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THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THE result of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held on Friday, 16th ult., is deserving of special notice from more than one point of view. In the first case, the total actually announced is greatly in excess of anything that has been done before, so far as the Girls' School is concerned, and nearly reaches the announcement made in connection with the Benevolent Institution last year, when £13,726 11s 6d represented the grandest total ever collected for one of the Masonic Institutions. This result must be most gratifying to all who take any interest in the welfare of the Charities. Another feature that may be worthy of mentioning is the great extent to which the support is divided throughout the country. There are but six Provinces unrepresented a fact which goes far to prove how universal is the desire on the part of Masons to maintain the great central Charities.

London was represented by 124 Stewards, and the amount announced as collected by them was £6,249 9s 6d. There are sixteen brethren whose lists exceed a hundred pounds, in two cases the total being in excess of two hundred, altogether the proportion of "large" lists proves that the brethren have worked hard in the good cause they had undertaken.

We will now turn our attention to the Provinces, thirty-five out of the forty-one into which England is divided being on this occasion represented by 169 Stewards. As therefore there are but six to be accounted absent, we will at once dispose of them. Heading the list, from an alphabetical point, comes Cambridgeshire, a small Province it is true, consisting of but four Lodges, but surely, we should imagine, large enough to occasionally emerge from its apathy as regards the support of the Masonic Charities. We have to go back as far as 1878 before we find any reference to this district in our Festival returns. That year it sent up five guineas for the Girls, and fifteen for the Boys; but with these two exceptions, it has done nothing during the five and a half years that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has been in existence. Cornwall, absent this time, has a reputation which will suffice to excuse its appearance on the present occasion, although we think it a bad system to allow a single Festival to pass unheeded. Still we must not forget that at the corresponding Anniversary of 1879 its two Stewards brought up £378, which we suppose is considered by our Cornish brethren as ample for a two years' contribution. Herefordshire, whose only support since the Benevolent Festival of 1876 was a donation of ten guineas to the Girls last year, is another district that seems to need cultivation. Here also there are four Lodges, a number which, judging from experience, is rather unlucky from a Charity standpoint. Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire is absent also. It appeared at the Benevolent Festival this year with £115 10s, and, as we have remarked on former occasions is not usually backward with its contributions. Northumberland adds one more to the number of Festivals at which it has been conspicuous by its absence, the Boys' of 1877 being the last occasion on which it could answer "here" to the muster roll. The Western Division of South Wales sent up ten guineas last February, which is the only contribution thus far received this year from that district. As its support in 1878 was given to the Girls, and in 1879 to the Old People, we may imagine, as we hope, that this year its energies will be devoted to the Boys. The Isle of Man and the Channel

Islands bring to a close the roll of absent Provinces, which it must be remarked is exceptionally small on the present occasion, and we think a strong effort on the part of the powers that be would remove the "absent" blot from our lists altogether. If we could enrol sympathy from every Province on every occasion, be the amount ever so small, it would unmistakably prove that the spirit of Charity was prominent in them all. Let us trust that at the Boys' and subsequent Festivals the number will permanently if gradually decrease, and that at no distant date we may find it unnecessary, and indeed impossible, to devote any portion of our periodical analyses to the subject.

First on the list of contributing provinces is Bedfordshire, the five Lodges of which find a worthy representative in Bro. Fisher, of No. 540, the amount of his list being £48 6s. We are at a loss to find words to express our pleasure in welcoming this district to the right side of the division, and as we know it will also be represented at the Boys' Festival in June, we now look forward to the time when it will be numbered among the zealous supporters of the Institutions; when its past forgetfulness of their claims will be forgotten, and when its members will be able to pride themselves on their array of votes, the best exponents we have of the extent of a province's liberality. As is usual, the representation of Berks and Bucks is of a one-sided nature. Berks sends up all the money, while Bucks reaps an equal share in the honours, at least as regards those who do not take the trouble to go fully into details are concerned. We were going to write that Bucks took their share of the honours, but so far as we know they do not take any trouble on the subject, being content to leave the matter entirely in the hands of their neighbours, who, in this respect, may be considered heavily handicapped. The nine Lodges of Berks, with a total of £506 14s, are, on this occasion, represented by seven Stewards, one of whom, Bro. J. Early Danks, of No. 1101, brings up a list amounting to £200, and another, Bro. Dick Radclyffe, representing No. 209, totals up £150. The nine of Bucks, as we have already stated, leave to their friends the honour of maintaining the reputation of the united—so far as jurisdiction is concerned—district presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch. How long this state of affairs will continue we are unable to imagine, but we hope the newly-appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master will speedily make it his business to inquire into the cause of the anomaly. Bro. G. Pearson, as representative of the eight Lodges of the Province of Bristol, does well, with a total of £216 6s. The contributions from this extensive centre of business have not been of an enormous extent lately, but so large an amount as that contributed on the present occasion goes some considerable way towards excusing past omissions. Cheshire on the present occasion sends up five Stewards, with lists amounting to £151 4s, and it also did remarkably well at the corresponding Festival of 1879, on which occasion its lists totalled up to something over £350. The honour of Cumberland and Westmoreland is well maintained by Bro. G. J. McKay, who, as representing the province, adds £200 to the contributions of the year. In our list last week it would appear that this district had other representatives than him to whom we have just referred, but this is an error. The six brethren whose names follow his really belong to Derbyshire, which is, therefore, entitled to the credit of having raised £175 7s. Devonshire, represented by four stewards, with lists which, among them, total up to £141 10s, maintains its own position, and by thus supporting its "old love" clearly proves that its "new love"—a local charity—has not yet grown into a very formidable

rival. From the first we have not considered it possible that the brethren of this province would transfer their sympathies to their district institution, for which supplementary charity, in our opinion, there is ample room, not only in Devon, but also in every other province of the country. Two stewards take upon themselves the representation of Dorsetshire, which on this occasion contributes £95, a fitting addition to a long list of good totals contributed from this section of the country. The hope we expressed in February last, to see the province of Durham represented during the year is now realised, two stewards doing duty for its twenty-five Lodges, and bringing up between them a sum of £178 10s. Essex on this occasion is represented by six Stewards, with a total of £237 8s, an amount which cannot be characterised in any other way than as a most gratifying result of the efforts of the brethren who have amongst them collected that amount; while Gloucestershire, with a similar number of Stewards, adds £358 1s to the year's total. As we noticed in February last, this Province does exceptionally well for the London Charities, the support they afford is regular, and usually of no meagre description. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight remits £162 15s, at the hands of two of its three Stewards, the amount of Bro. Murray's list (Lodge No. 76) appearing not to have been returned up to the day of the Festival. The amount is a fair illustration of the liberality of this Province, which certainly has the merit of being regular in its support. Hertfordshire is this time content with a two figure total, £78 15s being all that is accredited to its eleven Lodges. We know that the brethren of this county do well, but we think there are one or two of its Lodges that could, without much sacrifice, spare a little more than they do. There are some good ones in the Province, and, as a matter of course, some whose liberality is not so marked. With a little more organisation, we think better results would accrue. Kent is again to the front—nine of its Lodges on this occasion sending up representatives—who, between them, bring £571 10s 6d. The largest list is that of Bro. T. D. Hayes of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, which amounts to £207 7s; the next that of Bro. G. Page, Lewises Lodge, Ramsgate, who has collected £80 17s, and the next that of Bro. E. Kirby, of the Lord Warden, No. 1096, £68 5s. We have on several occasions had the pleasure of placing on record the doings of our Kentish brethren in this particular branch of Freemasonry. All we can say on the present occasion is, that we are happy to see they keep up their standard of excellence. The two divisions of Lancashire each send up five Stewards, those of the Eastern Division totalling up £62 5s, and their brethren of the Western half £46 14s 6d. The latter has two lists outstanding, so that at the finish it may equal, if not exceed its neighbour. It may be somewhat out of place to seek for a reason for the small amounts sent up from these two Provinces, but when we remember that East Lancashire's remittance for the Benevolent in 1879 reached £3,738 7s 6d, and consider that Lord Skelmersdale, P.G. of the latter, will preside at the Festival of the Boys in June next, we cannot further be astonished that things are as they are. Leicester and Rutland appears once more, with a very welcome contribution of £73 10s, and then follows Middlesex, for which fourteen brethren appear to have fulfilled the duties of Steward. One list, however, properly belongs to London, and therefore the amount—£10 10s—placed as the proceeds thereof, must be deducted from the return given in our last. We, therefore, have to accredit £397 16s to the brethren of the home county, of which sum £105 appears to the name of Bro. H. B. Marshall, whose contributions to the three Festivals last years of similar sums are doubtless in the memory of our readers. We believe the amount given this year to "our girls" is on behalf of the son of Bro. Marshall, but in any case the thanks of the Craft are certainly due to a brother who does so much from his private purse in aid of our Institutions. One hundred guineas represents the gift of Monmouthshire, the amount being divided between its two Stewards, who appear to have striven successfully to maintain the reputation which already attaches to this section of the Craft. Of the sixteen Norfolk Lodges, three only are represented, by as many Stewards, who among them have secured the sum of £108 2s with which to increase the funds at the disposal of the Committee. A similar number of Stewards working in the Province of Nottinghamshire have collected £178 10s, of which amount Bro. Robert Berridge, representing the Province, is down for £147.

