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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

TO-DAY and Monday next will be held the Quarterly General Courts of our two Schools, and at the conclusion of the ordinary business there will take place the regular half-yearly elections by ballot to fill up the vacancies which have occurred in the ranks of the pupils during the past six months, and likewise those additional appointments which have received the sanction of the two governing bodies. It is the election to the Girls' School which comes off first, and, therefore, we give priority of attention to those points in connection with the candidates and their claims which we customarily take note of. In respect of numbers there are twenty-four candidates and eighteen vacancies, which latter, in the not improbable event of Lieut.-Col. Creaton's motion being carried, will be increased to nineteen. The smallness of the number of candidates, which is remarkable if we can compare it with the number of applicants for admission into the Boys' School, is easily accounted for. It will be in the recollection of our readers that last year it was determined to enlarge the premises so as to provide accommodation for an addition of fifty pupils or thereabouts to those already authorised. At the last October election there were fifty candidates and thirty-five of these were admitted. Consequently only fifteen of the applicants were left out to carry the votes they had received and the claims they might possess for further support to future elections. These fifteen have been since reduced to fourteen by the operation of the law which requires all applicants to be under eleven years of age at the time of the election. Ten fresh candidates have been added to the list, and the candidates, therefore, muster, as we said, twenty-four. Of these, 21 has both parents living, while No. 18 has lost both, and No. 9 has a stepmother. In all the other cases the fathers of the girls are dead. No. 1 on the list has been a candidate at four previous elections, has two sisters in the Institution, and has standing to her credit 215 votes. The three next have tried three times already, and in the case of Nos. 2 and 4 we remark that the present is their last chance of success, as both will have attained the maximum limit of age before another election can be held. No. 2, moreover, has a sister in the Institution already. There stand to the credit of these girls 141, 396, and 283 respectively. The eight following have made two previous attempts to obtain admission into the School. No. 6 has one sister, and No. 8. two sisters at present on the roll of pupils, and No. 7 has a brother in the Boys' School. Two of these, Nos. 9 and 12, have 419 votes to their credit; No. 7 has 418; No. 5, 317; No. 11, 217; No. 6, 187; No. 8, 116; and No. 10, only 11 votes; Nos. 13 and 14 were candidates for the first time last October, and the former obtained 187, the latter 405, which are to the good at this, and in the event of non-success, at future trials. No. 14, it should be noted, has a brother in the Boys' School. Of the ten new candidates, Nos. 15, 20, and 22 have each a sister in the School and in the case of Nos. 18 and 22 this will be their last, as it is their first chance of success. The parents of three of the children have been contributors to, or acted as Stewards in raising funds for, the Institution. Eight, or exactly one-third of the candidates, belong to London; two hail from Lincolnshire East, and two from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight; the remaining twelve are from Lancashire West, Bristol, Devonshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Essex,

Warwickshire, Notts, Somerset, Yorkshire W., Durham, and Singapore (District of Eastern Archipelago). We wish it were possible that the whole of the children could be elected, but it is a satisfaction to know that there is room for at least three-fourths of the number.

Passing now to the Boys' School election, which will be held on Monday, the appearance of things is not satisfactory, to this extent at least, that, though there is the large number of vacancies and additional appointments amounting together to thirty, there is the still more formidable array of seventy-eight candidates. Thus, while only six or it may be five of the little girls will be left out, forty-eight boys must be unsuccessful; in other words, three out of every four girl candidates must succeed, and eight out of every thirteen boy candidates must fail. This is partly to be accounted for by the fact we have already noticed, namely, that last October thirty-five girls were taken into the School, so that only three out of every ten failed. On the other hand, there were only ten boys elected out of sixty-six, so that fifty-six were disappointed, and of these fifty-six, no less than ten have been removed from the list for this ballot, owing to their being over eleven years of age. Thus of the seventy-eight candidates now about to compete for admission, forty-six remain from last October, while the remaining thirty-two have been placed on the list in the course of the last six months. Eight of the Boys—Numbers 3, 13, 15, 18, 22, 43, 51, 53—have both parents living, but in the case of No. 15 the father is paralysed, and in the case of No. 18 the mother has been deserted since 1871. Seven, namely, Nos. 9, 28, 37, 44, 55, 60, and 75, have lost both parents, and No. 73, seeing that his father is a lunatic, may be looked upon as in the same unfortunate position. Of the rest, three—Nos. 11, 26, and 64—are motherless, and the other sixty are fatherless. In the case of No. 22 there are no less than ten children dependent for support on their parents, both of whom are living; No. 36 is one of nine dependent on their mother, and there are many belonging to families of eight, seven, six, and five children all dependent on their parent or parents. In thirteen cases the fathers have contributed to the funds of, or acted as Stewards for, one or more of our Institutions, and one of the thirteen is also a Life Governor of a local Masonic Educational Institution. No. 26 has had a brother in the School, and Nos. 31, 33, 34, and 56 have each a brother there now, while Nos. 32, 59, and 67 have each a sister in the Girls' School. Ten, as enumerated at the head of the list of candidates, have this one chance only of getting into the Institution, and one of these is a new candidate. Twenty-four of the boys hail from London, and one owes allegiance to London and the Province of Essex. The other fifty-three are thus distributed among Provinces at home and Districts abroad. Lincolnshire sends up five, and East Lancashire four candidates. Devonshire, North and East Yorkshire, North Wales and Salop, Kent, and Somersetshire have three candidates each, while Hants and Isle of Wight, Essex, Bengal, Warwickshire, Bristol, Suffolk, South Wales East Division, and West Yorkshire, acknowledge each two. The remaining thirteen hail from the thirteen Provinces or Districts of South Africa, East Cumberland, and Westmoreland, West Indies, Northampton, Norfolk, Malta, Staffordshire, Dorsetshire, Monmouthshire, South Wales West Division, New Zealand, Durham, and Cheshire. One candidate, No. 1, has been an applicant on six previous occasions; but he has only 35 votes to his credit. Nos. 2, 3, and 4 have made five previous attempts, and No. 3 has 1655 votes to his credit. The two that follow have already

stood four contests, and No. 5 has 1448 votes, No. 6 only 27 votes brought forward. Nos. 7 to 15, both inclusive, have each had three trials, and the votes already recorded for them range from 850 in the case of No. 8 to 3 in that of No. 9. Nos. 16 to 24, both inclusive, are competing for the third time, and No. 16 has 1687 votes to his credit, No. 17 1207 votes, No. 20 1,301 votes, while Nos. 18, 21, and 23 have 10, 4, and 11 votes respectively. From No. 25 to No. 46, both inclusive, the boys were candidates for the first time last October, and No. 25 has 994 votes, No. 32 1023 votes, and No. 35 677 votes to the good. Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, and 44 polled 2, 7, 5, 3, and 5 votes respectively, and Nos. 41 and 42 polled none. It is worthy of note that the father of No. 3 has been a subscribing member 27 years, the father of No. 22, 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ years, and the father of No. 41 for twenty years. In the case of Nos. 29 and 77, the fathers died when they had been subscribing members only about fourteen months. This point, by the way, has passed unnoticed in the case of the first candidates. We add, therefore, that the term of subscribing membership ranges in the case of the Girls' fathers, from 18 years in the case of No. 19, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ in that of No. 23, and 15 in that of No. 15, down to $\frac{3}{4}$ year in the case of No. 3, who lost her father within less than a year from the date of his initiation. We can only say, in conclusion, that we trust the most deserving cases will be successful. All are worthy, for all have been approved; but as all cannot be taken on on this occasion, we can but express the hope that, wherever there may be specially painful or emergent circumstances, those who have votes unpromised will give them to these. This is the extent of our partiality for any over their fellow competitors.

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YORKSHIRE COLLEGE.

"FREEMASONRY IN YORK."

A Paper Read before the Members of the College, at their Meeting, in York, on the 26th January 1878, by W. Frater T. B. Whytehead, V. Celebrant.

R. W. CII. ADEPT AND FRATRES,—

It has always appeared to me that the study of Freemasonry is so intimately connected with that of Archaeology that the two may be fairly regarded as kindred or sister sciences. Not that every Archaeologist must necessarily be a Freemason, although I quite think that such a condition of enlightenment would materially aid the student of the beautiful and the antique in architecture; but the converse certainly holds good; I mean, that every intelligent Freemason, and more especially a Rosicrucian, must be to a great extent an Archaeologist. I do not, of course, suggest that he must be possessed of a vast quantity of technical knowledge, and have at his tongue's end all the *patois* of the architect or the builder. He need not qualify himself to talk learnedly of crockets and corbels, of foils and finials, of mullions and transoms, of spandrels and soffits, but he should certainly possess a general, what I may call a *dilettanti*, sort of knowledge of the general principles of that great science, and its history, which we are bound to regard as synonymous throughout all past time, with the science and practise of that Royal Art, with which we pride ourselves on being connected.

We are often reminded, Fratres, that we are "the heirs of all the ages," but so far from a consciousness of this fact adding to our self complacency, I, for one, think that our responsibilities are thereby so enormously increased that, in common self respect, we can do no less than qualify ourselves to be no unworthy possessors of the glorious inheritance which has been handed down to us by our ancient brethren, some of whose marvellous handiwork we have glanced at this afternoon.

The old capital city of the north of England within whose ancient ramparts we are gathered to-day is so associated with both the legendary and the recorded history of Freemasonry that over the whole globe, wherever that wondrous organisation flourishes, the name of York is sufficient to warm into activity in the breast of every brother thoughts of our great unwritten history of the past. I say advisedly, "unwritten," for although many able writers, prominent amongst whom are Bro. Hughan, Bro. Findel, and Bro. Fort, have recorded everything that their researches have enabled them to authenticate regarding the history of Freemasonry in this city, and in this country, the whole of their facts amount to very little as compared with the lapse of centuries since York first became a city of note, since the Sixth Legion of the conquering army of Rome was stationed within its walls, and the Emperors Severus and Constantius held imperial state on the banks of the Ouse, or since the Danish fleet, under Tosta, anchored almost under the shadow of the ancient Saxon earthworks.

The story of the Athelstane Charter will, of course, occur to your minds as one of the oldest of Masonic legends connected with York. Perhaps I ought not to use the term "legend" in reference to this document, since our worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Dr. J.

P. Bell, who, you know, is not only an earnest Masonic student, but an author of mark, is firmly convinced that the "charter" in question is still in existence, or at any rate that it did exist up to within a very recent period. I must admit that in the course of a number of inquiries made by me into this subject, I have been more than once startled by coming upon what seemed to be a real clue to the whereabouts of some very ancient Masonic document, formerly in the possession of the old Grand Lodge of All England at York, and which, at the dissolution of that body at the close of last century, fell into the hands of a legal firm representing the last Grand Master (Bro. E. Woolley), by whom several of the ancient properties of the Grand Lodge were presented to the Union Lodge (now the York Lodge, No. 236). This document has been described to me by a brother who once had it in his hands, but who was not able to decipher it, as being in shape about four inches square, of parchment, closely covered over with elaborate characters. Those acquainted with the common aspect of very ancient Charters will at once recognise the possibility of this parchment having been, as it undoubtedly was, of great antiquity, and not improbably a copy of a still more ancient document. It almost would seem strange that such uncertainty should exist on any point so important, but you must remember that it has only been within the last fifteen or twenty years that anything like close attention has been given to the subject of Masonic investigation. The mania (I can call it nothing else), for the indiscriminate destruction of old papers, which existed unhappily some forty or fifty years ago, and more especially the holocaust of Masonic documents, which took place just prior to the publication of the first book of Constitutions, have, no doubt, deprived the world of many priceless treasures, and it may be that the old relic in question has ere this been consigned to the dust bin.

But even before the days of Athelstane it seems likely that Freemasonry in some form found a rallying point in York, for in the days when the *Collegium Artificum* at Rome sent out its little bands of highly skilled and educated graduates to the various chief Colonies of the mighty Roman Empire, we may be sure that the important military station of Eboracum or Eboracum, the key of the North of England, would not be forgotten. And, indeed, in the remains of the ancient structures of that era, in the elegant designs of the tessellated pavements of their baths, in the sarcophagi and votive altars and tablets, specimens of which are preserved in the Museum of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, we have evidence in abundance of the existence of a class of workmen far removed above uneducated and unskilled ignorance.

We may be very sure too that such a point as the site of the present city, a spot which always seems to have possessed a name ever since the first occupation of the country by the earliest inhabitants, one of whose evidences of antiquity is to be found in the fact that no certain root of that name has been discovered, I say, we may be quite sure that at Urewic or Eburwic, in the centre of the vast Forest of Galtres, the ancient Fraternity of the Druids, many of whose rites so closely resembled ours, often gathered in solemn conclave, and here, on this very ground where we are now met, an oasis in the midst of a wild expanse of tangled thicket, rank swamp vegetation, and forest undergrowth, formed their M.C. and initiated, beneath the shade of stately oaks, trembling aspirants into their awful mysteries.

