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## FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL. ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

WE have so often explained the motives which actuate us in making these analyses of the subscriptions at our different Festivals that we do not feel called upon to repeat them on the present occasion. We shall therefore follow that famous old golden rule of plunging forth with *in medias res*. Premising that this year's Festival has been more productive than that of 1876 to the extent of over £1,500, and that, as there are still several other lists to be received, there is a prospect of the sum of £10,000 being reached, we note generally that the Metropolitan District contributed £5,197 3s 5d, and the Provinces and Abroad £4,599 9s 6d. These totals, it will be found, when taken together, amount to £9,796 13s, or about £39 in excess of the sum stated last week, namely, £9,757 13s 6d. Slight variations of this kind are to be expected. We have taken the figures as they appeared in these columns last week. They were most carefully revised at the time, and under these circumstances we think they may be accepted as trustworthy. But to return to our analysis. London, we repeat, contributed £5,197 3s 6d, or considerably over a moiety of the whole produce of the day's contributions. Taking the Grand Lodge Calendar as our guide, we note that there were to the close of last year 252 Metropolitan Lodges. Eighty-four of these, together with six Chapters and four "Miscellaneous," were represented on the Board of Stewards, the number of representatives being ninety-eight. Thus about one-fourth of the whole were contributors at this Festival, and among these are several which are handsomely represented. Friends in Council, No. 1383, for which Major S. H. Clerke acted as Steward, headed the list with £281 9s. Prudent Brethren, No. 145, comes next, with £220 8s, and is followed closely by United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83, with £201 12s, and St. George's, No. 140, with £198 1s. In addition to these Lodges, Nos. 12, 173, 183, 197, 657, 1339, 1615, and 1662 are set down severally for three-figure contributions. It is further noteworthy that fifteen out of these eighty-four Lodges have figured in the list of all the Festivals held thus far during 1875, 1876, and the current year, while several others have been very successfully represented at seven, six, or five out of the eight Festivals. We think it right to mention these few circumstances, as they tend to show that in London the duty of supporting our Institutions is faithfully observed. Indeed, the number of its Lodges which have been conspicuous by their absence from the lists during the last three years is very limited, and even these have an opportunity at the Boys' Anniversary in June next of redeeming their neglect.

As regards the Provinces, there are, including the three districts of Bedfordshire, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, no less than forty-four Provinces or groups of Lodges. Twenty-six of these sent representatives to this Festival. The eighteen unrepresented were Bedfordshire, Bristol, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Derbyshire, Hereford, Leicester and Rutlandshire, Monmouthshire, Northumberland, Somersetshire, the two Divisions of South Wales, Worcestershire, N. and E. Yorkshire, the Channel Islands, Jersey, and the Isle of Man. Of these there are no less than four Provinces or groups which have not appeared in any of the eight lists that have been published since the commencement of 1875, namely, Bedfordshire with five Lodges, Cambridge-

shire with four Lodges, Worcestershire with ten Lodges, and the Isle of Man with three Lodges. We do not presume to suggest that the Lodges in these four districts are wittingly unmindful of their duties, but it occurs to us that some energetic brethren might be found who would readily undertake to canvass them. We know that Cambridgeshire, at one of the School elections last month, succeeded in carrying its candidate, and we remarked at the time that when the Province thinks so highly of an institution as to patronize it, it becomes a duty which cannot with propriety be evaded to contribute towards the support of the School in question. The twenty-six contributing Provinces sent up among them 126 Stewards, and are as follow. Berks and Bucks, which comprises sixteen Lodges, had four Stewards, one each for as many Lodges, the aggregate of their lists amounting to £114 9s. Cheshire has no less than thirty-nine Lodges, and three of these appear in the lists, the amount being ten guineas. No doubt, however, this sum represents one list only, and in time, probably, we shall hear of the total being swelled to a still higher amount. Even then it would seem, at the first glance, as though this considerable Province is not adequately represented; but we happen to know that Cheshire has a Masonic Educational Institute of its own. Indeed, our readers must have noticed a few weeks back a short *résumé* of the accounts of this Institute for the past year. It is doing good work at home, and, therefore, we must not expect so considerable a support towards our great Central Charities. Moreover, it has been a contributor to the Girls' and Boys' Schools in 1875 and 1876, and to the R.M.B.I. in 1875, and this year. Devon has forty-six Lodges, two of which contribute together the sum of fifty guineas. In February last this Province sent up very little short of £600. Last year it was down for five and a half guineas to the Girls', £122 10s to the R.M.B.I., and £173 5s to the Boys'; while in 1875 it gave £53 to the R.M.B.I., and £289 17s to the Boys'. Thus Devon has been absent from only one out of the last eight Festivals. The Province of Dorsetshire reckons thirteen Lodges, and its Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, acted as Steward, the result of his labours being the very handsome sum of £180 12s. In February last, its contribution to the Benevolent Institution was £305, and in 1876 it gave £222 to the same Charity, while in 1875 it raised a few shillings over £633 for the Boys' School. Putting these sums together, we obtain the total of over £1,300, contributed by a Province which, if one of the most active, is certainly not one of our largest. Next in order is Durham, with its twenty-four Lodges. In 1875 the Province rendered good service to "our Boys" by raising close on £373, and last year it contributed a further sum of £275 2s to the same Institution. This year "our Girls" have claimed its attention, the result being a subscription list amounting to £286 2s 6d. Bro. Babington Boulton acted as Steward for the Province. Essex, with its sixteen Lodges, entered on this year's duties by helping Bro. Terry's Institution to the extent of £113 13s; and now it has given—or rather two of its Lodges have contributed between them, £37 9s. Last year it did nothing for Bro. Little, though it contributed £86 6s 6d in 1875, while in 1876 it assisted both Bro. Terry and Bro. Binckes, the former to the extent of £42 10s, and the latter with £144 18s, and the year previous "Our Hercules" included a sum of sixty-five guineas from this Province in his list of contributions. Gloucestershire, fourteen Lodges, was represented by a Cheltenham Lodge, Foundation, No. 82, the amount of its subscription being £135 9s. It also figured in

Bro. Terry's list last February, and very handsomely supported Bro. Binckes in 1876, to the extent of £276 14s. Two Lodges, No. 130, of Southampton, and No. 342, of Portsea, sustain the honour of the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight and its twenty-nine Lodges, the former contributing £169 1s, and the latter £53 11s. This Province has missed only one out of the last eight Festivals, and as its Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., it is said, will preside at the Boys' School Festival in June, we shall reckon on its supporting him loyally on that occasion. Little Herts has only ten Lodges, but it is always to the fore in contributing to the Funds of our Charities. Four of the ten send up among them £143 16s 6d, while in February it helped Bro. Terry with over £176; in 1876 it contributed to the R.M.B.I. and the Boys', and the year previous it sent up Stewards to each of the three Festivals. Kent comprises forty Lodges; there were Stewards from six of these, and though one list has still to come in, the amount of their contributions is £175 4s 6d. It has been represented at the last eight Festivals, the aggregate of its subscriptions being £2,588 10s 6d, or over an average of £323 on each occasion. It gave to the R.M.B.I. in February close on £500, close on £466 last year, and over £305 in 1875 to the same Charity, while Bro. Binckes was materially aided at his last Festival, the total for this Province on that occasion being within a fraction of £660. East Lancashire has more Lodges than any other Province, there being comprised within it as many as eighty-four. Having given £340 5s to the R.M.B.I. in February, we presume it is resting, as its total this time is only £89 5s. It is noteworthy, however, that this Province has its own Charitable Institution, as is the case with Cheshire, therefore we must not look for large contributions from it. Nevertheless, like Kent and its neighbour of West Lancashire, it has contributed to all the Festivals this and the two previous years. West Lancashire has seventy-four Lodges, and figures for £310 1s 6d, of which £268 were brought in by the labours of Bro. Goepel, the Treasurer of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Last year it nobly seconded the efforts of Lord Skelmersdale, on behalf of the R.M.B.I., by giving over £1,500. Lincoln, with twenty Lodges and four Stewards, is down for fifty guineas, there being two lists yet to come in. Last year its contributions to this School reached £543 14s. Middlesex, of which Bro. Little is Deputy Prov. G. Master, very properly supported him most liberally. Bro. Little himself acted as Steward, and his list of £285 15s is the highest individual Steward's list at this Festival, so far as we know at present. The Province is always to the fore at the Girls' Anniversary, and contributed £711 12s in 1876, and £581 19s in 1875. It further helped Bro. Terry with the substantial sum of £329 5s, while in 1875 did Bro. Binckes an equally good turn, and swelled his list by £400 1s. It has, indeed, contributed to all the Festivals, and, considering it musters only twenty-four Lodges, we must describe the total of its subscriptions at the eight Festivals, amounting together to £3,253 16s, as worthy of all praise. Norfolk is not very strong as regards numbers, there being only fourteen Lodges, but Lord Suffield, its Grand Master, was the President at the Festival, and the result was that, with Bro. Barwell as representing the Provinces, and four other Stewards besides, a sum of two hundred guineas was brought into the coffers of the Institution. Of this sum fifty guineas was the donation of Lord Suffield himself. Bro. Marson was Steward for the Province of Northampton and Hants, which has only eight Lodges, and the sum of its subscriptions was one hundred guineas. Notts, too, has eight Lodges, of which one sent up a Steward, whose list produced £43 1s. There were four Stewards, representing five of the twenty-four Lodges in North Wales and Shropshire, the result being £27 6s; but there are two lists yet to be sent in. Three of the seven Oxford Lodges contributed among them £62 9s, and there is one list still outstanding. Three of the twenty-five Staffordshire Lodges amassed together a total of £161 3s. Two Suffolk Lodges out of eighteen sent Stewards, and a sum of £91 19s resulted from their efforts. The amount contributed by Surrey, or rather by two Stewards, members of the Province, one of whom represented Lodge No. 370, was £40 19s. In February, however, it subscribed just over £111 to the R.M.B.I. Neither Surrey nor Suffolk has been unrepresented at any one of the last eight Festivals. There are nineteen Lodges in the Province of Sussex, and three of them sent subscriptions, amounting to £233 7s 6d, a very fair sum, if we bear in mind that only

in February it gave £158 13s to the Benevolent Institution, and £206 5s 6d to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in July last. Warwickshire, with its twenty-nine Lodges, is not strongly represented, but this is not to be wondered at. It raised £467 5s 6d towards the Benevolent in February, £2,000 towards the Boys' last July, and £262 10s for the Girls' in 1876. Wilts is not a very large Province, having only ten Lodges, but it has only missed contributing once in 1875, 1876 and 1877. On this occasion, a Swindon Lodge, No. 355, does duty for the county, its subscription amounting to £122 14s. In February, its contribution to the R.M.B.I. was £273 1s. West Yorkshire, as our readers are aware, always plays a prominent part on these occasions. Next to the two divisions of Lancashire, it is the strongest of our Provinces, as regards the number of Lodges, of which there are now sixty-three. At this Festival it had as many as forty-six Stewards at work for it, and the sum they raised was £840. This brings the total of its contributions to our Charities in this and the last two years to £3,917 11s. Fifty guineas from China completes the tale of subscriptions from the Provinces and Abroad.

We have now gone through the whole list so far as it has been made up. We have dealt only with facts. We have endeavoured to explain, as far as we could, either why certain Provinces have not been represented at this Festival, or why the total of their contributions has been greater or less than the Craft, perhaps, may have had reason to expect. For the rest, we must leave our readers to draw their own conclusion from the analysis we have made and the comparisons we have instituted, where necessary, between this and the seven preceding Festivals.

