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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

FOR the second time during the current year the Freemasons of England have shown, in the most practical manner, their desire to maintain that reputation for benevolence which has long been associated with them, in connection with the three great charitable Institutions of the Order. The Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, and the result of the appeals to the craft of which that meeting was the climax, was an addition to the funds of the Institution of £13,029 3s 0d. This total is something like a thousand pounds short of what was announced at the corresponding Festival last year, but even then it is a grand sum to raise as a year's contribution to one of the three Charities of Freemasonry, especially when we consider it in connection with the equally satisfactory total of £15,000 raised for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last. The total thus far for the year is therefore £28,030, and if we may anticipate that there will be no falling off in the support given to the Boys' School, the Festival of which will be held at Brighton in a month's time, this year's total will bear favourable comparison with any which has preceded it.

The £13,029 raised on Wednesday was the result of the efforts of two hundred and seventy-four stewards, four of whom have yet to make a return, so that the average of the lists sent in is upwards of £48 5s 0d. The honour of the largest list is on this occasion secured by a Provincial Steward—Bro. B. J. Thompson, representing the Province of Northumberland—who collected £905 2s 0d. He is followed by one of the Surrey Stewards—Bro. Joseph D. Langton—who, although only representing a Private Lodge, the George Price, No. 2096, brings up the grand sum of £407 18s 6d. To this brother must, we think, be accorded the palm, for while his only competitor had the whole of the Province of Northumberland from which to solicit subscriptions, Bro. Langton had only a single Lodge, and that too a very young one, in a Province which had twenty-one other Stewards at work, among them the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy.

One hundred and twenty-four of the Stewards appear on the London list: thirteen as members of the House Committee, eighty-nine as representatives of Lodges, and twenty-two as unattached. The totals collected by these brethren were £679 10s, £4,190 19s 6d, and £523 13s respectively; £5,394 2s 6d in all. Bro. Bernhard Kauffmann heads the London Stewards, as far as total is concerned, his list, as representative of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, amounting to £164 17s. He is followed by Bro. Alfred R. W. Powles, with a list of £153 6s from the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901; and then by Bro. George Coop, from the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, with a round £150. Thus we have three Lodges, all comparatively young, heading the list of London contributors to the festival, and sending up amongst them close on £470. This is an answer—and a most satisfactory one—to the large body of Masons who lament the extension of Freemasons' Lodges in the Metropolis; who affirm that the granting of a warrant is a mistake, and that each one granted for years past has been detrimental to the interests

of the Order. Fourth on the roll of London Stewards is Bro. Frank Richardson, a member of the House Committee of the Institution, who has been successful in securing towards this Festival a total of £138 10s. He is followed by Comp. Charles Tayler, of the Eccleston Chapter, with a list of £120 15s, who in turn is succeeded by Bro. K. R. Murchison, a Steward from the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, who figures for £103. There are three brethren who share among themselves the honours of the next rank, lists of one hundred guineas each having been subscribed by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall (a member of the House Committee of the Institution), Brother T. B. Daniell (Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781), and Bro. Francis W. Stamp (Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178), while two other brethren, C. H. Bardoulean and Rowland Hirst bring up a similar amount as joint representatives of their Lodge, the Langthorne, No. 1421. Bro. Chas. Hammerton, another member of the House Committee, answers for a total of £100, as also does Bro. W. T. P. Montgomery, of Peckham Lodge, No. 1475. These twelve lists bring us to the end of the three figure totals from the Metropolis, and as usual we here conclude our remarks on this section of the Festival. It must not, however, be assumed that we imagine anything under one hundred pounds as being unworthy of mention; on the contrary, we should much like to offer a few words of congratulation to each of the other Stewards individually. It is only the necessity for keeping within the limits of the space at our disposal which compels us to draw a line, and that line has usually been at the close of the three figure lists.

We now turn to the Provinces, first among which comes, as should be the case, the district over which the chairman of the day presides as Provincial Grand Master. Surrey on this occasion sent up a magnificent sum, the total of its contributions, at the hands of twenty-two Stewards, being £1,334 4s 6d, but we leave further consideration of this amount, as well as other Provincial contributions, until next week.

THE Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, under the presidency of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. As stated above, the result was a grand addition to the funds of the Institution, and one of which the Chairman, the Stewards, and all interested in the Charity, have every reason to be proud. The usual banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, and at its conclusion the toasts of the evening were honoured. It was not merely as loyal subjects, said the Chairman, that those present should drink the health of Her Majesty the Queen, who had ruled over the nation wisely and well for close on fifty years, but also as Freemasons, for they could but remember how intimately the Queen was associated with the Order. Her father and three of her sons had associated themselves with the Craft, while many other branches of her family were likewise members of it. She was also chief Patroness of the Institution the Festival of which they were then celebrating. The toast was followed by that of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., Grand Patron and President of the Institution;

the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness; and the other members of the Royal family. The Chairman thought it was very fortunate that many years ago the Prince of Wales was persuaded to become Grand Master of England. He had recently heard of an American newspaper which suggested that the initiation of the son of His Royal Highness was a hole and corner affair, and that it ought to have taken place in a larger assembly of Masons. His Royal Highness was Master of the Royal Alpha Lodge, and he appealed to those present whether it was not perfectly natural that the Prince should desire to initiate his son in the Lodge over which he presided. He had the privilege of being present at that initiation, and hoped Prince Albert Victor would follow in the footsteps of his Royal father. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers was next submitted. The Chairman said this was really the proposition of his own health, but with that modesty which at all times distinguished Freemasons he could not omit giving it. He believed that all the Grand Officers tried to do their duty as well as they could. The position was sometimes an anomaly, all there was to do being to set a good example to the younger brethren, which he hoped and believed they did. With the toast was coupled the name of Brother Sir William Clark, District Grand Master of Victoria, who he felt sure must have been pleased, like others who had recently arrived from the Colonies, at the welcome which had been given them in connection with the Exhibition just opened in London. Brother Sir W. Clark felt highly complimented in having his name associated with those included in the toast. He should be very glad when they had an Institution in Victoria similar to that the Festival of which they were then celebrating, and he did not think it would be long before such would be established. The brethren of Victoria had already done their best as far as a Charitable Fund was concerned, but had not as yet been rich enough to endow an Educational Institution. When he was previously in England the brethren of the Colony had asked him if Lady Clark would take charge of an orphan girl who had been educated in the School. They took her, and found her a well-educated and well-conducted girl. She had since met with great success in Victoria. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G. Master West Yorkshire, proposed the health of the Chairman. General Brownrigg had occasionally visited West Yorkshire, where the brethren were always proud to meet him in their Lodges. Bro. Tew then traced the career of "Our next Chairman," both military and Masonic, and concluded by formally submitting the toast. General Brownrigg, having replied, submitted the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, coupled with the health of the Treasurer. He briefly traced the rise of the Charity,

and said it was utterly impossible for any one who had not seen the School to form any conception of what it was. There was neatness, regularity, and perfect discipline connected with it such as he had never seen at any other school, and he had had some experience in looking after schools of different sorts. The drill of the girls was the most perfect he had ever witnessed. On one occasion he had been asked to say something to the girls as to what he had seen. He told them that in his soldier days he had seen the manoeuvres of almost every military nation in the world, but had never seen anything to equal the beauty of their drill. He was an old adjutant, but had never seen anything so perfect as the wheeling and counter-marching of the girls at Battersea. He did not tell them that, but he did say they were the prettiest battallion he had ever seen. He urged the brethren to support this excellent School, mentioning that a very good plan was to put down their children's names as Governors and Life Governors. He had qualified the son of his old age—who was that day four weeks old—as a Governor of the Institution. Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer and Vice-President of the Institution, replied. He felt that the Treasurers of the Masonic Charitable Institutions were much to be envied. His experience of Treasurers outside of Freemasonry was that very frequently they had to provide the treasure, rather than take care of it. A very different state of things existed with them, and he submitted it could not be too often or too widely made known or repeated for the benefit of managers of Charitable Institutions outside Masonry that the sumptuous banquet they had just partaken of was not provided at the cost of the Institution, but out of the pockets of the brethren. It was also the custom of the Stewards to commemorate the generosity of the brethren by inviting the children to an annual outing at the Crystal Palace. Very gratefully, on behalf of the Executive Committee, did he acknowledge the generosity of the brethren in entrusting them with funds sufficient to maintain and educate adequately to fight the battle of life the 243 girls that had been committed to their care, and they looked forward to the time when, by a continuance and by an extension of generosity they might still further spread the benefits of the Institution. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution, then read the list of amounts subscribed, of which we give full details in our present issue, after which the Chairman proposed the toast of the other Masonic Charities—and success to them, to which Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded. The Stewards of the Day and the Ladies having been toasted the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

We append the list of contributions.

LONDON.																			
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HOUSE COMMITTEE.																			
				£	s	d					£	s	d						
Br. Edgar Bowyer .				52	10	0					857 Joseph F Lavington .				40	0	0		
Ralph Clutton .				21	0	0					907 R Jennings .				}	36		15	0
Robert Gray .				68	5	0					907 G Wallace .					27		16	0
Charles Hammerton .				100	0	0					917 G Redding .					23		2	0
H A Hunt .				31	10	0					1159 Richard Bird .					105		0	0
E Letchworth .				47	5	0					1178 Francis W Stamp .					85		1	0
P De Lande Long .				31	10	0					1196 G E Fairchild .					36		15	0
Horace B Marshall .				105	0	0					1329 G W Marsden jun. .					41		3	6
E C Mather .				21	0	0					1348 James Warren .					40		0	0
J H Matthews .				21	0	0					1361 J J Wedgwood, M.D. .					26		5	0
James Moon .				21	0	0					1381 John Plowman .					52		10	0
Colonel James Peters .				21	0	0					1383 K R Murchison .					108		0	0
Frank Richardson .				138	10	0					1420 C J Richardson .					50		8	0
											1421 C H Bardoulean .				}	105		0	0
											1421 Rowland Hirst .					100		0	0
											1475 W T P Montgomery .					16		16	0
											1489 Wm. Gray .					15		15	0
											1538 R C Liversedge .					36		15	0
											1539 W G Cannon .					40		7	0
											1584 T Drew Bear .					21		0	0
											1615 Capt. F S G Moon .					80		0	0
											1623 J J Howes .								
Lodge											Chapter								
1 Br. R Hervé Giraud .				21	0	0					1624 Comp. Chas. Tayler .					120		15	0
Chapter											Lodge								
1 Comp. Ralph Gooding, M.D.				21	0	0					1641 Br. R Greenwood .					22		6	0
Lodge											1679 E F Storr .					30		0	0
2 Br. T P Shipp .				23	2	0					1693 James Cooper .					31		10	0
3 J Larkin .				81	18	0					1704 T Wells Thorpe .					36		15	0
4 H E Pollard .				16	16	0					1716 W C Young .					47		5	0
5 A Ball .				74	11	0					1719 H J Davis .					47		5	0
6 Gen. J S Brownrigg, C.B. (see Surrey)											1732 Beruhard Kauffman .					164		17	0
7 A Sauvée .				16	16	0					1767 J W Barker .					31		10	0
8 H Pullman .											1820 Henry Grey .					42		0	0
10 P A Scratchley .				63	0	0					Chapter								
11 F C McQueen .				25	0	0					1900 Comp. G P Festa .					21		0	0
14 Valentine Robinson .				14	14	0													
18 Capt. C. Probyn]				42	0	0													

Lodge		£	s	d
1901 Br. Alfred R W Powles	-	153	6	0
1928 Charles F Pardon	-	42	0	0
2021 George Coop	-	150	0	0
2032 John P Houghton	-	39	18	0
2045 Rev. J Crane Wharton, M.A.	-	25	0	0
2045 David Stroud	-	42	0	0
2108 C Washington Eves	-	15	15	0
2128 W Masters	-	36	15	0

UNATTACHED.