Five brethren among them share the honours of North Wales and Shropshire, £164 7s 6d being put down as the amount of their united lists. We next come to the Province over which H.R.H. the chairman of the day has the honour to preside. As a natural result we look for a good amount; nor are we disappointed, for we find that, including a donation of fifty guineas from Prince Leopold, the contribution from Oxfordshire amounts to £309 12s. One Steward for each represents Somersetshire and the Eastern Division of South Wales, the list from the former being £241 10s, and from the latter £100. As usual, Staffordshire does well, two out of its three Stewards' lists totalling up to £536 11s. We do not know whether there is anything to come from Bro. Pepper's list (482); we believe not, as all the amounts have been placed on that of Major Tudor, the Deputy of the Province. Suffolk and Surrey each contribute, and although neither can boast a three-figure list, their efforts are, we imagine, none the less welcome: £91 7s at the hands of two Stewards in the former case, and £24 3s from one list in the latter, are the actual figures. Sussex leaves its reputation in the hands of a representative of No. 1842, and right well does he fulfil his trust. He has managed to collect the sum of £130 4s, and has thus placed Sussex once more in the first rank. Five Stewards from Warwickshire together bring in £129 3s, and then follow Wiltshire, represented by the Prov. Grand Master (£128 2s), and Worcester-shire—Bro. W. Bristow jun., Steward—with £364 7s. North and East Yorkshire is again present, contributing upwards of seventy pounds, £58 16s of which belongs to the Eboracum Lodge at York. This Lodge has been, and we think always may be, held up as a pattern for imitation. It clearly proves that when an effort is really made by a body of men to persevere in a good cause, success will attend their efforts. Last on the list comes West Yorkshire, and as befits so large a Province it has earned for itself the first place in the result list of the Provinces. With forty-five Stewards, the total of its contributions amount to £800, and this notwithstanding the fact, as we have already pointed out, that it recently paid £1050 on behalf of the Bentley Shaw Memorial Presentation. Having thus finished our task, we conclude by congratulating all connected with the Festival on the results which have attended the efforts of the Stewards of 1880.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Joshua Nunn, E. Letchworth, E. Spooner, Edward B. Graham, James Peters, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, H. M. Levy, H. Massey, J. J. Caney, F. Adlard, Louis Hirsch, C. H. Webb, Frank Richardson, Thomas Cubitt, W. Bailey, H. Higgins, T. Y. Strachan, Thomas Francis Peacock, William F. C. Montrie, Frederick Binckes, Peter de Lande Long, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the following brethren were nominated for the House and Audit Committees, to be elected at next meeting of the General Committee:—For the House Committee:—By Bro. J. M. Case: Bros. H. A. Dubois, W. Hope, M.D., C. Hammerton, E. Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, E. Mather, J. Nunn, Colonel Peters, Frank Richardson, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall. By Bro. J. Constable: Bros. J. Bellerby, E. Bowyer, T. W. C. Bush, E. Cox, T. Cubitt, R. R. Davis, J. A. Farnfield, W. Stephens, E. Terry, C. H. Webb, J. H. Southwood, C. G. Hill. By Bro. H. Higgins, Bros. Thomas Francis Peacock. For the Audit Committee:—By Bro. J. M. Case: Bros. W. Bailey, J. G. Chancellor, J. Cantbush, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston, H. C. Levander, W. Roebuck, H. Venn, R. B. Webster. By Bro. T. F. Peacock: Bro. R. Berridge. By Bro. F. Adlard: Bro. H. M. Levy. Bros. J. G. Stevens, W. F. C. Montrie, Charles Lacey, George Brown, and Louis Hirsch were chosen Scrutineers of votes for that election. The salary of junior clerk in the office was raised from £60 to £70 a year. The petition of one candidate to be placed on the list for election in October was received and passed, after which the Committee adjourned.

Bro. Harry Jackson, Stage Manager Princess's Theatre, announces his third annual benefit. In addition to the performance of the "Streets of London," "Robert Macaire" will be played, the *beneficitaire* appearing as Jaques Strop, when he will give his imitations of London actors, and, by request, his well-known impersonation of Napoleon.

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ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I agree with your correspondent who signs himself "A BROTHER" that in some Lodges the rule about the admission of visitors is needlessly severe, and can fully appreciate the disappointment he must have felt at having been refused the *entree* into the Emulation Lodge of Improvement after he had stayed in town expressly for the purpose of perfecting himself in its working. But I trust he will pardon me for saying that in his particular case he has only himself to blame. His own account is that the working in his mother Lodge is that known as the Emulation working, and that being anxious to make himself as perfect as possible in it, he was advised to attend the Lodge in question, and stayed the night in town for that purpose. He presented himself for admission, but without his certificate, and having no one to vouch for him, he was sent away. Now, is it not strange that "A BROTHER," having resolved on visiting, when in London, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, should have omitted to take with him the talismanic document which, with the test examination superadded, would have made him free of that Lodge for the evening? I can understand a provincial Mason running up to town on business or for pleasure, and suddenly bethinking himself of attending this Lodge, either from motives of curiosity, or from the more laudable ambition to improve his knowledge. In his case the idea of visiting is a mere afterthought, the impulse of the moment, and having no certificate, no one to vouch for him, he is refused admission; but though he may experience a sense of disappointment, he has no right to be surprised. But "A BROTHER," though it may not have been his object in going to London, had predetermined to make his visit an opportunity for seeing the Emulation working, and left behind him the principal means of identifying him as a Mason. I consider one who is so careless is deserving of very little sympathy. On the other hand, I think the Emulation Lodge of Improvement is to be congratulated on its rule, which I doubt not is impartially observed, not to admit indiscriminately brethren who may seek admission to its meetings, yet are unprepared with the customary evidence of Masonic identification.

It is obviously safer to err on the side of too great stringency than too great laxity; in the former case it may occasionally happen that a good Mason and true is denied his undoubted right of visiting, but in the latter case there is the very serious risk that the cove who has picked up a few scraps of knowledge may be admitted into a Lodge. No one will venture to deny the right of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement to make their own laws, subject to constitutional approval, and no one should blame it for observing them, least of all one who has acted as thoughtlessly as did your correspondent "A BROTHER."

Yours fraternally,

CAUTION.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to congratulate Bedfordshire, or rather Stuart Lodge, No. 540, of Bedford, and its Steward Bro. James Fisher, on having at last awakened to a sense of its Masonic duties. I have been a reader of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE from its very beginning, and have noticed with considerable regret that since January 1875 this county has never once contributed a solitary stiver to the funds of any of our central Charities; that is, at sixteen Festivals the name of Bedfordshire has been absent from the list of contributing Provinces, and now, for the first time in six years, the county is represented by the second oldest of its Lodges, and by the hands of Bro. Fisher has swelled Bro. Hodges's list by the fair average sum of forty-five guineas. Now, however, that the ice has been once broken, and the stigma justly attaching to the county for its indifference to the needs of our Institutions removed, let us hope the other Lodges and brethren will follow the example set them by Stuart Lodge and Bro. Fisher respectively, and that henceforth Beds will be as conspicuous by its presence at our Festivals as it has been for a long time past by its absence.

It was suggested a short time ago in your columns that Beds would be all the better if it were erected into a Province. If any one doubts the wisdom of this suggestion, let them note the Province of Worcester, which some time ago was apparently as indifferent as Beds to the wants of our Institutions, while now, under its new Grand Master, it is doing splendidly. Doubtless a Provincial organisation would be as invigorating in Beds as the infusion of new blood into Worcestershire has been. At all events, the experiment is worth trying.

Yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noticed in your issue of a week or two since a proposal or suggestion that Bedfordshire should be made into a Province—being without one at present. I have often heard it

remarked that the combination of *Berks and Bucks* as one province is hardly a convenient arrangement, Bucks from most parts of Berkshire being difficult of access. I should like to suggest that it might be more convenient to combine *Bucks* with *Beds*, as, without looking to the matter very minutely, it seems to me the railway communication between these counties is much better than between Berks and Bucks.

Yours fraternally,

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QUARTERLY COURTS, BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see that complaint was made at the last meeting of the general Committee of the Boys' School that the hour (noon) fixed for holding the January and July Quarterly Courts of this Institution was very inconvenient, and I am glad to hear that the motion, of which Bro. C. F. Matier then and there gave notice, has been carried. There was no sufficient reason why these Courts should not have been held at a time when most people are leaving off duty for the day. In April and October the elections necessitate the early hour of noon, but for the other two there will be ample time at 4 p.m. for the transaction of even a day's heavy business, and much more for such as is usually transacted at these Courts. My object, however, in writing to you is to suggest that a corresponding change should be made as early as possible at the Girls' School Courts in January and July. The same reasons hold good in both cases, indeed they are, if anything, somewhat stronger in the case of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as at 4 p.m. on Saturdays all business is usually over. Moreover, in such matters it is something to have

UNIFORMITY.

THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“There are two sides to every question,” says an adage. It happens however occasionally that both sides are wrong: for instance, one party may assert that a certain something is white, while another may be equally positive it is black, but that something, when produced, turns out to be neither white nor black, but another colour. Both parties here were mistaken and wrong. But it is impossible to conceive in such a case how both sides could be right, for if one is right the other must necessarily be wrong.

And here is another fact equally cogent, viz.; whenever a writer is conscious of any *truth* he wishes to ventilate, and is not debarred doing so either by the laws of the land, or by strong public prejudices, such a writer, as a rule, will append his name to his communication. But when one is conscious of the weakness of his arguments, and is ashamed to be known as the author of sophistical nonsense, he will surely, if he can, conceal his name, and append to his writings a mere *nom de plume*.

The *Ritual* question is a fair illustration of the foregoing facts. I pointed out certain defects in the ritual, with my name in full appended thereto. My opponent revealed merely that he is a clergyman and a P.G.C., and signed himself “Oxon, 489,” Bro. Gottheil, who is well known in London, who took my side in the controversy, also signed his name, while somebody, who undertook to correct Bro. Gottheil, signed himself “PETER,”* and, on examining the arguments of “OXON” and “PETER,” I find them to be merely on a par with arguments used against all reforms and reformers from the days of Wycliffe to the present time: and precisely the same kind of arguments are now used by the Emperor of Russia and his adherents for perpetuating the worst form of government now in existence, and hence it is no wonder that my opponents were ashamed to append their proper names to their communications.

Bros. “OXON” and “PETER” evidently sanction the teaching of the early saints, viz. “It is a virtue to deceive and lie in order to promote the interest of the Church,” while I believe that when a church, synagogue, &c. requires deception to aid it, its susceptibility to do harm and mischief will necessarily become greater than for doing any good, and this is equally true with regard to Masonry.

There can be no doubt that the main object and utility of modern English Masonry was, and is, to unite men of different creeds and beliefs into a brotherhood, providing they are honorable and upright, and acknowledge belief in a supreme being. Now, among believers in a supreme being, Christians believe in the Godhead of Jesus, and Jews disbelieve in Jesus. If the early writings of Christians are true, when the Jews had power they persecuted Christians for believing in Jesus, and there is no doubt whatever when Christians obtained power they repaid the Jews a millionfold for disbelieving in Jesus. In order, therefore, to unite Jews and Christians into a brotherhood, neither belief nor disbelief in Jesus, or Christianity, should have been suffered to creep into the Masonic ritual. The first Charge in the new Constitution, defines those ideas pretty clearly, viz. :—

“But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, . . . yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes a centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.”

The above charge means, that whatever a brother believes over and

* The several communications appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, February 7th, 21st, 28th, and March 6th, 1880.

above the universal religion he is to keep to himself while in the Lodge, or, in other words, the peculiar beliefs of the Jew as well as of the Christian which are offensive to either should not be mooted in the Lodge. The promise given to a candidate at initiation is no less pointed and clear; he is assured of enjoying certain important privileges, and the O.B. does not conflict with his moral and religious duties. "We are also taught that truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. Influenced by that principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown amongst us, sincerity and plain dealing are our distinguishing characteristics," &c. Now let us see whether the English ritual is in conformity with these grand principles.

