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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR
THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A FEW weeks since we devoted portions of our space to a review of the candidates seeking admission to the two Masonic Educational Institutions at the elections which were then looming in the future. Those elections have now become events of the past, and last week we were enabled to give lists of the candidates who had been successful, together with particulars of the votes recorded on behalf of the unsuccessful, nearly all of whom will have opportunities of trying their fortune at later contests. It will be remembered there were forty-two candidates for the Girls' School, and sixty-five for the Boys', of which number twelve and fifteen were respectively elected, so that the total of 107 candidates was reduced to eighty, of whom seventy-eight go forward to the next election, the other two being too old to allow of their again competing. It will thus be seen that one in four of the children who were eligible for those elections have now secured the benefits of the Masonic Educational Institutions, and considering the very large number of applicants this must be regarded as a splendid average and a grand outcome of Masonic Benevolence. It is, we are afraid, far more than can be expected in connection with the other great Masonic Charity—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—the annual election for which will take place on Friday, the 18th May next.

The balloting papers for this election have now been issued, and they show an overwhelming number of candidates, competing for a painfully small number of annuities; the actual total being one hundred and thirty-one candidates (sixty-seven males and sixty-four widows) with, so far, only twenty-three declared vacancies (sixteen males and seven widows), and of this number there are, as usual, six deferred annuities (three of each branch), which are only available on the decease of some of those in the enjoyment of full benefits. This gives but one vacancy available for each six candidates, and although the number of annuitants to be elected may be increased—so as to fill up vacancies caused by death since the ballot papers were issued, as is usually done—we question if any considerable variation will take place in the average of vacancies as compared with the total number of candidates.

Even looking at the matter from the most favourable point of view, it seems inevitable that upwards of one hundred of the poor old people now approved of as candidates for the Benevolent Institution must be sent away after next month's election with no better prospect than that at the corresponding contest twelve months later they may, perhaps, be successful. Fancy the telling this hundred old men or widows—most of whom are more than seventy years of age, and all of whom are in distressed circumstances, too old, too infirm or too much afflicted to earn a living—that absolutely nothing can be done for them for a whole year. Let us imagine the anguish, the despair, aye, and in some cases the utter hopelessness, that such a verdict must create, and yet what can be done to render the decision less severe, or to reduce the number to whom it must apply? Already the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution provides annuities for upwards of four hundred and twenty old people, and the sum annually required to pay these annuities amounts to upwards of fifteen thousand pounds, without allowing anything for

cost of management, collection, or the hundred and one other expenses which must necessarily arise in connection with so large an undertaking. It would, then, be extremely unwise to increase the already large number of annuitants, especially in view of the fact that the present year's Festival—which on the whole was a splendid success—only realised a sum sufficient to pay those annuities, and there is no knowing what may be in store for us next year, or in years to come. There is a very strong feeling in many quarters that it will be impossible to keep up the large totals which have been collected during recent years on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and if there should happen to be a falling off, what will then present itself? how will it be possible to pay the amounts the Craft is pledged to? And yet the alternative is fearful to contemplate—either the Masonic Order must increase its responsibilities on this head, or one hundred old people, all of whom are in need and are worthy of relief, must be sent away empty handed, and perhaps devoid of all hope. We wish we could suggest some tangible way out of the difficulty which is now before us, but we must admit it appears all but insurmountable, especially when we consider there are other claims, equally urgent, being pressed on the English Craft at the present time.

Of the sixty-seven male candidates thirty have taken part in previous contests, and the remainder are fresh to the present list. There is one candidate who now comes before the subscribers of the Institution for the seventh time, with 292 votes brought forward; one sixth application, with 33 votes in hand; one fifth, with 108 votes; three fourth; eleven third; and thirteen second. The number of votes polled on behalf of these ranges from 2 in the case of No. 18, to 1876 in that of No. 17.

On the widows' side there are thirty-one first applications, and thirty-three who have taken part in previous contests. Two of these latter now come forward for the eighth time, five for the sixth, five for the fifth, seven for the fourth, six for the third, eight for the second, while the number of votes already recorded on their behalf ranges from 1 in the case of No. 22, to 791 in the case of No. 14.

It is not our intention to attempt any review of this very large number of candidates, as there are so many difficulties in the way of forming an opinion as to who is the most deserving or who has the greatest trouble to bear. To our mind it is only needful for a Mason to read the brief details attached to each case to ensure from him the warmest sympathy for the work carried on by the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and when once a brother's sympathy is aroused, it is only necessary he should enjoy the means to assure a contribution for the charity, as we cannot believe it possible that any one possessing the power of helping the Funds could turn a deaf ear to the forcible appeal here made, or cease to work on behalf of the Institution while there was one Mason in England who did not subscribe to it, or one worthy old brother or his widow in need of help from its funds. Strong as are the appeals continually made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, none can be more impressive than the simple record of facts attached to the ballot paper for the coming election, and we only regret there is not any means available which should render it possible for a copy of them to be in the hands of every Mason in the Kingdom. As we cannot do all we wish in this respect, we can only ask all who do read these lines to take up the matter, and do as much as lies in his power.

If all will do their utmost there is yet time to hope for something better than a disappointment for some at least of the large number who, under existing circumstances, must be sent empty away.

MASONRY IN AMERICA.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

IT is a curious but undoubted fact that Masonic journals, like human beings, are commonly devoid in their old age of many attractions which they possessed in their youth. Not to make any invidious comparisons, let me state at once that the remark holds good with regard to both of the Masonic newspapers published in this Metropolis. In their early days there was much to read, and very little that one was compelled to skim. Articles or original contributions were the rule, and Reports merely the exception. But, *nous avons changé tout cela*, and the journalism of the British Craft is now content with the humbler mission of recording at portentous length the proceedings of Masonic or quasi-Masonic bodies, together with, alas, the oratorical feats on such occasions, of which, to put the case mildly, it is not too much to say that, in by far the majority of instances, the impression they leave on the mind of any reader not belonging to the Society is, that the Lodges of English Freemasons are but so many branches of a great Mutual Admiration Society.

In some recent numbers of the CHRONICLE I have noticed with much pleasure, a sort of return to the old practice, under which the literary fare was of a more digestible character than is now generally the case. But, in order to illustrate my meaning, I need not go further back than the issue of last week, where will be found an Article of great interest by Bro. Jacob Norton, upon which I shall make some observations.

The gist of the Article is the fact of the Grand Master of Ohio claiming to decide whether the Masons under his jurisdiction may or may not join one of the competing bodies of the (so-called) Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. But a further principle is involved, viz., the prerogative of a Grand Master, about which American Masonic jurists are now vainly contending, in the circular letters they annually address to one another; or, to use other terms, in the Reports on Foreign Correspondence, printed year by year in the majority of State jurisdictions.

The latter I must reserve for future treatment, and shall now proceed with an examination of the occurrence to which attention has been directed by Bro. Norton. Our brother speaks of Cerneanites and Gourgassites, and to facilitate a comprehension of these expressions I shall give some extracts from Mackey, premising, however, that this writer, as a prominent official of the A. and A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction, must be viewed as a hostile witness with regard to a person whom he no doubt considered a rebel against the only really lawful authority:—

CERNEAU JOSEPH.—A French jeweller, born in 1763, and who in the beginning of the nineteenth century removed to the City of New York, where in 1812 he established a spurious body under the title of "Sovereign Grand Consistory of the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies." This Masonic charlatan, who claimed the right to organise bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, was expelled and his pretensions denounced, in 1813, by the legal Supreme Council [of which Mackey subsequently became a member], sitting at Charleston, South Carolina.

GOURGAS, J. J. J.—A merchant of New York, who was born in France, in 1777, and received a member of the Scottish Rite in 1806. His name is intimately connected with the rise and progress of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Through his representations and his indefatigable exertions, the Mother Council at Charleston was induced to denounce the spurious Consistory of Joseph Cerneau in the City of New York, and established there a Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, of which Bro. Gourgass was elected the Secretary General. He continued to hold this office until 1832, when he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Gourgassites and Cerneanites may therefore be likened to the "Moderns" and "Ancients," with which Masonic students are familiar. The former claiming a descent from the Mother of Supreme Councils at Charleston, and the latter professing to act under authority lawfully acquired by, and duly transmitted from, Joseph Cerneau.

The literature on this subject is extensive and conflicting, but I carefully refrain from either summing up or dealing

in any other way with the facts in dispute, because they have been, or shortly will be, related, with the apparent sanction of my name, in the American edition of my History of Freemasonry, and I have yet to consider what steps it may be expedient for me to take, to rebut the presumption that the narrative was either written or approved by myself. According to Mr. John Haigh:—

The Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction [U.S.A.] has 10,000 members, few if any more. The Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction less than 2,000 members.

The Supreme Council of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, now has 109 bodies subordinate to it, distributed in 10 different States. Of these bodies, 29 are in Ohio, and 22 in New York. Counting alphabetically the others are placed as follows:—California, 5; Connecticut, 5; Florida, 4; Indiana, 4; Iowa, 13; Massachusetts, 11; Minnesota, 8; New Hampshire, 8. The total membership exceeding 4,000.*

Of the last-named body, Mr. Haigh is the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the above figures are given on his authority.

There are thus (at least) three Supreme Councils in America, two of which are in amity and divide the country between them, and a third* which claims and exercises a concurrent (or it may be an exclusive) jurisdiction over the whole of the United States. These may be severally described as the S.C. N.J.; S.C. S.J.; and S.C. U.S.A.

On 14th June 1882, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts passed a resolution defining what organisations were "regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies." Among these were the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions and their subordinates, but no other bodies of the A. and A.S.R.—the restriction of course only referring to the United States.

The following are the final clauses of this resolution:—

"Now, therefore, it is hereby declared that any Mason who is hereafter admitted, in this jurisdiction, into any other orders, as Masonic, whether called the Rite of Memphis or by any other name, is acting un-Masonically, and for such conduct shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and shall be ineligible to membership or office in this Grand Lodge.

Any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall hawk and sell any of the degrees, so called, hereinbefore forbidden, calling them degrees in Masonry, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry."