Br. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor	-	21	0	0
Asher Barfield	-	21	0	0
J Bartle	-	10	10	0
F T Bennett	-	10	10	0
Robert Berridge	-	10	10	0
C W Carrell	-	30	0	0
R E Catterson	-	11	11	0
George Cooper	-	26	5	0
T Edmonston	-	35	0	0
R W Galer	-	15	15	0
William Gayten, M.D.	-	16	16	0
N Goodchild	-	25	0	0
Fred C Hill	-	10	10	0
Dr. T S Howell	-	10	10	0
William Klingenstein	-	26	5	0
Chas Lambert	-	10	10	0
John L Mather	-	73	10	0
William Morley	-	11	11	0
H F Nash	-	10	10	0
Alderman Savory	-	10	10	0
J R Spaul	-	52	10	0
James Terry	-	63	0	0

THE PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

540 Br. Samuel L Kilpin	-	80	1	0
1470 M H Dicker	-	44	2	0
S J Attenborough	-	10	10	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

795 John Greenfield	-	57	15	0
1566 Henry Warden	-	115	0	0
1887 Samuel Dyer	-	55	0	0

BRISTOL.

The Province Bro. P Harris	-	145	19	0
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Province Bro. C A Vinter	-	273	0	0
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CHESHIRE.

Lodge 428 Br. Rev. C W Spencer-Stanhope	-	31	10	0
537 George Brown	-	10	10	0
537 Thomas Marwood	-	15	15	0
537 Edwin Woodhead	-	10	10	0
1565 William Bradford	-	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

Controller S G Bake	-	31	10	0
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DERBYSHIRE.

1085 Henry Carr	-	25	19	6
1688 John H Orme	-	11	11	0

DEVONSHIRE.

189 } T W Lemon, M.A.	-	136	19	0
1205 }				

DORSETSHIRE.

The Province } Bro. W Douglas				
and No. 137 }	Dugdale	142	16	0
The Province } Z Milledge				
and No. 170 }				

DURHAM.

124 Br. William Logan	-	57	15	0
Unattached Br. J H Holmes	-	10	10	0

ESSEX.

160 Br. Harry Sims	-	10	10	0
276 Andrew Durrant	-	36	15	0
650 Richard Clowes	-	38	17	0
1000 G F Jones	-	66	3	0
1437 Francis A White	-	57	15	0
Ebenezer Shedd	-	35	14	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82 G S Atkins	-	17	17	0
493 Samuel Bland	-	78	15	0

Lodge		£	s	d
493 J A Matthews	-	68	5	0
592 Henry Tovey	-	57	15	0
R V Vassar-Smith	-			

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

151 W T Way-Buckell	-	48	16	3
309 John W Gieve	-	71	4	3
1331 R White	-	33	12	0
Rev. J N Palmer	-	10	10	0

HEREFORDSHIRE.

892 Rev. R Evans, M.A.	-	74	11	0
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HERTFORDSHIRE.

404 Geo. E Lake	-	100	16	0
1984 H J Giller	-	25	0	0

KENT.

615 John Aillud	-	25	5	0
615 Geo. W Mitchell	-	63	0	0
709 Fred. H. Hallett	-	73	10	0
829 Thomas Knight	-	36	10	0
913 Henry Mason	-	210	10	0
1107 Joseph Storey	-	37	16	0
1414 Charles Holcroft	-	64	11	6
1692 R V Harman	-	34	18	0

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).

152 W Jaffrey	-	10	10	0
317 W B Akerman	-	10	10	0
1723 Matthew Fielding	-	10	10	0
1773 Wm. Harcastle	-	60	0	0
1798 Philip Hart	-	10	10	0
Sundry	-	68	5	0

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

The Province, Bro. R Goodacre-		147	0	0
Lodge				
32	Br. Robert W Bourne	-	10	10 0
32	S G Sinclair	-	63	0 0
155 } 680 }	E Pierpoint	-	10	10 0
414	Thomas Worsley	-	10	10 0
730	Thomas Forester	-	10	10 0
1313	Thomas Whitehead	-	21	0 0
1380	J Cobham	-	10	10 0
1387	Henry Marshall	-	27	6 0
1730	John Slyman	-	31	10 0
1814	W Y Martin	-	10	10 0
1814	Israel Wallwork	-		

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Bro. W. Kelly	-	10	10	0
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MIDDLESEX.

1238 Alfred Wm Gower	-	49	7	0
1292 Dr. H W Roberts	-	56	14	0
1326 H Jas. Dawe	-	10	10	0
1326 Fred. Dunstan	-	20	9	6
1512 W Spearing	-	20	12	0
2105 D P Cama	-	15	15	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province, Bro. S. Davies	-	162	15	0
1429 Master Willie Watkins	-	36	15	0

NORFOLK.

The Province, Bro. H G Barwell	25	4	0
Cabbell Preceptory, K.T., Sir Knight G W G Barnard . .	42	0	0

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Province and 406 Bro. B J Thomson	-	905	2	0
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NORTH WALES.

1849 Br. Lt.-Col. Henry Platt	-	70	17	6
C K Benson	-	26	5	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340 Capt. G Parker Airey	-	50	17	0
357 Rob. E Baynes	-	20	15	0
478 Joseph Shaw	-	23	17	6
1703 Henry Druce	-	10	10	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province and 135 Bro. W Porritt	-	133	7	0
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SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).

The Province, Bro. W C Peace	-	140	0	0
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STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province } Bro. W Vernon				
and No. 456 }		204	15	0
The Province } Rev. Wm. Randall				
and No. 482 }				

SUFFOLK.

The Province, Bro. W Page T Phillips, M.A.	-	116	0	6
Bro. E St. G Cobbold	-	10	10	0

SURREY.

Prov. G.M. Bro. Gen. J S Brown-rigg, C.B., (Chairman), and Prov. G.L.	-	193	10	0
Br. C Greenwood D.P.G.M.	-	43	10	6
Br. Chas Greenwood jun.	-	15	15	0
370 Br. H C Leigh-Bennett	-	47	4	0
410 Moreton	-	15	15	0
452 H E Frances	-	31	10	0
463 John Hooke	-	105	0	0
777 Charles Belton	-	89	15	6
889 Thomas Long	-	42	0	0
1149 P L Marten	-	26	5	0

Chapter 1149 Comp. Fred Flood	-	11	11	0
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Lodge 1362 Br. W A Laker	-	63	0	0
1395 Arthur H Bowles	-	21	0	0

Chapter 1395 Comp. T Wakley jun.	-	21	0	0
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Lodge 1638 Br. J W Moorman	-	26	5	0
1861 Thomas Vincent	-	21	0	0
1892 Alfred Bishop	-	32	11	0
1920 Rev. W Stainer	-	31	10	0
1981 Wm Youlden	-	18	18	0
2096 Joseph D Langton	-	407	18	6
2146 C C Gibbs, M.D.	-	15	15	0
John G Horsey	-	53	11	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

43 J G Albert	-	12	12	0
284 J W Margetts	-	85	1	0
739 A G Harding	-	5	5	0

WILTSHIRE.

The Prov. } Bro. J C Maclean		200	4	0
& 355 }				

WORCESTERSHIRE.

377 Br. J W Consterdine-Chadwick	-	15	15	0
A F Godson	-	10	10	0
Geo. W Grosvenor	-	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

1248 Sir George Sitwell, Bart., M.P.	-	42	0	0
1611 Wm. Brown	-	40	0	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

T W Tew, Prov G.M.	-			
61 Wm. Gaukroger	-			
139 Joseph Jackman	-			
149 T Allen Haigh	-			
149 W Thomas Sugg	-			
149 Henry Todd	-			
296 R M Brown	-			
448 Richard Hodgson	-			
439 Samuel White	-			
495 Lt.-Col. A H Charlesworth	-			
495 Thomas Horner	-			
495 Geo. Fred. Wild	-			
827 Edward Poppleton	-			
827 G King Robinson	-			
904 Peter B Coward	-	500	0	0
904 Wm. Dickie	-			
904 James Jenkin	-			
910 Robert Fisher	-			
1211 J Cooper Eddison	-			
1211 John W Fourness	-			
1211 A W Youings	-			
1239 James Hastings	-			
1239 George H Hunt	-			
1513 J W Embleton	-			
1736 Jos. H Bolton	-			
2069 Robert Abbott	-			
2069 B Sykes Bailey	-			
2069 Alfred Cooke	-			
2069 Rev. T Cartwright Smyth, D.D.	-			

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

84 Frederick Clarke	-	63	0	0
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PUNJAB.

2121 Rev. A H Hildesley	-			
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## CONSECRATION THE LODGE OF HOPE No. 2153.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the 12th instant, the interesting and impressive ceremony of constituting a new Lodge was performed in the Thorneate Hall, Gosport, by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was accompanied by several Provincial Officers. There was a good master of the members of the new Lodge, which has been established more particularly for members of the Services and of visiting brethren. The P.G.M. having taken the chair and appointed the Wardens pro tem, delivered an address, remarking that the application for the warrant for the Lodge indicated a desire to promote and extend the benefits of Freemasonry. There would, it was perfectly true, be little cause for congratulation were there any doubts as to the success of the Lodge in the future, or as to the sincere wish of the brethren who were joining it to promote it. That, he trusted, they might dismiss from their minds. No doubt the brethren of Gosport, emulating their brethren in Portsmouth, who had such a number of Lodges, were desirous of extending their Lodges, which was not surprising, considering the growth that Gosport was making. That being the case, and a number of brethren having signified their wish to join in promoting a new Lodge, he had every desire to assist them by all means in his power, and therefore he had come there that day, it being one that he thought would probably be convenient to them, and on which he could be spared from the House of Commons, though the business on most days was rather of an entrancing nature. What was the work on which they were engaged? Was theirs a society based on the principles of yesterday? No, it was a society based on principles which had existed for thousands of years. It was curious that almost from day to day things were brought to light which showed that Freemasonry must have existed even for a longer time than they had an idea of. They had remains of buildings brought to light which bore traces of Masonic emblems, showing that in those days there were brethren who desire to perpetuate their society. It had been found that in countries which they had no idea had any contact with the civilised portion of the world Freemasonry must have existed, and how it could possibly have permeated to those remote places was a perfect marvel to them. But, as a rule, Masonry had been synonymous with, and had extended with knowledge. This showed that Masonry was one of those societies which were allied to the best interests of civilisation. Their society promulgated some of the best principles which, apart from Christianity, could be inculcated. How could what was taught in their ritual fail to exercise a favourable influence upon the conduct of men if only they acted up to them? It was only for them to do so and they would become better citizens, better men, and have increased reverence for the Great Being who created the world and all that was in it. It was surprising, considering the length of time that Freemasonry had existed, that there were hardly any cases where brethren or Lodges had fallen away from the principles which had been inculcated. There had been a melancholy instance in recent times, which he trusted might never occur again. Most of the Lodges in France had fallen away from the faith and traditions of their forefathers and rejected the name of the Supreme Being within the walls of their Lodges. Had this repudiation been received with favour in other countries? Far from it. They had been refused intercourse with Freemasons in other countries, and in England they had been accounted as out of the pale of the Masonic Order. He thought this showed that the brethren of this day were determined not to reject the excellent lessons given them in the past. He trusted that the work in which they were engaged might be fraught with prosperity to the Order, and that the Lodge of Hope would shed a bright influence around and be an honour to the Order they loved so well. The P.G. Secretary having read the petition and warrant for the establishment of the new Lodge, which is to be held on the third Wednesday in each month, at the India Arms Hotel, a short address in advocacy of charity was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, Grand Chaplain of England, after which the ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. T. F. Wilton presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. designate of the new Lodge, Bro. Francis Powell P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant, was presented to the P.G.M. by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, officiating for the D.P.G.M. (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre), who, it was explained, was in London on other Masonic duty, and on the completion of the ceremony of installation the W.M. appointed the Officers, as under:—Bro. W. Green P.M. S.W., T. Stretton J.W., Rev R. Measham P.M. Chaplain, H. Crisp Treasurer, W. J. Pawsey Secretary, T. Pearson S.D., Major E. S. Innes J.D., T. W. Holdstock I.G., J. G. Williams D.C., D. Batson Org., E. Jewell and E. H. Buck Stewards, L. Calvin Tyler. Before close of the Lodge several members were proposed, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the P.G.M. and to the Officers for presenting the collars and jewels. Letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from, among others, General Sir G. Willis, Captain Lord C. Beresford, M.P., General Sir F. Fitz Wygram, M.P., Captain Sir Alfred Balliston, R.N., Colonel Sir F. Festing, R.M.A., Captain Colomb, R.N., and Colonel Crease, R.M.A. The W.M. presided at the banquet which followed, at the India Arms Hotel, when the usual toasts were proposed.—*Evening Mail.*

CONSECRATION OF THE SURBITON LODGE,  
No. 2416.

