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## A FRENCH VIEW OF THE RECENT RESOLUTIONS OF OUR GRAND LODGE.

IT was to be expected that the French Masonic Journals would lose no time in considering the recent action of our Grand Lodge, condemnatory of the radical change made last autumn by the Grand Orient of France in the first article of its Constitutions. Accordingly, our contemporary *le Monde Maçonnique*, for the month of April, contains an article from the pen of Bro. Caubet, editor of that journal, and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Council of the Grand Orient, in which, after noting the resolutions passed at our Quarterly Communication in March, and the most important portion of the speech in which our Pro Grand Master submitted them to Grand Lodge, our worthy brother proceeds as follows: "The proposals of the Committee were adopted unanimously, and without discussion, but while they will cause no feeling of surprise among French Masons, they will excite no little astonishment in the minds of those who labour under the belief that the Reformation has set free the minds of men from the trammels of bigotry and has developed a just spirit of liberalism. A while since, and the Romish Church launched its anathemas against Freemasonry, and the Anglican Church has now followed its example. But what is still more extraordinary is the fact, that French Masonry is now denounced by the Freemasons of England. True, the latter, devoted as it is to the throne and the altar, has, owing to the force of circumstances, seen developing itself within its bosom a sectarian and exclusive spirit, which to-day is far less liberal than it was in the eighteenth century, and that absolute liberty of conscience is directly opposed to its principles. The following remarks will abundantly prove this. Meanwhile, it is necessary to bear in mind that these decisions of the Grand Lodge of England bear the impress of the greatest irresolution, and consequently that they are entirely wanting in frankness and perspicuity. For instance, what necessity is there for proclaiming that they are applicable to all foreign visitors, when the sole motive for passing them is the resolution adopted by the Grand Orient of France, and it is clear they are aimed only at French Masons. Let us note further, that the Grand Lodge of England has never officially recognised French Freemasonry, and that at no period has one of its representatives ever been accredited to our Grand Orient. Consequently, it had no business to meddle with our affairs; and, to say the least, it was a most ungraceful act to meddle with them, and recognise our Grand Orient only for the purpose of denouncing us.

The Grand Lodge declares that it has no intention of interfering with the jurisdiction of a foreign Grand Lodge. But what value can attach to such a declaration, when it intervenes at the very moment it announces it is not intervening, and when the sole inducement to interfere is, the modification of an article in the French Constitutions, and the suppression of a formula which is not contained in its own.

We shall say nothing as to the singular measures which the English Lodges are invited to adopt in respect of French visiting brethren. We imagine the number of those who will submit to the ordeal of such proposed inquisition—if we except those whom personal interests may induce to disregard all considerations—will be very restricted. Nor will we say anything as to that respect for tradition which is so often and so carelessly invoked by English Masons, for the simple reason that we have again and again had occasion to express our views on the subject. The traditions of Masonry are essentially liberal.

English Masons would assuredly not have denied this in the eighteenth century. The predecessors of those who to-day rule and direct the destinies of English Masonry never had the slightest idea of protesting against the initiation of Helvetius, of Holbach, of Laland, and of thousands of other freethinkers who have been an honour to the Society. Never would they have condescended, before admitting them into their Lodges, to demand of them a confession of their faith in God and the immortality of the soul. So far, indeed, from the Grand Lodge of England having been faithful to tradition, it has just now been guilty of a grave dereliction of duty in this respect. It has proved itself intolerant and sectarian; it has entered on a career of retrogression, and has gravely compromised the interests and dignity of Freemasonry. We do not profess a blind and absolute respect for tradition. Determined partisans of the cause of progress, we have no difficulty in adapting the ideas and usages of tradition to notions which are more enlightened and customs which are more rational; but for our own satisfaction, and that of all true Masons, it is necessary that these changes should indicate, in a manner which is unmistakable, a real landmark in the road to progress. Every change which throws us backward, instead of advancing our cause, is to be detested, and will prove fatal to our Institution.

In short, the Grand Lodge of England has just inflicted the severest blow on the cosmopolitan and universal character of Freemasonry. It has divided our body into two camps. In one are those who accept entire liberty of conscience, in the other those who subordinate liberty to religion. We are in favour of absolute liberty of conscience, and such is the excellence of our cause that sooner rather than later we shall overcome all obstacles, and unite all Masons under our banner. Meanwhile we say to those who attack us, to the Grand Lodge of England as well as to the Grand Lodge of Ireland,—Launch your anathemas against us, close your Lodges against us, excommunicate us, our Lodges will none the less be open to all English and Irish Masons; in fact, to Masons from every part of the world, and to whatever rite they may belong. To the best of our ability we will endeavour to repair the wrong your intolerance has inflicted on our beloved Institution. But if you imagine for one moment that your menaces will induce us to renounce our trust in liberty of conscience, undeceive yourselves at once, acquit yourselves of so grievous an error. Nothing can possibly weaken our confidence in the value of the principles which actuate us, nothing can possibly destroy the certainty of our near and approaching triumph, nothing will serve to quench our hope of seeing Freemasonry emerge from the present crisis stronger, grander, more worthy of men's respect, and above all better adapted to promote the true interests of justice and humanity. We have the unshaken faith which animated our fathers when on the ruins of the old society of France they proclaimed the rights of man and of the citizen. Our task, however, is easier. Masonry has been diverted from its legitimate scope, and our object is to recall it. Like our fathers we deplore the blindness of those who mistrust our labours, but like our fathers also, we are determined on considering only the justice of our cause, and will be deterred from pursuing our task by no obstacle and no opposition.

A meeting of the Committee for securing the election of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges to fill the office of Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday last, when further arrangements were made.

## THE ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

**B**EFORE entering on our usual task of noting in detail the result of the Festival of the Girls' School, we will first offer to all interested in the welfare of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—and the "all" in this case includes the whole Craft throughout England—our hearty congratulations on what, under existing circumstances, must be considered a most satisfactory result. True, the amount subscribed last year was exceptionally great, and amounted to, in round figures, £9,757, with twenty-three lists still outstanding, while this year it is only £8,392 2s 9d, with sixteen lists yet to come in; but the political and commercial anxieties of the moment have had in this, as in other cases, the most depressing effect, and, as we dare say a total of close on £9,000 will be reached, we consider so excellent a result is in the highest degree creditable. And so pass we to our analysis, which, as is customary, we consider under the three heads of Metropolitan, Provincial, and Miscellaneous. In the first of these there were ninety-four Stewards, representing eighty-eight Lodges and three Chapters. The amounts handed in by these up to the present time represent a sum of £4,266 2s. The 110 Provincial Stewards have raised amongst them thus far a total of £3,996 17s 9d; while the balance is due to the exertions of seven Stewards, who are entered on the list under the head of Miscellaneous. The highest individual list in the metropolis is that of Bro. W. Stephens, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, Notting Hill, who collected the very handsome total of £276 5s. Following this, we find another young Lodge, the Kilburn, No. 1608, contributing, by the hands of Bro. George Everett, the sum of £176 8s, and besides these there are two other three-figure amounts, that of the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, as the representative of the Friends in Council, No. 1383, whose amount reached the sum of one hundred and ten guineas, and that of Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, who, as Steward for the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, handed in the sum of one hundred guineas. Last year, our worthy Friends in Council gave, by the hands of Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, over £282, and as recently as the Festival this year of the Benevolent, we find it contributed through the same representative £202. Thus the honour of heading the Metropolitan Lodges lies wholly west on this occasion, either directly west, or north-western or west central. Among the Lodges contributing to this Festival Nos. 2, 5, 8, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 33, 256, and 657 have figured in the last eleven lists, while others, like Nos. 10 and 179, have done their duty admirably on ten occasions, and others on nine, eight, seven, &c. It is worthy of note that of the Lodges who sent representatives, no less than eight have been warranted since the commencement of 1877, and one of these does not even figure in the Calendar for the current year.

Turning to the Provinces we find that twenty-nine out of the forty-four Provinces or districts in which there is no Provincial Grand Lodge were represented, the fifteen absent being Bedfordshire, Bristol, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire and Hunts, Northumberland, Notts, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, the Channel Islands, Jersey, and the Isle of Man. Out of these Beds (five Lodges), Worcestershire (ten Lodges), and Isle of Man (three Lodges) have been unrepresented at the eleven Festivals we have been privileged to record. As regards the others, all have figured more or less frequently since we entered on our career as a journal. The majority indeed, have done their duty liberally—Lincolnshire, Northumberland, &c. being cases in point, but one—Cambridgeshire (four Lodges)—appears now for the first time in the past four years, and though the amount is only small, still we trust it may be taken as indicating a revived interest in our glorious Institutions. Dismissing thus briefly the absentee Lodges, we now turn to those who have been represented in the present instance. First in Order comes Berks and Bucks. It boasts sixteen Lodges, six of which were represented, the aggregate of their contributions amounting to £217 5s. The contributing Lodges hailed from Reading, Newbury, Windsor, Wolverton, Abingdon, and Stony Stratford. This Province gave over £157 to the Benevolent in February, to all three Festivals in 1877, to the Schools in 1876, and to all three Institutions in 1875. Cambridgeshire, as we have said, figures for the first time since January 1875 in the list

of Stewards, and though the amount is small, we take it as an omen of good for the future. Cheshire, which our readers know full well has an Educational Institution of its own, is nevertheless represented by six of its thirty-nine Lodges, one Crewe, one Chester, one Birkenhead (with two Stewards), and the Sale, the Lymm, and the Parkgate Lodges. The total contributed is £134 8s. In February it gave over £172, and has only been absent once out of the last eleven Festivals. Derbyshire (eighteen Lodges) has one representative, in the case of one of the Derby Lodges. The list is small, but at the Benevolent Festival in February it was represented by the Marquis of Hartington, its Provincial Grand Master, and one other brother, who together contributed a sum of £170, while in 1875, 1876, and 1877 it was duly represented at, at least, one of the three Festivals. Devonshire, with its forty-six Lodges, was represented by the St. George's, No. 112, the amount being a little under £30. It figured in the Benevolent List, in February, for £110, and in 1877 it gave very little short of £600 to the same Institution; and, indeed, has only been absent once since January 1875. Dorsetshire is comparatively a small Province, with only thirteen Lodges, but its energy in connection with the Charities is in the highest degree creditable. On this occasion its Provincial Grand Superintendent, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, acting as Steward for the Royal Arch Masons—so, at least, we feel justified in inferring from the statement in the list—has placed £116 11s to the credit of the Girls. In February, as Steward for the Benevolent, he took up £150. He will represent his Province again at the Boys' School. In 1877 the Province contributed over £560 to the three Institutions together, and its liberality was as conspicuous the two previous years. The Southend Lodge No. 1000—the Priory—does duty for Essex (sixteen Lodges), and subscribed to the extent of over £40. The same was one of the three Lodges represented at the last Benevolent Festival, and has been in nine out of the last eleven Festivals. Gloucester (fourteen Lodges) sends Stewards from three, who together figure for £229 16s 6d, the three being No. 82 of Cheltenham, No. 855 of Wotton-on-Edge, and No. 1067 of Newnham-on-Severn. It gave £118 to the Benevolent this year, and over £500 to the three Institutions last year, while it supported the Boys' in 1875 and 1876. Four of the thirty Lodges in Hants and the Isle of Wight sent Stewards, who, among them, totalled up £117 12s. In February last, its contribution of £70 helped to swell Bro. Terry's total, and last summer, when its Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Beach, M.P., presided at the Festival of the Boys' School, it supported him to the extent of over £220. Indeed, it has been represented at ten out of the last eleven gatherings. Hertfordshire, a small Province with only ten Lodges, is represented by two of them, the Cecil, No. 449 of Hitchin, and the ever ready Gladsmuir, No. 1385 of Barnet, which together gave £68 5s. This is to its credit, as in February its contribution of £645 and odd shillings placed it at the head of the contributing Provinces. The honour of Herefordshire (four Lodges) is sustained by the Palladian, No. 120, of Hereford. This Province has not been represented in any list since the Benevolent Festival of 1876, when the same Lodge sent up a list of over £65. Kent (forty-three Lodges) sent three Stewards, each representing a Lodge—the Sandwich, the Sevenoaks, and the Chislehurst, but the return for the last only has been made, and represents a total of £77 7s. Its total contributions at the last ten Festivals is upwards of £3,431, so that its average since January 1875 is considerably over £300 per Festival. East Lancashire (eighty-six Lodges), like Cheshire, has an educational Institution of its own, and at the present time its trade is lamentably depressed, so that if it had been wholly absent, we could not have been surprised. Yet the three Stewards of the Humphrey Cheetham, No. 645, of Manchester, and Bro. Brockbank, are together down for over seventy guineas. West Lancashire (seventy-seven Lodges) is in the same predicament as its neighbour, the Eastern Division, in respect of trade, but four Lodges contribute among them £90 13s 6d. In February the aggregate of its lists to the Benevolent was over £330, while in 1877 and 1876 its contributions to the three Institutions greatly exceeded £2000. Leicester and Rutland, with its ten Lodges, has handed in the very handsome total of £233 16s. It was absent last February, but its contributions in 1877 exceeded £400. Middlesex (twenty-seven Lodges) has always been strongly represented at this particular Festival. This is not to be won-