This was the famous "Massachusetts New Departure," as it was commonly termed, and it occasioned me not a little astonishment to find that a letter of my own, written without a thought of publication to Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, was used by that worthy Brother to fortify his argument in favour of the resolution. However, as my testimony only went to show that the leading members of the A. and A.S.R. in this country were "most earnest and devoted Masons," I need not regret that my humble opinion of the estimation in which the authorities, at 33 Golden Square, are generally regarded, has been recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The wisdom of this legislation was very fiercely debated by the Reporters on Foreign Correspondence under the various Grand Lodges, but we now learn, from Bro. Jacob Norton, that the new law was never enforced.

In Ohio, a very similar enactment must have been passed, but the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge are not available for present reference, so I can only infer, from Bro. Norton's article, that the example set in Boston was copied very closely at Cincinnati.

A very similar legislation appears to have been contemplated, and has possibly been carried into effect in Minnesota, but as my information is derived from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for 1888, reporting those of Minnesota for 1887, I am unable to speak with precision.

It seems to me that many of what in legal phraseology are termed "nice points" may arise for decision in the event either of Lodges being erased, or brethren expelled, through exhibiting a preference for a form of the so-called Scottish Rite over which the mantle of a Grand Lodge has not been extended. But pending further light, and until the result of the appeal to the Courts of Law by the Ohio brethren, it would be premature to speculate upon the disastrous consequences of Grand Lodges going beyond their proper functions, and arbitrarily deciding that of

* Address, 25th October 1887.

† See the final paragraph.

certain bodies not comprised in the original plan of Freemasonry some may, and others may not, be supported by the adhesion of Craftsmen in their jurisdictions.

The Cerneanites, as Bro. Norton calls them, are, I suppose, composed mainly of the members of the A. and A.S.R., under the supreme Council of which Mr. Haigh is the Sov. G. Commander, though in a pamphlet before me two "So-called Cerneau Supreme Councils of the 33rd Degree for the United States in New York," are referred to.* But it is tolerably conclusive that all bodies of the Rite are deemed to be without the pale of Masonry, in cases where the Massachusetts New Departure has been adopted, excepting only those owing fealty to the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern jurisdictions.

* Albert Pike, "Pertinent Questions to be asked by the Victims of the Twin Bastards of Cerneanism, 1887."

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

THE Annual Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England was celebrated on Wednesday, when, for the fourteenth time, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was proclaimed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, occupied the throne, and was supported by Lord Kensington as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Euston as Past Grand Master, Colonel Sandeman and Sir Reginald Hanson as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. The Grand Lodge having been opened, Sir Albert Woods, Garter, proclaimed the Grand Master amid loud cheers, which were renewed when it was announced that His Royal Highness had been pleased to re-appoint the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom Pro and Deputy Grand Master respectively. The following were then invested as the Grand Officers for the year.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor)	Grand Senior Warden
General Lord John Tylour	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Richard William M. Pope	} Grand Chaplains
Rev. John Augustus Lloyd	
Edmund N. Asher Barfield	Grand Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Grand Registrar
Thomas Fenn	Pres. Board of Gen. Pur.
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
Dr. E. E. Wendt	Secretary German Cor.
Robert Grey	Pres. Board of Benevolence
Gabriel Prior Goldney	} Grand Senior Deacons
Edmund Ashworth	
Sir Richard Howard	} Grand Junior Deacons
Robert Berridge	
Lieut.-Colonel Robert W. Edis	Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B. (Garter)	Director of Ceremonies
Colonel John Davis	Deputy Dir. of Ceremonies
William Henry Spaul	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
Herbert Jordan Adams	Grand Sword Bearer
John L. Stothert	} Grand Standard Bearers
Michael C. Peck	
W. A. Barrett	Grand Organist
A. A. Pendlebury	Grand Asst. Secretary
Walter Hopekirk	Grand Pursuivant
F. W. Whitmarsh	Grand Asst. Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following having been nominated as Grand Stewards were approved of from the throne: Bro. A. G. Medwin M.D. 1, Francis Tagart 2, H. Emaus Pollard 4, Alexander Finlay 5, James Harvey Brand 6, John Pullman 8, Gordon Smith 14, The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor Polydore de Keyser 21, George Simonds 23, A. E. Cumberbatch 26, John William Green 29, Hubert Spencer Clutton 46, T. G. Robinson 58, A. J. Altman 60, Sydney Claris 91, C. H. Shoppee 99, John L. A. Monckton M.A. 197, and John Johnsson 259. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren passed in procession from the Temple to the Great Hall, in which the Stewards of the year had provided the feast, which was partaken of under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Euston. The Grand Officers present were far more numerous than on previous occasions, and the gathering of brethren was also very great. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother Sir Arthur Sullivan Past Grand Organist, and Bro. E. M. Lott. The toasts of loyalty to the State and the Craft were received with enthusiasm, and then were given those in relation to the institutions of the Craft, including the Charities, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, over whose festival the Royal Grand Master will preside, being placed in the front. Later, in the Temple, the brethren

joined the ladies, who had dined in another part of the great building, and a concert was given.

LABOUR AND PROGRESS.

FREEMASONRY is emphatically a working institution. Work, mental and physical, is practically taught in every lesson of the mystic science. From the time the initiate enters within the portals of the Temple the duty of practical labour is enjoined in the symbolic instructions given to him, as well as in the illustrations of the ceremonies of the several degrees of Masonry. As an Entered Apprentice, representing youth, he is expected to apply himself to acquiring a knowledge of the duties pertaining to his probationary position and to prepare himself for more active usefulness in a higher sphere, that of a Fellow Craft representing manhood. Having acquired a knowledge of those duties which, voluntarily assumed, he has obligated himself to, and exemplified practically that the lessons taught him were impressed upon his heart and conscience, and that he is prepared for further advancement, the veil is uplifted and he is led onward to assume higher duties and additional obligations, as a Fellow Craftsman. There can be no progress without labour, and advancement in Masonry is, ought to be, based upon an intelligent application of the teachings imparted to the candidate. The indolent novitiate, who will not apply himself to the proper study of Masonry as far as he has received the light, or practically exemplify its teachings in his daily life, ought never to be advanced beyond the portals of the Temple. As a hewer of wood or drawer of water, he should be held in a subservient position, as a learner, an apprentice. The diligent student alone has a right to advancement, to further progress in our mystic science. Those alone ought to be promoted to the degree of Fellow Craft, and in due time to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The titles of the several degrees indicate that of a learner, a proficient, and a Master or teacher. The Master's degree, implying that the novitiate and probationary periods have been passed, although representing that time of life when men ordinarily expect to cease from their active duties, it is then that the true Freemason, because of his temperate and regular course of life, having lived in accordance with the teachings of the institution, which are based upon the laws of nature and of nature's God, is in the possession of both mental and bodily vigour, and well qualified, from his mature age and experience, to be a teacher in Israel. As development and progress, both mental and physical, necessarily result from a strict observance of the laws of nature, and the active exercise of our faculties in harmony with the design of the Creator, so the true Freemason, from the time of his entrance into our mystic Order, will progress in wisdom and knowledge, will unfold the divine nature of his being; his faculties will expand with age so long as he is capable of active usefulness, and even as is taught in the legend of the Master's degree—when passed to a higher sphere, when raised from the earthly to the invisible world, the spirit, divested of its mortal body, will continue, as in this life, unceasingly to develop and progress onward and onward, from one degree of excellence to a higher. In God's world progress is impressed upon all his works. In man, created in His likeness, ultimate the ideal of His creations, and in and through man the grand design of the Creator will be perfected. Indolence and inactivity are incompatible with progress, and, consequently, are inconsistent with Masonic obligations and duties. The teachings of Masonry are in harmony with God's laws, and labour, even when called off at refreshment, does not cease. And neither is the work of Masonry confined to the Lodge rooms; it is there are taught those lessons which are to be exemplified in our daily life and practice, and in our intercourse with our fellow man.

The working man alone is the true Mason. The indolent, the ignorant, those who neither acquire a knowledge of the true objects and purposes of Freemasonry, nor practise its teachings, are not alone drones and useless, but are stumbling-blocks and impediments to the progress of the institution in fulfilling its mission in the elevation and improvement of the family of man.—*Exchange.*

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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THE members met at their headquarters, Brixham, on Monday, 16th inst., to present Bro. Woolley with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of their respect and appreciation of the services he had rendered the Lodge as Secretary, Treasurer, and Worshipful Master during the last ten years. The Rev. R. G. Ebrington, acting for the W.M. Bro. Alfred Kenrick (who was unavoidably absent), referred to the able and kindly manner in which Bro. Woolley had uniformly discharged his duties, and much regretted his removal to Devonport. Centenary jewels were also presented to Bro. G. S. Bridgman and Bro. W. Jarman, for professional services gratuitously rendered in the erection of their handsome new Lodge. The presentations were suitably acknowledged by Bros. Woolley, Bridgman and Jarman. The brethren afterwards partook of supper in their ante-room. Several visitors were present.

NELSON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 700.

THE ceremony of consecration and installation was rehearsed by Worshipful Brother Frederick Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, assisted by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, on Tuesday, 24th inst. The arrangements were carried out by a Committee, consisting of Bros. P.M.'s G. B. Davies 13, J. H. Roberts 700, E. B. Hobson 700, J. Sanderson 700, Jno. Warren 700, Bros. T. Appleby 13, W. B. Ledger 913 and Bro. Hy. Cox 700. The musical arrangements were carried out admirably by Bros. Ledger, Bidgood and Hancock. Exactly 140 brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. A. Penfold P.P.S.D. Kent, E. West P.P.S.D. Herts, P.M.'s Palmer and Barry, and Bros. Keeble, Dr. Bryceson, R. Rabson, Somers, Pryce, Murphy, Capon and several other brethren, all of the Pattison Lodge, 913. Bros. P.M.'s N. Brown, Cleall, Syer, Akers, and several other brethren, all of the Waterloo Lodge, No. 13. Bros. P.M.'s Jno. Warren, J. H. Roberts, T. Butt, J. Sanderson, J. Sweeting and Bro. Naylor W.M. Nelson Lodge, No. 700. The other brethren present from the Nelson Lodge were Bros. Miller, Webber, Southgate, Tuffnell, G. B. Nicholls, Murflet, G. Mitchell, Ward, Gramment, Kitley, Bryant, Pettifer, Orpwood, and several others. Bros. Western W.M. 1789 and P.M. 1536, Manle P.M., Moulds P.M., and several brethren, all of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536. Bros. C. Jolly P.M. 1472, E. Davis 79, G. Letton 615, H. Martin and W. Scott 829, Carter P.M. 858, J. J. Parson 1437, S. Jones 511, J. H. Haire 1446, and several others, too numerous to mention. Bro. C. H. Lawson W.M. 913 was unavoidably prevented (through illness) from occupying the post of honour assigned to him. Bro. F. J. Nichols P.M. 706 and Bro. Melbourne W.M. 13 were also unavoidably prevented from attending. The following is the text of the oration delivered on this occasion by Bro. Morgan:—