Those who are members of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine well know the connection between the history of this City and that of their founder, who is said to have been crowned here, and that of the pious St. Helena, whose memory is still preserved as the patron saint of the little church of St. Helen's, in Stonegate, one of the gems of our many specimens of Church architecture, the last remaining one of four churches dedicated to the memory of the mother of Constantine the Great.

Passing onward we come to the Middle or Dark Ages, the days of mediæval church building, when the glorious Abbey of St. Mary, the remains of which you have seen to-day, rose in stately grandeur under the hands of those wondrous builders, the relics of whose art are still amongst the marvels of Europe, and stand as monuments of the grandeur of the past. Now, during this long period, Fratres, I do not find anything surprising in the circumstance of the absence of documentary evidence of the existence of any esoteric teachings under the garb of Freemasonry. Indeed to my mind the marvel would have been seen in an exactly opposite condition of things. If for one moment we reflect upon the very meagre condition of our national history, how many of its long received narrations have been proved by modern historians to have been apocryphal, and what large and unaccountably unbridged gulphs are to be found in its records during that long series of years, when so crude and sparse was education, that the worst criminal found refuge behind the "Benefit of Clergy"—in such days and under such circumstances was it probable, or even possible, that any records could be preserved of the proceedings of a branch of a Society whose very organisation and existence depended largely upon its secrecy? Oral tradition was the only possible channel by means of which any account of esoteric Freemasonry could have reached us. Of the operative section we have certain relics, notably the fabric rolls of that glorious old Cathedral we have visited to-day, and in whose crypt the Masons are said to have held their secret assemblies. To Frater Hughan we are largely indebted for reproductions of some of these relics of bygone ages in a form accessible to every Masonic student.

Contemporaneously with the existence of the Lodges of travelling Masons, the Abbey and Cathedral building Brotherhood, we have the rise, progress, and fall of the Templar Order, an organisation for many reasons possessing great interest for us, particularly in view of so many of their teachings and practices closely resembling our own. What the connection really was, if, indeed, there was any connecting link, between the Templars and the Masons, which is denied by many of our best men, is a mere matter for conjecture, but is well worth the close investigation of every Masonic student. Of course a knightly and monastic order must very frequently have been brought into close and intimate relation with the builders of their

religious houses, and it requires no very great stretch of the imagination to suppose that, at the time of the destruction, or rather suppression, of the Order of the Temple and the distribution of the penitents amongst the monasteries, they may have mingled with the Masons in their esoteric assemblies, and that the ceremonies may have become intermingled and the orders linked together by mutual sympathies.

Still descending the ladder of time we arrive at what I will call the Elizabethian legend, relating to Sir Thomas Sackville, having been sent down to York by Her Majesty to suppress the Masonic meetings in the city, and to his having been himself initiated here and reported so favourably to his liege of the loyalty of the brethren as to produce a revulsion of feeling in their favour. A York brother has, I know, been at very considerable pains to wade through the old minute books of the Corporation of York, in order to discover if any entry relating to this alleged visit of Sir Thomas Sackville to York is in existence, but he has discovered no allusion to anything of the kind, and I fear that we must admit that, so far, there is not a scrap of evidence as to any visit having been paid by the knight in question.

Perhaps I may be pardoned for a moment if I here diverge in order to urge upon every Rosicrucian the great importance in these days of the careful investigation of all ancient available records, letters, minute books, &c., not only in the interests of Masonry, but of history generally. We all know what literary treasures have, of late years, from time to time been unearthed, and we must all lament the carelessness and ignorance which have consigned, and even yet consign, to the flames or the waste paper basket, manuscripts and records of the deepest interest. We know that in many an old chest and cupboard must lie hid curious papers which would throw light upon the history of the past, and I would urge upon you the importance of always assuring yourselves of the contents of all old papers before despatching them to the dust cart, on those occasions which occur at intervals in all our lives when removals or deaths bring to light the accumulations of the lumber room.

It was not until the commencement of the eighteenth century that we have any actually existing records of the existence of Speculative Freemasonry in York, and it is in 1705 that Dr. Bell's list of Grand Masters, of whom there are data, begins with Sir George Tempest. Amongst the archives of the York Lodge, are preserved most of the minute books of the Grand Lodge of All England, and they are, of course, of immense value and interest. When the Grand Lodge of England was formed in London, the Grand Lodge of All England, which appears at that time to have been nearly dormant, appears to have put on a kind of spurt, and to have issued a few warrants for Lodges, but of course the Metropolitan body soon overshadowed everything, and in York itself Lodges were soon working with London warrants under the very nose of the Grand Lodge at York.

The present York Lodge, No. 236, was warranted in 1777, the year of the Union, from London, under the name of the Union Lodge, No. 287. When the Grand Lodge of York became defunct, just before the close of the century, its properties seem to have been divided among the few remaining members. Some of the furniture you have seen to-day in the handsome hall belonging to the York Lodge. The Eboracum Lodge, in whose room we are met, possesses the Bible, which very curiously turned up in the possession of a gentleman who is not a Mason, but who presented it to that Lodge, then just warranted. The old silver loving cup is, I believe, now in the possession of a lady residing in York, whose father was a member of the Grand Lodge of York.

Thenceforward the progress of the Order in York seems to have been slow and wavering. The Union Lodge survived its contemporaries, and after some sharp vicissitudes, and a change of name in 1870, is now in a very flourishing condition. It seems strange, however, that in a city which has such a great legendary Masonic history, and in which remnants of the past and historical institutions are so esteemed and cherished, there should for so many years have existed only one Lodge, but it was not until the autumn of 1876 that our R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland consecrated in this room the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, of which I have the honour to be the present Worshipful Master. At this moment I consider Freemasonry to be in a remarkably flourishing condition in our ancient northern capital. Much new blood has been infused into the old stock, and many good and worthy men are constantly ranging themselves under our banners.

I feel that I owe you an apology for inflicting upon you so discursive and aimless a paper, but it is next to impossible to discuss so complicated a subject as the progress of Freemasonry in York in a worthy or even intelligent manner, in such a brief space of time as has been necessarily allotted to me. To treat the question duly it would be necessary to go closely into comparisons of old records and minute books, and to investigate minutely in a manner that would on such an occasion as the present be both impossible and out of place.

You have seen and heard sufficient to-day to prove to you how large and interesting a field we have in York for all kinds of archaeological study. I speak cautiously and subject to correction, as a very young member of our Rosicrucian Order; but if I do not greatly err, I imagine that these matters peculiarly come within the scope of our investigations, and I venture to think that our meeting here to-day has been in every respect as consonant with the teachings of the Order, as it has been, to me at least, one of very great pleasure.

Fratres, I thank you for your courteous attention.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom the winter is a protracted period of trial, should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health on the return of spring. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. The Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they treat successfully with influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were—Bros. S. Rawson, G. J. Row, the Rev. Richard Morris, John Boyd, D. M. Dewar, W. Paas, W. Mann, Raynham W. Stewart, C. F. Matier, L. Ruf, J. G. Chancellor, Collard Montrie, A. Durrant, Joyce Murray, J. Winter, Benjamin Head, S. Rosenthal, C. J. Rushworth, Clarence Harcourt, H. Massey, W. Hyde Pullen, R. B. Webster, and F. Binckes. After reading the minutes, Bro. Binckes read the letter announcing the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., and stated that the indebtedness of the firm to this Institution amounted to £1,720 6s 10d. Bro. Binckes also read the list of 24 boys belonging to this Institution, who came out successful from the Cambridge Local Examination. For the information of the Committee, he stated that, out of a list of 230 candidates from different establishments who went in, in the course of the year at the London main centre for first class honours, 18 only were successful, and of these 18, no less than 6 were from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Four candidates for election were then put on the October list. With regard to Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co.'s failure, Bro. Binckes said that, although Bro. Terry had received official notice that 9s in the pound would be paid by the Hants and North Wilts Banking Co., no such notice had come to him. A letter from Miss Hall, Matron, was read, thanking the Committee for the increase they made in her salary at last meeting. Four outfits were granted to boys who have left the School. On the application of the mother of one of the boys, who has not been able to return to the School on account of ill-health, the Committee made the grant for educating him near his home. A grant of £20 was also made to another lad, who is studying for the medical profession. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that a proposition had been made that the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School should appeal to the Craft to make up the sum expected to be lost by them in the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., and read a draft letter suggested to be sent round. Bro. Raynham Stewart thought it was premature. It was not yet known what the loss would be, or whether there would be a loss. He did not think it right until the result was known to profit by, or trade upon, the failure of Bro. S. Tomkins. He moved that all action on the matter be at present deferred. Bro. Clarence Harcourt seconded the motion. He had heard that it was the intention of Bro. S. Tomkins that the Institutions should not suffer. The motion was carried. Bro. Raynham Stewart gave notice that he would move at the Quarterly Court of next Monday that Lord Leigh be elected a Trustee of the Institution in place of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw. The Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ON Wednesday afternoon the usual meeting of the brethren who form the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were present also Bros. S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, Joseph Smith, Griffiths Smith, Henry Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Edward Cox, John Bellerby, James Case, L. Stean, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Hilton, S. G. Gordon Robbins, and James Terry. Bro. Terry read a letter from the Duke of Manchester, acknowledging Bro. Terry's letter to his Grace conveying the vote of thanks which was passed to him for presiding at the Festival of last February. His Grace expressed his pleasure at being of any service to the Institution. Bro. Terry afterwards read the Finance Committee's report, which showed a balance of £2,386 16s 10d in favour of the Male Fund, £3,299 5s 6d in favour of the Female Fund, and £46 15s 6d in favour of the Sustentation Fund, or a total in favour of the Institution of £5,732 17s 10d. After the report had been ordered to be entered on the minutes, £2,000 was ordered to be placed on deposit with the London and Westminster Bank at a month's notice. Bros. Colonel Creaton, Farnfield and Griffiths Smith were appointed the Committee for drawing up the annual report. In regard to the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bro. Terry said he had received the usual notices from the Bankruptcy Court to prove debts, and a letter from the Hants, &c., Bank, informing him of the arrangement to pay the creditors of Willis, Percival and Co. 9s in the £. Bro. Terry said the debts due to this Institution was £990 19s 10d, and Bro. Barron, whom he had consulted, thought that proof should be given against the private estate of Bro. S. Tomkins, as he was the Treasurer. At all events, there was no necessity to prove against the estate of the firm on the 11th. The Committee then heard with great satisfaction from the Chairman, that Bro. Tomkins had told him his impression was that the Institutions would be paid in full out of his private estate. Bro. Raynham Stewart gave notice of motion for presenting Dr. Strong, the honorary Surgeon of the Institution, with one hundred guineas as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren of his great attention and services to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon. The Committee then adjourned. The election of annuitants will be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern on the 17th of May.

ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF THE "FERN PARADISE."—Mr. Francis George Heath has in the press an illustrated, revised, and greatly enlarged (fourth) edition of his "Fern Paradise." The illustrations will include several copyright photographic views taken in one of the most charming of the "green lanes" of Devon, a number of full page engravings of scenery, from drawings by Birket Foster, and plates of ferns, giving complete figures of all the British species, grouped according to Genera. The new edition will be published by Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co.

ANNUAL MEETING OF P.G. PRIORY OF DEVON.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Priory of the United Religious and Military Order of the Temple was held on Wednesday afternoon, 3rd April, at the commodious Lodge Room in Gandy-street, Exeter. The P.G.P. was opened in ancient form, under the banner of the Rougement Encampment, by the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight Rev. J. Huyshe M.A., G.C.T. Past Grand Master, P.P.G. Com. Amongst those present were:—V.H. and Eminent Sir Knight L. P. Metham, and Eminent Sir Knights Vincent Bird P.E.C. P.P.B.B., E. A. Davies P.E.C. P.P.G.V. Chancellor, Samuel Jew E.C.P.G. Treasurer L.D., Westcott P.E.C. P.P.G. Reg., J. P. Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., Colonel Fitzgerald P.E.C. Past Second Grand Captain of England, Josiah Austin P.P.C. P.P.G.E., Samuel Jones Past Standard Bearer of England, H. W. Townsend E.C. elect Royal Sussex, T. W. Lemon P.G. Chaplain, H. Woodgate Vice-Chancellor, T. Dand P.E.P. First Equerry Devon, H. B. Stark P.P.G.O., Sidney Templar P.P.B.B., Sir Knights J. Stroud Short, R. T. Thornton, Elphington Stone, J. J. Daw, Lillywhite, Hants, H. Bartlett, W. Vicary, W. Bennett Maye, and G. Evans.