dered at when we bear in mind that the late Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Little, was likewise the respected Secretary of the Girls' School. This time, one Chapter and six Lodges, represented by eight Stewards, together contribute £177 3s 6d. Over £200 was the total of its contributions in February last, and taking the whole of its lists at the last eleven Festivals, we find it has averaged on each occasion not very far short of £360. Monmouthshire (eight Lodges) was an absentee at the last Benevolent Festival, but one Lodge did duty on Friday last, to the extent of fifteen guineas, while in 1877 it contributed two hundred guineas to the Benevolent. The fact that the late Watkin Testimonial, in the form of a perpetual presentation to the Boys' School, is being raised, will account for the absence of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire (twenty-five Lodges) from the Benevolent in February, and its being only represented by one Steward for a small amount on the present occasion. Oxfordshire, with only eight Lodges, sends up eight Stewards, but only five of its Lodges are represented by seven of these, and the other one appears to have been acting independently. Five lists have been returned, with totals amounting to £144 6s 6d, so that we may anticipate the general total will be considerably swelled when the others have been sent in. It has been represented at all the last eleven Festivals. Somersetshire has, of course, loyally supported its Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who presided at the Festival. The Province is down for £275 2s, a very handsome sum, from its nineteen Lodges; No. 53 of Bath sends twenty-one guineas; while the Prov. Grand Master is himself the contributor of a further twenty guineas, thus, the total for Somersetshire is £318 3s. It was represented at the Benevolent, and last year figured at the Festival of the same Institution, to the extent of over £250. One Steward for the comfortable amount of £117 12s, is the representative of the Eastern Division of South Wales (eleven Lodges), while one Steward for the Western Division (eight Lodges) has sent up a list of £236 5s, and as the two are sometimes joined together, we may put down the result as very creditable to S. Wales, which has figured in one or more lists in 1875, 1876, and 1877. Suffolk, which raised over £94 in February, is again to the fore, with sixty guineas, the work of one Steward. It has nineteen Lodges, and is constant in its attention to this and its Sister Institutions, and what is likewise to be commended, it is impartial in the distribution of its favours. Surrey (eighteen Lodges), is represented by two, the Frederick of Unity No. 452, for whom Bro. J. W. Suggs as Steward, has handed in a list of £21 10s, and the St. Andrews, No. 1046, Farnham, whose contribution by the hands of Bro. H. T. Taylor amounts to twenty guineas, making a total for the Province of £42 10s. This is a small amount, but it was represented at the Benevolent in February, while in 1877 it raised over £240 for the three Institutions together, and in 1876, over 200 guineas for the Boys. A Brighton Lodge sustains the honour of Sussex, with its nineteen Lodges. The amount is small, but it was represented in February last, and at the Festival of the Boys' and Girls' Schools last year to very considerable amounts. There are sixteen Stewards for Warwickshire, all hailing from a Birmingham Lodge, the Athol, No. 74, of Birmingham, and these, among them, have sent up £207 18s. It was not represented in February at the Benevolent, but in 1877 it contributed to that Institution over £460, and at the Boys' Festival in 1876 it supported Lord Leigh, who presided on that occasion, most munificently. Wilts, with only ten Lodges, figures for £267 5s. In February, it contributed over £164, and has only been once an absentee, thus far, during the last four years. Of the twenty-five N. and E. Yorkshire Lodges, the Humber, No. 57, of Hull, alone sent up a Steward, and the amount of his list is not yet returned. We repeat what we said in February, that we think this Province might bestir itself, and be more active in its support of the central Charities. A scheme to this end, we believe, is in contemplation, and it has a Benevolent Fund of its own, so that, after all, perhaps, it may work none the less energetically because the evidence of its labours is not so conspicuous. Twenty-four Stewards representing fourteen out of its sixty-three Lodges, do duty for West Yorkshire, and the result of their united efforts is a total of £900, being the highest contribution from the Provinces. This, added to its £5,287, the product of its contributions at the last ten Festivals, gives an average for each Festival of over £562. It only remains for us to add that of the seven Miscellaneous Stewards' Lists, four, amounting together to £129 3s, have

been returned, and there are three yet outstanding. We have now completed our task. We have, as usual, done our best to avoid giving offence, and we trust our efforts have not been unsuccessful.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THERE are few places in London which are richer in historical associations than the district bordering on Savoy-street, now known of all men by reason of the celebrated perfumery of Eugene Rimmel. Hard by, stood once upon a time the palace assigned as a residence by Edward the Third to John the Good of France, who was taken prisoner by Edward the Black Prince, at the battle of Poitiers. Here the French monarch resided during his captivity. Hither, after his visit to France for the purpose of inducing his Government to execute the terms of the arrangement between him and his conqueror, he returned voluntarily into captivity, and here in 1363 he died. In this same palace lived also "Old John of Gaunt, time-honoured Lancaster," and by virtue of her descent from that famous son of our third Edward, our present gracious Sovereign holds her duchy of Lancaster. But little is left of the ancient building, for the chapel which contained the tombs of Gaunt and his consort, and other interesting relics of past days, was almost entirely destroyed by fire only a few years since; and though by the liberality of the present Duchess and others, the sacred building has been re-built, it may be said that of an old historical landmark which is intimately connected with the history of London, but little or nothing now remains beyond the name. It is in this district, however, which, though completely modernised in appearance, is still respectable by reason of its old associations, that on Tuesday, the 14th instant, a new Masonic Landmark was erected, and the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744 on the Roll of Grand Lodge, was duly consecrated by our worthy Bro. James Terry, the zealous Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The hour of 4 p.m. was the time appointed for the ceremony to begin, and in due course there assembled at that hour, at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, a strong muster of brethren, including the Consecrating Officer, and Bros. H. G. Buss G. Assist. Secretary, and Clarke Prov. G.D.C. Suffolk, who had kindly undertaken to assist Bro. Terry; Bros. J. Willing jun. I.P.M. 177, J. Douglass W.M. elect 1507, and F. H. Clemow 193, 1507, W.M., S.W., and J.W. Designate respectively; Bros. Treadwell, Stiles, Jones, Hyland, &c., &c.; and several visitors. A procession having been formed, and Bro. Terry having occupied the chair, Bros. Buss and C. Crick were temporarily appointed to the offices of Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the presiding Officer addressed those present, and the ceremony of consecration was most impressively carried out with the customary formalities. This over, Bro. James Willing jun. W.M. Designate was presented to Bro. Terry, and installed in due course, after which he appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. J. Douglass and F. H. Clemow, whose names were designated for the offices in the Warrant, as Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively; Bros. Treadwell Treas., Stiles Sec., Jones S.D., F. J. Hyland J.D., and W. Cook I.G. A vote of thanks having been proposed by the W.M. to Bro. Terry and the brethren who had so kindly assisted him, for the admirable manner in which he and they had fulfilled their duties, the compliment was acknowledged most heartily by Bro. Terry, while the unanimously-adopted motion conferring honorary membership on the same brethren was acknowledged by Bro. Buss in his wonted genial manner. This compliment was also paid to Bro. C. K. Killick, who acted during the consecration as Inner Guard. About a dozen propositions of brethren as joining members were handed in; after which, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. J. Douglass S.W. for his handsome present to the Lodge of a Velvet Cushion, and to Bro. Cook, who had given a Bible. These brethren having expressed the pleasure they derived from so kindly a recognition of their trilling (as they described them) contributions, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and Bro. Buss responded for that of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The health of the W. Master Bro. Willing jun. was proposed by Bro. Terry in his usual hearty manner, and Bro. Willing having acknowledged the compliment, concluded a neat little speech by offering the toast of the Consecrating Officers and his able coadjutors at the impressive ceremony of the afternoon. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Buscall and Dwarber replied, the latter, who is one of the best speakers we have heard—and we may venture to say the number of those we have heard is legion—speaking, as is his wont, excellently well. The rest of the toasts were given in due order, and the Tyler's toast completed the list; after which the brethren separated, well satisfied with so auspicious an inauguration of the Royal Savoy Lodge. The musical arrangements were all that could be desired, and the professional brethren who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were the veteran Bro. Lawler, and Bros. Cozens and Carter. The following were among the Visitors, namely, Bros. H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., C. B. Payne P.M. G. Tyler, J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, C. S. Pierce 65, H. J. Webb W.M. 72, Thos. Lawler 92, Isaac Buscall W.M. 177, J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, F. H. Tomkins 201, W. W. Morgan 211, R. Pearcy J.W. 228, C. Hudson S.W. 315, Carter P.M. 382, A. Ross 435, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. Clifton Crick P.M. 657, S. E. Hayes 795, W. Bateman P.M. 820, E. Legg J.W. 861, Fred. A. Cozens 907, C. Kelso P.M. 957, J. Stock S.W. 1175, J. Gibbs 1178, Alfred Allworth P.M. 1261, C. H. Stephens 1319, A. J. Ireton W.M. 1348, W. H. Harrison 1351, J. F. Hunt-Foulston 1441, Thos. H. Cox 1441, H. Hunt 1471, T. Gilbert jun. 1507, J. W. Beningfield 1589, F. Payne 1602, W. J. Hunter 1677, C. K. Killick W.M. 1693, H. Stiles 1732.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire. At the conclusion of the banquet, the noble chairman proceeded to propose the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. He was gratified at seeing so many ladies present, and pleased they took such interest in the proceedings. In works of charity we could wish for no better auxiliary. Their presence necessitated doing away with all those Masonic ceremonies we might indulge in if in a closely tyled Lodge, he therefore asked the brethren to drink the health of the Queen. The toast being heartily recognised, was followed by the National Anthem. The chairman next rose to give the toast of the Grand Master. There were, doubtless, many among them who, only a fortnight since, were assembled in that Hall, and they would remember they then had the pleasure of dining under the presidency of our Grand Master. It was an unfeigned pleasure for the Craft to see him occupy the chair. He asked the brethren to drink his health, in two capacities; first, as Grand Master, second, as Patron of this Charity; and, in doing so, to join the name of one who, by her grace and kindness, has endeared herself to every man of this country. He would, therefore, give them H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Patroness, and the other members of the Royal Family. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The next toast was that of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The Chairman was sorry his noble friend Lord Skelmersdale was not present to answer for himself, but he was pleased to see so many members of Grand Lodge around him. Among them were some who also held high positions in the Provinces; these he was particularly pleased to see, as our Charities are as much indebted to the Provinces as to London for their support, the contributions being about equally divided. He coupled the name of a brother who, like himself, had had a long experience in Masonry, Bro. Pickard, Grand Chaplain. That brother in replying thanked the brethren on behalf of Lord Skelmersdale and the other Grand Officers. He could never forget that he had the privilege of initiating Lord Skelmersdale, and that he became the following year his (Bro. Pickard's) I.G., and that during his second year of office the Lodge over which he presided had the pleasure of receiving Lord Carnarvon as a joining member. Bro. Beach Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Man next rose. He was sure the brethren would be right glad to drink the toast he now had the honour of proposing. It was with peculiar satisfaction he offered the toast of the Chairman of the Day, because he was the means, many years ago, of initiating that brother into the Craft, and he had had the pleasure since that time of introducing him to nearly every grade in Freemasonry to which he has attained. We may indeed congratulate ourselves on the good work he has performed. He has always taken the greatest interest in every branch of Freemasonry. In acknowledging the toast, the Earl of Carnarvon said:—If there were any discomforts attendant upon the high office which it was his privilege to hold in the great, ancient, and illustrious body of Freemasons, he should on all occasions be more than compensated by the kindness which was shewn him. He had frequently to meet the brethren in Grand Lodge and elsewhere, and he could safely say that he had never found his Masonic brethren anything but gentlemen, and he hoped never to be thrown among any with whom it is a greater pleasure to transact business. His friendship with Bro. Beach had dated back many years, but nothing had ever occurred to disturb that friendship. He was indebted to him for many good offices, but the best was when he initiated him into the first three degrees of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Beach) had spoken of the advocacy which is

expected of a Chairman on these occasions, but he knew from a long experience of the liberality of the Craft that very few words were necessary from him, he would ask the brethren to drink, "Prosperity to the Girls' School." In doing so, he could but refer to the great loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Little. During the five years he was connected with the Institution he believed they were much indebted to him for the singular attention he gave to its business. When he had presided on behalf of the great charities of this city, he had often wondered how they managed to get on. Many of them do a large work, they spend large amounts, and frequently, when their accounts are balanced, have to report a large deficit. Although it is quite true this is the case with many charities that are doing useful work, he was gratified to say it was not the case with their Institution. If they referred to the last accounts they would see a rather awkward statement of a deficit of close on £3,000, but he ventured to say that this was only a seeming deficit; the finances really were in a most satisfactory condition. The Institution had no less than £39,000 funded property; in fact, he believed this amount had been increased to £40,000. It has from Grand Lodge £150 a year, and this, with the proceeds of its funded property, gave a fixed income of over £1,300 a year; last year the total receipts, including subscriptions and donations, amounted to £11,850, still they had spent £14,690; this would give £2,840 to be made good. But how had this come to pass? The Institution had added a new wing to the building, and had also bought a piece of land. The cost of each had been defrayed out of its current income of the year. It had never been his fortune to announce an Institution as being in so prosperous a condition. He would urge them to remember that this was the 90th year of its existence, that it had steadily increased, and that at the present time they were clothing and educating 200 daughters of Freemasons. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Colonel Creaton, the Treas., to whom the Institution owes much of its prosperity. Bro. Creaton said he felt very proud to be called upon to answer for the Girls' School, of which he had just had the honour of being elected Treasurer. He was happy to be able to report that the sanitary condition of the School was much improved, and that they might now look forward to the contemplated visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. The amounts collected by the various Stewards were then announced by Bro. Hedges (a complete list, corrected up to the time of going to press is subjoined). The toast of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees and Medical Officers was next honoured, coupled with the name of Bro. Rucker. That Brother in replying referred to the duties the Medical Officers had lately had to perform, they, as well as the various Committees to whom reference had been made, were ever ready to do all in their power for the Institution. The Earl of Carnarvon next proposed Success to the other Masonic Charities. Freemasonry combines two things, profession and practice. They had that evening been toasting and praising the Girls' School, but they must not forget that it is only one of three, the other two being second to the Girls' only because it was the annual festival of the latter. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes. Bro. Binckes said that the march of events had brought them to the second of our great Festivals. He congratulated the brethren on the success of the evening. He hoped at the Festival of the Boys' School, to be held in June or July next, to be able to submit to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as grand a list of subscriptions. The health of the Stewards was next given, and acknowledged by Bro. Æ. McIntyre, and the Ladies having been toasted, the brethren adjourned to the Concert, which was given in the Temple of Grand Lodge. The whole of the proceedings of the evening passed off most successfully. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmeier, who was assisted by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., Mesdames Tellefsen, Thaddens Wells, and Marie Belval; Misses Elene Webster, and Adele Vernon, Mdle. Victoria Bansen, Bros. Faulkuer Leigh and Frederic Penna, Messrs. William Shakespeare, Stanislaus, and Monari Rocca.