In 1814 the ritual was improved, inasmuch that all allusions to the Saints John were erased from it. In that respect as well as in other matters the English ritual is less sectarian than our American rituals, but a passage was then introduced into the English ritual which is unknown even in American Lodges, viz.: "And lift your eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race."

Now let me ask, what connection is there between the morning star and the salvation of the human race? The sun does indeed conduce to the salvation of all life upon the earth, in a physical sense. Indeed, without the existence of the sun, either animal or vegetable life would be an impossibility, but what has any special star to do with human salvation in any way or manner? Besides, there is really no morning star in the strict sense of the phrase. Venus is as often a morning star as it is an evening star; when she is seen west of the sun she is a morning star, and when she appears on the east side of the sun she is an evening star. The phrase or passage in question is unphilosophical in every sense. And to the Jew it is meaningless and mere gibberish.

To the Christian, however, the phrase has a significance; thus the last chapter of the book of Revelation (verse 16) makes Jesus say, "I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright morning star;" and the allusion to this passage was jesuitically lagged into the ritual in 1814, in order to make the unreflecting Jew acknowledge salvation of the human race through Jesus Christ. I acknowledge, aside from the moral question, that it was a capital trick; and I can almost imagine hearing the jesuitical trickster exclaiming, when a Jewish Master of a Lodge was uttering that phrase, "Oh! you fool! Masonry makes you acknowledge salvation through Christ though you don't know it." I say that it is a capital joke, and I have no doubt that more than one unscrupulous Christian has chuckled at the seriousness of W.M. Bro. Moses while reciting with the usual solemnity, "And lift your eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the human race."

Thank God, however, that class of tricksters are not as numerous among Christians as they used to be; very few, even among the clergy, would now sanction the doctrine of deceiving and lying, even when it might be of benefit to their church. I ask therefore that class of Christian brethren whether either of them could look in my face and say seriously he believed that hypocrisy and deceit is unknown amongst Masons, and that sincerity and plain dealing are their distinguishing characteristics, while such deceptive and doubling phrases continue to abound more or less in Masonic rituals? Of what use is it to preach "truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue," while you are knowingly practising such deception? and what do you accomplish by that deception?

Conscious of the ridiculous inconsistency of the Masonic ritual, both in America as well as in England, I have repeatedly called attention thereto in the G.L. of Massachusetts, as well as in the Masonic press, and learning that Bro. Stevens at last induced the G.L. of England to take the Ritual question into consideration, I availed myself of the opportunity of making known the origin and history of the ritual. I have demonstrated that even the contemptible plea of the "antiquity of the ritual," could not be urged in its behalf. And I now repeat what I have said before, that the Masonic ritual is alike disgraceful to Masonry as well as Christianity, and to remove that blot from the Masonic escutcheon you must either frankly acknowledge that Masonry is merely a Christian, and not a universal institution, or the ritual will have to be thoroughly denuded of all sectarian allusions, be they Hebrew, Christian, &c., which are offensive to good and true men of all other creeds and beliefs.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 26th March 1880.

A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In examining the Proxy Papers for the next election, is it not a pitiable thing to see the number of Petitioners who have appealed more than once? In one case (that of a widow) being a seventh application, I should ask, Bro. Terry and the governing body of the Institution to think of the hope deferred which in this and numerous other cases has been undergone, and then for them to see if they can give effect to what I am about to suggest. "At all elections to the above Institution, there are a number of vacancies caused by death after the ballot papers are issued, which have usually been filled by those unsuccessful candidates highest on the poll." Now why not fill up the aforesaid vacancies by those who have been longest on the list. They have most likely outlived their Masonic friends who knew them in their prosperity, and as in the course of nature they cannot expect to live many more years, it would be a true kindness to help those who cannot help themselves, and it would be no injustice to the unsuccessful candidates, as they have friends who will come forward again at the next election. How often at the election we find that the "Aged Mason or Widow" that we are prepared to support has died before the polling day, very often after four or

five applications. My scheme would prevent this, and at the same time improve the appearance of the Proxy papers and prove that Masonic Charity is something more than a name. Hoping for your support,

I remain, yours fraternally,

W. C. PARSONS P.M. P.Z. 180.

BALLOT OF LIFE SUBSCRIBERSHIPS FOR THE R.M.I.G.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the Festival was held somewhat earlier than was at first announced, and as the tickets admit to the Bazaar to be held in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, 29th and 30th June, and 1st and 2nd July, it has been thought expedient to postpone the ballot to 5th July, and successful numbers will be announced on the 10th. As many of your readers no doubt hold tickets, I shall esteem it a favour your giving publicity to this arrangement.

Brethren holding books will oblige by effecting sales as soon as possible. Each ticket admits to the Bazaar, although the whole proceeds of sale of tickets are handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It will assist the Bazaar by making this known.

Yours fraternally,

24th April 1880.

DICK RADCLYFFE.

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The following circular has been issued:—

22 Market Place, Reading, 20th April 1880.

The Very Rev. Dean Purey-Cust having left the Province, and resigned the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, I am commanded by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., to inform you that he has appointed the V.W. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg to be Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the room of Dean Purey-Cust resigned.

ROBERT BRADLEY, Prov. Grand Secretary.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 5th May, at seven o'clock in the evening, punctually.

The business is as follows:—

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

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

Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st January to the 20th April 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance G. Chapter	1328	6	11	Disbursements during			
„ Unappropriated				the quarter	190	17	7
Account	164	0	1	Balance	1493	14	8
Subsequent Receipts	368	6	4	„ in unappropriated			
				account	176	1	1
	£1860	13	4		£1860	13	4

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

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

1st. From Companions Charles Braine Finlayson as Z, Thomas Kennedy as H, William Little as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Yarrowee Lodge, No. 713, Ballarat, to be called the "Yarrowee Chapter," and to meet at Ballarat, Victoria.

2nd. From Companions Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., as Z, Charles John Smith as H, Captain James Campbell Herbert Stratford as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1406, Brighton, to be called the "Hova Villa Chapter," and to meet at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, in the county of Sussex.

3rd. From Companions Robert Beales, M.D., as Z, Samuel Franceys Gosling as H, Andreas Edward Cokayne as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Congleton, to be called the "Warren Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire.

4th. From Companions Charles Pulman as Z, Samuel Pownceby as H, Henry Charles Soper as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, London, to be called the "Bedford Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

5th. From Companions George Tidcombe as Z, William Stephens as H, Henry Lovegrove as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, to be called the "Stanmore Chapter," and to meet at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore, in the County of Middlesex.

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

(Signed)

JOHN CREATON, Treasurer,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

21st April 1880.

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

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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THE FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 21st April, at the Cheshiro Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars. Bro. J. Shepherd W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. H. R. Hallam S.W., Durell J.W., the assistant Officers, Foxall, Musto, Hogg, and Calverley P.M.'s, and the following Visitors:—H. Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158, T. J. Barnes, Maidwell, H. Hallam jun., Claton, Evans, &c. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the first business was to raise Bro. Larsen to the third degree, and following that Bro. H. Chain, was advanced to the degree of F.C. Bro. H. R. Hallam the W.M. elect was then presented to receive from his predecessor the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. H. R. Hallam was duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge, and he appointed his Officers as follow:—J. Shepherd I.P.M., Durell S.W., Peterkin J.W., Musto P.M. Treasurer, Hogg P.M. Secretary, Godolphin S.D., Spencer J.D., Friedeberg W.S., Steedman P.M. Tyler. Bro. Shepherd then delivered the customary addresses, and at the conclusion was presented by the new W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the brethren, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, for which he briefly but appropriately expressed his thanks. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a very excellent repast was provided, the new W.M. presiding, supported by his Past Masters and Visitors. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were all duly responded to, the toast of the Queen being followed by the National Anthem, the vocalists being Bros. Hallam jun., Claton, and Evans. Bro. Shepherd I.P.M. rose and said that the brethren were no doubt aware for what purpose he had obtained possession of the gavel, it was to propose the health of Bro. Hallam the W.M. whom he had had the pleasure of installing in the chair. He knew what the W.M. could do, and he felt sure that he would perform his duties to their entire satisfaction. It was therefore with great pleasure that he proposed his health. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by a song by Bro. Bellamy jun., "The Anchor's Weighed." The W.M. briefly returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been drunk; he would endeavour to deserve the honour that had been conferred upon him. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. Shepherd," which was cordially drunk, succeeded by a glee by the professional singers. Bro. Shepherd thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the very hearty manner they had responded to it. If he had done anything to merit their satisfaction he felt highly complimented. The jewel which they had presented to him that evening he was very proud of, and the recollection of it would ever live in his memory, as it would remind him of the time when the brethren elected him as W.M. of their Lodge, and their kindness that night proved to him that they appreciated what he had tried to do. He had received a great deal of assistance from the brethren of the Lodge, and had it not been for the information he obtained from Bro. Musto he should never have arrived at the proud position of W. Master. He always found Bro. Musto willing, no matter at what time of day any brother might go to him, to lay down his pen and give him instruction. In conclusion he begged to thank them all for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. The W.M. said the next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and with it he would couple the name of Bro. Musto P.M. and Treasurer. Bro. Musto returned thanks for having his name associated with the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge; he also thanked the brethren for the warm manner in which they had responded to it. As a P.M. of the Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he would continue to do so to the Craft in general and particularly to the brethren of their Lodge. Bro. Hogg P.M. also returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. H. Thompson, who congratulated Bro. Hallam on having obtained the high position of W.M., and felt assured from the diligence he had shown in attending Lodges of Instruction he would discharge his duties to their entire satisfaction. Bro. Barnes and several other Visitors also returned thanks. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

LODGE OF FRATERNITY, No. 1418.

