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## CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual general meeting of this Institution will be held on Friday, the 21st May, on which occasion the usual election of brethren and widows as annuitants will take place. The applicants for the benefits of the Institution are particularly numerous in connection with both branches of the Fund, there being fifty-eight brethren on the list for the Male branch, and seventy-one widows on that for the Female. At the present time the declared vacancies are very few in comparison with the large number of eligible candidates, the actual figures being fifteen for the Male Fund and nine for the Female; in both cases three of these vacancies being for deferred annuities, only available on the death of some of those already in receipt of grants from the funds of the Institution. It is all but certain that the number of vacancies to be filled will be increased on the day of election, as deaths have occurred among the annuitants since the numbers to be elected were fixed, and the vacancies thus caused will, without doubt, be filled up as usual. These will not, however, make the prospects of the candidates very much better, and under any circumstances we may expect to see about one hundred of the Old People who are at present applying for annuities sent despairingly away after the contest on the 21st of next month, and then nothing can be done for that large number of deserving candidates for another year. In that time, perhaps, many of these poor old people may find relief from their sorrows in death, while others—and we hope by far the majority—will be spared to take part in another election, with, we trust, a much brighter result, so far as they are individually concerned. However, the next election is what concerns us at the present time, and for that contest, as we have said, the ballot papers show a total of one hundred and twenty-nine candidates, with twenty-four vacancies, that is, nearly one annuity for each five who apply. It is not our intention to devote any considerable space to a seriatim review of the cases; we shall content ourselves with a notice of some of the special points which strike us.

Of the fifty-eight brethren who apply for the benefits of the Male Fund fourteen have taken part in previous elections, thus leaving forty-four who now appear for the first time. Of the fourteen, two now make a fifth application, three a fourth, three a third, and six a second. Brother Charles Sarl, No. 1 on the list, brings forward 75 votes from his four former attempts. He was initiated in No. 35, Cowes, Isle of Wight, in 1863, and paid thereto until December 1879. In 1876 he joined No. 551, Ventnor, and continued a member of that Lodge for five years, making a total of 21½ years' payments to Grand Lodge funds. He is now entirely without means, but we hope will ere long receive such help as the Benevolent Institution is enabled to afford to those elected to its benefits. No. 2, William Harrison, 73 years of age, is in a far better position, but is still a long way off the coveted annuity. He has a total of 441 votes to his credit, the accumulation of four elections. He was initiated in No. 180, London, in 1854, he afterwards joined No. 733, London, and has altogether paid to Grand Lodge for fourteen years. He also is entirely without means. We should much like to see the names of these two brethren among the list of successful. We do not advocate any-

thing like a concession being made on their behalf, but we feel that five years is almost long enough to keep them in that agony of suspense which they must have both felt so long, in not knowing when to expect the annuity for which they have been declared eligible since the close of 1881 in the one case, and the beginning of 1882 in the other. The fourth application cases are Francis Harper (aged 64), John Musham (aged 46, permanently paralyzed), and Frederick Allies (aged 81). These three brethren have subscribed for 22½, 5½ and 7 years respectively. Bro. Harper, who was initiated in No. 211, London, brings forward 241 votes; Brother Musham, initiated in No. 200, Scarborough, 8 votes; and Brother Allies, initiated in No. 520, Worcester, 500 votes. We hope it will not be necessary for either of these brethren to make a fifth application. Bros. John Robinson, Charles Leigh, and Robert Nichol, who each come forward for the third time, have respectively 269, 20, and 94 votes to their credit. The former (Brother Robinson) was initiated in No. 123, Richmond, Yorks, and subscribed for twelve years. He is now, at the age of 68, incapable of following his business, having been deprived of the use of his left side through a paralytic stroke. Brother Leigh, an initiate of No. 244, Jersey, and a joining member of No. 1003, also meeting at Jersey, is accredited with 24½ years' payments. He is 66 years of age and, being afflicted with rheumatic gout, is unable to gain a livelihood. Brother Nichol, an initiate of No. 481, Newcastle on Tyne, is permanently incapacitated from following any employment, and is thus compelled, at the comparatively early age of forty-five, to ask the help of his brother Masons. Will they refuse to grant it? Brother W. Nixon polled 37 votes at last year's election. He was initiated in No. 412, Longtown, in 1853, and paid thereto for thirty years. He is now in his seventy-sixth year, and through age, infirmity, and loss of trade, is reduced to a state of poverty, and quite unable to earn his living. Brother W. J. McLean brings forward 50 votes. He was initiated in No. 248, Brixham, in 1852, and through that Lodge and No. 328, Torquay, which he subsequently joined, he has subscribed to the funds of Grand Lodge for 31½ years. He is dependent on a sister for support. Brother H. L. Hogg, aged 74, was initiated in No. 57, Hull, in 1849, and remained a member of that Lodge for 29 years. He only secured 9 votes last year, and is at present dependent upon a daughter. Brother R. H. Fry has 15 votes to his credit. He was initiated in 1843, in No. 284, Warwick; he afterwards joined No. 502, Rugby, and in the two Lodges he subscribed to the funds of Masonry for thirteen years. He met with an accident in 1880, and has been confined to his home ever since. Brother John Rowe, an initiate of No. 202, Devonport, appears to be in better circumstances than any of the preceding, so far as income is concerned, for he has a pension of £32 per annum. He was a subscriber to his Lodge for thirty-three years, but is at present unable to do anything for his maintenance. Brother Henry Hatchforth, aged 72 years, was initiated in 395, Leamington, in 1847, and continued a member of that Lodge for 13½ years. He is now without means, except what he earns as a Tyler. He brings forward 257 votes from last year's election. The whole of the remaining cases are new to the present list, and are, we are sure, one and all of them deserving of any help it is possible for the Craft to afford. There is not one but has had to undergo a severe examination ere his application was admitted, and not one but has felt the misery of

reduced circumstances. May they all, in turn, be elected to the benefits of the Institution, and may they then long enjoy its annuities, is the wish of every one of its subscribers. It is only the lack of ability to perform what they wish that prevents the subscribers admitting all of the applicants as annuitants at the next election.

Turning now to the Female Branch, we have a list of seventy-one widows seeking a participation in the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. Of these, one makes an eighth application, five a sixth, one a fifth, eight a fourth, eleven a third, twenty a second, while the remaining twenty-five now appear for the first time. The number of votes brought forward range from 1355 in the case of Elizabeth Coulton, No. 19, third application; to nil in the cases of Nos. 39, 40 and 41, all of whom are second applications. As in the case of the brethren seeking to participate in the benefits of the Male Fund, there are special reasons in each of the Widows' cases to render them deserving of sympathy; and large as the number of applicants undoubtedly is, it would not be considered too large for the subscribers to relieve them all, if it were in their power so to do. It is distressing to contemplate the amount of suffering which these two lists of candidates disclose; but, alas, the cases here recorded are but a tittle of those which exist, and which, but for our Benevolent Institution and similar Charities, would ever remain unrelieved. It is only by continued and united efforts that these benefits can be extended, or even sustained; and, as we feel that a study of the two lists to which we have here directed attention would prove one of the best incentives to increased exertion, we commend them to our readers.

### MASONRY EVERLASTING.

*An Oration by Right Worshipful Alfred A. Hall, Grand Chaplain, at the Dedication of the Masonic Hall, Rutland, Vermont, 27th January 1886.*

WE stand to-day in the presence of a work completed, bearing evidence of study, watchfulness, the liberal contribution of means and good taste. Brethren of Rutland, I congratulate you upon the fruition of your labours. May this Masonic home prove to you and to those who shall follow you, a very Bethel in which the pure and noble tenets of Masonry shall be taught. From your altar may the pure incense of morality and virtue ever ascend as an acceptable service to the Great I Am. The ceremonies of consecration have been fitting and impressive, and this beautiful and commodious hall, now dedicated to Masonry, to virtue and to universal benevolence, is an honour to its patrons and to our Institutions, and a monument to the dignity of Masonry. The ceremonies of the evening were to some extent an imitation of the dedication of King Solomon's temple—the prototype of all Masonic halls—and, while they could not expect that divine approval would be manifested by the visible fire which signalized God's presence in the holy of holies, it was hoped that the work had been so constructed and that its future use would be of such a character as to merit the approval of the Lord of hosts.

The occasion and ceremonies make it eminently fitting that we consider the relation of Masonry, virtue and universal benevolence, which have formed triple links in the chain of dedication. Of Masonry let us ask the three important questions—whence? what? whither?—asked by every thoughtful man and woman of every new and obscure principle offered for consideration. The origin of Masonry is veiled in obscurity, and we neither accept the theory of zealots who affirm that it is coeval with the creation, nor limit its birth to the date of its present purely speculative form in 1717. The true time probably dates from the associations formed by the architects of Tyre, called the "Dionysiac Fraternity," an association of builders of temples and like edifices, distinguished by the use of the common signs as a means of recognition. Organizations having similar traditions have existed in all countries for ages, and the evidence of the best Masonic scholars, as well as of much that is in the nature of circumstantial demonstration, show that the antiquity of Masonry is great. From a manuscript in the Bodleian library we have the opinion of the time upon its origin in a dialogue between King Henry VI. and one of the brotherhood summoned for examination, very quaint in expression :

*Question:* "Where dyd it begyne?"

*Answer:* Ytt dyd begynne with the fyrste menne yn the Este, whych were before the ffyrste menne of the Weste, and comynge Weste ytt hath herewyth alle comforts to the mylde and comfortlesse."