LONDON.			LONDON—continued.			LONDON—continued.		
		£ s d			£ s d			£ s d
Lodge	1 E. Fenner	21 0 0	Lodge	140 W. B. Blackmur	68 5 0	Lodge	829 } Thos. Smith	68 5 0
	2 Stephen Pearce	23 2 0		145 John Boyd	82 0 0		913 } Francis Egan, M.D.	53 5 0
	4 Æ. J. McIntyre V.P.	105 0 0		147 Henry Bartlett	29 11 6		858 W. G. Hallows	45 3 0
	4 Capt. H. A. Bennett			162 Jeremiah Lyon	15 15 0		861 Benjamin Carter	69 7 0
	5 J. C. Havers	28 7 0		167 J. T. Rowe	34 2 6		907 F. A. White	28 6 6
	6 Capt. R. W. G. Farmer	26 5 0		172 Arthur E. Gladwell	63 0 0		1118 L. G. G. Robbins	43 1 0
	8 Alfred Tisley	40 19 0		173 James Blyth	73 14 0		1150 P. De L. Long	
	11 John Oakley Coles	12 12 0	Chap.	174 E. C. Mather	86 12 0		1155 Geo. Bolton	69 1 0
	14 Percy C. F. Tatham	11 11 0	Lodge	180 L. B. Pillin	46 4 0		1216 Charles Fountain	32 11 0
	18 W. Lovie Bremner	45 3 0		181 A. T. Layton	34 2 6		1278 G. Ward Verry	50 0 0
	21 Samuel Hill	55 13 0		183 A. T. Hirsch			1320 R. B. Webster	21 0 0
Chap.	21 Robt. Berridge	16 16 0		185 J. D. Barnett	31 10 0		1328 J. L. Thomas	31 10 0
Lodge	22 George Phythian	28 7 0		197 Letchworth	43 1 0		1351 George Wilson	88 4 0
Chap.	22 John Jonas			212 Henry May	52 18 6		1383 R. W. H. Giddy	115 10 0
Lodge	23 John Palmer	26 0 0		235 E. Emanuel			1420 John T. Gibson	42 0 0
	28 E. J. Stoneham	49 7 0		256 William Styles	57 4 6		1446 Thomas Cull	71 8 0
	29 Spencer J Herapath			256 J. A. Farnfield			1537 R. G. Clutton	86 12 6
	33 Thos. Wm. Traill	65 4 0		259 G. P. Goldney	25 0 0		1563 } Edward White	92 5 0
	46 Charles J. Curtis	34 13 0		263 Alexander Webber jun.	40 19 0		1305 } B. H. Swallow	
	55 John H. Dodson	60 18 0		435 R. H. Secker	39 18 0		1563 B. H. Swallow	
	60 Capt. J. Wordsworth	10 10 0		569 } Alfred Durrant	46 4 0		1586 E. Kidman	45 5 0
	60 George Anderson	10 10 0	1185 }	657 G. P. Gillard	88 14 6		1589 W. E. Farington	39 18 0
	63 L. Edmond Perken	43 1 0		715 Henry Watts	22 1 0		1608 George Everett	176 8 0
	65 Charles Daniell	81 18 0		742 R. H. Driver			1612 A. Beasley	35 14 0
	65 W. H. Barber	70 7 0		742 F. A. Pullen	10 10 0		1614 J. Mason	68 5 0
	66 Henry Bishop	38 17 0		749 Hy. W. Greenwood	26 5 0		1641 Andrew Middlemass	52 10 0
	72 Edwin Dodson	67 4 0		780 Walter Goss	44 6 0		1642 William Stephens	276 5 0
	91 Victor M. Laffittau	40 0 0		780 E. C. Woodward	10 10 0		1657 A. J. Altman	86 2 0
	99 Wm. B. Scott			822 J. A. Wilson	35 14 0			
	108 Geo. A. Berkeley	19 19 0						

LONDON—continued.

	£	s	d
Lod. 1668 M. D. Loewenstark	31	10	0
1673 F. Dobbing	60	18	0
1687 Louis Beck	23	2	0
1704 J. B. Scriven	52	10	0
1706 W. A. Barrett	52	10	0
1716 J. Kemp Colman	50	8	0
1724 Captain H. Burton	18	18	0
1732 J. J. Michael	47	5	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

414 Robert Bradley	78	15	0
574 Samuel G. Hunt	26	12	6
771 W. J. Goddard	22	11	6
840 John Reeve	26	5	0
945 E. L. Shepherd	42	1	0
1639 Edward Cox	21	0	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

859 C. F. M. Mundy	5	5	0
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CHESHIRE.

321 Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope	35	14	0
425 James Taylor	15	15	0
537 Francis Henry	10	10	0
537 Wm. Marquis	10	10	0
1357 Thomas D. Simcock	10	10	0
1565 Charles H. Hinde	30	9	0
1576 Thomas Chesworth	21	0	0

DERBYSHIRE.

731 James King	21	8	6
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DEVONSHIRE.

112 John Ferris	29	10	6
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DORSETSHIRE.

J. M. P. Montagu (Royal Arch)	116	11	0
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ESSEX.

1000 Fredk. Wood	40	13	9
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GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82 Henry Godfrey J.P.	160	0	0
855 Rev. C. R. Davcy	25	4	0
1067 R. J. Kerr	44	12	6

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

151 Rev. E. W. Watts	44	2	0
723 Henry Freeman	31	10	0
903 G. F. Lancaster	26	5	0
1069 Edwin Izod	15	15	0

HEREFORDSHIRE.

120 O. Sheffard	10	10	0
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HERTFORDSHIRE.

449 James Shillcock	5	5	0
1385 James Cutbush	63	0	0

PROVINCES—continued.

KENT.

1206 R. J. Emmerson	-	-	-
1414 J. Lucas Worship	-	-	-
1531 J. J. Hutchins	77	7	0

LANCASHIRE (EAST).

645 Samuel Kelley	-	-	-
645 G. Marshall	63	10	0
645 Hy. E. Sharpe	-	-	-
G. P. Brockbank	10	10	0

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

995 George Remington	23	12	6
1375 G. D. Pochin	15	15	0
1473 Harold Wyatt	28	7	0
1502 H. F. Wright	22	19	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

S. S. Partridge	223	6	0
George Toller jun.	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

1237 Charles Tye	20	12	6
1293 E. J. Southwell	21	10	0
Ch. 1293 Thos. Massa	21	0	0
Lod. 1326 J. W. Baldwin	10	10	0
1423 John Faulkner	24	12	0
1460 Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette	35	14	0
1512 John Hirst	43	5	0
1512 Henry F. Wright	-	-	-

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

818 William Williams	15	15	0
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OXFORDSHIRE.

340 J. J. Hughes	30	9	0
340 Christopher Park	-	-	-
357 R. Trotter Hodge	21	0	0
357 Rev. H. A. Pickard	24	2	6
478 S. F. Hood	-	-	-
599 John Potts	15	15	0
1399 Thos. B. Brown	-	-	-
Reginald Bird	53	0	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Prov. R. C. Else	275	2	0
Lod. 53 E. Turner Payne	22	1	0
Earl of Carnarvon	21	0	0

SUFFOLK.

81 W. P. T. Phillips	63	0	0
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SURREY.

452 J. W. Sugg	21	10	0
1046 Horatio T. Taylor	21	0	0

SUSSEX.

315 Rd. John Pope	29	8	0
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NORTH WALES.

1143 R. J. Sisson	10	10	0
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PROVINCES—continued.

SOUTH WALES (EAST).

M. Tennant	117	12	0
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SOUTH WALES (WEST).

671 Aaron Stone	236	5	0
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WARWICKSHIRE.

74 David Archer	-	-	-
74 James Bowker	-	-	-
74 Joseph Fenn	-	-	-
74 Joseph Charles Gell	-	-	-
74 G. E. Mewis	-	-	-
74 James Moffat	-	-	-
74 James Muggleton	-	-	-
74 A. Nowles	207	18	0
74 John Rawlings	-	-	-
74 Mathew Smart	-	-	-
74 John Vaughan	-	-	-
74 R. H. Vertegans	-	-	-
74 Charles Lee	-	-	-
74 Charles Thompson	-	-	-
74 Michael Davis	-	-	-
74 F. J. Turley	-	-	-

WILTSHIRE.

Prov. W. Nott	267	5	0
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YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

57 Thomas Thompson	-	-	-
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YORKSHIRE (WEST).

Total from the Province	900	0	0
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The following were the Stewards:—

139 George E. Webster	-	-	-
139 H. W. Lofthouse	-	-	-
139 John Taylor	-	-	-
139 H. H. Bedford	-	-	-
139 John Hunt	-	-	-
139 E. Tozer	-	-	-
139 W. H. Brittain	-	-	-
139 Rev. A. W. H. Gell	-	-	-
154 J. Heaton Cadman	-	-	-
208 R. J. Cretchley	-	-	-
290 G. W. Farrar	-	-	-
296 John E. Bingham	-	-	-
296 Wm. Kent Marples	-	-	-
296 Louis Glanert	-	-	-
302 Alfred Robertshaw	-	-	-
495 Benjamin Craven	-	-	-
750 Rawson Kelly	-	-	-
750 Daniel Hopkins	-	-	-
910 T. W. Tew	-	-	-
1019 Benjamin Watson	-	-	-
1102 J. Ibberson	-	-	-
1211 Geo. F. Crowe	-	-	-
1239 John Broadhead	-	-	-
1513 John Bustard	-	-	-

MISCELLANEOUS.

G. Baker	-	-	-
Herbert Dicketts	21	0	0
George Kenning	31	10	0
M. Marquis	-	-	-
Thos. Meggy	58	16	0
J. B. Shackleton	-	-	-
Griffiths Smith	17	17	0

CONSECRATION OF THE MONTGOMERIE LODGE, AT DISS.

From the EASTERN DAILY PRESS.

SINCE the Walpole Lodge No. 1500 was consecrated in September 1874, great progress has been made in Freemasonry throughout the country, upwards of 240 new Lodges having been added to the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England in the course of the past three years. The 1741st Lodge, named the "Montgomerie," was consecrated at the King's Head Hotel, Diss, yesterday, by the Worshipful Major Penrice, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, assisted by Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst Prov. G.S.W., E. Orams Prov. G.J.W., Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. of England and D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, G. Page P.G.S., C. Howes acting Prov. G.C., H. Barwell Prov. G.S., J. Dunsford acting Prov. G.D.C., George Brittain Prov. G.O., and F. Mills acting Prov. I.G. There was a numerous attendance of visiting brethren from both Norfolk and Suffolk. Among those present were Bros. E. J. Alvis P.P.G.C., R. Martins P.G.R., G. Boileau W.M. 52, H. Riches W.M. 910, G. W. Pretty P.P.G.S.B., C. S. Pedgrip 388, P.P.G.R., H. Thonless P.P.G.S.D., J. G. Churchyard W.M. 576, J. A. Gooch W.M. 213, J. G. Fardell P.P.G.S.W., J. F. Hills P.G.J.W. Suffolk, C. Havers P.M. 93, Robert Thorns P.M. 93, F. Long P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, E. B. Adams P.M. 929, Paynton Pigott, C. H. Drury 85, J. H. Ladyman, H. W. Hacey, H. J. Martin, H. Burgess, S. B. Smith, A. J. Lacey, F. Linging, A. Berry, A. C. Swann, J. B. Botwright, J. Gaze, F. W. Doubleday, W. Haylett, F. Taylor, G. J. Berry, W. N. Smith, E. Bridgen, B. Read, C. Barfoot, G. W. G. Barnard, G. F.