The proceedings commenced by the reading of the patent from the Grand Master of England appointing the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight L. P. Metham as the Grand Prior of Devon. The V.H. and E. Sir Knight Rev. J. Huyshe then installed G.P. elect in due form. The ceremony was performed by the venerable and venerated Sir Knight in his usual impressive and dignified manner. He accompanied the installation with a masterly and feeling exhortation on the duties of the distinguished office his esteemed brother was about to assume, and expressed the pleasure, pride, and gratification he felt to see one for whom he had so high a regard exalted to a position for which he was so eminently qualified.

The Eminent Prior Sir Knight Metham, having taken the chair, delivered with characteristic eloquence the following oration:—

Sir Knights,—I am sure you will all sympathise with my first expression in taking this chair, which is one of gratitude to our esteemed chief, Bro. Huyshe, for having volunteered to instal me, and for the manner in which he has performed that duty, spite of all the drawbacks caused by his failing health. For the third of a century I have enjoyed his steadfast friendship, and during that long time not a cloud even so small as a man's hand has obscured its serenity, and he has never wearied in showering on me personal kindness and Masonic distinction. For all these I am bankrupt in thanks, and can only trust, dear Bro. Huyshe, to repay you in the manner in which you would most wish to be repaid, by trying to live a life approaching nearer and nearer every day to your ideal of what a good Knight Templar ought to be. You know better than any one that I more than once declined this most honourable post, not from fear of the additional labour it might entail upon me, but from a conscientious scruple as to my fitness to undertake its onerous responsibilities. But, having accepted it, I will strive to perform its duties to the best of my ability. There was one prominent feeling which more than any other decided my acceptance, which was that there never was a time when it was more necessary for every true Mason, and especially every true Knight Templar, to come to the front and contend for the sacred truths which are embodied in Masonry. Freemasonry has shown, and will, I trust—continue to show a wise toleration to her sons' varied worship of the Great Jehovah so long as under every sky that sacred name, the symbol of the eternal, unknown, truth, is represented, and acknowledged. Ages ago Masonry may have existed without religion, simply as a bond uniting the weak to resist the aggression of the strong, and, as time went on, as a means of preserving the secrets of science and art from the attack of the coward and barbarian. But for hundreds of years religious belief has entered largely into our ceremonies, and has been the basis of our ritual, and therefore, if we, in the present day, voluntarily extinguish that tried hereditary lamp of religious belief, which has so long illuminated our Lodges, to run after the delusive wills-of-the-wisp and restless phantoms of fancied progress and discursive philosophy, we shall be aiding not in a forward, but in a retrograde movement, by which Masonry will be lowered, and humanity will, of necessity, suffer. We have lately witnessed with astonishment and sorrow that the seething volcano of revolution and infidelity has poured forth burning lava that will, if not checked, destroy, and ashes that will bury in one lamentable ruin the fundamental and most vital principle of our Order—a recognition of the Supreme Being, and a belief in the immortality of the soul. On that belief we take our stand; let French Masons, if they will, discuss the date at which religion was introduced into our ritual, let them persist in excluding it if they can, and will, from their own Lodges. Be it enough for us that we found it in ours at our initiation, and that we are resolved to preserve it there in its fullest integrity. Of this most precious jewel in the crown which our devout and older brethren have placed on the brow of Masonry, and which they have bequeathed to us, let us with one voice exclaim, as our noble English Prince exclaimed, in relation to his father's earthly crown:—

They won it, wore it, kept it, gave it me,
Then plain and right must our possession be,
Which we, with more than with a common pain,
'Gainst all the world will righteously maintain!

At our initiation, which was symbolical of our helpless infancy, the volume of the Sacred Law was placed open before us, and we were taught to look to it for comfort and support to our tottering steps. As we advanced in the science into that stage which represented the vigour of manhood, we learned to implore the aid of God on all our lawful undertakings, and to dedicate the intellectual and physical powers with which He has endowed us to His glory, our own advancement, and the benefit of our fellow creatures. And, then, when our day is ended, and, with wearied brain and feeble limbs, we prepare for rest, like labourers who, at the close of their toil, seek their

couch and its calm and grateful slumber, the same Sacred Volume whispers to us that, if we have been true and faithful stewards of the talents committed to us, we shall awake to a brighter tomorrow, in which there shall be no more toil, nor pain, nor night. That glimmering light in the East, so often indicated to us in our Masonic journey as the beacon to direct our steps, and which so often varied, now brighter, now fainter, now nearly extinguished, as faith, reason or doubt has ruled the hour, will expand into that bright morning star, also indicated to us in our Masonic progress, whose rising shall bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. That symbolical star will guide us until it is itself

Lost, dissolved in Thy superior rays,
One tide of glory, one unclouded blaze
Shall flood Thy courts! The light Himself shall shine
Revealed, and God's eternal day be thine!

That star, that light, is Christ our Priest, Christ our Prophet, Christ our King! We in the present day are not required to emulate the noble example and self-denying zeal of our older brethren, the Military Knights of the Temple, who patiently endured hunger, thirst, and privation, who voluntarily encounter hardship, danger, and death, who sacrificed worldly ambition, and renounced the endearing ties of family love and friendship, to do unceasing battle with the enemies of the Cross who sought to defile the Holy Sanctuary. But not the less have we self-imposed, self-denying duties to perform. In becoming Knight Templars we have voluntarily adopted a special and sectarian belief in the Blessed Trinity, in addition to that general recognition in the Supreme Ruler of the Universe which is common to the fraternity throughout the world. If, therefore, we are Knight Templars in spirit and reality, as well as in name and ritual, we are bound by the most solemn ties and obligations to imitate ourselves, and to teach others to do the same, at however long a distance, the example of Him on whose Sacred Name this solemn degree is founded. We, too, like our ancient brethren, must wage incessant warfare, but it must be against more insidious foes than they had to contend with. Our foes lurk within as well as without the Citadel; we must wage hourly conflict with ignorance, bigotry, and superstition, with intolerance on one side, and infidelity on the other, with arrogance and self-assertion, with tyranny, inhumanity, and selfishness. We must strive to imitate Him who, while He dwelt on earth, was Charity itself in thought, word, and deed; who bid him, who is without sin, cast the first stone at the sinner; who on earth went about doing good; who visited the widow and orphan in their affliction; who clothed the naked, fed the hungry, and cured the blind, the dumb, the sick, the leper, and the lame; and who, on quitting the earth, bid his disciples "Feed My Sheep." When we have done this as well as our imperfect nature and limited opportunities will permit, then shall we be indeed Knight Templars; then, with a safe conscience and trusting confidence, may we lay our armour at the foot of the Cross, and look to enjoy

The peace that follows battle,
The night that ends in day.

Then shall we be privileged to enter that Living Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, of which He who is the embodiment of pure, universal, Catholic charity—that emblem of our Order—is the sure foundation, the tried corner stone, the solid buttress, and the topmost pinnacle. Then shall we come face to face with those Christian graces, shining in full meridian splendour, of which, on earth, we have had but glimpses, dull and intermittent at the best. Until that day let us, as Masons, and especially as Knight Templars, find in them our motto and our watchword:—

Remember Faith, Hope, Charity, these three,
But the greatest of these is Charity.
These were the words our Great Redeemer taught,
These were the deeds our Heavenly Master wrought.
Peace upon earth, joy, goodwill to man,
Form the bright columns of His Godlike plan!
'Tis mercy, boundless mercy, warm and wide,
That brings the creature to his Maker's side!

The minutes of the last Preceptory having been read and confirmed, a committee, consisting of Sir Knights Jones, Bird and Dand, was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, which were received and adopted.

The V.H. and E. Prior then invested the following Sir Knights as his officers:—Admiral Glasse C.B. Sub-Prior, K. T. Thornton Prelate, Capt. E. Stone Chancellor, Colonel Fitzgerald Constable, the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe Marshall, V. Bird Treasurer, K. Worth Reg., Major C. W. Troyte Vice-Chancellor, Templar Sub-Marshal, Rev. Thornton Almoner and Chaplain, H. W. Townsend Warden of Regalia, J. R. Keats Herald, J. Horswell Second Standard Bearer, J. Evens M.D. Banner Bearer, J. J. Short 1st D.C., T. L. Heath 2nd D.C., W. Vicary Chamberlain, W. B. Maye Captain of Guard, W. Browning Sword Bearer, H. B. Stork Organist, and P. Blanchard Guard.

A Committee of the following Sir Knights were chosen as a Board of General Purposes:—F. B. Gover, S. Jew, L. D. Westcott, E. A. Davies, J. Austin.

This brought to a close the business for which the Priory had been summoned, and it was closed in ancient form.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.