The "what" of Masonry is by far the more important question. While we are proud, and justly so, of our antiquity as an organization, and regard it as proof of strength and stability, in this utilitarian age we care far more for the thing itself than for its origin or age. Granted that it commends itself to our use or judgment, and we accept it without question as to whence it came. By the test of works and fruits Masonry should be tried, and if upon examination it is found to contain anything immoral in teaching or practice, or if it trenches upon duty to God, our neighbour or ourselves, then the "tekel" of Belshazzar's warning should be written upon the cover of every Masonic book as well as the walls of every Masonic Lodge room. But if instead there is found anything true, just, honest, lovely or of good report, if there be any virtue or any praise in it, then we have the authority of the great apostle for believing it worthy of our thoughts. Masonry is born of the necessities of mankind, teaching that God is our common Father and man our brother. Its four corner-stones are truth, virtue, justice and charity, and it aims to make men purer, nobler and happier by encouraging mental improvement and social enjoyment, and affording mutual protection and relief. The teachings of the several degrees require a belief in God, and inculcate secrecy, duty, the practice of the cardinal virtues, uprightness, honesty and the cultivation of the liberal arts. There is a marked prominence given to geometry; there are lessons taught by the various Masonic emblems, and finally, the crowning lessons of Masonry teaches that there is an immortal part within us bearing affinity to that supreme intelligence which pervades all nature, and which can never, never, never die. Masonry leads us up to a sublime and noble height by paths hewn carefully in the rock "morality." It bids us from an altitude high and pure behold the streams of life wind gracefully and beautifully from source to mouth through fields made green by noble deeds, unbroken and unlashd by storms and rapids that mark the course of selfishness and sin, but at the dark, unfathomed river, where all finite life must end, it only presents a heaving, tossing tide that marks its nearest shore, content with whispering that there is a land beyond. While not affording perfect satisfaction, nor claiming to supplant the higher life, it tell us of a loftier peak beyond, ascended by a path which runs near to that by which we came, up to a grander, nobler height—the summit of Christianity—and with prophetic words assures us that from such a point we may, in the pure sunlight of God's truth, span the dark abyss and catch glimpses of the jasper walls, the pearly gates and glittering towers that mark the New Jerusalem.

But what is the effect of such teachings upon the heart and life? A beautiful ideal might be held up before us, the imagination might be led to grand and noble heights, but unless it went further than to please the fancy and excite the admiration, it is of little or no practical value. Nought but good can come from Masonic teachings. The evil found in members is not of Masonry. The truth it teaches cannot be contemplated without leaving higher and nobler aspirations, which, if allowed to take root and grow, will prove like the river winding through the valley, adding fertility to its soil and fringing its banks with living green and perennial flowers. A noble principle in the heart benefits not alone him who receives it, but all who come within its influence, for

No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strength,  
And all life not be purer and nobler thereby.

Masonry has grown from crude beginnings to an institution covering the whole habitable globe, and counts among its numbers all classes and conditions of men; the highest, the lowest, the richest, the poorest, if worthy of acceptance. This country alone has more than seven hundred and fifty thousand Masons, and they increase from twenty thousand to thirty thousand yearly.

Universal benevolence is one of its grandest features. Charities are of two kinds—individual and general—amounting in the aggregate to millions of dollars yearly, expended for the benefit of members, their families, and in the support of libraries, colleges and asylums. The sufferers from fires, floods, famines and epidemics find

prompt and willing assistance from Masonic treasury. And one of the noblest features of Masonic charity is the secret manner in which it is bestowed.

Written in heaven,  
What has been given!  
Placed on the record in letters of gold.  
Read of the spirits,  
Judges of merits,  
Some day the names to us all will be told.

In short, virtue and charity are lines running through the whole fabric of Masonry, constituting important elements in its warp and woof, giving it strength and stability, and commending it. If doubts are entertained as to the truthfulness of what has been attributed to Masonry, any one who cares to study can satisfy himself that, while Masonry is a secret society, its only secrets are methods of instruction and means of knowing who are entitled to its benefits. Its principles and teaching can be known as well by an outsider as a member, for the exoteric instruction is far less limited than the esoteric.

Brethren, the reality of life and its work should find willing acceptance in our hearts, and in view of the teachings of our Order we should study not only to make the most of it for ourselves, but for those around us. Masonry means this or means nothing. Our splendid ritual, beautiful ceremonies, excellent precepts, attractive Lodge rooms and fraternal associations are not worth perpetuating simply to gratify the taste or please the fancy. Unless there be found in them the eternal principles of truth, from which good deeds shall spring, benefiting mankind and improving the world, the whole system of Masonry is

"As idle as a painted ship  
Upon a painted ocean."

There is power in the Masonic Institution, and if you and I see to it that the fires are kept burning and the boilers well filled, standing at the lever where we can keep it under control, it will prove one of the grandest pieces of human invention ever designed for the benefit of man, and the beauty that surrounds it will be in keeping and harmony with the Institution. Masons may come and go, Masonic halls may crumble and decay, Lodges may spring up, flourish and die; aye, the eternal hills may be shaken and cast down, but like the word of God that shall survive the heavens and earth, the principles of Masonry, virtue and charity are from everlasting to everlasting and shall not pass away. Go forward, then, my brethren, in this great and glorious work; within this hall, made sacred by our dedication to the patron saints of Masonry, let truth prevail and righteousness be exalted; practise our rites in the most solemn and dignified manner; maintain assiduously the dignity of your profession; let your faith be simple, pure and strong, your hope grounded in good works and deeds, be illuminated by the glorious mysteries of the hereafter, and may Masonic charity prove as boundless as the wants of our fellow creatures. For one, I am proud to be a member of such an organization. Its record, past and present, is a present study and its future is bright with promise. No other society, except one, can be compared with it for its inherent power. As a purely moral organization it stands without a peer, and will continue to supply that inborn longing for companionship which all have felt and shall feel until the heavens and earth shall pass away and God shall call us into that eternal, perfect institution prepared from the foundations of the world.

And then farewell, Masonic band,  
To consecrations, dedications, halls,  
Each man a well wrought stone shall stand,  
Made ready for the heavenly walls,  
A pillar 'neath that mighty dome  
Where children find a father's home.

Thursday, the 29th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 24th April 1886:—

Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge, British Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday—Wanderers' Chapter, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge. Thursday—Grenadiers' Lodge, Polish National Lodge, Jerusalem Lodge.

## "FROM LABOUR."

WITH the coming of the swallows, and the bursting forth of Spring into fresh and verdant livery, arise also visions of pleasant days to be spent amidst flower-clad fields and sea-side recreations, where health and spirits may be recruited after a long period of labour, and by means of which renewed energies may be strung up for the recurring toils of everyday life. Eastertide comes this year later in the season than it has done for a century past, or can be for three centuries to follow, and one result has been that after an unusually severe winter, warm weather and bright skies are assured to all who have the means and inclination to keep holiday. Amidst the multitude of seductive attractions which allure the man in "populous city pent," the only perplexity is to choose the most enjoyable, compatible with the length of the purse, but at any rate none of us can complain that there is any dearth of choice or variety. The "fresh woods and pastures new" of the country-side, where hedgerows teem with wild flowers, and the boughs of trees are reverberant with the song of birds, are sure to attract thousands to their verdant and umbrageous shade; for there it is the "heart of Nature" is heard to blend in unison with the repose so eagerly sought after by those whose lot it is to be engulfed all the rest of the year in the vortex of business, and the intricate mazes of money-making. Painters have portrayed, and poets have sung, of the glorious solitude and the calm restfulness of those sequestered nooks and dells where "the wild thyme blows" and the meadows are dappled with the daisy and the butter-cup—where the underwood is lit up with the pale yellow of the primrose and the glowing azure of the wild hyacinth: More tempting, to many minds are the invigorating enjoyments ever to be found in their boundless variety on our coasts, where

The bridegroom sea is toying with the shore,  
His wedded bride. He decks her tawny brow with shells—  
Retires a pace to see how fair she looks,  
And then runs up to kiss her;

Where white winged yachts skim like swans along the surface of the sea, where boating, and bathing, and a thousand and one delights are ever present both for young and old. Away, then, with dreary calculations as to depression of trade, Land Bills and Home Rule; let politics be consigned to the temporary limbo of forgotten things; and hie away to those favoured spots where health and spirits may be revived, the petty worries of life—at any rate for the time—be swallowed up in the all-pervading sentiment of "begone, dull care." In spite of all that may be said to the contrary, all sorts and conditions of men are now on the tiptoe of expectation of a holiday of some sort or other, and it is pleasant to feel that the nipping frosts and snow have disappeared before the advent of summer skies, and that so far as the ubiquitous Clerk of the Weather is concerned, he has put on a genial smile, as though to make amends for all the frowns with which he has favoured us since the last Bank Holiday. So far as Masonry is affected by this welcome change in the meteorological aspect of things, we are now bordering on the period when the brethren will "part upon the square" for a more or less lengthened interval, when the implements of our profession will be laid aside, and when that respite after labour may look for well-deserved realisation. There are, indeed, agreeable anticipations of those summer excursions so dear, not only to those who have borne the brunt of the work of the session, but to the fair ones also who have learnt by experience the pleasantness in which, we will not say they are permitted to participate in Freemasonry, but to which they lend their sunny smiles and their graceful companionship. The Junior Warden will be in command in a majority of most of our Metropolitan Lodges for some months to come, and the brethren will enjoy a sense of that well-earned rest which follows all the more enjoyably upon a consciousness of duty well and wisely performed. Already we hear of preparations for these "outings" of the Craft, and there rise up before us recollections of merry meetings at which we have assisted in days of yore, in quiet sequestered nooks in the suburbs; on the "silvery" Thames, beyond the bustle and smoke of navigation; where the quiet angler follows the "gentle art," without fear of his serenity being disturbed by the invading steam launch or boisterous 'Arry; and where the amenities of social intercourse usurp

the place of the dry monotony of work. It would be idle to deny that such an interregnum produces a most wholesome and exhilarating effect on every mind and body. Whether it is in the transient pleasure of friends meeting friends in "jolliest amity" for a single day, or a more prolonged excursion further afield, the reaction is proportionately beneficial in every sense of the term. Not only are old friendships renewed and cemented, and fresh and lasting acquaintanceships created, but the rough angles which may possibly have formed, like knobs and excrescences, on the perfect ashlar of our fraternal relations are rubbed off; and whilst congratulations are exchanged upon the continued prosperity of our Order and the harmony that is apparent amongst all sections of it, many little matters that might have ruffled the surface of that accord which should ever pervade our Lodge affairs, are set straight and relegated to their proper sphere of oblivion. It has been our duty and pleasure, since last we wrote upon the subject, to record the steady progress and prosperity of the Craft generally, the sustained liberality of the brethren in the cause of Charity, and the maintenance of all those great and glorious principles which lie at the very foundation of our Brotherhood. In view of another recess, which is dawning upon us, we offer our sincerest wishes that those who contemplate the many enjoyments of the holiday season; may they realize to the full the anticipations they may be forming, and that they may return, when the gavel shall summon them to renewed labour, with physical powers recruited, and hearts refilled with those genuine impulses which flow from a sincere and active study of the tenets of Freemasonry. Our country friends, to whom such changes bring no such acute appreciation perhaps as is felt by "men in town," will doubtless find other means of variety and relaxation. Probably they may wend their ways Cityward, and whilst seeing the "sights o' town" supply the places of those who have winged away to fairer scenes, where the din and bustle of City life is silenced, and replaced by the soft whispering of forest leaves, and the cadences of the "sad sea waves." To each and all we cordially wish a "happy time," and as we welcome our Provincial brethren with every hearty good wish as they appear in our midst, so also we send with our town friends the same fraternal greetings on their various ways, wherever they may be scattered o'er land or water, with the hope that each and all may return to their respective spheres of labour after the rest and refreshment they may have experienced by the holiday season which is now dawning so auspiciously upon them all.