Brethren,—Your presiding Officer has already told you that we are to-day assembled with the ostensible purpose of consecrating a new Lodge to the objects of Freemasonry, and he has called upon me to address you as to what Freemasonry really is; what constitutes its Nature, and what are its Principles. Now, Brethren, I feel it is no easy task which devolves upon me when I attempt to obey this request; and although I have on more than one occasion striven to fulfil a similar duty to that now imposed upon me, I am none the less mindful of the difficulty, and I may add the utter impossibility of my telling you anything that has not been told before. However, past experience has proved to me that my brother Masons are the kindest of audiences it is possible to address, and I have little fear, whatever my shortcomings may be, that I shall be interrupted, or that my endeavours to interest you will be in vain. As I have already told you this is not the first occasion on which I have attempted a similar task, and I must therefore ask you to excuse any repetition of ideas or truisms I may have expressed elsewhere, for, after all, there is nothing new to tell you about Freemasonry, or nothing fresh to urge in its behalf. It is to-day what it was scores of years back, and the same it will remain, I trust, for all time. In these stirring times Freemasonry of all things is most entitled to the definition Changeless, and it is on the basis of this one word that I may best attempt to describe to you what Freemasonry really is. It is a peculiar system of morality, which binds its members together under the surest of all bonds—bonds which are at once the lightest to bear and the firmest to sustain—the bonds of love. It knows no distinction of nationality, religion, creed or politics, but seeks to advance the welfare of its members, not perhaps from the common standpoint of every day life, but in a higher sense, by making them better men, and better citizens, more capable of ruling or being ruled in their public or private avocations. It teaches them to honour their Creator and to respect the laws of the country in which they reside. To shed a tear of sympathy over the failings of others, and to render as much assistance as lies in their power to those in misfortune or distress. Above all these, Freemasonry strives to keep its members in the paths of truth; it points out the straight, undeviating line they should pursue in their actions through life, and lays down rules which they should follow on all occasions; and I feel sure there is not one here but will agree with me that, in inculcating its lessons, Freemasonry has been eminently successful in the past. It has done good, is doing good, and has laid such foundation as will tend to considerable good in years to come; indeed, to reiterate my former remark, it has been, is now, and I trust ever will be, a changeless power for good. When I speak of changeless, you must not imagine I wish to imply that the forms, ceremonies, status or general character of Freemasonry has been, or is ever likely to be changeless, rather, that its basis is the

same, and that in its spirit there is no variation. We have long known enough of the history of the Craft to convince us that Freemasonry is different to-day to what it was at the commencement of the last century, or even at the beginning of the present one, and it does not require we should be particularly observant of the doings of our own times to convince us that Freemasonry is not the same here—in some respects—as it is a few hundred miles away. It is only a few weeks since that a worthy Mason, Brother Henry Sadler, the Grand Tyler of England, set the thinking section of the Craft busy over the facts and fictions embodied in his most interesting book. While he was, perhaps, the last I should have expected to suggest any thing like innovation in our time-honoured Institution, he has clearly shown us there have been great and radical changes in Freemasonry—changes which, if the truth could ever be unravelled, would astonish many who at present think there is nothing connected with Freemasonry to astonish them. But in spite of all these changes in the visible form of Freemasonry, in spirit it has remained the same, and whatever may have happened to check or advance its progress there always lies a basis of truth and real Brotherhood at the bottom, which makes the adjustment of differences easier than would be possible without Freemasonry, and such, I think, you will always find to be the case among men who regard their Masonic obligation as something more than mere words; in short, if I may use the language of an eminent author, Freemasonry possesses "the advantage which, even in this artificial world, everything that is genuine has over everything that is forced and false."

I have already foreshadowed the true principles of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. These principles are of such vast and manifest importance to the Masonic world,—I might even say to the remainder of the Universe,—that we can hardly consider it out of place on such an occasion as the present—the expressed foundation of a new Lodge—for some special definition of them to be included as part of the ceremonial of the day, but what can I tell you more comprehensive, or more easily understood, than the actual principles themselves? The Brotherly Love of Freemasonry—the first great principle of the Order—forms a stronger bond of union than anything known in the civilised world, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to name any other tie which has so marked an influence on the human race. It is not my intention here to refer to the marvellous escapes from death and disaster which have been accredited to the Brotherhood of Freemasonry, they are known, or instances of them are known, I presume, to every one present, and whether they are wholly true, or somewhat coloured as they are recorded, they prove sufficient to show the power which underlies the principle of Masonic Brotherhood. I must not, however, forget a reference to the spirit of equality and of freedom which this Brotherhood engenders among Freemasons, or, as an extract in Bro. Sadler's "Masonic Facts and Fictions," the work already referred to, has it, which induces them to consider "that the original of mankind is the same; and though Masonry divests no man of his honour, yet does the Craft admit that strictly to pursue the paths of virtue, whereby a clear conscience may be preserved, is the only method to make any man noble." It is this principle which enables men of all ranks, professions and creeds to meet together, as they often do, in the Masonic Lodge, without the fear of their individual views being attacked, or a controversy opened on matters of a purely class character, and in which they are either uninterested or may entertain opinions at variance with their fellows. The matter of freedom in all Masonic actions is too well known to necessitate comment on; it is sufficient to remember that no man is forced to take upon himself the duties of Freemasonry, or to continue his researches when once he has made a start; everything he ventures on in Freemasonry must be undertaken of his own free will and accord, and he can disassociate himself from its Lodges whenever he likes. I am sure you will forgive me taking another extract from Brother Sadler's book, to show you how permanent is this principle of freedom of withdrawal in connection with Freemasonry. Bro. Sadler tells us that the minutes of the Grand Lodge (Ancients) of the 2nd April 1755 record that "Thomas Eastman, the Master of No. 18, stood up and declared that his business to Grand Lodge on this night was to make a formal declaration that neither he nor any of the members of his Lodge would contribute to the Grand Fund, nor attend this Grand Lodge for the future. Upon which the Right Worshipful Grand Master told Mr. Eastman that he was welcome to stay away, and further that if he knew anybody of like principles in the Assembly he also was at liberty to take him or them." This, Brethren, you will agree was plain English, but it forcibly illustrates the Freedom which existed in Masonry even in the early days. Brethren, I am afraid I am trying your patience, and for that reason will say very little on the score of Relief and Truth, more especially as in Brother Binckes you have one far more capable of telling you what is the present outcome of Masonic Relief. It is a subject to which he has devoted a lifetime, and it would be presumption on my part to relegate from him the opportunity which I hope he will have of enlarging on the subject of Masonic Relief. There remains, then, the principle of Truth, and in connection with this subject you are all pretty well posted. Freemasonry teaches us to be true to our God, our country, our neighbour, and, above all, to ourselves; for we should not forget we are just as likely to do harm by deceiving ourselves as by misleading others, even if the consequences are not of a more serious character. For this reason we should so regulate our lives and actions as to merit the approval of our own consciences and the applause of our fellow creatures. This cannot better be accomplished than by adhering to the principles and general teachings of Freemasonry, which are sure to win for the true brother the eulogy which Lord Beaconsfield bestowed on his ideal "Vivian Grey." "His accomplishments were the standard of all perfection; his sayings were the soul of all good fellowship; and his opinion the guide in any crisis which occurred."

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. John Garrett Tongue, the Worshipful Master, who was supported by the following Past Masters of the Lodge: Dr. V. Jagielski, J. Bieling, E. T. Smith, J. F. Ebner, W. Paas, &c., together with the following visitors:—Bros. W. F. Smart P.M. 764, G. H. Birkbank 250, W. Snodin P.M. 157, W. Andrews 1329, A. G. Newton S.D. 90, W. B. Norris P.M. 181, R. H. Cuncine 1343, T. W. Eastgate P.M. 1562, H. T. Gordon P.M. 907, H. F. Paas I.G. 58, H. Barratt D.C. 28, A. B. Norman J.D. 1658, W. H. J. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, H. W. Alford P.M. 228, W. W. Morgan Past Master 211, A. Birch, J. E. Renardson. The business of the day comprised the election and initiation of Mr. George Percy Woodward, who was proposed by Bro. Turner J.W., and seconded by Bro. Dr. Jackson P.M.; the raising of Bro. Ross, the installation of Bro. Joseph Lloyd Apsey as Worshipful Master for the year, and other items usual at annual gatherings. In due course the following brethren were appointed as the Officers for the year: F. S. Turner S.W., J. Nowakowski jun. J.W., A. W. Oxford Chap., S. Nowakowski P.M. Treas., J. Lancaster P.M. Sec., W. Lincoln S.D., E. E. Geflowski J.D., E. J. Fauser I.G., G. E. Davenport D.C., and B. Banks Tyler. The retiring Master was presented with a Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge, and briefly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, and received and other matters having been disposed of the Lodge was closed. Regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson, especially as the cause which kept him away was the recent death of his father. Another well known face at the Polish National, in the person of Bro. Saegart, was also missed, in his case also death causing his absence; Bro. Saegart has recently lost his wife. We offer our sincere sympathy to these two old friends. The usual installation banquet followed, and later in the evening the customary toast list was honoured. The installation ceremony was very carefully and effectively rendered by Bro. Bieling P.M., Bro. Norris P.M. 181 acting as Director of Ceremonies.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on 18th inst., when there was a large assemblage of brethren in the Lodge-room, at the Swan Hotel, Stafford. The Lodge was honoured by a visit from the Deputy Grand Master of the Province (Col. Foster Gough). The principal function of the day was the installation of Bro. W. D. Batkin as W.M. for the ensuing year, a ceremony which was impressively rendered by Bro. Wooldridge. Having assumed his position in the chair, the W.M. proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, the appointments being as follows—Bros. T. Rigby I.P.M., Monsley S.W., Masters J.W., Rev. E. C. Perry Chaplain, Taylor Secretary, Joyce Treasurer, Taylor S.D. and Organist, Mottram D.C., Taylor I.G., Riccalton, Vevitt, and Turkington Stewards, Tomlinson Tyler. A banquet was afterwards provided by Mr. M. I. Reale, of the Swan Hotel. The W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by nearly all the brethren who were present at the earlier function, the only matter for regret being the absence of the D.P.G.M., who was under the necessity of leaving early. The toasts The Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy-Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge past and present, were given from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. N. Joyce proposed the Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. C. S. Tudor Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, Wor. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past, and in doing so referred in terms of regret—a feeling which found an echo in the breasts of all the brethren present—to the pending resignation of Col. Tudor, who has held his present position since the death of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. He also, in a few words, spoke of the sincere regret felt, not only in the Lodge but generally throughout the Province, at the loss of the late Bro. T. E. Fowke, remarking that a man of kinder heart and more generous disposition never existed, and he could not allow that occasion to pass without recalling his memory. Bro. Cope responded. Bro. Wooldridge proposed The W.M., wishing him health and prosperity, and a successful year of office. The toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality, and Bro. Batkin in reply said, that in accepting the position which he now occupied he had done so with a thorough determination to carry out all the duties of the office to the best of his knowledge and ability. Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry proposed the Visitors, the names of Bros. Joseph G. Baker, Perkins and Gee, being coupled with the toast. Bro. Woolley proposed the Masonic Charities, and mentioned that there were only three other Provinces in England which surpassed that of Staffordshire in the extent of their contributions to the Masonic Charities. He also stated that the Stafford Lodge contributed last year 50 guineas to the Charities. Bro. F. Taylor responded. A number of other Masonic toasts were honoured. The toast list was pleasantly interspersed with songs by Messrs. John and James Follows, Mr. J. Jackson acting as accompanist. We may state that in the course of the proceedings Col. Gough announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Stafford, on the 29th of May.

SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE eighth installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. At four o'clock p.m. the Officers, with their usual punctuality, had assembled, there being also a large gathering of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle, the visitors present including Bro. Vail 1155, Lloyd 72, Coysh 1238, R. and W. J. Tilling 765, W. H. Barney 79, C. T. Gashion 902, Gross 1314, Grover 186, Woorster 15, Thomson 1297, Flood 1929,

Hall 1437, Wallis and Granger 901, Penny 1679, White 1897, Campbell 215, C. A. White 1777, Eedle 1441, Stamp, Walsh and others. The minutes of the preceding regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, when the W.M. proceeded with the business by raising Bros. J. Dickerson and S. Boxhall, this was followed by the passing of Bro. R. Weddall Thomas to the second degree. Bro. J. M. Wimple was then presented by the D.C. as W.M.-elect, and a Board of Masters having been formed he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle. The following Officers were then appointed and invested, viz., Bros. Gauntlett S.W., Rowan J.W., E. Eagle Treasurer, L. E. Eagle Secretary, Hook P.M. D.C., W. Davies S.D., W. Wills J.D. Light-foot I.G., A. Briant A.D.C., Morgan Org., Hobbs and Stevenson W.S.'s, Gay C.S., and Bowler Tyler. The addresses were then rendered in a most excellent and impressive manner. The auditors' report was read; it showed a very substantial balance of over £64 in hand, in addition to £17 in the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The balance sheet was received and adopted unanimously. The Lodge having been closed the Brethren assembled in the banqueting room, where a capital menu, prepared by the worthy host Bro. D. Bear, in his usual faultless style, was fully discussed. The W.M. proposed in brief but well chosen words the toasts of the Queen, H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers; each of which were enthusiastically received. The I.P.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle now rose; the gavel had been entrusted to him, and the brethren must be aware it was for the purpose of proposing the health of their W.M. This he considered the most important toast of the evening. The W.M. and himself had regularly followed each others footsteps in the various duties of the Lodge, from their initiation, and he was proud in having installed his successor into the honourable position he now occupied. He trusted Bro. Wimple would have as prosperous a year as the one just concluded. The W.M. in reply thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received the toast, and after descending on the ability of the Officers he had chosen, he said he relied upon the brethren generally to support him through his year of office. The next important toast, that of the visitors, was heartily given and responded to by several of the brethren, who were unanimous in their praise of the working of the Lodge. The toast of the Installing and Past Masters was next in order, and here the W.M. embraced the opportunity of investing the I.P.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle with a gold P.M.'s jewel, as also with the new regulation P.M.'s collar and jewel, the brethren evidencing their appreciation by uniting with the W.M. in wishing Bro. Eagle long life to wear them as an honour to himself and to the Lodge. Bro. L. E. Eagle made a brief and appropriate reply. He was followed by Bros. P.M.'s Hook, Bennett and Anderson. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was also well received. Bro. Eagle in responding thanked the brethren for electing him (for the sixth time) to the honourable office of Treasurer, it was a source of pleasure to know that his efforts had given the members so much satisfaction. The balance sheet was a very creditable one, but much of the success of the year must be attributed to Bro. Gay's energy as Secretary. Bro. Gay had discharged his duties in a very efficient manner. One other feature he would refer to; he was pleased to announce that a sum of fifteen guineas would be handed over to one of the Institutions as the proceeds from the recent Selwyn Ball. Bro. Gay also responded in most suitable terms. The toasts of the Officers and Tyler brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The musical arrangements were by Bros. W. H. Hook, Gay, Granger, Eagle, Campbell, Morgan, Hobbs, C. A. White, Wallis and Stamp.

CONSTANCE LODGE, No. 2135.

THE third anniversary was celebrated on the evening of the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Consett, when Bro. Renton, M.D. W.M.-elect, was duly installed Master by Bro. C. E. Barnes. The W.M. invested the following as Officers:—Bros. J. Noble I.P.M., Dunn S.W., Brotherhood J.W., Christopher Treasurer, Snell Secretary, Elsdon S.D., Henry Prevell J.D., Dryden Organist, McKay D. of C., Richardson I.G., Calvert S.S., Carry J.S., and Berry Tyler. The company subsequently adjourned to the New Town Hall, where an excellent banquet was served up by Mrs. E. Brown, the proprietress of the Railway Hotel.

ARTHUR SULLIVAN LODGE, No. 2156.

COLONEL Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the Province of East Lancashire, entertained the members of this Lodge, with a number of Provincial Officers, at his residence, Huntroyde, near Burnley, on the 18th inst. The party numbered about 50 brethren. Great preparations had been made for the visit, which took the form of a social picnic, the arrangements being conducted by Bro. E. W. Irving on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe on behalf of the Provincial Officers. The visitors on their arrival were shown through the house, which contains a wealth of pictures, statuary, ancient implements of warfare, hunting trophies, and family relics, which form a most interesting collection. After lunch the party were conducted through the stables, which contain a large and valuable stud of hunters. They next visited the kennels, in which are housed the finest pack of harriers in Lancashire. The extensive conservatories and vineries were also visited, after which the brethren were photographed in group. After dinner the proceedings took the form of an improvised concert, and, as the Arthur Sullivan Lodge numbers among its members some of the best musicians in Manchester, proved a great success. Bros. Seymour Jackson, N. Dumville, William Dumville, Cuthbert Blacow, James Whitaker, Fred Gordon, Oliver Gags, Mark Stafford, Charles Turner, A. S. Kinnell, John Grimshaw and W. H. Murphy, each contributed his share to a select and extensive programme. The singing, by the united voices, of "Comrades in Arms," was a magnificent performance, and received a special compliment from the gallant host. Bro. N. Dumville sang a Masonic song,

"The bonnie lad wi' th' apron on," music by himself, and words by Bro. Ben Brierley, and dedicated to Bro. Starkey. At the request of the host, Bro. Ben Brierley recited "Ab-o'th-Yate's address to the Prince of Wales." During the evening Her Majesty's health was drunk; that of the Prince of Wales Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in England following. Bro. Alfred H. Williams, Worshipful Master of the Arthur Sullivan Lodge, proposed the health of their generous host, which was drunk with enthusiasm. In responding, Colonel Starkie expressed himself as being proud of the visit. It had been a "red letter" day to him, and one that he could never forget. The toast of "Mrs. Starkie and Family" was responded to by Master Henry Starkie, in a "maiden speech." After "the Worshipful Master of the Lodge" had been proposed by Bro. Starkie, a most delightful day was brought to a close.

STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, under the presidency of Bro. H. J. Pain, the Worshipful Master of the past year. After the opening of the Lodge, the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, and the transaction of some other matters of detail, the Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, who formally installed Bro. A. G. Boswell as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, performing the ceremony in the masterly way for which Bro. Frances is so celebrated. The newly-installed Master invested Bro. Pain as I.P.M. and appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. G. Myers S.W., R. J. Cullen J.W., H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Secretary, R. R. Templeman P.M. Dir. of Cers., H. Tyrer S.D., J. Pollard J.D., A. Bowers I.G., and Parkinson Tyler. Bro. James Pain P.M., re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge, was not invested, as, in consequence of engagements abroad, he was unable to be present. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Pain. Bro. Boswell, in making the presentation, said all would agree Brother Pain well deserved this mark of their favour; though he had been absent from some of their meetings, when he was present he had done his work admirably, and had proved himself a thoroughly good Mason. Bro. Pain thanked the brethren; during the remainder of his life and connection with the Lodge his services should always be at their disposal. A grant of five guineas from the Lodge funds was then made in favour of the Boys' School, to be added to the list of Brother Frances, who will act as Steward at the next Festival. Lodge was then closed. The brethren dined together in another room. On rising to give the usual toasts the Worshipful Master said he should be very brief in his remarks. The preliminary sentiments were appropriately proposed and cordially received. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of his successor said that he was sure the Stockwell Lodge was fortunate in having such a Master as Brother Boswell; it was satisfactory to the Lodge that the sons of the Past Masters were coming forward, and in their turn succeeding to the Master's chair. Brother Boswell had passed through every office in the Lodge, and had performed the duties of each position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members, who were delighted to congratulate him on having reached the highest honour the Lodge could bestow on any of its members. He hoped that the initiates would be numerous during Brother Boswell's reign, and that the funds of the Lodge would increase in proportion. He knew all would join in wishing Brother Boswell a happy and prosperous year. Brother Boswell returned Bro. Pain and the members of the Lodge his sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed. He was initiated eight years ago; had passed through every office, and performed every kind of Masonic duty in the Lodge. It was a proud moment for him to find himself in the position of Master. In one respect the brethren had made a bad selection, he knew he was no orator, and could not do justice to the toasts which it was part of his duty as president to propose. Words entirely failed him to express his feelings on the present occasion; he could therefore only in a homely way thank the brethren for the honour that had been done him in the way the toast had been proposed and received. He should like to have a successful year, and hoped the brethren would bring forward candidates of the right sort; give him plenty of work to do; and otherwise heartily support him. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Brothers Coltman, Westley, Stephens, Thomas, and Scott. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, a toast unfortunately omitted from the list. He referred to Bro. Pain's work in the Lodge, and to the great interest he took in its affairs. Although he was sometimes compelled to absent himself from their meetings through his business calling him abroad, he was never forgetful of his Lodge, and generally managed to send them a cablegram timed so as to arrive during their meeting. Brother Pain having replied, the health of the Installing Master, Brother Frances, was given, and he having acknowledged the compliment paid him, the Immediate Past Master proposed the health of Bro. Moss P.M., who, during the unavoidable absence of Bro. Pain had occupied the chair and performed his duties. On behalf of the brethren of the Lodge he asked Brother Moss to accept a small token of their regard, which consisted of an illuminated testimonial (very creditably executed by Bro. Frances), and a photographic album, which it was intended should be furnished with the portraits of the members of the Lodge. Brother Moss accepted with sincere pleasure the token of respect with which they had honoured him. It had evidently been kept a dead secret, for it had come upon him as a most complete surprise. It had given him a great deal of pleasure during Brother Pain's unavoidable absence to perform the duties of W.M. He had always had the interests of the Stockwell Lodge at heart, and stated that he should never in any degree swerve from his allegiance to it. Bros. Templeman and Moss responded for the Past Masters, after which the healths of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the S.W. and the other Officers of the Lodge received attention, the Tyler's toast closing the proceedings.

