Bro. Jackson P.M. then proposed that, in consideration of the able manner in which Bro. Bieling had performed his duties during his year of office, for representing the Lodge at the Festivals, and also for so well performing the Installation ceremony that evening, that he should be presented with the special decoration known as the Polish White Eagle. This was seconded by Bro. Nowakowski P.M. and Treasurer, and unanimously carried by the brethren. Bro. Bieling expressed his appreciation of the kindness he had always received and the support that had been given to him during his year of office. He hoped that the present W.M. would have as happy and prosperous a year as he had had. The resignation of two of the brethren was accepted, with regret. All other business having been completed, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner, Bro. Jackson P.M. giving a short farewell address. The brethren then retired to the banquet-room, there the "fourth degree" was duly celebrated, grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen and Craft. This was followed by "God save the Queen." The toast of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Philbrick Grand Registrar, who thanked the brethren for giving him the opportunity of responding to the toast. All felt the deep debt of gratitude with which the whole body of Freemasons regarded their M.W.G.M., who at a most critical period in the history of the Craft came forward and undertook the onerous duties, and who ever interested himself most deeply in all matters of important business connected with the Craft. The Pro G.M. also devoted himself to the pressing concerns of the Craft, that the interests of Freemasonry might be duly guarded, and this feeling was also felt by the Grand Officers. Miss Thomas here favoured the brethren with a pianoforte selection. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., and hoped he would have a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Bryant, in reply, thanked the brethren for having elected him as their W.M., and assured them he would do all he could for the prosperity and advancement of the Lodge. Bro. Nash favoured the brethren with an amusing song. The toast of the Visitors was then drank, with enthusiasm. Miss Blanche Owen followed with a song. The toast of the Officers and Tyler brought to a close a very pleasant evening. The following Visitors were present—Bros. Philbrick Grand Registrar of England, Snodin P.M. 157, Norris P.M. 181, Alford P.M. 228, Main 1531, Shand P.M. 1563, Styles 704, T. Panter Telfie 12, Schartau 1549, Barratt and Paas jun. 28, Smart P.M. 776, G. L. Wingate P.M. 1423, John Cox P.M. 1658, Larchin P.M. 1541, Alfred Bryant 1445, Andrews 1329, John Dale 1613, Berry J.W. 1382, Foster P.M. 19, Saegert P.M. 548, John Nash and J. Niedzielski.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 5th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Great George Street, Leeds. The W.M. Bro. Charles Scriven occupied the chair, and he was supported by W. Bro. Herbert Green P.G. Secretary, by a large number of the past and present Provincial Grand Officers, as well as by the Worshipful Masters of all the Leeds Lodges, and many visiting brethren from many parts of the Province. Bro. G. W. Balfour, M.P., was passed to the second degree by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Youings and Ward, the ceremony being beautifully worked. Bro. Youings was then installed into King Solomon's chair by W. Bro. Scriven, after which Bro. Blagbro sang "Be thou faithful unto death." After this ceremony, the Lodge closed "in peace and harmony," and the brethren retired to the banquetting room, where Bro. Wood served dinner. During the evening interesting speeches were delivered. The musical part of the programme was in the hands of W. Bro. Townsend, and W. Bro. Winn acted as Director of the Ceremonies. In the course of the proceedings, W. Bro. Scriven was the recipient of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had discharged his duties. The Officers of the Goderich Lodge now are as follow:—W. Bro. Youings W.M., W. Bro. C. Scriven I.P.M., Bro. Bradford S.W., Bro. Smith J.W., Bro. Canon Bullock Chaplain, Bro. Rev. A. B. Coombe Assistant Chaplain, W. Bro. Fourness P.M. Treasurer, W. Bro. Eddison Secretary, Bro. Ward S.D., Bro. Craister J.D., W. Bro. Winn P.M. P.P.G.S.W. M.C., W. Bro. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. Charity Steward, W. Bro. Townsend P.M. Organist, W. Bro. Jacques P.M. I.G., Bro. W. Wood Steward, and Bro. Barraud Tyler.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, King Street, Manchester. It being the election night, there was a very large attendance of brethren, and a goodly number of Visitors, including