THE annual festival in connection with this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton, on Thursday, 22nd ult., when Bro. James Hall (Borough Surveyor) was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the year 1880-81. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. W. J. Watson P.M. and Treasurer performed the ceremony of installation, after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers:—George E. Pybus S.W., John M. Pickering J.W., W. J. Watson P.M. Treas., John Broome Sec., George E. Smirk S.D., John Reed J.D., A. Crosby I.G., J. Trenholm Tyler. The I.P.M. (Bro. J. P. Banning) was, at the close of the Lodge, presented with a beautifully engrossed address of thanks for his services during his year of office. Bro. Banning suitably responded. At the close of the Lodge, the assembled brethren, to the number of upwards of sixty, adjourned to the banquetting hall, and there partook of an excellent dinner. The W.M. presided, and amongst the company were the following W.M.'s and P.M.'s:—Lodge of Fraternity, Bro. J. P. Banning, W. J. Watson, G. D. Leng, Thomas Wilks, and J. J. T. Thorman, P.M.'s; Lodge of Philanthropy, Bros. J. W. Moses W.M., John Hunton, Thomas Nelson, William Nelson, A. S. Fowler, B. R. Smith, James Rose, J. F. Craggs (Mayor of Stockton), P.M.'s; Tees Lodge, Bros. Thomas Brayshay, W.M., Joseph Dodds (M.P. for Stockton), John

Settle, R. Wilson Bolsover, and A. Hley, P.M.'s. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Dodds proposed the health of the new W.M. and in doing so said he had seen a great deal of Bro. Hall since he first came into the locality. His promotion had been rapid; from South Stockton he had crossed to Stockton and taken a more important public position, and probably his undoubted talents and ability would enable him to take another and higher flight before many years passed over. When that time came they would part with their worthy brother with regret. He had further to congratulate Bro. Hall on the high and important position to which he had been elevated that day, and he trusted that the year would be marked by great prosperity to the Lodge over which he had the honour to preside. The toast was warmly received. The W.M. tendered his thanks for the honour done him, and assured the brethren that it was his desire to fully carry out the duties of his high office. Bro. Hunton, in a kindly address, proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Bro. Banning thanked the brethren for the kindness which had always been shown to him. The proceedings throughout were very harmonious and pleasant, the festival being altogether a great success.—*Daily Exchange.*

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1278.

THE Annual Banquet of this Lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate-station Restaurant, Moorgate-street Station, E.C. Bro. Sturtevant J.W. mother Lodge presided in a most genial manner (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. Lazarus W.M. 1278), and was well supported by Bros. Christian as S.W., and T. Wooding as J.W., and company numbering nearly 30. Ample justice was done to an excellent repast, which gave much satisfaction to all, and was served under Bro. Kent's personal superintendence. Among the toasts honoured were those of the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. In giving the next toast Bro. Sturtevant said that in wishing the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction success, they must all be struck with the painstaking manner in which its Preceptor, Bro. Hogg, worked for its advancement. It was owing to that brother's indefatigable exertions that the Lodge could show such a master as was present, and every credit was due to him. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Hogg P.M. returned thanks, disclaiming that any praise was due to him; he had, he considered, only performed a duty, and that a pleasant one; if he felt the brethren were satisfied with his endeavours he was amply rewarded. A number of other toasts was given, including the health of the W.M. Bro. Sturtevant, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment, as also did Bro. Kent in reply to the toast of the Host. A capital list of songs was rendered, and the evening proved all too short when it was time to break up. The ordinary work of Lodges of Instruction is recognised as the means whereby brethren obtain a knowledge of the duties the Craft requires of them, but certainly the Lodge of Instruction Banquet table furnishes the opportunity for brethren who are approaching the chairs in the mother Lodge to acquire that practice necessary to acquit themselves with credit whilst presiding over the brethren at refreshment. Great praise is due to Bro. Sturtevant therefore for taking the chair at a moment's notice, and discharging his duties so admirably, giving promise of good things for the Burdett Coutts Lodge when he fills the W.M.'s chair.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 22.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction (held under the warrant of the Neptune, No. 22) will take place at Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, on Friday, the 7th May, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. A. Lamarque P.M. and Preceptor will take the chair, and Bro. H. Baldwin Sec. will occupy the vice-chair. It is anticipated there will be a goodly muster of brethren on this occasion, as this Lodge of Instruction has been making rapid progress of late, the average attendances being nearly double those of last Session. Bro. G. S. Graham and other musical notabilities will be present to enliven the proceedings of the evening. Any members of the Craft desirous of attending will be able to secure tickets by making an early application to Bro. H. Baldwin, the Hon. Sec., 47 Flaxman-road, near Loughborough Junction, S.E.

THE WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THERE was a large assemblage of the Masonic brotherhood on Monday last at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, the occasion being the Annual Banquet of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548. Bro. W. G. Batchelor S.D. 548 and S.N. of Chapters 79 and 548 presided, and was assisted by the following brethren as Stewards:—Bros. Carman 548, Gloster W.M. 1531 S.D. 1326, Hutchings S.W. 147 J.W. 1531, Morgan 169 and 1155, Penney 147, Tuck 834 and 1531, and Vohmann W.M. 871. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., Bro. Batchelor occupying the position of W.M., supported by Bros. Hutchings as S.W., Gloster as J.W., Milbourn D.C. 13 as S.D., Coen 169 as J.D., Penney as I.G., Griffin P.M. 933 S.W. 1531 P.Z. 933 and 79 Preceptor and Treasurer, and Gibson 1531 Hon. Secretary. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been confirmed, the initiation ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M., who displayed therein a perfect mastery of the ritual, coupled with elocutionary ability of no common order. Bro. Vohmann W.M. 871 personated the candidate. The conclusion of the ceremony was followed by the working of the second section of the lecture by the S.D. Several visiting brethren were then proposed and accepted as

members, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. as an acknowledgment of his having presented to the Lodge a new set of Officers' collars. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of fifty, adjourned to the banquet table, a repast being provided by the host, Bro. Morgan, which fully sustained the high reputation which he has acquired as a caterer. The ample supply of viands being in due time discussed, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of its Preceptor and Treasurer, Bro. Griffin. Having briefly returned thanks, Bro. Griffin proposed the health of the W.M., and in so doing congratulated the Lodge upon having secured the services of so able and genial a chairman as Bro. Bachelor to preside over the festivities of the evening. The toast was received with acclamation, and duly acknowledged by the W.M., who next proposed the Officers of the Lodge. In so doing he complimented the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Gibson, upon the efficient manner in which he had, during the past three years, discharged the duties of his office. Bros. Gibson, Gloster, Hutchings, Coen, and Penney returned thanks. The Host and Hostess, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Morgan, followed, and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The enjoyment of the brethren was largely enhanced by vocal and elocutionary contributions from Bros. Bear, Burney, Child, Greenwood, Gifford, Gibson, Milbourn, and Tuck.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth,—the new rendezvous—on Wednesday, the 24th ult. There were present, Bros. A. Newens W.M., J. B. Walker S.W., W. J. Huntley J.W., J. J. Holland S.D., F. W. Wardroper J.D., F. Reed I.G., J. Frost Sec., H. Wilson Treas., W. A. Morgan P.M., H. R. Jones P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., E. H. Boddy P.M., T. Arnison, W. T. Bell, H. Newens, Robert Walker, R. Neal, W. Springett, F. Knipier, G. Clark, A. Brownlaw, C. Mitchell, and Denham. Bros. E. Carter and G. Gregory were Visitors. Bro. Walker S.W. was unanimously chosen as the W.M. for the ensuing year. After the transaction of formal business, the brethren repaired to the banquet-room, where the ceremony of the fourth degree was worked. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to. To that of the Visitors, Bro. E. Carter replied. He said he had observed a large increase in the Lodge. Their mother Lodge (No. 1044) had frequently given birth to twins, and he hoped she would increase her progeny by having triplets. A very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1297.—A meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, in the Marble Hall, south wing of the Crystal Palace, the new quarters of the Lodge. Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. presided, and was ably supported by the whole of his Officers, and despite the intimation at the foot of the summons, there was a large attendance of the brethren, and but few absentees among the P.M.'s and members generally. The business consisted of raising Bros. William Lomas and Thomas Archer, and the passing of Bros. Robert P. Jenkins and John Hicks, each of which ceremonies was admirably performed by the W.M. and his Officers. The labours of the Lodge over, the brethren separated and strolled through the Palace and grounds, both of which are now beginning to assume their beautiful early spring attire, which is so attractive, and for which this charming place of resort is so famous.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. On Monday, 26th April, Bros. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 Preceptor, W. McDonald W.M., Partridge S.W., Lyons P.M. 1227 J.W., Goddard S.D., Seymour-Clarke J.D. and Sec., Kimbell I.G., also Bros. Lewis, Winkley, Gooch, and others. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer and minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Winkley being candidate. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M. assisted by the brethren. Bro. Partridge was elected W.M. for next Monday, 3rd May. Funds being voted for purchase of jewels, which complete the furniture and insignia of Lodge, the dues will now be devoted to purchase of Life Governorships, to be balloted for, as per former resolution.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, at the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, on Monday, 3rd May, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bros. Read W.M., George Reynolds S.W., C. Thompson J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. Craig, Rubenstein, Chalfont, Rogers, Thompson, Burton, and Reynolds. Second Lecture:—Bros. Smout sen., Mickleburgh, Webster, Davis, and Dutton. Third Lecture:—Bros. Williams, Dehane, and Foskett.

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 28th May, at 6 o'clock p.m. Bros. Hallam W.M. 1349 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Larchin J.W. 1541 J.W., W.W. Snelling 1511 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Edwin Storr, Creak, Appleton, Pelikan, Larchin, Tate, and Woods. Second Lecture:—Bros. Snoden, Fox, Abell, Gush, and McCulloch. Third Lecture:—Bros. Daniel, Wing, and Loewenstark.

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MARK MASONRY.

UNION OF MALTA LODGE.