THE Triennial Convocation of the Prince's Grand Rose Croix of Ireland, will be held at the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Thursday, the 25th April 1878, at six o'clock p.m., when the Honourable Judge Townsend, LL.D., President of the Order, will present to Grand Chapter his report as to the progress and present position of the Rose Croix Order in Ireland. The triennial banquet will take place at seven o'clock.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Bro. W. Hallett the W.M. duly opened the Lodge, with Bros. J. J. Gavin S.W., C. Breden J.W., J. Wright P.M. P.G.P. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., A. Scheerboom S.D., B. Rawe J.D., Jas. Everett D.C., R. F. Ould I.G., G. Palmer Org., W. Steedman Tyler. P.M.'s C. K. Killick, J. Kinnard, T. B. Daniel, W. J. Helps, J. Armstrong, E. L. Branbridge, W. Medland, T. Neville, J. W. Reeves, &c. Bro. James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. acted as Installing Officer, and was assisted by Bro. Wright the Treasurer, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. The choice of the members having fallen on Bro. C. Breden to fill the chair for the ensuing year, that brother was formally presented and received the benefit of installation. After the usual ceremony he proceeded with the investment of officers, conferring the collars on the following brethren:—J. Gavin S.W., Scheerboom J.W., J. Wright P.M. P.G.P. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., B. Rawe S.D., Ould J.D., Everett I.G., G. Palmer Org., J. Ives D.C., J. Lax W.S., Steedman Tyler. No other business offering, the Worshipful Master, after receiving the good wishes of his numerous visitors, closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. At its conclusion the W.M. briefly introduced the toasts. After those of the Queen and the Grand Master, the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were respectively sung. With that of the Grand Officers, the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Wright P.G.P., who in reply acknowledged the compliment paid him. The Pro G.M. well and worthily filled his position in Grand Lodge, where he usually had to preside in the absence of the Grand Master. The Deputy G.M. was one of those kind, genial gentlemen, whose main object is to please; his aim ever had been to be present at any meeting where his attendance might be of service. Bro. Hallett, the I.P.M., next proposed the health of the W.M., to whom he and the other Past Masters, as well as the members, tendered their best wishes. If the Past Masters could in any way assist Bro. Breden during his year of presidency, he felt it was only necessary it should be mentioned, and their services would be secured. The W.M. tendered his hearty thanks for the way in which he had been received. His efforts would ever be directed towards making the brethren under his rule comfortable and happy. If at the end of his term he could look back with satisfaction at the result, he should be content; he was sure if he satisfied himself, he should satisfy the members. The next toast, that of the Past Masters, the W.M. considered was one of the most important he had to propose; it was to them the prosperous condition of the Lodge was due, and he hoped that he should have the benefit of their experience should any emergency arise. Before asking the brethren to drink the toast, he had the pleasure to present to their I.P.M. a jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge, and which all considered was fully deserved. Bro. Hallett acknowledged the gift. He assured the brethren that the meetings of the Merchant Navy Lodge were among the most enjoyable he ever attended; he should be very sorry to forego any of them. He tendered his personal thanks to the P.M.'s of the Lodge, to whom he was greatly indebted for their assistance during his year of office. The health of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. assuring them that the members of the Merchant Navy Lodge were always pleased to see them. Bro. Hilliard responded. He felt sure his fellow visitors would agree with him that a more hearty reception was seldom accorded visiting brethren than they had received that evening. He hoped the Lodge would continue its prosperous career, and that its present Master would have a happy and successful year. The Secretary and Treasurer was next proposed, by the Worshipful Master. He was pleased to be Master of a Lodge which could boast such good Officers. He felt sure the duties of their respective positions would always be properly performed while they filled the posts they now occupied. Each responded, after which the W.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Terry, who he personally thanked for having performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Terry made his acknowledgments to the W.M. for having so kindly referred to his services in the Lodge, and wished both the W.M. and the Lodge success. The Merchant Navy was ever to the front in the cause of Masonic Charity, and he had to thank the members for so handsomely supporting the Steward who represented them at the recent Festival. The Charities had done a great deal of good in days gone by, and he hoped, with the assistance of the Craft, that they would be able to do still more in the future. The fact of the Craft having contributed over £12,000 last year was most creditable. He looked upon the Craft as in reality only a small body; the number of active Lodges really being only about 1,400. Taking this number, and comparing it with the amounts contributed to the London Charities, no one could say but that the Masons of this country acted up to the true principles of the Order. He had asked in various Lodges he had visited that the contents of the Charity Box might on one night be devoted towards making good the loss which might arise through the failure of the bankers of the Institutions; he hoped the W.M. of the Merchant Navy Lodge would grant him this request; and when he told the brethren that a donation at the rate of 2s or 2s 6d from each brother would more than cover the deficiency, he felt sure the Merchant Navy Lodge would be ready to assist them. The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by the Senior Warden, after which the Tyler was summoned, and concluded the proceedings. The Visitors were Bros. W. B. Salisbury 9, P. Müller 73, G. J. Hilliard P.M., R. Deering, and J. Keable 174, E. Jones P.M., and C. Arbell 192, W. O. Gilland 212, J. J. Aubin P.M. 281, G. Lewis 879, R. C. Gording 898, G. Brooke P.M. 902, L. Potts 907, C. S. Dixon 1003, J. Staley 1216, J. Orme and E. H. Rolfe 1259, E. Deacon 1382, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556, A. C. Gibby 1658, &c.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields. Bros. J. H. Southwood W.M., J. Sandilands Ward S.W., Goodacre J.W., Foot as Sec., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treas., Spalding S.D., H. J. Dean Organist, T. C. Speight Tyler. Visitors—Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Secretary, Libbis, J. Green, Lambie, F. Harrison, Walker, W. Richards, Rev. T. W. Morris, H. Massey, Col. Peters, Defriez, Davis, R. B. Singer, T. Bolton, James Barth, J. J. Wortwick, H. J. Turner, A. S. Waters, E. A. Baber, Treemeeer, Nicholson, H. Hollis, S. Crawford, J. B. Green, L. G. Langdon, Fred. Binckes, E. Stimson, G. Singer, F. G. Longley, D. Nicholson, F. Ough, L. R. Rogers, H. Miller, G. Body, Col. Peters, E. A. Wells, E. Collins, J. W. Legge, H. Upstone, T. J. Maidwell, W. W. Morgau, &c. On the assembling of the brethren, Bro. Southwood opened his Lodge, and called on Bro. Foot, who acted as Secretary, to read the minutes of last regular meeting, also those of an emergency meeting held on the 14th March. These were of exceptional interest to the Lodge, and were very voluminous, partaking more of the character of a report than is usually the case; but this, as explained by the W.M., was necessitated by the unpleasant events which had transpired. In due course, the minutes of both meetings were confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the admission, as joining member, of Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M. of the Egyptian Lodge. This resulted in his unanimous election, and that worthy brother took his seat as a member of the Hervey Lodge. Mr. Max Wunderlich was balloted for as a candidate for initiation; this also proved satisfactory, and Bro. Southwood performed the ceremony of the First Degree in his accustomed masterly way. The arrival of Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was accompanied by Bros. Col. Peters and H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Sec., was then announced, and the worthy brother whose name the Lodge bears proceeded with the installation ceremony. It will be in the recollection of our readers that at the meeting on 13th February Bro. Southwood was almost unanimously re-elected to fill the chair of the Lodge. On the completion of the ceremony by Bro. Hervey, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. Goodacre S.W., Spalding J.W., Jabez Hogg P.M. Treas., Chas. Atkins P.M. Sec., C. W. Robins S.D., Foot J.D., Iatroille I.G., A. Rosenthal D.C., J. R. Cox W.S., Henry Evans A.W.S., T. C. Speight P.M. Tyler. Bro. Hervey then gave the addresses to the Wardens and Brethren, and on resuming his seat, the thanks of the members were tendered to him and to Bro. Buss for their kindness in officiating. After routine business, the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served in the Crown Room, and the good things provided were done ample justice to. Bro. Southwood presided in his most genial fashion, and gave the several toasts. Her Most Gracious Majesty, throughout her reign, had endeared herself to all her subjects, whether Englishmen, Irishmen, or Scotchmen, and Masons never assembled together without drinking to her honour. Her sons also, in their Masonic capacity were ever greeted with enthusiasm. No further remarks were required from him to induce them to do justice to the toast. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, and Bro. Upstone favoured the company with "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast comprised the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Southwood remarked that the Grand Officers did not wear their collars without previously acquiring a vast experience. He then referred to the eminent qualifications of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, and called on Bro. Hervey to respond. The Grand Secretary, on rising, was received with cheers; he said that had Lord Skelmersdale or Lord Carnarvon been here this evening, the brethren would have had a speech worthy of the occasion. However, as the duty of returning thanks for those distinguished noblemen devolved upon him, he would endeavour to comply. If he had rendered any service to the Lodge he had been amply repaid by the cordial manner they had received him that evening. It had frequently been remarked that a prophet did not get much honour in his own country; the rule did not apply to him, as he had received great honour at the hands of the members of this Lodge. He trusted, however, that he might always be received there as John Hervey, not as Grand Secretary. He felt proud of the compliment paid him by having the Lodge named after him, and he hoped that in years to come, when the question arose as to how the Lodge obtained its name, the reply might be made that it was from the Grand Secretary of 1869, the year the Lodge was constituted. Bro. Hervey then paid Bro. Buss a graceful compliment, he designated him as his "right hand man;" at all times and in all seasons Bro. Buss was a great help to him, and his countenance alone had a tendency to cheer and enliven. In short, Bro. Buss was one on whom he personally, and the brethren generally, could rely. Bro. Hervey next addressed a few words to Bro. Dr. Hogg, who he complimented on being surrounded by so many friends, and on having a Master in the chair in whom he could place the most implicit reliance. Moreover, the Lodge had a staff of Officers capable of performing their duties, and with all these advantages he sincerely trusted the Hervey Lodge would be looked up to as a pattern for the Craft, and as a standard for the emulation of other Lodges. Bro. Hervey concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Bro. Dr. Hogg, in giving the health of the W.M., eulogised Bro. Southwood for the energy displayed under the exceptionally trying circumstances of the past two months. Bro. Southwood acknowledged the kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren since his introduction to the Lodge, and thanked them for the reception they had given him. He then proposed the health of the initiate, and Bro. Wunderlich (after the E.A. Song had been given) replied. Bro. Fildew also addressed a few words to the members. The other toasts comprised "The Visitors," replied to by Bros. D. Nicholson, Singer, Maidwell, Waters, &c.; "The Masonic Charities," whose claims found an able exponent in Bro. Binckes, whose appeal resulted in securing the services of Bro. Charles Atkins as a steward for the Festival of the Boys' School. "The Treasurer and Secre.

tary," "The Masonic Press," and then "The Officers." During the evening Bro. H. J. Dean, with the "British Quartett," rendered goodly service; their programme comprised the Part Songs, "The Happiest Land," and "Soldier's Life;" Glee, "Haste, ye Soft Gales;" Duet, "The Fisher's Even Song." Bro. Tremear sang "Firm as Oak," while Bros. W. Wells and Edward Collins gave severally, "Saved from the Storm," and "Thinking of Home." It was very late ere the W.M. summoned the Tylor, who speedily dismissed the brethren.

Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425.—The installation meeting was held on Thursday last, at the Westbourne Restaurant, Craven-road, Bayswater. Bro. S. Sones opened the Lodge, assisted by Bro. D. F. Gellion S.W., H. J. Alexander J.W., W. Langridge Treasurer, George Read Secretary, John Headon S.D., W. Craig J.D., J. M. Burd D.C., H. F. Lewis I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. H. Loughurst, John Cruttenden, &c. The first business of the evening was the passing of Bro. Kent, this ceremony concluded, Bro. D. F. Gellion was presented and duly installed as Master for the ensuing year. That part of the ceremony completed, he proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. J. Alexander S.W., John Headon J.W., W. Langridge Treas., G. Read Sec., W. Craig S.D., H. F. Lewis J.D., J. F. Mickelburgh I.G., W. Mason D.C. The W.M. had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, which gift he hoped Bro. Sones would wear for many years. Bro. Sones briefly replied, thanking the members for the kind way in which he had always been received. The report of the auditors was presented, adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, after which the newly-installed W.M. closed his Lodge. The banquet which followed was well served, and thoroughly enjoyed. After grace, the W.M. gave "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft," which combined toast met with a hearty reception. Bro. Sones the I.P.M. now assumed the gavel. The present was the first time he had had the pleasure of addressing them as a Past Master; he felt it somewhat a novel position, but one which he fully appreciated. He called upon the brethren to drink the health of their new Master, who was the first one of the Hyde Park Lodge who had received the benefit of Masonic light in their own Lodge; he was thereby entitled to special honour. The toast having met a most enthusiastic reception, was acknowledged by the W.M., who thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him; he hoped to pass through his year of office in a creditable manner. To the toast of the Visitors Bros. Unite, Penn, Murliis, Flood, Bryett, &c. responded. The toasts of the Past Masters, the Treas. and Sec., and the Officers were each given and acknowledged. The lateness of the hour prevented the W.M. devoting as much time as he wished to the various toasts, but the way in which they were proposed, and the reception which was accorded to each, showed that the members were sincere so far as they did go. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Grammer 172, W. Harris 177, W. H. Bracher 179, J. Flood 201, L. Bryett P.M. 209 834 P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks, G. D. P. Thomas 329, J. Campfield 364, John Cruttenden P.M. 503 P.P.G.R. Kent, T. Fisher 733, W. Gilbert 834, W. Butlin 942, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, W. Hughes 1612, W. J. Murliis P.M. 1642, Geo. Penn W.M. 1642, N. L. Rustam 1670.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.—The members met on Monday, the 5th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Henry Leah W.M., Biddell S.W., Footett J.W., Warno P.M. Treas., J. Shackell P.M. Sec., James S.D., Lemaire J.D., Hale I.G.; P.M.'s Reed, L. Webb, H. Webb, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. W. Ground and A. Stearn being in attendance, and having shown their proficiency, were raised to the third degree. Bro. E. Symons was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. The initiation fee now stands at £3 8s, joining fee £4 4s, and annual subscription £2 12s. The Lodge was closed and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Reed I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in a very happy and felicitious manner. The W.M. having replied, the toasts of the P.M.'s, Candidates, Wardens, Officers, and Visitors were given, and each toast was responded to. The brethren separated, after passing a very enjoyable evening. The Visitors were Bros. E.P. Albert P.G.P., Staton 1267, Dyer P.M. 45, Widen 1673, Buff 907, Squirell 206, McPherson 141, Halls 45, Thompson 1693, and Western 1693.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

On Good Friday evening, the 19th instant, at St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, King's-road Chelsea. Bro. P.M. Ardin, Zetland 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 26th of April, at 6 o'clock in the evening precisely, by the members of the Lodge. Bros. Larchin J.D. 1541 W.M., Gush 1541 S.W., Dickens J.D. 860 J.W. **FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. Kearney 1541, Hallam J.D. 1349, Leggott S.W. 145, Abell 55, Snelling 180, Gush 1541, Stacey P.M. 180. **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. Creak W.M. 157, Squirell S.W. 206, Tate J.D. 862, Dickens J.D. 860, Hall 1549. **THIRD LECTURE**—Bros. Vincent W.M. 1519, Fox 201, Rowland D.C. 1541. Bro. W. W. Snelling 180 Hon. Sec.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, by the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, by invitation of the members, on Saturday, 27th inst.

[We gave the names of those who will assist here in our last issue.]

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 30th April. Bro. J. S. Brown 862 will preside on that occasion. Lodge opens at 6 o'clock.

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MILITARY LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If I rightly understand the subject of Military Lodges, their *raison d'être* appears to be this. In time of peace, a body of troops is often quartered where, from local circumstances, it is next to impossible for those among them who may be members of our Fraternity to meet together as Masons. There is no reason why they should be deprived of the enjoyment of the privilege of meeting in Lodge because they are fulfilling their military duties in a place, it may be, many hundred miles away from the nearest Lodge. If then the authorities have no objection, it is in the course of things that a Grand Master should issue his Warrant to those members of the regiment, or other body of troops, who are brethren, under which they may lawfully meet together as a Lodge, and fulfil the duties as well as exercise the privileges of Masons. Again, in war time, when large bodies of troops are sent on foreign service, there is no reason why Military brethren should be deprived of the consolations of Freemasonry, the beneficent nature of which must tend to alleviate in some slight measure the troubles and anxieties of campaigning, to say nothing of the dangers and even horrors of warfare. Thus, and always assuming that the Military authorities give their sanction, there is excellent reason for the issue of Military Warrants. Even in peace time, the frequent removal of the Military from one station to another is a justification for the issue of the warrants. But in England our troops are mostly quartered in large cities and towns, where there are very certain to be Masonic Lodges already established, so that Military Craftsmen would have every facility for attending or joining a Lodge. As a consequence, the issue of Military Warrants would be restricted, and this will probably explain the paucity of Military Lodges now as compared with the early part of this century.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faternally yours,

A CIVILIAN.

GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to find that "T.B.R., No. 972," approves of my objection "to 'A Free-Mason and P.M.'s' assertion that 'a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or French Lodge to declare such belief, namely, in a 'God.''" But if I understand his letter aright, we differ on different grounds, and what is more to the purpose, our difference is of great importance. My point is this—that I see no objection to a Buddhist proclaiming his belief in God in an English, French, or other Lodge, any more than I do to a Jew or Christian doing precisely the same thing, and for this reason, that under no circumstances is any one ever likely to be called upon to define the nature or attributes of the God he believes in. It is enough for it to be known that he is a Deist—that is, that he recognises the existence of a Supreme Being. In other words, he assents to the doctrine of belief in God generally—or, if I may be permitted to say so without running the risk of being misunderstood, in God in the abstract; but by so doing he does not recognise the God of this or that, or, indeed, of any particular form of religion. Thus my objection is based on the principle of Deism, pure and simple, which I believe to be the essential principle of pure and ancient Freemasonry. If I am to gather from the earlier remarks in his letter that "T. B. R., No. 972," means simply that a Buddhist is no more likely to withhold his assent to this principle than a Brahmin or a Christian, and has no greater reason for withholding it, then I agree with him. But, towards the end of his letter he says, "We swear by the G.A.O.T.U., the 'Father' of Christ, of which he was the representative, the same as Buddha was the 'seed' or 'representative' of a greater God." If by "we" he refers to the Masonic body, I must demur to the first clause of his sentence. Our "G.A.O.T.U." is not "the 'Father' of Christ." He would only be so if all Masons were Christians, which is not the case. A Jew would not define him in this sense, neither would a Mahomedan. This, indeed, is of the very essence of the objection which French Masons raise against Deistic Masons, that so many of them will insist that Deism is the same thing as Christianity. I as strenuously object to any definition of the G.A.O.T.U. as Bro. Thévenot or any other French Mason, but I do not on that account see why the principle of a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being should be eliminated from the Masonic system.

Faternally yours,

"D."

Messrs. Felton and Sons, of Albemarle-street, W., have been appointed Purveyors of their "Spécialité" Sherry at the Paris Universal Exhibition 1878.

Old Warrants.

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No. 118.

No. 130 "Ancients;" No. 154 A.D. 1813, at "Union;" No. 115 A.D. 1832, and No. 98 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

C. HUMPHREYS S.G.W.

BENJN. PLUMMER 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 Right Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathitay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Charles Humphreys, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Benjamin Plummer, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Joseph Brindley, one of our Master Masons, the

Worshipful Master, the Worshipful Taylor Stevenson the No. 130 Senior Warden, and Thos. Collison the Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, in and by virtue of our Warrant No. 130, heretofore granted by us under the date 6th October 1764, and held at the Swan Inn, Wolverhampton, and now to be transferred to the Masons Arms, Burslem, in the County of Stafford, upon the Second Tuesday after the full moon in every month, being first duly registered pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided, 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 authorize and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Joseph Brindley, Taylor Stevenson, and Thomas Collison (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., &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 Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Thirtieth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Five, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Five.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, }
Letter G. July 30, 1805. }

From Vol. 3, Letters C & E.
6th October 1764.

[SEAL.]

The present title, No., &c. are, "The St. Martin's Lodge," No. 98, Burslem.

No. 119.

No. 192, "Ancients;" No. 235 (at the Union), A.D. 1813, No. 165, A.D. 1832, and No. 141 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAW. DERMOTT D.G.M.

JOHN CHRISTIAN S.G.W.

PETER SHATWELL J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

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of the Thistle and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,

The Right Worshipful Law^{ce} Dermott Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Christian Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Peter Shatwell Esquire, Junior Grand Warden with the approbation and consent of the No. 192 Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster, Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Mr. William Gillman, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Mr. Mark Orton, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Mr. George Ayres, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Royal Mortar (or elsewhere), in the town of Woolwich, in the County of Kent, upon the Second and Fourth Friday of each Kalendar 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 authorize and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William Gillman, Mark Orton and George Ayres, (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., &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 Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Eighth day of November, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Four, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Four.

WILLIAM DICKEY,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, Letter }
G. }

The present title, No., &c. are, The Faith Lodge, No. 141, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE Annual Meeting for the enthronement of M.P.S. and consecration of Viceroy of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, took place at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Thursday. The conclave was opened at 3 p.m. by the M.P.S. E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, who was supported by E. Sir Knight T. Cooper V.E., J. Morgan S.G., J. S. Cumberland J.G., Wm. Valentino H.P., G. Simpson Treasurer, C. G. Padel Prefect, A. T. B. Turner Herald, M. Millington, John Ward, H. Jackson, &c. Soon after the opening of the conclave, the Intendent Gen. for N. and E. Yorkshire, III. Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, entered, accompanied by Sir Knight Woodall, Intendent Gen. unattached, and was received by the Sir Knights with the usual ceremonies. Bro. Thos. Clough P.M. Camalodunum Lodge 660, Malton, having passed a successful ballot, was then admitted, obligated, entrusted, installed and proclaimed in due form, the ceremonies being worked by the M.P.S., ably assisted by his Officers. The throne was taken by III. Sir Knight Orde-Powlett, and Sir Knight T. Cooper M.P.S. elect was presented, entrusted, enthroned and saluted. Sir Knight J. Morgan V.E. elect was afterwards presented, entrusted and consecrated, the ceremony being worked by III. Sir Knight Woodall. The Conclave was afterwards closed, and the St. Peter Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were successively opened by E. Com. T. B. Whytehead, and the grades conferred on Sir Knights John Ward and T. Clough, and the Commandery was closed with solemn ceremonial. The members afterwards met at refreshment and entertained their guests. At seven o'clock a Lodge of the Venerable Order of St. Lawrence was opened by the R.W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and the degree conferred upon several candidates.

The following circular announces the proposed establishment of another of the excellent Masonic Associations which are at the present time doing so much to increase the funds of our Institutions. We wish them every success:—

7 Upton Place, Upton, Essex,
8th April 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The success which has attended the efforts of the several Masonic Associations, having for their object the Balloting for Life Governorships to the three Masonic Institutions, have induced several members of the Yarborough and Doric Lodges to organize one of those Associations in connection with these two Lodges. A preliminary meeting for this purpose will be held at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on Wednesday evening, the 17th April instant, at 7.30 o'clock, at which your presence and co-operation is respectfully desired,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JNO. G. STEVENS.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 24th April 1878, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CARNARVON IN THE CHAIR.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards, but no Ticket will be issued after Four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

Dinner at half-past Six o'clock precisely.

The Musical Arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. WILLING, Grand Organist.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing.

T. A. MASEY,

Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.

North Cheam, Surrey.

SIXTH APPLICATION.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

APRIL ELECTION, 1878.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,
AGED TEN YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who died on the 25th of February last, after two years of great suffering, in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time had been a pension of £11 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they were quite exhausted. Consequently he had been unable to provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and his declining days were comforted with the thought that the lad would eventually be elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 196 (now 167), in 1819, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his Mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY afterwards joined the Wellington, 518, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1868. He was exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the Founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY'S position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits and he has, besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he had contributed to the funds of Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

The case is strongly recommended (among others) by

The Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. BAGSHAW Prov. Grand Master Essex.
R.W. Bro. RICHARD BOLTON BARTON LL.D. P.P.G.M. for Western India.
R.W. Bro. MATTHEW E. CLARK Dep. P.G.M. Essex.
V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN V.P. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, &c.
V.W. Bro. FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Recdr. of Colchester, P.G.J.W., &c.
* W. Bro. A. D. LOEWENSTARK P.M. 518, 733, 107, and P.Z. 73, 185.
W. Bro. FREDERICK WALTERS V.P. P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. and P.Z. 73.
W. Bro. WILLIAM PRATTERT Steward R.M.L.G. P.M. 1326 and 1251.
W. Bro. GRIFFITHS SMITH Past Grand Steward, P.M. No. 21.

W. Bro. F. ADLARD V.P. P.M. No. 7.
* W. Bro. JOHN BOWORTH P.M. 170 and 319, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset.
W. Bro. SAMUEL COLE, Life Governor, R.M.I.B., P.M. 181 and 124, Past P.G.P. Kent.
* W. Bro. HENRY T. R. WARR J.G. R.M.I.B., P.M. Albion Lodge, No. 9.
Bro. M. D. LOEWENSTARK J.W., 1360, S.N. Chapter 73.
* Bro. THOS. J. RALLING W.M. Angel Lodge, No. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex.
* W. Bro. the Rev. C. L. ACLAND P.M. 558, P. Prov. Gd. Chaplain, Oxford. P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Essex.
W. Bro. the Rev. R. T. WHITTINGTON. Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and Angel Lodge, No. 51.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those Brethren whose names are marked with an asterisk.

Proxies of other Masonic or National Institutions are most valuable for the purposes of Exchange.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Wood Green, London, N.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

PATRON:—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:—HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 15th day of April, for the transaction of the Ordinary Business of the Institution.

To Elect a Trustee of the "General Fund" in the room of Bentley Shaw, Esq., deceased.

To Elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To Elect Twelve Brethren as members of the General Committee to represent the Life and Annual Subscribers.

To Elect Thirty-one Boys, instead of Thirty, as by the voting papers, from an approved list of Seventy-eight candidates, reduced to Seventy-seven by the withdrawal of Francis Augustus Wain, No. 56 on the List, should the Court, on notice of motion from the General Committee of Saturday, 5th inst., so determine.

The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or earlier, should the general business of the Court be concluded before that time, and will close at Three o'clock.

By order,

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

6th April 1878.

** The Eightieth Anniversary Festival will be held in June or July next under the distinguished Presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., G.S.W. The names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards will be most gratefully received.

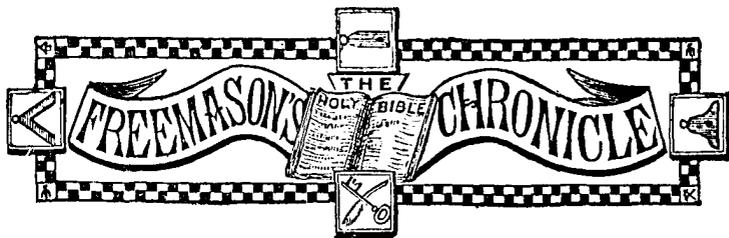
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THIS week, like its predecessor, has been a very eventful one, and the doings in Parliament have proved a great centre of attraction. In the House of Lords, on Thursday and Friday last, the sittings were not very protracted on either occasion. The Bishops' Bill passed through Committee, and stands for third reading on Monday. The Mutiny Bill was read and passed, and the Marine Mutiny Bill has since then reached its final stage. On Friday, too, the Endowed Schools and Hospitals (Scotland) Bill was read a second time. But it was the debate of Monday which aroused so much interest among the public, for it was on that occasion the Premier had arranged to move an address of thanks to Her Majesty for Her gracious Message in relation to the Reserve Forces. The House, therefore, was crowded. The galleries were filled with ladies, the Princess of Wales, and the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, with her husband, being seated near the throne, and there was a strong muster in the gallery set apart for ambassadors, Count Schouvaloff being present. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge were likewise in the House, and occupied seats on the cross benches. The Premier's speech was a great success. It was firm, but moderate in tone, and while the greater portion was argumentative, the latter part was dignified and resolute, and indicated that the speaker was fully alive to the serious responsibilities with which he was charged, and that without bluster, and with every desire to avoid offence to other powers, he was resolved to fulfil those responsibilities. Earl Granville followed, and did his best in performing the thankless task of criticising the conduct of a Government whose position is unassailable. He was also very moderate in his criticisms, and disclaimed any idea of hampering Ministers in the discharge of their onerous duties. The Earl of Derby was the next speaker, but his

remarks chiefly had reference to himself, and the causes which had led to his retirement from the Cabinet. Then followed the Lord Chancellor, Lord Selborne, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Houghton, who, though a Liberal, gave his support to the Government, and the Duke of Argyll, who made a ferocious attack on the Turks. The Marquis of Salisbury's speech virtually closed the debate, for though a few other noble Lords addressed the House, when he had spoken the interest ceased, and, in due course, the address of thanks was unanimously agreed to. On Tuesday evening, the House rose shortly after seven o'clock, after giving the Factories and Workshops Bill a second reading, and there was a debate on the Bishoprics Bill, on the order for the consideration of the Report, but nothing resulted, and the third reading was fixed, as we have stated, for Monday.