Westmaith, W. J. B. Johnson, J. T. Hansall 1008, H. Green 107, &c. The Lodge was opened between one and two o'clock, and the presiding officer, D.P.G.M. Major Penrice, on taking the chair, expressed the great pleasure with which, in obedience to the commands of the Prov. Grand Master, he was about to consecrate a Lodge for this important district. The Lodge was then consecrated in accordance with ancient custom, and will in future meet the first Thursday in every month. Bro. the Rev. C. Howes acted as Chaplain, and an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Worshipful the D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. At the conclusion of the Consecration ceremony, Bro. J. C. Chittock P.P.G.S.D. P.M. 943 was duly installed the first W.M. of the Lodge, and the other Officers designate received their appointments as follow:—Bros. Cecil Molyneux Montgomerie S.W., Henry O. Lyus J.W., J. Reeve Treas., J. Evans jun. S.D., J. Hatman J.D., H. Bond I.G., J. H. M. Vvall Secretary. The musical arrangements, which were carried out under the direction of Bro. Brittain, assisted by Bros. Thonless, Smith, Alvis, and Reeve, gave general and deserved satisfaction.

The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Mr. Burrage in a manner that reflected great credit upon the establishment. The newly-installed W.M. Bro. J. C. Chittock ably presided, supported by the more distinguished members of the Craft present. Bros. Montgomerie and Lyus occupied the Wardens' chairs. After "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. the Grand Master of all England" had been honoured, The Worshipful Master proposed "The Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge Past and Present," which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. of

Suffolk, in an eloquent and humorous speech, conveying the best of wishes for the future of the new Lodge. "The Prov. G.M. Lord Suffolk, the D.P.G.M. Major Penrice, and the new Grand Officers Past and Present," was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who complimented the Deputy Provincial Grand Master on the manner in which the Consecration ceremony had been performed. Bro. Penrice responded.

The W.M. next proposed "The Brethren who assisted in the Consecration," specially acknowledging the services of Bro. the Rev. C. Howes and Bro. J. Dunsford the acting Chaplain and D.G., whose health he coupled with the toast. Bros. Howes and Dunsford responded, expressing their satisfaction at the establishment of a Lodge in this district, and wishing it every prosperity. "The Visitors" was associated with the names of Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst Prov. G.S.W., Bro. E. Orans Prov. G.J.W., and Bro. Fardell P.P.G.S.W. who severally responded. The health of the newly-installed W.M. was proposed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Major Penrice, and was drunk with the accustomed honors. In responding, the W.M. stated that he had accepted the position of the First Master of the Lodge from a desire to advance Freemasonry, and because he believed that there was every probability of the Lodge being a prosperous and happy one. —The W.M., in proposing "The Lodge Officers," with which he coupled the health of Bro. Montgomerie the S.W., stated that 110 years ago there was a Masonic Lodge at Diss called the "Royal Alfred" Lodge, that they possessed the old warrant and the minute-book of the Lodge, and also a copy of the sermon preached on the occasion. There were some curious entries in the minute-book. On the 8th of April 1771, it was resolved, "That the celebration of the anniversary on Thursday next be conducted with proper spirit and decorum." A guinea was to be given to a gamekeeper for a buck provided for the Lodge, the host was to provide a good dinner at 1s each—[laughter]—and the Secretary was to charge half-a-guinea for the day's celebration. There were fines for the Officers not attending the Lodge in proper time, and among them the Secretary was fined a good turkey, the said turkey to be applied for the benefit of the Lodge. [Laughter.] It appeared from the minute book that one of the early Masters of that old Lodge was the owner of the estate now the property of Bro. Montgomerie, under whose auspices this new Lodge had been established; and an ancestor of the Secretary, Bro. Vyall, was Deputy-Master. [Applause.]—The toast was responded to by Bros. Montgomerie S.W., Lyus J.W., and Vyall Secretary. With the toast of "The Masters of Lodges," the W.M. coupled the health of Bro. Colonel Boileau W.M. 52, who returned thanks in well-chosen terms. "The Prov. J.S." and other toasts followed in the course of a very pleasant evening.

We may add that the Lodge has made a very promising commencement, sixteen subscribing members and fifteen initiates being proposed. At the instance of Bro. Orans, Prov. G.J.W., a collection was made to secure for the new Lodge a Governorship in one of the three great Masonic Charities (10 guineas), and amounted to £12 12s 9d.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of this Institution was held yesterday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Colonel Creaton in the chair. Bro. Terry, Secretary, read the following

#### REPORT.

In presenting to the Governors and Subscribers a report of the proceedings, the Committee of Management desire to express their thanks for the support which has been extended to the Institution during the past year, resulting in the largest sum having been contributed to it since its formation.

The Annual Festival was held on the 13th February last, under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of Manchester, K.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master for Norths and Hunts, supported by a Board of Stewards 225 in number. The amount announced was £11,136 13s 6d, with a few lists to come in, the total sum brought in being £11,333 1s. The Committee earnestly appreciate the kindness of his Grace in presiding, and the services so willingly rendered by the Stewards, and tender them their sincere thanks.

As candidates for election to-day, there are thirty men and forty-one widows, two candidates (one male and one female) having died since the voting papers were issued.

The deaths during the past year have been fifteen men and eleven widows. The Committee, considering the large increase made last year in the number placed as annuitants, did not feel themselves justified in materially augmenting the number this year, more especially as there was a diminution in the amount announced at the Festival. They have, therefore, determined to fill up the vacancies thus created, and make an addition to the number of widows already on the Fund by electing five extra. There will then be on the Fund 145 men receiving £10 each, amounting to £5,800, and 135 widows receiving £32 each, amounting to £4,320. There are also 11 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, amounting to £220: so that the Institution will, after this Election, stand committed to an annual payment of £10,342 to annuitants. The working expenses will be slightly over £2,000. There will therefore have to be raised nearly £12,500 to maintain the Institution in its present state of usefulness.

The Committee are confident that this has but to be made known, and the Craft will in the future, as it has in the past, render to the Institution their kind and generous support.

They regret that during the past year they have to report that, through the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., the bankers, there has been incurred a loss of £990 19s 10d. They entertain, however, the hope that in the end this will be entirely made good.

To the Grand Lodge the Committee tender their thanks for the renewed donation of £70 voted to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months, a gift which is highly appreciated by the recipients.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter they also tender their thanks for the vote of £1,000 Stock, viz., £500 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Female Fund.

The Institution having during the past year been thoroughly repaired, the Committee have much pleasure in stating it will require for some time to come very little outlay to maintain it in its present condition.

To Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., the Honorary Surgeon, they tender their warmest thanks for his unremitting care and attention to the residents, which he has continued to give for nearly seventeen years.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year ending the 31st March 1878, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:—

MALE FUND.		
Balance 31st March 1877	-	3,521 2 10
RECEIPTS.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	500 0 0	
Do. Grand Chapter	100 0 0	
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	4,908 10 11	
Annual Subscriptions	1,342 16 6	
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	857 13 0	
Rent of Field (Five Quarters)	12 10 0	
Interest on Cash at Call	35 16 7	
Cash withdrawn from Call	2,000 0 0	
	-----	9,757 7 0
		£13,278 9 10

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuitants	5,480 0 0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	290 0 0	
Collector—Commission	93 17 6	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Assistance in Office	11 8 8	
Secretary—Provincial Expenses	59 16 11	
Medicine for Residents at Asylum	12 10 0	
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener, at Asylum	64 0 0	
Taxes at do	32 7 6	
Repairs and Furniture, &c. do.	414 6 11	
Law Charges, &c. at Asylum	6 16 6	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	129 4 11	
Advertisements	19 18 3	
Postages, &c. including Expenses of Election	138 2 0	
Petty Expenses	10 18 7	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	28 9 2	
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19 10 6	
Gardening, &c., at Asylum	29 17 1	
Powers of Attorney and Commission on transferring stock, &c.	17 4 9	
Gratuity to Secretary and Collector	30 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener	6 10 0	
Repaid Donation (credited in error)	5 5 0	
Secretary for Petty Cash	25 0 0	
Rent of Field (Five Quarters)	23 8 9	
Rent, &c., of Office	18 0 0	
Deposited at Call	2,000 0 0	
	-----	8,971 13 0
Purchase of £2000, three per cent. Consols and Commission	1,920 0 0	
		10,891 13 0
Balance on this Account	-	£2,386 16 10

WIDOWS' FUND.		
Balance 31st March 1877	-	2,574 5 6
RECEIPTS.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	300 0 0	
Do. Grand Chapter	50 0 0	
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5,123 16 7	
Annual Subscriptions	1,305 4 6	
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	546 11 10	
Rent of Field (Five Quarters)	12 10 0	
Interest on Cash at Call	17 18 3	
Cash withdrawn from Call	1,000 0 0	
	-----	8,356 1 2
		10,930 6 8

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuitants	4,101 0 0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	290 0 0	
Collector, Commission	104 5 9	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Assistance in Office	11 8 8	
Secretary—Provincial Expenses	59 16 10	

Medicine for residents at Asylum .	12	10	0
Matron do .	30	0	0
Rates, taxes, &c. do .	32	7	4
Repairs and furniture, &c. do .	414	7	0
Law charges do .	6	16	6
Stationery, printing, &c. .	125	7	9
Advertisements .	19	18	3
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election .	130	9	2
Petty expenses .	10	18	8
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants .	28	9	2
Votes of thanks to Stewards .	19	10	6
Gardening, &c. at Asylum .	29	17	1
Powers of Attorney and Commission on transferring stock .	17	4	9
Gratuity to Secretary and Collector .	30	0	0
Repaid donation (credited in error) .	5	5	0
Secretary for petty cash .	25	0	0
Rent of Field (Five Quarters) .	23	8	9
Rent, &c. of Office .	18	0	0
Deposited at Call .	1,000	0	0
	6,551	1	2
Purchase of £1,125 3 per cent. Consols and Commission .	1,080	0	0
		7,631	1 2
<b>Balance on this Account . . .</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1877 .	27	4	4
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds .	30	0	0
	57	4	4
Repairs . . . . .	10	8	10

Balance on this account . . . . . 46 15 6

TOTAL BALANCES,

As per Auditors' Report . . . . . £5,732 17 10

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge .	500	0	0
Do. Grand Chapter .	100	0	0
Dividends on £30,870 Stock in the Government Funds .	857	13	0
		1,457	13 0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge .	300	0	0
Do. Grand Chapter .	100	0	0
Dividends on £19,530 Stock in the Government Funds .	546	11	10
		946	11 10

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds . . . . .	30	0	0
		£2,434	4 10

Signed J. CREATON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
8th May 1878.

Bros. F. Adlard, J. Bellerby, and C. Dilley were elected Members of the Committee of Management, and Bros. Warren, Tattershall and Webster Auditors.

The Election of Annuitants was then proceeded with. The following is the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on poll	Name	Total votes polled
1	Grant, William . . . . .	1669
2	Butel, Alexander . . . . .	1420
3	Dawson, John . . . . .	1338
4	Collins, Edward . . . . .	1325
5	Usher, William Charles . . . . .	1073
6	Haberfield, John . . . . .	1058
7	Williams, David . . . . .	1050
8	Marlor, Robert . . . . .	1025
9	Caswell, George Thomas . . . . .	1021
10	Oberdoerffer, Adolphe J. M. . . . .	1017
11	Shoring, Joseph Richard . . . . .	1015
12	Hewson, Thomas . . . . .	929
13	Gifford, Walter Edmund . . . . .	914
14	Thompson, William Henry . . . . .	913
15	Hawcock, James . . . . .	889
16	Holt, Edmund . . . . .	888
17	Mongar, John Thomas . . . . .	796
18	Gernet, Peter Christian . . . . .	756
19	Wright Henry . . . . .	727

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on poll	Name	Total votes polled
20	Wade, William B. . . . .	560
21	Palmer, William Taverner . . . . .	529
22	Cushen, Thomas . . . . .	404
23	Wood, William . . . . .	251
24	Wardale, Henry . . . . .	163
25	Morton, Hiram . . . . .	119
26	Holdaway, Henry . . . . .	85
27	Walker, Robert Cox . . . . .	39
28	{ Wauldby, James . . . . .	4
	{ Bennett, Joseph . . . . .	4

John Linter and Francis Ingham died since the voting papers were issued.

SUCCESSFUL.

1	Hutchings, Margaret . . . . .	1245
2	Gower, Mary . . . . .	1161
3	Tibbals, Sarah . . . . .	1023
4	Burt, Elizabeth Gundry . . . . .	998
5	Tucker, Ann . . . . .	997
6	Stansfield, Alice . . . . .	944
7	Brinkley, Eliza . . . . .	937
8	Purchase, Mary . . . . .	911
9	Wood, Betty . . . . .	900
10	Tremble, Mary . . . . .	899
11	Wilson, Jane . . . . .	880
12	Billinge, Elizabeth . . . . .	871
13	Sherry, Maria Georgina . . . . .	867
14	Perryman, Sarah . . . . .	861
15	Hodge, Elizabeth . . . . .	810
16	Beale, Sarah . . . . .	809
17	Curran, Mary . . . . .	639
18	Fletcher, Betty . . . . .	610

UNSUCCESSFUL.

