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THE LATEST DENUNCIATION OF FREEMASONRY.

ACCORDING to an account published in a comparatively recent number of the *Boston Herald*, of the proceedings on the 25th March of the United States Anti-Masonic Convention, the gentlemen composing that body—both reverend and non-reverend—have been enjoying themselves amazingly at the expense, primarily, we presume, of our United States brethren, and, in the next place, of all other brethren wheresoever they may be scattered throughout the world. In the most violent and appalling terms they have been attacking wholesale the tenets, or what they imagine to be such, of our Society, and all other Societies which meet together in private have come in for their share of the denunciation. We have been at the pains of re-producing the principal resolutions adopted on the occasion referred to, and, as we are told in the opening remarks of the reporter, that this particular gathering of the so-called "National Christian Association" had a more numerous attendance than that which preceded it during the forenoon of the same day, we are waiting with some curiosity—though to our shame perhaps be it said, without the slightest fear and trembling—to hear what, if any, effect has been produced on the 600,000 brethren who constitute our Fraternity in the land of the Stars and Stripes. We take leave to mention to our readers that this Association is a reality. It has a president, a secretary, an assistant-secretary, and as many as twenty-two vice-presidents, several of these last and the assistant-secretary being described as "reverends." The account is wisely silent as to the number of members which, having regard to the circumstance already noted, that the attendance in the afternoon of the day in question was larger than it had been in the morning, may, possibly, amount to as many or twice as many more; or, it may be, as in the case of the late Artemus Ward's regiment of volunteers, the zeal of all is so nearly equal, that all are commanding officers, the president being nothing more than *primus inter pares*, the secretary his *alter ego*, and the moving spirit of the latter the assistant-secretary. All this, however, being mere conjecture, let us turn our attention to the principal resolutions which were discussed and adopted, though, before doing so, it is only just we should mention that letters of sympathy are reported to have been read from Charles Francis Adams, the Rev. J. D. Fulton, and Wendell Phillips, while the statesman, the Hon. J. G. Blaine, wrote for the purpose of declaring that he was not a member of any secret society—a declaration which appears to have been received with much satisfaction and to have been regarded as though—why we are at a loss to understand—equivalent to an expression of hostility towards Freemasonry and all other similar bodies. Having thus given the Association the full benefit of all the strength they are fairly entitled to claim, let us now take the principal resolutions and deal with them severally in the order in which they are published.

The preamble states that secret societies in general, and Freemasonry in particular, "promote class hostility, interfere with justice and elections, restrain free speech, largely control the press, ensnare the pulpit, excite un-Christian ambition," and is, in short, utterly subversive of all that just and proper men hold dearest; and this being so, it is not surprising that the first resolution agreed to should have contained the proposition that all secret societies "ought to be abated as public nuisances," and doubtless