The House of Commons has been equally busy. On Thursday the Chancellor of the Exchequer brought forward his Budget, and if we state that the income tax is to be fivepence instead of threepence, and that the duty on tobacco is fourpence more than it was in the last financial year, we have said all our readers are likely to concern themselves about. On Friday a motion by Sir A. Kay-Shuttleworth, for placing the whole of London under one central administrative authority, occupied a considerable portion of the sitting, among those who took part in the debate being Sir J. B. Hogg, Lord Elcho, Mr. Cross, Mr. Lowe, and Lord John Manners. On a division, the motion was negatived by 116 to 73. After this, Mr. Gladstone catechised the Chancellor of the Exchequer as to the Congress, and the latter replied in due course. After agreeing to the Budget resolutions and transacting other business, the House adjourned. The debate on the Message extended over Monday and Tuesday, but though it was twice the length of the debate in the House of Lords, it was certainly not so interesting. The only speakers of note were the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Hardy, and the Marquis of Hartington, and the speeches of these four were worthy of the occasion. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was very moderate in tone; Mr. Gladstone was vehement in his denunciation of the Ministerial policy; but though, as a specimen of oratory his speech must be looked upon as one of his finest efforts, it was a failure as regards the attempt to damage the Government. Mr. Hardy was more under control than usual, and therefore his speech, which is invariably telling, was on this occasion more than usually so. The Marquis of Hartington was calm and dignified, as became his position as leader of the Opposition. Unlike the companion debate in the Lords, this one terminated with a division, Sir W. Lawson having insisted on dividing the House on his amendment. He might, however, have saved himself the trouble, for the numbers were—for Government 319, for Sir W. Lawson 64, or majority for the former 255. Wednesday afternoon was occupied in discussing the second reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries Bill, which was moved by Mr. Macdonald, but the debate was suspended in accordance with the rules of the House.

The Queen left Windsor Castle for Osborne on Friday last, and here her stay is expected to extend over three or four weeks. On Tuesday Her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, made a point of witnessing the passage of the funeral *cortège* of Mr. Land, who had filled the office of head gamekeeper to Her Majesty for a period of seven years. The Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark are on a visit to London, and are the guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House. On Monday there was a dinner party to celebrate the King of Denmark's birthday. There were present to meet the Danish Prince and Princess, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Mary Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, the Danish Minister and Madame de Bülow, the Swedish Minister, the Greek Chargé d'affaires, and several of the nobility and gentry. After dinner there was an addition to the guests, the Princess Louise and the Prince Imperial among the number.

There have been several political meetings during the week, the two of Wednesday, held at the Memorial Hall and the Freemasons' Tavern respectively, being the most important. The former was composed of some 400 or 500 delegates, admitted specially by ticket, and presumably representing certain towns in the kingdom. Mr. Burt, M.P., occupied the chair, and the principal speaker was Mr. Gladstone. The

object was to make a demonstration against war, and in favour of arbitration. At the other meeting, the Lord Mayor presided, and there were present to support his Lordship, Lord Ellenborough, Captain Pim, M.P., Colonel Coope, and other gentlemen. This was intended as a demonstration in support of the sacredness of treaties, and the principal speakers were Lord Stratheden and Campbell and Mr. Gibson Bowles. All the resolutions were carried unanimously.

There have been two considerable fires, one in London on the evening of Tuesday, and the other in Edinburgh on Wednesday morning. The former broke out at a floor-cloth store in Aldersgate-street, and the roof and part of the platform of the Aldersgate-street Station of the Metropolitan Railway were burnt, as well as the building in which the fire originated. The firemen, however, were able to keep the flames from extending to nearly all the other buildings in the neighbourhood.

There has been the usual amount of excitement in connection with the boat race, which takes place to-day, and it certainly is not the fault of the morning and evening, as well as of the sporting papers, if the public are not well informed as to the respective merits in sliding, gripping the water, feathering, &c., of the rival crews. Everywhere, likewise, are to be seen the light and dark blue favours, and a great many people are already wearing the colours of the crew whose chances they are backing. As regards the race, to judge from the work which each crew has done, the contest should be a close one. The crews are as nearly as possible level in the matter of weight, and though we believe that Oxford has gone the whole course in a shorter time than Cambridge, there are always differences in tide and wind, as the crews do not practise at the same time. The weather has been anything but satisfactory, but we trust that to-day, at all events, the Clerk in charge will be considerate, and allow us the benefit of some genial spring weather. The necessary arrangements have been made for keeping the course clear, and we trust all will go well.

The action brought by Mr. Levy, one of the proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph*, against the proprietor, printer, and publisher of the *Sporting Times* came off on Tuesday. The defendants pleaded guilty, and as they had since their committal written the plaintiff a letter in which they amply apologised for what they had done, and promised not to repeat the offence, Mr. Levy's counsel did not press the case further as regards the infliction of any punishment, and the learned Recorder who was thus influenced to take a lenient view of the case, released the prisoners on their own recognizances to be of good behaviour for the future. The trial of Madame Rachel for extorting money by fraudulent means from Mrs. Pearse was commenced on Wednesday. The examination of Mrs. Pearse was the chief feature of the proceedings. Her husband, too, was examined, and thus the trial was adjourned; it was, however, concluded on Thursday, when Madame Rachel was convicted, and sentenced to five years penal servitude.

It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. J. B. Buckstone, after so long and honourable a career as comedian, should find himself in the evening of his days compelled to seek the protection of the Bankruptcy Court. Every one must feel sympathy for a gentleman of such distinguished ability, who has devoted the greater part of his long life to amuse the public, and we sincerely trust that Mr. Buckstone will find a way out of his difficulties which will be beneficial to his creditors as well as honourable to himself.

The Judge of the Admiralty Court was recently called upon to appraise the value of the Cleopatra, and the obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle, which had been abandoned in the Bay of Biscay, and was rescued by the Fitzmaurice, and he fixed the value at £25,000. He has since declared the amount which, in his judgment, should be awarded to the salvors, and this amount is £2,000. So Mr. Dixon now knows the extent of his liability, and no doubt in a short time we shall see this well-known obelisk erect on the Thames Embankment.

Perhaps the chief event of the week is the publication in a late edition of the *Times* of Tuesday of what is described as an Annex to a reply by Prince Gortschakoff to the despatch of the Marquis of Salisbury. The general feeling which this important document has inspired is that Russia is by no means unwilling to re-open the negotiations for a Congress, and that she would possibly yield at the last moment, and accept the terms laid down by Government. In such case, a step toward the settlement of the crisis

would have been taken, though there must still remain the possibility of a rupture between her and our Government, if she insists on the principal terms of the treaty of San Stefano being retained. On the other hand, it is argued that the Russian Chancellor makes no sign of his desire to abate the terms. He argues in their favour, and justifies some of the most important. He in particular regards the cession of Armenia as a necessary consequence of the war, and holds that Russia, in spite of the Czar's declaration made before the war had begun, is acting within her right in taking this territory in order to secure her interests for the future. After combating to the best of his ability the objections raised by the Foreign Secretary, the Prince closes his case by calling upon Lord Salisbury to declare his views of the arrangements that should be made to settle the Eastern Question. One matter in connection with the terms has brought upon Russia a rare storm of abuse from all quarters, and that is the brutal determination evinced by the Chancellor to have Moldavian Bessarabia, whether Roumania will consent or not, and by force if necessary. This conduct towards an ally which last summer did much valuable service for the Czar's army has opened the eyes of the whole world as to the fate in store for Bulgaria if its policy should ever clash with the will of his Russian Majesty, and has done more than anything else to rouse Europe to a determined resistance to the imperious will of the Russian Emperor.

Meanwhile we hear of a vast amount of intrigue at Constantinople. The poor unfortunate Sultan must have a hard time of it, between the Grand Duke Nicholas, who is urging him to an alliance with Russia, and Mr. Layard, who is moving heaven and earth to maintain British influence in the ascendant. The Turks have refused to allow their late enemy to embark his troops at Buyukdere, and have arrayed a very respectable force in the rear of the forts of the Bosphorus. They are doing their best likewise to put down the insurrection in Thessaly and have gained one or more successes in that province. Unfortunately, there seems to be a great deal of cruelty practised, and a Mr. Ogle, a correspondent of the *Times*, has been brutally murdered, or as another account gives it, was killed in the fight at Makrinitza, and afterwards decapitated. The other news from the East is equally unsatisfactory, and we do not see that the gloom which has prevailed so long is lessened. There is great enthusiasm in Hungary for England, and a great desire is manifested for an alliance between the two countries. In such case, probably, Russia would hesitate about holding out against our demands. Let us hope it may be so.

The Installation Meeting of the Polish National Lodge was held on Thursday evening. Bro. J. F. Ebner was installed Master for the year by Bro. P.M. Moore. There was a large attendance of members and Visitors, and the proceedings were of a most agreeable and interesting character. Pressure on our space prevents us giving a further account this week, but full report shall appear in our next.

Our readers have, doubtless, noticed, on the list of candidates at the forthcoming election to the Boys' School, the name and particulars of the candidature of one Richard Howell Nicholls, the son of the late Bro. Richard Nicholls, hay and corn merchant, of Grays, Essex, who died on 25th May last year, leaving behind him a widow and six children. We have been favoured with a copy of the circular letter bringing the case under the notice of brethren, and though it is very far from being our duty to make any appeal in respect of a particular candidate, there is no objection to our stating the circumstances where they are more than usually distressing. The late Bro. Nicholls had been an active member of the Craft from the date of his initiation in the Vitruvian Lodge No. 87, on 14th February 1866, to the day of his death. He was one of the founders of the St. John's Lodge, Grays, No. 1343, and was its W. Master in 1874. He had endeared himself to all the brethren by his uniform courtesy and kindness, and his memory is held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. His death was exceptionally sudden. He was attacked with inflammation of the lungs, and in a few days passed away, leaving a widow and six children unprovided for. The boy Richard Howell Nicholls is now a candidate for the first time. His case is influentially supported by local, Provincial, and other brethren, and where brethren have

any votes not already promised we feel sure they will be doing a kind service to the widow and orphan son of a worthy and respected brother by placing them at her disposal. Bro. Alfred Sturgeon W.M. St. John's 1343, Grays Hall, Essex; Bro. Rea Corbett S.W. St. John's 1343, Orsett, Essex; Bro. James Godwin J.W. St. John's 1343, Halfmoon-passage, Gracechurch-street, E.C.; and Bro. Edwin Sturgeon Treasurer, St. John's, Grays, Essex, will thankfully receive and acknowledge all proxies sent.

On the 5th inst., Bro. Murlis P.M. 1642 was appointed by the magistrates one of the overseers of the parish of Kensington. At the election for guardians of the same parish, which took place on Thursday last, Bro. Murlis was again elected; he polled on this occasion close on 6,000 votes.

In Memoriam.

IT is with feelings of deep regret that we announce to our readers the death of the able and well known Preceptor Bro. Thomas Austin, a Past Master of the Doric Lodge No. 933, and M.E.Z. of the Doric Chapter. The sad event occurred on Monday, and the funeral of the deceased will take place this day at the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow-road, at the hour of noon precisely, when there will, no doubt, be gathered together a considerable number of his Masonic friends and admirers, all anxious to testify by their presence to the respect and affection with which our deceased brother was regarded. The late Bro. Austin was initiated in the Crystal Palace Lodge No. 742, in October 1865. He joined the Doric in January 1867, and was elected to fill the chair of Master in 1873. He was likewise, as we have stated above, M.E.Z. of the Doric Chapter. But his chief claims to the regard of Craftsmen rested on his tried ability as a Preceptor, and his labours in the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, and elsewhere, will long be remembered to his honour. Our readers cannot, of course, have forgotten the occasion on which, not quite two years since, Bro. Austin was presented with a gold watch and chain and vellum testimonial in token of the esteem and appreciation in which, both by reason of his private qualities and Masonic services, he was held. On that occasion he was associated with his friend and co-worker, Bro. T. J. Barnes, to whom likewise a testimonial was presented. It was on the 10th May 1876 that the interesting ceremony of presentation took place, and there were present representatives from no less than thirty-three Lodges. Such an episode as this in the career of any Craftsman is the best testimony to his worth that could be offered. To the relatives who are now mourning his loss, to his brethren who will no longer enjoy the benefit of his instruction, and to his numerous circle of friends and acquaintances we offer our sincere and respectful sympathy.

It is also our melancholy duty to record the death, which occurred on Tuesday last, of Mrs. Reed, wife of Bro. Nelson Reed, W.M. of the Mizpah Lodge. We tender Bro. Reed our sincere condolence.