#### BALANCE SHEET, GIRLS' SCHOOL, 1876.

THE accounts for the past year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently satisfactory. There was an opening balance amounting to £2,276 18s 3d, of which £50 were in Secretary's hands, and £20 in Matron's. The donations and subscriptions include the annual contributions of £150 from Grand Lodge and £10 10s from Grand Chapter; from individuals, London, £5,045 4s 3d; from Lodges and Chapters, ditto, £856 16s; from Lodges of Instruction, ditto, £73 10s; from various bodies, such as A. and A. Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, &c. &c., £82 19s; from individuals, Provincial, £2,046 16s; from Lodges and Chapters, ditto, £1,731 9s; from A. and A. Rite, ditto, £31 10s; and from Ireland, Scotland, and the Colonies, £133; making together £10,161 14s 3d, contributed by the Craft. Musical Instruction, less cost of instruments, tuning, &c., yielded £43 12s 5d, and there were sundry small receipts, including £55 10s in the shape of legacies, amounting together to £60 14s. The interest on invested moneys was £1,162 3s 11d. Thus, the total income of the School, inclusive of the opening balance, was £13,705 2s 10d. Against this, we have an expenditure of £9,923 3s 2d, distributed thus: new building, £2,832 15s; repairs to plantations, £25 17s; various items, such as University examination fees, recreation of girls during holidays, prizes, and rewards, gratuities, and outfit to girls on leaving, gratuity to late assistant governess, pension to late Secretary, Stewards' visit, gratuities to workmen, grants to invalid girls, and votes of thanks to Stewards (three years), £492 2s 2d, and ordinary expenditure, £5,572 9s. Under this last head of service we find provisions for 155 girls and 20 adults, £1,717 18s; clothing and boots, £773 9s 11d; house utensils and turnery, &c., £215 17s 6d; furniture and house linen, £120 12s 10d; coals, gas, and water, £244 8s 6d; printing and general repairs, £121 2s 4d; drugs, medical attendance, &c., £60; laundry, &c., £16; garden and grounds, £68 13s 1d; School stationery and books, £74 16s 9d; tithes and taxes, £135 8s 4d; salaries and wages, £1,255, being £617 10s for Office, and £637 10s for School; church accommodation, £25; office expenses, rent, coals, &c., £38; stationery, books of subscribers, postage, &c., &c., £242 14s 3d; advertisements, £75 7s 8d; poundage to collector, £254 18s 8d. A few other items, such as election expenses, secretarial disbursements, accounts under 40s, incidental and petty expenses, per matron, make up the total of ordinary expenditure as above stated. Thus, the balance at bankers' and in hand on 31st December 1876, amounted to £3,781 19s 8d, out of which, however, allowance must be made for Christmas

which surrounded it, happy am I, Right Worshipful Sir, that those difficulties have been satisfactorily surmounted, and that instead of meeting few in number and in an unsuitable building, we now hold our Lodges in a hall which is the admiration of our visitors, and in which our brethren can assemble in numbers with a feeling of honourable pride and comfort. (Cheers.) The Fund of Benevolence, contributed to by the Lodges in this city, has done much good, and is now, owing mainly to the continued exertions of its energetic Secretary, in a most flourishing position. (Applause.) Yours, indeed, Right Worshipful Sir, must have been a pleasing duty this evening to preside over so many brethren occupying high social positions, not only in the city, but also in the northern capital and in other parts of the island. When I observe that besides the brethren who were to-night invited to your District Grand Lodge, the attendance included nearly the whole of those entitled to that distinction, I cannot but feel that you, Right Worshipful Sir, must be satisfied that the honourable position which His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master of England has been pleased to bestow has fallen upon one justly considered by his brethren worthy of distinguished precedence. The power now placed in your hands, Right Worshipful Sir, will, I feel assured, be conscientiously exercised for the general benefit of the Craft; and should differences of opinion arise amongst Masons, I believe all here present have sufficient confidence in your ability and good judgment to bow to your ruling, and cheerfully abide by your decision. In conclusion, I earnestly hope that henceforth a brighter era in Freemasonry is dawning upon us, and that those brethren who to-night have assisted in the ceremony of your installation will all combine, under your guidance, in forwarding the cause of Masonry in Tasmania. The pleasing duty is mine now, Right Worshipful Sir, of asking the brethren to unite with me in wishing you health and happiness and a long and prosperous Masonic career. The toast was received with Masonic honours and heartily responded to. The District Grand Master, in reply, returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the kind and considerate remarks of the proposer. He was fully sensible of the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and he trusted that he should realise the hopes that were entertained respecting his performance of the duties entrusted to him; at all events, he should endeavour to exercise the power he had for the general benefit of the Craft, and he knew that he should have the support of his brethren. He could endorse all that had been said by Bro. Wise concerning the Craft in this Colony, and he trusted with him that Masonry would progress in Tasmania more than it had ever done before. The remaining toasts were the Deputy D. Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge, proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Smith D.D.G.M., the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of Tasmanian Lodges under the E.C., proposed by Bro. P.M. J. T. Robertson, and responded to by Bro. W.M. Huston; the W.M.'s and P.M.'s under other Constitutions, proposed by the D.D. Grand Master, and responded to by Bro. J. T. Robertson P.M. and Conway P.M. for the Irish Constitution; our Visitors, proposed by Bro. F. H. Wise, and responded to by Bro. Conway P.M.; and the Ladies, proposed by Bro. C. W. Rocher P.M., and responded to by Bro. Coates. The entertainment was interspersed with songs by Bros. Dr. Smart, Ferguson, Chapman, R. J. Harris, Rogers, Moir and others, Bro. Packer presiding at the piano; and a most enjoyable evening was closed by the company singing the National Anthem.

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RITUAL OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Astute Bro. Jacob Norton, in his trenchant style, ridicules the anachronisms contained in the ritual of the Royal Arch degree. I trust those brethren whose affection for the Craft soars beyond the perfection of the fourth degree will note and take seriously to heart his very cogent remarks upon the subject in the last number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. There have been, and still are, brethren, my humble self among the number, who have earnestly and strongly protested against the incongruities which have either inadvertently crept in or were designedly incorporated into one of our most impressive rituals. But of what avail is the most solemn protest, unless the authorities can be induced to examine these matters, and either, by legislation or otherwise, bring about the desirable emendations? To non-members of a certain Faith, upon being introduced into the R.A. degree, the position is extremely perplexing. Their first impression is feeling the rather uncomfortable sensation of being placed in a dilemma. On the one hand, conscience forbids giving expression to sentiments antagonistic to conviction; on the other, the sense of loyalty imperatively demands one submission to recognised authority. In the end, as is but natural and right, conscience obtains the victory over loyalty; but why should any member of a non-sectarian and universal Brotherhood be subjected to such a struggle, or placed unnecessarily in such an awkward predicament? As Brother Norton justly points out, "it is strange that while English Masons are concentrating their indignation against a Grand Lodge in Berlin, that they suffer this Masonic inconsistency in the R.A. to be intact." Now, it seems to me that many other inconsistencies than those Bro. Norton points

out, both in Arch or Craft, might, with great propriety and advantage, be swept away. As, for instance, how can the terms Jewish or Christian Lodge be fairly reconciled with the idea of a system basing its principles upon the belief and adoration of one universal God, disregarding altogether the question of Creed? Why should ceremonies be varied by reason of difference of theological opinion in an assembly in which the slightest reference to any kind of dogma is strictly prohibited? There are, in both degrees, passages which unmistakably point, and were clearly intended to enforce, a philosophy in no sense identical with the true spirit of Masonry. That sectarian ideas, whether intended or surreptitiously interpolated, disfigure and disadvantageously affect the purity of Masonic rituals, I venture to think no one will seriously dispute. That they are inconsistent with the very groundwork of the Order cannot, with any show of reason, be denied. Then the question remains, in what manner can such important, and, to my mind, most necessary improvement, be legally and legitimately effected? Perhaps some of your learned and very able correspondents may be induced to offer suggestions.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

SPECIAL.

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE OFFICE, FRIDAY, 7 p.m.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual General Meeting of Life Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held this-day, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. After the regular business had been disposed of, the election took place, and resulted as follows:—

MALES.		Total Votes
No. on poll	Name	pollcd
1	Watson, William	1817
2	Smith, George	1510
3	Barnes, Richard Edward	1266
4	Phipps, Ormond G.	991
5	Wright, Henry	907
6	Neeve, Henry	851
7	Barnard, Alfred Tovoy	829
8	Goddard, Cornelius	802
9	Seabrook, Edward	801
10	Polkiughorne, Edwin S.	757
11	Lovelace, John	625
12	Barnard, John Christopher	616
13	Holmes, James	616
14	Jones, Richard	582
15	Le Page, John	577
16	Doorn, John Calcraft	558
17	Burgess, George	557
18	Russell, James	526
19	Newton, Henry	518
20	Langlands, Nathan	515
21	Haworth, John	507
22	Luter, John	494
23	Wilkinson, Benjamin	456
24	Fauvel, John	453
25	Hodson, Samuel	448
26	Ball, William	440
27	Bence, Edward Osment	412
28	Chapman, William Henry	412
29	Stening, James	364

FEMALES.		Forward	To-day	Total
No. on poll	Name			
1	Flockton, Maria Isabella	—	1099	1099
2	Whiteman, Jane	—	1082	1082
3	Heming, Rhoda Mary	—	873	873
4	Jenkins, Jane Matilda	—	850	850
5	Woods, Eliza	—	797	797
6	West, Maria Ann	—	745	745
7	Buck, Susan	—	738	738
8	Eastes Frances	—	735	735
9	Farnham, Sarah	—	691	691
10	Summer, Charlotte	—	690	690
11	Naylor, Martha	—	667	667
12	Allatson, Margaret	—	659	659
13	Haselwood, Lucy Ann	—	635	635
14	Trotter, Ann	351	273	624
15	Dewar, Mary Ann	—	623	623
16	Masters, Rebecca	—	603	603
17	Dixon, Margaret	—	600	600
18	Emery, Harriett	—	565	565
19	Clarkson, Hannah	—	564	564
20	Brown, Ann	—	514	514
21	Tribury, Ann	—	507	507
22	Packwood, Emily	273	182	455
23	Rackstraw, Amy	—	416	416
24	Busher, Mary Ann Beynon	—	365	365

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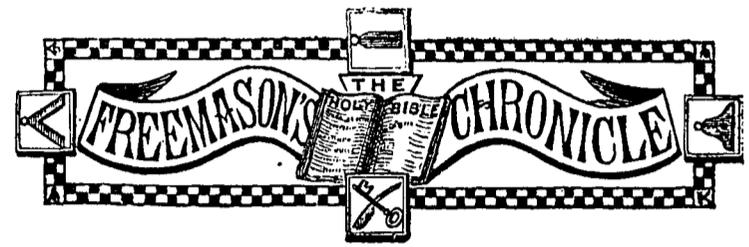
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### OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

SOME progress with public business has been made during the past week in the House of Lords. On Friday last the Bankruptcy Bill passed through Committee. On Tuesday the South Africa Bill was reported, and a new clause added, on the motion of the Earl of Carnarvon. There has been, of course, some desultory conversation on Eastern politics, and on Monday, a question, put by the Earl of Rosebery, relative to the Tripartite Treaty of 1856, excited a brief, but somewhat warm debate, in which the Earl of Derby, the Duke of Argyll, and Earl Granville took part. The other events have been the withdrawal of the Railway Companies Bill, and the second reading of the Game Laws (Scotland) Amendment Bill. The House now stands adjourned for the Whitsun recess till the 4th prox.

The great debate in the House of Commons was resumed on Friday by Mr. Bourke, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and was continued by Sir R. Anstruther, Lord Elcho, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Newdegate, who for once severed himself from the Conservative party and voted with Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Lefevre, Mr. Yorke, Sir J. Lubbock, and others, among whom were Mr. Goschen and Dr. Kenealy. On Monday Mr. Waddy led off, and was followed by Mr. Bruce, Sir W. Harcourt, Sir T. Sinclair, Sir G. Bowyer, and others, the last speakers being the Marquis of Hartington, as leader of the Opposition, and Sir Stafford Northcote as leader of the House. Mr. Gladstone having replied, Major O'Gorman intervened for a few minutes between the House and the division, but only for a few minutes, when the House divided, and the tellers announced the result as being in favour of Ministers by an overwhelming majority. The numbers were for Mr. Gladstone's first Resolution 223, and against it 354. If we take into account the Speaker, the four tellers, the ten pairs, and the members who, like Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Butt, and some others abstained from voting, we may calculate that quite 610 members out of a total of 658 gave a formal indication of their views for or against Ministers, or as observing a strict neutrality between the two parties. Thus ended what will, in all probability, turn out to be the chief debate of the Session. Calling to mind former debates in the Commons—as, for instance, the debate on the policy of Lord Palmerston in connection with the Don Pacifico difficulty and Greece, the debate on the policy of Ministers in relation to the Danish War, and others, we cannot say the one just terminated has done much to raise the House in public estimation. There were several statesmanlike speeches, such as those of the Home Secretary, Mr. Roebuck, Sir Robert Peel, Mr. Chaplin, Lord Elcho, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir Stafford Northcote; while the opening and closing speeches of Mr. Gladstone were in every respect equal to his most brilliant efforts. But some of the

earnestly advocate the proper use of their strength, and no case they deemed worthy would need a second application. Bros. Stevens and Barnes, who might be considered as pioneers in this matter, have set an excellent example by the steady and resolute energy with which they pursued their course, and should stimulate to effort and exertion. It was only, as he had already stated, an act of justice to those helpless beings who have a right to look to the Fraternity for succour and support in the day of trouble and distress. He would conclude by reading a list of Provinces in which similar combinations exist: East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Cheshire and West Lancashire, Hants and Isle of Wight, Berks, Bucks and Surrey, Lincolnshire, Wiltshire and Dorset, Kent, and Bristol and Somersetshire. Bro. Huggett then proposed, and Bro. Geo. Hollington seconded, that Bros. Lacey, Barnes, Gottheil, Stevens, Newton, Marsh and Berry form a deputation to wait upon Lodges and urge the advisability of combination, in order to secure a fair amount of voting power for the London brethren. (Carried.) A vote of thanks to Bro. Lacey closed the proceedings. Next Monday being Bank Holiday, the Lodge will not meet. On Monday following, Bro. Berry, P.M. 554, will preside.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