THE first meeting of this Lodge under a provisional warrant of the R.W. P.G.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on Saturday, the 17th April. The progress made in the working of the degree throughout the district during the past year has amply justified the legitimate desire of the brethren to have a Mark Lodge working under the auspices of each of the flourishing Craft Lodges in the Island. To this end ten Mark Masters, all members of the Union Craft Lodge, No. 407, have presented a petition to Mark Grand Lodge, asking for a warrant to establish a Mark Lodge bearing the same name, which has been strongly recommended by Lodge No. 248, and approved by the P.G.M., who, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, has issued a provisional warrant enabling them to meet as a Lodge until the receipt of a formal charter. The Broadley Lodge, No. 248, was opened at 7.30 p.m. Present W. Bro. C. E. Coffey (P.G. Secretary) W.M., Bros. Yeoman as S.W., Mackinnon J.W., Walker M.O., Col. Carey S.O., King J.O., Gardner S.D., Mortimer J.D., Ewing Organist, Grier I.G., and Beck Tyler. Members—Freeman, Chapman, Williams, &c. Visitors—W. Bros. Watson W.M. 107, Doherty and Dahn P.M.'s 387 I.C., Taylor, Glenday and Abbott P.M.'s (Craft) and Bros. Phillips, Peare, Connett, McCoy, Jones, Kay, Luoy, Stanley, Blanch, May, Grebbell, West, Woodthorpe, Gibson, &c. The Lodge being duly opened, the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and P.G.S.W. were received in ancient form. The P.G.M. having assumed the gavel, at the request of the W.M., the P.G. Sec. read the summons convoking the meeting, the petition to G.L., and P.G.L., and the provisional warrant. The founders having signified their assent to the Officers named in the petition, W. Bro. William Read P.M. 107 P.G.S.W. (Mark), P.M. 407 and P.D.G. Reg. (Craft), was presented to the P.G.M. by W. Bros. Coffey and Doherty, and duly installed as W.M.M. of the new Lodge. Bro. Read then invested the following Officers:—Bros. Glenday (W.M. 407) S.W., Yeoman J.W., Stanley M.O., Blanch S.O., England J.O., May S.D., West J.D. At the request of the W.M., the P.G.M. then advanced the following candidates, elected by the founders, viz. Bros. Shillinglaw, Penketh, Fuller, and Senior. W. Bro. Watsou delivered, in a faultless manner, the lecture on the tracing board. The W.M. on resuming the gavel, appointed Bro. Shillinglaw I.G. and Bro. Senior Secretary. Bro. Woodthorpe was elected and invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Beck as Tyler. The D.P.G.M. Bro. Westrup presented to Bro. Read the congratulations of Lodge No. 107, Bro. Coffey those of Lodge 248, those of the Leinster Lodge (I.C.), and the P.G.M. those of the Kingston and St. Louis Lodges. The W.M., in thanking them, expressed his obligations to the P.G.M. for the manner in which he had complied with the wishes of the petitioners, and said he hoped the new Lodge would work in perfect harmony with the other Mark Lodges, and eventually become an important element in the united strength of the Province. The Union Lodge was then closed, after which Bro. Coffey closed the labours of Lodge No. 248. There is now a Mark Lodge corresponding to each Craft Lodge in the Province, and each of these Lodges is in as flourishing a condition as the most ardent admirer of the honorable degree could desire. A frugal repast brought this agreeable and numerous attended gathering of Mark Masters to an end.

Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 107.—A largely attended meeting of this Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., besides the W.M. and Officers and several members of the Lodge, the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., G.S.W., G. Secretary, G. Treasurer, G.M.O., G.I.G., Grand Organist, and Grand Sword Bearer, were present, as well as many Visitors from Lodge 348 E.C., and 387 I.C., also the D.G.M. (Craft) W. Bro. W. Kingston P.M. 107. After several ballots were taken the P.G.M. very kindly, at the request of the W.M., advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the following candidates, viz:—Bro. Tagar, Burt, McCoy, Pearce, Baldacchino, and Abbott (P.M.) of Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Bro. Alsop of Lodge Harbour of Refuge, No. 764, Bro. Jones of Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Bro. Lockett of Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1424, and Bro. Connett of Bermuda Lodge, No. 358. The ceremony being satisfactorily completed, the brethren present adjourned to a banquet at the hospitable invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Keystone Lodge.

Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407.—The regular meeting took place on Wednesday, 7th April, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Glenday. Besides the Officers and members of the Lodge, several Visitors were present. One candidate was initiated and one was raised. The Prov. D.D.G.M. Bro. Broadley paid a high compliment to the W.M. on his working, and the faultless manner in which the charge had been given by the S.W. Bro. Yeoman, and the working tools presented by the J.W. Bro. England. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A Lodge of this Order, under the authority of the Council of Side Degrees of England, has been opened in Malta, to be called the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul. The inaugural meeting was held on the 9th April. The Lodge was opened, with the following members present:—W. Bros. F. R. Beechey W.M., Coffey S.W., Starkey J.W., Broadley as Secretary, Mortimer Conductor, W. Kingston, and Beck Tyler. Fifteen brethren being elected, they were admitted to the degree. After the ceremony the usual grill took place, to which the whole of the brethren sat down.

THE MACDONALD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 104.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, London, on Saturday, 17th April, and was exceedingly well attended. The W.M. Bro. George Ward Verry opened the Lodge at three o'clock. Bro. Alfred Williams P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. P. Collins, officiated as S.W. There were present amongst others the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. and James Stevens P.G.J.O., W. Bros. W. Worrell P.G. Org., and Robert Berridge G.D.C., Past Masters; Bros. F. H. Cozens J.W., N. J. F. Bassett M.O., George Yaxley S.O., W. C. Hale J.O., W. Johnston S.D., J. K. Pitt J.D., J. Humphreys I.G., T. Simmons, Mildred, Mead, T. A. De Leliva, Manning, &c. Visitors—The V.W. Bro. Don. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. Assist. G.S., and Bro. Capt. Berridge. There were several candidates for advancement, but one only (Bro. John Nettleship) was enabled to attend. The ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M. and Officers, with full musical service. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimously in favour of Bro. F. H. Cozens the J.W., the S.W. Bro. Collins having, in consequence of ill health and numerous engagements, requested the brethren to pass him over for the present. The Wor. Thomas Meggy was also unanimously elected Treasurer. In consequence of the decease of Bro. Grant, who had faithfully tyled the Lodge from the date of its formation, a vote of condolence with the widow was passed, and subsequently practical evidence of the respect entertained for our late brother was given by the contributions, after supper, on her behalf. Bro. Reinhardt was elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The P.M. jewel of the Lodge was voted to the outgoing Master. Bro. T. A. De Leliva was recommended for Prov. Grand honours. The date of meeting was changed from Fridays to the third Saturday in the months of June, October, February and April in each year. Propositions were taken for advances, and business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an early supper, and spent, as is usual with them on all occasions, a most harmonious and agreeable evening. The installation of Bro. Cozens will take place on Saturday, 19th June, at three in the afternoon, at Guildhall Tavern.

Rose and Thistle Mark Lodge, No. 158, Wigan.—

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present:—Bros. W. Byrom Prov. G.S.W. W.M., G. Lamb Campbell P. Prov. G.O. S.W., W. Byrom jun. P. Prov. G.S. J.W., Thomas Wilson P. Prov. G.O. Treasurer, Richard Platt Prov. P.G.S. Secretary, Rev. C. H. Knowlys Prov. G. Chap. Chaplain, Robert Harwood P. Prov. G.D. D.C.; Past Masters Bros. Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. G.M., C. F. Matier P.G.W., G. P. Brockbank P.G.W.; Bros. T. Morris P. Prov. G.S.B., James Horrocks Prov. G.S.B., Phillips, Dean, Crossley, Hunter, Sutton, Halliwell, Milligan, Barlow, Croft, Johnson, Sermon, and H. T. Byrom. Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, and the members confirmed the minutes of last meeting. The ballot was taken for Bros. W. Johnson, Hindley and Robert B. Seddon Ince, both of Lodge 1335, proposed by Bro. W. Dean, and seconded by Bro. Platt Prov. G. Sec. Secretary. The result was satisfactory, and the candidates were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by Bro. Robert Harwood. Bro. G. L. Campbell was installed W.M. by Bro. Entwisle P. Prov. G.M. The Officers were invested and addressed by Bro. Matier P.G.W., as follows:—Bros. W. A. Byrom jun. S.W., Richard Platt J.W., C. B. Holmes M.O., Jos. Brown S.O., J. E. Barlow J.O., Rev. C. H. Knowlys Chaplain, Thomas Wilson Treasurer, J. Murray Secretary, Robert Harwood D.C., F. G. Johnson Reg. of Marks, William Deans S.D., Thomas Milligan J.D., H. J. Byrom I.G., Welsby and Hunter Stewards. The Auditors presented their report, and Lodge was closed at 6.30. The brethren partook of refreshment at the Victoria Hotel, Wallgate.

The 102nd annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th December last, under the presidency of Grand Master Willford. There are in this jurisdiction 224 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 9,777, or about the same as the previous year. Past Grand Master James Evans, who has attained the venerable age of fourscore years, has resigned the office of Grand Lecturer, which he had held for very many years with honour to himself, and to the great benefit of the Fraternity.

In the proceedings of the last annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah is noted the case of a brother being expelled the Society, on the ground that he was a member of the Mormons, and advocated the principle and practice of polygamy. It was not proved that he was himself a polygamist, but that, being a member of a church which affirms the rightfulness of such a practice, he had openly defended the position of Mormonism in that respect.

The twenty-first Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held in Chicago, in the month of August, when it is expected that quite 20,000 Sir Knights will take part in the parade on the first day of the gathering.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held its Quarterly Communication in the Temple, Boston, on the 10th March. A Report on Grand Lodge expenses showed that matters were being conducted with a due regard to economy. The Grand Lodges of Hungary and Quebec were recognised. The Grand Chapter, at which there was a full attendance, was held at the same place the day previous.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL AT TRURO.

A PUBLIC meeting of the inhabitants of Truro was held at the Public Rooms, Truro, on Monday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. P. P. Smith), for the purpose of considering the best means to be adopted for giving a fitting reception to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stones of the new Cathedral on the 20th May next. The Mayor remarked that it was with very great pleasure that he met them there that day. On the last occasion that he addressed them upon the subject of a Royal visit—in 1875—they had a very great disappointment, but it was borne with loyalty and magnanimity, and they were now to reap a rich reward. Not only had the Prince of Wales consented to come down upon the great occasion of laying the foundation-stones of the new Cathedral—the first that would be built since the Reformation—but the Princess would accompany him. They would remember that on the last occasion the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe came to their aid, as the representative of the Prince of Wales. Every one would remember how well he acted his part on that occasion, and the county at large was indebted to that nobleman for the manner in which he had carried out the arrangements for the coming Royal visit. The arrangements would necessarily be of a more expensive and extended character than they would be if the Prince were coming by himself to preside over an agricultural meeting. As far as he was in a position, he would tell them what would be the programme for the day. They must, however, accept it with this qualification, that it had to be submitted to the Prince himself, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was in London about it now. The programme was subject to alteration, but he believed that substantially what he would read to them was likely to be carried out. Dr. Barham moved the following resolution—"That it is expedient that a fitting reception be given to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit to the city, and that a Committee be formed to co-operate with the County Committee and with the Town Council Committee to carry out the arrangements and canvas for subscriptions." Mr. A. C. Williams, in seconding the resolution, thanked the Mayor for having called them together and explaining to them, as far as he was able, the programme that would be carried out on the 20th May. He thought they ought to pull together, and do their best to give their Royal Highnesses a fitting reception on the occasion of their visit. The resolution was carried unanimously. The Chairman thought it would be desirable that the meeting should appoint a Committee to assist the County and Town Council Committees. Mr. F. Hearle Cook then read the list of subscriptions, which amounted to £596. The Committee had sent out nearly a thousand circulars, and out of that number only fifteen or twenty had had time to reply. They would require no less than £1,500 for the expenses of the day. The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee, with power to add to their number, to assist the County and Town Council Committees:—Major Parkyn, R. H. Carter, R. Marrack, S. Trevail, J. G. Chilcott, H. Rice, W. J. Criddle, and C. H. Williams. Dr. Barham asked the Mayor whether an opportunity would be given for presenting addresses from the Royal Cornwall Infirmary and Royal Institution of Cornwall, to which His Royal Highness contributed. The Mayor replied that he was unable to answer the question because provision had only been made for addresses from the county and city. Those addresses would simply be handed to His Royal Highness, and not read, and the same course would be adopted in regard to other addresses, if presented. He would with pleasure communicate with the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe on the subject. Canon Harvey proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, which was seconded by Mr. C. Williams and carried unanimously. This concluded the meeting.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

We have great pleasure in announcing that Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the honour of a baronetcy on Bro. Gabriel Goldney, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Wiltshire. Bro. Goldney has represented the borough of Chippenham in Parliament since the year 1865, and we heartily congratulate him on his having received from Her Majesty this mark of her approval of his public services during that period.