ANOTHER Lodge has just been added to the roll of the Craft, and, leaving aside the question so often discussed as to whether the multiplication of the branches of Freemasonry is wise in policy or otherwise, we must congratulate our brethren of Surbiton upon the excellent start that was made by this latest addition to the Fraternity on Tuesday last. This is the thirty-first Lodge which has been established in the county of Surrey, and the event, graced as it was by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, General

J. Stadholme Brownrigg, C.B., drew a large number of the Prov. Grand Officers from various centres in the county, as well as brethren from London and Lodges in adjacent Provinces. The weather was delightfully fine, and a "day in the country" was thoroughly enjoyed, as it should be at this season of the year, when this purlieu of the silvery Thames appears at its brightest, clad with the livery of Spring. The brethren assembled in the Lodge-room at noon, and had time to inspect and admire the commodious and suitable hall which had been provided for the purpose, with the whole of the arrangements and appointments of which they expressed themselves delighted. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master took the chair, appointing as his Wardens Bros. W. H. Perryman A.G.P., and Thomas Long P.M. and Treasurer 889 P.P.G.D.C., who was assisted in the consecration ceremony by Bros. Rev. Geoffrey Hughes P.G.C. Surrey Chaplain, John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey Director of Ceremonies, R. Sebastian Hart P.G.S.D. Surrey Installing Officer, James Squire P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, Charles Greenwood jun. acting P.G. Secretary P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, and W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Samuel Hewett 1614, James Packham 3, John Drawett S.W. 1638, W. Drewett J.W. 889, George Moorman J.W. 1981, G. W. Ayliffe 946, Wm. Chapman S.W. 889, H. J. Rose 1793, James Hill W.M. 1658, Edwin Q. Auster 7, J. Jacobs I.P.M. 1614, Edward Jacobs P.M. 1614, George Coleman P.M. 1614, E. Stillwell P.G.S. W.M. 1872, W. H. Bays P.M. 1658, Henry King P.M. 1639, Robert Walden D.C. 1658, A. Aldon 2032, J. W. Moorman W.M. 1638 Sec. 1981, H. Weaver W.M. 889, G. T. Clayton P.M. 1872 P.G.A.D.C. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the Prov. G. Master was saluted, and the acting Secretary having handed the petition and warrant to the Prov. Grand Master, the latter addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, in the course of his brief but practical observations expressing the gratification it afforded him to witness the progress that Freemasonry was making. He was always pleased to recommend the petition for a new warrant in cases where it was, in his judgment, and that of the brethren, desirable, and they would all agree that this was a case in which such petition had been very properly applied for and acceded to. The founders of the Lodge were Bros. Dr. C. C. Gibbs P.M. 1872 and P.P.G.J.D. the Worshipful Master Designate, Albert Storr P.M. 1658 and A. Wilson P.M. 1298 the Wardens Designate, J. W. Allen, Austin, T. Beck, G. F. Budden, C. Brain, S. Hewett, F. P. Hill, J. H. Jarvis, A. Jobbins, F. Lockett, W. Metcalfe, W. McMillan, J. Packham, W. W. Wakeford, C. Worry, and W. Douglas Young. The brethren of the new Lodge having been arranged in order, the Director of Ceremonies read the petition and warrant, to which the names of the above founders were appended, and the brethren signified in Masonic form their approval of the Officers named in the warrant. The Prov. Grand Master then called upon Bro. W. W. Morgan for an address upon the nature and design of the Institution, and in response Bro. Morgan observed that knowing the Prov. Grand Master had other engagements it made it desirable that brevity should prevail on this occasion, and therefore the remarks he was about to submit to the brethren would be few, though they need not lack earnestness of purpose. On looking around he found himself surrounded by brethren who had distinguished themselves, and had brought the full benefit of their experience to bear upon the Craft, and therefore he need not detain them with any exposition of the nature of the Institution, the objects and constitution of which they knew so well. But as a natural consequence of the formation of a new Lodge the design of the Institution might well demand a little more of their attention, and he reminded them that a Lodge of Freemasons, to be successful and harmonious in its sphere, should consist of men who would enter heartily and thoroughly into the work set before them, with a desire and a will to do the best they possibly could for those around them, and more especially to uphold and support each other in all their doings in life, so far as these did not prove derogatory to their personal interests and duties. He spoke earnestly on the essential importance of studying closely and practising the principles and tenets of the Craft in their entirety, as by so doing they would do much to enhance the happiness and prosperity not only of themselves, but of the human family universally. Casually referring to the use and the abuse of the ballot, which subject had recently formed a matter of considerable comment in certain circles, he briefly reminded the brethren that judicious use should be made of the privilege thus accorded to them, that the black ball should not be employed unless in cases of necessity, and the power absolutely vested in them exercised only in extreme cases. The bonds of brotherly love which cemented them as one body in this grand Institution should teach them the principles of temperance and generous forbearance, wisdom and discretion tempered with their zeal; and, from what he had seen and knew of the brethren who had founded this Lodge, he was assured they would ever inculcate those precepts amongst the brethren who should be enrolled under its banner. In a properly organised Institution such as their own, there was but one aim and object that bound them all together in family relationship; and matters in which no cardinal points were involved might be amicably arranged without recourse to extreme measures, which were frequently the means of sowing the seeds of discord and discontent in even the most prosperous Lodges. If this idea were carried out, there was ample scope for the Lodge to progress to their mutual advantage, and the benefit of the district in which they were now assembled. He congratulated the brethren upon the successful launching of their new venture, which he was perfectly assured, under the wise and able guidance of their estimable Prov. Grand Master, would prove a most valuable acquisition to the Craft. The anthem commencing "Tis a pleasant thing to see," was then sung, Bro. Sebastian Hart presiding at the organ; and this, as well as the other musical portions of the impressive rite, was efficiently carried out. The first portion of the dedication prayer was then said by the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Geoffrey Hughes P.G.C. Surrey; and the brethren turning to the East, the Prov. Grand Master gave the



Invocation, which was heartily responded to. The Chaplain having read 2 Chron. ii. 1-16, the Lodge board was uncovered, and the Master and Wardens *pro tem* carried the elements of consecration three times around the room, halting in the East at each perambulation, amidst solemn music. The Prov. Grand Master then dedicated the Lodge, the ceremony being followed by the anthem, "Glory to God on high," and the second portion of the dedication prayer was said. The Prov. Grand Master having duly constituted the Lodge, the benediction was pronounced by the Chaplain. Lodge having been resumed in the second degree, the Provincial Grand Master inquired of the Director of Ceremonies if he had examined the Master and Wardens designate, and found the Master nominate well skilled in the noble science, and duly instructed in its mysteries. Bro. Dr. C. C. Gibbes P.M. 1872 and P.P.G.J.D. was presented and assented to the responsibilities of the office as the first Master of the Lodge. Bro. Sebastian Hart had assumed the chair, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony was performed in faultless manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted with the customary Masonic honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Albert Storr S.W., Alexander Wilson J.W., J. H. Jarvis Treasurer, John W. Allen Secretary, F. P. Hill S.D., S. Hewett J.D., W. Douglas Young I.G., G. F. Budden D.C., J. Beck Steward, F. Lockett Assistant Steward. Subsequently luncheon was provided, and the brethren and visitors sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who proposed the customary toasts, the health of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Surrey being received with special and unbounded enthusiasm. He suitably responded, expressing the gratification it afforded him to be present on this interesting occasion. The D.P.G.M., the Prov. Grand Wardens, and Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past was given, and the Provincial Grand Master proposed in eulogistic terms the health of the W.M., who suitably acknowledged the cordial reception given to the toast. The Visitors were heartily greeted, and a tribute of praise bestowed upon the Officers of the Snrbiton Lodge, including the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Masonic Charities were wished Godspeed to in a speech from the W.M., who intimated his intention of going up as a Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was to be held on the following day, under the presidency of their esteemed Prov. Grand Master. A collection was made, by which fifteen guineas were placed on the W.M.'s list. Before closing, it was announced that the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Croydon, under the banner of the George Price Lodge.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### YORK LODGE (T.I.).

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 26th ult., at which time there were present Bros. F. Smith W.M., G. Simpson J.W., W. B. Dyson M.O., W. Lackenby S.O., H. C. Pickersgill J.O., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., J. T. Seller P.M., C. G. Padel P.M. Org., G. Lamb S.D., A. H. H. McGachen J.D., P. Pearson Tyler, W. Wrigglesworth, S. G. Crummack, W. Brown, A. M. White, R. Ware, E. W. Purnell, J. R. Jackson, F. Smith 352, and others. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. H. K. Milbank 123 and Wm. Sharp 1611, and Bros. S. J. Dalton, T. Watkinson, W. Sharp, and H. V. Milbank were advanced to the degree. The Secretary reported a grant from the Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge towards the education of the son of a deceased brother. The D.P.G.M., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, was announced and received with the customary honours. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., whose resignation had been previously announced, was, on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by the Worshipful Master, elected an honorary member. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at refreshment, and passed a pleasant and social evening.

## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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### HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., a meeting of this body was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Bro. George Simpson M.W.S. presided. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted, Bros. Wm. H. Vane Millbank 123, and W. B. Dyson 1611, and these brethren were duly installed and proclaimed, the ceremony being worked by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. W.S. Apologies for absence were read from a number of brethren, including Bro. C. J. Banister S.G. I.G. for the district. Subsequently a pleasant evening was spent by the brethren, an excellent supper having been provided in the banquetting room.

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### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE last meeting of the session in connection with this sound and prosperous old Masonic Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, 10th instant, when the W.M., Bro. W. Saint, was supported by his Officers, and over forty of the members and Past Masters. Among the latter were Bros. W. A. Cabbitt I.P.M., S. Webb, J. E. Fells, W. Wood, J. Smith, R. Kershaw Treasurer, J. Shackell Secretary, Biddle Steward, and C. A. Davis. The Visitors included Bros. T. Roberts jun. 569, L. O. Mollet 765, H. Forss 917, H. W. Humphreys 1638, H. Waynforth 1766, C. M. Campbell 1638, H. Jay 174, and G. H. Stephens 1623. Lodge having been opened in due form, was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Alfred Mignot was passed. Bro. F. Hemings' name was on the agenda paper for raising, but he sent a letter of apology for unavoidable non-attendance. After the despatch of the usual Masonic business, Lodge was closed until the second Monday in October next. The brethren and visitors were afterwards entertained at a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Clemow's proverbially excellent style, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master spoke of Her Majesty's opening the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and of her being then on her way to perform an equally interesting ceremony at Liverpool. He also alluded to the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales rendering his august mother such assistance, and of his being an ornament to the Craft. Bro. Cabbitt, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Saint's sincere and earnest endeavour to make himself proficient in the ritual of Freemasonry, and to make every member of the Lodge, as well as the visiting brethren, comfortable. The W.M. having responded in suitable terms, several complimentary toasts followed, Bros. Jay, Stephenson, and Forss responding for the Visitors. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. S. Webb, F. Silvester S.W., and Bros. Forss and J. Roberts jun., the evening being brought to a conclusion by the Tyler's toast.

### UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Library of Colchester Castle (kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. James Round, M.P.), when Bro. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.W. P.P.G.C. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. R. Haward Ives I.P.M. 51 P.G.A. Sec. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested as under—Bros. J. T. Bailey I.P.M., G. P. Hazell S.W., Henry J. Skingley J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Richard Clowes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sec., Alfred Jas. Norman S.D., Arthur J. Ward J.D., Thomas Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., C. Osmond P.M. 51 P.P.G.O. Org., Joseph Ashdown I.G., S. Munson Tyler, Manley, Horncastle, and Oldham Stewards. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Ives for his kindness and ability in performing the ceremony, especially as he was called upon at an hour's notice, owing to the V.W. D.P.G.M., who was to have been Installing Master, not being able to reach Colchester in time. The thanks of the Lodge were also given to Bro. Jas. Round, M.P., for kindly allowing the use of the room. Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, an elegant banquet being served by the new host, Mr. Morris. In replying to the toast of his health and that of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, the V.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C.) congratulated the brethren upon the prosperous condition of the Province of Essex. When he first had the honour of being appointed D.P.G.M., which was in the lifetime of the late Lord Tenterden, there were but nineteen Lodges; now there twenty-four on the roll, and he understood from their Provincial Grand Secretary that the warrant for a new Lodge, to meet at Halstead, and to be named the "Joshua Nunn," had been received, and would shortly be consecrated. It was satisfactory to know that all the Lodges were doing good work for the Craft in Essex. It was only last Saturday that he was present at the installation meeting of one of the youngest of our Lodges—the Tilbury—and he found there the true spirit of Masonry pervading the brethren. They had just removed their Lodge into that magnificent hotel which had been erected in conjunction with the vast engineering undertaking of Tilbury Docks, which had brought the port of London into Essex. In conclusion, the V.W. D.P.G.M. expressed his regret that he had been unable to reach Colchester in time to perform the installation ceremony; and, while thanking Bro. Ives for his kindness in acting as substitute, complimented him on being able on so short a notice to carry out the work. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out by Bros. Osmond, Clowes, Sparling, and Coombs, assisted by Masters Nunn, Coombs, and Watts, the latter led playing a very nice accompaniment to "La Serenata" on the violin. Amongst those present, besides the Officers mentioned above, were:—Brothers Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. D.P.G.M., F. Binckes P.G. Stwd. Sec. R.M.I.B., T. J. Rolling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.G.S.W., F. R. Hales I.P.M. 650 P.G.J.W., Jno. Corble W.M. 453, J. S. French W.M. 433, Andrew C. Durant W.M. 276, M. L. Sanders W.M. 650, William Sowman P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., R. H. Ives P.M. 51 P.G.A. Sec., Walter J. Nunn W.M. 2063, R. F. Symmons, F. Quillar 51, F. Reichter 51, Chas. Gray 51, E. Williams 1016, and the following members of 697:—Bros. A. Gosling P.M., G. A. Eustace P.M., Robert Smith P.M., Joshua Street P.M., J. H. Boulton,

J. H. Johnson, G. A. Oldham, F. Freeman, George Beaumont, S. H. Ellis, T. J. Grant, R. J. Godfrey, L. F. Manley, F. Hersman, J. G. Potton, E. J. Horacastle, H. E. E. Williams, and A. S. B. Sparling.

### EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. There were present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W., G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.P., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., C. G. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O., J. T. Sellar P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., W. Brown S.W., Geo. Chapman J.W., J. Kay Sec., W. Lackenby J.D., P. Pearson as I.G., W. Storey and J. D. Irving Stewards, R. Ware, W. T. Nance, H. Mennell, C. Taff, W. Routledge, John Thorpe, W. R. Jackson, W. Wrigglesworth, J. E. Wilkinson, W. Sharp, R. M. Hayden, and others; whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. M. C. Peck P.M. 250 Prov. G. Sec., T. Thompson P.M. 57 P.P.G.D., J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G. Reg., W. Tesseyman P.M. 57 P.P.G.S. of W., W. H. Cowper P.M. 1848 P.P.G. Reg., E. Harding W.M. 1991, F. Woolnough 1991, A. M. White 1991, H. S. Hopton 256, W. Ward 236, and others. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Sellar P.M., and, after the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for a candidate, after which an accepted candidate was initiated. The chair was then taken by Bro. M. Millington, who initiated a second candidate, the charge to the two candidates being given by Bro. Brown S.W. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., who said that there were occasions in the working of the Craft when very pleasant tasks had fallen to his lot, and this was one of them. It was one of the duties inculcated in their teachings that merit should have its reward, and that patient industry should not go unrecognised. Those who were active workers in Freemasonry were well aware how essential it was to the prosperity of any Lodge that those who might be termed its "staff" Officers should be energetic and careful, and should have the real interests of the Order at heart. Since that Lodge had been formed in 1876 it had been fortunate in the possession of a Treasurer who had steadily worked and laboured for its welfare. Bro. Balmford P.M. was the first Treasurer appointed, and he had annually received the unanimous vote of the brethren to the same office, the result being that he was at that moment their Treasurer after a service of 10 years. All the older members of the Lodge knew what had been done by the Lodge. They remembered the difficulties that had attended its formation, and the struggles that had eventuated in their possession of the beautiful building in which they were then met, the splendid furniture that surrounded them, and the valuable collection of Masonic books, pictures, and relics that formed their museum. Much of this was due to the careful manner in which the Treasurer had husbanded the resources of the Lodge, and the brethren had felt that some slight recognition was due from them to one who had served them so well. On behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, he asked Bro. Balmford's acceptance of a gold Treasurer's jewel, which he had great pleasure in placing upon his breast, wishing that he might be spared for many years to come, to work shoulder to shoulder with them in the great cause of brotherly love, relief, and truth. After the applause had subsided Bro. Whytehead resumed his remarks. He said that there was another brother with them that evening whose services had been even of a more laborious character than those of the Treasurer. He referred to the Secretary, Bro. James Kay. Bro. Kay was no novice at secretarial work. He had made his mark and won the respect of the brethren in Hull, where he was for years the Secretary of one of the Lodges before he came to York. He had been appointed Secretary of the Eboracum Lodge at its formation, and had annually been re-appointed to the office, with the exception of one year, when he served in a Warden's chair. The work of a Secretary involved a great deal of careful attention to details, and they were fortunate in the possession of a brother who was able to devote time and trouble to the work of that office. They all knew how courteous Bro. Kay always was, how ready to give information, and how genial, and it had been the wish of the members to pay him the compliment of presenting him with a Secretary's gold jewel, which he was truly glad to place upon his breast with the same good wishes and congratulation as he had expressed towards Bro. Balmford. Bros. Balmford and Kay then rose, amid the continued applause of the brethren, to express their thanks, which each did in a few well-chosen words. The presentations had come to them in the nature of surprises. Whatever they had done for the Lodge had been in a true spirit of anxiety for its prosperity, and it would be their pride and pleasure when they wore the jewels to remember the donors and the happy hours they had spent under the banner of Eboracum, No. 1611. The jewels were designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and were of a very chaste description. The Treasurer's consisted of the cross-keys, suspended from a Past Master's emblem under a scroll, inscribed:—

"Presented to W. Bro. G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., by the brethren of Eboracum, 1611."

That presented to the Secretary had the cross pins under a scroll, engraved:—

"Presented to Bro. J. Kay by the brethren of Eboracum, 1611."

The Secretary then read a letter from Bro. Stephenson I.G. thanking the Lodge for its sympathy with him in his severe illness. Heartly good wishes having been expressed by the visitors, the Lodge was then closed, and the whole party adjourned to an excellent supper which had been set in the banquetting room. The tables were tastefully decorated with plants. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presided, and was supported by the other Past Masters and visitors. At the conclusion of supper an adjournment was made to the smoke room, where the usual toasts were given. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. J. Todd P.M. 236, and W. H. Cowper P.M. 1848. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was drunk with musical honours, and a right merry evening, enlivened with songs, came to an end all too soon.

### SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is the youngest of the five so-called Jewish Lodges of Freemasons in London, was held on the 11th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall (Café Royal), Regent-street, when there was a representative gathering of members and Visitors, the latter including the Worshipful Masters of the Tranquillity, Joppa, and Montefiore Lodges. The brethren assembled at half-past four o'clock, and Lodge was opened in form, under the presidency of Bro. H. W. Casperd, who was supported by Bros. R. A. Kingsbury S.W. W.M. elect, B. Fuld J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnet P.M. Secretary, J. S. Miller S.D., S. Lancaster J.D., Isaac Levy I.G., H. Moss Steward; P.M.'s H. Aarons, J. Quincey, C. Oshsee; Bros. C. Benjamin, Isaac Kool, C. A. Adams, J. F. Darban, F. G. Brown, F. T. Drewell, J. Van Praagh, A. H. Marks, Emil Hahn, J. N. Nash, J. Seigamberg, A. P. Casperd, A. Oberdorffer Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. D. M. Davis W.M. 1017, J. N. Dewsnap W.M. 188, W. D. Bayley W.M. 185, H. H. Myers J.W. 1707, R. G. Crawford, and T. E. Clarke 55, W. J. Frith 1005, H. J. Amphlett, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. J. F. Darban and C. A. Adams were passed, the ceremony being worked with a precision and impressiveness for which the retiring W.M. has become proverbial. Bro. R. A. Kingsbury, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the preceding year, was then presented for installation, and in the rendering of this impressive rite Brother Casperd may be said to have even excelled himself, so admirably and faultlessly was the work executed. The ancient charges were given with all the requisite effect, and the whole ceremony was such as to elicit the hearty encomiums of all present. The newly-installed W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bro. H. W. Casperd I.P.M., B. Field S.W., J. S. Miller J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., Baron D. Barnet P.M. Sec., S. Lancaster S.D., Isaac Levy J.D., F. G. Brown I.G., F. T. Drewell D.C., H. Moss Assist. D.C., J. Van Praagh W.S., A. Oberdorffer Tyler. Heartly good wishes having been interchanged, Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in *recherché* style, the arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests being all that could be desired. At dessert the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. The W.M. observed that it was the highest honour Freemasonry could have attained to have at its head the coming King, whose sway would cover upwards of three hundred millions of people. No person enjoying higher respect in the universe could have been selected as Grand Master of the Craft, and they were all proud that they could take the hand of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and say, "He is a brother amongst us." He then proposed the R.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. He had hoped to have had the presence of one of the Grand Officers that evening, but at the last moment the Grand Treasurer had written to say he was unable to accept the invitation to attend, and in an extremely pleasant letter begged him to apologise to the brethren for his unavoidable absence from their meeting. The names of the noble brethren who held offices in Grand Lodge were names which they all honoured, for they were men who did not seek Masonry for what they could get out of it; and he was glad that Masonry was looked upon by such noblemen as Lords Carnarvon, Lathom, and others, as an institution worthy of their earnest and zealous support. They all strove to uphold the Grand Master in the exalted position which he held, and administered the affairs of Grand Lodge in a manner that evoked the admiration of the brethren generally. Bro. Casperd I.P.M. then rose and said he was delighted to have the gavel in his hands once more, for he had become so used to it that he could hardly leave it alone. But if he ever held it with a degree of pleasure it was at the present moment, when about to propose the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. He was sure that toast would be received with the utmost cordiality and satisfaction, for they all knew the admirable qualities possessed by Bro. Kingsbury, who had that day been installed into the chair. For his own part, he was glad that he was out of office, so far as the work of the Samson Lodge was concerned; and he only hoped that their new W.M. would have double the amount of work that had devolved upon himself during his year of office. He had known their W.M. for he scarcely knew how many years—before he was married, at any rate—and all he could say was that, if ever a man acted Masonry before he knew Masonry, that man was their Worshipful Master. Since he had known it he had always kept up to it. He rejoiced to know that Bro. Kingsbury succeeded him in the chair, for he felt certain that if he (the speaker) had been able to give satisfaction, their present W.M. would be able to do so far more abundantly. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in responding, remarked that after what had been said by their Immediate Past Master, he could but thank Bro. Casperd for the extremely kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren generally for the cordiality with which they had received it. If he had wanted any omen for the future, that certainly had been given him in the way in which they had drunk to his health. He asked them to accept his hearty and sincere thanks. He now filled a position which, when he joined the Lodge, he could scarcely have dreamed of occupying for many years to come; but circumstances seemed to have been ordered otherwise. He sincerely hoped the time had not come before he was prepared to accept the responsibilities of office, and he assured them he should do his very utmost to deserve the goodwill and respect which they had shown him in the Lodge that evening. He trusted that with the assistance of the Officers and brethren, they might be enabled, at the expiration of his term of office, to feel satisfied with the choice they had made in placing him in the chair. He would not detain them any longer, as they had a programme before them of a much more interesting character than