### THE MASONIC PEARLS, AND ANTI-MASONIC SWINE.

THAT Freemasonry is the happy possessor of pearls, no one who is at all familiar with it will deny. All Freemasons know it, and also not a few non-Masons, who have paid any attention to our literature. It possesses pearls of thought—some of the loftiest thoughts known to the ages—pearls of moral teaching, and pearls of social and convivial companionship. One pearl of thought is the doctrine of the immortality of the soul; one pearl of morality is obedience to the One living and true God, and to the obligations of the Craft; and one pearl of fraternal practice is the enjoyment incident to the period of Masonic Refreshment. We might instance many others, but these are sufficient for our purpose. Indeed, Masonry is a crown of pearls, some of which are of priceless value.

It is quite as easy to prove that anti-Masons are comparable to swine, as that the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry are comparable to pearls,—although it may be a little unfair to the swine to compare anti-Masons to them. Anti-Masons are as blind as bats to truth, as intolerant as Roman inquisitors to what they do not understand, as drivelling as idiots concerning the mysteries of Masonry, as stilted in their pride as Lucifer, pretenders in religion, and with nothing consecrated about them, unless it be a consecrated stupidity. Such are the biped swine of our era—anti-Masons, and of course we do not cast our pearls before them. Nor do we cast our pearls before any of the *profane*. We do not invite non-Masons to join us. We do not, or should not, set up anything that partakes of the character of a Masonic show, and ask

the public to admire it, and in effect say, if they like it, to send in their petitions for membership. No, the genius of Masonry is opposed to all this. It is a secret society. Its pearls are for its initiates only, certainly not for its enemies, nor even for those who are indifferent to its merits. Here we may enunciate an important principle, which goes to explain why it is that Masonic pearls are not scattered broadcast over the earth.

There always has been an aristocracy in truth. The highest truths have never been made clear to the ignorant, the degraded, the despisers of the good, the true and the beautiful. Consider a few striking examples of this fact. To whom did Jehovah commit the divine truths of the Old Testament? To the world at large? No, not even to half the world, but only to a small fraction of it—to the seed of Abraham, to His chosen people, the Hebrews. In the highest civilisations of elder time a kindred rule prevailed. In Egypt, in India, and in Greece, truth was the prerogative of the best classes. The initiates in the Mysteries of Osiris in Egypt, and in the Mysteries of Eleusis in Greece, belonged to the intellectual aristocracy of their time. The vulgar herd might worship stocks and stones, animals and reptiles, the sun, moon and stars, Jupiter, Apollo and Mars, but those who could appreciate the truth and be trusted with it, worshipped the One only living and true God, and acknowledged their faith in the immortality of the soul. These were secret or esoteric doctrines with them, which might not be openly avowed, lest they should be contemned—they were pearls, that might not be cast before swine. The Mysteries were a prudential veil, that concealed from the vulgar crowd the truths which they could not comprehend, and would only treat with ignorant disdain. Even cosmopolitan Christianity came first to the Jews, and afterwards to the Gentiles, and to the more ignorant of these it is still foolishness. The bulk of the populace of China to-day are justly denominated heathen, with their joss houses and degrading practices; but the earliest missionaries to China from the West soon discovered that "the higher class despised the idolatry of the vulgar." One of the charges made by the Greeks against the early Christians was, "their teaching the worship of one God to the *common people*." The Founder of Christianity Himself almost always exhibited a prudential, mysterious reserve. When He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, cured the impotent and raised the dead, "He gave the strongest injunctions of secrecy which, nevertheless, the active zeal of His partizans seems by no means to have regarded." Baptism was, and is still, the initiatory ceremony which introduces the Christian candidate into the Christian Mysteries, and for several centuries after Christ the central truths of Christianity were taught exclusively in secret, and only to baptised initiates.

Freemasonry is not at all peculiar in dividing mankind into Freemasons and *profanes*, and reserving its pearls for those who value them. The Jews divided mankind into Jews and Greeks. The Greeks divided them into Greeks and Barbarians. In this respect we are not innovators, although we are often charged with vain glory and despising others. We despise no one. We do glory in our system of truth, in our impressive symbolism, in our active charity. If we enjoy ourselves and do good to others, why should we be made the subjects of invidious criticism and slanderous detraction? Why should the merchant who has goodly pearls with which to freely reward his friends, be lampooned as a deceiver? But remember, these filthy detractors are only swine, men who go nosing around the world stirring up the mud of untruth, and flinging it over others better than themselves. Right sure are we of this, that our enemies will discover no pearls, for they are not cast before swine. Pearls are ornaments of great price; pearls beautify and adorn, but who ever saw one in a sow's ear? Masonic truth, like all truth, is powerful and will prevail, in spite of the puny efforts of anti-Masons—the *profanum vulgus* of their time.—*Keystone*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Soldiers and Sailors.—These well-known and easily used remedies are especially serviceable and convenient for those who, like soldiers and sailors, are exposed to great changes of climate, and the hardships inseparable from their calling. Many of the diseases engendered in the system from these and other untoward causes can be checked and controlled by attention at their onset, and in Holloway's remedies will be found a ready means of relief, without hindrance from duty. Many a man is invalidated, and rendered more or less a burden to himself and friends, from neglect of the early symptoms of his complaint, which calamity might be averted by timely resort to the use of Holloway's Pills and Ointment.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 13th instant, at the Criterion. There were present Bros. C. Dopson W.M., H. W. Blake S.W., Doncaster J.W., G. Butt P.M., J. Tuck Sec., Copstone S.D., Lucas J.D., Craggs I.G., A. Williams D.C., H. D. Williams and W. W. Williams Stewards, Sims I.P.M., P.M.'s Slack, Fisher, Barker, Shaw, Purdue. Visitors—Bros. F. Botley 1996, Fletcher P.M. 180, Fry 1692, E. Van Pulton 1601, E. Austin 1791, E. B. Cox 1563, C. Pearce 173, W. H. Bolt 1568, Smyth 1231, Ellis 66, Madell 1201, Coffin 107, and about forty members of the Lodge. The brethren whilst in the Lodge experienced a great treat in the very able working of the I.P.M., not only in the three degrees, but in the manner in which he delivered the addresses as Installing Master. The duties of D.C. were carried out by Bro. Purdue. The prosperity of the Lodge was shown by the large balance in hand, and a Secretary's jewel was voted to Bro. Tuck for the able manner in which he had carried out his arduous duties for some years. After the presentation in open Lodge of a beautiful P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., the brethren retired to the Victoria Room, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet. The hour being late, the usual toasts were necessarily curtailed. However, a most delightful evening was spent, contributed to by the harmony of several distinguished brethren.

## EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Monday, the 12th inst. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.S.W., who was supported by Bros. Sir F. G. Milner Bart. I.P.M. P.G.S.W., C. G. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O., G. Simpson Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant, J. T. Seller P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., W. Brown S.W., James Kay Secretary, S. J. Dalton P.P.G. Steward S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., W. Storey Steward, J. D. Irony and P. Pearson Asst. Stewards, J. Hall Tyler, G. Lamb, W. Sharp, J. R. Jackson, W. Ream, H. Mennell, J. Mennell, R. M. Hayden, J. Thorpe, W. T. Nance, W. Wrigglesworth, W. B. Dyson, J. W. Blenkin, T. Masterman, and the following Visitors—Bros. B. Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, E. Harding W.M. elect 1991, J. H. Taylor 1991, K. G. Campbell 1991, A. M. White 1991, M. Bryson 236, W. G. Fricker 322, R. S. Robinson 123, E. W. Brewer 1536, W. Quickfall 1884 P.P.G.O. Isle of Wight, and others. The Lodge having been opened, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate, after which the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Whytehead raised Bros. Mennell and Hayden. Bros. Hewday and Coates were passed. The lecture on the tracing board in the second degree was given by Bro. W. B. Dyson. Bro. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Brother G. Chapman Junior Warden, a very handsome mahogany book-case, with a glass front, which had been placed in a recess in the smoke room, and in which the Masonic medals and other curiosities belonging to the Lodge had been placed. Also on behalf of Bro. Simpson P.M., and Bro. R. Ware, two volumes for the Lodge library. A vote of sympathy was also passed with Bro. W. Stephenson I.G., who was dangerously ill, and the Secretary was instructed to write to him conveying the good wishes of the brethren. On the motion of the Treasurer, a sum of £25 was voted from the Lodge funds to the Building Fund. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the smoke room, and a most harmonious evening was passed, the usual toasts being honoured, while songs were contributed by Bros. F. Milner, T. B. Whytehead, H. Mennell, J. Mennell, W. B. Dyson, W. G. Fricker, and others.

## ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the St. James's Hall, Piccadilly. Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani W.M. was supported by his Officers and the following Visitors:—Bros. Ramsay P.M. 259, Collins I.P.M. 776, Coombes P.M. 12, Rouard 1387, Grostephen 348, Boher 1743, Heild W.M. 704, Rayner 1681, G. Reynolds S.D. 1614, H. Roberts 1044, G. Ronchette 1287, P. Silo 1808, Cooper 1426. Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, there was an ample amount of business to be gone through, consisting of one raising and two initiations, one of the latter being the son of the Worshipful Master. The ballot for each of them was unanimous. The first business was the raising of Bro. Edwards, who upon examination proved himself very proficient in the progress he had made in the science. He was then, in a most impressive and solemn manner, raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Messrs. Leon Valeriani and M. Alexander Jules Martine were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, both ceremonies being rendered by the Worshipful Master in a faultless style, and during the conferring of this important rite he displayed considerable feeling, as one of the initiates was his son. The next business was the election of W.M., Treasurer, Auditors, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Brother Green was elected W.M. for that period, Bro. J. Bastin as Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter P.M. Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, with collar and jewel, were unanimously voted to Bro. Valeriani W.M., in recognition of the devoted services he had rendered to the Rothesay Lodge and to Freemasonry in general during his year of office, upon which he received the congratulations of the entire body of brethren present. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where

a splendid repast was served by Bro. Roberts, and during the time so occupied some choice music was given by Italian artists, which added great zest and pleasure to the brethren, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the good things set before them. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Ramsay Past Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in a telling and spirited address, returned thanks on the part of H.R.H. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Immediate Past Master said, for the last time, in accordance with his position, he had to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. All the brethren knew the interest he had taken in the Rothesay Lodge, and the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair that evening, and, more especially, the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation. It was a matter of rare occurrence in a Lodge that a father initiated his own son into the mysteries of Freemasonry, but he felt sure the brethren would agree with him when he said they had seldom, if ever, seen that Rite conferred more impressively, or with more Masonic and manly feeling. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind expressions which had fallen from his lips, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received by them. He could assure the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge that he would do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Lodge in particular, and to Freemasonry in general. It should also be his care to attend those grand Institutions of Freemasonry, the Royal Masonic Charities. It was his great pleasure that night to have to propose the health of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. F. V. Green, the son of their worthy Immediate Past Master. He wished him health and success, and trusted he would fulfil the duties of the Rothesay Lodge in the same admirable way in which his father had done before him; he (the W.M.) would promise to render him all the assistance in his power. The W.M. elect in reply, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health; he could assure the brethren that he would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the W.M., and also of the I.P.M. He trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper when he should have the privilege of occupying the chair. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the initiates, said the toast he was then about to propose always afforded any Worshipful Master a great amount of pleasure; he especially felt it so under the existing circumstances, as one of the initiates was his eldest son, and he must ask their indulgence whilst addressing a few words to him. He said—"Leon, having brought you into the world, in which I have always tried to do my utmost to earn and deserve the respect of my fellow-creatures, I now have the pleasure of introducing you into the Masonic world, and I hope that you will become a shining light and a useful member of the Fraternity. You will on this evening see what work and perseverance was really necessary for obtaining my present high position. In making you a brother, consider it a proof of my affection for you. I entrust into your keeping the fruits of my labour; and I having been able to accomplish so much, how very much easier will it be for you, who have such advantages. You need not be afraid of wanting good advice, as in all cases of difficulty the brethren of your new family will at all times be willing to render you assistance. My advice to you is, work hard and persevere, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. spare me to see you attain my present position as W.M. of the Rothesay Lodge. I sincerely trust you will never do anything to disgrace the Craft, but, on the contrary, will do your utmost to be an honour to it, and to this Lodge in particular. Brethren, I ask you to drink heartily to the health of the initiates," a request which was cordially responded to. The initiates, in reply, said they would endeavour to do all they could, and become a credit to the Craft. The words of the Worshipful Master would urge them on to greater diligence. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Visitors, and said the Rothesay Lodge was pleased to see them. He trusted they had had a pleasant evening and been happy. They had not a large gathering, but they were brethren well known to them all. He would call on Bros. Collins I.P.M. 776, J. Rayner 1681, and G. Reynolds S.D. 1614 to respond. Bro. Collins said it gave him much pleasure to be amongst them. He could say that he had spent an enjoyable evening, and was glad to be with them again, not only for the sake of seeing old faces, but to admire the impressive work of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Rayner said it also afforded him much pleasure to be with them. The name of St. James brought back to his memory youthful times, as he was born in the parish. He could not help admiring the working of the W.M.; and, while speaking, he would give invitations to his own Lodge (the Londesborough) to the P.M., the I.P.M., and incoming Master. Bro. J. Reynolds said that, as Secretary to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, which met every Thursday evening at the Criterion, Piccadilly, he had had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of their worthy W.M. He was a true and hard worker, and the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge must be proud of such a Master. In his eyes there was light, and in his face happiness, which he communicated to others. He had visited many Lodges, and seen many initiations, but had never heard such an impressive and manly speech as had fallen from the lips of their W.M. that evening. He should have been sorry to have missed the address, which was most touching and impressive, and, in conclusion, said he wished the Rothesay Lodge every success. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, spoke of the great assistance he had received from them during his year of office. He knew they had the interests of the Lodge at heart, and would do all in their power for its benefit. It was a singular coincidence that the son of their Immediate Past Master Bro. Green should have been elected that evening to succeed him, at the same time as he initiated his eldest son. It would be well remembered in the Rothesay Lodge. Bro. Green I.P.M. assured the brethren that nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the welfare of the Rothesay Lodge. He only hoped that the W.M. elect would have a successful year of office. Bro. J. Darter P.M. W.S. hoped the brethren had spent a

pleasant evening, and that their comforts had been well attended to. The Worshipful Master might always rely on the assistance of the Past Masters. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very enjoyable evening, several of the brethren contributing songs and recitations, and one performed some beautiful music on the mandolin.

#### PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THE election meeting for the ensuing year was held on Saturday, the 10th April, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, when the brethren of the Lodge mustered in considerable force to transact their business, which consisted of the passing of Bros. Broad and Timms, and the raising of Bros. Wainwright and Gossham. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. L. A. Leins P.M. P.Z. took the chair, and conducted the business in a most perfect and impressive manner. After the ceremonial part of the work was over, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place. The election of W.M. was unanimous in favour of Bro. Reed, the Senior Warden, while Bro. Leins was again chosen for Treasurer, and Bro. Payne re-elected as Tyler. After an Audit Committee had been appointed, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and adjourned. As this was a ladies' banquet, the brethren hastened to receive their fair friends, and conduct them to the banquetting hall, which was most beautifully decorated by Bro. Bogbie, the manager of the hotel. After the banquet was over, the W.M. in the chair proposed the first toast—the Queen and the Craft. Bro. Leins suggested that the ladies would like to take part in a dance; he would therefore make the speeches in reference to the toasts as brief as possible. In order to assist in this, he would take the three in one; he therefore proposed loyalty to the throne and fidelity to the Craft. On again rising, Bro. Leins said he had now to propose the toast of the evening—the health of the ladies. He was very pleased to see the Lodge honoured by the presence of so many. Undoubtedly, this was a very successful gathering; they numbered over eighty. Bro. Leins continued; the ladies would like to know something of our Masonic secrets, and he was only too glad to be able to tell them. He could not agree with those brethren who were signifying their dissent; he felt perfectly at liberty to enlighten the ladies as to the grand Masonic secret,—that was Charity. Only a month since Grand Lodge paid away the sum of £1630, viz., 200 guineas to the unemployed of London, sums of £75 and £50 respectively to orphan daughters of Freemasons, £75 and several £50's to widows of Freemasons, and £150, £75, and several £50's to Masons in distressed circumstances. Furthermore, we have our Girls' School and Boys' School, and our Institution for Old People. To these Institutions collectively every year is subscribed from forty to fifty thousand pounds. Undoubtedly this may be considered our grandest Masonic secret. He might therefore venture to say to the ladies that, should any of their husbands be called to their Masonic duties—where, he could assure them, they had to work hard—they would consent to their going with all good wishes. Of course, we have some black sheep amongst us, but why should the whole body suffer for the sake of a few? When we find we can do no good by bringing such around us, we have no alternative but to let them have their own way. Bro. Leins concluded a capital speech by again thanking the ladies for doing the Lodge the honour of visiting them on this occasion, and calling on the brethren to drink the health of the ladies, and associating with the toast the name of Bro. Chamberlayne, who he would ask to respond. Bro. Eade proposed the health of the acting W.M. He did so with a great deal of pleasure. No brother of the Lodge was more respected than Bro. Leins. He is always ready to give a helping hand whenever called upon. He is the father of the Lodge, and Treasurer, and he always tries to make the brethren happy and comfortable. His fifty-second birthday was celebrated yesterday, and he (Bro. Eade) would now ask the brethren to be upstanding and drink, not only to the health of the W.M., but also to wish him many happy returns of his birthday. Bro. Leins, who was received with a hearty good cheer, said he had great pleasure in rising to respond to the toast so courteously given by the I.P.M. Bro. Eade, and responded to so heartily by the brethren. It was a pleasure to him to see they were really so united a body, and worked so peacefully and so happily together. He wished he might be spared for many years to be with them, and to note the same good feeling as was exhibited now. The next toast was the health of the W.M. elect. Bro. Leins said that no brother was more liked or respected in the Lodge of Perseverance than Bro. Reed; he would unquestionably make a thorough good Master. Bro. Reed thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast; he would do all in his power to give the brethren satisfaction. The Visitors were next complimented, and the toast was responded to by Bro. Mason, and a gentleman who said he hoped he should shortly be allowed the opportunity of joining the Order. Bro. Leins then thanked the ladies very heartily for giving the Lodge the honour of their attendance. He hoped he might see them again next year. Dancing was now the order of the course, and this was most cheerfully kept up till nearly twelve o'clock. The evening's enjoyment was completed with the greatest satisfaction and happiness.

#### Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—

Held at The Criterion, Piccadilly, W. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed on Thursday evening, 13th May, at seven o'clock precisely, by Bro. Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Heats P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Dress—full Craft regalia. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, there will be a supper. Brethren desirous of having tickets can obtain the same of Bro. G. P. Bertini, The Criterion, Piccadilly, or of Bros. W. C. Smith S.W. 1563 Preceptor, 9 Mill Street, Hanover Square, W.; G. Reynolds S.D. 1614 Treasurer and Secretary, 3 St. James's Square, Pall Mall, S.W.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Monday last, at Baker Bros., the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Richardson W.M., Fluck S.W., Clark J.W., Collingridge Sec., Potter S.D., Hancock J.D., Keogh I.G., Forge W.M. elect 1693 Deputy Preceptor. Past Masters Bros. Western 1693, Weedon W.M. 1693. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White acting as candidate. Bro. Turner answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. The Percy Lodge have accepted an invitation to visit this Lodge and work some of the sections, on Monday, 17th May. We trust all members of the Lodge that can make it convenient will attend. Bro. Geo. W. F. Back, Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, was elected a member. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till 3rd May.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No 2012.**—At the meeting held on Saturday, 17th instant, at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, there were present:—Bros. J. H. Wood W.M., A. Williams S.W., J. Dobson J.W., Geo. Gardner Treas., Johnson P.M. Secretary, A. Craigs S.D., W. W. Williams J.D., H. F. Williams M.C., E. Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Pardue P.M., Simms P.M., Bros. W. Harrison, W. Thornton, V. Wing, Rowling, Smither. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thornton candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wing candidate. Bro. S.W. was duly elected to fill the chair of K.S. at the next meeting.

#### EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter was held on the 6th inst., at York. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. presided, supported by Comps. M. Millington H., J. Blenkin J., Brown P.S., J. Kay S.E., G. Chapman S.N., Dalton, Laekenby, Ware, and several other Companions. None of the Companions having presented themselves, the acting M.E.Z. gave the mystical section, and the Chapter was closed, the members adjourning to an excellent supper, after which a pleasant and social evening was spent

#### RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

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#### EBORACUM CONCLAVE, No. 137.

THE annual meeting of this body was held on the 1st inst., at York, Brother W. B. Dyson, M.P.S. presided, supported by his Officers and brethren. Bro. Harry V. Millbank 123 was advanced to the Order, after which the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.S., who installed Bro. William Brown as M.P.S., and Bro. G. Balmford as V.E. The Officers were then appointed, and the St. Peters Commandery of St. John having been opened, Bro. W. Brown was admitted to the Order and enthroned as Commander by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. After the close of the ceremonies the brethren, to the number of 12, met at supper and passed a pleasant evening.

#### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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#### ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE annual meeting of this body took place a few days ago at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when Bro. T. B. Whytehead P. presided, in the absence of the E. Preceptor through illness, and installed Bro. Christopher Palliser as Eminent Preceptor. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. W. Brown Constable, W. H. Cowper Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Registrar and Treasurer, Rev. W. Valentine Chaplain, A. H. H. McGachen First Herald, J. T. Belk Second Herald, W. B. Dyson Vexillum Belli, M. F. W. Williamson Beauceant, Augustus Harris Sword Bearer, W. Watson Captain of Guards, and P. Pearson O.G. Bro. J. S. Camberland P., whose retirement was announced, was elected an honorary member of the Preceptory.

**Crystal Palace.**—The choral rehearsals for the colossal performance of Gounod's "Redemption," on Saturday, 1st May, have commenced; and the first, that of the London contingent of the Handel Festival Choir, numbering nearly 2000 voices, which took place at Exeter Hall, fully bore out the freely expressed anticipation that in M. Gounod's Oratorio we have a welcome addition to those works, few in number, which are suitable for reproduction on a gigantic scale. The massive breadth of the choruses and the great unisonal effects at the rehearsal in question, even without the rich orchestral accompaniments, gave promise of a splendid result on the day above named. As before announced, the solo vocal parts will be sustained by Madame Albani, Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. F. King, and Mr. Santley; while the band and chorus will total about 3,500 performers; Mr. August Mauns conducting.

#### DEATH.

**GREENWOOD.**—On the 16th instant, at Highgate Road, N.W., LILLA, wife of Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD Past Grand Sword Bearer, D.P.G.M. Surrey.

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## THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am always open to correction, and to acknowledge any errors that I may have inadvertently committed in endeavouring to advance the interests of our Institutions. I am extremely pleased to learn from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Lincolnshire that his Province has contributed more than appears in the Annual Reports of the several Festivals from which I have taken my figures. In 1879 Lincolnshire is reported to have given to the Benevolent Institution £68 14s 6d; in 1880 nil, 1881 nil, 1882 nil, 1883 nil, 1884 nil, and 1885 £89 15s—in all £158 9s 6d; to the Boys in 1879 £64 1s, 1880 £44 12s, 1881 nil, 1882 nil, 1883 nil, 1884 £52 10s, 1885 nil—£161 3s; to the Girls in 1879 £21, 1880 £73 10s, and none since—£94 10s. So that from my data I was right. As to the Oliver Memorial Boys I acknowledge an error here; but supposing both the boys to have entered at the age of eleven only, there is still, a year a piece at £45 each to add to the cost. As to the extra girl, all know that in October 1885 there were three on the strength besides Bellamy, whose time expired in the previous month, and two were elected, viz., Smith and Benthill; and that Ashton's time is not up till June 1887, Crow's till September 1887, and Hildred's till November 1889; but even allowing that my figures are all wrong, and that Bro. Vickers' are right, I do not hesitate to say that an annual deficiency of £430 is not to the credit of the Province. My good brother says, "The Province has voting power for which it has paid; is it not at liberty to use it for securing the object for which votes are required?" Why, certainly it is. But let us find out as near as we can what the voting power is by which it manages to secure the return of one or more candidates when put forward, and I take my data from the subscribers' books to the Boys and Girls for the year 1885, not having those of 1886 by me; the Benevolent book being compiled in a different method it would take up too much time to pick them out individually. Now the subscribers' list for the Boys gives to Lincolnshire 343 life votes and 39 annual, and to the Girls 275 life and 21 annual votes; and taking the Benevolent list to be as much as these two put together, I need hardly put the question how far those numbers would go to secure the election of one candidate to each Institution per annum? And it is rare indeed but that there is one or more for each. Therefore, to the second question,—Is the Province in possession of benefits from the Masonic Institutions to which it is not entitled? I say no, for it has a perfect right to use its own votes, and all it can beg or borrow from its neighbours; but at the same time it does not exonerate the Province from the obligation due to its neighbours, and is all the more reason for its putting its shoulder to the wheel and lessening the obligation. That Provincial Institutions are excellent things nobody will deny, and again I say, the Province ought to be just to the old one. Although she is on to a new, she ought to be just before she is generous, and that if she cannot do her duty to the Central, how she to do it to both Central and Provincial Institutions?

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

## ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Certain events of recent occurrence in relation to the abuse of the ballot for introduction of initiates into Freemasonry have afforded reasonable grounds in the minds of many brethren for desiring the intervention of high Masonic authority to prevent the continuance and increase of what is rapidly becoming a most injurious scandal in connection with the Order.

I allude more particularly to the discredit which falls upon the innocent victim of oligism and want of harmony in Lodge, who seeks to join our ancient institution in the only manner prescribed, and also to the unmanly and un-English, not to say un-Masonic, action of those who, by indiscriminate black-balling, vent, through the medium of a perfectly upright and honourable candidate, their petty spite upon those members of their Lodge with whom they disagree.

Instituted as a safeguard to our privileges, and affording the opportunity, without exposure, for the rejection of such as may be known to be objectionable or undesirable candidates, the utility of the ballot when honestly, and therefore properly, applied cannot be contested; but when the first principles which should guide and direct its exercise are wantonly set aside, and the opportunities it affords are made to subserve and become available for purposes of factions opposition, without regard to the injury done to individual character and social position, it is high time that that which is sometimes characterised as "nobody's business" should engage the attention of all right thinking Freemasons.

Amongst many sad experiences of the evil I refer to I have met with none so strongly pointing out the necessity for authoritative notice as that I shall now endeavour to relate.

Within the past week I was honoured by an invite to a Lodge in Kent, specially summoned as an emergency meeting, for the purpose of balloting for, and, if elected, initiating a gentleman of undoubted "good report," and holding a position of considerable social importance in a fashionable watering place in Sussex. He had selected the

Lodge in question for the reason that a very intimate friend for many years, who is the Secretary of the Lodge, would be his most appropriate proposer, to whom alone his antecedents and present qualifications were known. His seconder was the W.M. of the Lodge, who had a less extensive knowledge of his individual merit, but a sufficient assurance of his fitness for candidature. He had been proposed at the previous regular Lodge meeting, and all then present expressed satisfaction with the anticipated introduction of a worthy man and talented musical companion. Not doubting of acceptance he attended as requested, at the cost of time and travel; but only to be refused!

And why? It appears that some offence had been given to one or more Past Masters of the Lodge, as far as I could understand, by the election, under circumstances which justly warranted the choice of the brethren, of the present W.M., and by the appointment of the present Officers; that, thereupon, the W.M. had been informed that his ruling and actions in the Lodge would not be supported; and that as a matter of fact none of the objecting brethren had attended the Lodge since the last installation meeting. But they put in an appearance at this "emergency," and their intention was soon made apparent. Without the slightest attempt to interfere with the privacy of the ballot, the W.M. and his Officers and members knew at once from whom opposition to their wishes might be expected. It was known also that no one of the malcontents had any personal knowledge of the candidate, and could not be influenced by objections to moral character or social position. As they had not been present at the former meeting when the qualities of the candidate had been stated by his proposer, the W.M., before taking the ballot, and for the information of all then present, required the proposer to repeat what he had previously stated, and then positively solicited any members entertaining objection to give him, in the confidence of the tyled Lodge, the slightest hint thereof, that withdrawal of the candidature might in such case ensue, and the discredit of formal refusal avoided. There being no response to this very courteous and reasonable application, the ballot was taken, and the four expected "pills" were deposited. Nothing, therefore, was left the W.M. but to close his Lodge, and this was done in sorrowful regret that "peace and harmony" had been so ruthlessly disturbed.