the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. John Chadwick, whose presence in the Wolseley Lodge is always looked upon with a great amount of pleasure by every brother of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master Bro. Wm. Harris was at his post, assisted by every one of his Officers, who did their work that evening, as they have always done, in a manner that called forth the heartiest appreciation on the part of the Provincial Officers and visiting brethren, many of whom were Past Masters and Worshipful Masters of neighbouring Lodges. Bro. Holland answered the questions leading to the third degree in a manner seldom equalled, thus giving evidence that his instructor had well done his work. After a few preliminary remarks, the Worshipful Master instructed the Deacons to hand round to the brethren the voting papers for election of Worshipful Master. After this was done, Bro. McKellen P.M., in a neat and truly Masonic speech, strongly urged upon the brethren present the important necessity of having a unanimous election, and referring in laudable terms to the services of the Senior Warden Bro. Thomasson. He concluded by remarking that he hoped the way in which Bro. Thomasson had performed all the offices he had held would induce the brethren to sink other considerations, and reward his ability by electing him Worshipful Master. One by one each of the brethren who were eligible for election withdrew their names, and then the Junior Warden, who is very popular in the Lodge, in the most magnanimous manner also withdrew his name. The Director of Ceremonies then rose, and expressed the pleasure he felt at the conduct of the Past Masters and Junior Warden in the matter. He endorsed almost everything that had been said by previous speakers, and hoped that the election would prove unanimous, and that the Wolseley Lodge would still go on and prosper. The Worshipful Master appointed Bro. Geo. Hunt I.P.M. and the Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. Henry Darbyshire, as scrutineers of the voting papers, which, having been gone through, were declared to be almost unanimous. The announcement was received with great satisfaction by the Lodge. Bro. Thomasson returned thanks, and hoped that the brethren would never have occasion to regret the honour they had conferred on him. The Director of the Ceremonies then asked the Worshipful Master to be good enough to vacate the chair and leave the Lodge, as it was his intention to make a proposition which should be discussed by the brethren, and, as it referred, amongst others, to himself, he felt that the Worshipful Master would feel more comfortable outside. The Worshipful Master bowed assent, and requested his Immediate Past Master Bro. Geo. Hunt to occupy the chair, and retired amidst the Masonic greetings of the brethren. Bro. Darbyshire then made the proposition, and, at the suggestion of Bro. Past Master Hopewell, amended the same, which was read as follows:—"That Past Masters' jewels be presented to the three first Worshipful Masters of the Wolseley Lodge—namely, Bros. D. Edwards, G. Hunt, and W. Harris, and that a committee be appointed to consider and decide as to a special design being got for the said jewels, the cost to be defrayed by the Lodge." The proposition, in its amended form, was duly carried, and the W.M. re-entered the Lodge. In reply to the usual questions, the Secretary Bro. J. Hatton read communications, and two resignations from brethren, who, through circumstances which they explained with regret, withdrew from the Lodge. The resignations were duly accepted. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge duly closed at 9 p.m. The brethren then sat down to a well-provided knife and fork tea, put upon the table by the Lodge caterer, Mrs. Edwards. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, and, the W.M. having passed the gavel to Bro. D. Edwards, that worthy brother proposed the health of the newly raised Bro. Holland, in such a manner as to call forth the applause of the brethren. Bro. Holland replied in suitable terms. The toast of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Darbyshire, and responded to by Bro. Harris. The toast of the Officers was then proposed, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. J. Hatton, the indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge, and this highly respected brother responded to the toast. One of the most pleasant evenings ever held in the Wolseley Lodge—enthusiastic to a degree—was brought to a close by the Tyler giving his toast a few minutes before eleven o'clock.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Saturday afternoon, in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, when there was a large attendance of brethren. The W.M. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Deputy Dist. G.M. Eastern Archipelago was supported by W. Bro. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treas. S.W., W. Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Bro. William Watson P.M. Secretary, Bro. Robert Abbott Treasurer, Bro. the Rev. H. S. Butler Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Player S.D., Bro. Scott Young J.D., Bro. Atkinson (in the absence of Bro. Theswell) I.G. W. Bro. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D. acted as I.P.M. The Visitors included Past Masters from Leeds, Ripon, Halifax, and other Lodges. Bros. Benjamin, Sykes, Bailey, and Lewis Howard were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. Mason. This beautiful ceremony was most impressively worked. Bro. J. Wilton Jones was afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who received efficient aid from his two Wardens, and from W. Bro. R. Craig. Hearty good wishes having been exchanged, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to "high tea," at which a most enjoyable time was spent. Bro. Jones, in responding to the Initiate's toast, bore testimony to the impressive manner in which the ceremony had been worked. He expressed the hope that he might be able to live up to the high standard set by the mystic Craft, and that in his case Brother might mean more than a name.

PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

THIS new Lodge, which may be said to be an off-shoot of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, Manchester, consecrated so recently as the 23rd of January this year—which event was duly reported in our issue of the 6th of February—held its meeting on the 10th inst., in the hall of the Conservative Club, Heaton Moor, near Manchester. The chair in the east was occupied by Bro. Hopewell W.M. of this Lodge and Past Provincial Officer of Bombay. The Senior Warden Bro. Webster and the Junior Warden Bro. Barton occupied the chairs in the west and south respectively. All the other Officers were in their respective places at the time set down for the commencement of business, and the Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the W.M. at 6.30 p.m. The business on the agenda paper was a ballot for one joining brother, one initiation, two passings, and two raisings. The joining brother was unanimously elected. The initiatory ceremony was performed in an excellent manner by Bro. Past Master Eastwood. The corner-stone address was ably delivered by Bro. Wells, who was initiated only about two years since in the Wolseley Lodge, but who now, with much credit, occupies the position of Senior Deacon in the Prince Edward Lodge. The working tools were very creditably explained by Bro. Barton, the Junior Warden. The Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and the candidates having answered the questions, were entrusted. After they had retired, the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and the candidates were duly re-admitted, and raised by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Several important matters were discussed. Hearty good wishes were expressed from the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer by the W.M. at 10.30. After the ceremony of initiation, the brethren were called from labour to refreshment, and sat down to a well-furnished table, supplied by the Lodge caterer. There was a very good attendance of brethren, who seemed to enjoy the splendid working of the Officers, and the Visitors were unanimous in their expressions of the delight they felt in seeing this new Lodge so favourably launched. We would remark that, though the room in which the Lodge is now held is a very handsome one, complete as to its furnishing and acoustic properties, we are glad to learn that it has been decided by the Officers and members, in conjunction with the proprietors of the Hall, to build a special room in the grounds adjoining the Conservative Club at Heaton Moor for a Masonic temple. Owing to the pressure of the business of the evening, the Worshipful Master had not an opportunity of again inviting the visiting brethren to the festive board, but very generously remarked that he hoped they would take an early day to revisit them, when he might have an opportunity of showing them that the Prince Edward Lodge could, and would, entertain its Visitors to a sumptuous festive board, where they might regale themselves, like the Wolseley Lodge, with the "cups that cheer, but not inebriate."

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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, 17th APRIL.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 19th APRIL.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
102—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
207—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hote, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
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TUESDAY, 20th APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bridg., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
144—Faun, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 9. (Inst)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
551—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)
820—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Richmond-road, Dulston 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 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1564—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kenington, The Horus, Kenington. (Instruction)
1620—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
440—Mount Edgumore, Three Stags, Wandsworth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
471—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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
418—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
463—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liscauld.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scarrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Taven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden

- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 21st APRIL.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bartlett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glangall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M. 1—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 41—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, St. John
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Liverpool
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
437—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
481—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
492—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
494—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gressop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemason Hall, Railway-street, Gloucester
758—Eliasmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale

- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
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 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
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 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
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 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
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THURSDAY, 22nd APRIL.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 853—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burpett Coutts, 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.)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Baling, at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8: (Instruction)
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
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 78—Imperial George, Ashtown Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
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 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
 R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
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 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
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 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

FRIDAY, 23rd APRIL.

- 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland

- R.A. 630—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 24th APRIL.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 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
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 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistons
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
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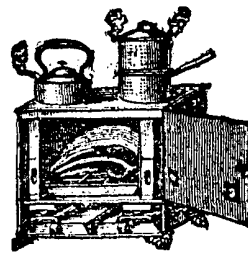
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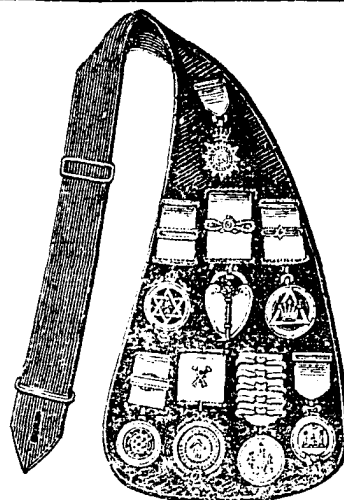
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