19	Thompson, Julia . . . . .	601
20	Peters, Catherine . . . . .	324
21	Percival, Amy . . . . .	316
22	West, Mary Ann H. . . . .	303
23	Hodgson, Sarah Ellen . . . . .	252
24	Maynard, Elizabeth T. . . . .	227
25	Woods, Sarah . . . . .	216
26	Elliott, Isabella . . . . .	201
27	Child, Elizabeth . . . . .	185
28	Shearer, Anno . . . . .	178
29	Allen, Sarah Ann . . . . .	164
30	Lewis, Jane Dodge . . . . .	127
31	Gambell, Naomi . . . . .	67
32	Eade, Hannah Betsy . . . . .	43
33	{ Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann . . . . .	33
	{ Francis, Elizabeth . . . . .	33
35	Findley, Mary Ann . . . . .	29
36	Wakefield, Ann . . . . .	19
37	Stafford, Jane . . . . .	9
38	Crispin, Martha . . . . .	6
39	Milnes, Mary Ann . . . . .	4
40	Harfoot, Ann . . . . .	3
41	George, Hannah . . . . .	1

Eliza Vincent died since the voting papers were issued.

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PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 17th May 1878, W. Bro. Colonel J. Creaton, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 19 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 31 candidates, and 18 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 42 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Bro. Grant, W. . . . .	1661	Bro. Shoring, J. R. . . . .	1015
Bro. Butel, A. . . . .	1420	Bro. Hewson, T. . . . .	929
Bro. Dawson, J. . . . .	1338	Bro. Gifford, W. E. . . . .	914
Bro. Collins, E. . . . .	1325	Bro. Thompson, W. H. . . . .	913
Bro. Usher, W. C. . . . .	1073	Bro. Hancock, J. . . . .	889
Bro. Haberfield, J. . . . .	1058	*Bro. Holt, E. . . . .	888
Bro. Williams, D. . . . .	1050	*Bro. Mongar, J. T. . . . .	796
Bro. Marlor, R. . . . .	1025	*Bro. Gernet, P. C. . . . .	756
Bro. Caswell, G. T. . . . .	1021	*Bro. Wright, H. . . . .	727
Bro. Oberdoerffer, A. J. M. . . . .	1017		

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Hutchings, M. . . . .	1245	Mrs. Tremble, M. . . . .	899
Mrs. Gower, M. . . . .	1161	Mrs. Wilson, J. . . . .	880
Mrs. Tibbals, S. . . . .	1123	Mrs. Billinge, E. . . . .	871
Mrs. Burt, E. G. . . . .	998	Mrs. Sherry, M. G. . . . .	867
Mrs. Tucker, A. . . . .	997	Mrs. Perryman, S. . . . .	861
Mrs. Stansfield, A. . . . .	944	Mrs. Hodge, E. . . . .	810
Mrs. Brinkley, E. . . . .	937	Mrs. Beale, S. . . . .	809
Mrs. Purchase, M. . . . .	911	Mrs. Curran, M. . . . .	639
Mrs. Wood, B. . . . .	900	*Mrs. Fletcher, B. . . . .	610

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D. Corem. Herts., Secretary,

17th May 1878,

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

### To the General Committee.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,—

By the lamented death of Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, a vacancy has arisen in the Secretaryship of your valuable Institution, and in pursuance of a pledge I some little time since made, I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the office.

I am a Mason, 35 years of age, and married; and I trust that the Testimonials that have been given me, coupled with the names of the many eminent Freemasons who have favoured me with promises of support, will be looked on as warranting me in hoping and believing that my candidature will be successful.

The names of my supporters may now be counted by hundreds, but I am this week, by reasons of space, only able to append those of the Provincial and District Grand Masters (Present and Past) from whom I have heard in approval, and with promise of their votes.

I am,

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

PAUL STORR,

Retired Lieutenant R.N.,

Late J.W. and Secretary 811, 1466, and 18.

28 COLVILLE ROAD, W.  
16th May 1878.

R.W. Brother The Right Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, D.G.M. and Prov. G.M. W. Div. Lancashire.

R.W. Brother The Right Hon. LORD SHERBORNE, Provincial Grand Master Gloucestershire.

R.W. Brother The VISCOUNT HOLMESDALE, M.P., Prov. G.M. Kent.

R.W. Brother Colonel FRANCIS BURDETT, Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

R.W. Brother The Right Hon. The EARL OF LIMERICK, Prov. G.M. Bristol.

R.W. Brother Lieut.-General BROWNRIGG, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey.

R.W. Brother Sir W. WALTER BURRELL, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Sussex.

R.W. Brother HUGH D. SANDEMAN, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal.

R.W. Brother HENRY MURRAY, P. Dist. G.M. China.

R.W. Brother The Right Hon. VISCOUNT POWERSCOURT, Provincial G.M. Wicklow and Wexford.

### To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life Governors of the

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of Secretary to the above Institution.

The qualifications below enumerated will enable those desirous of assisting me to form some idea as to my fitness for the appointment so recently held by our lamented Bro. R. W. LITTLE.

Firstly.—I am 37 years of age, and have occupied the position of Accountant to the Thames Steam Tug and Lighterage Company Limited for the past 13 years, during which period I have acquired large and varied experience, together with a personal knowledge of many of the leading men in our commercial houses.

Secondly.—Holding, as I at present do, the office of Preceptor in two Lodges of Instruction, as well as a position both in Chapter and Lodge, will, I trust, be considered some evidence of my zeal and interest in the cause of Freemasonry.

Thirdly.—The duties I formerly carried out, for nine years, as Honorary Secretary to the St. Cecilia Choral Society, will no doubt be also a recommendation with many brethren. And

Lastly.—The training I received at Highbury College, under the Rev. C. R. Alford, late Bishop of Victoria, and the important fact of a close association with many workers in the Scholastic World must be advantageous when the special nature of the vacant appointment is considered.

May I, therefore, beg of those Life Governors whose votes and interest are yet unpledged to give me their personal support at the election; a communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS CULL,

S.D. 1446; P.S. Chapter 1365;

Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction;  
Steward and L.G. 1878.

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LONDON, E.C., 16th May 1878.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

### TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN,—When I announced my determination of becoming a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, it was my intention to wait upon the Electors whose addresses were sufficiently contiguous to my own residence, for the purpose of personally requesting their Votes and Interest.

Daily endeavours have been used by me to put my desire into execution, but the task is of such magnitude that I find myself compelled to solicit by letter, advertisement, or the influence of personal friends the support on the day of election of such as I may not be able to interview, earnestly entreating them to accept my apology for the seeming inattention.

It is with pleasure I continue to receive assurances of support from many influential subscribers, and hope to prove, at the election, that in coming forward as a Candidate I have not been guilty of presumption.

WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK,  
Bachelor of Sciences, Paris University,  
P.M. 657, and Secretary 1733.

102 Chancery Lane, W.C., May 1878.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

### To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life Governors.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

In pursuance of my intimation a week since, of my intention to present myself as a candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. LITTLE, I now beg to state my qualifications for that office.

I am 33 years of age and for 14 years had the entire official management of a large manufacturing business, the annual return of which exceeded £100,000, and for the past two years I have been in business as an Accountant and Auditor.

The Testimonials I possess are such that I am hopeful of obtaining your unqualified support.

Since my entry into the Craft I have been an Annual Subscriber to the three Masonic Charities; have served a Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which I am a Life Governor; and am at the present time a Steward at the approaching Festival of this Institution, and qualifying myself as a Life Governor.

Should you do me the favour of electing me to the Secretaryship of the Institution, you may rely upon my exerting my whole energy and ability for the continued prosperity, and the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. A. WHITE,

P.M. 907; P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1437 and 1716.

1 KING'S ARMS YARD,  
COLEMAN STREET, CITY, E.C.  
1st May 1878.

\* \* Brethren forwarding their names as Bro. White's supporters, are invited to give their Masonic rank, so that it may be inserted correctly on his list.

### To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

P.M. 1395, Secretary 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21;  
Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

—:—

### Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of Bro. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

—:—

The Right Hon. the EARL OF DONOUGHMORE, L.G.  
The Rt. Hon. the EARL OF BECTIVE, M.P., Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, L.G.

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F. Rath, L.G.

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John Tunnah, V.P., E. Lancashire.

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G. H. Walshaw, L.G., N. and E. Yorks.

R. B. Webster, V. Pres.

G. E. Webster, L.G., W. Yorkshire.

J. M. Wike, V. Pres.

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John Wordsworth, V. Pat., W. Yorks.

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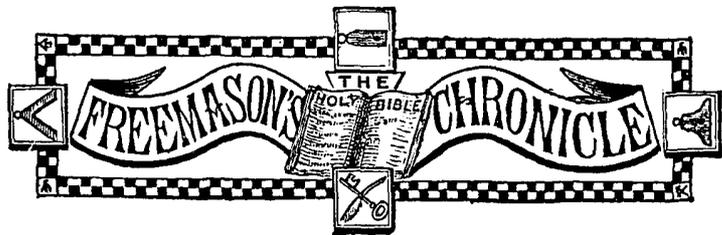
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

THE House of Lords met again on Monday, for the first time after the Easter holidays. During the few minutes it sat, Earl Granville, on behalf of Lord Selborne, gave notice that the latter would, at an early date, call the attention of the House to the Constitutional question connected with the despatch by the Government of Native Indian troops to Malta, and on Tuesday it was arranged that the discussion should be held on Monday next, the 20th inst. In answer to an inquiry of the Premier's, it was stated there would be no division. The same evening the Bishops' Bill was read a third time, after a division.

There has been considerable excitement in the House of Commons, and one all-night sitting, on Monday, when the House met at 4 p.m., and did not adjourn till after half-past nine a.m. on Tuesday morning. On Friday, after several questions had been asked, chiefly in relation to the Eastern crisis, an attempt was made to get into Committee of Supply, but at a few minutes after seven there was a count-out. On Monday, the Eastern question again gave rise to some angry squabbling, and the Marquis of Hartington intimated his intention of moving a resolution on the despatch of Indian troops to Malta on the first evening the Government could place at his disposal, but his Lordship plainly gave the House to understand that he in no wise sympathised with the motion of which Mr. Chamberlain had given notice, and which we may look upon as being postponed indefinitely. The adjourned debate on the third reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue was then resumed by Mr. Vivian, who was very angry with the Government, and he was followed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer who was equal to the occasion, but suave in his speech as usual. The Bill was read a third time, and, after a verbal amendment in one of the clauses, was passed. The House then went into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates. There was much wrangling, and several divisions took place. On the House resuming it went into Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors Sunday (Ireland) Bill, and as we have said the House did not rise till after half-past nine on Tuesday morning. It met again at four o'clock, and it was then arranged that

the debate on the Marquis of Hartington's resolution should come off on Monday, the day appointed for a similar debate in the Lords. A motion by Sir H. James as to election of the City Recorder, the Common Serjeant, and the Judge of the Sheriffs' Court, and suggesting that the present mode of electing them was unsatisfactory, was defeated by 102 votes to 57 votes. Leave was next given to the Attorney-General to introduce a Bill, subsequently read a first time the same evening, on the Criminal Code, the learned gentleman occupying the rest of the evening in explaining its provisions. On Wednesday afternoon, the second reading of the Borough Franchise (Ireland) Bill was thrown out, by the comparatively small majority of 31, in a House of 425, exclusive of Tellers and the Speaker. The result was received with cheers by the Opposition.

Thursday was fixed for Her Majesty to hold a Council at Windsor Castle, and yesterday (Friday) evening, there was to be a State Banquet at the Castle, on the occasion of the visit of the Imperial Crown Prince to England. Next week the Queen will reach Balmoral, but there will be a State Ball at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, and the Queen's Birthday will be celebrated on Saturday, when there will be the usual illuminations at the West End, the usual military display on the Horse Guards Parade, and ministers will give full-dress banquets in honour of the event. We must not, however, overlook the visit on Monday of Her Majesty to Aldershot for the purpose of reviewing the troops stationed there. Over 13,000, men with upwards of 2,500 horses and 42 guns (two Horse Artillery and five Field Batteries), were under arms and marched past Her Majesty in grand style. The weather was not as favourable as could be wished, and consequently the brilliancy of the scene was somewhat marred; but there was a business-like air about the whole of the work, and the Queen, who was accompanied by the Princess Royal and the Princess Beatrice, the Commander-in-Chief and the Horse Guards' Staff, and the spectators were delighted with what they saw. Her Majesty has since expressed, through H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, her satisfaction to the General in command and the force under him.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will have returned to London from Paris before we go to press, yesterday (Friday) having been set apart for a *levée* at St. James's Palace to be held, by the Queen's command, by His Royal Highness, presentations to him, by special directions of the Queen, being deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. During their stay in Paris, their Royal Highnesses have been apparently making the most of their time, and this week the chief event in their honour has been the Grand Ball given by the British Ambassador Lord Lyons. Invitations were issued to 1500 guests, and the Embassy was magnificently arranged for the reception of the Royal personages in whose honour it was given. The Prince, with the Princess and her brother the Crown Prince of Denmark, have also assisted at the uncovering of the case of jewels in the Indian Collection of His Royal Highness, the case having been damaged and therefore having till the occasion referred to been hidden from the public. He also presided at the appointment of Jurors before leaving for England.

It gives us great pleasure to be able to announce that the ceremony of betrothing His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to the Princess Louise Margaret, third daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, was publicly held at Darmstadt this week. We trust the marriage now in contemplation will be a source of happiness both to the Duke and his fair betrothed. There are now only two of the Queen's children unmarried, namely, Prince Leopold and the Princess Beatrice.