Among the Visitors present were Bros. Humfress 733, Conway 1891 A. le Claire 1003, Pugh 2147, Westley 186, Scarr 1891, Scott 452 Storr 167, Youlden 1891, Stephens 1425, Jones 1686, Coltman 1265, E. C. Massey, Mason 2246, Chappell 1425, Newman 1590, Minns 1892, Cannon 1539, Morgan 211, &c.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 2226.

ON Thursday, the 19th inst., the roll of the Monmouthshire Lodges was increased to ten by the consecration of this new Lodge, which took place at the Masonic-hall, Rhymney. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne P.G. Master, assisted by Bro. Captain Samuel George Homfray. The founders are: Bros. Nicholl Bradley W.M., Roger W. Jones S.W., J. J. Williams J.W., W. Pritchard, Rev. T. J. Jones, M.A., D. F. Pritchard, J. Rhys Williams, Thomas Hall Redwood, W. Griffith, W. Ll. Marks, F. R. M. Stone, Daniel Evans, Thomas Davies, Thos. Thomas, Rees T. E. Davies, Isaac B. Jones, J. Lewis Smith, Tom B. Yendoll, J. Richard Davies, and R. Swedenbank. In addition to the above, there was a very large number of visiting brethren present. The Lodge was duly dedicated and constituted in the customary manner, the musical portions of the ceremony being ably rendered under the direction of Bro. Illyd J. David, and Bro. J. Radley, assisted by other brethren. Bro. Nicholl Bradley was installed W.M. by Bro. Captain Homfray. The W.M. then invested the following Officers:—Bros. Roger W. Jones S.W., Williams J.W., Rev. T. Theophilus Chaplain, Pritchard Treasurer, Lloyd Marks Secretary, Pritchard S.D., Thomas J.D., Stone I.G., David Organist, the Rev. T. E. Davies D.C., John Rhys Williams S.S., Smith J.S., and Jones Tyler. Several candidates for initiation were proposed and brethren as joining members, after which the company, numbering 126, proceeded to the Royal Hotel where a banquet took place, under the presidency of Bro. Nicholl Bradley, served in capital style by host Bro. J. J. Williams.

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CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE Installation meeting was held at Colchester, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when Bro. J. S. Bailey S.W. was installed as W.M. in a most able manner, by Bro. the Rev. E. Crate. At the close of the ceremony the following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Clowes I.P.M., G. A. Eustace S.W., Wm. Sowman J.W., R. D. Poppleton M.O., A. H. Bowles S.O., Frank Quilter J.O., Rev. E. H. Crate Chaplain, J. P. Lewin Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, Thos. Rix Registrar, George Harrison S.D., H. J. Skingley J.D., Rev. W. Morgan Jones D.C., J. J. C. Turner Organist, J. G. Renshaw I.G., S. Munsou Tyler, Arthur Wright assistant Tyler, J. Ashdown and S. D. C. Ablitt Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Crate, who, in responding, said it was always a pleasure, as he felt it to be a duty, to do anything he could for Masonry generally, and particularly his mother Lodge. Feeling allusion was made to the loss the Lodge had sustained since the last meeting in the death of Bro. T. Eustace, and the W.M. directed that the Lodge be put in mourning for the next three months, as a mark of respect for his memory. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from the R.W. P.G.M., the Lord Henniker; the V.W. D.P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyr; Bro. N. Tracy the P.G. Sec.; and several other distinguished brethren. Thirty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a sumptuous repast being served by the Host, Mr. Coope. The usual Mark toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasure of the brethren was greatly enhanced by a musical programme rendered by Bros. Taylor, Theodore Distin, Smith, Collins, Richard Clowes, and Turner. Among the brethren present, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. A. Welch, Pascall 342, Suthery 342, Wykes, Matthews, Tyler, Gosling, McLaerny, &c.

ST. AUSTELL LODGE, No. 275.

THE annual meeting was held at the Lodge Room, St. Austell, on Tuesday, 17th inst., when Bro. Richard Parson was installed for the ensuing year. The newly-elected W.M. invested his Officers: Bros. J. de C. Treffry I.P.M., Tredinnick S.W., William Isaac Watts J.W., Job M.O., Derry S.O., Simon Truscott J.O. and Organist, Mason Treasurer, Whetter Secretary, Edyvean Reg. of Marks, J. McTark S.D., Soxhall J.D., Sowden Smith C.D., Blight I.G., Lake and Richards Stewards, and Real Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

Early in next month the Duke of Abercorn will preside at a grand Masonic banquet to be held in Dublin. A Masonic ball in the cause of charity will also be held, under the patronage of the Duchess of Abercorn and other leading Irish ladies.

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OLD MASONIANS.

THE annual dinner of this recently formed Association, established for the purpose of engendering a system for mutual help and support among the former pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Saturday last, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, Secretary of the R.M.I.B. Bro. Binckes was supported by Bros. Dr. Ramsay, Joyce Murray, Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, Dr. Richard Morris, LL.D., Head Master of the School, Mr. C. Priest White (King's College), Bro. W. W. Morgan, &c., together with about forty of the old scholars. After a well-served repast had been done justice to, the following toast list was proceeded with: the Queen, our Grand Patron; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, President of the Institution; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; The Old Masonians; Dr. Morris, the Head Master; the House Committee; the Chairman, our President; and the Visitors. In the course of the evening some interesting matters were considered, and we prognosticate that the Association, which has now secured a firm footing, will prove of immense advantage to those who have associated themselves under its banner. It was announced that Bro. Binckes would be succeeded as President by Bro. Augustus F. Godson, M.P. Mr. E. A. Morris, who has rendered material service to the members at their several entertainments during the past year, was made the recipient of a testimonial in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Association. The toasts and speeches were interspersed with songs from the old scholars, and a banjo solo by Mr. T. Hutton was received with especial favour.

FORTESCUE ANNUITY FUND.

A MEETING of the donors and subscribers to the Masonic Fortescue Annuity Fund was held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on the 8th instant. The principal business was to elect two annuitants, and to consider a report on the revision of the rules of the fund. Bros. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. presided. Before proceeding to the election of the annuitants a discussion arose as to the mode of voting. The printed form on which the votes were to be given stated that subscribers having one vote could only give the same to any one candidate. But it was pointed out that in the printed rules or by-laws for the administration of the fund, under the "order of voting," section first said, "The privilege of voting on applications may be exercised in respect of as many applicants as there are vacancies to be filled up." The Chairman said he should leave the decision of this question to the meeting. The discrepancy between the two authorities on the privilege of voting was, however, to be regretted, as no doubt many voters who had sent their votes had followed the instructions of the voting papers. Bro. Lane proposed that the election should proceed in accordance with the by-laws. This was seconded by Bro. H. Stocker, who said the by-laws must be followed; the meeting had no authority to alter them. The proposition was carried unanimously, and the election took place on that basis. The voters present who had followed the direction of the forms altered their voting to accord with the rules. There were five candidates, and those elected were a brother aged 65, formerly of Torquay, now of Mounouthshire, a member of the Brixham Lodge, 248, who had subscribed for over thirty years, and was a P.M.; and a brother aged 78, of Dartington, a member of the Totnes Lodge, 710, who had subscribed for thirty years, and was also a P.M. The votes given to the other candidates were carried on for the next election. During the election it was announced that the votes of several Lodges had been declared invalid in consequence of their not having sent in their Provincial returns before 25th March. The votes of 954 were also valueless, not arriving at the office of the secretary until after the election was over. It was announced that since the notice was given of the present election two more vacancies had occurred among the annuitants, through the deaths of Bros. Frederick Belton, a former lessee of Exeter Theatre, and Thomas Brice, aged 87, of Plymtree, near Clysthydon. It was resolved to hold an election on 5th July, to fill those vacancies, all applications of candidates to be sent in by 5th June. The report of the sub-committee appointed on 3rd February, to consider and report on the rules of the fund was then submitted. Each proposed alteration was read and discussed, and various modifications were suggested and adopted. The changes that will be recommended at the next Provincial Grand Lodge are made principally for the rendering the by-laws clearer. The points of importance are that the annual meeting for the fund is to be fixed for the first Thursday in July; no Master of a Lodge whose returns were reported by the P.G. Secretary as being in arrears at the last Provincial Grand Lodge shall be entitled to attend or vote at any meeting of the institution; the appointing of a committee of management is to be abolished; the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. are to have five votes each instead of three; and the Masters, Wardens, and members of Lodges signing certificates for applicants for an annuity must sign those certificates in open Lodge.