had this so-called Christian Association the power, we should have been told in the same sentence, "and they are abated as such accordingly." It is on record in the history of our country, that when about the middle of the seventeenth century, a certain Oliver Cromwell adopted a resolution to the effect that the famous Long Parliament, or what remained of it, was a public nuisance, he went down with a company or two of his soldiers, told one of them to take away "that bauble"—the ensign of the House's authority—sent the members away, locked the door, put the key into his pocket, and then went home to dinner at Whitehall. But such an act of summary procedure happens but once or twice in a nation's lifetime, and as the whole of this self-constituted association, even if multiplied a hundredfold, would be incapable of accomplishing the hundredth part of what one of "Old Noll's" Ironsides would have done offhand, as a kind of stimulant to his next meal, we do not fancy this denunciation and the accompanying resolution will have much effect on the fortunes of Freemasonry. Even the Antediluvian Buffaloes, and the Odd Fellows, and the other bodies which are thus denounced, as the *Boston Herald* puts it, in such "scathing terms," can afford to smile at such silly objurgations. If it has survived the anathemas of Popes, cardinals, and bishops, to say nothing of the Anti-Masonic prejudices in the States of half a century since, it need not fear the scathing petulance of this present Association, which in ridiculous arrogance has outdone the world-famed Tailors of Tooley Street, when they proclaimed themselves the people of England. But though it may seem hardly worth while to condescend to argument about a self-evident proposition, let us glance cursorily at the different reasons stated, why, in the opinion of this particular convention, Freemasonry should be abated as a public nuisance. In the first place, in the proper sense of the word, it is not a secret society at all. Its principles are open to the investigation of all the world; anybody in this country who is so minded may for the modest sum of eighteen-pence become the possessor of our Constitutions or laws. There, at all events, he will find that so far from it being the case that Freemasonry promotes "class hostility," its chief aim is to bring all classes together and unite them by the common bond of brotherhood. So far from interfering with "justice and elections," it studiously omits having anything whatever to do with them. Instead of restraining "free speech," it encourages it, though at the same time it never descends to the ignominious license of wholesale condemnation of others. Freemasons, being wise in their generation, remember how little harm was done by the wholesale cursing in the "Jackdaw of Rheims." They are frequently assailed, but they content themselves with repelling and showing the injustice of the assaults. They are not desirous of interfering with other people, leaving it to them to settle with their conscience whether what they do is just or the reverse. What is meant by "ensnaring the pulpit" we are at a loss to understand. They do not molest the minister of religion in his sacred calling, nor does it ever occur to them to inquire what tenets he may profess. They are essentially unsectarian, only requiring that members of their Society shall acknowledge a Supreme Being. This, in the opinion of the Anti-Masonic Convention, may tend to destroy Christian fellowship and morality, but if so, the initiative taken by Freemasons in recognising religious freedom has been followed, in England at all events, by the legislature of the kingdom. It is only about half a century since that the battle of Roman Catholic Emancipation was fought and won, and still more recently have

the disabilities of the Jews been removed: But it does not need much study of Masonic history to become aware of the fact that what the British Legislature has done thus tardily, was done from the very first by Freemasonry, as it has been constituted since 1717. The essentially Christian character of our old legends was modified in such a manner that Masonry became a platform on which men without distinction of religious faith might meet together, and grasp the hand of good fellowship. If the Association meant to imply that the adoption of this liberal platform has degraded Christianity, it follows inferentially that the only way of remedying the mistake and putting an end to its sad consequences, will be to return once again to the old sectarian order of things, and resume the policy of bigotry and narrow-mindedness, which, in these days, is considered so dangerous to both the national and international well-being of communities. We do not think there are many people who will agree with this Convention as to the desirability of committing so grave an error. We are sure the policy of retrogression will find no advocates in this country or in the United States, for both have derived far too many solid advantages from a policy of progress. As to our oaths and obligations, they are no more subversive of true religion than oaths of allegiance, or oaths taken in a court of justice; and there is this to be said in their favour, that they are always taken voluntarily. No one is even asked, much less forced, to become a Freemason, and hence those who take on themselves our obligations do so of their own motion.

In the next resolution it is laid down that "Freemasonry is the Lodge citadel" and if it falls, the minor secret societies must fall likewise. This may or may not be intended as a compliment to our Society, but the proposition as stated involves most decidedly what is known as a *non sequitur*. Freemasonry stands alone in this respect, that it is not, and never was intended to be, anything like a benefit society, whereas we believe we are justified in saying that other secret or so-called secret bodies either possess that character or are intended for social enjoyment. We do not doubt there are many who seek admission into our ranks because they think it will be in some way or other to their advantage, as there are many who profess this or that form of religion without ever troubling themselves to act up to its tenets. This, however, is one of the misfortunes to which Freemasonry in common with all other human institutions is liable. These cases, moreover, are the exceptions which prove the rule in force among us, namely, that men who seek to join us do so without ulterior motive, and with no desire to benefit by so doing. We venture to say the benefits of initiation would be withheld from any who were biassed in their wish to come among us.