any speech he could place before them. He then proposed the health of the Visitors, in doing which he said he would distinguish that toast from that of our Sister Lodges, which were represented that evening. He was delighted to see the Worshipful Masters and other members of the sister Lodges present, and if they would permit him, he would afterwards propose their toast specially. He asked them to drink to the Visitors in right royal manner. For a Lodge to be without Visitors would be to have no new blood amongst them, nothing to waken them from their lethargy by the excellent speeches they invariably heard from strangers coming from other Lodges. They wanted to know what was going on in other Lodges, in order to try and emulate them, and to improve their own working. He hoped some day to hear a remark from a W.M. of a sister Lodge, "Ah, I wish you had been doing your work as the Samson Lodge have been doing theirs." With the assistance of such Officers as he had now around him, he hoped the day was not far distant when some such expression would be heard. Let them teach the Visitors a lesson, that in their Lodge there was a welcome which they could not find surpassed in any other. He was particularly delighted to see so many Visitors present, three of the Worshipful Masters being personal friends of his, and he was pleased to make the acquaintance of the other. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. Crawford and H. H. Myers. The toast was received with a "good fire," and Bro. Crawford replied in a brief but humorous speech, thanking the brethren of the Lodge for the generous manner in which the Visitors had been received, and complimenting the Lodge upon the excellence of its working. Brother Myers said this was the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Samson Lodge, and it was extremely gratifying to him that through the courtesy and kindness of one of its members he had an opportunity of meeting them on this occasion. He congratulated the Lodge upon having a W.M. who knew certainly how to conduct its affairs, and the I.P.M. upon the excellent way in which he had performed the installation ceremony. His clear enunciation and good delivery, particularly in the charges, produced a great effect upon him and all the rest of the brethren; as long as they had such Masters the Lodge would bear a name in the first rank of Freemasonry. The W.M. said he had now a very important duty to discharge, and that was to propose a toast that was not down upon the programme, the reigning Masters of the three sister Lodges, who had honoured them with their presence out of the five Lodges who termed themselves Jewish. It had been customary with them that the four other reigning Masters should take part in their installation ceremonies. He was delighted to see three of the W.M.'s present; the fourth had unfortunately been compelled to send a telegram to say the state of his health prevented his attendance. He very much regretted that Bro. Henochsberg, W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, was not with them, but they wished him a speedy recovery to health. He associated with the toast the names of Bro. Bayley W.M. 185, Bro. Dewsnap W.M. 188, and Bro. Davis W.M. 1017. Bro. Bayley said it was with unfeigned pleasure that he attended on this occasion. He was reminded that the Samson was the youngest of the sister Lodges, and it seemed to be a wise dispensation that they were termed "sister Lodges," for he believed amongst the five Lodges which had been named, perfect friendship had been kept up year after year by the interchange of visits on the part of Masters and members. That had been productive of the greatest Masonic good, for it had taught them much of the inner working, and it enabled them to imitate that which they found to be good, and to point out what was defective in others. Every one must be pleased to see the vigour which this Lodge had displayed within the comparatively short time since its establishment. The sister Lodges wished it the utmost success, and congratulated them upon the excellence of its workmanship. The installation ceremony was a source of very great pleasure, showing the true spirit of Masonry and emulation. By the Worshipful Master's conduct this evening he had proved himself a worthy successor to the chair, and an ornament to the Craft. He was sure that at the end of the year the members would be proud of him, and very gratified with his working. On behalf of the sister Lodges he offered them his sincere thanks, and trusted the Samson Lodge would well sustain the prestige and prosperity it had attained. Brother Dewsnap, on behalf of the Joppa Lodge, also tendered his sincere thanks for the reception accorded to the toast. It was a source of great pleasure to him to attend a meeting of the Samson Lodge for the first time. He had the pleasure of knowing their I.P.M., whom he esteemed very highly, and doubly so after having seen him work the installation ceremony. It was his good fortune to visit many Lodges, but he never received a more kindly greeting than he did amongst the Jewish brethren. It was rather strange that of the five so-called Jewish Lodges three had Christian Masters. He must say that going amongst Jewish brethren he met with a better reception than in any other Lodge. Amongst Hebrew brethren they met with working equal to any in London, and whenever he had been present with a Jewish Master and Officers the ceremonies had been superbly carried out. Bro. Davis, in the course of his reply, gave it as an illustration of the universality of Freemasonry that Jews were enabled to meet Christians, and Christians Jews in a Lodge with perfect amity and accord. They had no issues in the Lodge, provided they were Masons, and they were all able to meet on the one common happy ground of Masonry. That was one of the beauties of the Order. He spoke at some length of the working of the day, which he said was worthy of all praise, and was a good augury of what they might expect during the year. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Installing Master and I.P.M., said it was a pleasant duty to render to Bro. Casperd hearty thanks for the excellent manner in which he had performed his duty during his term of office. He (the speaker) only hoped he might be able to acquit himself to some extent as Bro. Casperd had done. He was only a young Mason, but he thought he was correct in saying that no Master of the Lodge had had the privilege of initiating so many members into it as had their I.P.M.,

he had added ten initiates and one joining member during his year. He hoped it might be his happy lot to have even one-half as much success. He was only too charmed that their I.P.M. had felt himself capable of performing the duties of installation, as he was the individual whom he had to thank for having joined the Craft. He was delighted to follow Bro. Casperd in the chair, for he was a Master to whom he could look up for any assistance or counsel he might need. He would be his main support in the Lodge, and a true friend on whom he could safely rely. He had now the pleasurable duty of asking Bro. Casperd to accept from the brethren of the Lodge a beautiful jewel which had been voted to him from the friends of the Lodge. They would all agree with him that in placing that jewel upon his breast it had been well earned. He was charmed to be able to pin to Bro. Casperd's breast a jewel equal in value to any that had been presented to his predecessors in office. It was the wish of every brother of the Lodge that Bro. Casperd might live long to wear it, and to enjoy the credit which it would reflect upon him in any Lodge which he might visit. The brethren had done him the high honour of asking him to request Bro. Casperd to accept that jewel as a token of their esteem and of thanks for the able way in which he had performed his duties in the past year. Brother Casperd Immediate Past Master, who was heartily received, said he rose with a great deal of satisfaction, in the first place to offer his sincere thanks to the W.M. of the Lodge for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and for the courteous manner in which he had pinned that beautiful jewel to his breast. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for having so cordially supported him during his year of office. He had tried to the utmost of his ability to do his duty as a Mason and Master of their Lodge, and it was a consolation to him to know he had given them a certain amount of satisfaction. At this time last year he thought it was a very proud moment in his life to find himself in the chair, but it was even a prouder moment now that he was in the position of I.P.M., and to think he had been enabled in some way to give them satisfaction in the performance of the duties which had devolved upon him. There was only one point on which he was inclined to rule the W.M. out of order, and that was (he said it without fear of contradiction) he never in his life invited a man to become a Mason. When a person had asked him, "What is Freemasonry?" his answer invariably was that he had never regretted joining it, and that his interrogator must follow in the same course—that if a man wanted to become a Mason he must do so from what he felt, and his conviction that it would advance him as a man and brother. That was what the W.M. meant. If in this immediate circle of Masonic organisation he had been enabled to fulfil the duty to their satisfaction he was more than rewarded. He had done his best to win their approbation, and was gratified that they had acknowledged that his efforts had come up to their expectations. He also thanked them for the handsome jewel which the W.M. had placed on his breast that evening, and he could assure them that as I.P.M. he should consider it his duty and privilege to assist the W.M. in every possible way, though, from what they had seen that day, he very much doubted whether any such assistance would be needed. He had known their W.W. since they were boys together, and now hoped he might have a very successful year of office, with a goodly number of initiates and joining members. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, gave the health of the Past Masters, the toast being acknowledged in suitable manner by Bro. H. Aarons; and the remaining toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by a glee party, consisting of Mr. Hugh Davies (alto), Mr. H. Price (first tenor), Mr. Selwyn Davies (2nd tenor), Mr. E. A. Baker (bass), Mr. E. Bateman, Mr. W. Peering, and Mr. James Hallé (piano-forte), the brilliant performances of the last-named artiste being a noticeable feature of the interesting proceedings.

#### Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693. —

On Monday, the 17th instant, the Fifteen Sections were worked in the presence of forty brethren by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., Powell S.W., Galer J.W., Kirk S.D., Cross J.D., Barnett I.G., Western Preceptor, Collingridge Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, when the following brethren took their respective Sections:—First Lecture—Bros. Barnett, Lone, Turner, Jenkins, Kirk, Beaton, Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. Hancock, Dixie, Giddings, Kirk, and Dixie. Third Lecture—Bros. Williams, Weeden, and Cross. After some new members had been elected, the brethren who had worked the Sections were thanked for attendance, and honorary membership was conferred on Bro. I. P. Cohen. Bro. Kirk will be W.M. on Monday next.

#### Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012. —

A meeting was held on Saturday, 15th instant, at the Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. W. W. Williams W.M., Charles Dopson Senior Warden, George Gardiner (Treasurer) J.W., Wm. Johnson Secretary, J. H. Woods S.D., H. F. Williams J.D., Arthur Williams I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Purdne, Sims, Ayling Preceptor; also Bros. Davies, Furze, Brown, Wing, Craggs, Tipper. After preliminaries, the second ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Ayling was unanimously re-elected Preceptor for the ensuing year, Bro. Gardner Treasurer, and Bro. Johnson Secretary. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Preceptor, Treasurer and Secretary for their services during the past year. A similar compliment was paid to the Auditors. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked on Monday, 7th June, at 7 p.m. sharp. Brethren are cordially invited to be present.



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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Free-  
masons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 21st May 1886,

Bro. HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire,  
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers  
proceeded to the ELECTION of 21 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved  
list of 53 Candidates, and 11 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list  
of 71 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

Votes		Votes	
Moody, Charles	1925	*Walker, John	1382
Lintott, James	1300	*Smith, Thomas	1344
Goit-schalk, Charles Alfred	1773	*Senior, James	1306
Waterman, George	1725	*Exler, William Hill	1294
Ives, John	1601	*Arensburg, Julius	1294
Wright, John	1553	*Blackburn, Benjamin	1290
Cross, Robert	1485	*Barlow, William	1290
Bowron, Joseph	1465	*Taylor, William Slocombe	1247
Robinson, John	1456	*Perring, Henry	1218
Mickleburgh, John	1425	*Truelove, James	1200
Woolley, William	1405	*Willson, George	1065
Chevallier, Adolphus	1397	*Walter, Andrew	1046

WIDOWS.

Votes		Votes	
Whiteley, Mary	2745	*Shares, Helen	2463
Barnett, Elizabeth	2711	*Goulton, Elizabeth	2392
Tunstall, Ann	2593	*Rumsey, Phoebe Ann	2387
Babbage, Mary Anne C.	2556	*Death, Matilda Eleanor	2266
Pelton, Mary	2532	*Hill, Elizabeth	2264
Owen, Cordelia	2501		

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respec-  
tive Lists, will receive sums of money, the two highest in each case from the  
Committee of the John Hervey Fund, and the third from the Emulation  
Lodge of Improvement:—

MALES.

Monday, William	1006
Harper, Francis	943
Smith, John	943

FEMALES.

Shury, Maria	2211
Cook, Elizabeth Ann	2117
Leaver, Jane	2093

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next  
election.

Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the  
proxies were issued.

The three lowest in the List of Successful Candidates (Male and Female)  
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A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Saturday, 5th June, at the Town Hall, Twickenham, at 3 p.m. precisely. There will be a short service at the Parish Church, at 4.30 p.m.