In a recent issue of the *Nottinghamshire Express* the Editor makes the following comments:—

The Freemasons of England are always careful, from their Grand Master the Prince of Wales downwards, when they stand by the grave and toss a sprig of evergreen acacia on the coffin of a deceased brother, to give full-voiced utterance to the beautiful ritual which disclaims interference in politics, prejudice in religion, or any *raison d'être* for the "mystic tie," except the sublime cult of "brotherly love, relief, and truth." We are, therefore, pained to find the *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent declaring that the excitement over the "Boulangier Question" has penetrated to the Lodges

of French Freemasonry, and that in "the sunny land of France" politics form as prominent a feature in the business of the "Craft" as its "Ritual," and the rise to statesman's rank of various men of little or no talent is often to be explained by the fact that they happened to be high-up in their Lodges. The outer world will, in all probability, never know the enormous part which Freemasonry has played among the politicians of the Third Republic. Efforts, it is alleged, are now being made to rally the "Free and Accepted" to the anti-Boulangist side. This may be no more than one of the characteristic *canards* of our contemporary's clever and imaginative Paris Correspondent; but if it is a lie, it needs none the less to be nailed. People often shake their heads gravely and suspiciously when they vote the inexplicable rise of some Freemasons in the commercial or social scale, and it would be a very disturbing element if the idea got abroad that the mysterious Craft, which the Prince of Wales rises in the East to rule and govern, really discusses and interferes in politics behind its closely tyed doors. Such a suspicion as appears to attach to French Freemasonry makes an outsider feel not so much astonished that a reactionary Pope like Pío Nono "banned" the Order.

We reproduce the following interesting communication from the *Western Mail*.

"MOIRA."

To the Editor of the *Western Mail*.

SIR,—Your correspondent "E. J. T." has told us that the places in Cardiff called "Moira" "are, no doubt, named after the maternal grandfather of Lord Bute, who was second Earl of Moira, and afterwards first Marquess of Hastings." In this I think he is correct, so it would be interesting if he, or some of your correspondents, would give us, in your able paper, the etymology of "Moira," which rather seems to be a Celtic appellation. Earl Moira was a brave and gallant officer, who greatly distinguished himself in America at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, and it was said the Battle of Camden was chiefly decided by his heroism. At the beginning of the French War he was major-general, and ably aided the Royalists in Brittany. In 1794 he reinforced the Duke of York in the Netherlands with much ability. He declined to accept pay, and spent more than £30,000 of his own money in his country's service. In India during his administration, as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief for nine years, his hospitality had no bounds. This prevented him from becoming wealthy in the lucrative situation his lordship held. He twice received the thanks of the Court of Directors and both Houses of Parliament for suppressing the Pindarries, the warlike Goorkhas of Nepal, and the Mahrattas.

As "E. J. T." well remarked, "many of your readers who are Freemasons would find it interesting to remember that the Earl of Moira was an active and distinguished member of the Craft." In India the Freemasons are far more enthusiastic and in much greater force than in this country. There can be hardly better proof of this than the splendid Grand Master's jewel, worth 1,000 guineas, which was presented to Earl Moira in Calcutta. After his time in India one or two of the Governor-Generals who succeeded him became also Grand Masters. When the late Marquess of Dalhousie arrived in Calcutta as Governor-General, Dr. John Grant, many years Master of the Mint and Apothecary-General, was then, and for a long time afterwards, the Grand Master, to the great satisfaction of his Masonic brethren. He shortly got his lordship to become their Grand Master, to the great delight of all concerned. At the first great Masonic banquet presided over by Lord Dalhousie as Grand Master a favourite Masonic song (composed by Dr. Grant) was heartily joined in, of which below I beg to give a few lines, which may please your numerous Masonic readers:—

"Are your glasses charged in the east and west?" the Worshipful Master cries;

"They are charged in the east, they are charged in the west," are the Wardens' prompt replies.

"Then to our final toast; this night your glasses fairly drain—
'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.'

"When'er we meet, where'er we go, true friendship is our aim,
Our Brotherly fidelity shall ever be the same;
We prize each brother, fair or dark, who bears no moral stain—
'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.'

"The Mason feels the noble truth the Scottish ploughman told,
That rank is but the guinea-stamp—the man himself's the gold.
The poor and rich unite with us, and equal rights maintain—
'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.'"

CARDIFF.

I am, &c.

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It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

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THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), V.-Pat.,
Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th April 1888.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

The R.M. Benevolent Institution

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

- *A. BARFIELD P.M. 35 P.P.J.G.D. Hants and I. of Wight, 22 Great George Street, Westminster.
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- *GILES P.M. 35, P.P.G. Supt. W., Bridport, Dorset.
- R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND P.M. 698, P.Z. 175, P.P.S.G.W., Hare Court, Temple.
- MANNERS P.M. 35, Collector of Customs, Falmouth.
- *G. A. MURSELL P.M. 35, P.Z. 175, P.P.G.S.D., Gloster Hotel, West Cowes.
- F. NEWMAN P.M. 175, 551, 698, 1884, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.S.G.W., Ryde.
- G. PACK P.M. and P.Z. 175, P.P.G.J.D., Yelf's Hotel, Ryde.
- *ROBERTSON P.M. 35 and 2169, P.G.S., East Cowes, Isle of Wight.
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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping 1818-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

- G. R. LANGLEY W.M. 183, 18 Gowllett Road, Peckham Rye.
- G. P. BRITTON P.M. and Treas. 183, 11 Friday Street.
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Strongly recommended by the following Subscribers:—

- Robert Gray, Past Grand Deacon, Pres. Board of Benevolence.
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- R. W. Stewart, Past Grand Deacon.
- F. Richardson, Past Grand Deacon.
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- George Mickley, P.P.G.S.W. Herts.
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- H. C. Archer, P.M. 183
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- A. T. Hirsch, 183
- H. Hooper, J.W. 183
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of May next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January to the 17th April 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -	608	10	4	Disbursements during the quarter -	305	17	5
„ Unappropriated Account -	206	15	1	Balance -	734	17	11
Subsequent Receipts-	426	8	6	„ Unappropriated Account -	200	18	7
	£1241	13	11		£1241	13	11

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have received a report from the Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry of Victoria, Australia, stating that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada has recently thought fit to establish three Royal Arch Chapters in the Colony of Victoria, and that such Chapters are in active work.

The Committee feel it to be their duty to bring this serious matter at once before Grand Chapter, and to remind it that the Grand Lodge of England has always held and maintained that the jurisdiction of Colonial and Dominion Grand Lodges cannot be recognised as extending beyond their own territorial limits.

The Committee have therefore to recommend that Grand Chapter should declare these Royal Arch Chapters thus established by the Grand Chapter of Canada, in Victoria, to be irregular, and should direct that the English Royal Arch Chapters in that Colony—of which there at present eleven—be informed of the same, and ordered to hold no communication with these Canadian Chapters and to refuse admission to their members; and farther, that a copy of such resolution of Grand Chapter be transmitted to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada for its information.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, in British North America, reporting that they had been regularly established in March 1887, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England and representatives exchanged, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick be also recognised.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Edward Hyde Hewett, C.M.G., as Z., Lennox Browne as H., Edward Luxmoore Marshall as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, London, to be called "The Empire Chapter," and to meet at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London.

2nd. From Companions Walter Hopekirk as Z., Henry Albert Lovett as H., James Kew as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, London, to be called "The Manchester Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleetstreet, in the City of London.

3rd. From Companions George Francis Crane as Z., George Henry Cooper as H., Hugh William Henry Elwes as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft, to be called "The Lowestoft Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have further to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the Chapter of St. James, No. 2, London, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February 1882.

This Memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence which will complete 100 years in June, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted, the Charter to be dated the 13th June 1888.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Vane Chapter, No. 538, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn.

The Meribah Chapter, No. 350, from the Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, to the Church Hotel, Kearsley.

The Queen's Westminster Chapter, No. 2021, from 8A Red Lion square, to the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee beg to recommend and the President will move:—

That the sum of one hundred guineas be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Committee also recommend that the trustees of the funds of Grand Chapter be authorised to consent to the conversion of the 3 per cent. Consols into the 2½ per cent. Stock.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th April 1888.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Gerard Ford, presided, and was

ably supported. The Provincial Grand Superintendent addressed those present as follows:—

Companions,—It is now twelve months since, for the first time, it became my duty to address you from this chair, and although there is now little upon which I need dilate, yet you will agree that it is advisable for the usual custom to be adhered to of referring to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province at this, our annual meeting. Since I last delivered an address to you we are less numerous by some seven Companions. This being so, it behoves us more than ever to stand shoulder to shoulder, and, by our unity and our Masonic conduct generally, to attract new acquisitions to Royal Arch Masonry. It does not follow that we are in a retrograding position because we have lost a few members, for as I have, I think, said before, a comparatively small but compact fraternity may have greater strength, do more good, and set a better example in Masonry than a larger but, perhaps, less cohesive body; whilst we can recognise, on the brighter side of the picture, the satisfactory circumstance that there have been some twenty exaltations, and at least one in every Chapter of the Province. You have heard read the statistics, which shew that our finances are in a fair condition, and I trust that at the close of another year we may, by new accessions to our numbers, be able to show a still better balance sheet. I am sure all here will share my regret that amongst our visitors we cannot number several Companions of distinction, who, but for the distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to-day, would have responded to my invitations. I am also very sorry that our Prov. Grand Treasurer, Companion Crosskey, is unable to be present to-day. He spent the winter abroad, under medical advice, and returning, almost entirely to attend to Masonic duties, has suffered a relapse, but, although much better, is still confined to his room. I hope he will soon be restored to health. I must thank the several Principals throughout the Province for their assistance, and I hope that they and their successors will continue to do their best to secure the abiding prosperity and popularity of this sublime degree.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Comp. W. H. Hallett P.Z. 271	-	H.
W. Dawes P.Z. 40	-	J.
Freeman P.Z. 311 315 732	-	S.E.
H. Abbey P.Z. 271	-	S.N.
R. Crosskey P.Z. 311	-	Treasurer
R. Pidcock P.Z. 916	-	Registrar
H. Davey P.Z. 732	-	Sojourner
E. Broadbridge P.Z. 811	-	Assistant Sojourner
S. Tanner P.Z. 311	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
O. Lloyd P.Z. 38	-	Sword Bearer
G. R. Lockyer P.Z. 315	-	Standard Bearer
H. E. Price H. 1466	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. King P.Z. 271	-	Organist
C. Briscoe P.Z. 311	-	} Stewards
J. M. Reed Z. 732	-	
H. H. Hughes	-	Janitor