It is with regret we announce the sudden death from apoplexy of Mrs. Bright the second wife of the Right Honourable John Bright, M.P. With her usual considerate kindness the Queen on hearing of the event at once telegraphed to the right honourable gentleman, expressing Her Majesty's deep sympathy with him in his bereavement.

There has been some very serious rioting in Lancashire, arising out of the great Cotton Strike. On Monday the Masters' Association held a special Meeting, for the purpose of receiving a deputation from the men, who attended for the purpose of submitting certain proposals for a termination of the struggle. The terms, however, were short of what the Masters had fixed, and the several arrangements proposed were rejected. As soon as this was known, the greatest excitement prevailed, and especially at Blackburn.

Large and infuriated mobs paraded the streets, hooting and hustling the police, smashing the windows of most of the mills, while in two cases they picked out two of the masters to serve as special objects on which to wreak their vengeance, namely, Mr. Alderman W. H. Hornby and Colonel Jackson. The former's house was attacked, and the whole of the front was wrecked, while that of the latter was burnt to the ground, the Colonel having previously made his escape, and the servants being allowed a few minutes to quit the premises. An attempt to fire the mills of the latter, who is Chairman of the Masters' local Association, was fortunately frustrated by the police. The disturbances have been continued since, and the services of the military from Preston have been called in to aid in putting down the riot.

We cannot offer too hearty congratulations on the providential escape of the Emperor William of Germany from the dastardly attempt made to assassinate him on Saturday last. His Majesty, accompanied by his daughter the Grand Duchess of Baden, was returning along the Unter den Linden, from a drive, when a man named Hödel fired two shots at him, but happily neither of them took effect. The would-be murderer was arrested on the spot, while the grand old monarch, retaining all his calmness and presence of mind, returned to his Palace, and examined some important documents. When the news was spread abroad, the enthusiasm was immense. All the evening and till late at night the Palace was surrounded by crowds of people, who cheered continuously, and waited eagerly to catch a glimpse of their beloved monarch, who now and again showed himself at the window, and bowed his acknowledgments. Inside the Palace, the scene was exciting, as the Princes, the Ministers, and the Nobility all hastened to offer His Majesty their congratulations on his escape. Addresses have since been pouring in from all parts of Europe, and among them one from Queen Victoria, one from the President of the French Republic, and a third from the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London. It should be added that Kaiser William is a member of the Masonic Brotherhood, having been initiated in Berlin in the year 1840. He is Protector of all three Berlin Grand Lodges, and his eldest son, the Crown Prince, is also, like his great ancestor Frederick the Great, an active member of our Order. For these further reasons we feel sure our readers will rejoice all the more at the good old monarch's escape.

Nothing can or will be known of the result of Count Schouvaloff's visit to St. Petersburg, and people variously interpret the momentary quietness which prevails in the discussion of the Eastern difficulty. In Vienna opinions differ, inclining one moment towards peace, and the next in the direction of war. There are not wanting signs either that Austria-Hungary is resolved, at length, on adopting the same policy as England, and that she will recognise no settlement which is not sanctioned by a European Congress. Meanwhile, we hear little else than the sound of naval and military preparations, both by England and Russia; and as between the latter power and Turkey, the one is pressing for the evacuation of the remaining forts, while the other makes all the excuses she possibly can for not complying with the request. Next week, we presume, we shall know more about the way events will move.

It is the intention of the members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, to present their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. George King P.M., with a testimonial, as a souvenir, in recognition of his services; and for the able and courteous manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of Preceptor. The presentation will be made on Tuesday evening next, at Bro. J. Wright's, the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, where this Lodge of Instruction holds its meetings.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Self Help.—In sickness it was a momentous matter to find an easy, ready, and reliable remedy for outward disfigurements and inward disorders before the inestimable discovery of these preparations. No invalid need now be at a loss for successfully managing ulcers, sores, tumours, boils, bruises, sprains, &c. Enveloping Holloway's medicines are very intelligibly printed directions for using them, which should be attentively studied and immediately followed by the application of his treatment. Sooner or later the sufferer will assuredly triumph over the worst diseases. This searching Ointment disperses all those malignant humours which aggravate many diseases of the skin, often prevent the cicatrization of ulcers, and ever kindle inflammatory tendencies in the system.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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## LODGE EXPENDITURE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The friendly advice in one of your notices of Lodge meetings last week is worthy the attention of the Craft generally. There is no doubt that much of the expenditure which is indulged in is unnecessary, and might be dispensed with. I am not about to advise our Masters of Lodges to enter on a course of parsimony. I like things to be very comfortable. When, after the business of the Lodge is over, we adjourn to dinner—or as the fashionable term now is, the banquet—I like to partake of good viands, well-dressed and well served, and to wash them down with generous wine, or if that cannot be had, with good honest beer, such as Bass, Allsopp, and the other great brewers are famed for. I know that good food, good wine, and good accommodation, must be paid for commensurately, but it is not necessary they should be paid for extravagantly. I have often, for purposes of comparison made notes between the costly banquet and the nice modest dinner, and almost invariably have I found the advantage rest with the latter. True there was more display about the former. There were several courses, and a great variety of dishes to each course; there were a few vases of flowers on the table, a very elaborate menu card, and one equally elaborate of the musical arrangements. At the more unpretentious dinner, though the number of courses and dishes was more circumscribed, nothing could surpass the excellence of the service, the cook had done his part to perfection, and the evening passed most agreeably. Everything was good and substantial, and all most thoroughly enjoyed themselves. When the larger outlay was incurred, as there was an affectation of grandeur, so was there an affectation of pleasure. To use a somewhat homely expression, everybody seemed to have assumed for the nonce his "company manners," and the result, as usual in such cases, was chilling in the extreme. There was nothing genuine about the affair, and the entertainment was stale and unprofitable, though it had the exceeding merit in the eyes of some of being expensive. Let brethren remember that generosity and extravagance are not interchangeable, and that it is very possible for them to enjoy themselves at the appointed hour of refreshment over a good honest dinner. I am sure they will, in the first place, escape a series of regularly-recurring attacks of indigestion. In the next, they will be better off in pocket, and the Lodge will have more funds at its disposal for the legitimate purposes of Freemasonry.

Trusting your readers will take these remarks, as they are made, in good part, believe me,

Dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

GENUINENESS.

## PROXY VOTING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My courteous atagonist "Fair Play," in your last issue, has misapprehended the tenor of my remarks in your previous number; my contention then being (or intended to be) that the disabilities of country brethren in regard to the exercise of a privilege (the right of voting for a secretary to the Girls' School) were paralleled by those of country Masters in respect of the performance of a duty (that of attending the Board of Benevolence), and I claimed for the latter equality with Londoners, not by means of voting papers, which would be a manifest absurdity, but as a measure of abstract justice, which, without filling in the details, I thought pressed quite as strongly upon our attention as the suggested facilities for proxy voting at the approaching election.

How this equality is to be ensured—by selection, representation or otherwise—I do not presume to say, and it may be admitted that, for the present, to advocate reform in this quarter would be equivalent "to flogging a dead horse."

Yours fraternally,

13th May 1878.

R. F. GOULD.

We have been requested to insert the following letter.—ED. F.C.

## THE NEW THEORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR BRO. KENNING,—Your Editor having laid aside his impersonal character, and stepped into the arena to confront me with an anonymous epistle, I may therefore be permitted to address you in as direct a manner as he has himself adopted (*vide* page 134, *Freemason* of 9th March last).

I have no desire however to contend with him, for it is a matter of supreme indifference to me whether our Ritual be case-hardened into an inelastic liturgy, or permitted the expansive faculty which our rapidly advancing age accords to all things mundane. But I desire to call your attention to the language employed by him in his attempts to scare the Fraternity from every possible improvement of our Ritual.

Under this head:—"Our Ritual," on page 132, of the 9th March last, he divides the causes of change into three classes—"1. Those

who wish honestly to improve;" then he names the other two classes; but listen now to his words—"It is only with the first class that we need concern ourselves to-day, though we may remark that, honest themselves, they are often made the unconscious dupes of longer heads, of greater rascals than themselves." (Fourteenth line from the bottom).

Do you sanction the use of such language in the *Freemason*? I cannot think that your Editor meant to apply such epithets to me, as I am personally unknown to you both; nevertheless, I care not for whom he meant them, while it is clear that he meant them for certain brethren whom he would stigmatise as *rascally dupes of greater rascals*. And this is the fraternal language of the Editor of the great English Masonic newspaper *par excellence*! I had no idea that English Freemasonry possessed so choice a vocabulary. *O tempora! O mores!* Your Editor closed his anonymous epistle with these words: "I stick to my text—*quieta non movere*."

Well done, Bro. Editor! but do not hereafter ridicule that other old fossilised specimen of humanity at the Vatican when he too cries out "*non possumus! non possumus!*" for both your aims are alike: to stop the express train of progress with your empty egg-shells.

I remain, Dear Bro. Keating,

Yours fraternally,

H. J. BURGER.

Kingston, Jamaica, 21st April 1878.

Our readers will see from the following letter that the Grand Orient of France has considerably resolved on placing the first floor of its Hotel, 16 Rue Cadet, at the disposition of foreign brethren during the whole time the International Exhibition of Paris is open. We are certain this act of kindness on the part of the Grand Orient will be appreciated as it deserves, and we venture, on behalf of our constituents, the English Freemasons, to express our warmest thanks for its fraternal consideration.

(TRANSLATION.)

A.: L.: G.: D.: G.: A.: D.: L'UNIV.:

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

O.: de Paris, 10th May 1878 (V.E.)

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to have recourse to your kind offices with a view to making known to foreign brethren that, during the whole time the International Exhibition is open, the Grand Orient will place at their disposition the rooms on the first floor of its Hotel, 16 Rue Cadet. Brethren from all countries will there find not only a most cordial and fraternal reception, but likewise whatever information they may desire, and every facility for correspondence.

I shall be extremely obliged, Dear Sir and Brother, if you will kindly give the necessary publicity to this announcement in your esteemed journal; and thanking you by anticipation for this favour, I beg you will accept the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) THEVENOT,

Chief of the Secretariat of the Grand Orient of France.

### THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, Havelock Tavern, Dalston, on the 22nd May, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. W. Fieldwick J.W. 1364 W.M., J. Pinder P.M. 15 S.W., Staiter 1489 J.W., W. H. Lee P.M. 1524 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Maples, J. B. Shackleton, H. Meyer, C. Lorkin, Taylor, W. H. Lee, and Musto; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. Lorkin, Howlett, McMillan, Webb, and Stephens; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Wallington, and Job. Bro. E. Dietrich, Hon. Sec.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Dalston, on 23th May.

At the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, on the 12th June.

### GROSVENOR HALL, BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD.

On Monday evening last, an entertainment, entitled "Humour and Pathos," was given at the above Hall by Bro J. A. Keable, who was assisted by Miss Blanche Grosvenor, and Mr. St. Clair Feather. The programme, a very lengthy one, was gone through in a most spirited and painstaking manner, and gave unqualified satisfaction to all assembled. Bro. Keable was most effective in "The Story of Jane Conquest," and his dramatic selection from *King John*. The recital, "A Tale of the Stage," is full of improbabilities, and, moreover, should be considerably curtailed ere it will run so smoothly as we could desire; this, however, by the way. Bro. Keable's relation of the objectionable practices daily resorted to by the blustering Major Namby seemed to be highly relished by his audience. Miss Blanche Grosvenor has a fine voice, and with a little more practice, will be heard to great advantage. Her singing of the Minstrel Boy was much applauded. Mr. Feather is an accomplished pianiste, and possesses a good voice, which he knows well how to command. His selection of buffo songs smacked rather too much of the "antique." We regret there was not so large an attendance as could be desired, as, taken altogether, a capital entertainment was provided by Bro. Keable.

**Angel Lodge, No. 51.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 14th of May, at the Lodge Room, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester. Present—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling W.M., E. Henne-meyer S.W., Isaac Harris J.W., John J. C. Turner Sec., J. Hanley S.D., C. E. Denton J.D., W. P. Lewis D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. A. E. Church, A. Welch, A. R. Clench, G. Gard Pye, W. Richey, and several other members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. C. Osmond St. John's 328, W. I. Spicer I.P.M. 569, and H. H. Costobadic, Oakley 694. The principal business of the evening was the election of W.M., and the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon Bro. E. Henne-meyer, the S.W., who in a few well chosen words thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him. W. Bro. A. Cobb was then re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler (Bro. Mussen) was also re-elected. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, when a most harmonious social hour was passed. At the April meeting of the Lodge, on the reading of the Report of the Committee of Grand Lodge with reference to the recent action of the French Grand Orient, the following resolution was unanimously passed, on the motion of the W. Bro. the Rev. C. L. Ackland, seconded by the W.M.:—"That this Lodge begs humbly and heartily to express its thanks to the Grand Lodge of England, for the action it has taken with reference to the French Grand Orient."