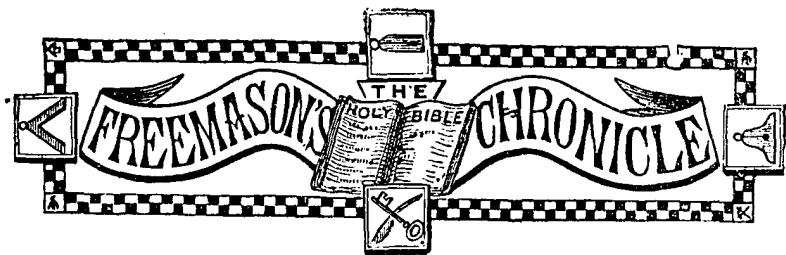
Banquet at the Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m.; fee 7s if ticket be taken on or before Tuesday, 1st June; after that date 10s (both exclusive of wine). Application for tickets to be made, with a remittance, to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF  
WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Friday, the 7th instant, being received by the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, the chair was filled by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., supported by Colonel Randle Ford P.P.G.J.W. as P.G.S.W., the Rev. T. J. Heard as P.G.C., F. H. Goldney P.G. Treasurer, H. Merrick P.G. Registrar, H. Bevir P.G. Secretary, J. T. Calkin P.G. Superintendent of Works, G. Pike P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Bart P.G.S.B., T. Turner Steward, H. C. Tombs P.G.D. England P.P.G.S.W., W. Nott P.P.G.J.W. Charity Secretary, J. C. Maclean P.P.G.S.D., T. S. Fitcher P.P.G.J.D., W. J. Mann Past P.G. Superintendent of Works, C. Gauntlett P.P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Brinkworth P.P.G.O., E. S. Mackrell P.P.G.O., Edwin Eyres P.P.G.P., A. J. Beaven P.P.G.B., F. S. Hancock W.M. 663, F. Barton W.M. 1271, E. Jones W.M. 1295, W. Pullen W.M. 1478, &c., &c. The roll of the various Lodges was called, and the call with one exception was duly responded to. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Harry Bevir, then read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Salisbury, which minutes were duly confirmed. This was followed by the reading of the minutes of the Charity Committee meeting, which had been held the same morning, from which it appeared that Bro. J. C. Maclean had, at the request of the Committee, consented to act as Steward from the Province for the forthcoming Festivals of both Girls' and Boys' Schools, and that to his list for the former the Committee recommended a vote of £10 10s, and for the Boys' School the sum of £21. These recommendations were adopted. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. Goldney, read an abstract of his accounts, which had been duly audited. These accounts showed that, in addition to the cash balances in his hands on the general account, the Charity account and the Provincial Benevolent Fund account, there were investments in the funds amounting on the whole to something like £500. Bro. Goldney intimated that they would probably have to bear a new expense for the future, inasmuch as the Somerset House authorities had made a claim for income tax on the various contributions to the Prov. Grand Lodge funds. The principle on which this claim was made had been under the consideration of the authorities of Grand Lodge, who, he was afraid, would feel themselves obliged to admit it. The reports and accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were approved and adopted. The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. H. Merrick, presented his report, which stated that the Province appeared to be in a generally satisfactory and progressive condition, that there was an increase in the numbers of the brethren as compared with the numbers given in the last report, bringing the total nominal strength of the ten Lodges up to 551, and that there had been a decided improvement in

the effective working conduct of various Lodges. The Registrar's report went on to say that it might be broadly assumed that the total income of the ten Lodges amounted to about £750, and the ordinary expenditure to about £600 per annum, but directed the attention of Lodges to the large and increasing amount of outstanding unpaid subscriptions. The adoption of this report was carried by acclamation. Brother William Nott, Provincial Charity Secretary, presented the report of the Benevolent fund and Charity Organization Committee as follows:—

**Benevolent Fund.**—The whole of the income to the end of the year 1881 has been invested in Consols, and the income for the past year will also be available for further investment, no claim having been made upon it. The fund is now assuming a most satisfactory position, and in a few years will—should no large claim occur—have reached an amount, the income from which, with the annual subscriptions from the Lodges, will allow of a substantial assistance being given when occasion may arise for it.

**Charity Organization.**—At the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge it was reported that the Committee had adopted the widow of the late Bro. Charles Feaviour, of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, Corsham, as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This case being taken up by the Associated Provinces at the election in May last, Mrs. Feaviour was elected on that, the first attempt, she being eighteenth on the list of twenty-three successful candidates.

Your Charity Secretary as Secretary of the Association of Provinces, of which Wiltshire is one, has attended the meetings of their representatives, which take place in London at the elections. The representatives of the other Provinces are Bros. Captain S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire (Chairman of the Association), R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somersetshire, M. Tennant D.P.G.M. E.D. of South Wales, R. V. Vassar-Smith, Gloucestershire, W. Parnell, Bristol, M. J. Walker, Leicester and Rutland, and J. Wilson, Worcestershire; and to all of whom the thanks of this Province are due for their hearty co-operation, which has resulted in the Association attaining a commanding position at the election for the great Masonic Charities.

The Wiltshire recipients of these Masonic Charities are now as follows:—From the Benevolent Institution four widows are (as three of them have been doing for the past nine, seven, and three years respectively) receiving annuities of £32 each; whilst in the Girls' School, five, and in the Boys' School, two children are being maintained and educated. Wiltshire thus derives from these Charities a large benefit, the money value of which may be reckoned at nearly, if not quite, £500 a year.

The contributions of Wiltshire to public Masonic Charities during the past year have been made through the medium of Bro. John Chandler, as Steward from the Province, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with a list of £188 17s; and Bro. William Nott, as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, from the Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge, at Devizes, with a list of £17 15s; to these must be added a donation of £10 10s from Lodge 335 to the Boys' School; thus giving a total of £217 2s.

It may be added that the votes sent in to the Provincial Charity Organization Committee during the past three years have been as follows —

	1883	1884	1885
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	498	509	513
Girls	370	417	384
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons	242	233	244
for Widows	171	338	279
	1281	1497	1420

Nearly all the votes in the Province (both Lodge and Private) are now placed at the disposal of the Committee, and on this being done depends the success of the organization.

WILLIAM NOTT, Prov. Charity Sec.

Devizes, 31st December 1885.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed that this report be adopted, and that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Brother Nott for his great and successful exertions on behalf of the objects of the Committee. This was carried by acclamation. Sir Gabriel Goldney, addressing the brethren, said he would then proceed to the most interesting part of the day's proceedings, which was to present to Bro. Henry C. Tombs, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, the piece of plate which had been purchased pursuant to the vote of Provincial Grand Lodge at its last meeting. Brother Tombs in the seventeen years during which he filled the office of Secretary for this Province had in that capacity secured the goodwill of every Wiltshire Mason. His work had been arduous, and he performed it in such a way as to be of the greatest assistance and benefit to Masonry, and doubtless it was to his untiring efforts to a great extent that the number of brethren in the Province had increased from about 200 when he took office to nearly 450 when he resigned. He asked Brother Tombs to accept this little gift, not for its intrinsic worth, but to remind him and his family of the appreciation and goodwill of the brethren. The piece of plate, which consisted of a silver salver weigh-

ing 133 ounces, dating from the reign of George I., and which bore the following inscription, was then presented to Bro. Tombs :—

"Presented to W. Bro. Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W. and Prov. Grand Secretary Wilts, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, 5th November 1884."

Brother Tombs warmly expressed his acknowledgment of the kindness of the brethren, a kindness, he said, which he should ever remember. Masonry had ever, from the time of his initiation, possessed for him a great charm; he looked upon it as a bulwark against the infidelity and discontent which were now more than ever showing themselves in various quarters, and he assured those present that, so far as lay in his power, his best efforts would always be available to further the interests of the Craft. He asked the brethren to accept and believe in his warmest gratitude, though he could not find words to express how fully he appreciated their kindness. He could not refrain, before sitting down, from expressing his high opinion of the exquisite taste which had been shown by the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the other members of the Committee appointed for the purpose in their selection of the beautiful work of art now before them. The acting P.G.M., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, then addressed the meeting, expressing his regret at the unavoidable absence of Lord Methuen. He referred to the postponement of Provincial Grand Lodge from its usual time of meeting in the autumn—a postponement rendered necessary by the elections and other matters then occurring, which prevented the meeting being then held—and to the difficulty which had since occurred in finding a suitable day; whilst, at the same time, he felt gratified at seeing so large a gathering of the brethren after all this delay. He briefly referred to the satisfactory character of the reports which had been read. Bro. F. H. Goldney, in the Provincial Grand Treasurer's report, showed that Masonry in Wiltshire was in a flourishing state as regards its finances, whilst that of Bro. H. Merrick, the Registrar, was equally satisfactory as regards numbers and position of the brethren and Lodges in the Province. Bro. Nott was also to be congratulated on the report which, as Charity Secretary, he was enabled to lay before the meeting. He (the acting P.G.M.)—and he was sure all the brethren agreed with him—felt that the warmest thanks of the Province were due to Bro. Nott for the manner in which he had carried out the details of the Charity Organisation work, both in Wiltshire and in connection with the other Provinces with which Wiltshire was associated. The acting P.G.M. also congratulated Bro. Bevir on the manner in which, in relation to this the first Provincial Grand Lodge since his appointment, everything had been carried out. To the members of the receiving Lodge he expressed the pleasure it gave him to come amongst them again, though, at the same time, he could not avoid expressing his regret that at the last moment he had received a letter from Lord H. F. Thynne, the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, saying that it was utterly impossible for him to be present that day. Brother Tombs called attention to the list of candidates for the Masonic Charities, which he was afraid showed that some of the brethren, or whose friends, who were now on those lists were hardly of the class who ought to receive the benefits of the great Masonic Charities. Bro. H. F. Goldney, P.G. Treasurer, also referred to the subject, quoting Lord Lathom's remarks at the recent Annual Festival, when he impressed upon the Craft the necessity of carefully considering the character and position in life of every applicant for admission to our Order. The acting P.G.M. then declared all offices vacant, and Brother F. H. Goldney was, on the motion of Sir Gabriel Goldney, seconded by Bro. Tombs, re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer; Bro. John Savory was re-elected Tyler, and the following investments of Provincial Grand Officers for the year were then made—

Bro. W. Nott 663	- - - -	Grand Senior Warden
George Lops 626	- - - -	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. T. J. Heard 1478	- - - -	Grand Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 626 (re-elected)	- - - -	Grand Treasurer
H. Merrick 1271 (re-appointed)	- - - -	Grand Registrar
H. Bevir 355 (re-appointed)	- - - -	Grand Secretary
A. J. Beaven 1271	- - - -	Grand Senior Deacon
T. Reeves 1478	- - - -	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Dean 1295	- - - -	Grand Supt. of Works.
J. Chandler 355 P.P.G.S.W. (re-appointed)	- - - -	Grand Dir. of Cers.