The interment of the late Bro. Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, the well-known librarian of New Bond Street, took place at Finchley Cemetery, on Monday last, in presence of a number of friends and members of the Craft. Amongst the latter we noticed Bros. Stoner P.M., Cameron P.M., W. C. Parsons P.M., Pillin W.M., Farwig S.W., Lakin, Field, Beer, Orger, Unwin, Rossiter, Harrow, Levitt, and Shelley, of Lodge 180. The Londesborough Lodge, of which Bro. Bubb was the J.W., was represented by Bros. Barfield Treasurer, Honeyball D.C., Wetherill W.S., Dawson, Elwin, Nelson, and Williams. Bro. Bubb was also W.M. of the St. John's, at Maidenhead, and this Lodge was represented by Bro. Hodges Sec. P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, and Bro. Deacon. Bro. Bubb will be greatly missed in the circle in which he moved; both in Lodge and at the festive board there was not a better Mason or more genial companion. We trust that his memory may remain green with us for many a year to come.

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.

SATURDAY, 13th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 12.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

MONDAY, 15th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1—Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 8, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
K. T.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
350—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborno.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoncleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1602—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 16th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1416—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 259 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
303—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
411—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
960—Butc, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1089—Du Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1096—Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal, at 6. (Installation.)
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 17th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolérance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 7.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (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.)
R. C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart, Hythe, Kent.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
653—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
874—Holmersdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1049—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.

1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.

THURSDAY, 18th APRIL.

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.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1237—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Heme Hill.
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.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 20th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Now-road, Batley.
302—Hope, Now Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1645—Colno Valley, Lowisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T. 59—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easttorpe, Mirfield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.

THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, on Monday last. Present—Bros. Hallam sen, W.M., Wing S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pearey S.D., Stock J.D., W. Cook I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Robison, J. Millington, Byott, Currey, Powell, Alford, Millward, Simmonds, Hunter, &c. The Lodge opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Robison gave proof of his proficiency, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Pearey worked the first, Bro. Stock the second, Bro. Tolmie the third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Hallam jun., of True Friendship Lodge, Calcutta, 218, was elected a member. Bro. Wing was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was adjourned until Monday, the 15th inst., at 8 p.m.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday, the 9th of April, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. Bramham W.M., J. Soper S.W., Dwarber J.W., Dickins Sec., Clennell S.D., Abell J.D., Hallam I.G.; Past Master Bro. Bingemann Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Tate, Brown, J. H. Dodson, J. B. Dodson, Cornu, Sanders, H. C. Soper, and several others. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Baker, a candidate for passing, proved his efficiency, and was passed. The first, second, third, and fourth sections were worked by Bro. J. S. Brown. Bro. J. Soper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Bramham for his able working.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Staley W.M., Bone S.W., W. Lipscombe J.W., E. Gottheil P.M., J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., James S.D., Biddle J.D., Tollis I.G.; also Bros. Bush, Walker, Sayer, Holloway, &c. The ceremony of the second degree, and three of the sections were rehearsed. Bro. Staley's efforts in the Master's chair were characterised by want of deliberation, arising from insufficient practice. His own intelligence and good sense will, no doubt, make it clear to him that before his work can become effective, it will have to be done less mechanically, and with greater attention to the spirit of the lessons it might hereafter become his duty to convey to aspirants for Masonic instruction. We must, however, commend the evident earnestness with which Bro. Staley strives to obtain proficiency, and there is little doubt of his ultimate success. Bro. Bone was elected Master for next Wednesday.

Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 342.—At the meeting of this Chapter on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea, there was a numerous attendance of R.A. Masons, the occasion being the installation of Principals for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by P.Z. Main, the officers being Comps. A. Riddell Z., G. A. Green H., R. Turney J., W. Payno E., Arnold N., Willmott P.S., J. T. Craven P.Z. Treas., Parkhouse, and C. G. Adames A.S., and Copus Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to E. Comp. Main P.Z., for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duty of installing the Principals; and also a vote of thanks to P.Z. Craven, for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. A vote of thanks was also accorded to P.Z. Ellis, who had acted as Treasurer. An excellent banquet was supplied by Comp. Sherman (of the Hard, Portsea), in his usual efficient manner. Twenty-five Companions sat down, among those present being Comps. Riddell Z., Green H., Turney J., P.Z.'s Redward, Cawte, Friedeberg, Wilkins, Main, Craven, G. S. Lancaster 487, H. Sleeman Z. 903, G. Felton Lancaster, H. 903, most of the Officers of 342, H. J. Guy, G. F. Sherman 487, T. Page, R. Barnes, Buck, &c. The usual toasts were given, interspersed with songs.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 3rd April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. T. Halliday Prov. G.P. W.M. in the chair. Bros. T. Armstrong W.M. 1626 S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. Page Sec., R. G. Salmon S.D., G. W. Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., G. Dunford and J. S. B. Bell Stewards, G. S. Simms Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Cook P.P.S.G.W., H. S. Hughes P.P.G.S.D., Rev. S. H. Harris P.P.G.S.D., and G. S. Dean; also a very large attendance of brethren. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities gone through, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and one brother was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, when the resolutions of Grand Lodge were read. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. R. L. Armstrong J.W., the S.W. being Master of another Lodge in the town. Bro. Rysdale P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. S. Simms Tyler. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts met with a cordial response. The visitors were Bros. J. Cook P.M. 481, G. S. Dean W.M. 511, Grist 481, &c. The installation festival is fixed for 29th April.

East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463.—A large gathering of members of this, one of the oldest and most important Lodges in the province of Surrey, celebrated the annual meeting for Installation of the W.M., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, the 4th inst. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. W. Sharp, which to the great regret of the brethren was occasioned by illness, the Lodge was opened, at four o'clock, by Bro. T. P. Dickinson P.M. P. Prov. G.R. Amongst those present during the evening were the following Past Masters, viz.:—Bros. C. H. Woodward P.P.G.J.W., H. J. Close P.P.G.S.B., W. West P.P.G.R., H. R. B. Podmore P.P.G. Supt. Works, R. Price P.P.G. Supt. Works, A. C. Ebbatt P.P.G. Purst., and — Dogell. The Officers were Bros. John Close P.P.G.D.G. S.W. and Master Elect, George Yaxley J.W., G. Price Treas., C. H. Woodward Sec., H. A. Pocock S.D., J. S., Streeter J.D., and J. Hooke I.G. Members—Bros. Ridge, Harland, Silverton, Price, West, Margetson, Hall, Lamb, J. K. Pitt, Banner Rogers, Parton, Gillingham, Frost, Watkinson, Nicholls, A. Pocock, Wagner, Ainsworth, Goodwin, Witheram, W. H. Smith, Buddin, and several others. Visitors—Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c., E. Peacock 1360, G. Woodbridge, B. W. Sewell, W. H. Sheadd 720, Barlow, Jolliffe 559, and L. A. Hart P.P.G.J.D. Kent. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, and a ballot taken in favour of Bro. H. F. Margetts 212, as joining member, Bro. C. H. Woodward took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. John

Close. Bro. Woodward who rendered the ceremony most perfectly, elicited hearty applause from the many Past Masters and able Masons present, and the remarks which fell from the newly installed W.M., in praise of and thanks for the services rendered, were unanimously endorsed by the brethren. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. George Yaxley S.W., H. A. Pocock J.W., G. Price P.M. Treas., C. H. Woodward P.M. Secretary, J. S. Streeter S.D., J. Hooke J.D. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered in admirable style, and the entire ceremony gave practical evidence of the efficient working which characterises this Lodge. The W.M. having announced his intention to serve as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a vote from the Lodge funds was carried in support of his list of donations. Propositions for initiation were then taken, and there being no further business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large Assembly Room for banquet. On the cloth being cleared, Bro. Close gave evidence of his ability by proposing, in brief but effective terms, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. To such as required no personal response he gave great effect, by a departure from the ordinary stereotyped form of introduction. A careful allusion to current outdoor events was made in each of the toasts of "the Queen," "the M.W.G.M.," "the Pro G.M.," and "the Deputy G.M.," and "Officers of Grand Lodge," and the necessity for increased loyalty to both Crown and Craft, under present circumstances, was admirably enforced. For "Provincial Grand Lodge" Bro. Woodward ably responded, and then proposed the health of the W.M., expressing the great pleasure he had experienced in installing that W. Brother who he had assisted to initiate, and whose progress in Freemasonry had been such as to reflect credit equally upon those with whom he had been associated and upon himself. He called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Father of the Lodge, and parent of the W.M., was that evening amongst them, naturally induced to break the long spell of absence enforced by his great age that he might see his son placed in the proud position he had so many years ago occupied, and to celebrate the transactions of the auspicious solemnity with joy and rejoicing; he (Bro. Woodward) trusted that an equally long and happy life might be vouchsafed to the present W.M., in which he might be enabled to maintain the great respect and Masonic regard in which both father and son were held by the members of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord. Bro. Woodward's remarks were received with considerable enthusiasm, which increased on the W.M.'s rising to respond, which he did in brief but earnest terms of thanks, and concluded by proposing the health of the Past Masters, naming each in order of precedence, and calling upon his father for response. The venerable Father of the Lodge at once complied with the request, expressing his great pleasure that he had been spared to witness his son's advancement in the Craft his regret that his age had precluded his frequent attendance, and his fears that this might be his last opportunity for association with the members in Lodge. The greatest attention was paid to the veteran speaker, and if the wishes of those present could prolong a valuable and highly respected life, there would yet be many years in store for Bro. H. J. Close. The P.M. jewel of the Lodge was to have been presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Sharp, and his absence and its cause were much regretted. The health of the Installing Master having been duly honoured, the Visitors had their share of recognition. Bro. James Stevens P.M. The Great City 1126, and Bro. L. A. Hart P.P.G.J.D. for Kent, were called upon, and acknowledged on behalf of themselves and others their gratification with both labour and refreshment. The Officers' and Tyler's toasts brought to its conclusion a most agreeable evening, which had been enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Barlow, Ridge, and others; recitations were given by Bro. Harland.

Independence Lodge, No. 721.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Eastgate-street, Row, Chester. Present—Bros. R. C. Edwards W.M., H. P. Swindells S.W., Evan Jones J.W., Geo. Halliday S.D., H. J. Lloyd J.D., J. Dennis P.M. Treas., J. H. Lyon P.M. Secretary, J. Humphreys Organist, T. Nabb I.G., E. Jones Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Cunnah, Dennis and Johnson. There was a strong muster of brethren present, including Bros. A. J. Brereton, F. Thomas, R. T. Morcom, E. J. Davies, W. Wildig, T. Coxhead, W. M. Richmond, J. Humphreys, T. Kirk, J. Brandrith, W. Jones, D. Williams, J. Hughes, T. M. Jones, H. Ellis, Wm. Hughes, J. Williams, E. Ladmore, M. Johnson, T. J. Mason, H. Williams, J. Edwards, E. Sellar, Chas. Seal, R. B. Ferguson, E. Smith, &c. Visitors—A. Potts P.M. 1477, R. J. Morris 125, S. M. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Mr. Alfred Orrett was initiated, and Bros. Brandrith and Morcom were raised to the third degree. The W.M., taking upon himself the whole of this heavy business, discharged his duties remarkably well. The Secretary read the Circular forwarded by the Grand Secretary, which contained the report of the Grand Lodge Committee and the action of Grand Lodge with regard to the Grand Orient of France. It was moved and seconded that the same be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was closed in harmony at 7.40, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The W.M. on rising, in his usual happy strain, gave the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem, after which the toast of the M.W. the G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given, and was heartily received, the brethren singing "God bless the Prince of Wales." In quick succession followed the toasts of Grand Lodge, and Prov. Grand Lodge, which were loyally honoured. W. Bro. Johnson then, with the consent of the W.M., assumed the control of the gavel, and in doing so said that it gave him great pleasure to propose the next toast. He felt sure that the brethren would endorse what he said in reference to the attention and zeal with which the duties of this Lodge were carried out under their excellent and efficient W.M. The welfare of the Lodge, and the efficiency of its working were the constant care of Bro. R. C. Edwards. He asked the brethren to charge their glasses and drink with due honours to the health of the Wor-