Now, can such conduct as this be permitted to pass without authoritative notice? Assuredly not! The "good and welfare of Freemasonry in general," the best interests of individual Lodges in particular, are jeopardised by such grave disturbance of the genuine tenets and principles of the Order. And more than that, a great wrong is put upon men of reputation and intelligence, upon those whom we should seek to attract towards, and not repel from, our Institution. Of the minor wrong done by those misguided brethren to whom I refer, by putting their Lodge companions to the expensive attendance at a meeting so far distant from London, and which they intended to make abortive, not much notice need be taken; but on the general principle that there is "no wrong without a remedy," it may be hoped that measures may be promoted which will effectually prevent repetitions of such scandalous "abuse of the ballot."

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 20th April 1886.

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## GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO.

THE Proceedings of the eighth Annual Communication  
of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of New Mexico,  
held under the banner of the Chapman Lodge, in the City  
of Las Vegas, has just been issued, and from it we  
observe that the representatives of a large number of  
Lodges met under the presidency of the M.W. Grand  
Master Bro. Cornelius Bennett, who was supported by  
Bros. Max Frost Deputy G.M., Jas. T. McNamara  
G.S.W., A. McK. Whitcombe G.J.W., S. R. Biggs as  
G. Treas., A. E. Keene G. Sec., Rev. J. D. Busch  
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Allen G. Stewards, W. T. Treverton G. Tyler, and others.  
Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and a  
Committee of Credentials appointed, the brethren were  
called to refreshment. At the afternoon session of the  
first day, the Committee on Credentials reported the  
names of P.G. Officers, Officers of Lodges, Past Officers  
of Lodges, and Grand representatives who were entitled to  
seats in the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, in the  
course of a lengthy and eloquent address, observed that  
during the past year peace had reigned, and the Craft  
seemed to have been actuated by that zeal and emulation  
so necessary to its prosperity. So mote it ever be; for  
strife and discord should have no place among the  
builders. There were three things which he deemed of  
great importance to the welfare of the Fraternity, and to  
which he specially invited their attention, viz. (1), the  
careful and judicious selection of materials, in which  
matter it was his experience that they were not too care-  
ful. He added—"Committees of Investigation too often  
recommend a petitioner without due consideration, and  
thus unfit stones, those of which perfect ashlar can never  
be made, are placed in the walls of the Temple, only  
serving to mar its beauty and weaken its solidity. Too  
often the three great pillars are overtaxed to support and  
uphold it." (2). Examination of Visitors—remarking that  
impostors were often admitted within the sacred homes of  
the Craft through the lax and careless examination of

Committees. A parrot-like examination should not satisfy a Committee; other means should be added—a receipt produced, or other written evidence would be good collateral. (3). Prompt collection of dues, to a want of which many Lodges owed their indebtedness. The G.M. appended to this part of his address the practical rider that “a prompt collection of dues, every three or six months, makes easy payment for the members, and small bills to meet.” He suggested that to own their Masonic homes should be the ambition of all Lodges. It gave to any Lodge a great advantage, not only in the sense of feeling “it is our own,” but also in a financial way. “No rent to pay!” How often this item of expense ate up the revenues of the Lodge, and how often Lodges became disheartened from this cause! Referring to the installation of Officers elect of the Mimbres Lodge, No. 10, Georgetown, he said—“The hall was crowded with earnest workers, and we enjoyed a most refreshing Masonic love-feast.” In March he issued a dispensation for the organisation of a Lodge at San Marcial, the brethren of which deserved great credit for the fine and secure hall they had prepared, the regalia and paraphernalia, and, above all, for the skill they exhibited in the work. He predicted for this Lodge a brilliant future. The dedication and consecration of the new hall of the Deming Lodge, No. 12, he described as “a profitable and enjoyable occasion.” Several answers that had been given to questions coming up to him for decision during the year were read; and the G.M. then related a peculiar case in which Masonic charity is extended. “Bro. Crouch died at Deming, leaving a wife and family in destitute circumstances, and a communication was received appealing for help in supporting them. It appeared that this brother was a delegate to the Convention at which this Grand Lodge was formed; was a member at the first session of the same, at which the law was enacted, ‘that any unaffiliated Mason, remaining such for more than one year, should be debarred from all Masonic privileges.’ Bro. Crouch was an unaffiliated Mason at the time of his death, and had been such for more than one year. Under the circumstances, I deemed it proper to address a letter to each Lodge in this jurisdiction, stating the case fully, and adding, ‘If you deem this a case where Masonic charity should be extended, you may send to Bro. James M. Wilson W.M. of Deming Lodge, No. 12, such amount as you deem proper, with the assurance, on my part, that it will be carefully expended for the support of the family of our deceased brother, John S. Crouch.’ I am happy to say that a liberal response was made to this appeal.” In conclusion, he assured the brethren who exalted him to the position of Grand Master that what he had done in the Masonic vineyard had been done with an eye single to the welfare thereof. Errors might have been made, as “to err is human;” but, if so, they had been errors of the head, and not of the heart. The Report of the Grand Secretary was then presented, giving the returns and the annual dues of Lodges, recording the initiation of a “Library Improvement Fund,” and other matters, and setting forth that the actual expenditure during the Masonic year just ended compared favourably with that of previous years, particularly when they took into consideration the utter absence, at the outset, of stationery, dispensations, charters, and the necessary articles of office furniture. At the second day’s session various reports were received, dealing with accounts, ways and means, bye-laws, and returns of chartered Lodges within the jurisdiction, from the latter of which it was shown there had been an increase of 45 members during the year. Officers were elected, and the next Annual Communication was fixed for 22nd November next. A report was presented to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, after which several votes of thanks were passed, and a voluminous report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appended to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge. At the close of the proceedings, a banquet was given by the Chapman Lodge, No. 2, at the Plaza Hotel, in honour of Grand Lodge and the new Grand Officers.

### THE SYSTEMATIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

**T**HERE is a trite saying amongst Masons, and we often hear it reiterated, both in the Lodge-room and at the banquet-table, that Charity is doubly valuable when it is

systematic, when the flow of benevolence is constant, and can at all times be depended upon. Of necessity, we must always look for a certain degree of fluctuation in all matters where pecuniary interests and charitable deeds are governed by changes of circumstances. Still, the importance of system as a principle can scarcely be over-estimated. A cheering example of this is exemplified by the Tenth Annual Report of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which has just been forwarded to us, together with a list of the subscribers to the Treasurer’s and Almoners’ balance-sheets. The President of this organisation is Brother Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, who is assisted in the trusteeship by Bros. George Miller and James A. Birch; Brother G. P. Brockbank (of Bolton) as Treasurer, Bro. James Heelis (of Manchester) Hon. Sec., Bro. J. L. Hine (of Manchester) Chairman of the General Committee, and Bro. Chadwick (of Manchester) Secretary. With such a goodly array of names at the head of the administration, there is scarcely room for surprise that the beneficent scheme should continue in so healthy and satisfactory a condition, more especially as the active executive is warmly seconded by most of the Grand Officers of this important Province. After congratulating the donors and subscribers, brethren, Lodges, Chapters, and other associations, who have aided their funds during the year, the General Committee report that their proceedings have had a satisfactory result in every respect. The new bye-laws, which came into operation in September 1884, are found to work well, and in a manner that shows the value of the trouble, carefulness, and attention bestowed upon their compilation, as they now stand. It is confidently expected that they will be found to be more in accordance with the enlarged scheme of the Charity, and more suitable for the present circumstances of the gradually increasing business of the Institution. The donations and subscriptions during the year amounted to £923 10s 4d, and the income and interest account from investments to £272 6s 1d; making up a total income of £1,195 16s 5d. The total subscriptions and donations are thus subdivided—From Lodges and Chapters to the end of the year £544 19s 4d, from the St. Joseph Preceptory £5, and from private individuals £274 15s 6d. As a result of a Masonic ball held at Bury, an addition of £10 was made to the funds; while, as the proceeds of a sermon at Oldham, the substantial offertory of £30 was received, and thanks are tendered to Bro. Henry Thomas and many others of the brethren at Oldham and Bury. At Rochdale, Lodge 54 arranged an amateur dramatic performance, which resulted in an addition of £2 1s 6d, for which thanks are returned. A very successful amateur dramatic and operatic performance was given at Manchester, entitled “The Dragon of Wantley,” under the auspices of Bros. J. R. Beard, Jas. MacLaren, and others, from which a balance of £26 9s was handed to the Treasurer. In addition to this, two dividends from the Brunswick Building Society was received, amounting together to £62 5s, and a new subscription of £5 has arisen from the Lodge of Instruction No. 581. The Committee add:—

“Another pleasing addition has also been made to our funds, in connection with a testimonial to our respected Bro. George Parker Brockbank, our present Treasurer, upon his recent appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England. Several of his friends and brethren, who had long admired his consistent Masonic career, determined to present him with a testimonial of their respect and congratulation. Upon consulting with him, it was arranged that, after providing for a simple but elegant service of silver plate for Mrs. Brockbank, the residue should be devoted to the various Masonic Charities, Metropolitan and Provincial, of which residue the sum of £26 5s was handed to this Institution. It will, no doubt, be considered that grateful thanks are due to Bro. Brockbank, whose personal wishes have earned us this donation.”