H. I. Ward 603	- - - -	Grand Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. Green 355	- - - -	Grand Sword Bearer.
H. Millington 632	- - - -	Grand Organist
F. J. Hannan 586	- - - -	Grand Pursuivant
W. Pullin 1478	- - - -	Grand Assist. Pursuivant
T. S. Hill 632	- - - -	Grand Standard Bearer
G. North 1295	- - - -	} Grand Stewards
H. Howse 663	- - - -	
J. Savory 355 (re-elected)	- - - -	Grand Tyler

This ended the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and after it was closed the brethren adjourned to another room in the Town Hall, where the annual banquet took place.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at York. The Chapter was opened at six o'clock, and minutes confirmed, after which the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. T. B. Whytehead, opened a Board of Installed Principals, and proceeded to instal Comps. M. Rooke Z., J. Sykes Rymer H., and G. Kirby J., Comp. J. Todd P.Z. acting as Chaplain, and there being also present Comps. Rev. W. Valentine P.Z., A. Buckle P.Z., and G. Simpson Z. 1611. The Companions were then admitted, and the Officers were invested as follows :—Comps. George Garbutt S.E., S. Border S.N., J. Fairburn P.S., H. Foster D.C., T. J. Hodgson Org., J. Clark 1st A.S., G. J. Robinson 2nd A.S., Crummack and Watkins Stewards, and Calvert Janitor. Bro. H. V. Milbank Lennox 123, having been ballotted for, was exalted by the M.E.Z. At the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

### ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276,

THE anniversary convocation was held on the 10th inst., when the Principals were installed by Ex. Comp. Vero W. Taylor P.Z. P.G.H., as follows :—Ex. Comps. A. C. Veley M.E.Z., J. P. Lewin P.P.G.S.W. H., A. Mead P.G. 1st A.S. J. The other Officers were invested as follows :—Comps. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd S.E., E. Shedd I.P.Z. S.N., J. J. Cavill P.S., R. G. Kellett 1st A.S., F. P. Suttney 2nd A.S., Sarel Janitor. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Vero Taylor for his kindness and ability in performing the installation ceremony. The Companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel. Among those present, in addition to the Officers above mentioned, were—Ex. Comps. Thomas J. Ralling P.Z. and S.E. 51 P.G.S.E., Frank Whitmore P.Z. 276 P.G.P.S., A. Goodchild P.Z. 276 P.P.G.P.S., F. Meggy, A. C. Durrant, G. Copus, G. Bannister, T. Winmatt Smith, R. D. Poppleton, F. Bird, and E. Gowers.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—Those who attended the meeting of this Chapter on the 11th inst. must have felt highly gratified at the increasing interest this beautiful degree is obtaining, thus amply evinced by the large number of Past and Present Principals (twenty-five in number) who assembled to take part in the rehearsal of the installation of the three Principals. Comp. Brown, the Preceptor, has for the past year or two thrown open these chairs on two occasions during the session, so that opportunity is afforded to six Companions each session to exercise themselves. On this evening the duties were undertaken by Comps. S. Brooks P.Z. 975 Z., F. Brown P.Z. 538 H., R. H. Crowden P.Z. 1297 J., and it is needless to say that with such efficient workers the ceremonies were most carefully rendered. This part of the business of the evening being finished, the Companions were admitted, when the various offices were filled as follows—Comps. Charles Z., J. L. Payne H., B. Haynes J., C. H. Webb S.N., M. H. Levey P.S. The exaltation ceremony was most ably rehearsed, Comp. C. Daniel being the candidate. Comp. E. Collard (Chapter 19) was unanimously elected a member. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Comp. Charles for the very impressive manner in which he had performed his duties for the first time. Comp. Charles will be installed into the first chair of the Mount Sinai Chapter on Tuesday, and we congratulate the Chapter on having so accomplished a worker to preside over it. Votes of thanks were tendered to the three Installing Officers; then the Chapter was closed, and the convocation adjourned until Tuesday, the 18th inst. The session will end on the last Tuesday of this month. We noticed amongst the Principals present S. Brooks, H. Forss, C. Powell, H. W. Ruff, W. S. Lee, Thomas Perrin, C. S. Fraser, C. P. Gollard, E. Child, R. H. Crowden, M. L. Levey, J. Brittain, T. Charles, T. L. Payne, R. P. Tebb, B. Haynes, H. C. Tepp, C. H. Webb, C. Daniel, &c.

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

## 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, 22nd MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.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. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 24th MAY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 802—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 9 (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
 1604—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1621—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk road, W.  
 1991—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham

## TUESDAY, 25th MAY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holb r. at 7 (Inst)  
 45—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 189—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maila Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pewell-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 9 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 9 (Inst)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)  
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 299—Emulation, Pull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 467—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham  
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1358—Terlax, Town Hall, Plaistow  
 1479—Halcyon, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1586—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 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  
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon  
 R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Secon Street, Birmingham  
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight  
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester  
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, 26th MAY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 9. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Bilham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 833—Whittington, Red Lion, Popin'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.  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 9 (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)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1831—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 9. (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—Domestic, 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. 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  
 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1293—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hall (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 9. (Instruction)  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire  
 1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 R.A. 12—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
 R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport  
 R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon  
 R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford  
 R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich  
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, 7 Maple-street, Newcastle  
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Phillips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## THURSDAY, 27th MAY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 31—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 37—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 851—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1278—Purpet Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E. 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Mason's Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton 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, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Traveler, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1674—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Wood, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, York-hire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Oreton, Wheatshed Tavern, Goldhawk road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington  
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 65—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 768—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford  
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 73—Imperial George, Ashteton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 114—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Dartington  
 234—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Basing  
 318—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Baulshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich



- 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts. at 8. (Instruction)  
 1623—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking  
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

### FRIDAY, 28th MAY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyno Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1335—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Nottin' Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 75 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leavelnall St.  
 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)  
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1303—Pelham, Free masons' Hall, Lewes  
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 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
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 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Free masons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex  
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

### SATURDAY, 29th MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gray, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orphans, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

### THE MEAT SUPPLY FROM NEW ZEALAND.

SHAKESPEARE has told us that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but practical experience often leads us to question the correctness of his dictum. Englishmen of the present day are very apt to allow themselves to be led away by name rather than by quality, and in no instance perhaps is this more noticeable than in the question of food. We have been taught to regard English mutton, for instance, as unequalled by that grown in any other part of the world, and so prejudiced are a large section of the English nation that they will not even taste any that has not been raised on the downs of the South Coast—that is, if they know it! but unfortunately recent action in our House of Commons has demonstrated that all "South-down" mutton is not fairly entitled to be so described; indeed that no small quantity of it reaches the butcher from abroad, who prefers to retain the name, lest by any other it should not "smell so sweet." The mere mention of frozen mutton from Australia or New Zealand is enough to frighten a large section of the community, who will not even give it a trial. How we pity these misguided individuals, for much as we relish the prime joints of Old England, we venture to think there are as good grown outside its borders, even at the other side of the world. We never had any prejudice against frozen meat, and have often enjoyed a prime joint brought to us in that condition,—well knowing it to have been killed at the Antipodes—as much, or more, than less liberal minded individuals who have often of it under the supposition that it was native meat. Prejudice, however, is gradually wearing away, and foreign meat is becoming more and more a recognised necessity for this country. If legislation is brought to bear upon the subject we may expect even greater strides towards its popularity, and in such a case increased demand must be the result. The present is, therefore, an exceptionally good time in which to arrange to keep pace with the growing demand. Among ventures having this object in view we may mention the Merryvale Estate and Stock Company Limited, full particulars of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. This company proposes to purchase an estate of about 41 square miles, with homestead, stock, implements, &c., in the Province of Otago, New Zealand, there to carry on the business of

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### TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some time ago a good deal of correspondence on the subject of "Technical Education" appeared in your columns, which, after the letter signed "Instructor," suddenly ceased. As this subject appears to be attracting considerable attention throughout the country, I should be glad to know whether any steps have yet been taken towards the formation of such classes in the Boys' School at Wood Green.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

A W.M.

### ROYAL ASYLUM OF ST. ANNE'S.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A child of the late Bro. W. F. Lane, who was collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is an applicant at the ensuing election, for the fourth time, for the benefits of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's.

Doubtless, if made acquainted with the circumstances, many members of the Craft would gladly assist with votes, which the widow finds so hard to obtain, more especially as the case is ineligible, under the rules, for the Masonic Institution for Boys, one of the family being already there.

Will you, therefore, kindly allow me to call attention to the case, and to say that proxies sent to me "will be thankfully received and faithfully applied."

Yours fraternally,

N. B. HEADON, P.M. and Treasurer,

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The Quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge, and monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, the three principal Officers of the Board being in their respective chairs. The agenda for the June communication of Grand Lodge having been submitted, the grants made at the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed, after which the new cases—40 in number—were considered. Six of these were deferred, one was dismissed, and the others were relieved with a total of £875, made up of one grant of £5, seven of £10, two of £15, eight of £20, eight of £30, three of £40, three of £50, and one of £100.

The twenty-second annual edition of the "Export Merchant Shippers' Directory," with Itinerary for London (price 15s.), will be issued by the end of this month by Messrs. Dean & Son, 160A Fleet Street, E.C.

**Alhambra.**—The directors of the Alhambra announce the production, on Monday next, 24th May, of an entirely new grand ballet divertissement, entitled "Cupid," in which the celebrated Signorina Boszone, prima ballerina assoluta of La Scala, will create the title role; and Miss Lillie Lee, assisted by Mlle. Marie and Vivian, will also appear. This ballet is invented and will be produced by Mon. J. Hansen, and a very important musical score has been specially composed for it by Mons. Jacobi. The scenery is by T. E. Ryan, while the costumes, by Mons. and Mlle. Alix (from the designs of L. Besche), are novel and artistic. A grand procession, diversified by characteristic dances, will form one of the attractions in this gorgeous ballet; and charming variety will be obtained by the introduction of types of the people of the four quarters of the globe, including representatives of New Zealand and the Indians of North America. The sections representing India and our Colonies will be interesting items in the performance, and be illustrative of some features of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

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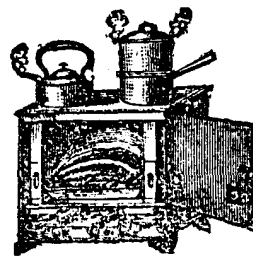
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### MERRYVALE ESTATE. ACREAGE, &c.

THIS Company has been formed to purchase the MERRYVALE ESTATE and SOUTHLAND, in the province of OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND, containing 26,390 acres of freehold land and 454 acres leasehold, or about 41 square miles, with the homestead, stock, and implements, &c., thereon, the property of James Ashbury, Esq., of Merryvale and Brighton, and principally to carry on the business of sheep-farming, with a special view to the export of wool and frozen mutton.

The Estate is about 7 miles from the railway-station at Otautau, which is 31 miles from the town of Invercargill, and 48 from the shipping port (the Bluff), where steamers from 3000 to 4000 tons can go alongside the wharf. The railway also connects with the towns of Dunedin, Lyttelton, and Christchurch, and the entire railway system in the South Island.

The situation of the Estate is exceptionally good, being surrounded by timbered ranges of hills, and bounded or traversed by the Rivers Waiau, Orawia, Merry, Fenham Creek, and various tributaries.

The surface is undulatory, and affords excellent shelter. Water is abundant at all seasons of the year, consequently there are no droughts, such as have proved so disastrous to stock in Australia and the River Plate.

The drop of lambs last year was 84 per cent., but it is expected that by improved management the per centage may reach 100 per cent., or one lamb per ewe. Owing to the natural shelter on the Estate, the loss of lambs is very small.

The public County main road runs about 15½ miles through the Estate; and the post and wire boundary and paddock fences measure about 60 miles.

In November 1885, about 12,260 acres were in English grasses or under cultivation for turnips or oats; 5413 acres were Bush (forest); and 9171 tussock (native grass) and fern.

The Vendor estimates that with an average annual expenditure of about £5,500 the area in English grasses or under cultivation for turnips or oats will be increased by the 31st March 1891 to 16,743 acres, and the number of sheep on the Estate to about 41,000.

### LIVE STOCK, TIMBER, AND MINERALS.

The Estate and stock, together with crops, implements, &c., were purchased by Mr. Ashbury in March 1885. The live stock, after delivery was taken, consisted of 17,245 sheep and lambs, 392 head of cattle, 493 hogs, and 21 horses, &c., as shown by valuation and return accounts. Considerable additions of stock have since been made.

Most excellent and valuable forest timber, such as Totara and Black Pine, is found on the Estate. A tramway is intended to be made to connect the Estate with the Railway system, by which the timber will be available for sale.

The Commission on the Colonial Industries of New Zealand reported to Parliament in 1880 as follows:—

“The demand for foreign products is constant and unlimited.”—“The wealth to be derived from an economical disposal of the forests is literally incalculable.”

There is a valuable stone quarry on the Estate, with regard to which a leading architect of Invercargill reported, in July 1882, as follows, viz.:—“I have examined the building stone sent down from your property at Merryvale, and consider it an excellent building

material. The great drawback to its coming into general use appears to me to be the heavy expense of carriage.” When the proposed tramway is completed, the difficulties of conveyance would be removed.

Coal has also been reported as discovered on both sides of the Estate.

Since the purchase important discoveries of Gold have been made on and near the Estate.