THE Province of Dorset, which consists of thirteen Lodges, has been governed from the earliest days of its formation by a succession of Masters who have sought at all times the advancement of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also the subordinate Lodges in the Province. The result has been that the membership during the last twenty years has greatly increased, and the Province of Dorset, small as it is compared to that of some of those of the more thickly populated counties in the north of England, has sent up to the Masonic Charities in London larger subscription lists than have many other Provinces with double or even treble its membership. The late Provincial Grand Master—Bro. Joseph Gundry, Esq., of the Hyde, Bridport—was greatly respected and honoured by the brethren, and as a tribute to his great worth a deputation attended his funeral from almost, if not every, Lodge in the Province. The question was then very generally asked by Masons of each other—"Who is to be our Provincial Grand Master?" There were those in the Province who had gained great credit for being good Masons, and who, from their social positions were mentioned as probable successors to the office, but generally the name of Bro. Montague Guest came uppermost, and when it was announced that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—the Grand Master of England—had appointed this gentleman to the high office, every Mason regarded Bro. Guest as "the right man in the right place." It is a trite saying, and often used in a meaningless way, when it is said of a person that he is "respected by everybody who knows him," but to say this of Bro. Guest is only to utter what is true to the very letter. His appointment, therefore, was received with unbounded satisfaction, and we are sure that Masonry in Dorsetshire under his rule will gain many fresh adherents, whilst the Lodges in working will vie with each other in seeking to extend the principles which they are established to propagate. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset which assembled at Wimborne on Saturday afternoon last was probably the largest Masonic gathering which has ever taken place in the county. Certainly not less than 350 members assembled at the Corn Exchange, which we should mention is the property of the members of Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622. The large room was prepared in due form by the Wimborne brethren, who seemed to consider no amount of trouble too great to render the meeting a success. No doubt they regarded it a great honour that a member of their Lodge was to be elevated to so high an office, and that on this account the installation ceremony was to take place in Bro. Guest's own Lodge. According to announcement, the Lodge was to be Tyled at two o'clock, but this did not take place until after three. As a matter of course it took some considerable time to obtain a correct list of the brethren present, together with their various titles. This was got over more easily than might have been expected. Bro. R. N. Howard, Prov. Grand Sec., was quite equal to the occasion, and the names of all present were duly recorded. On the members entering the Lodge they arranged themselves under their respective banners, and Bro. Wm. Smith P.M., the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, was indefatigable in his exertions in getting everything in perfect order previous to the arrival of the Grand Lodge Officers. About three o'clock the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master of England, Sir A. Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Kube, Grand Organist, Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, W. W. B. Beach M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and other distinguished members arrived, and entered the Lodge, with Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers. The Deputy Grand Master, on entering, was saluted according to ancient Masonic form. After some routine business had been gone through, the R.W.D.G.M. briefly addressed the Lodge, stating the object of the meeting that day. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Shaftesbury on the 14th September last were then read. These minutes included a resolution to the R.W. Bro. W. Eliot, Past P.G.M., "congratulating him on his having been a subscribing member of the Lodge of All Souls, No. 170, Weymouth, for an uninterrupted period of sixty years, and on his being the oldest member on the Provincial Roll, and that in recording this interesting fact on its minutes, this Provincial Grand Lodge would especially bear testimony to the highly moral and religious character of the R.W. Bro., who has thus, during his long life, so well and worthily represented the true principles and practical teaching of our Order." The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate, Bro. M. Guest, having been announced, and the patent directing his installation duly examined, a deputation of Masters retired with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce him to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony of installation, which was of a very

impressive character, then took place, and on the new Provincial Grand Master taking the chair he was duly proclaimed and saluted. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers as follows—Bro. Thomas B. Hanham Prov. S.G.W., Charles Tucker Prov. J.G.W., Rev. Henry Everett Prov. G. Chap., Robert Case Prov. G. Treas., Robert Leigh Prov. G. Reg., R. N. Howard Prov. G. Sec., G. M. Evans Prov. S.G.D., A. J. Budden Prov. J.G.D., Robert Eyres Prov. G.S. of W., William Smith Prov. G.D. of C., G. F. Stokes Prov. G.A.D. of C., W. H. Dean Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Stephen Champ Prov. G. Org., John Fenn Prov. G. Pars., T. Wootton, Edward Tolman, James Lowe, J. S. A. Herford, W. D. Dugdale, and J. R. Shopland Prov. G. Stewards, John Lovelace Prov. G. Tyler.

We may mention that the above officers, with one exception, are the same as those appointed at the Provincial meeting held at Shaftesbury in September last. The exception is that of Bro. Case, as Treasurer, who has well earned his appointment by the assiduity with which he has worked in various ways in his own Lodge—Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester—and also as Provincial Grand Lodge officer. The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was brought to a close by the passing of votes of thanks to the installing officers and to the members of Cuthberga Lodge for having made the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting that day. At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet provided in the great hall of Canford House, by Messrs. Gunter, of London. A number of carriages were in readiness in the Square, Wimborne, ready for the conveyance of the brethren to Canford, and the entire company were speedily conveyed thither. According to the notice on the agenda paper, the brethren appeared at the banquet in Masonic Craft clothing. The tables were splendidly laid out, and the liberality which prompted Bro. Montague Guest to invite so large a company to so sumptuous a banquet called forth the highest praise. As a matter of course, the newly-installed Prov. G.M. occupied the chair, and he was supported by Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, J. Hervey Grand Secretary, Sir Albert Woods Garter P.G.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wilhelm Kube Grand Organist, Viscount Holmesdale Provincial Grand Master Kent, Lord Methuen Provincial Grand Master Wiltshire, W. W. B. Beach Esq. M.P., Lord Henry Thynne, W. T. Bennett-Stanford M.P., J. M. Brymer M.P., A. E. Guest Esq., the Honourable R. Harbord, C. Hambro Esq., and other distinguished Masons. Grace was said before and after dinner by Bro. the Rev. H. Everett, of Dorchester. Bro. Winn, gentleman, of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, and Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral; Bros. Baxter and Carter, of Westminster Abbey; and Bro. Beckett, of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, during the evening sang a number of glees in excellent style, which called forth repeated applause. The Chairman proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of Freemasonry. He felt he need not say anything to commend the toast, for it was always well received. He next proposed the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He thought no person in England could maintain the dignity of the office of Grand Master better than did the Prince of Wales. Two of the Prince's brothers were also Masons—the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold. The Princess of Wales was deserving of their esteem and regard. The Chairman proposed as the next toast the health of the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England—the Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon. He felt so much had been said in praise of his Lordship during the past few years that he need not on that occasion say anything respecting him, because they all knew how much his Lordship had done. He had hoped their Pro Grand Master would have been present with them that day, but being prevented by other duties, his lordship had sent him a very kind letter, expressing his regret, and hoping that they would have a pleasant evening. This toast having been acknowledged, he said he was sure they would be pleased to receive in the most enthusiastic manner the next toast which he would have to propose. It was the health of their Deputy Grand Master—Lord Skelmersdale. He felt he could personally do no more than the Provincial Lodge had already done, viz., thank his lordship for his great kindness in coming down on this occasion to assist them. This he could assure their Deputy Grand Master was no idle praise. He had known his noble friend for many years, and he knew how many matters his lordship had to engage his attention, and also how he had to tear himself away from other important duties so as to be with them that day. Whatever his lordship did was always successful, and he felt that his coming down to them that day had made the meeting a success. Lord Skelmersdale thanked the brethren most warmly for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured them it had been a real pleasure to him to meet them that day. He was glad that the meeting had been fixed for Saturday, as that was his free day. The Chairman had said that whatever he took in hand proved successful, and he hoped that in this present instance this would prove true, and that his coming amongst them that day would be an augury of the future prosperity of the Province under the rule of its newly-installed Master. His lordship then referred to the death, on the previous day, of the Earl of Shrewsbury, than whom, he said, no person took a greater interest in Freemasonry, and concluded by proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The Chairman, in responding, thanked the Deputy Grand Master for the way in which he had proposed his health, and for the good wishes which he had expressed towards him. He felt that a sorrow overshadowed their meeting that day, occasioned by the death of their late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Gundry, who for 18 years reigned over the Province. They all knew how well he had worked, and he was sure they would agree with him that he filled the office with impartiality and ability. He felt it was an exceedingly difficult task to follow after one who was so much appreciated, but he was certain it would be his endeavour to fill worthily the post to which he had been appointed by the Grand Master. It would be his endeavour to personally work amongst them, and he should be pleased to listen to any suggestions which might be

made by any of his brethren for the furtherance of the interests of Masonry in general, and of that Province especially. The Chairman then proposed the health of four Grand Masters of other Provinces—Lord Methuen, Wiltshire; W. W. B. Beach, Hampshire; Viscount Holmesdale, Kent; Lord Skelmersdale, West Lancashire. He most sincerely thanked them for attending that day, and he could only hope that he should prove as good a Prov. Grand Master as they were. Lord Methuen briefly responded. He said Masonry was largely compounded of Loyalty and Charity. They all knew that their Charity abounded, and that nothing could destroy their Loyalty. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., said he could not help coming down that day to see his old friend, Bro. Guest, installed as Provincial Grand Master. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., referred to the thoroughly amicable feeling which existed between the Provinces of Hampshire and Dorsetshire. Lord Skelmersdale said he appeared that day before them in two characters—as Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. He could assure them, as Grand Master of a province, with the largest Masonic constituency of any in England, that the brethren of Dorset had the hearty greetings of the Lodges over which he had to rule. The Chairman then proposed the health of the Officers past and present of Grand Lodge, he associated with the toast a gentleman whose name was familiar to all of them, Lord Henry Thynne. He knew the toast would call forth the hearty response which it always did. He would mention in connection with the toast the names of Bros. Hervey, Grand Secretary, Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Chevalier Kuhe, Grand Organist. Lord Henry Thynne, in responding, said he could assure them that for various reasons he had much pleasure in being present. He was greatly pleased at seeing the enthusiastic way in which his old friend Bro. Guest was received in the Province. He also expressed his satisfaction at seeing the good fellowship which existed between the provinces of Dorsetshire and Wiltshire. Brother Hervey, Grand Secretary, said he had been very gratified with the manner in which the proceedings of that day had been carried out. When he looked at the services rendered by Brother Sir Albert Woods he felt they must acknowledge that the officers of the Grand Lodge were alive to the duties devolving upon them, and were always ready to perform those duties. Although that was not the first time he had been present at their Provincial Grand Lodge, he was impressed that day by the manner in which everything had been carried out, and by the hospitality shown them, which he had never seen exceeded—he might say he had never seen equalled. He felt he must pay this tribute to the generosity and kind feeling of the Chairman. Sir Albert Woods also briefly responded. He said that he, like the previous speaker, had felt it his duty to be present on the occasion, and to render any assistance in his power, as every officer of the Grand Lodge was always ready to do, and if he had contributed in any way to the success of the ceremony he was pleased. Brother Chevalier Kuhe, Grand Organist, in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present that day. Twenty-one years ago he spent his honeymoon in that very house, and he had a dim recollection of several lads who at that time were dressed in jackets. These were now men, and it was a great pleasure to him to be there again that day, to witness Bro. Montague Guest's installation as Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers). The Chairman said:—Although the toast he was about to propose came at a late hour of the evening, yet he was sure it was not to them the least in importance. It was the health of the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and past and present Provincial Grand Officers. He made special allusion to Bro. W. Eliot, of Weymouth, a Past P.G.M. of Dorset, who had been sixty-one years a Mason, and was the oldest member of the Fraternity in the county. He regretted Bro. Eliot, owing to his great age, was unable to be present that evening. The Chairman proceeded to say that it would be his endeavour to work with the Grand Officers of the Province, and he was sure they would assist him to the best of their power. He would connect with the toast the name of Bro. T. B. Hanham, who was for the second time the Provincial Grand Senior Warden. Bro. Hanham, in returning thanks, said he did not think he should be called upon to respond to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers of Dorset, who attended on that occasion, and whom he so unworthily represented. They gave their thorough acquiescence to the appointment of Provincial Grand Master that had been made, and they were determined to show that was their feeling by supporting their Provincial Grand Master, and maintaining that position which the Province of Dorset had achieved. He hoped all the Provincial Grand Officers would concur in his remarks. Lord Skelmersdale said he rose to propose a toast which was not strictly Masonic, viz., "the Health of Sir Ivor Guest." He was sorry that Sir Ivor was not one of them. They all owed him a debt of gratitude for enabling his brother to entertain them so regally that evening, and he was sure they would drink the toast with the most hearty cheers. The Chairman proposed the health of the Visitors, connecting with the toast several brethren present belonging to the Meridian Lodge of the 31st Regiment, stationed at Portland, and particularly mentioning the names of Mr. Montagu, the son of their Deputy Grand Master, and Mr. Ralph Harbord, brother of Lord Southold, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, who was an active Mason. Bros. Montagu and Rev. Dr. Collis responded. The Chairman then proposed the Masonic Charities. Lord Methuen had said that the motto of Freemasonry was Loyalty and Charity, and he could not help asking them to drink the health of Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Beys' School, and Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Benevolent Institution. Bro. F. Binckes said the toast had come home to them when they heard all present join in wishing happiness and prosperity to the Institutions just mentioned by the Provincial Grand Master. But another toast ought not to be forgotten. There was a large amount of Masonic distress which they were called upon to relieve and assist in every way they could. He should not take advantage of an exceptionally auspicious occasion like that to occupy their time with regard to it. He thought they might boast upon their inexhaustible loyalty and charity, and he asked them to