The Chapter having been formally closed, the Companions sat down to a banquet, served up in elegant style by Bro. Mutton.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual Grand Chapter of this Province was held at Carlisle on Tuesday, 10th inst., in the County Hall, under the banner of the Union Chapter, No. 310. The Chapter was opened at 12:30 p.m. M.E. Comp. Jas. A. Wheatley P.Z. 310 P.P.G.J. presided as Z., Comp. G. Dalrymple as H., Ed. Tyson J., George J. M'Kay S.E., R. J. Nelson Treasurer, H. Court S.N., J. J. Robinson P.S., J. Paterson Dir. of Cers., T. A. Argles, C. J. Nanson, J. Hall Stewards, W. B. Cowman Sword Bearer, R. Tyson, Charles Gowan, W. Pagen, Wm. Carlyle, T. Brakenridge, George Murchie, T. J. Richardson, H. Moser, J. G. Gandy, H. Bewes, G. P. Abrahams, James Gardiner, E. B. Mitchell, Ed. Armitage, and others. The minutes of last annual Chapter, held last April at Carlisle, was read and confirmed, when Comp. R. J. Nelson was again elected P.G. Treasurer; Comp. Messenger was re-elected Janitor. The following Companions were then invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Comp. George Dalrymple	-	H.
Dr. Charles Gore Ring	-	J.
George J. M'Kay	-	S.E.
Henry Court	-	S.N.
W. B. Cowman	-	P.S.
Robert Brown	-	1st Assistant Soj.
Joseph Hall	-	2nd Assistant Soj.
R. J. Nelson	-	Treasurer
James G. Gandy	-	Registrar
Thomas A. Argles	-	Sword Bearer
James Wilson	-	Standard Bearer
Joseph T. Ray S.E. 119	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. P. Abraham	-	Organist
J. C. Mason 310	-	} Stewards
Charles Gowan 119	-	
John Harris 327	-	
John Messenger	-	Janitor

The Provincial Grand Treasurer next read a statement of accounts, which showed a good balance in favour of the Province, and also that Royal Arch Masonry was, like other degrees, making good progress. On the motion of the acting First Principal, supported by the Third Principal, they were passed as read. The P.G.S.E. intimated that all the Chapters in the Province had made the customary returns in due course, as required by the Bye-laws, and, according to notice of motion, moved that the sum of ten guineas be voted towards each fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, under the presidency of Companion H. C. Okeover, Provincial G.H. There was a large attendance. Comp. Cox P.P.G.J. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The P.G. Superintendent appointed his Officers, as follow:—

Comp. G. T. Wright	-	-	J.
W. Naylor	-	-	Scribe E.
J. O. Manton	-	-	Scribe N.
James Whitehead	-	-	Sojourner
T. F. Hall	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
James Rhodes	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
W. Dust	-	-	Registrar
Thomas Cox	-	-	Treasurer
H. Cupit	-	-	Sword Bearer
T. E. Yeomans	-	-	Standard Bearer
Percy Wallis	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Edgar Horne	-	-	Organist
Thomas Day	-	-	Janitor

ST. PETROCK CHAPTER, No. 339.

THE quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Bros. T. Whale and T. Tonkin were ably exalted by Comp. T. H. Spear. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Comps. W. T. Davey Z., Bernard F., Edyvean H., R. F. Edyvean J., Crabb S.E., Page S.N., Gilbert P.S., Brewer 1st A.S., Whale 2nd A.S. A chaste and beautiful P.Z.'s jewel was then presented to Comp. W. Rowe, by Comp. T. Spear, on behalf of the Chapter, in recognition of Comp. Rowe's valuable services to the Chapter for many years past. In addition to this highly-prized jewel, Bro. Rowe also possesses a handsome P.M.'s jewel, presented to him by Lodge One and All.

ST. ANNE'S CHAPTER, No. 970.

THE annual meeting was held at East Looe, on Tuesday, 17th inst., to instal Comps. J. Doney as Z., S. White as H., and R. Edgcumbe as J., for the year ensuing. The other Officers invested were:—Companions Lillecrapp S.E., Johns S.N., Maddock P.S., Olver 1st A. Soj., Walters 2nd A. Soj., Olver Treasurer, Oliver Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided.

ELIOT CHAPTER, No. 1164.

THE annual meeting was held at St. Germain's, on the 18th inst., to instal the principals for the ensuing year, viz.—Comps. J. Sobey Z., G. Tretheway H., and J. D. Pearn J. The Officers were invested, as follows:—F. Johns S.E., Nicholl S.N., Bersey P. Soj., Carne A. Soj., Hawke 2nd A. Soj., Kerswell Treasurer, Hawke Janitor. The Companions adjourned to the Elliot Arms for their annual banquet.

THIRD CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

DURING the current week a supper has taken place to mark the completion of another of those useful feeders of the Masonic Institutions, which, under the style of Masonic Benevolent Associations or some similar title, are really organisations formed for the purpose of securing to their members ten guinea Life Governorships by small weekly or monthly payments. We never hear of one of these Associations being completed, or take part in what we may term their winding-up, without a feeling of regret. Regret that it is not possible to establish them on a permanent basis, and thus utilise the organisation and the co-operation which they usually call forth for a longer period than the four years to which they are generally limited. It has not, however, yet been made apparent that permanency is possible, but we do not despair of one day seeing such an innovation attempted as shall lead to a realisation of our hopes in this respect. All that is needed for the start is the co-operation of a few public spirited men, who do not object to give their time and, it may be their votes, in furtherance of a good cause—one which would amply repay them for their self sacrifice, and would lead to increased benefits for the Institutions. The foregoing

remarks must be taken rather in a general sense than as having any special reference to the Association under notice, inasmuch as a fourth Association was started at the same meeting as that at which the third was wound up, and many of the former members expressed their determination to continue their subscriptions. Altogether we hope the wish expressed at the meeting, that the fourth Association might be a greater success than its predecessors may be realised.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., the Audit Meeting of the Third City Association was held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, and on that occasion, a report was submitted, showing what had been done during the four years the Association had been in existence. On the following Wednesday the supper took place, at the White Hart, Abchurch Lane, this being presided over by Bro. John Newton P.M. 174, 1607, &c., the President of the Association. At the conclusion of the supper Bro. Newton proposed the health of the Queen; that having been honoured, Bro. W. W. Morgan rose to submit the toast of the evening—the City Masonic Benevolent Associations. In doing so Bro. Morgan said it seemed only the other day the first of these Associations was started, and now they were assembled to wish success to a fourth. He referred to the report of the one just completed, which showed that upwards of one thousand guineas had been collected during the four years of its existence, for the Masonic Institutions, while the working expenses were returned at the insignificant figure of £8 8s 1d. Up to the present time 96 Life Governorships had been paid from the third Association to the Masonic Institutions, 48 having gone to the Benevolent Institution, 33 to the Girls' School, and 15 to the Boys'. This allotment, said Bro. Morgan, was not to be wondered at when they took into account the proclivities of certain Lodges to give the bulk of their support to one Institution, perhaps to the detriment of the other two. As was well known the City Associations were largely composed of members of the Sincerity Lodge—a warm supporter of the Benevolent Institution,—and this might account for the excess of Life Governorships paid to that Charity. This could not be described exactly as an evil, but it would perhaps be better if a more equitable distribution were attempted. He was told their first Association had realised close on £800, their second something like £900, and their third, as he had said, upwards of 1,000 guineas. These figures spoke more than words, and proved the vast amount of good that was being done by this and kindred Associations. He felt sure that with such a reputation behind them, and with such a Committee to work for the future, success would be assured for the venture on which they had just embarked, and that the Masonic Institutions would be yet further benefitted by their exertions. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. John Newton, the President, who suitably replied. Then followed the toast of the Vice-President, Bro. F. Brown, who responded, and then submitted the new Committee, which is formed of the following brethren: Bro. C. Lacey P.M. and Treasurer 174, H. Magee S.D. 174, G. Jones P.M. 174, J. S. Fraser P.M. 174, C. H. Webb P.M. and Sec. 174, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, L. C. Haslip P.M. 813, A. Adams J.W., W. T. Causton P.M. 1726, J. R. Large P.M. 1607, C. W. Mapleton S.D. 256, G. F. Marshall P.M. 69, F. H. Paulton Bishop Senior Warden 1965. This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Charles Lacey, who was loud in his praise of the Associations with which he had been connected. He enjoyed the rank of Vice-President of each of the Masonic Institutions, and owed his position to such Associations as they were that day met to honour. Bro. C. H. Webb followed in similar strain, referring to the earlier days of their Masonic Charity Associations, and recounting some of the rebuffs they met with when their working was first attempted. Other brethren followed, among them being Bros. G. W. Verry the Treasurer and H. M. Hobbs the Secretary. The former spoke of the time, thirteen years back, when they had started their first City Association. All the original workers of that day were then present, a fact they might congratulate themselves upon, more especially when they looked back and considered the fruit of their labours. Brother Hobbs hoped their new venture would be as successful as any of its predecessors; that it might run into a four figure result, and that it would be followed by many similar ones in years to come. The toast of the Visitors was next given and with it was associated the name of Brother Morgan. That brother hardly expected he should be again called upon to speak, but having been so honoured he proposed, if the company approved, to briefly review some of the remarks of former speakers. Brother Webb had told them that these Charitable Associations had at first had cold water thrown upon them. He (Brother Morgau) hardly thought such a remark justifiable. Undoubtedly adverse opinions had been expressed at the start, but what new venture was proof against such attacks? He felt that much of the opposition which had been exercised against these Associations was levelled at other innovations—perhaps equally praiseworthy, but not so popular. He was sure that the opposition complained of was only fancied, and that no one more fully realised the benefits to be derived from such combinations than those who had the practical management of the Masonic Institutions. Then, Brother Verry had told them discretion was necessary on the part of the officers of such Associations, who must really remember that the funds were voluntarily subscribed. Undoubtedly this was true, and although the rules generally gave them arbitrary power it was not always wise to exercise it. There were many causes which might prevent a Mason doing all he intended to do. Should they expel him, because he was a few months in arrear? Certainly not, rather sacrifice everything than cause pain under the plea of Masonic Benevolence. In many cases experience had proved that a spirit of conciliation had done far more good than would have been accomplished by harsh measures. In regard to the prospects for their future, Bro. Morgan felt Bro. Hobbs should not be discouraged; the future was as bright as had been the future of either their first, second or third Association, and why should they anticipate a falling off for their fourth venture? Rather let them strive, as he was convinced they would do, to do their best, and in the end they would assuredly excel what had been done in years gone by. Shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

The already handsome roll of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls grows apace, no less than fifty new names having been added during the past week, thus swelling the total to 1157, of whom fifteen are Provincial Grand Masters. This is a splendid record already, but Bro. Hedges and the other officials of the Institution are not content to let the matter rest. They hope to win the co-operation of all the Provincial Grand Masters of England, and are working to secure a much larger roll of Stewards. That they will succeed in adding several more names to the list we are convinced, and we can but express the hope that they will secure such further co-operation as will not only satisfy them but the Masonic World at large.