We are asked to state that Bro. E. J. Scott, formerly of Bury-street, St. James's, and late of Air-street, has removed permanently to 29 Glasshouse-street, Regent-street, W. Our brother having secured this house, we wish him support and success.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

Messrs. A. and S. Gatti are to be congratulated on the way in which they have placed the *Shaugraun* on the stage, and the cast they have been fortunate enough to secure. The appreciation evinced by the audience on Saturday last clearly proved that Mr. Boucicault's drama has not suffered in their hands. Although the *Shaugraun* is not one of the best of that author's productions, we may fairly say that it is a play really worth a visit. The author sustains his original character "Conn" in a very praiseworthy manner, and Mr. H. Neville as the Captain maintains his reputation as a careful actor; while Messrs. J. Fernandez and E. Brooke, and Mesdames Foote and Pateman, are to be congratulated on the way they play their respective parts. The remaining characters are well sustained by the other members of the company. We think it is a matter for consideration whether the representation of the Irish wake as here delineated is a suitable matter to place on the stage; however, those who witness it will best be able to form for themselves an opinion on such a subject.

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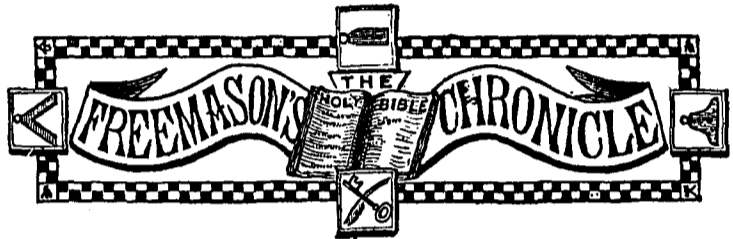
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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE usual Festival and Installation Meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 28th ult., at Freemason's Hall, London. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. opened Grand Lodge about five o'clock. General Brownrigg Prov. G.M. Surrey acted as Past G.M., Colonel Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex as Deputy G.M., Lord Kensington and Major General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe occupied their places as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. About 700 brethren were present, among whom were Colonel Creaton Grand Treas., Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand D. of C., Sir John B. Monckton, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Captain N. G. Philips, Sir E. Lechmere, R. H. Giddy D.G.M. Gricualand, Captain Platt, S. Rawson P.D.G.M. China, Thomas Fenn, J. M. Case, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., Peter de Lande Long, Rev. H. A. Pickard, Rev. C. J. Martyn, R. A. Grey, &c. After Grand Lodge had been opened, his Royal Highness was proclaimed as Grand Master for the year ensuing, and the following were appointed and proclaimed as Officers for the ensuing year:—

- Earl of Carnarvon ... Pro G.M.
- Lord Skelmersdale... Deputy G.M.
- The Earl of Onslow ... Senior Grand Warden
- Sir F. W. Truscott (Lord Mayor of London) ... Junior Grand Warden.
- Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope ... } Grand Chaplains.
- Very Rev. A. Percival Purey-Cust, (Dean of York) ... }
- Lieut.-Col. John Creaton ... Grand Treasurer.
- Aeneas M'Intyre, Q.C., M.P. ... Grand Registrar
- Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A. (Town Clerk of London) ... } President of the Board of General Purposes.
- Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ... Grand Secretary.
- Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt ... G. Sec. German Correspondence.
- R. F. Gould ... } Senior Grand Deacons.
- Frank Richardson ... }
- Lt.-Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney ... } Junior Grand Deacons.
- J. H. Scott ... }
- John Gibson, R.A. ... Grand Superintendent of Works.
- Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter ... Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Magnus Ohren ... Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
- Charles Greenwood ... Grand Sword Bearer.
- C. S. Jekyll ... Grand Organist.
- H. G. Buss ... Assistant Grand Secretary.
- James Kench ... Grand Pursuivant.
- William Clarke ... Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
- H. Sadler ... Grand Tyler.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Freemason's Tavern, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Best. This having been partaken of, grace (Deum Laudate) was sung, and then the Deputy Grand Master, who presided, proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, whom he characterised as the Patroness of our Order. The toast having been honoured, and the National Anthem sung, the noble Chairman gave that of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. He felt it was needless to dilate on the many virtues of the Princess, who was well known as one of the most charming creatures in the world. He could only hope that ere long she would

again welcome home her two sons. Of the other members of the Royal Family, Freemasons could number two among their own body. To many present it was doubtless known how Prince Leopold had lately interested himself in Freemasonry, while of the Duke of Connaught he could say that he evinced as great interest in the Order as did his brother. The next toast on the list was that of the M.W.G.M., the Grand Master. The noble chairman's only regret was that H.R.H. was not present to answer to the toast himself. It was not long since they had the pleasure of his presence. The D.G.M. hoped that the visits of the Grand Master would be periodical. He referred to the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to lay the foundation stones of the Cathedral at Truro. He believed it was the first time that such a ceremony had been undertaken by a Grand Master of English Freemasons. In giving the health of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale said that Lord Carnarvon was so well known that it was not necessary to say a word in proposing the toast. The Pro Grand Master was a good man, a devoted Mason, and always ready to work for the good of the Order. Col. Bardett in introducing the next toast, said he was particularly anxious to enlist the sympathy of the brethren to honour the toast of the Deputy Grand Master. He did not wish to trespass on the time of those assembled, at the same time he was sure that the health of the D.G.M. would meet a hearty response. The brethren had always found him an able President, both at the meetings of Grand Lodge and at the festive board. He thought the present was a most fitting time to bring the toast prominently under the notice of the brethren, as it was the last occasion on which they would be called upon to toast their D.G.M. as Lord Skelmersdale. Although he might come under another name in the future, he would always be the same kind brother to them. They could but hope that he might be in a position to attend at a later date when the brethren would be able to congratulate him on his promotion. In replying to the toast, Lord Skelmersdale said it was true that the present was the last time he should appear among them under his old name. He hoped that when he appeared among them as Earl of Lathom they would still recognise him, and still show him that brotherly affection which they had hitherto done. He desired specially to thank the brethren. At the same time would they allow him to say one or two words on Freemasonry. He was not going to read them a lecture—far be it from him to do that sort of thing. All he wished to say was this,—as far as he could make out, Freemasonry was flourishing in this country. Notwithstanding that at times there was depression, they still found that Masonry went on; they found that the Lodges increased; that they still had men coming forward to be initiated, and that the funds did not slacken. They had only to witness the scene there the other day, when his Royal Highness Prince Leopold presided at the Festival of the Girls' School, when the sum collected was such as has been rarely equalled. He thought that spoke volumes to show the way in which Freemasonry was flourishing in this country. And now he desired to do a little bit of "touting" on his own account. He should have the honour of appearing before the brethren before many weeks were over, as President of the Boys' School Festival. He had only one thing to say on that subject, and that was he had had the honour years ago of presiding at the Festival of the Old Men and the Old Women's Institution. The sum collected on that occasion was the largest that had ever been collected at such a Festival. A few years after he had the honour of presiding at the Festival of the Girls' School. On that occasion also the sum was the largest that had been collected up to that time. All he could say was that he hoped and trusted that at the Festival of the Boys' School—though he knew he was taking the words out of Bro. Binckes's mouth, but he could not help it—his only hope was that they should again top the score. The brethren knew he was with them; he was most thoroughly with them in heart. He really was a Mason—he loved Masonry, and wished to work in Masonry—but if there was one thing to make him more anxious to do his duty in Masonry than any other, it was the cordial welcome with which he was always received whenever he came among the brethren. The next toast given from the chair was "The Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers present and past." Lord Skelmersdale said that they were that day honoured by the presence of the R.W. the Lord Mayor of London. He thought he was right in saying that it was the second time the chair of Warden had been occupied by a Lord Mayor of London—a fact which showed how well Freemasonry worked in with civic affairs. H.R.H. took great care in the selection of his Officers, and the speaker had not the slightest hesitation in saying that his selections had proved most satisfactory. He only hoped that in the forthcoming year business would proceed as well as it had done in years gone by. The Lord Mayor, in reply, regretted the absence of his colleague, the Earl of Onslow, who would have answered to the toast of the Grand Officers. He felt a great compliment had been paid the several Officers by the Prince of Wales in their appointment to the various positions in Grand Lodge. In proposing the next toast, the Very Rev. A. Percival Purey-Cust acquitted himself in a business-like manner; but we cannot help thinking that the bare facts he stated in connection with the Institutions whose cause he was pleading, and which, on the moment, were, we presume, all he could obtain, must have sounded very meagre to many of his listeners, on several of whose breasts the much-prized Charity jewel played so prominent a part. Bro. Frederick Binckes responded; he was heartily pleased that so grand a reception had been accorded the toast. He referred to the splendid success of the two Festivals already held this year. He hoped the Craft would give him some credit for what he had done as representative of the Boys' School, and would, at least, endorse it with their approval. He trusted that the Festival to be held in June next would be, as their noble Chairman had said, a splendid success. Before proposing the health of the Grand Stewards, the D.G.M. desired to say a few words on behalf of the scheme that had lately been started to advance the interests of the pupils of the Masonic Schools. At the first meeting of the Fund, inaugurated with this object, he had presided, on the simple understanding that if it came to any thing, as he sincerely hoped it would,

it would be supplementary to the present Charities; a fund for promoting the welfare of those scholars who had done well, and who required money to carry on their educational career. As such the scheme was deserving of being carried out. Should the object be the creation of a fresh Charity, entailing a separate machinery and additional expenditure of money, then he for one should say, No. If a fourth Masonic Charity was proposed, he should have nothing to do with it. He then gave "The Stewards of the year," complimenting them on the way in which they had done their duty. This completing the toast list, the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a Concert was given, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing P.G.O., and in which Miss José Sherrington and Madame Patey, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Coates, Bro. A. Lester, Bro. H. Taylor, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Bro. Fountain Mein, and Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe P.G.O. took part.