give their thanks to Bro. Benett-Stanford, who had accepted the position of Steward for the Boys' School this year, and to assist him in taking up a good list of subscriptions with him. He hoped the brethren would support him both materially and personally, and he was proud to acknowledge the present Right Worshipful Grand Master as one of the most munificent supporters of the Benevolent Institutions. He had every confidence that, under his benign rule, the Province of Dorset would reap the greatest advantage. Bro. J. Terry said he thanked them very sincerely on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He was most grateful to them for the support which it had received from that Province, and he felt certain that the effort which would be made on the following Friday would result most successfully. The amount contributed by the brethren to the charity-box during the evening was £27 3s 3d. The brethren then separated, highly gratified with the princely liberality with which they had been entertained.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. William Simmons Hammond, P.M., as District Grand Master of Tasmania, and of opening the District Grand Lodge, took place in the Masonic Hall, which was very tastefully arranged for the occasion, on Tuesday, 27th February last. The dais was reserved for the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and other members of the District Grand Lodge, and the west end of the hall for Master Masons. The number of members present was about 120. Out of 27 who could claim to sit in the District Grand Lodge, 23 signed their names in the attendance book. The authority of the R.W. the District Grand Master for opening the District Grand Lodge having been read, it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that Bro. P.M. Toby act as Installing Master; P.M. Wise as S.W., P.M. Susman as J.W., and P.M. Clark as Sword-Bearer. The District Grand Lodge was then opened in form, and an announcement was made by Bro. P.M. Smith, as Herald, that the R.W. the District Grand Master desired admission, to receive the benefit of Installation, which having been duly reported, and his patent of appointment received and read, a deputation, consisting of P.M.'s Jamieson, Scott, Davey, and Smith, the Chaplain and four Stewards, withdrew, for the purpose of introducing the Grand Master. The D. Grand Master having been introduced by the P. Masters, was conducted to a seat on the left of the Presiding Master, and presented for installation. The Installing Officer addressed him in prescribed form on the importance of the office to which he had been appointed. He was then requested to kneel while the Chaplain offered up the Installation Prayer; and, still kneeling, he was obligated by the Installing Officer, after which he was clothed and invested with the insignia of his office, and conducted to the chair. The Herald sounded the trumpet, and Bro. P.M. Wise proclaimed the installation, the brethren saluting the D. Grand Master according to ancient form, passing round the Lodge while the organ played the march from "Eli." The D. Grand Master then appointed his Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. P.M. George Smith, who was obligated, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient form; and proceeded to appoint the other officers of the D. G. Lodge for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. F. H. Wise D.G.S.W., L. Susman D.G.J.W., Rev. R. D. P. Harris D.G. Chap., C. Toby D.G. Sec., W. A. B. Jamieson D.G.S.D., C. W. Rocher D.G.J.D., J. A. Ferguson D.G.D. of C., John Clarke D.G.S.W.B., George Beaumont D.G. Tyler, Jno. Hamilton, W. R. Davey, and G. W. Fletcher D.G. Stewards. Bro. W. H. Burgess jun. was elected by the D. Grand Lodge to be D. Grand Treasurer. All these officers, with the exception of the D.G.D. of C., were severally invested with the insignia of office. Bros. Jno. Hamilton and T. M. Evans were appointed as Auditors, and the following brethren as a Committee of General Purposes, viz., the Senior and Junior D.G. Wardens, the D. Grand Chaplain, D.G. Treasurer, D.G. Secretary, Senior and Junior D.G. Deacons, G. F. Haston W.M., T. H. Magrath W.M., J. Perkins jun., and R. Fitzgerald, Wardens of Lodge 536. The D. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired, the Processional March being repeated.

At eight o'clock there was a grand banquet in the hall, about 110 members being present, on the invitation of the D. Grand Master. The D. Grand Master presided, supported on the right by W.M.'s and on the left by the P.M.'s, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. P.M. Wise. After the removal of the cloth, the toasts of The Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, and His Excellency the Governor, was proposed by the Chairman, and enthusiastically received. Bro. F. H. Wise in proposing the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, said:—Right Worshipful Master and Brethren—After some 23 years active experience in Freemasonry in Tasmania, to be permitted the pleasure of witnessing such a gathering as assembled in Lodge this evening to do honour to you, worshipful Sir, was indeed truly gratifying. The toast placed in my hands at so short a notice is one that I cannot render that justice to which it deserves upon the present occasion. Upon so memorable an event I could have wished, had time been allowed me, to offer for the information of younger brethren a short history of Freemasonry in this colony, but, as I cannot do so, I must content myself with recalling to mind a few of the events which have passed under my immediate experience. It will be in the recollection of some of our older brethren how, years back, we had to carry on the good work of Freemasonry under serious difficulties. Many will remember occasions during the last twenty years when we could scarcely gather enough members to open a Lodge, and others will recollect when for a time we did not meet at all. But, thanks to the indomitable perseverance of a few brethren, who, knowing they were associated in a good cause, strove manfully to preserve our ancient and honourable institution, and to tide it over the difficulties

accounts unpaid to the extent of £1,564 15s 8d; so that the actual available balance for the current year was, in fact, £2,217 4s. The Sustentation, Improving, and Building Fund account shows a balance at the close of year of £291 8s 10d; the receipts, including opening balance of £258 15s 8d, amounting to that sum, while the expenditure was *nil*.

We congratulate the authorities of the School on the very lucid as well as satisfactory statement of accounts they are thus enabled to publish. The funds of the Institution must be not only in a sound and healthy condition, but likewise well managed, when they allow of so heavy a disbursement as that of £3,832 15s towards the new building now in course of erection, without creating any material difference between the opening and closing balances of the year. It occurs to us, however—and we offer the suggestion in no spirit of carping criticism—that a slight re-arrangement of the different items of receipt and expenditure might be adopted with some advantage. For instance, on the Dr. side we would suggest the following as the main heads of receipt—namely, balance; donations and subscriptions; interest on invested moneys; and casual receipts; the items composing each being given in an inner column, and the total being brought out in the main column. On the Cr. side we would suggest the distribution of items under the two principal heads of Ordinary and Extraordinary, each being subdivided into School and Office expenditure, the details and totals being placed as *per contra* in inner and main columns respectively, and the balance described in detail and total as now. Assuming that such an arrangement of the figures is practicable, we fancy any casual student of the accounts would be enabled to see at a glance the income of the Institution, and its normal as distinguished from any extraordinary expenditure which it may be necessary to incur during the year. There would likewise be a further and very proper distinction between the expenses incurred in maintaining and educating the pupils on the one hand, and the office expenses and those of management, &c. on the other. We trust these suggestions will be accepted in the spirit in which they are offered. We are very far from finding any fault with the statement as now presented, but it strikes us the re-arrangement we have suggested would make what is admittedly clear and precise still more so.

The Consecration of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, of the Red Cross of Constantine, has been fixed to take place at the Masonic Rooms, Micklegate, York, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. The ceremony will be conducted by V. I. Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett G.S.G., Int. Genl. for N. and E. Yorkshire, M.P.S. 132, and he will be assisted by I. Sir Knight W. H. Brittain, Int. Genl. for W. Yorkshire, I. Sir Knight Woodall, P. Int. Genl. for N. and E. Yorkshire, I. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis, Int. Genl. unattached, &c. The M.P.S. and V.E. elect are E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, and E. Sir Knight Thos. Cooper respectively.

The *Portsmouth Times* states that in consequence of the retirement from office of Lord Pelham as R.W. Prov. G.M., and of Bro. E. J. Furner as Prov. D.G.M., the appointment of Prov. G.M. for Sussex has been conferred on Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. for Shoreham and the Rape of Bramber, and that of Prov. D.G.M. on Bro. John Scott, for some years past Provincial Grand Secretary, that Brother Vincent Paine Freeman has been elected Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Westfield was recently the recipient of a testimonial presented to him by the pupils of the College over which he so worthily presides. Wednesday, the 16th inst., was the anniversary of his birth, and the scholars of Leyton College, Leyton, Essex, evinced their regard for him by requesting his acceptance of a valuable set of gold studs, each inscribed with Masonic emblems. Accompanying the gift was a letter, expressing their good wishes for his continued health and happiness, and also the kindly sense they entertained of his efforts to promote their advancement in life.

## THE LATE EARL OF SHREWSBURY AND TALBOT.

IT is with the deepest regret we announce to our readers the very sudden death, on the 11th inst., of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. His lordship had retired to bed in his usual health on Thursday. In the course of the night alarming symptoms set in, and some eminent medical men were summoned. A slight rally followed, but at 6 a.m. there was a second seizure, which almost immediately resulted in death. Thus Freemasonry has lost one of its strongest pillars, in the plenitude of his strength. The late Earl had recently entered on his 48th year, and his health was such that we might have looked forward to many years of active service from him, but our hopes have been destroyed, and it remains for us to bow with all humility to the allwise decrees of the Great Architect of all things.

Charles John Talbot, nineteenth Earl of Shrewsbury and fourth Earl of Talbot, was born in April 1830, and was educated at Eton and Merton College, Oxford. During his career at the latter he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, then No. 460, now No. 357. On 10th November 1871 he joined the Lodge of Honour, No. 526, Wolverhampton, and was its Worshipful Master for the year 1871-2. On 24th June 1871 he was appointed to the high position of Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire by our then M.W.G.M. the Marquis of Ripon. On 20th June 1873 he joined the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and was its W.M. at the time of his death. He was one of the founders of the United Lodge, No. 1629, and was one of the brethren who had signed the petition for a warrant for a new Lodge, to be called the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, as yet unconsecrated. He was also a member of the high degrees, and was present at the meeting of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite 30° only the Wednesday evening before his death. But the mere enumeration of the different positions he held in the Craft would convey only a very feeble idea of his glorious achievements as a Mason. His name figures on the roll of Vice-Patrons to the three central Charities. In January 1875 he presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and so successful was his advocacy that the sum raised on that occasion amounted to over £6,600, with several lists still outstanding. This year, when Prince Leopold at the very last moment found it impossible, through indisposition, to preside at the Festival of the same Charity, his place was promptly taken by the late Earl, and the list of subscriptions announced, as our readers well remember, was little short of £13,000. The loss of so brilliant an exponent of one of the highest principles of our Order will be felt everywhere throughout the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, and indeed among Freemasons generally; but especially will it be felt in his own Province, where the brethren had long since learnt to love and respect him as their Grand Master. Nor had his lordship's career outside Freemasonry been less active and useful. He had represented North Staffordshire in the House of Commons from 1859 to 1865. In 1868 he was elected for the borough of Stamford, but was called to the Upper House the same year, on the death of his father. In 1874, on the accession of the present Ministry to power, he was appointed Captain of Her Majesty's Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. He married, in 1855, the daughter of Captain Cockerell, by whom he leaves issue Viscount Ingestre, born 1860, now twentieth Earl of Shrewsbury and fifth Earl of Talbot, and three daughters. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, and though strictly private, there was a large gathering of the family and friends of our deceased brother, among the mourners being Viscount Ingestre, the Countess of Shrewsbury, Lord and Lady Castlereagh, Viscount Helmsley, Mr. H. Chaplin. There were also deputations from the Stafford Town Council, as well as from the brethren of the Province, while Her Majesty was represented by Colonel Kerr. The body was deposited in the family vault in Ingestre Church, which is close to the Hall. In closing this brief notice of a Craftsman who had so worthily fulfilled his duties, we offer to his widow and children the respectful tribute of our sympathy with them in their present bereavement. May they, in firm reliance on the G. A. O. T. U. and His Wisdom, find strength to bear the grievous affliction!

### TREDEGAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1625.

AT the last meeting of this Lodge, which was held on Monday, the 14th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, E., Bro. Cambridge occupied the post of W.M. Bro. Berry was S.W., Rawley jun. J.D., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treas., Huggett as Sec., Anning S.D., John Stevens P.M. as J.D., Newton P.M. as I.G. There were also present—Bros. Marsh P.M. 933, C. Lacey P.M., W. Hallett W.M. Merchant Navy, Hilliard W.M. Sincerity, Cunningham, R. Cunningham, Humm, Pilgrim, Dawson, Brooks, Hallett, Cross, Goldberg, Giles, and many others. The second ceremony was very ably worked by the W.M., Bro. Giles being candid to. The Lodge was closed at an early hour, in order to give time for the meeting having for its object to consider the desirability of united action in the matter of utilising the proxies for the Masonic Institutions belonging to the Metropolitan Lodges, as was announced by circular, a copy of which appeared in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M. and W.M. of the Tredegar Lodge, the originator of the present movement, was unanimously voted to the chair. The Chairman commenced the proceedings by stating the reason for calling the meeting; that he thought the time had arrived when the question might fairly be taken into consideration as to our position with regard to the Charitable Institutions with which we are all so closely associated, namely, the Aged, the Boys and the Girls, and whether our voting power was equivalent to the amount of subscriptions obtained from the London Lodges. He thought the voting power was far from commensurate with the benefits obtained, and that the fault resulted from the laxity and apathy of the brethren themselves. The Institutions constituted the grandest secrets of the Craft, and therefore demanded the constant thought and attention of every member of the Order. They could point with pride to that at Clapham, in which 160 girls receive their excellent training; to Wood Green, where 181 boys are well educated and made useful members of society; to the Institution at Croydon, in which 145 aged Freemasons, who have done good and service to the Craft, are in receipt of £10 each per annum, and where will be found, in comfort, 138 widows of departed Freemasons; that is to say, strictly speaking, 32 receive £10 less, but in round numbers there are 650 men, women, and children depending on our support. Speaking more particularly of the aged Freemasons, they could look with pardonable pride at the condition of that Institution. Looking back, say ten years, namely in 1867, at that Festival £3,900 was collected, whereas the amount in the present year reached the magnificent sum of £12,500. That is something to be pleased at and proud of. The altered position was mainly due to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Jas. Terry. Let it not be supposed that this remark is intended to cast any reflection on the other Institutions. Bro. Binckes, whose name is so well known throughout the Craft, through his constant and fearless advocacy of its claims, has secured a wonderful success for the Boys' Institution, and, no doubt, in time to come, many a boy will have reason to bless the name of Frederick Binckes. The Girls' Institution flourishes, although it is possibly somewhat retarded by Bro. Little's delicate state of health. The brethren have, however, rallied round him, and the last Festival produced a considerable sum. Having given these general outlines, he would appeal to them to support the claims of all the Institutions, for, by so doing, should misfortune render it necessary, they could use their privileges and seek there shelter with much better grace. The East-end of London, as is well known, had always given important support to these Charities, through the disinterested exertions of brethren who have passed away, and those upon whom the mantle of benevolence had fallen. Indeed the Boys' Institution was originated by the late Bro. Dr. Daniels, for seventeen years Master of the Royal Naval Lodge, now No. 22, who first conceived the idea, and suggested the propriety of affording shelter and protection to the sons of departed or indigent Freemasons, and which has since grown to such immense proportions. The London brethren possess a great number of votes, but unless they are properly and judiciously used, a part of them necessarily stand in the way and form an obstruction. Now it seemed to him the bounden duty of every one to assist in bringing about a concentration of the London voting power, for it would then be possible to secure success to every well considered and deserving case, and thus might be prevented sore disappointment to the necessitous candidate who, after wearily working for months, finds in the end the application rejected. He would now direct their attention to the list of the last election for the girls. There would be found 54 candidates—20 London, and 34 from the provinces. Out of these the successful cases were 3 for London, and 10 for the provinces. Among the rejected there was a London candidate (the last application), one of 7 fatherless children. Now, seeing that on the last occasion the London brethren contributed £6,05, and the country only £3,942, he thought the result was neither just nor equitable. The provinces having contributed but one-third of the gross amount were yet able to secure the admission of 10, while London only succeeded in obtaining the privilege for three. Again, looking at the Boys' list, it is found that there are 59 applications—21 London, 38 provinces. Out of the 14 to be elected, 6 were London and 8 from provinces who succeeded. Two were sent away, being found disqualified in their last application by reason of their age. These lived within a stone's throw of Freemasons' Hall, both fatherless, one being of a family of 9 children, the other of 6. Such a discreditable state of things should not be allowed to exist. There were on the list—one case, the fifth application, another the second, both necessitous, and deserving. There are other cases—one especially of 9 children, fatherless, and so forth, who were unsuccessful, while one of 4 children motherless, and one, No. 55 on the list, one child who had a stepmother, succeeded to the almost heartrending disappointment of individuals whose appeals were much more urgent. Now, all this clearly shows something must be radically wrong. How comes it that a case where there is but one child is admitted, and those from