The third proposition is to the effect that a professed Christian who is a member of one of our Lodges, "thereby practically denies Christ." We have no desire to enter into anything like argument over a statement such as this. We are content with asking this simple question. Does any one really believe that the present Bishops of Meath and Peterborough, a former Archbishop of Canterbury and a former Bishop of Salisbury, to say nothing of the other very Rev. and Rev. gentlemen, who are or have been Freemasons, are on that account less of Christians than these Rev. members of this "National Christian Association?" We are not disposed to speak harshly of people who, albeit somewhat bigoted, are doubtless privately very good fellows, but were we so disposed, we might point out that this ridiculous proposition carries on the face of it its own refutation. It would be no more unreasonable to suggest that a Christian baker or licensed victualler who sold his goods to the hungry or thirsty Jew "thereby practically denied Christ."

We will not dwell on the next resolution, warning Christians against joining such an association or advising them, if they have done so already, to at once sever their connection with it. If a Christian who is a Mason denies Christ, then it follows he should give up his Masonry; and others, knowing the unchristian character of our Society, should hold aloof from us; and the same remarks apply to the Jew or member of any other religious faith who is or is not a Mason. But if the former proposition is untrue, then there is no need for him to abandon or avoid us. Nor need we lay particular stress on what follows. We say advisedly that Freemasons do not "secretly practise religious ceremonies, and secretly inculcate religious teachings," unless paying respect to the Supreme Being, much

in the same way as well-ordered people invoke a blessing on the food His bounty has provided, is equivalent to one or other or both of such practices.

No. 6 declares that a member of an oath-bound secret association should be disqualified from holding any office in a free government. Now we know, as regards our Society—whatever may be the case with other societies—that a man's Masonry has no influence whatever on his politics. In the great civil war between the Northern and Southern sections of the United States there were Freemasons in both camps. They manfully did their several duties, or what they conscientiously believed to be their duties, and the only influence which Freemasonry exercised was in mitigating the severities and horrors of civil strife. But let us take a case or two nearer home. Is there a single Englishman, capable of formulating a reasonable opinion, who thinks the Earl of Carnarvon was less capable or less likely to fulfil his duties as a Colonial Minister because he happened to be Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England? Will the affairs of the Indian Empire be worse conducted by the Marquis of Hartington because he is the Provincial chief of the Derbyshire Freemasons? Or will the honour and integrity of Old England be less safe in the hands of Earl Granville, because years ago, when a student at Oxford, he sought acceptance as a member of our Fraternity? We might go on multiplying cases, and ask if the Grand Master of Ireland was, as a Mason, a less worthy and efficient viceroy of that portion of the United Kingdom; if his successor, who is an English Mason, was less capable and conscientious; and if it will make the slightest difference, socially, politically, and religiously, to the British Empire, that Earl Cowper, the new Viceroy of Ireland, is also a Freemason? We will only, however, mention the name of one whose memory is and ever will be held sacred by all citizens of the United States—that of the illustrious, God-fearing patriot, George Washington. Are the reverend and other members of the "National Christian Association" prepared to say that the very man to whom under Providence they owe their independence, was disqualified as a Freemason from holding any office whatever in a free government? The truth is, we are non-political in the sense in which we are a non-religious body. Just as we accept all candidates regardless of their religious views, and forbid all religious discussion in our Lodges, so we accept men whether they be Whig or Tory, Republican or Democrat, and are as sternly opposed to the consideration in Lodge of political as of religious questions.