shipful Master. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M., in the first place, thanked the W. Brother for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. In reverting to his position as Master of the Lodge, he need not tell them that he had the interest of the Craft at heart, and the unalloyed prosperity of his Lodge as his constant care. He believed that the success and efficiency of the occupant of the chair depended greatly on the assistance given him by the I.P.M. and Past Masters, and while thanking all for the support extended him in the past, he trusted that the same might be accorded him in the future. The W.M. then gave the health of the newly initiated brother, suitably prefaced, which was followed by the E.A. song, and a very touching response from Bro. Orrett. W. Bro. Cunnah was entrusted with the toast of the Visitors, which he handled in a very pleasing and courteous manner, and alluded to the real pleasure experienced by the brethren of Independence Lodge in seeing visitors at their festive board. He alluded to the extra pleasure given him that evening in proposing this toast, as he had near him on his right and left brethren he was sure they all rejoiced to see. With reference to the brother from Mold, he had pleasing recollections of being the guest of that brother's Lodge, and could testify to the talent their worthy visitor had displayed in his ruling and working. Then we have a brother who represents the Masonic Press, who has come from London to visit this Province, and to inform the brethren as to the position his journal, THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, occupies in relation to the Craft. He (the speaker) had seen the paper, and thought it a good one, and as such must be of great value to all who desire to acquire a knowledge of what transpires in our Order. He was sure they were all glad to see Bro. Davies, and hoped he would visit them again. And so did they extend a hearty greeting to all visiting brothers. He was sure the members would join him in a bumper to the health of the visiting brethren. The toast was enthusiastically received. W. Bro. Potts responded in very appropriate terms, and was followed by Bro. Davies, on behalf of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. Johnson next gave the Masonic Charities. He pointed to our noble Institutions, as appendages to our Order that we might feel proud of. London was the centre of our Charities, but Cheshire had done well in making provision for those who might require our help. In proposing the Masonic Charities he would add prosperity to the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, coupling with it the name of their energetic and indefatigable W. Bro. Cunnah. The toast was received with great warmth, and Bro. Cunnah responded in a very happy strain. He experienced great pleasure in being able to announce to the brethren the great prosperity of our Masonic Charities, and especially so the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, in which he took so deep an interest. It must be gratifying to the brethren of the Lodge to know—as he had heard and felt—the tender thanks of those who were so timely, and so kindly provided for through the generosity of the members of the Order. It is needless to say that Bro. Cunnah's remarks were listened to with great attention. The brethren must feel greatly indebted to him for the zeal he ever evinces in all matters pertaining to the Masonic Charities. Other toasts were given, duly honoured, and responded to, and after spending an evening replete with comfort and fraternal feeling, the brethren dispersed at a reasonable hour. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent vocal capabilities of Bros. Ellis, Knowles, and Humphreys; the accompaniment of Bro. Humphreys was greatly appreciated.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 5th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. W. Goss W.M. of 780 W.M., Acworth S.W., Gomm J.W., Tucker Treas., Costelow S.D., Gunner Hon. Sec. J.D., Talbot I.G. Past Master Bro. Roe Preceptor. Bros. Dorcy, Beckett, Parker, Blasby, Botley, &c. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. Botley tendered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge having been opened up, the brethren were called to refreshment. After resuming labour Bro. Parker answered the questions leading to third degree. Bro. Botley, who had retired, was now re-admitted. A resolution was passed directing Bro. Sec. to send a circular to the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, informing them that Bro. Franckel had presented a handsome and valuable oil painting to the Lodge, to be disposed of among the members; proceeds to be applied to Masonic purposes, after deducting some slight expenses; and that such disposal take place upon 17th May next. The W.M. for next meeting was elected, Bro. Botley admitted a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and the meeting then adjourned till Friday, 12th April.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Brown W.M., Weige S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Slaiter I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., W. H. Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Finch, Allen, Polak, Cambridge, Bigg and others. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. Lorkin answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Allen the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Weige was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.—This Lodge met on Tuesday, the 9th inst., under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. R. Taylor, at the Cannon-street Hotel. He was supported by Bros. A. Lamarque S.W., Keayes P.M. J.W., L. Stean P.M. Secretary, Ellis S.D., S. L. Corko I.G., W. Pitt D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. A. Rowley,

Keayes, W. Haines, Walker; and Bros. Kearsay, W. Rowley, Warner, Friedlander, Fuld, Taff, Reddin. After the observance of all formalities, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. R. Primo and M. E. Goldstein. These being unanimously in their favour, the gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order. The Secretary read the letter from Grand Lodge, respecting the Grand Orient of France, which was duly entered on the minutes. The resignation of two brethren was announced. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Lodge was closed until October. The brethren then sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. E. H. Rand. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. A. Rowley I.P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. The rapid progress he had made in Freemasonry, and the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony must have gratified all present. He (Bro. Rowley) hoped they would have many candidates, that the W.M. might show his proficiency in performing the various ceremonies. Bro. Taylor thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner they had received the toast, so ably proposed by Bro. Rowley; his aim was to promote the comfort of the Lodge; he hoped he had performed the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly initiated brethren, who they were proud to see among them; he was sure they would eventually be a credit to the Order. Bro. Primo briefly responded, and Bro. Goldstein followed; he felt it a great honour to be admitted a member of the Lodge. It had been his ambition for many years to be a member of the Order; he saw many friends around him; he would do all that might be required of him as a Mason. The W.M. then proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. L. Stean P.M. and Sec., who in eloquent terms responded. Bro. Rowley was a good contributor, and he (Bro. Stean) was one who would never shut his eyes to the cause of charity. Bro. Rowley had done his duty to the Masonic Charities, and if the Lodge went on as it had done they would soon be Vice-Presidents of all the Charities. The health of the P.M.'s was next given. The W.M. regretted the absence of many, but those who were present were worthy of their regard and esteem. Bro. A. Rowley I.P.M. responded; he thanked the brethren, not only for supporting him in the chair, but also for the support they had given the Charities. Bro. Haines followed; for twenty years he had been a Mason, and since he had been in this Lodge (now five years) he had not missed an attendance. To the toast of the Officers, Bros. Lamarque, Ellis, W. Rowley, S. Corke, and others responded. The health of the Visitors was given; Bros. Pogson 1314, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, returned thanks. Bros. Reddin, Pogson, Goldstein and Primo contributed some very excellent harmony.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 3rd April. Present:—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., W. Heathcote I.P.M. and P.G.D. of C., F. Heathcote S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, J. O. Manton Secretary, S. Steele S.D., J. E. Russell J.D., W. L. Dodd as Org., T. H. Hepworth I.G., S. Pipes Past P.S.G.D., J. Smith P.M., Lane, Parkins, Orme, Shaw, Mainprize, Atherstone, Wallis, Hart S.S. Visitors—H. Burns P.M. 731, and W. Whittaker Sec. 731. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Arnold of Derby, who was unanimously elected. Mr. J. A. Hafford, and Mr. R. Baxter were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree of the science. The communication from Grand Lodge, having reference to the elimination of the G.A.O.T.U. from the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, and giving the resolutions passed by Grand Lodge, in connection therewith, was read. The Derbyshire Masonic Hall Trustees' balance sheet was presented. Other documents, relating to the Masonic Institution for Boys, the Act of Parliament dealing with Secret Societies, and the Derbyshire P.G.L. By-laws, were laid before the brethren; and sundry accounts presented by the Treasurer of this Lodge were passed for payment. The Lodge was closed, after a final appeal for the preservation of the Order, and the brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room where their number was augmented by several P.P.G. Officers and others. The evening was much enlivened by the discussion of matters of local import to the Craft.

Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 10th of April, in the Lodge-room, at the Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30 p.m. Present:—Bros. Durrant P.M. W.M., Geo. Newmann P.M. P.Z. S.W., James W. Berrie P.M. J.W., S. Johnson Sec., W. F. Neave S.D., T. Bailey I.G. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed in a most able manner by Bro. Durrant, assisted by Bros. Newman and Berrie, after which Bro. Durrant was unanimously requested to preside again next Wednesday; this he kindly promised to do. The work will be the rehearsal of the third degree, and the Lodge will open punctually at 7.30. Much regret was expressed by the brethren at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Turner P.M., the Preceptor, to whose unwearied assiduity so much of the present success of the Lodge is attributable.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 5th April. Bro. Townsend W.M., Lane S.W., Wallington J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Crouch J.D.; also Bros. Quincey, Moss, Stroud, Bolton, &c. Lodge opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very excellent manner, Bro. Moss as candidate. Bro. Crouch worked the first, Bro. Wallington the second, and Bro. A. W. Fenner the third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Quincey, of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, and Bro. D. Moss, of the Star Lodge, No. 1275, were duly elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Lane was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned until Friday, the 12th inst., at 8 p.m.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday. Bros. E. Dignam W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., McMillan J.W., E. Dietrich S.D. and Secretary, R. Olley J.D., O. Dietrich I.G., and many other brethren, amongst whom were Bros. C. Lorkin, G. Ferrar, Slaiter, Maples, C. Olley, Martin. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. G. Ferrar was interrogated, entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. C. Lorkin and Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren, worked the sections of the lecture in a most creditable and efficient manner. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on 4th April, at the Bush Hotel, Hexham. In the absence of the W.M., the Lodge was opened and ruled by Bro. Bell S.W. After the usual formalities had been gone through, Bro. J. Turner Treasurer rose to present the Lodge with a finely-executed portrait of the late Bro. White P.M. and first Worshipful Master of this Lodge. In the course of some well-chosen remarks, he said it would be remembered that the brethren felt some recognition of Bro. White's services were due to him, and determined to have his portrait painted, and to present it to him. Bro. White would only agree to this on the condition that he should be allowed afterwards to present it to the Lodge. In the meantime it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to remove our esteemed brother, and his widow, knowing his feelings in the matter, now presented the portrait to the Lodge, and hoped that a convenient place would be found for it. He therefore moved that a letter of acceptance and thanks be sent to Mrs. White, which was seconded by Bro. Bell S.W., and carried unanimously. The brethren then sat down to a capital dinner, presided over by Bro. Bell S.W. After the removal of the cloth, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Bell rose to propose the Visitors, and said they had been specially honoured that day by visitors from several Lodges in Newcastle, and hoped they would frequently come and see them. He coupled the name of Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. P.P.G.S.W. with the toast. Bro. Davis, in reply, thanked the brethren heartily for the reception accorded to them, and felt he could not set down without calling on the visitors to join him in drinking prosperity to the Albert Edward Lodge and its members. He paid some well-deserved eulogiums to Bro. Bell for his untiring energy in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Bell suitably replied. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the visitors who left by the 8.50 train were accompanied to the station by most of the brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 659 P.P.G.S.W., T. Halliday W.M. 406 P.G.P., G. S. Dean W.M. 541, T. J. Armstrong W.M. 1626, Grist S.D. 1626, Reed 1626, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c., &c.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. C. J. G. Woods, Crown and Woolpack, 162 St. John-street-road, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Dybdahl W.M., Rimell S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Stock acting Preceptor, Osborn Sec., A. W. Fenner S.D., Coombs J.D., W. Cook I.G.; also Bros. Gibbs, Norris, Wood, Green, Powell, &c. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gibbs answered the questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., in a perfect manner. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when Bro. Stock gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. W. Cook, of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, and Bro. Green, of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, were elected members. Bro. Rimell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A well deserved vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Stock for the excellent manner in which he had given the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Tuesday next, at 8 o'clock.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday. The business consisted of a ballot for two joining members and one candidate for the Order, all of which proved successful. An initiation and a raising followed, and before the Lodge was closed the names of three candidates were proposed and seconded. Several books and objects of Masonic interest were presented to the Lodge by two of the members, and the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, announced that he had received a communication from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, stating that no meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge for North and East Yorkshire would be held until the usual time in autumn, when Beverley would be the place of meeting. An unusual number of visitors were present, including several Past Masters, and a pleasant and social evening was spent, enlivened by songs and recitations by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Wyatt, J. Craven, and A. T. B. Turner.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—Held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday, 5th April. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The usual questions for passing were answered, and that ceremony duly rehearsed. Before closing, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This evening, DON GIOVANNI. On Tuesday, DES FREIS HUTZ. On Thursday, MARTA.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, ROMEO AND JULIET.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 7.45, JANE SHORE.

OLYMPIC.—On Wednesday, THE MISER'S TREASURE.

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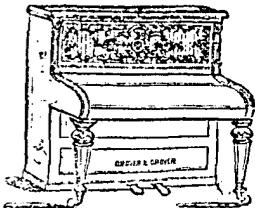
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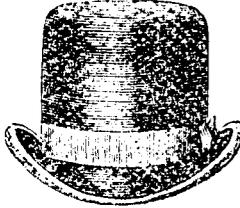
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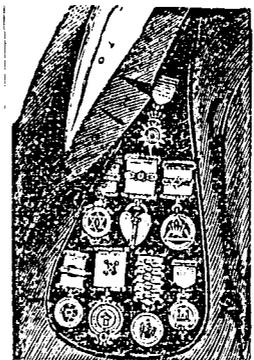


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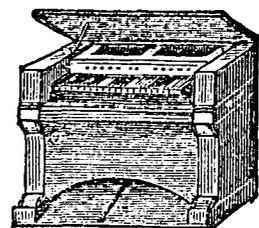
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