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch W.M., Flanagan S.W., Danks J.W., Newman D.C. acting Sec., Honey Chaplain, Ferguson S.D., Blackwell J.D., Hawkes Steward, R. Dowsett I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Egginton, Weightman, Margrett; Members—Bros. Hunt, Rhind, Bailey, Sell, &c. The Lodge was opened; the minutes were read and confirmed; the candidate for raising did not put in an appearance, therefore the Lodge was not opened in either of the higher degrees. Bro. Stransom was nominated for the Treasurership. The matter of rent of the Hall was discussed, and resulted in a notice of motion by Bro. Newman D.C.—"That a moiety of the difference between that now paid and that proposed by the Lodge of Union, be offered to the members of 414,"—which, he hoped, would cause an amicable settlement of the question. P.M.'s Egginton and Margrett, suggested moderation. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

**Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.**—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. C. J. G. Wood's, the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Sim W.M., W. Rowley S.W., S. Rowley J.W., A. W. Fenner acting Preceptor, Osborne Sec., Norris S.D., F. Goode J.D., J. Millington I.G.; also Bros. Wood, W. Hirst, Oxley, &c. All formalities having been duly observed, Bro. Sim rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a very able manner, Bro. W. Rowley acting as W.M. elect, after which the W.M. (Bro. W. Rowley) rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a manner that elicited the approbation of the brethren present, Bro. Norris being the candidate. Bros. W. Hirst, of Kent Lodge, No. 15; Oxley, of Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, and J. Millington, of Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, were elected members. Bro. Oxley was elected to fill the chair next Tuesday. Bro. Sim, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. W. Rowley, the W.M., this being the first time he had worked the ceremony of initiation, paid him a compliment on the manner he had rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Fenner, in seconding the proposition, fully endorsed the remarks made by Bro. Sim, and observed it augured well for the W.M. in the future. The proposition was unanimously carried. The Lodge was then closed.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—Met at the Feather's Hotel, on Thursday, 9th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Bros. H. E. Tucker Treas. W.M., A. Jones S.D., W. Seward jun. J.W., W. T. Rickwood S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., J. Johnson I.G., G. Wright Steward; also Bros. Owen, Clarke, Day, J. R. Fernee, H. Stephens, Coop, Botley 780, J. W. Fisher, &c., &c. Lodge opened, and the Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Botley candidate. At the request of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Fisher delivered the Charge, acquitting himself in a very able manner. Bro. Botley answered the questions previous to passing, and retired. Lodge opened up, and the W.M. delivered the Lecture on the tracing board in the second degree. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Day being candidate. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, 23rd inst.

*Prince Bismarck, Friend or Foe?*—By the Author of "German Home Life," London: William Ridgway, 169 Piccadilly, W., comes opportunely at the moment when the whole of Europe is disturbed, and its political future must be regarded with anxiety. That Germany and England have invariably been found espousing the same side is well-known, and there is great force in the argument that the influence of the two Empires, when firmly allied together, would be beneficial, as it is almost certain it would be exercised for the benefit of Europe. But we are not quite sure there is that deep sympathy between the two Powers which would ensure such alliance. However, Prince Bismarck has said there can be no rivalry between them except in commerce and the arts of peace, and that is the kind of rivalry which England is always prepared to enter into.

### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, NO. 1524. HAVELOCK TAVERN, ALBION ROAD, DALSTON.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 22nd May, by Bro. Fieldwick Preceptor. Members of the Craft are invited to attend. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 18th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

## MONDAY, 20th MAY.

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.)  
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.)  
1425—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 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.  
K. T.—Bosbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.  
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.  
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.  
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.  
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.  
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 21st MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
111—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.  
554—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.  
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 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, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.  
R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.  
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
1089—Du Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Skeerness.  
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
538—La Tolerance, 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.)  
1017—Montefiore, Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Counts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.  
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 23rd MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
5—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
89—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1319—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (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.)  
78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.  
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.  
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.

## FRIDAY, 24th MAY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
566—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
937—Doric, Duke's Head, 70 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
R. A. 79—Pythagoreau, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

## SATURDAY, 25th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
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.)  
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.  
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.  
1544—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

## MONDAY.

827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.  
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

## TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

## WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.  
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.  
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

## THURSDAY.

971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.  
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.  
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

## SATURDAY.

1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—41—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.  
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.  
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.  
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.  
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening, 9th May. Bros. Chapman W.M., Da Silva S.W., Norden J.W., Maidwell S.D., Hewlett J.D., King I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Moss acting as candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Hewlett acting as Preceptor. The Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of the first degree was released, Bro. Posener acting as Candidate. The fifth section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lamont, of Lodge 49 (Scotland), was elected a member.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., W. Rowley S.W., W. Cook J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., J. Millington I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Wilding, Byott, Baldry, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tolmie worked the first section of the second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Baldry, a candidate for passing, gave proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted; the W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony in a very able manner. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baldry acting as candidate. Bro. J. Baldry, of Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, was elected a member. Bro. W. Rowley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week; after this Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned until Monday next at the hour of eight.

**Merchants Lodge, No. 241.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. George Peet W.M., Jas. Winsor P.M. S.W., J. Pendleton as J.W., J. McGeorge P.M. Prov. Grand Registrar Treas., Thomas Saller Secretary, John Latta S.D., S. Jacobs J.D., George Breadbridge F.M. D.C., A. B. Ewart Organist, T. Whitehead I.G., P. Ball Tyler; Past Master J. W. Baker; and Bros. Davies, Emery, Warren, Coonan, Hawes, Bramall, Hughes, F. Shaw, Keefe, Hewitt, J. M. Shaw, Duggan, Gorst, Jolly, Hall, Robson, Whitford, Durringer, Saxon, Pruddick, Woolrick, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Houlding W.M. 823, J. Keet 1836, T. Hall, T. H. Cooke 1350, J. W. Wright 786, W. J. Newman P.M. 786, Dr. Kisch, and S. M. Davies. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bros. Shaw, Hawes and Whitford were questioned as to their proficiency, previous to being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The examination proved satisfactory. The Lodge was then worked up to the third degree, and the W.M., in a very impressive manner, performed the ceremony. W. Bro. Peet has the excellent gift, which is so valuable in his high office, of delivering every word with that weight and influence which has such telling effect in our beautiful Ritual. The wealth, prosperity, and influence of this celebrated Lodge has been acquired, undoubtedly, by the

appointment of such good Masters in the past as we see in its present popular and gifted W.M. The whole tone and management of this Lodge are in harmony with its past history, and all the brethren work with one object in view—i.e., Freemasonry. On the Lodge being reduced to the first degree, the Secretary read a letter from Bro. Williams, to the effect that he was in a fair way of recovery to health and hoped to be with them soon again and at his post. The message was received by the W.M. and brethren with great satisfaction, as Bro. Williams had been in a very precarious condition. The Secretary then read the circular from Grand Lodge with regard to the action taken in reference to the Grand Orient of France, and the same was copied into the minutes. Bro. Broadbridge proposed that the sum of five pounds be devoted to a benevolent object, which was seconded by Bro. Secretary, and carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony at 8.30, and the brethren adjourned to supper. After each brother had done justice to the repast, the W.M. rose to propose the first and customary toast of the Queen, which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The interval between the first and second toasts—which is the last on such occasions—was occupied with good music from Bros. Cooke and Winsor. These gatherings round the festive board are productive of much fraternal intercourse among the brethren, as there is an absence of stiff formality, and many a pleasant recollection of the past and anticipation of the future is gone into which otherwise would never be observed. During a chat with Bro. Broadbridge, the names of Bros. Constable and Binckes came up, and Bro. George Broadbridge requested that a fraternal greeting be conveyed them through the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors in a very cordial manner, and expressed his conviction that the brethren of the Merchants would to-night, as they at all times have done, accord their Visitors a hearty welcome. He was always pleased to see brethren pay the Lodge a visit, and the great kindness shown him whenever he visited a Lodge made him doubly anxious that their guests should fully enjoy themselves. He spoke of the pleasure he felt at seeing a distinguished brother among them to-night, who, from his connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and his experience as a Mason, acquired by seeing so many Lodges work, must be great; he could assure Bro. Davies that the Merchants stood very high in the Charities, and the Lodge was in a very happy condition. He alluded to the presence of Bro. P.M. Newman in a happy manner, also to Bro. Kisch, whose presence put him in recollection of his early Masonic days, and informed the brethren, in a very genial manner, that Bro. Wright, who had visited them that evening, would soon occupy the chair of another Lodge. In conclusion, he mentioned that there were other visiting brethren present, whose names he did not know, but offered each and all a hearty welcome, and hoped they would come again. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Davies briefly responded to the toast for the Visitors, and expressed thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed by the W.M. and received by the brethren. With reference to the experience procured by visiting, his had been considerable. He exhorted the brethren to visit Lodges as much as possible. He assured the brethren that he had heard of the good deeds done by the Merchants' Lodge, and knew the beneficial effect their noble example produced in the Province, and far beyond it. He congratulated the Lodge on its great prosperity, and the W.M. and Officers on their capital working. With reference to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, with which he was connected, the brethren had full opportunities of judging of its value to the Craft, and the highly important duties such a journal discharged. Bro. Newman followed, with a few well-chosen remarks, and Bros. Wright, Kisch, and Keet also made appropriate replies to the toast. Bro. Cooke turned his speech into a melody, for which task he is highly capable. Bros. Cooke, Kisch, Winsor, Jacobs, and Woolrick enhanced the pleasures of the evening with sweet harmony, and Bro. Salter gave a very touching recitation; Bro. Lotfa was very humorous in a sketch from life. The brethren dispersed at a reasonable hour.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 10th May, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Acworth W.M., Costelow S.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.W., Gomm S.D., Franckel J.D., Talbot I.G., Bro. Roe I.P.M. 780 Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Phillips W.M. 975, Alais P.M. 834, Josey 834, and Bros. Kyezor, Botley, and Blasby. Business—Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The W.M. opened up to the sublime degree, and having closed down he vacated the chair in favour of the worthy Preceptor, who treated the brethren to the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Botley candidate. Bros. Alais and Josey were elected members, and returned thanks in felicitous terms; the W.M. having been congratulated upon his first occupancy of King Solomon's chair, and the W.M. for meeting on 31st May elected, the Lodge was closed in due form, until the 17th, when the Officers of the Mother Lodge will take their respective positions, the 24th being the regular meeting of the Royal Alfred.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powhall-road, Dalston. Bros. Bonner W.M., Slaughter S.W., Forss J.W., Carr S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Gilham I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; and Bros. Wardell, C. Lorkin, Bigg, Dignam, Brown, M. Christian, Brasted, Polak, Turquand, Bedwell, Finch, and Allen. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weige candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming Bro. Wardell answered the questions leading to the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. McMillan, of Lodge 1365 was elected a member. Bro. Slaughter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 15th May, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Abell presiding. Bros. Marston S.W., Thompson J.W., Hallam S.D., Bull I.G., Long Preceptor, and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The third ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., and the sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren. Five new members were proposed and accepted, after which Bro. Marston was elected W.M. for next assembly. On the proposition of Bro. Tate, the date for working the Fifteen Sections by this Lodge, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, was altered to the 12th June. By mistake, last week, the name of the Constitutional was given instead of the Metropolitan. The Lodge was then closed.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday the 10th instant. Present—Bros. Simmonds W.M., Andrews S.W., Peall J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, A. W. Smith S.D., Crouch J.D., Hine I.G., also Bros. Strond, Moss, Bolton, Lane, Kent, and others. Lodge opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Moss answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing in a very creditable manner. Bro. Fenner worked the two first sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Fenner worked the fourth section, assisted by Bro. Crouch. Bro. Peall of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was elected a member. Bro. Andrews was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed.

**Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. W. H. Cooper W.M., T. A. Collinson P.M. as S.W., W. P. Evans J.W., T. F. Cooper Secretary, T. A. Collinson P.M. Treasurer, C. P. Titherly S.D., T. H. Johnson D.C., J. H. Cooke Steward, R. Montgomery as I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Collinson and Johnstone; also Bros. M. Jones, W. Gallop, J. Hodson, J. R. Storey, E. A. Sanxay, T. H. Allbut, John Fraser, T. Volk, Geo. Gordon, E. C. Grundy, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the circular from Grand Lodge with reference to the Grand Orient of France was read by the Secretary, and by command of the W.M. the same was entered in the minute book. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree. Bro. T. H. Allbut having answered the necessary questions was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M. The Lodge was further advanced for the purpose of raising Bros. W. O. Blott and Wm. Halsall to the degree of Master Mason, which ceremony was undertaken by Bro. J. A. Collinson P.M. Prov. Grand D.C. It is very pleasing to record the energy and efficiency with which the affairs of this Lodge are carried on. No. 1350 has undergone in its brief career of existence a strange and eventful history, and to-day it lives, is prosperous, and happy. These pleasing symptoms are due to the efficiency of its Officers, Past and Present, and it is no exaggeration to say that a more thoroughly genial Master cannot preside over any Lodge than the justly esteemed Brother who holds the exalted position of present W.M. The working of Bro. Collinson was done remarkably well when we consider he has been out of office for a long time. The W. Brother, although a young man, and a young Mason, has made great progress in Masonry, and has held more than one position in Prov. G. Lodge. With such talent as Fermor Hesketh Lodge possesses in its present and past Officers, and, what is of paramount importance, such vitality and earnestness among all its members, it must become a Lodge of great power and influence. It is to be hoped that no cloud will ever for a moment darken the prosperity which Fermor Hesketh so deservedly enjoys. The Lodge being worked down to the first degree, the W.M. gave notice of motion that on the next meeting he would propose that the sum of £10 be devoted from the funds of the Lodge towards forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge. The Lodge was afterwards closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Dalston, E. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., McMillan S.W., H. Mayer J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., R. Olley J.D., Martin I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Freeman, who had answered the questions, was raised in a most able manner by the W.M. The Lodge was closed down, and Bros. Fieldwick and McMillan worked the third section of the second lecture; and Bros. Fieldwick and C. Lorkin worked the fourth section of the first lecture. Bro. Stokes (1364) was elected a member, and Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for 29th inst., as on Wednesday next it has been arranged to work the Fifteen Sections.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York on Monday. Present—Bros. T. B. Whyte-head W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., H. Jackson as S.D., J. T. Sellar J.D., M. Millington I.G., A. T. B. Turner as Org., T. Cooper I.P.M., G. Balmford Treas., J. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Asst. Secretary, P. Pearson Tyler, and other members and visitors. A successful ballot was taken for three candidates, and Bro. Husband was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. read a telegram just received from the Masons belonging to the Scots Greys Regiment at Dundalk, lately quartered at York, conveying hearty good wishes to the Eboracum Lodge. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Cumberland, Lee, and Wilkinson.

**Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.**—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge, took place on the 29th April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. T. Halliday, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. T. J. Armstrong W.M. 1626 S.W., R. L. Armstrong W.M. elect J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. Treas., J. Page Sec., R. G. Salmon S.D., G. W. Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., and G. S. Sims Tyler. After the usual formalities had been gone through, Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. Prov. G.D.C. took the chair, and Bro. Robert Lamb Armstrong was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The W.M. elect having conformed to the Ancient Charges, all below the rank of P.M. left the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, numbering nineteen, and the ceremony was most beautifully performed by Bro. Davis. Upon the brethren returning to the Lodge, they were informed that during their absence Bro. Armstrong had been regularly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The new Master was then duly proclaimed and saluted. He appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Halliday I.P.M., J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Lax Secretary, Rev. S. H. Harris P.M. Chaplain, W. Munday P.M. D.C., S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., J. S. B. Bell I.G., Macdonald and E. Clark Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler, no other business offering itself, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering over seventy, adjourned to the Crown Hotel, Clayton-street, where they sat down to a banquet provided by Bros. Bell and Bolom. The Chaplain having said grace, the W.M. rose to give the first toast, and said that he never had greater anxiety than at the present moment, and he hoped he might have a speedy relief; he therefore called on the brethren to drink to Her Majesty the Queen. The next toast was that of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., in submitting which the W.M. said he was one who not only knows Freemasonry in theory, but also in practice. The W.M. then gave the Earl of Carnarvon and Officers of Grand Lodge, which was duly honoured. The W.M. then rose to propose the health of the Right Honourable the Earl of Percy Prov. G.M. and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, coupling the name of Bro. Challenger P.M. Past Provincial G.S.W. with the toast, and expressed his pleasure at seeing him amongst them. Brother Challenger in reply said he was startled at having to reply to the toast, but nevertheless thanked all the brethren for the compliment done the P. G. Lodge. The toast of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham was then submitted, and acknowledged by Bro. John Hopper P.P.G.S.W., and W. E. Franklin P.P.G. Superintendent of Works. Bro. Halliday I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. It was with feelings of pleasure and regret that he rose to propose this toast; pleasure in having the opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to the W.M., but regret that he was not endued with more eloquence to do justice to it. He was sure all the brethren were aware of his excellent working in the Lodge, he would therefore simply give his health, wishing him long life and every prosperity. The toast was received most enthusiastically. The W.M., in answering, thanked Bro. Halliday and the brethren for their kind expression of feeling towards him; it was only five years since he was initiated, and he then thought, on looking at the Master in the chair, how long it would be before he could do as he did. He should at present only thank them for placing him in that proud position, and hoped to merit a continuance of their good opinion. Before sitting down he would give them the health of the I.P.M., and hoped he might follow in Bro. Halliday's footsteps; he would be hard to beat, but if he only came up to him he would be satisfied. Bro. Halliday expressed his thanks to the brethren for the kind way they had received the toast; it was the greatest delight to him to be of use in Masonry, and he should continue to try to be so if his life should be spared. The W.M., on rising, said he never approached a toast with greater difficulty than he did the one he now had the pleasure to submit, namely, that of the Installing Master. He had only known Bro. Davis, he was sorry to say, a short time, but since he had had the advantage of his advice, he had endeavoured to profit by it; he prayed that he might be long spared, his name was so dear to every Mason in the Province. He could only once more thank him most heartily for installing him. Bro. E. D. Davis, in most feeling terms, thanked the Master and brethren for all the kindness shown to him, and heartily prayed for their prosperity. The W.M. in submitting the toast of the P.M.'s, spoke in high terms of the services rendered by Bro. W. S. Hughes in the Lodge of Instruction, and also of the regret he felt at losing the services of Bro. P.M. Harris, who at all times gave them much instruction, whether in or out of Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by P.M. Hughes. The Officers received similar compliments, and each responded. The Visitors was given by Bro. Rev. S. H. Harris P.M., and replied to by Bro. Bolom W.M. 24. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Some splendid harmony was rendered by Bros. Nutal (of Durham Cathedral), Keeney, and Gibbings, as well as by other brethren. The Visitors were Bros. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. 695, J. Hopper P.P.G.S.W. 481, Challenger P.P.G.S.W. Durham, G. Thomson P.P.G.S.W. 481, W. E. Franklin P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Durham 481, J. Bolom W.M. 24, R. Eynon W.M. 481, T. Armstrong W.M. 1626, G. I. Dean W.M. 541, J. Fishburn W.M. 1557, W. M. Bell S.W. 1557, G. Cockburn P.M. 24, Dr. Luke Armstrong S.W. 1626, J. Bell J.W. 1626, R. Simons Sec. 1626, J. Wood J.W. 48, Ord S.W. 541, W. Smith I.G. 1626, and J. Johnson J.S. 1557. The Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. W. Monday, W. S. Hughes, R. Knox, Rev. S. H. Harris, and J. Ridsdale. Each brother had a beautiful button hole bouquet, supplied by Bro. Chorlton, of South View Nursery.

**Upton Lodge, No. 1227.**—The usual assembly of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Thursday last at the rendezvous, the Spotted Dog, Upton, Bro. George Brown, the W.M., presiding, and he was supported by P.M.'s Bros. R. Bolton, A. Holtham, and David Posener; Lyon S.W., W. Webster J.W., J. A. Wayland P.M. Treas., and Vincombe Sec., A. Oldroyd S.D., J. Andrews J.D., and Bro.

Lane acting as I.G. There were also present Bros. T. Simpson, A. Lund, W. Pearcey, A. Austin, A. W. Fenner, A. Clark, D. Tegg, &c. The visiting brethren included J. F. Fysh P.M. 1364, Geo. Hine 1687, J. Gunn 398, J. Wootton 933, H. Townsend 1366, Geo. Parker 177, Isaac Quincey 1178, W. G. Kent 1297, and J. W. Wilson 1155. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bros. C. J. Sievers, John Stroud, and W. Mason Paxton were raised to the sublime degree, and the Lodge having resumed, Messrs. M. F. Collins, Robert Hamed Durie, W. Sergeant and Charles Gieseke were initiated; the ceremonies in each instance being most admirably worked by the W.M. and his Officers. Some slight discussion arose as to the place where the Summer Banquet should be held, and eventually the brethren decided that it should be held in the month of July, at Broxbourne or elsewhere, as the W.M. and the two Stewards appointed might decide and report to the next Lodge. The business over, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where ample justice was done to an excellent repast, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.**—An emergency meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the usual place of meeting, viz., the Lion Hotel, Hampton, and despite the last line on the summons intimating to the brethren that there would be "no banquet," there was a large muster. Bro. Cox the W.M., opened the Lodge in due form, and there were present Bros. Williams S.W., J. Hammond J.W., Baldwin S.D., and J. Marsh I.G. The work, which was admirably done throughout, consisted of initiating three gentlemen, namely, Messrs. S. Allen, McDowell, and Patrick Brown, the chair being ably assisted by P.M.'s Hammond and Gilbert. Bro. Williams was raised; and, by request, the W.M. courteously vacated the chair, that Bro. P.M. Walker might have the pleasure of initiating two old and valued personal friends.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.**—The bi-monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 9th instant, and was attended by a large number of members and visitors, upwards of 30 members of the Vestry of Kensington were present. The Officers were—Bros. George Penn W.M., Samuel H. Parkhouse S.W., Samuel Smout J.W., Wm. Stephens P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, Rev. Darby Reade Chaplain, E. M. Lander S.D., Reuben Charles Green J.D. Atkins I.G., Delevanté Organist. Bros. Roberts, Whittlesea, Rowland and Dewynter were raised to the third degree. Bros. Dr. Pocock, Heath, and Rogers were passed to the second degree. Three candidates were initiated, viz., Messrs. J. Henry Rutherglen (Clerk to Kensington Guardians), C. Manchester, and John H. May. The three ceremonies were worked by the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, admirably served by Bro. Linscott. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts, with a few brief remarks to each. Bro. Murlis the I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M. who he complimented as a good and true Mason, who was fulfilling his duties faithfully and zealously. The W.M. replied, stating how earnest his wish and desire was that the Lodge should go on and prosper, and not only think of themselves but of our noble Charities which were the brightest ornaments in Freemasonry. Bro. William Stephens, in responding to the toast of the Charities, thanked the brethren for the support given to him as their Steward. He once thought if he got £100 he should be satisfied; he reached that very quickly, then he thought he would raise £200, now he was pleased to say he had over £250, one member of the Lodge had that evening given him £25 to make up that sum. (Cheers.) The W.M. then gave the Visitors, and said he was pleased to see so many present, although he expected a larger number, he called upon Bros. Locoock Webb Q.C. P.G.D., Sir Charles Dilke M.P., J. Jordan P.G.S., and Cunningham Glen to respond. Bro. Locoock Webb congratulated the W.M. on his work, and the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Sir Charles Dilke followed, thanking the brethren for their hospitality; he enjoyed himself so much on a former occasion that he was very gratified to receive an invitation to attend this meeting. Bros. Jordan and Cunningham Glen also responded. Among the Visitors present were Bros. Locoock Webb Q.C. P.G.D., Sir Charles Dilke M.P., J. Jordan P.M. 4, Cunningham Glen P.G.S. 197, Rev. G. K. Kendall 10, Roberts P.M. 180, Bayley 180, Manchester 1201, Adkins 773, S. J. C. Watson 749, F. Radford 1196, Smith 1425, Jubal Webb 55, Chalfont 1425, Handover P.M. St. Luke's, Robert Harvey 1196, Geo. N. Watts P.M. 194, S. Pollitzer P.M. 1017, Fisher P.M. 834, J. Michael W.M. 1732, Gillion W.M. 1425, J. Flood 201, Bolding 173, Tarrant 834, Hy. Stevens 1732, Fisher 773, &c., &c.

**Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643.**—A Meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. Jas. McCulloch W.M., Geo. Hardy S.W., Jas. Mitchell J.W., A. Campbell Secretary, P. J. Jackson Treasurer and W.M. 424, W. Eckford S.D., A. Brodie J.D., J. Marchant D.C. and P.M., W. Bewick Steward, J. Stark I.G., R. Connell Tyler; T. S. Wraith I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Middlemiss, Bolland, &c. Business—The ballot was taken for Mr. J. R. Frazer for initiation, and it being successful, he was initiated in a most impressive style, after which Bro. Forster passed the examination and retired for preparation. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, he was re-admitted, and passed. The Lodge was then reduced to the first, when, on the motion of Bro. Jackson, seconded by Bro. T. S. Wraith, the W.M. was unanimously and by acclamation elected to represent this Lodge on the Charity Committee about to be formed in the Province of Durham. Several motions being carried, the new clothing was handed to the Officers, making a handsome completion to the other beautiful furnishings of this Lodge. After business was over, an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where a very agreeable evening was spent.

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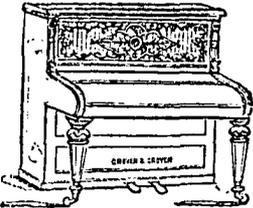
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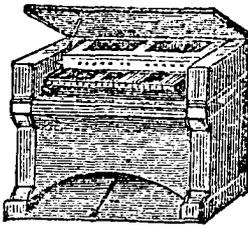
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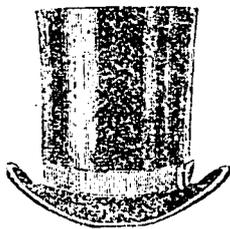
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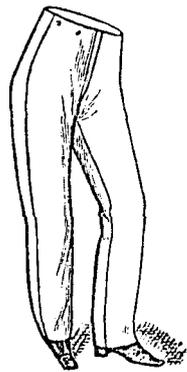
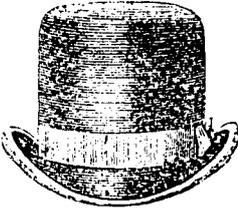
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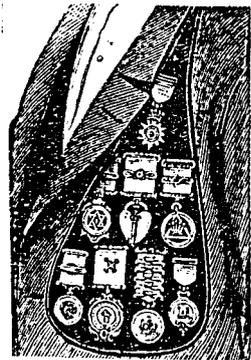
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