The numerous and very generous response to the appeal for Stewards at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has rendered it absolutely necessary that the Executive Committee should obtain as much information as possible with a view to affording such accommodation to the Stewards and their friends as lies in their power. It will be impossible to provide places at the Banquet for more than the Stewards themselves and the distinguished guests, large as the dining space at the Albert Hall is; and therefore the Committee offer the next best opportunity to the Stewards of enabling ladies and their Masonic friends to witness what they believe will be one of the grandest gatherings in the annals of Freemasonry. The Committee offer to each Steward Four Tickets for the Festival on the 7th June, at the price of 10s 6d each, which will admit a Lady or Brother to any part of the Hall above the Loggia or ground tier of boxes, which will afford the opportunity of hearing the speeches; and to the conservatory, where music and light refreshment will be provided free, as well as in the Hall. For the 4th June, the day of the Distribution of Prizes, when the Recitals and Calisthenics will be given, a Ticket—not transferable—will be supplied free to each Steward on application. The Committee also offer Four Tickets to each Steward at 5s each, which will likewise include light refreshments. Application for these tickets must, however, be made not later than Monday, 7th May, as in the event of a Steward not availing himself of the invitation by that date, the Tickets will be appropriated to other Stewards as applied for.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey in the chair. There were 53 applications for assistance, the total amount granted being £1075. Two cases were dismissed as not complying with the rules, and six were deferred, being incomplete. In one case the petitioner having died the night before, it could not be adjudicated upon.

The Masonic authorities of the Province have accepted an invitation conveyed to them by the Town Clerk of Bristol, to lay the foundation stone of the statue of the Queen, in College Green, as they did the foundation stone of the High Cross, on 8th August 1850. The ceremony will take place on or about 1st June, the intention being to unveil the statue on Coronation Day, 28th June.

Several brethren of the Province of Bristol have been interesting themselves for some months past in the formation of a new Lodge. Permission has been granted, and the consecration will take place next month. The new Lodge will be named after the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

It has been decided to establish a Lodge at Thorne, to be called the St. Oswald Lodge, George Dove, J.P., to be the first Master.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Mark Master, has granted a warrant of constitution for the establishment of a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to be formed at Crowle, Isle of Axholme, Lincolnshire, to be called the St. Oswald's Lodge.

His Excellency Lord Carrington has been appointed District Grand Master of the Freemasons of New South Wales, English Constitution, in the place of District Grand Master John Williams, who recently resigned the office. Bro. Williams has received, from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the following letter notifying the appointment :—

Grand Secretary's Office,

Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street,
London, W.C.

26 January, 1888. R.W. Bro. John Williams, per D. Grand Master, New South Wales. Dear Sir and R.W. Bro.,—On the 3rd instant his Excellency Lord Carrington, P.C., C.M.G., Past G. Warden, telegraphed to the M.W. Grand Master that you had resigned your office as D. Grand Master of New South Wales, whereon his Royal Highness transmitted a message in reply, appointing his Excellency to the position thus vacated by yourself, and his patent as D. Grand Master goes out to his Lordship by this mail. In accepting your resignation, thus notified, and which he does with regret, his Royal Highness commands me to convey to you his warm appreciation of the valuable Masonic services which you have rendered to the Craft in New South Wales during the two terms of office as D.G. Master, which have done so much to further the interests of Freemasonry in that Colony. With all good wishes for your future welfare,

I remain, &c.,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

In reference to the Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine recently forwarded an address of congratulation. The following gracious reply has been received :—

Sandringham, Norfolk.
21st April 1888.

SIR,—I am desired by the Prince and Princess of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of a fraternal address from the members of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, and in reply, to express their Royal Highnesses thanks for the kind congratulations and good wishes contained therein.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

(Signed) FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

C. F. Hogard, Esq.

The list of gentlemen called to the Bar of the Middle Temple, as Barristers-at-Law, on Wednesday evening, includes the name of Bro. Minstrell, who is well known in Masonic circles and who has just retired from the position of M.E.Z. of the Gallery Chapter, after a most agreeable year of office.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Princess's.—A neat and interesting "curtain raiser" was produced here on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. Provand Webster is the author. "His Last Stake" deals with how a young man named Drummond becomes indebted, to the tune of £10,000, to a swindler assuming the name of Captain Panter. This Drummond cannot pay, and to try and get out of his difficulties he gambles his wife away. The lady however, comes to the rescue, by walking in her sleep and throwing the dice, by which means her husband finds out that they are loaded. The Captain returning for his cigarette case, which he has purposely left behind, is made to give up the I.O.U's which Drummond has handed him. The piece is neatly written, and is well acted by Miss Florence West and Messrs. W. L. Abingdon and Lewis Waller. "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," which continues to run successfully, will have to be withdrawn after its 100th performance, which will be reached on the 12th May, owing to Miss Grace Hawthorne having completed an arrangement with Mr. Wilson Barrett, who will start an eight week's season on Thursday, the 17th May, with his new drama "Ben My Chree." Mr. Barrett will be supported by Miss Eastlake and a strong company, consisting of the chief members of the Globe and Princess's companies.

Mr. Augustin Daly's clever company of comedians will start their third season in London at the Gaiety Theatre, on Thursday next, the 3rd May. The piece to be presented will be "The Railroad of Love," while the company, which contains several members not hitherto seen in England, will embrace the names of Miss Ada Rehan, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, Mr. John Drew, and Mr. James Lewis.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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, 28th APRIL.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 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—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 30th APRIL.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bash, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonchouse

TUESDAY, 1st MAY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (inst).
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1895—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 449—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sideup, at 7. (Instruction)
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard

- 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clara, Suffolk
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolesey, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
 2131—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield.
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leade-hall Street, at 7. (Inst unction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardott-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Ux. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Bercelev Arms, John Street, My Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 594—Dorsetshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
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 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Korsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
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 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuo Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 3rd MAY.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collyer-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 511—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)

- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
- 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
- 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
- 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
- R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
- R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 38—Union, Courcil Chamber, Chichester
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 60—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
- 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
- 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Maconic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Pullin, near Burnley
- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
- 1639—Wrling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
- 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
- 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
- R.A. 187—Charity Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
- R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Uppur Mill
- R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
- R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
- R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th MAY.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
- 187—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 129—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Auerley
- 2630—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 1—Lancashire, United Improvement, St. Andrew's Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 79—Kynagoreau, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hildesfield.
- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
- 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
- General Lodge of I. struction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
- R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 5th MAY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
- 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
- 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
- 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
- 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
- 2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
- 2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

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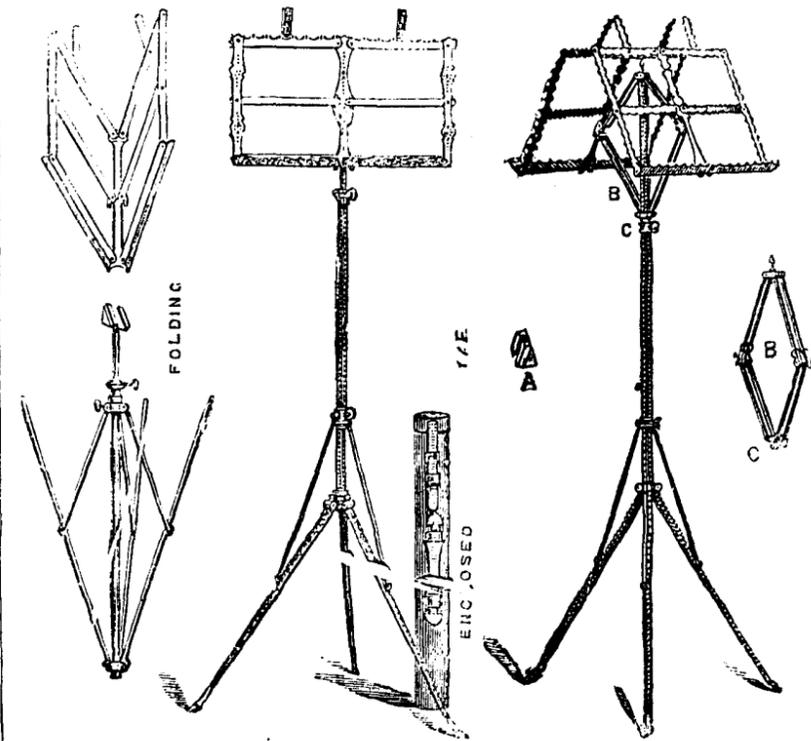
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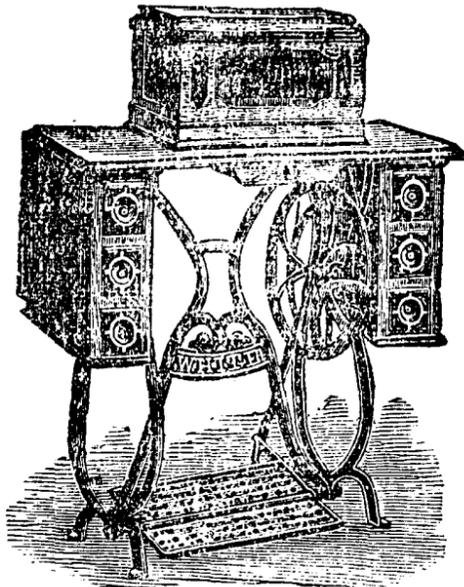
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