Gold was first discovered in Otago in 1861; since then, the Otago gold district, up to 31st March 1884, produced 4,319,544 ounces of gold, valued at £17,026,320. From the formation of the New Zealand Colony to the 31st March 1884, the total value of gold exported was £40,707,074. In or about October 1885 alluvial gold was found in the Merryvale Bush and the adjoining Long-Wood range, belonging to the Crown, and active explorations were at once set on foot.

On the 11th March 1886 the Vendor's Agent wrote from Merryvale, as follows:—

“Gold Field.

“Yesterday I saw some quartz that had been brought down from the bush, richly studded with gold. It is reported that it comes from a reef two feet wide. As soon as I ascertain whether this is the truth I shall telegraph you. The quartz reefs that have been found all run north and south—that is to say, run on to Merryvale. Probably they will be deep down, but such reefs are generally richer than those near the surface.”

On the 20th March 1886 the Agent sent the Vendor a code cablegram, expressing that a gold reef had been struck outside the Estate, and dipping towards it, but that no Assay had been made. The place of discovery is understood to be only a short distance beyond the boundary. The above telegram has since been confirmed by another to the effect that practical miners are now tunnelling to the lower part of the reef at their own cost; and also by letters. If the Assay should prove to be within the average of paying Quartz Gold, the advantage to the Company in the way of royalties or on sale might be many times the value of the Estate.

### CLIMATE OF NEW ZEALAND, INCREASE IN VALUE OF LAND, &c.

The Company will not be invested with gold mining powers; but, in conjunction with the Vendor (who reserves a moiety of the Gold rights), will be able to dispose, by way of sale or lease, of any gold which may be found on the property; and, by assisting in the formation of other companies for mining purposes, will also be able to ensure to the shareholders of the Merryvale Company who desire it a participation in gold mining enterprise.

The climate of New Zealand is the most healthy of all the seven Australasian Colonies; its average Spring temperature being 55 degrees, Summer 63, Autumn 57, and Winter 48.

Judge Bathgate, of Dunedin, in his recent work, “New Zealand: its Resources and Prospects,” says:—

“As society progresses in population and wealth, and as new branches of industry develop and prosper, so will the value of land steadily increase.”—“There is every reason to expect that land in New Zealand will touch a far higher price than has yet been dreamed of.”—“No part of New Zealand is above 100 miles from the seaboard, in the South Island 75; and when the Crown shall have parted with the last acre of its waste lands, then the value of free-



hold throughout the Colony will rise with a bound to an amount to which it is difficult to assign a limit."

The Hon. Robert Stout, one of the Commissioners of the Land Board of Otago, late Attorney-General of New Zealand, and now Premier, reported on the 24th May 1884 as follows, on the Southland portion of Otago:—

"Southland will, I believe, one day be the finest district of the Colony for mixed farming."

The average product of cereals per acre in Otago and Southland is greater even than in the famous Canterbury district of New Zealand. An idea of the value of good land in the latter district may be formed from recent valuations received through one of the leading New Zealand banks, which were as follows:—£6 to £35 per acre; and for potato land £50 per acre (letting from £3 to £4 per acre); and in the Ashburton district £5 10s to £13 per acre.

The Otago and Southland Investment Company, Limited, (registered in England) has paid dividends averaging 12½ per cent. during the last four years. The Reserve Fund is over £78,000, and the shares stand at 87½ per cent. premium.

#### WHEAT AND OTHER CROPS.

A Report on which the Vendor purchased the Estate states, in describing the land, "The soil is a good depth, and very rich, and is capable of producing heavy crops of both grass, grain, and root crops." If the price of wheat rises to any great extent it might be advisable to grow crops on some part of the Estate; in which case the Vendor believes that the results, with average good harvests, would soon repay the purchase-money of such portion. The average yield per acre of corn in Southland and Otago exceeds that of any other district in New Zealand, or any other country in the world.

The average yield per acre, taken from statistics, is as follows:—For years 1873-1883, Otago and Southland 31·2 bushels per acre; New Zealand generally, 26·3. In Manitoba and the North-West Territories of Canada 27 for 1877-1880. In the United Kingdom it was 26·5 for 18 years ending 1883; Australasia (excepting New Zealand) 12·86 for 1873-1883. In the United States of America it was 12·15 for 1892-83, and in Russia 5·5 for 1872-73. As compared with the other Australasian Colonies, New Zealand stands for Potatoes in the proportion of 5·12 to 3·03 tons per acre.

#### BRITISH CONSUMPTION OF IMPORTED MUTTON.

On the question of population and meat supply, Mr. M. G. Mulhall, F.S.S. (author of "Balance-sheet of the World"), in his "England's New Sheep Farm," after tabulating the numbers of inhabitants and cattle in the United Kingdom in 1882, writes:—"Hence we may expect in 1896 to have a population of 42 or 43 millions, and to produce only as much meat as will feed our inhabitants for five months in the year. Our importation will then exceed a million tons yearly, the bulk of which must necessarily come from the Australian Colonies."

In an article on the *British Beef* question the *St. James's Gazette* of 1st March 1886, after remarking that it has been estimated that the British consumption of mutton averages ½ lb. per head per week, and on that basis the annual consumption would be rather more than 400,000 tons of mutton, concludes as follows:—

"American and Canadian Cattle rule Glasgow, as the frozen mutton of New Zealand is beginning to rule Smithfield."

The total importations from New Zealand in the 4 years 1882-85 amounted to 994,754 carcasses as against 336,109 from Australia in the 6 years 1880-85. The demand for New Zealand mutton has increased so considerably that it will probably outstrip the supply. New Zealand mutton commands in London a much higher price than Australian or River Plate mutton. Salesmen of the London Central and Leadenhall Meat Markets are now erecting extensive Refrigerators to avoid forced sales. Some are already constructed and in use.

There are works for freezing on the wharf at the shipping port, the Bluff; besides which Messrs. Shaw, Savill and Co. Limited, have many sailing vessels for the London trade specially fitted with refrigerating apparatus to freeze carcasses on board.

For the purposes of estimating profits as below mentioned, an average wholesale price has been assumed of 5d per lb. for mutton, as against 6½d per lb., the average price for the last three years in the Metropolitan Meat Market. Lamb has been taken at an estimated price of 9d per lb.

The following opinion from Messrs. Brooke and Co., Commission Salesmen, of Leadenhall Market, confirms this estimate of future prices:—

"Having regard to the increasing favour with which New Zealand mutton is received in England, we think that 3s 4d or 3s 6d per stone (of 8 lbs), that is 5d or 5½d per lb. for mutton, and 6s or 6s 4d per stone, that is 9d or 9½d per lb. for lamb, will be fair average prices for estimating purposes over the next few years, especially in view of the annually increasing consumption.

(Signed) G. F. BROOKE & Co., Limited.  
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#### WOOL.

The price of Merryvale wool from 1877 to 1885 averaged about 10½d per pound; in estimating the profits it is taken at 8d, for year 1886-87, and afterwards at 9d.

Cross-bred wools have recently proved steadier than Merinos, and not liable to so much fluctuation, as partly shown by Messrs. Jacob, Sons & Co.'s Wool report of 31st December 1885, which stated that the average values of Merino Wools then stood at from 20 to 25 per cent. below the currency at the corresponding time of 1884, and that the coarser Cross-breds had only suffered 5 to 7 per cent. Merryvale sheep are cross-breds, except a proportion of Merinos for crossing the breed.

A leading article in the *Standard* of 10th March 1886, on the condition of Trade, says:—

"Cotton is tending upwards, and wool can hardly help doing so, after the fearful havoc wrought among Australian sheep by the prolonged scarcity of rain."

#### TERMS OF PURCHASE AND TRANSFER OF ESTATE.

The Vendor purchased this Estate on the strong recommendation of his Agent, Mr. G. J. A. Richardson, of Burnham, Essex, an experienced agriculturist, who was engaged for several months in 1884, on his behalf, in prospecting and reporting to him on various properties in New Zealand. His subsequent detailed Report of 30th January 1885, was fully confirmed by an experienced Colonial valuer. These Reports and the Vendor's own opinion, after personal inspection, all warranted the conclusion that the Estate was "the pick of Southland," and the terms of purchase extremely favourable.

Mr. Ashbury's intention in purchasing the Estate was occasionally to reside there; but partly in consequence of the large addition of capital required to develop the Estate, and the Timber, Stone, and other industries, and to construct a short railway or tramway, he has decided to transfer it to a Joint Stock Company, retaining a large interest in shares.

Towards the construction of the proposed railway or tramway, the Government and adjoining landowners may be expected to contribute largely. A letter recently received from the Vendor's Agent at Merryvale says:—

"A railway can be made through the property, for which the Government has offered valuable concessions."

The price at which the Vendor purchased the Estate in March 1885 was £120,000, and the stock, &c., at £17,175 13s 1d. Portions of the purchase money remained on Mortgage.

The Company is to purchase the Estate (except a moiety of the gold rights) at the above-mentioned price of £120,000; the stock, at their cost price per head, and to take over the mortgages, the particulars of which are stated in the Agreement.

Permanent additions and improvements since 23rd March 1885, to be paid for at cost price.

Outgoings and incomings before 31st March 1886 to belong to and be paid by the Vendor; afterwards to and by the Company.

Lambs and other produce of the Estate during the past year to be taken over at current wholesale price.

The amount of cash paid in respect of purchase money by the Vendor, and capital expended by him as above, to be paid to him in fully paid ordinary shares, plus £5,000 in cash, out of which he will pay all expenses and commissions relating to the establishment of the Company and the purchase.

If the Mortgages are arranged to be continued, it may not be necessary for some time to call up the shares beyond £3 per share.

The Vendor will pass a portion of each of the first three years in New Zealand as Managing Director, without receiving remuneration for such services, beyond the usual Director's fee, until a dividend of at least 7 per cent. has been earned. The amount will then be left to be settled by the Company in General Meeting.

Moneys received from calls and remaining unexpended may be placed on deposit account at the Company's bankers in New Zealand at the current rate of interest for deposits. This recently was about 6 per cent. per annum.

#### DEBENTURES.

The Debentures will be constituted a charge on the undertaking and property of the Company (including uncalled capital), subject only to the existing mortgages; and the proceeds of the Issue will be payable to the Trustees, and be applicable exclusively in redemption of such mortgages. On these being satisfied, the debentures will become a first charge on the property of the Company. The debenture moneys are payable to the Bankers of the Trustees as follows:—£5 on application, £15 on allotment, the balance within 12 months by instalments of £10 each. Interest runs from payment. The debentures will be payable to Bearer, and will have coupons attached for interest also payable to Bearer half-yearly.

Excluding future receipts from timber, stone, &c., and the possible revenue from gold, the main sources of income will be the sale of wool, of sheep for local consumption, and of frozen mutton for London.

The Vendor estimates that in about three years, when the pasture portion of the Estate is fully under cultivation, it will be capable of carrying 60,000 sheep, and a dividend of about 15 per cent. per annum may be expected; in the meantime, that the dividends will average 9 per cent. on an assumed capital expenditure of £200,000. The dividends may be increased by buying store sheep and fattening them for export to the London market. When the timber, stone, and other industries are developed, the dividends should be further and largely increased.

The Registered Office of the Company will be in London. Application will be made for quotations of the Shares and Debentures on the London Stock Exchange, and in New Zealand.

The only Agreement entered into by or on behalf of the Company is an agreement dated the 15th day of May 1886, made between Mr. James Ashbury and John Delille as Trustee for the Company.

The following Documents may be seen at the Offices of the Solicitors, viz.: A copy of the above-mentioned Agreement, and of the Articles of Association, and copies of the present Vendor's Purchase Agreement, and of the three Reports on the Estate referred to in this Prospectus.

In the event of no allotment being made, all payments on application will be returned in full.

Application for shares or debentures to be made to the Bankers, on the form supplied, and all further information may be obtained from Messrs. Chadwicks, Boardman and Co., 36 Coleman Street, E.C., and 64 Cross Street, Manchester, and at the Offices of the Company.

By order,

JOHN DELILLE,

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17 Great George Street, London, S.W.

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