The expenditure of the establishment was £124 2s 4d, somewhat in excess of last year; but this is in a measure accounted for by the grant to the Secretary of a gratuity for his valuable services and considerable personal trouble and attention in connection with the revision of the bye-laws, and attending numerous meetings incident thereto. This, and several other items of necessity, will of course not occur next year. The bank balance and balance in Treasurer’s hands at the end of 1884 was £417 18s 2d; the amount at the present time is £569 15s 11d. In addition to this, during the year the sum of £590 has been permanently invested with the Corporation of Leicester. The grants for relief (besides the grants by the Almoners)

were £112, for twelve cases, in amounts ranging from £5 to £20. The grants for education, being for 26 children on the books for the year, amounted altogether to £261 10s 9d; and the total sum expended by the Almoners in relief in small amounts was £54 1s 9d, covering 52 cases, extending from 2s 6d to £5. These figures give ample proof of the right of existence of such an Institution as this, and show its claims to continued support. A very good margin remains between the income and expenditure of the year, namely, a net gain of £651 17s 9d. In further aid of the established position of the society, it is proposed that a Festival shall be held during the current year, which it is hoped will result in a substantial addition to the fund. The report goes on to advocate an "active and kindly interest in the various Masonic Charities" as a means of relieving the routine of ordinary occupation, and observes that "a work like this, in which there is so little of formality, and so much to unite us in pursuit of our highest principles, must ever be a practical advancement of our Order, besides being a blessing to those who unfortunately have to crave our assistance." After acknowledging the support accorded by Lodges to the Society, the Committee tender their thanks to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the deep and ever-increasing interest with which he has all along supported this Charity, adding that, although every one in connection with it has worked with hearty assiduity, yet to him is mainly due the great and important results which, under his fostering care, have crowned all the efforts of the Committee with the cope-stone of success. In announcing the retirement of their hon. Secretary, who has served the office for ten years (besides his former similar position for a like period with the preceding Charity Institution), the Committee observe that, in retiring, he desires dutifully to thank the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and every member of the Institution "for the great forbearance, kindness, and brotherly courtesy which he has received at their hands, without any exception, upon any single occasion." In the Appendix to the Report are printed the forms of petition for admission to the Educational Institution, and for relief, the Lodge certificate, and the general form of Lodge recommendation. Extracts of the rules are followed by the Treasurer's and Almoners' balance-sheets, and a report of the annual general meeting of the society, held in Manchester in January last, when 54 out of the 94 Lodges of the Province were represented. Amongst the resolutions passed, after the usual votes of thanks had been accorded, was one to the effect that the Festival this year should "take the shape of a party given for the children whom we educate, and that they should be brought to the Masonic Hall and have a tea there, so that the Committee might see their adopted children." There is also an "In Memoriam" to deceased officers and life governors of the Charity, and a list of the donors and subscribers to the funds. The compilation is altogether a very interesting one, and is admirably printed in pamphlet form by Brother Andrew, of Manchester.

#### STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE fifteenth annual report of this valuable Institution has just been issued, and the Committee, in presenting an account of their Stewardship, are happily enabled to congratulate the Province upon the continued success of the Association. The objects of the organisation are divided into two parts—the "A" Fund being to increase the number of Life Subscribers and Life Governors to the Royal Masonic Charities; and "B" to form a systematic Benevolent Fund for the education and advancement in life of children of distressed or deceased Freemasons in the Province of Staffordshire, and to give assistance in elections to the Masonic Charities. Under the first of these headings the sum collected during the year was £665 13s, which, after providing for 20 who had right of election without ballot, will enable the Committee to ballot for 65 Life Subscriberships, absorbing £433 5s. Several Life Subscriberships, the results of Stewards' efforts at the several Festivals, had been received in full, and at once paid over by the Treasurer. Under the heading "B." the subscription to that Fund amounted to £106 19s, and

grants have been paid during the year for the education of children while residing at their own homes, amounting to £48 0s 9d. Satisfaction is expressed that the Province has been represented by Stewards at each Festival during the past year; and special mention is made of the splendid lists taken up from the Abbey Lodge, No. 264, by Bros. W. H. Bailey P.M. and Sec. P.G. Registrar, and C. Graham P.M. P.P.G.W.; also from the Etruscan Lodge, No. 546, by Bro. A. G. Prince P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Bro. Bailey, who undertook the duty as Steward for the Boys' School in 1884, the Girls' and Boys' Schools in 1885, attended in a similar capacity to represent the Province at the Benevolent Festival last February. The payments to the London Institutions have been during the year:—to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £141 15s; to the Institution for Girls, £194 5s; and to the Boys, £359 2s; making up the very creditable total of £695 2s. Other amounts which had not passed through the hands of the officials of the local Association, but paid direct to London, make a grand total for the year of £753 18s, from the Province of Staffordshire. The work being done for the cause of Masonic Charity in the Province was recognised at the June meeting of Grand Lodge, when the Secretary, Bro. T. M. Humphries P.M. 539 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Walsall, was elected a member of the Management Committee for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Each election during the year had been attended by the Secretary, and that of the Boys in October last year by Bro. Turner, of Longton (one of the managers of Charity elections). Their efforts had been mainly to repay the heavy debt incurred in 1884, viz., 1,100 Boys' votes, 90 Aged votes, and 308 Widows' votes, which had been accomplished, and jointly with North Wales and Salop they had succeeded in electing to the Boys' School, viz.: F. W. Higgison, son of the late Bro. F. B. Higgison, of St. Peter's Lodge, 419, and of the St. John's Lodge, 601, Wellington (Salop). At the May election for Aged Freemasons, all arrangements had been made for securing the return of the late Bro. Hodgson, of Leek, but he died only a few days prior to the day of polling; hence some difficulty was found in placing the votes, which were ultimately loaned for re-payment in May next. There are now five boys, three girls, and two widows enjoying the benefits of the Institutions, and the amounts sent up since 1871 have gradually increased from five guineas in that year to £695 2s in 1885. A list of the members is followed by a summary of subscriptions, statement of votes received for the Masonic Institutions in 1885, and an abstract of the rules of the Association. We congratulate the Association upon the very satisfactory report they have submitted, and trust we may have a continuance of the efforts which have so long characterised the brethren of the good old Province of Staffordshire.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch for the Province of Essex will be held in the Library of Colchester Castle, on Monday, the 3rd day of May next, at half-past one o'clock p.m., when the attendance is required of the Provincial Grand Officers, with the Principals and Past Principals of the Chapters in the Province. All R.A. Masons are invited to be present. The Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened punctually at two o'clock, and a banquet will afterwards take place at the Red Lion Hotel, Colchester. Tickets, including wine and dessert, 10s 6d each.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of Worshipful Bro. S. C. Wakefield, Provincial Grand Steward Oxon, and W.M. of the Windrush Lodge, No 1703, to deliver his Lecture explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, under the title of "Knobs and Exerescences," at the ensuing meeting of the Lodge, at Witney, Oxfordshire, on the 5th May. A large gathering of brethren from neighbouring Lodges is anticipated.

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In another column will be found a record of the death of the wife of Bro. Charles Greenwood, which sad event took place on Friday, the 16th instant, after a very brief illness. The loss of a partner who has for many years shared one's joys and troubles is at all times hard to bear; but in the case of Bro. Greenwood, who has been most devoted to his wife, and who himself is in very bad health at the present time, the bereavement is particularly severe. In offering him and the members of his family our sincere sympathy, we are but echoing a sentiment which will be felt by all who are acquainted with our beloved brother. A Mason more respected than Bro. Charles Greenwood it would be difficult to find. We trust strength may be given him in this his hour of affliction, and that he may find that solace which alone can sustain him. The members of his family, with whom he is surrounded, will, we are sure, do their best to comfort him, and we trust he may live for many years to enjoy the company and guide the steps of his sons and daughters.

The annual Festival of Grand Lodge and investiture of Grand Officers will take place on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master. The usual dinner will be served in the Freemasons' Tavern, at six o'clock, tickets for which may be obtained of the Grand Stewards at any time before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

The perusal of a specimen page of Bro. Lane's forthcoming work, "Masonic Records 1717-1886," enables us to express our hearty approval of the task on which he is engaged. His proposal is to give a list of all the Lodges at home or abroad warranted by the four Grand Lodges and the United Grand Lodge of England, with their dates of constitution, places of meeting, alterations in numbers, &c., exhibiting all the Lodges on the English Register for 1886, together with those previously on the roll, specially arranged in a tabular form, to shew at one view all the numbers taken by each Lodge during the successive enumerations to the present date; also particulars of all Lodges having special privileges, Centenary Jewel Warrants, &c. The tabular method of supplying this information adopted by Bro. Lane is at once distinct and complete, and should recommend his volume to all who take an interest in the history of the Lodges at present on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, or which have been erased or lapsed in years gone by. The work has been some years in preparation, and is expected to be ready during the summer of this year. It will contain about 300 pages of closely printed matter, and a reduced fac-simile of Pine's engraved list of Lodges, A.D. 1725 (as a frontispiece). As only a limited number will be printed, intending subscribers will oblige by sending their orders, without delay, to the author, or to Bro. W. J. Hughan, at Torquay.

Bro. Hy. Baldwin P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, asks us to notify that, notwithstanding the first regular meeting falling on Monday next (Bank Holiday), the Lodge will meet at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 6 p.m., as heretofore—for the purpose of raising a candidate (on behalf of the Lebanon Lodge), and for other routine business. There will not be a banquet on this occasion.