Three principal resolutions remain, but they will not occupy us long. In the first, "all seceding and renouncing Masons" are urged to "make public confession of the secret order whereby they were ensnared;" and this, they are given to understand, is "a duty" they owe "to society and God." Now, as we have pointed out already, no one is ever "ensnared" by Freemasonry, because no one becomes a member except by his own free, unbiassed will and of his own motion. And then to tell people it is "a duty to society and God"—"God" being, of course, of inferior consequence to "society"—to go out of their way to commit perjury! An oath or obligation extorted, as in the old days of the Inquisition, under fear of death or torture, would not, in the estimation of most people, have any value; but it is something quite different, when ministers of religion step forward and advise people deliberately to violate an obligation they have contracted of their own free will. The penultimate resolution is somewhat to the same purport, and lays it down that a Mason is relieved from his bond because of its barbarous oaths, in accordance with the dictum of a late Boston minister, and not only so, but that it is his duty to expose its enormities. The last resolution invites the co-operation and prayers of all Christians in order to upset the Lodge system as "corrupting to the Church, and so baneful in its influence upon the family relation." There are not a few sections and subdivisions of the Church, to say nothing of the Jews, Mahomedans, Buddhists, &c., and therefore we should like to know, before going further, over which "Church" Freemasonry exercises so baneful and corrupting an influence, and also in what manner it is hurtful to the family relation. In the case of a society whose leading principles are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, those who observe them scrupulously will certainly not do any harm to family or other relations. We trust the members of this Convention will learn something of our principles before they again think of anathematizing us.

It is our duty to add that in the evening of the same day

was held in the Music Hall an exhibition, at which some 600 or 800 persons were present, including a few ladies, there being also a very respectable police force on duty for the preservation of order. The majority of the spectators had come evidently, says the *Boston Herald*, to enjoy the fun, and lest the actors might be exposed to a fire of eggs and other disagreeable missiles, none were allowed to seat themselves in the balcony. After a certain Professor Blanchard, of Wheaton College, had occupied three-quarters of an hour in denouncing and exposing the horrors of Freemasonry, a Mr. Edward Ronayne set himself to the task of exposing the mystery of conferring the Master Mason's degree, but he was inaudible, owing to the laughter, shuffling of feet, &c. &c. of the audience. Then an "elderly gentleman, tall of stature, and possessed of lungs so powerful as to cause a drill sergeant among the police to turn green with envy," essayed to speak, but only a few of his sentences were heard, at intervals. Mr. Ronayne then reappeared and went through the ceremony of conferring the third degree, which, from its exciting character, appears to have been mistaken by those present for a wrestling match. At length the candidate, or "victim," as he is called, was disposed of and duly "laid out and covered with a pile of chairs," when the scene closed, the audience left, and "the 'Christian gentlemen' who conducted the show, after calling at the box-office and receiving their share of the gate-money"—the men had been charged what is equivalent to a shilling of our money for admission—"were escorted out of the building by the police through the rear entrance."

Many will say we should treat this "exposure" with contempt, but the whole thing is so ridiculously funny that we could not leave it unnoticed; nor must it be forgotten that Freemasonry is bound to stand always on the defensive. Though this kind of denunciation is not very terrible, the cursing we are subjected to in other quarters is not without its influence on the weak-minded.

We append the resolutions referred to:—

Whereas, secret societies, and especially Freemasonry, promote class hostility, interfere with justice and elections, restrain free speech, largely control the press, ensnare the pulpit, excite unchristian ambition, bring professed Christian men into confidential relations with bad men, degrade the sacred name of brother, tend to destroy Christian fellowship and morality, require oaths and other obligations that are contrary to the Bible, and hinder the progress of pure religion; therefore—

Resolved, 1. That all secret societies ought to be abated, as public nuisances.

2. That Freemasonry is the Lodge citadel, and with its fall the minor secret orders will go down.

3. That a professed Christian who remains an adhering member of a Masonic or Odd Fellow's Lodge thereby practically denies Christ.

4. That we warn all Christians not now connected with a secret Lodge to continue free, and we entreat all who are bound to forsake the hidden works of darkness and turn away from such unholy associations.

5. That membership in secret societies ought to be regarded as a disqualification for membership in Christian churches, because such societies secretly practise religious ceremonies, and secretly inculcate religious teachings.

6. That members of oath-bound secret combinations are thereby disqualified to hold any office whatever in a free government.

7. That it should be urged upon all seceding and renouncing Masons, as a duty to society and God, to make public confession and exposure of the secret order whereby they were ensnared.