families with 9 or 6 children are shut out? There are in the Boys' School 181, out of which number 49 are London, and 132 provincials. These facts he pointed out, not in order to find fault with the provincial brethren, far from it, but to show that the fault lies with the London Craftsmen, and to impress upon them the necessity of union, and the wisdom of satisfying themselves of the merits of each individual case, so that, by united efforts, success should be assured to the most deserving. As things are now, many votes are lost or rendered useless. Would it not be wise to concentrate, or make some provision to control and utilise them, it would only be an act of justice to those who call for assistance, and have a claim for support. This was not a new matter, these combinations have long existed in the provinces. He would suggest that London Lodges should be requested to appoint a representative, who should meet to arrange the preliminaries for forming an association to carry out this object. A society of this kind would tend to do away with a great amount of labour, to which applicants, who are either aged, when it concerns their personal interest, or perhaps poor, ailing and sorrowing when they canvass for their offspring, are subjected. They are, at all events, persons of the most helpless description; and to alleviate their anxiety and distress was, he thought, pure Masonry. (Cheers) After some telling observations, illustrative of the above facts and statements, Bro. Lacey called for the opinion of the meeting. Bro. Stevens P.M. 554, and W.M. 933, said he had listened with great attention and interest to the exhaustive speech of Bro. Lacey, and in the main agreed with his suggestions, but must dissent from the assertion that many votes were lost or became useless. Speaking from the experience of the last 7 years, and backed up by only two Lodges, namely, the Yarborough and the Doric, he, in conjunction with Bro. Barnes, secured the admission of no less than nine candidates in that time. He quite agreed that there was a necessity for union, but the question arose, how was it to be done? This same thing had been attempted some years ago, but without success. He did not think fault could be found with East End London brethren, and it was unfair to charge them either with laxity or apathy, seeing that the two just named Lodges possessed no less than 220 votes jointly (Bro. Lacey rose to explain that London Lodges in general, and not the East End in particular, were meant). Bro. Stevens continued:—I can put my hand on eight brethren, members of these two Lodges, who are capable of producing between them 212 votes, which makes 432; there are others from whom 200 more are obtained, and thus together I can command, I do not use the term boastfully, I will say manipulate, 600 and odd votes per annum. I have laboured in this matter with Bro. Barnes for the last five or six years, and we had never to apply twice in the case of the aged, and but once we had to go a second time in the case of a girl. Now a great deal has been said about the non-success of candidates; who are the brethren who allow their names to appear on the application card, and permit the case to fall through? That is the nut you have to crack. It has too often gone to my very heart to witness the hopeless dejection of the widow when not elected. I have never but once had to proceed twice to an election. Indeed, last time I was enabled to lend 100 votes, to be repaid in October; we husband our proxies, and they are always utilised. If cases are lost, it is too often the fault of the brethren who undertake the charge, and fail to enter into it with proper energy and spirit. Possessing so much voting power as the Doric and Yarborough, I would ask what position should we be in should we join the proposed combination, for we must secure ourselves from the chance of being outvoted. Bro. Marsh spoke in support, and thought that such a combination as the one suggested would materially assist in arriving at a fair judgment of the merits of each case, as it must be brought under the criticism of the experienced. He would, however, suggest that the experiment should be tried, with say only six Lodges, as a larger number might have the effect of voting power being bestowed upon a majority whose amount of votes would scarcely entitle them to it. This might engender a natural jealousy, and set aside the end in view. He would give his best support to the undertaking. (Applause). Bro. Newton thought if two Lodges can effect so much as has been stated, being in possession of only the comparatively small number of 600 votes, what might not be done by the united action of a greater number. He would support Bro. Lacey to the utmost of his power, and submit to any trouble while steps are being taken to bring about the long desired desideratum. Bros. Anning, Hilliard, W. Hallett, and Berry spoke in favour of the project. Bro. Barnes said: Upon the closing part of Bro. Anning's speech hinges the whole question. That is, the voting power of London is distributed all over the country, while each Province works exclusively for itself, and not only that, but sends its applications all over London. The metropolitan voters dissipate their strength, and therefore fail when the time of trial comes. He thought it was well that at length the necessity is felt to provide means whereby brethren might reap a fair share of the fruits of their contributions. Eleven years ago Bro. W. Hamilton and myself used to work together in the same way, that is, combined our interests and influence. We early perceived the necessity and advantage of concerted action in these matters, and intended to apply the principles by uniting only seven Lodges, but the notion was altogether *pooh-poohed*, although we drew up a code of regulations to show distinctly that we harboured no selfish intentions. We had to confine ourselves to two. Naturally the votes of the individual brethren generally follow the Lodge votes, and thus success is obtained. He would give his general approval, and move that "the brethren present feel there is a necessity for the London brethren to combine, in order that they may reap advantages, in reference to the Masonic Institutions, equivalent to the large amount which they subscribe towards the funds of those Institutions." This was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Lacey, in summing up, adverted to the various objections advanced by the speakers, and urged his hearers to aid him in this attempt to combine the voting power of London, for he was certain that if London brethren would consent to work harmoniously together, no case whatsoever coming under their notice would be subject to disappointment. He would

kindness. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J., who were unavoidably absent, but they had good representatives in Comps. Pond and the Rev. P. M. Holden, whose names are well known and respected. Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden and Pond returned thanks in suitable terms. The Z. said he had now great pleasure in proposing the health of Comp. J. Smith P.Z. and Treasurer, Comps. Bywater S.E., and Grabham, who are all indefatigable in their various duties. Comp. Smith returned thanks; in the course of his speech he said, in admitting gentlemen into the Order, we do not know who they are as a rule; but in R.A. Masonry, we know what they are like, and without good recommendations they cannot be admitted. This Chapter is A1, and the cause is, that we work harmoniously. He was the oldest member, and they were fortunate in having two such excellent working officers as Comps. Bywater and Grabham. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Officers; he was proud of the selection made; they would be a credit to the Chapter. This having been responded to, the Janitor's Toast followed. Companion Rev. P. M. Holden gave an excellent recitation, and Comp. Harvey contributed to the harmony. Visitors--Bros. T. Bull P.Z. 145, C. Palmer 1293, T. E. Scott 771, H. Harvey 554, B. H. Swallow Z. 77, J. Layland 180, Churchill 834, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—This Lodge held its meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Millward W.M., Cook S.W., Ross J.W., Bisset S.D., Halford J.D., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Christopher I.G., Roberts, Defriez, Isaac, Davis, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting confirmed. Bro. Roberts answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. Roberts acting as candidate. Bro. A. W. Fenner worked the 1st, Bro. Defriez the 2nd, Bro. Tolmie the 3rd, and Bro. Defriez the 4th and 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, when Bro. Cook S.W. was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will be in a fortnight's time. On the proposition of Bro. Tolmie, who paid a high tribute to the W.M., seconded by Bro. Fenner, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M., for the very efficient manner he had discharged the duties of the chair. Lodge was then closed and adjourned till the 28th inst.

**Phoenix Lodge, No. 173.**—The members of this Lodge met on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The following particulars of this old Lodge may be interesting. It is on the Registry of the Athol Grand Lodge, and was established on the 27th September 1785, at the Swan Inn in the Borough, when the number was 231. At the Union in 1813 the number was 202, and when the alteration of numbers took place in 1863 it took the present number, 173. The Lodge will attain its Centenary in 1885. The W.M., Bro. J. D. Massey, occupied the chair; S. S. Phillips S.W., and W.M. elect, J. Finch J.W., J. Burford Treasurer, E. Mathews Secretary, E. Walton S.D., J. Blyth J.D., J. Andrews I.G., and P.M.'s Bros. W. Watson, T. Witt, F. R. Vine, G. Wilson, Green and Salmon. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. R. R. Dunlop, Hamilton Kilwinning Lodge, No. 7, was elected a joining member. Bro. Bennett, a son of Sir Sterndale Bennett, the eminent musical composer, and C. F. Kearley were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bro. Gilham was raised, the working of the W.M. and officers deserving especial praise. Bro. Jekyll, the organist, played some very excellent and appropriate music. A board of installed masters was then formed, and Bro. S. S. Phillips S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. He was duly installed Master, by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. D. Massey. On the conclusion of the addresses Bro. J. D. Massey received the deserved encomiums of every brother and visitor. The W.M. having been saluted, invested his officers, addressing a few pertinent remarks to each. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 73 in number, adjourned to the Crown room, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by the energetic manager, Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. ably presided. In proposing the toast of H.M. the Queen, he spoke of the kindly feeling shown by her. She had always evinced the greatest solicitude for the welfare of every one of her subjects. The National Anthem was then sung. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W., the Earl of Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, found a very able respondent in Bro. W. Ough P.G.P. Bro. Farquharson then sang "Let Brotherly Love Continue." Bro. Massey I.P.M. then rose. He had great pleasure in proposing the next toast, that was the health of the W.M. (Cheers). In filling the various offices, he had done so to their satisfaction, and during the short period he had occupied the chair, and by the manner he had invested his officers, he had shown his proficiency; he was sure, at the expiration of his year of office, Bro. Phillips would retire with the knowledge that he had efficiently discharged his duty, and gained the regard and esteem of every one in the Lodge. (Cheers). The W.M. said he felt great pleasure in having his health proposed by one who had occupied the chair so worthily, and who had also installed him. The words uttered by Bro. Massey were indeed complimentary to him. My family motto is, "I Will Keep Faith," and I hope this will be proved when I leave the chair. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. They were pleased to have them amongst them. They were initiated at a former meeting, and to-night they had passed the 2nd degree. They are gentlemen who can and will prove ornaments to our Order. They are men of education, and from the careful and attentive manner they had listened to the ceremony, would eventually prove an honour to the Craft. Bro. Bennett said he had been fully impressed by the beautiful and sublime ceremony. He thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. The remarks made would be an incentive to him to work diligently, so that at a future time he hoped to occupy the chair the W.M. now so ably filled. Bro. Kearley fol-

lowed. He also felt fully impressed by the rendering of the ceremony by Bro. Massey, and also the pleasure in store for him in receiving the 3rd degree from the W.M. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s alluded to their valuable services in the Lodge. Bros. Vine, Green and Witt responded. He next, in a very eloquent speech, proposed the toast of the Visitors. He should call on Bros. Waters P.G.S. and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to respond. These brethren paid a just tribute to the excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been given by Bro. Massey; his rendering of the installation ceremony was perfect. The W.M. then said he had pleasure in bringing before their notice a toast that deserved their attention, that was the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Massey. (Cheers.) They had seen how effectively he had discharged the duties of W.M., and the more credit is due to him, he having been a Mason only four years; to prove how those duties were appreciated by the Lodge, and to show the regard and esteem in which he is held, he had great pleasure, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a solid gold Past Master's jewel. It would be the embodiment of the good wishes and true Masonic feeling of every brother; he hoped he would live long to wear it and be among them. Bro. Massey, in reply, said the words so kindly uttered by the W.M. would never be effaced from his memory. He thanked the brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. If his services were appreciated, they were always at their command, and he hoped to be spared to be among them for many years. The toast of the Wardens was next given, and Bros. Finch and Allen returned thanks. Also that of the Officers. The Tyler followed, and the brethren, after passing a delightful and harmonious evening, separated. Bros. Farquharson, Kift, &c., contributed to the harmony. The Visitors were Bros. Harris, 1185, W. Stollard 180, J. Homes 37, Harrington 1512, W. Radford 1196, Kift 749, E. Collins 25, Brewer 1309, H. Apstone 1309, F. Lough P.M. 159, Limebeer P.M. 12, W. T. Scott W.M. 9, Canfield 364, Godfrey, W. Ough P.G.P., C. Burmeister P.M. 538, Waters P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

**Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Present—Bro. G. J. Hilliard W.M., A. H. Brown as S.W., Seddon J.W., Newton P.M. Sec., Percival as S.D., Webb J.D., F. Brown D.C., G. Jones I.G.; E. J. Moore, C. Lacey, and W. Barlow; Past Masters, and the following visitors:—E. P. Albert P.G.P., J. H. Litson 1306, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, H. Manns and J. F. Clark 217, F. Dann 72, W. H. G. Rudderforth 12, T. Jones 1607, J. Townson and G. Meadway 1405, James Self 214, W. J. O'Connor 636, E. Legge S.W. 1196, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, &c. The Lodge having been formally opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, Messrs. J. H. C. Gray and T. Matthews were initiated into the Order, after which the Lodge, having been advanced, Bros. Wilson and Spill were raised. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the J.W. rose and expressed his great sorrow at having to ask the Lodge to pass a vote of condolence to their S.D., on the loss of his wife. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously by the brethren, amid expressions of general regret and sympathy. The petition of a late member of the Lodge was then introduced by the Secretary, and signed by the members previous to its presentation to the Lodge of Benevolence, and, after some few remarks from Bro. P.M. Lacey, the sum of five guineas was voted from the fund of Benevolence attached to the Lodge, to assist the Bro., for the time being. The case of the widow of a deceased Bro., who had been initiated in the Sincerity, was then brought forward, and we are pleased to announce that a similar amount to that given in the previous case was voted from the same fund. The widow may certainly have cause to thank the members of the Sincerity for this illustration of true Masonry, her husband had only paid one year's subscription to the Lodge, and now they unhesitatingly assist her in the hour of her affliction. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshments. After grace the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, in introducing that of the Grand Officers, he referred with pleasure to the presence of Bro. Albert, who in reply thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received. From what he had seen that evening, he considered Grand Lodge should be proud of having such a Lodge under its banner. The next toast, that of the Initiates, was regularly received and acknowledged by both of the brethren who had been initiated during the evening, in short, but well chosen words. Bro. P.M. Lacey proposed the health of the W.M. He had had the pleasure of initiating, and also of installing their present Master, and thus felt very great interest in his Masonic welfare. He is well known as a staunch supporter of the Charities, the interest in which he was always endeavouring to extend. The W.M. heartily thanked the brethren. His principal feeling with regard to Freemasonry was charity. None of us know how soon we may have occasion to call upon the funds of the institutions connected with the Order, therefore we should ably support them when in a position to do so. He referred to the fact of the Lodge being represented at the approaching festival of the Boys' School, and hoped the Sincerity list would be an extensive one. He concluded by again thanking the brethren for drinking his health, and then proposed the toast of the Visitors, of whom he was pleased to see so strong a muster. Several of the visitors acknowledged the toast, and one and all praised the Lodge for the charitable way in which they had acted during the time of business. Some farther remarks were made by the W.M. on the subject of Charity, with the view of introducing Bro. Percival (who is the Steward for the Boys' Festival) to the notice of the brethren, and he, after going the round of the table, announced that the sums promised on his list now amounted to £128 11s 6d. After expressing his satisfaction, he remarked in the usual dissatisfied manner that he should not be content until he had got £150 promised. The toast of the Past Masters having been honoured, was replied to by Bro. Lacey. The health of the Officers, and the toast of the Tyler concluded the proceedings.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 12th of May, at The Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington N. Present—Bros. Brasted W.M., Hewlett S.W., Moss J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Defriez S.D., Fenner J.D., Gibbs I.G. Visitor—Bro. Hildreth 1189. The Lodge was opened in the regular order, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brund acting as candidate. Several sections of the 1st and 2nd lectures were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Hewlett. Bro. Hildreth was elected a member, and Bro. Hewlett appointed W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks to the W.M. (it being the first time he had presided in this Lodge) was unanimously carried.

**Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.**—A meeting in connection with this Lodge, which has been defunct for many years, was held at Bro. Hiscox's, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place, W. Bro. John Hammond, the senior P.M. of the mother Lodge present, was unanimously voted to the chair. Having appointed his officers, he performed the ceremony of initiation to the entire satisfaction of the brethren assembled. The Lodge was then called off, and certain minor details as to fees, day, and time of assembling were discussed. It was arranged that another meeting (to take into consideration the framing of bye-laws and other necessary business) be held at the above address, at eight o'clock on Tuesday next, the 22nd instant. Bro. Peter Robinson, Secretary of the mother Lodge, Bro. Davage, and a few other members of the parent Lodge were present, besides a considerable number of brethren from the vicinity. Bro. Ockenden, Sec. 1656 (7 Friday-street, E.C.), was appointed provisional Secretary, and will be happy to afford all necessary information. Brethren in the neighbourhood, and particularly those connected with the mother Lodge, are cordially invited to attend on Tuesday next at eight p.m.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Geo. Tribbell W.M., Aug. Braun P.M. and Sec. S.W., Jackson J.W., Rudderforth Preceptor, Kennard Treas., S. Godden S.D., Parsons J.D., Thompson I.G.; Bros. Murch, Hayes, Reid, Nicholls, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hayes candidate. Bro. Murch then answered the questions previous to passing, and Bro. Tribbell, having opened the Lodge in the second, rehearsed the ceremony of that degree. After the working of some of the sections, the W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Braun was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday. The proposition to work the Fifteen Sections was deferred until a more convenient time. It was proposed by Bro. Preceptor Rudderforth, seconded by P.M. Braun Sec., and carried unanimously, that the sum of one guinea be voted from the Lodge funds towards Bro. Constable's drawing. Lodge was then closed in due form.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Raymead Hotel, Taplow. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Pinto Leite, Bro. G. Bubb P.M. 180 occupied the chair. J. R. Foulger W.M. 77 S.W., W. H. C. Sharpe J.W. and Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.G.S.W. Sec., Blake S.D., Ball J.D., O. FitzGeorge I.G., A. B. Cownie W.S., C. N. Harvey I.P.M., and Ludovici sen., Preston, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the former meeting and of the Emergency meeting of the 5th of December were read and confirmed. A letter of apology from the W.M. was read, regretting his absence. Mr. Albert Ludovici being in attendance, was duly initiated by the acting W.M. The resignation of Bros. Moule and Tait was accepted, with regret. The Treasurer's Account showed a balance in hand of £35. The report respecting the revision of the bye-laws was deferred until the next meeting. Bro. H. M. Sydney and L. Watson (Reform Club) were proposed as joining members, and Messrs. R. Pooley and Dr. Webb were proposed for initiation. The Lodge was then closed, and a very excellent and substantial dinner was provided by the worthy host, Bro. Deacon. Bro. Bubb proposed the usual toasts, including the R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch, P.G.M. for Berks and Bucks. Bro. H. H. Hodges, Senior Grand Warden, in returning thanks said, The next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at High Wycombe; and, if it is possible, we hope next year it will be held at Maidenhead. We hope also at a future time to see a member of this Lodge receive Provincial Grand honours. We have a new building, capable of holding a numerous assemblage of the brethren. With regard to the Charities, this Lodge had given its contributions. In the new Bye-laws it has been carried—that if any brother wishes to act as Steward, the fee would be paid by the Lodge. He, Bro. Hodges, would be pleased to be Steward for the three Charities, but as the W.M. was absent, and he was sure he would act, as also would Bro. Bubb, he would be pleased to serve one, or give place to any brother who would consent to act in so good a cause. Bro. Blake, in proposing the toast of the acting W.M., said they all regretted the absence of the W.M., whom they respected; yet they found a worthy substitute in Bro. Bubb, who had impressively performed the ceremony of initiation, and also had most genially presided. He hoped they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Bubb briefly and appropriately responded. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks for the visitors. Afterwards the health of the Wardens and Initiates was given, and the brethren returned to town early. Great credit is due to Bro. W. Sharpe Treas., who was indefatigable in his exer-

tions to secure the comfort of the brethren. Through the kindness of the Secretary of the Great Western Railway, a saloon carriage was provided for the occasion.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 15th May, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Perry S.W., Johnson J.W., E. T. Worsley Secretary, Lovelock S.D., Allen J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, J. H. Pavitt I.G.; P.M. Bro. Ashburner, and Bros. Dallas, Barker, Christian, Crosby. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The Lodge advanced to the 2nd degree. Bro. Christian having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge opened in the 3rd, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Wallington gave the traditional history. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st section of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Webster, of Confidence Lodge, 193, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Perry was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Barker brought forward his motion for altering the time of meeting from 7.30 to 7; after a deal of discussion it was withdrawn. Next Tuesday will be the first time of Bro. Perry taking the chair at this Lodge. He is a very hard working member, and well up in his duties. We hope a strong muster will meet to support him. The Lodge then closed in due form.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Roading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., A. Welch S.W., W. G. Flanagan J.W., Rev. C. R. Honey Chap., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treas., Danks S.D., Ferguson J.D., Newman Steward, Blackwell I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Weightman, Hurley, Egginton. Members—Bros. Hilder, Palley, Creed, Robinson, Bryant, Hawkes, Hunt. Visitors—F. McDowell 52, Martin 414, Webb 494. The Lodge was opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Stransom was nominated as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The revised bye-laws were not read, as announced in the agenda, which is to be regretted. The Chaplain feelingly referred to the extreme illness of one of the members of the Lodge, who had expressed his strong fraternal regards for the brethren. The W.M. said he was sure all the members of the Lodge would join him in expressions of deep sympathy with this brother and his family. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed, according to ancient form.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bro. Bolton's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Crouch S.W., Fenner J.W., Smith S.D., Simpson J.D., Lane I.G., Howlett, Townsend, Bolton Austin, W. G. Kent, Keyes, Cave, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kent, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was very excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Kent being candidate. The 3rd section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. The W.M. worked the 2nd, and Bro. Fenner the 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the proposition of Bro. Lane, seconded by Bro. Fenner, Bro. Cave, of Union Lodge 127, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Crouch, the S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Masons' Hall Tavern, on Thursday evening, at 6.30 p.m. There were present Bros. Parker W.M., Saul S.W., De Leliva J.W., Wood S.D., Goodman J.D., Cadiot I.G., Poore P.M. Preceptor, Blackie Hon. Sec., and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Harper having offered himself as candidate, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed down to the first, and the officers for the ensuing week appointed. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday, the 31st inst., at 6 p.m. Bro. Saul J.W. 1201 will preside. There are one or two sections still open. Brethren are particularly invited to attend.

**London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.**—Held its fortnightly meeting on Monday the 14th inst., at the Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Hawksley W.M., 1196, Tickle S.W., J. E. Shand Sec. J.W., James Mander Preceptor, C. J. Hogg Treasurer, Wale S.D., H. Howard 323-1126, P.G.J.D. of Cheshire, J.D., Willett I.G., 902, and other brethren of the Club. Lodge opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eastgate 1563 candidate. Bro. Hogg offering himself to be passed to second degree, answered the usual questions, was entrusted and withdrew. Lodge opened in second degree, Bro. Hogg was duly passed to degree of F.C. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. S.W. Tickle was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge closed in usual manner, and adjourned till Monday, the 28th inst. at 6 o'clock p.m., when a large attendance of brethren is expected, many of the Langton Lodge, 1673, to be consecrated at the Club on 17th inst., having promised to attend.

at the pains of reading this work cannot fail to see is admirably calculated to meet almost every class of difficulty that may arise. To Captain Shaw, indeed, undoubtedly belongs the merit of having brought the mode of dealing with fires as nearly as possible to perfection. The work before us treats most exhaustively of the subject. The opening chapter deals with the two important elements of "Air and Water." Then follows a dissertation on "Pumps." Next come four chapters, in the first of which is described the several parts of the "Manual Fire Engine," while the other three are devoted to the subject of "Leathern Hose," "Branches and Nozzles," and the "Gear Carried on an Engine." He passes next to "Engine Drill," "Scaling Ladders and Ladder Drill," and "Fire Escape and Escape Drill," and in the following chapter to "Smoke Appliances," &c. The rest of the work is occupied with the Constitution and Organisation of the Fire Brigade, the appointment of Men and their training, the internal management and duties of the Brigade; while their clothing, telegraphic communication, list of articles in use among firemen, and sundry general memoranda complete the work. It will be seen from this brief outline of the contents that the author has treated of Fire Protection exhaustively. No details have been considered too trivial to be omitted, and the result, in our humble judgment, is a full description of all the fire protecting apparatus in use, and a complete code of regulations for the conduct of a fire brigade. Under these circumstances, we have no hesitation in commending the work to the notice of our readers. Neither they nor we, perhaps, can lay claim to much knowledge of the subject, but they, as well as we, on glancing even casually at this book, will be able to form something like a just idea of its merits. There are also numerous illustrations which have enabled us to understand more fully the value of the author's instructions and descriptions. Captain Shaw, in fact, has achieved a task of great difficulty in a manner which is worthy of all praise. It is not only that he has compiled a most elaborate system, but he likewise explains it in the clearest and most precise manner possible.