JAMAICA.

At a meeting of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, held on Thursday, 19th February, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Rt. Wor. Bro. the Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton	...	District Grand Master
A. De Cordova	...	Deputy Dis. G. Master
Ashenheim (Friendly)	...	G.S.W.
C. W. Tait (Sussex)	...	G.J.W.
Rev. Croskery (Sussex)	...	Grand Chaplain
O. Delgado (Phoenix)	...	Grand Treasurer
W. Andrews (Royal)	...	Grand Registrar
G. H. Leins (Friendly)	...	Grand Secretary
T. Allen (Jamaica)	...	G.S.D.
J. Tompsett (Sussex)	...	G.J.D.
G. Sargeant (Royal)	...	G. Sup. of Works
C. H. Davis (Royal)	...	G. Dir. of Ceremonies
L. Hollar (Phoenix)	...	G. Sword Bearer
A. H. Jones (Sussex)	...	Grand Organist
J. McLean (Jamaica)	...	Assist. G. Secretary
M. Ross (Collegium Fabror)	...	Grand Pursuivant
O. Delgado jun. (Phoenix)	...	Assist. G. Pursuivant
T. Haughton (Sussex)	...	} Grand Stewards
G. P. Myers (Phoenix)	...	
W. L. Madon (Sussex)	...	
M. Delgado (Friendly)	...	
G. Magnus	...	Grand Tyler

The yearly Convocation of the District Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Jamaica, will shortly be held, when it is expected that the District Grand Superintendent will be able to be present.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Friendly Holy Royal Arch Chapter was held at their Hall, Kingston, on Thursday, 26th February, when the following Officers were installed for the ensuing year:—Most Excellent Comps. G. C. H. Lewis Z., J. M. Ross H., H. J. Lyons J., J. Lyons S.E., L. Mordecai Treasurer, E. Finzi P.S., A. Finzi First Assist., A. Tripe Second Assist., E. A. Magus S.N., G. Magnus Janitor.

We note with a certain degree of justifiable self-complacency that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is not without its influence even in the sphere of Masonic Journalism. Such merits as it may happen to possess do not, however, receive that recognition they are clearly entitled to. For instance, our report of the installation meeting of the Mizpah Lodge, and which was published on the 17th ult., has reappeared in a Masonic weekly which is published not very many hundred yards from the spot where stood till recently the venerable, if somewhat unsightly, Temple Bar. We cannot have the slightest objection to this. On the contrary, we regard this as an indirect, if not a direct, recognition of our status as a medium for the dissemination among the Craft of Masonic news. Only—and we are sorry there should have to be any qualification to the satisfaction we feel—we should like to see the reproduction done as artistically as possible. The report was of an installation meeting, and of necessity the central figure on such occasions is the newly installed Master, and the chief incident his induction into the chair of K.S. But the report, as it reappears in our esteemed contemporary, contains not a single word about the installation, and the name of the new Master is never once mentioned. As the junior representative of Masonic interests, we naturally speak with diffidence, yet in all humility we would point out that a very little editorial supervision would have prevented these omissions. Our reports are always at the disposal of our friend next Temple Bar, to do with them what pleases him, but we sincerely trust that in future cases he will not be so ill-advised as to excise the most material portions. What would the play of Hamlet be with the role of Hamlet omitted; and what is the value of the report of an installation meeting unless something is said of the ceremony itself, and the name is given of the newly installed Master?

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 1st MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 3rd MAY.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
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)
1415—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
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.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M. M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbome
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfodale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyll
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

TUESDAY, 4th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
159—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Carliff.
1002—Skildaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.

1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

WEDNESDAY, 5th MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
313—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Staunmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 6th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (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)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
269—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padtham, near Burnley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1594—Codewain, Public Booms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Bailey
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th MAY.

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)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)

933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermy-n-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 153 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Tadmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 1725—Douglas, Collego Gateway, Maidstone
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 8th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. R. Lister, Dr. Wilkinson S.W., C. A. Woods J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., E. H. Thiellay P.M. Sec., May I.G., Kerrell J.D., Brock W.S., and P.M.'s J. T. Leggott, G. S. States, and Haslett. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Rudderforth W.M. 1668, L. Hirsch W.M. 1818, Nesbitt 24, R. Carr P.M. 24, J. Simpson 1676, Cash (New Cross Lodge), Jenkins. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. P. Desplaces was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Maynard was raised. Praise is due to the W.M. for his careful and impressive rendering of the ceremonies. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary for the Boys' School. The resignation of a brother was accepted with regret. The Lodge was then closed until November, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., who genially presided, briefly and appropriately proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M. referred to the next being the day fixed for the Grand Festival, when the installation of His Royal Highness would be celebrated. Every Mason would hail with pleasure his acceptance of the rulership of our Order, and all who are privileged to attend at that grand gathering will see what Freemasonry is. The W.M. then proposed the toast of their new member, Bro. Desplaces, who had been initiated at a former meeting, and had been passed that evening to the second degree. From the attention he had paid, not only on this occasion but on the former, to the ceremony, he was sure he would prove an acquisition to the Order. Bro. Desplaces briefly responded, and Bro. Leggott I.P.M. then said he hoped the brethren would give the toast he was about to propose the reception it merited, it was the health of the W.M. No one could possibly have done the work better. He (Bro. Leggott) and the W.M. had worked hard together; he had introduced that brother into Freemasonry, and he was proud of him. He had correctly given the true ritual of Freemasonry, and this would act as an incentive to those who had to follow him. Personally he should have had great pleasure in assisting him, but he did not require it; at the expiration of his year of office every brother would say he had done his duty. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Leggott for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. Since his association with the Lodge he had hoped to be its W.M., and now he trusted he might be amongst them for many years. He would always do all in his power for their welfare. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bros. L. Hirsch, W. Rudderforth, H. M. Levy, and Cash. These brethren paid a just compliment to the W.M. for his excellent working and presidency. The toast of the P.M.'s followed. The W.M. was proud to see Bro. Leggott, who had passed the chair in every way to their satisfaction; no better workers could be found than those brethren who had passed the chair of this Lodge, which had now completed its 105th anniversary. Bro. Leggott I.P.M. said he felt proud to be ranked as a P.M. of the Lodge; he had worked in every office. When he looked round he saw in the S.W. and J.W. men of intellect who would be a credit to the Lodge. In short the Officers had done everything for Freemasonry in general and for their own Lodge in particular; he hoped the Lodge would support the W.M. in his Stewardship for the Boys'

School. Bro. Thiellay P.M. and Secretary said, that Bro. G. S. States was not a P.M. of this Lodge, but had been its Secretary for 16 years. Bro. States' modesty would not allow him to rank as a P.M., although he was the father of the Grand Steward's Lodge. As senior member, Bro. G. S. States addressed a few remarks. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, the Worshipful Master speaking of the qualifications of those brethren in high terms of praise. Bro. P.M. and Treasurer responded. His services were at their command in any way that would advance the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Thiellay followed; while holding the office of Secretary he would endeavour to carry out what was required of him to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers, whose able working was proverbial; he would ask the brethren to drink the toast heartily. Bros. Dr. Wilkinson, C. A. Woods, and Kerrell severally responded, and the Tyler's toast was then given. During the evening Bros. Rudderforth, May, and Hancock sang some excellent songs.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Abell W.M., Lee S.W., Linscott J.W., Baker S.D., Gray J.D., Dickens Preceptor, John Soper Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kitching candidate. The following sections were worked, first and third by Bro. Soper, second by Bro. Hallam.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bros. T. B. Biddle W.M., A. W. Smith S.W., John L. Anderson J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, G. L. Walker Preceptor, T. J. Maidwell S.D., W. Sayer J.D., T. J. Barnes I.G. Visitors—Bro. Carl August Swanson Lodge Manwah 567, D. Moss, H. Morris Confidence 193. Bro. Morris and Swanson joined the Lodge. The ceremony of raising was worked by the W.M., Bro. Morris acting candidate. Bro. Moss worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

The Fifteen Sections were worked on Wednesday by the following: Bros. D. Moss No. 1275 W.M., C. H. Webb W.M. 174 S.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 J.W., G. L. Walker No. 429 I.P.M. First, Lecture—Bros. A. Levy, Veal, Valentine, Wooding, Nordon, Webb, Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. Biddle, J. Lorkin, Job, Barnes Fenner. Third Lecture—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Walker, Da Silva.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 17th ult. Present:—Bros. Brasted W.M., Weeden S.W., Gibbs J.W., Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Western S.D., Houghton J.D., W. Williams I.G.; also Bros. J. Millington, Osborn, J. Lorkin, R. Defriez, Spencer, D. Moss, J. H. Hawkins, Trewinnard, Byng, Giller, Lewis, Garrod, Powell, Halford (Treasurer). The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Spencer acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Osborn, and the third, assisted by Bro. Hawkins. Lodge being resumed to first degree, Bro. Weeden was elected to preside at the next meeting. The votes of the Lodge were divided between Bros. Trewinnard and J. Lorkin, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Saturday, the 24th April, present:—Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Byng S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Trewinnard S.D., Williams J.D., J. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Spencer, Brasted, Houghton, H. Hall, Fysh, Harris, T. S. Clarke, R. P. Forge, Catlin, Woodman, Lardner, Weeden, Gilham, R. Defriez, Marsh, Bradley, Hoare, Isaac, Mackey, J. Millington, McMillan, Osborn, &c. The Fifteen Sections were worked, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., as well as to those members who assisted in working the sections. Bros. R. J. Harris Concord 1163, T. S. Clarke Navy 429, Lewes 1209, R. P. Forge Beadon 619, Catlin Henry Muggerridge 1679, Marsh Lobanon 1326 were elected members.