8. That this convention fully concurs in the deliberately expressed opinion of the late Rev. Nathaniel Colver of Boston, that the vicious character of Masonry and its guilt-concealing and barbarous oaths are such as not only to release all men from their bonds, but also to lay upon them the solemn obligations to tear off its covering and expose its enormity.

9. That we invite the co-operation and prayers of all Christians for the overthrow of the Lodge system, as corrupting to the church and so baneful in its influence upon the family relation.

The Installation ceremony will be rehearsed in the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday next, 27th inst., at 6.30 p.m., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., by Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. 720. Brethren are cordially invited to support our worthy brother on this occasion.

We are requested to announce that the installation ceremony will be rehearsed in the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, No. 765, held at Bro. Meacock's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on Friday, the 28th May, by Bro. J. Perkins W.M. 765, who will be supported by Bros. J. Davison P.M. 299 Preceptor, W. Pennfather P.M. 879 Secretary, and many brethren from the mother Lodge.

R. M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held yesterday (Friday), at the Freemasons' Tavern, London. Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, having declared the meeting open, it was proposed and carried unanimously that Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, take the chair.

Bro. Terry then read a letter received from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, stating that the M.W.G.M. approved of the 23rd February 1881 as the date of the Annual Festival of the Institution.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting were taken as read, and then the Secretary presented the Annual Reports of the Audit Committee and Committee of Management, which were unanimously approved and adopted, these were as follow:—

REPORT.

In presenting the Annual Report to the Governors and Subscribers, the Committee of Management have much pleasure in congratulating them upon the continued prosperity of the Institution, evidenced by the large amount of donations collected by the Stewards at the Festival, which, by command of the Patron, H.H.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., was held on the 9th February last, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, supported by a Board of 230 Stewards, who brought in no less a sum than £12,280. The Committee tender their warmest thanks to the Earl of Zetland for his kindness in taking upon himself the arduous task of Chairman upon the occasion, and also to the brethren who so nobly exerted themselves to raise this large amount.

In May 1879 there were 145 male and 145 female annuitants upon the fund; to-day, waiting election, there are 31 men and 48 widows.

Since the last election 17 men and 16 widows have died, and the Committee, naturally being desirous of extending the benefits of the Institution as widely as they prudently can, have determined not only to fill up these vacancies, but to add 15 additional annuitants (viz., five men and ten widows) upon the already large list of recipients, so that after to-day there will be 150 males and 155 females upon the funds, the total amount of whose annuities will reach £10,960. There are also 20 widows receiving £20 each per annum (being half the amount of their late husband's annuity) making the total payment £11,360 in annuities alone, without the ordinary and necessary working expenses.

The Committee venture to think that the following figures may not be without interest, as showing the growth of the Institution during the past nine years:—

	Male Annuitants.		Female Annuitants.		Total annual amount paid.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
1872	114	£2,954	78	£1,950	£4,914
1873	115	4,140	81	2,268	6,408
1874	120	4,320	88	2,484	6,804
1875	130	4,680	98	2,744	7,424
1876	130	4,680	113	3,164	7,844
1877	144	5,760	127	4,064	9,824
1878	145	5,800	134	4,288	10,088
1879	145	5,800	145	4,640	10,440
1880	150	6,000	155	4,960	10,960

With these figures before the donors and subscribers, the Committee leave the support of the Institution in future with greater confidence to the liberality of the Craft, feeling assured that the work thus being done must commend itself to its favourable consideration and sympathy.

It will thus be seen that the Institution is in a most prosperous condition, mainly owing to the continued exertions of the Secretary, Bro. Terry, whose untiring energy and zeal for its welfare is deserving of the highest praise. Since his accession to office, the income of the Institution has steadily increased, for whereas in 1874 the sum announced at the Annual Festival was £5,176, the amount has risen in 1880 to the above-mentioned sum of £12,280; and your Committee tender its best thanks to Bro. Terry for his great efforts in bringing about such a glorious result.

To Grand Lodge the Committee again renew their thanks for the grant of £70, enabling them to provide the residents of the Institution with coals during the inclemency of the winter months.