*Bathing in London.* A Practical Treatise, containing a Description of the Baths and Bathing Places of London. By Hadley Prestage, Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Park Swimming Club, Member of the Metropolitan Bathing Association, Member of the Swimming Association of Great Britain, &c. London: J. Roberts, 195 Shore-ditch High Street. 1877.

WITHIN the modest compass of a pamphlet, Bro. Prestage has brought together an array of information we seldom meet with, his object being a most admirable one, namely, to encourage the erection of public baths and bathing-places in the Metropolis. Bro. Prestage is quite right in his statement that, to put the matter Masonically, the immediate past generation of Londoners were not distinguished by any special regard for personal cleanliness. He is quite right in his inference of this fact, from the almost universal presence of the footbath in bedrooms. Thirty years ago people washed their face and hands and feet, but rarely their bodies. The morning tub was unknown as an institution, though a few strong-minded people may have ventured, in a quiet kind of way, and almost apologetically, upon its adoption. Bating in the Serpentine was permitted then, as now, and small boys dabbled in the muddy waters of the Thames. But London had few baths and no washhouses. We have made some progress since. There are now twenty-seven baths in the metropolis, many of them having washhouses attached, and Bro. Prestage gives particulars of each of them in this treatise. Yet he very pertinently asks why we are even now so indifferently provided in this respect? and he very strenuously advocates their multiplication in every part of the Metropolis, and especially in the more crowded eastern districts, where the labouring portion of our population most do congregate. He makes mention of the very handsome gift, by a late Mrs. Brown, to the Government of £55,000 for the erection of baths, &c., and he is anxious to know why it has not yet been devoted to the purposes designated by the fair donor? So are we; and if others will second the efforts of Bro. Prestage, in his laudable efforts to improve the cleanliness, health, and godliness of Londoners, we shall soon have the present cause of complaint removed,—that the greatest civilised city in the world is the worst provided in respect of baths and bathing-places. We commend Bro. Prestage for his manly endeavours to secure so admirable an object. In the list of the baths that have been, we note one omission. It is a matter of no great moment, but the list is incomplete without it. This is the Holborn Bath, afterwards the Holborn Casino, and now the Holborn Restaurant. Speaking personally, we may mention that thirty years ago we have again and again enjoyed the pleasure of a bath at this establishment, and a very well ordered establishment it was too, albeit not as extensive as the Lambeth Baths, or as enjoyable as the open-air bath yecept Peoriers Pool. The omission will be easily rectified in future issues of the pamphlet, which deserves, and we trust will have, a large circulation among all classes.

*Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall.* Seventh year of publication. Edited by William James Hughan, P.M. No. 131, Truro, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, &c., &c. Truro: Printed at the Royal Cornwall Gazette Office. 1877.

It is almost needless to say that this little directory is well nigh perfect of its kind. It contains the usual lists of Provincial Grand Officers and of Lodges, each of the latter having also the names of its principal officers and P.M.'s, and of Provincial Grand Chapter Officers, and Chapters, the latter having likewise the names of Principals and P.Z.'s. The laws and regulations of Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter are added, and there are two tabular statements, one showing the votes of the Province for the several central Charities, and the other the progress and present numerical strength of the Craft in Cornwall. Information is further given as to Charity and Centenary

jewels, the fees payable to P.G. Lodge and Chapter respectively, respecting the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Institution, and also as to Lodges and Chapters formerly existing in the Province, with a list of the P.G.M.'s and Superintendents, since, in the one case, the year 1752, when Cornwall became a Province, and in the other, the year 1791, when the late Bro. Dunckerley appointed himself P.G. Superintendent of R.A. Masons for Cornwall. Bro. Hughan has made his Directory a perfect compendium of the Masonic History of Cornwall, and, in the interest of Masonic History generally, we can only express a hope that every other Province in England will be similarly provided at no distant date.

## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

*Cassell's Family Magazine* offers, as usual, a most excellent programme. The serial fiction, and particularly the Story of "Paul Knox, Pitman," is full of interest, but, as we have several times remarked before, the chief attractions in this periodical will be found in the Essays on domestic and social matters, and in notes on ordinary topics. There is an article on "New Employments for Women," which cannot fail to be of service to the fair sex. Then there are "Notes on Gardening," than which we are acquainted with none that are more practical. If any of our young friends are about to undergo the ordeal of an examination, we advise them to turn to these pages, and they will find many useful hints how to prepare themselves. At first sight it may appear hard to tell people "How to Read aloud," but ask nine people out of ten to read aloud an article from a newspaper, or a chapter or two from some entertaining or instructive book, and the chances are they will bungle over it. The ability to read aloud well, with due emphasis bestowed where necessary, with proper modulations of the voice, so as to avoid monotony, and without fatigue, is by no means a common accomplishment, and *Cassell's* have done wisely to lay down a few simple instructions for the benefit of intending readers. We may also speak highly of the papers on "Tiny Dwellers in our Ponds and Ditches," "Our Model Day Nursery," "Fancy Bazaars and Sales of Work," and "Suitable Climates for Invalids," the last being especially valuable. In addition are two or three short tales, such as "Kate's Prince," by Mr. G. Manville Fenn, "Without a Pigtail," and "The Old Manor House." "The Bugle Call," which does duty as Frontispiece, is capitally drawn.

Part 9 of *The Countries of the World* is worthy of all praise. The illustrations, especially those of "A Lumber Wharf on the North Pacific Coast," the "Crystal Lake in California," the "Californian Quail," and "A Cañon in the Wahsatch Mountains (Utah Territory)," like all that have appeared in previous numbers of this serial publication, are well drawn, and give an excellent idea of the scenes they severally portray. The narrative treats chiefly of the Western portions of the United States, and contains a geographical account of them, as well as a description of the inhabitants and products, interspersed here and there with stories of Indians, notes about the labour market and the cost of living, and much other needful information.

In the *Leisure Hour* there is much instructive as well as entertaining matter. Among the contents, we have marked as particularly noteworthy a paper on "Cuckoo Lore," an explanatory paper on "Common Legal Expressions," and the continuation of Miss Isabella Bird's valuable sketches of "Australia Felix: Impressions of Victoria," besides a well-written study of our first English printer, "William Caxton." In addition are several contributions, in the shape of "Fen and Mere," by Cuthbert Bede, "Counsellor Tennant," "A Circassian Scotchman," and "New Helps for Hospitals," which it will be worth our friends' while to read, while the *Varieties* and *Natural History Anecdotes* are useful, and in many instances novel.

"The Belfry of Dresden" heads the programme of the *Sunday at Home*. It is an episode of the Seven Years' War and very well recounted. Miss Alcock contributes a page of Jewish history, entitled "Uncrowned," and Mr. J. Alexander, the fifth of his "Pictures of Jewish Life." There is a very useful paper about the "South African Races," and this is followed by the fifth of the late Rev. R. Demaus's articles on "The English Bible." We were almost on the point of leaving unnoticed "Welsh Peasant Sketches—Uncle Morgan;" had we done so, we should unintentionally have committed an act of injustice, for it is one of the best articles in the periodical. The illustrations are to be commended, those of "Ahab and Jezebel confronted by Elijah," "A Jewish Wedding," and "Reading the Bible in Old London," being among the best, in our opinion at least. In fact, in this particular, the *Sunday at Home* and the *Leisure Hour* are invariably deserving of praise.

The steel engraving in *Picturesque Europe* is of "Melrose Abbey," and is a highly finished specimen of the engraver's art. Most of the wood engravings delineate scenes in the border counties, such as Berwick Bridge, Ferniehurst Castle, Kelso Abbey, and others; but there are some of scenery on the West Coast of Ireland, of which, in this number, we now take leave, in order to wander among the many historical scenes associated with "Border Castles and Counties."

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly meeting of this Chapter was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday last. Present—Comps. J. Constable M.E.Z., A. A. Drew H., Thomas Griffiths J., Thomas W. White S.E., F. Brown S.N., S. Powceby P.S., J. W. Berrie, J. Dennis, R. E. Stevenson, G. J. Row, G. Waterall, E. H. Finney, C. Saron Hooper, F. J. Ramsey. The business consisted of confirmation of minutes of previous convocation, and rehearsal of the exaltation ceremony, Comp. R. E. Stevenson being candidate; he was afterwards elected a member. The sum of £5 5s, previously promised, was voted to the Girls' School, for the list of Comp. John Boyd,

## 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 Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## TUESDAY, 22nd MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. (Emergency.)  
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Finsley-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.  
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

## WEDNESDAY, 23rd MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.

## THURSDAY, 24th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.  
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.  
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.  
1661—Newton, Town Hall, Newark-upon-Trent. (Consecration.)

## FRIDAY, 25th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1280—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Contts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Barford-street, N. (Installation.)  
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.  
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

## SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

## WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.  
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.

## THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

## FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.  
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.  
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.  
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

## SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.  
308—Prince George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.  
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—112—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street.

597—St. Brydos, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.

WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.

Conclave, No. 3, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 108 Renfield-street.

THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Pollockshaw.

347—St. John Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.

Quarterly Communication of P.G. Chapter of Lanarkshire, 213 Buchanan-street.

SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch. At 6 p.m.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Groome W.M., Claridge S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., Saunders Secretary, Pinder Preceptor, Franklin S.D., F. Hallows J.D., Upward Organist, Delvalle I.G.; also Bros. Dendy, Simms, Brown, Christian, Varley, Mumford, Field, Clarke. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Simms acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Claridge was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

**Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19.**—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comps. Birch M.E.Z., Rev. P. M. Holden as H., Pound as J., Bywater P.Z. S.E., Worthington S.N. P.Z.'s T. L. Fox, H. Potter, W. Platt, Barfield, Fox, Slack, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. F. E. W. Collard, No. 19, and T. C. Venables, No. 263, were balloted for, and were duly exalted, and Comp. Rev. J. M. Vaughan P.Z. was inducted M.E.Z., Millis P.Z. H., Reed P.Z. J., J. Smith P.Z. Treas., Bywater P.Z. S.E., Worthington S.N., Bryett S.E., Grabham 1st Asst., Game 2nd Asst., Daly Janitor. Comp. Bywater P.Z. said the testimonial to Comp. J. Smith P.Z. and Treas. for his long and valuable services rendered to the Chapter, was nearly completed, and would shortly be presented. Comp. Barfield P.Z. said 28 Lodges and Chapters had subscribed to the testimonial to Comp. W. Smith, who so well looked after their creature comforts, and he hoped the Companions present would contribute to it. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Comp. J. Smith P.Z., in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Comp. Birch I.P.Z. rose and said, you have been accustomed, during the past year, to hear my voice. I have now the pleasure of proposing the toast of the M.E.Z.; his star has shone to-night, and will shine brighter as he progresses. You have an educated man, a reverend clergyman; out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh, and those words would speak in his praise. He has very arduous duties to perform in his parish, and his time has been much occupied. The duties of the Z.'s chair are very arduous, and if at any time he should require my services, they will be at his command. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Birch for his kind expressions, he regretted not being able to come up at an earlier period to-day, but he would assure them he would do his best to perform his duties to their satisfaction. The Z. then gave the toast of the newly-exalted Companions; he regretted the absence of Comp. Venables, who was obliged to leave, but they had Comp. Collard, a member of the Royal Athelstone, No. 19, whom they were all pleased to see. Comp. Collard returned thanks for the toast, he felt impressed with the ceremony of initiation eighteen months since; he could say now how much more he felt the solemnity of this beautiful ritual. He was sure it would make him a better man and a better Mason. The M.E.Z. then, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of the Visitors, with which he coupled the name of Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, who responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, the Pillars of the Chapter. We have P.Z.'s present who are not only in every respect capable, but are ready to assist in the duties. Our I.P.M. Comp. Birch, you have seen how ably he has discharged the duties during the past year. I will try to imitate him, for I could not follow a better predecessor. It is now my duty and privilege to place on his breast this jewel, awarded him by the Chapter, and I am sure I am speaking your sentiments when I say, may he live long to wear it. Comp. Birch said he felt a great pleasure in being complimented by the Z.; it was flattering to him to know that he carried with him the good wishes of the Chapter, as, from the time he was initiated and exalted, he hoped to command success, and he was proud to say that he had succeeded in gaining their approbation, and he thanked all for their

other speakers, and notably that of Mr. E. Jenkins, who *will* thrust himself into a prominent position, were below mediocrity. On Tuesday the Committee on the Oxford and Cambridge Universities Bill was resumed. On Wednesday the County Training Schools' and Ships' Bill, and the Mercantile Marine Hospital, were defeated, on the second reading, the latter by the ridiculous majority of 212 to 11, and a similar fate befel the Poor Law Guardians Elections (Ireland) Bill, the second reading of which was moved by Sir C. O'Loughlan. Next week the House will enjoy a brief holiday.