#### EASTER ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE holiday public will have no reason to complain of want of variety in the amusements which will be provided for them during Eastertide, for their name is legion. Probably the greatest difficulty will be to choose from among the plethora of good things set before them that which ensures the best value for the money expended. Considerable interest is being manifested in the re-production this evening (Saturday) of "Human Nature," at Drury Lane Theatre, in which Mr. Augustus Harris shares the composition with Mr. Henry Pettitt. The "national" theatre has been re-decorated since the withdrawal of the pantomime, which proved one of the most successful on record; and we have little doubt that the piece to be re-produced will enjoy another long and triumphant run. At the Lyceum, "Faust" will draw crowded houses during the week, and "The Lord Harry" is certain to do the same under Mr. Wilson Barrett's auspices at the Princess's. There will be no change at the Haymarket while "Jim the Penman" draws such goodly audiences; whilst "The Harbour Lights" at the Adelphi, and "My Sweetheart," at the Strand, are sure to attract good houses. At the Globe, "The Pickpocket" will be accompanied by "The Sins of the Father;" while "The Mikado" and "The

Carp" will continue to hold their own at the Savoy. "Cupid" will "camp" at the Criterion, in company with "The Man with the Three Wives;" and the Prince's will still combat with its "Enemies." "Fedora" will occupy the boards at Her Majesty's, and the inimitable Toole, in "Going it," will play "Faust and Loose." At the Opera Comique, "On 'Change" will be continued, and "Sophia" will reign at the Vaudeville. The Gaiety will appear in "Borrowed Plumes," with "Jack Sheppard" as the great attraction, and visitors will find at St. James's the play of "Antoinette Rigaud." The story of "Lurline" will be enacted at the Avenue, and "Oliver" will "Grumble" amidst the redolence of "Wet Paint" at the Novelty; whilst "Hard Hearts" will be commenced on Monday at the Grand. The "Silver King" at the Surrey will vie with the "Silver Wedding" at the Standard, and the "Schoolmistress" will play her pretty pranks at the Court; and you may go "Round the World" at the Empire in Leicester-square. "East Lynne" is to be continued at the Imperial, and "Hoodman Blind" at the Britannia. Of the miscellaneous entertainments, of which there appear to be an endless variety, the Indian and Japanese Villages are sure to come in for a large share of attention; whilst of course thousands will be allured by the special programmes at the Crystal Palace, the Albert Palace, the Aquarium, the Alhambra, the Oxford, Canterbury, Royal, South London, and the minor music halls; the Moore and Burgess and Mohawk Minstrels, Madame Tussand's, and others—as the auctioneers say—too numerous to mention. Then there are trips by water to Rosherville Gardens and other places at which to "spend a happy day," and very naturally our open spaces at Epping Forest, Hampstead Heath, Peckham Rye, Blackheath, Greenwich Park, Kew, Richmond Park, &c., will each receive their quota of the holiday crowd who revel in the glories of "St. Lubbock's" Day. It is impossible to reckon up half the inducements which are offered by the railway Companies to various points of interest, but unquestionably the greatest strain upon their resources will be in connection with the great volunteer reviews at Dover, Portsmouth, and elsewhere, whilst great freights may be anticipated to the various seaside resorts and fashionable watering-places within easy hail of town. The only hope is that the millions who will turn out to enjoy themselves, according to their respective tastes, may be favoured with genial weather, so essential to all outdoor festivities, and that no meteorological influence will tend to mar the enjoyments of one of those days which are set apart especially for the delectation of the working and industrial classes of the country.

**Crystal Palace.**—The directors of the Crystal Palace Company, of which Bro. Major A. G. Dickson, the popular M.P. for Dover, is Chairman, have just issued their programme for the thirty-third season; and, from a perusal of its pages, we are content to accept their assurance that "no effort will be spared on the part of the management to utilise the experience of the past and the resources of the present and future, to make the coming year worthy of the best traditions of its predecessors." In spite of the many attractions that have sprung up since the big glass house at Sydenham was erected, and in spite of the competitive spirit that has been manifested in catering for the entertainment of the masses, the Crystal Palace abundantly maintains its hold upon the popular taste, the entertainments there presenting an extent and variety unsurpassed by any resort of its kind, either in London or out of it. Every conceivable means of enjoyable recreation, of a refined description, is here to be found, whether we take the colossal musical performances, of which the Handel Festivals have been examples of world-wide renown, the other high-class concerts which take place from time to time during the season, the illuminated out-door fêtes and great firework displays, fruit, flower, and other shows, dramatic performances, great popular fêtes, archery, cycling, and other sports, &c., thousand and one exhibitions of art, science, literature, music, practical engineering, and landscape gardening—all these afford scope for the instruction, edification, and amusement of the hundreds of thousands who visit the Palace during the season. This year's programme is not only equal to, but far in advance of, any of its predecessors, the opening of the summer season being celebrated by a performance, on the largest scale, of Gounod's oratorio, "The Redemption," which will be produced on Saturday, 1st May, with Madame Albani, Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. F. King, and Mr. Santley as soloists, a chorus of over 3,000 voices, and an orchestral band comprising several hundreds of instruments. The performance will be under the conductorship of Mr. August Manns. This will be followed by a series of high-class concerts, in which the most eminent of our artists will be engaged, and the pyrotechnic displays which allure such enormous crowds to the Palace grounds promise to be even of greater magnitude than heretofore, if such be possible, under the management of Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. An entirely new feature in the outdoor arrangements this year will be the Volunteer fête, the great army of our citizen soldiers never yet having devoted a day at the Palace to a gathering on behalf of its own best interests. The forthcoming fête will be in aid of the Volunteer Forces Benevolent Association, and will take place on Saturday, 29th May. Then there are the annual Police, Temperance, Catholic Total Abstinence, Foresters', Colonial and Indian, and other fetes (the last named being especially to welcome the Indian and Colonial visitors who are expected to be present at the forthcoming Exhibition at South Kensington), an infinite variety of concerts and histrionic representations, sports and pastimes of every variety, balloon ascents, and miscellaneous entertainments, presenting a charm and variety enough to satiate even the most fastidious tastes. Of course, there will be all the surroundings of cricket, archery, lawn-tennis, and other outdoor pastimes so freely indulged in during the summer months; and we advise all those who are interested in these, as well as the other departments of this brilliant and judiciously-arranged programme, to lose no time in securing copies of the neat little handbook, from the Secretary of the Crystal Palace Company, Sydenham.

## 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, 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  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 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—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Poristone  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
 M.M. 11—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden  
 H.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

## MONDAY, 26th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1815—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle  
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe  
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

## TUESDAY, 27th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 14—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 53—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel  
 177—Dorset, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 654—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)  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1860—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1881—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1449—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henry, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford  
 R.A. 741—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)  
 R.A. 1249—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 R.A. 1365—Crompton, White Hart, Lower Clapton  
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.C. 67—Stanhope, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyron, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 311—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apolo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 758—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham  
 1010—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1353—Terlan, Town Hall, Plaigton  
 147—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Edlington, Town Hall, Macclesfield  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon  
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 R.A. 91—De Lambart, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland  
 R.A. 403—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 19—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hovey  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brigaton  
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 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)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poonin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 123—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1601—Raversbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Patnor St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltham-stow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 R.A. 177—Doric, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1030—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1083—Downley, Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1085—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1219—Rangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1261—Septuagint, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 128—City of London, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1392—Fidelity, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Charl, Somersetshire  
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil  
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M.—Home, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester  
 K.T.—Alp, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 K.T. 13—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1155—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Betanul Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1300—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmers, on Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theobald Street) N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Carborwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Tredoga, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Casadors, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creation, Wheat-sheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 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)  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 551—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Broom  
 557—Gabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich  
 901—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1530—Clarendon, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 121—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal  
 R.A. 261—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 709—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 831—Raueagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Finsbury, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 7c—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire

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 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham  
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

## Old Warrants (K).

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"Athol," No. 317 in 1798, No. 402 at the "Union," No. 279 from 1832, and No. 229 from A.D. 1863. (Vide Hughau's "Masonic Register," 1878).

ZETLAND, Gr. M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Loving Brethren.



Mr. THOMAS DUNDAS, Earl of Zetland, Baron Dundas,  
 Of Aisle in the County of York, &c., &c.,  
 Grand Master,

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

Send Greeting :

Whereas, it appears by the Records of our GRAND LODGE that a Warrant of Constitution bearing date the 11th day of April 1798, was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Fort William, in the City of Calcutta, and Province of Bengal, and which was then registered in the Books of the GRAND LODGE, No. 317. And whereas by the union of the two GRAND LODGES on the 27th December 1813, the said Lodge became No. 402, and by the general alteration of the numbers in the year 1832 it became and is now registered in the GRAND LODGE Books, No. 279, and is now held at their own Private Room, at Fort William aforesaid, under the Title or Denomination of

The Lodge of "Humility and Fortitude."

And whereas the Brethren now composing the said No. 279. Lodge have by their Memorial represented to us that their Warrant hath by some accident become much defaced and torn, and they have prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. Now know ye that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said Bequest and from the confidence reposed in the Brethren do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation unto our Right Trusty and well-Beloved Brethren FREDERICK JENNINGS, W. Master, CHARLES HENTY, Senior Warden, JAMES GILES BOWERMAN, Junior Warden, JAMES BLACKBURN KNIGHT, WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, ROBERT TULLY BARHAM, WILLIAM HALL HOFF, ANDREW D'CRUZ, Junior, and other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorizing and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Fort William aforesaid at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary and be regulated by their By-Laws in conformity with the general Laws of the Craft, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And further at the Petition of the said Brethren, We do appoint the said FREDERICK JENNINGS to be the Master, the said CHARLES HENTY to be the Senior Warden, and the said JAMES GILES BOWERMAN to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge under this Warrant of Confirmation and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his Office. And we do require you the said FREDERICK JENNINGS to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by Our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or Our Successors, Grand Masters, or by Our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By-

Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to, or inconsistent with, the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or Our Successors, Grand Masters, or to the RIGHT HONORABLE FOX MAULE, Baron Panmure of Brechin and Navar County Forfar, K.T., G.C.B., &c., &c., &c., Our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year, a List of the Members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon.

It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said FREDERICK JENNINGS are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge a London, this 18th August A.D. 5859, J.D. 1859.

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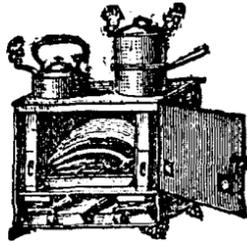
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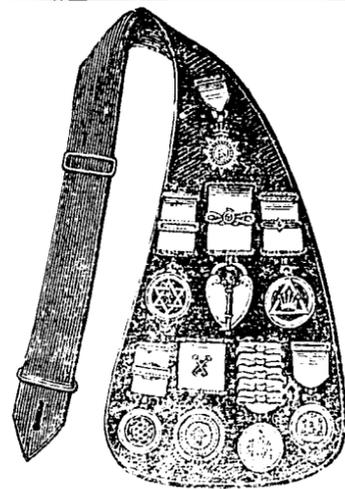
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