The Institution at Croydon is in a thorough state of repair, but the time will shortly arrive when the usual painting and renovations will have to be attended to.

The health of the residents is, as usual, well cared for by H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D., the Honorary Surgeon, to whom they accord their heartiest thanks for his kindness and attention.

An offer having been made by R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., to attend to the ailments of the non-resident annuitants without fee, the Committee accepted this generous offer with their warmest thanks, and appointed him an Honorary Surgeon, and they have reason to know that in many instances his attention has been of great service to those who have needed his care.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March 1880, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:—

MALE FUND.		
Balance 31st March 1879	.	£2,921 10 11
RECEIPTS.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	500 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	100 0 0	
Do Lodges, Chapters and Individuals	6,691 5 2	
Annual Subscriptions do	973 16 0	
Dividends on Stock in the Govern- ment Funds	1,879 2 1	
Rent of Field	9 0 0	
Cash withdrawn from Call	1,500 0 0	
Interest on Cash at Call	6 9 0	
		11,659 12 3
		£14,581 3 2

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuityants	5,560 0 0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	352 10 0	
Collector—Commission	121 13 0	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Secretary—Provincial Expenses	44 12 11	
Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Warden at Institution	20 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gar- dener's salary	54 12 0	
Rates and Taxes, at Institution	29 16 10	
Repairs and Furniture do	15 8 4	
Law Charges	4 14 6	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	47 12 10	
Advertisements	9 4 0	
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	164 7 10	
Petty Expenses	13 16 4	
Entertainment of Stewards and An- nuityants	34 8 7	
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19 16 0	
Balance—Building Gardener's Lodge and Greenhouse	51 1 11	
Gardening Expenses	5 15 1	
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2 12 6	
Rent of Office	18 0 0	
Rent of Field at Croydon	16 18 10	
Placed at Call	1,500 0 0	
Purchase of Stock	2,431 17 6	
Brokerage and Powers of Attorney	21 13 2	
		£10,558 2 2
Balance on this Fund		£4,023 1 0

WIDOWS' FUND.		
Balance 31st March 1879	.	£3,252 0 5
RECEIPTS.		
Donation from Grand Lodge	300 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	50 0 0	
Do Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	4,796 10 6	
Annual Subscriptions	762 12 6	
Dividends on Stock in the Govern- ment Funds	1,059 6 11	
Rent of Field	9 0 0	
Cash withdrawn from Call	1,500 0 0	
Interest on Cash at Call	6 9 0	
		8,483 18 11
		£11,735 19 4

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Annuityants	4,741 0 0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	352 10 0	
Collector—Commission	99 1 0	
Messenger	5 0 0	
Secretary—Provincial Expenses	44 12 10	
Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Matron do	50 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gar- dener's Salary do	28 12 0	
Rates and Taxes do	29 16 8	
Repairs and Furniture do	15 8 4	
Law Charges	4 14 6	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	47 12 11	
Advertisements	9 4 0	
Postages, &c. including expenses of Election	151 4 4	
Petty Expenses	13 16 5	
Entertainment of Stewards and An- nuityants	34 8 7	
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19 16 0	
Balance—Building Gardener's Lodge and Greenhouse	51 1 10	
Gardening Expenses	5 15 1	
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2 12 6	
Rent of Office	18 0 0	
Rent of Field at Croydon	16 18 8	
Placed at Call	1,500 0 0	
Purchase of Stock	2,431 17 6	
Brokerage and Powers of Attorney	15 2 6	
		£9,700 15 8
Balance on this Fund		£2,035 3 8

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.		
Balance 31st March 1879	.	£37 15 0
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds		58 15 0
		£96 10 0

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Repairs	48 6 1	
Brokerage and Powers of Attorney	1 4 0	
		49 10 1

Balance on this Fund - - - £46 19 11

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £8,105 4 7

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.		
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	500 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	100 0 0	
Dividends on £35,450 Stock in Government Funds	1,041 7 0	
		£1,641 7 0

WIDOWS' FUND.		
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	300 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	50 0 0	
Dividends on £21,075 Stock in Go- vernment Funds	619 1 10	
		969 1 10

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.		
Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds		30 0 0
Total Permanent Income		£2,640 8 10

Signed HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks,
Vice-President, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st May 1880.