The Queen, with the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Beatrice, and other members of the Royal Family, is still at Windsor Castle, where she has been receiving a succession of visitors. The Duke of Connaught left the Castle on Thursday last for London, *en route* for Dublin. On Friday, the Prince Imperial visited Her Majesty, and stayed to luncheon. On Saturday, the Duchess of Edinburgh visited the Marchioness of Lorne at Kensington Palace, and was afterwards present at the Wagner Concert, in the Royal Albert Hall, at which the Prince of Wales likewise assisted. On Monday, the Queen held a Council, there being present Prince Leopold, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and the Earls of Beaconsfield, Beauchamp, and Bradford. The same day the Princess Beatrice was present at the Philharmonic Society's Morning Concert, in St. James's Hall, and the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold at the fourth Wagner Concert. The Duke of Edinburgh, in command of H.M.S. Sultan, is stationed off the entrance to the Suez Canal with the other ships of the Mediterranean Ironclad Squadron, under Vice-Admiral Hornby. It is announced that there will be two state concerts next month, at Buckingham Palace. The first will be held on the 6th prox., and the second on the 27th prox. Madame Adelina Patti, Mdle. Zaré Thalberg, and Signor Gayarré have received commands to sing at the first, and Mdle. Albani, Madame Scalchi, and Signor Nicolini at the second.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, a wing of which was erected by the Craft as a memorial to our late Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, when some two hundred ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner, under the presidency of Lord Chief Justice Sir A. Cockburn. In proposing the toast of prosperity to this admirable institution, the Lord Chief Justice mentioned incidentally that while its permanent income was only £1,300 a year, its expenditure was not less than £7,500. Owing, however, to the generous support of the public, it was kept free from debt. He also announced that a new wing, large enough to accommodate fifty additional patients, would shortly be opened. The same evening the annual dinner of University College Hospital was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the presidency of Sir Henry Thompson, who announced that Sir F. Goldsmith had offered to contribute £10,000 towards the enlargement of the hospital, if other of the friends of the institution would raise amongst them a further sum of £20,000. Lady Goldsmith also promised £1,000 from a fund at her disposal. The subscriptions amounted to about £1,400.

The cricket season has begun in right earnest, and there have been several first-class matches played already. In one of them, between the M.C.C. and Ground and England, the club was victorious by 24 runs, but the match is chiefly noticeable for the small scores made in the second innings. The winning team could only achieve a total of 36, of which 33 were off the bat, not a single member getting into double figures. England, with but 51 to win, was only able to score 26, ten of which were made by Mr. W. R. Gilbert. The bowlers, in fact, had it all their own way, owing to the weather. We have also entered on the yachting season, and some half dozen matches have been sailed. Athletic meetings are taking place frequently, and the principal racing fixtures of the year are close at hand. Thus the public is well provided in the way of sport. We must not forget to mention further that the Coaching Season, though formally inaugurated on May-day, was practically opened on Wednesday, when the first meet of the Coaching Club was held at the Magazine, Hyde-park. Twenty-eight drags, of which the Duke of Beaufort is President, drew up at the rendezvous at noon, the President's being driven by Lord Arthur Somerset, beside whom sat the Prince of Wales. The Duke of Teck occupied the box seat on Cap-

tain Whitmore's coach, but in all other cases a lady sat beside the driver. The scene was a very animated one, and there was a great crush of carriages, horsemen, and footmen to witness the gathering. At 12.30 the Club started for a drive to Richmond, to the Orleans Club, where a lunch awaited them, after which the drags returned to town.

In spite of the unfavourable weather, the first Summer Exhibition of Flowers and Plants at the Royal Botanic Society's Gardens, Regent's Park, was attended by some 2,500 visitors. There seems, indeed, to be quite a fatality attending these shows, which are not unfrequently held on what turn out to be rainy days. It was so, we remember, in the old days of the Chiswick Horticultural *Fêtes*. However, the attendance on Wednesday, in Regent's Park, was respectable in point of numbers even beyond expectation, among the *élite* of the visitors being H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, the Duchess of Bedford, the Marchioness of Exeter, the Marquis and Marchioness of Bristol, Lord Londesborough, and Lord Chesham. The band of the 2nd Life Guards was present. The day previous, the Royal Horticultural Society held its seventh Flower Show this season in its grounds at South Kensington. The attendance was not very numerous. Among the prize winners, were Messrs. Cutbush and Son of Highgate, Mr. C. Turner of Slough, Messrs. J. Veitch and Sons of Chelsea, and Messrs. Paul and Son of Waltham Cross.

The War news from the Danube and Asia is in many respects conflicting, but some events of importance have occurred in the latter country. A squadron of Turkish ironclads has bombarded Soukoum Kaleh, on the coast of the Black Sea, after which a force of Circassians was landed, and established themselves in the place, in spite of the efforts of the Russians. This success is likely to have a very important effect. The Turks are determined to excite, if possible, a rising of the Circassians, and this will, no doubt, seriously interfere with the progress of the Russian armies under the Grand Duke Michael. Another and more considerable engagement has taken place at Batoum. The Russian were the assailants, and are said to have carried some heights, but further attempts to advance on the town were defeated, and the Russian loss is reported to have reached, if it did not exceed, 4000 men killed and wounded. In spite of all rumours to the contrary, the news received now and again from the neighbourhood of Kars and Erzeroum proves that the progress of the Russians in that direction is not as rapid or effectual as at first was reported. On the whole the balance thus far in Asia has inclined to the side of the Turks, who have shown themselves far more energetic than usual, and also far stronger. On the other hand, the fighting on the Danube has been inconsiderable, and has been confined chiefly to the bombardment by the Turks of Kalafat, the garrison of which, consisting of Roumanians, has been returning the compliment by firing on Widdin. The Roumanians acknowledge to have sustained a considerable loss in wounded, but nothing is said of those who have been killed. The most serious event has been the destruction of a Turkish monitor, which engaged the Russian batteries near Matchin, and was blown up by a shell. All on board are believed to have perished. An interchange of courtesies has taken place between the Grand Duke Nicholas and Prince Charles of Roumania, in the first instance at Ploeshti, whither the Prince went to visit him, and again at Bucharest, which, in accordance with the Russo-Roumanian Convention, the Grand Duke entered without any escort, but attended by one or two of his suite. Another rumour is worth noticing, to the effect that the Russians have crossed the Danube into the Dobrudscha. This may be the case, but there is no doubt the Russians are slowly but surely concentrating their forces, and that the passage will be attempted shortly.

A ministerial crisis has occurred at Paris, and M. Jules Simon has been dismissed from office by the President. It is impossible to say who will be the new minister, but the event, as indicating that Marshal MacMahon has broken with the Republican party, has caused an intense amount of excitement.

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## Old Warrants.

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No. 66.

No. 16, "Ancients;" No. 27 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 25 from A.D. 1832 to the present time.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.

M. GILLIES, S.G.W.

THOS. MAHON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz., The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis, and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thos. Harper, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thos. Mahon, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Donald MacCraw one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James Mansfield his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Terry his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Queen's Head, Crown Court, Princes Street, Golden Square, No. 16 or elsewhere in London, upon the first and third Tuesday in every month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions; and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Donald McCraw, James Mansfield and Henry Terry (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c., &c.; such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Tenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }  
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Letter B. No. 16.

The original bears date, 1st June 1755.

EDWD. HARPER, D.G. Sec.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Egyptian Lodge, No. 25, Fleet-street, London.

## HWLFFORDD CHAPTER HAVERFORDWEST.

THE consecration of this Chapter took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., the ceremony being performed by M.E. Companion Capt. S. G. Homfray P.Z., P. Standard Bearer of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire. He was assisted by M.E. Comps. T. Powell P.Z. of the Virtue and Hope Chapter, Swansea, as H., and M.E. Dr. Grätte P.Z. of the Silurian Chapter, Newport, Monmouthshire, as J. To those who have heard Comp. Homfray works the ceremony, we need only say that the fluency with which he performs his duties was characteristic of his performance on this occasion. As acting J., Comp. Dr. Grätte left nothing to be desired, his well-known skill in all pertaining to R.A. Masonry being exemplified by the ease with which his duties were performed. Immediately after the consecration ceremony, Comp. Homfray proceeded with the installation of the three principals. Comps. T. J. White P.M. the Cambrian Lodge, Haverfordwest, being installed as Z., the Rev. W. Lyte Stradling P.M. of the St. David's Lodge, Milford, as H., and Comp. T. James P.M. of the Cambrian Lodge, Haverfordwest, as J. All three being Comps. of the Merlin Chapter, Carmarthen. The Comps. were then admitted, and the principals saluted in ancient form. It must have been gratifying to the principals of the new Chapter to have had greetings from so many Chapters. The Silurian and Isca, in Newport, Mon., the Virtue and Hope and Talbot, in Swansea, the St. Elliw, Llanelly, and Merlin in Carmarthen, having all sent representatives to honour the consecration of this, the second Chapter consecrated in the Western division of South Wales within

the year. No further proof is needed that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering in the Western Counties of Wales. We hear that steps are about being taken to obtain a Charter for a Chapter in connection with the Aberystwyth Lodge. When this takes place, each of the three counties forming the division, will have its Chapter. Carmarthen, however, already has two—the Merlin and St. Elliw. The M.E.Z. expressed himself as being highly gratified at the representatives of so many Chapters being present, and thanked them for travelling such long distances; he also announced that a Chapter for the exaltation of brethren would be held the following day. At the request of the new Principals, Comp. Homfray as Z. performed the ceremony on Friday, assisted by Comp. Dr. Grätte as H., and Comp. Morgan as J.; there were twelve candidates exalted. After the labours of the day were over on Thursday, the refreshment took the form of a banquet, capitably served by Miss Reynolds, at the Salutation Hotel. After the cloth was removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were received in the manner befitting R.A. Masons. A most enjoyable evening was spent, to which Comp. Groves, of Newport, very materially contributed by his musical abilities. Indeed, a large measure of the success of the meeting is due to Comp. Groves' exertions—by his labour in Chapter, he gave solemnity to our beautiful ceremony, and by his happy touch and exquisite *bon homme* he added grace and lightness to the banquet. After the ceremony of exaltation on Friday, Comp. T. Rule Owen gave a banquet, at which all who could stay in Haverfordwest were present.

## LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL ACCOUNTS FOR 1875 AND 1876.

WE acknowledge with thanks two statements of account, for the years 1875 and 1876 respectively, of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, of which our esteemed Brother J. R. Goepel is the Treasurer. As regards the former year, it will suffice if we state that the balance on the General Account was £7 4s 1½d; that on the Building Fund the expenditure amounted to £216 14s 10d; while the receipts, including a balance brought forward of £13 0s 5d, amounted to £82 0s 10d, leaving a balance from Maintenance Fund of £134 14s 2d; and that the Furnishing Account showed a deficiency of £20 6s 3d, the liabilities amounting to £72 16s 3d against cash in bank to the extent of £52 10s. We deal more fully with the accounts for the year 1876, the Balance Sheet for which exhibits the following results:—Income, including balance as above, of £7 4s 1½d, £764 5s 5½d, the items being as follow, namely:—Rent from Lodges, £373 13s 4d; Rent from Chapters, £101; Rents, Miscellaneous, Lodges of Instruction, and Occasional Meetings, £45, £34, and £9 3s respectively; Emergencies, Committees, Refreshments, &c., £169 5s. The expenditure amounted to £769 9s 7½d, the principal items being Insurance, £8 17s; House Account, £143 5s 1d; Printing, £25 13s 5d; Coal, £30 1s 9d; Repairs, &c., £56 10s 11½d; Furniture, £37 8s 11d; Interest, £15; Rates and Taxes, £70 16s 9d; Gas, £108 14s 4d; Coke, £9 19s 1d; Gas Fitting, £26 8s 9d; Plumbing, £44 7s; and Building, £46 6s 2d. Thus there was a balance due to the Treasurer of £5 4s 2d. On the Building Fund, the payments reached a total of £111 14s 3d, while the receipts were £65 8s 1d, leaving a "Balance from Maintenance Fund" of £46 6s 2d. The Furnishing Fund balances exactly, the Receipts, including cash in bank £52 10s, and the expenses being £75 16s. The outstanding debts of the Hall amount to £201 1s 4d, and there is a mortgage on the property of £2,500, for which interest is payable at the rate of £4 per cent. It is worthy of note that the rents, which form the bulk of the receipts, are paid by twenty-one Lodges, eleven Chapters, sundry Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, and the West Lancashire Mark Lodge, and nine Lodges of Instruction, irrespective of occasional rents from P.G.L. and Chapter, &c. As far as can be gathered from this plain statement of figures, the Hall Committee appear to exercise a wise control over the management of the funds.

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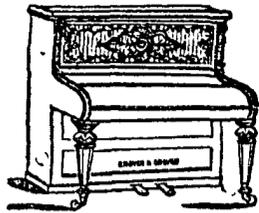
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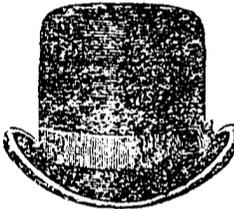
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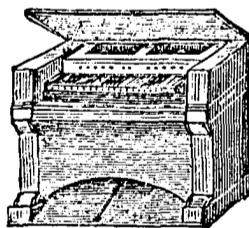
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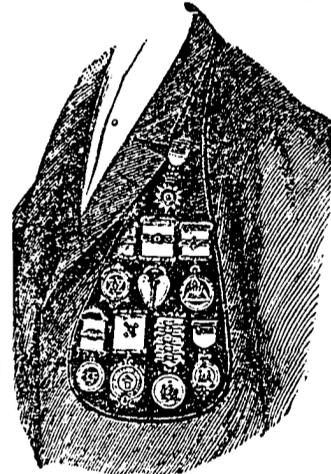


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