St. John's Lodge, No. 221.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st April, at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton. Henry Mead W.M., Thomas Whitaker as S.W., Jabez Boothroyd J.W., John Isherwood as S.D., Edwin Melrose J.D., G. R. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Treas., Thomas Mitchell Sec., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G.D. D.C., A. Cosgrave Steward, P. Staton Organist, Visitors:—Ellis Jones, St. Davids Lodge, Manchester, and J. T. Hooper P. Prov. G. Treasurer. The ballot resulted in favour of Mr. Elliston, theatrical manager, who was initiated by Bro. Nicholson P.M., the charge being given by Bro. Brockbank senior Past Master. The attendance of the brethren was requested at a meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge East Lancashire, at Oldham, on the 5th May, after which Lodge was closed.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. Charles Oades I.P.M. as W.M., Charles Stephens S.W., S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, F. J. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler J.D., D. H. Witherington D.C., Blackwell, Butler, and Moffatt Stewards, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Bradley P.G. Sec., and J. Long 663; Bros. G. Webb, H. G. Armstrong, W. Hart, J. R. Hayward, J. E. Sydenham, D. Webb, C. G. Hawkes; Visitors—Bros. B. Hunn Loyalty 1533, J. Watts Loyalty 1533, Samuel Morgan Royal Alfred 780. In consequence of the

illness of the W.M., the I.P.M. Bro. C. Oades occupied the chair. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. William Sherwood and John Thomas Dodd were balloted for and duly elected. Mr. Edmund Chamberlain jun., elected at the regular Lodge, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Messrs. Sherwood and Dodd were also initiated. The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Committees of the Reading Lodges, held on the 10th inst., in which it was unanimously recommended—"That the sum of twelve pounds be paid by each Lodge towards the expenses of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge held in November last." It was moved by Bro. Stevens S.W., and seconded by Bro. Ferguson S.D.—"That the recommendations of the Permanent Committees be complied with." Carried. The Secretary read a letter he had received from the Prov. G. Secretary, stating that the R.W. P.G.M. had appointed the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as V.W. D.P.G.M. for Berks and Bucks, in the place of the Ven. the Dean of York, who had resigned. After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was closed.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday, 21st April. Bros. J. Hurdle J.D. 1348 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. Hemming 1287 J.W. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. J. Smith, G. A. Cunday, J. G. Langdon, C. Child, H. Richards, J. Saal, and Docker. Second Lecture: Bros. Blundell, W. C. Smith, J. Paul, E. Farwig, and H. Woods. Third Lecture: Bros. J. Hemming, D. M. Belfrage, and H. Richardson.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th April. Bros. Wardell W.M., Smyth S.W., Clark J.W., Forss S.D., Greenwood I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Fraser, Dallas, C. Lorkin, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fraser candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wardell assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Forss the second section. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to first. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on 21st April, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion Hotel, Poppins Court, Fleet-street, Bros. R. P. Tate W.M., Brocklehurst S.W., Collinson J.W., Pate S.D., Abell J.D., Fox I.G., Long Preceptor, Hyde, Brown, Marston, Gladwell, and others. The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Gladwell having offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising completed. The three sections of the lecture were worked by Brother Fox. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. Brocklehurst having been appointed W.M. for that night fortnight, the Lodge was closed.

On 28th April, Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., R. P. Tate S.W. 862 S.W., J. S. Brown J.W. 862 J.W., Gush I.G. 1541 S.D., Lardner S.W. 1745 J.D.; Past Master Bros. Abell 1599 and William Long 1435 Preceptor; Bros. Hide, Marston, Drury, Pate, F. Brown, Hallam, Gladwell, Brocklehurst, Collinson, Larchin, Tolmie, S. Brown, Irving, and others. The Fifteen Sections were worked, and a vote of thanks was accorded to, and honorary membership conferred upon the W.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties. Four new members were elected. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Wednesday, 5th of May, at 8 o'clock p.m., when Bro. Brocklehurst of the mother Lodge will preside.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Bros. G. Mayer Cooke W.M., D. Argyll S.W., Rohns J.W., Wohlgenuth P.M. Treas., W. Platt P.M. Sec.; P.M.'s W. Smeed P.P.G.W. Middlesex, McIlwham, W. Waghorn, Whitley, Johnson, Dr. J. Pope, T. Price, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The auditor's statement showed a good sum in hand in favour of the Lodge. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Smeed, who kindly undertook the duty of installing Bro. Dan. Argyll S.W. and W.M. elect, which ceremony he rendered on this occasion as on many former ones, to the satisfaction of the brethren and visitors. On the re-admission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. G. M. Cooke I.P.M., Rohns S.W., Skinner J.W., Wohlgenuth P.M. Treasurer, W. Platt P.M. Secretary, Aston S.D., Russell J.D., Beard I.G., G. Parkes D.C., Akerman W.S., Gorwood Organist, and Stead Tyler. The W.M., in eloquent terms, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. G. M. Cooke I.P.M. with a very excellent gold P.M. jewel with suitable inscription; also a Life Subscription to the Masonic Charities; and likewise his portrait, artistically painted, for the valuable services rendered by him during his year of office. Bro. Cooke appropriately replied, and thanked the brethren for their valuable presents; he hoped to be among them for many years as a Past Master of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present especially receiving acknowledgment. Bro. G. M. Cooke in an able manner proposed the health of the W.M. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Gallant P.M. 813. Among this body were Bros. Triggs, Smeed jun. (Leigh Lodge), Smeed (Royal Commemoration Lodge), Forge, Page, C. Holland, T. Jacobs,

Jones, Baker, &c. The health of the P.M.'s, Wardens, and Officers was not overlooked, and the Tyler's toast in due course was given. A very harmonious evening was passed, Bros. T. Price, Smeed jun., and G. Parkes contributing to the harmony.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—J. Early Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D., C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., R. C. Prickett Stwd., W. Hickie Org., T. Newman I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. W. G. Flanagan and J. T. Brown. Members—Bros. Wort, Pulley W.M. 1436, Weatherhead, Collins, Ravenscroft, Vowles, Rhind, Moule and Titcombe. Visitors—Bros. B. H. Heathcote 447, C. G. Butler 414, J. E. Sydenham 414, A. Wilkins 359, C. G. Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Wort and Titcombe gave proof of their efficiency in a very satisfactory manner, they were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bros. Wort and Titcombe were raised, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., who gave the charge and lecture in full. The vocal and instrumental music, under the conduct of Bro. Hickie, considerably heightened the effect. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the report of the Joint Committee of the two Lodges was read, and it was unanimously agreed that the extra expense of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge in November last should be borne by the two Lodges equally. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 27th April. Bros. P.M. Myers W.M., P.M. Cundick S.W., W. J. Smith S.W. 860 J.W., P.M. Musto I.P.M., Friedeburg W.S. 1349 I.G.; also Bros. McDonald, Rawe, White, Cope, Brown, Sadler, Ives, Seymour-Clark, Davis, Watkins, Butler, Andrews, Prosser, Pavitt, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the following sections were worked by the brethren:—First, Seymour-Clark; second, McDonald; third, Musto; fourth, Andrews; fifth, Cundick; sixth, Friedeburg; seventh, McDonald; eighth, Andrews; ninth, Musto; eleventh, Smith. Lodge was resumed to first degree, when Bro. P.M. Cundick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. P.M. Myers for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the sections. The brethren who had assisted were complimented, the answers requiring no dictation. Such a specimen of working is seldom to be witnessed as that displayed by those who took part on this occasion. The Officers were clothed in new aprons, collars and jewels, and this added greatly to the effect. Bro. Friedeburg W.S. 1349 was elected a member. On Tuesday next we recommend a visit to this Lodge of Instruction, when that excellent worker Bro. P.M. Cundick will preside. We wish him a successful meeting.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—On Monday, 19th April, at the Pembury Tavern, Amburst-road, Hackney. Bros. Droscher W.M., J. Garrod S.W., Martin J.W., R. Olley S.D., Blackburn I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor, also Bro. Finch. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blackburn candidate. Bro. Droscher then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Finch. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Droscher was raised. The Lodge was regularly closed. Bro. Garrod was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Droscher for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair, it being his first time in the same.

On 26th April, present:—Bros. Garrod W.M., R. Olley S.W., Droscher J.W., Finch S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Martin I.G., C. Lorkin Preceptor; Blackburn, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blackburn acting candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd April, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present:—Bros. Benjamin Turner W.M., J. E. Shand S.W., J. Hutchinson J.W., B. H. Swallow P.M. P.S.G.D. Midd. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, J. Waugh S.D., J. Hammond J.D., J. Hancock W.M. 1687 Steward, Pratt I.G., Potter Tyler. Members:—Bros. J. C. Ward, Blackford, H. Bonham, Ince, E. C. Woodward, Smith, Eastgate, Day, &c. Visitors:—Bros. M. Crook 1614, W. Blackford 55, J. Johnson jun. 55, E. Tabernacle 1288, J. Shenton 55, Seymour Smith, &c., &c. Mr. Philip Haudley C. O'Farrell was duly initiated. Bro. Francis Cox, having answered the usual questions, was passed, and Bros. May, Stevens, Cloets, Line, and Wenn, were in due form raised to degree of M.M. The resignation of two brethren was received with regret, and one was placed upon the country list. Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until September. The brethren, about 45 in number, sat down to a capital dinner, served by Bro. Nichols, in the Café Royale, the W.M. giving the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Singing and pianoforte accompaniments rendering the evening very enjoyable.

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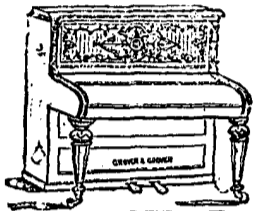
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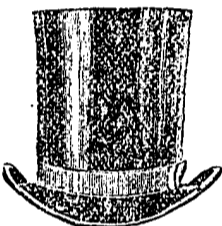


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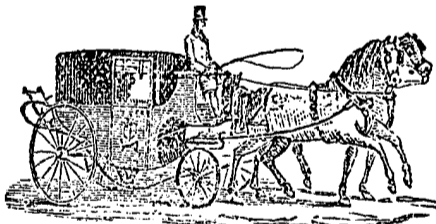
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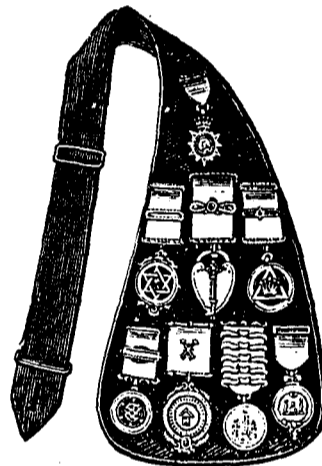
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