Bros. T. Goode, W. Hale, Quitmann and J. Bulmer were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Management, caused by the retirement of old members, by rotation and otherwise.

The Auditors, Bros. H. Warren, A. H. Tattershall and R. B. Webster, were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

Scrutineers having been appointed, the Chairman announced that in consequence of deaths which had occurred among the annuityants, the number to be elected was twenty-two men and twenty-six widows; and further that since the issue of the balloting papers, five of the males and one female candidate had died. The election was then proceeded with, and the result, as given in another part of our columns, was announced shortly after six o'clock.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday, at Freemason's Hall. Bros. John M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn and James Brett being in the President's and Senior and Junior Vice-President's chairs respectively. After the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 2nd June, the brethren confirmed the grants and recommendations of grants made at last Lodge of Benevolence, to the amount of £405. The new list of applicants contained thirty-four names. Two cases were relieved with £100 each, two with £50 each, one with £40, one with £35, one with £30, three with £25 each, nine with £20 each, five with £15 each, and five with £10 each. Bro. Joshua Nunn read a letter which had been addressed by the Grand Secretary of Scotland to an English Mason who applied to the Lodge of Benevolence in Scotland for relief, referring the brother to the English Lodge of Benevolence, and stating that that was the plan adopted by the English Lodge of Benevolence when Scotch brethren asked them for assistance. Bro. Nunn stated the brethren at the table knew that this was not so, as applicants from Scotland, and all other places in the world, were never sent empty away from the English Lodge of Benevolence when they applied.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMB- BERLAND.

A CONVOCATION of this Grand Chapter took place on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of De Swinborn Chapter, No. 24; there was a very large attendance of Companions from all parts of the Province. Grand Chapter was opened by L. M. Cockcroft Prov. Grand Superintendent, who after the ordinary routine of business had been gone through, appointed the following Comps. as Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter:—Comps. Hotham H., J. Ridsdale J., Mean E., Loades N., T. Smith P.S., Underwood and W. S. Hughes A.S., John Spearman Registrar, R. L. Armstrong Treasurer, Bentham Sword Bearer, Horkins Standard Bearer, Montgomery Organist, G. W. Lax and G. Cockburn P.G. Stewards, Curry Janitor. P.G. Chapter was then closed in ample form.

THE WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

MAY, though a somewhat treacherous month in respect of its temperature, is, if true to its ancient fame, one of the brightest and most enjoyable months in the year. If people will only take reasonable precautions against the cold when the sun has sunk beneath the horizon, they may allow themselves almost any amount of latitude in the pleasure they propose to take. It is impossible that anything can be more enjoyable than the country at this season. Even the smoke of London has not yet had time enough to spoil the fresh bright verdure of our parks—the “lungs” of our metropolis, as they are wont to be called. The few fields and open green spaces in the suburbs which the encroaching tendencies of bricks and mortar have yet spared to us look joyous enough to make even the misanthrope sigh with regret over the memories of innocent and happy youthful days gone beyond the possibility of recall. The birds sing their spring carols with a rich energy which never tires. Gardens, though not as rich in bloom as they will be later, look as nearly as possible their very best, and he indeed must be incapable of satisfaction who cannot thoroughly enter into the spirit of happiness with which all nature, and all God's creatures seem imbued in the merry, merry month of May. And the May of this year of grace 1880 has been indeed a glorious one. A clear and cloudless sky, with plenty of warm sunshine, has been for the most part the order of the day this season, to the profit alike of the hardy sons of toil who seek, and those whose duty it is to purvey, amusement when occasion offers. No wonder then the reports we have gleaned from various quarters should point to an exodus of metropolitans from the grimy scenes of their labour which is almost without precedent. The railway officials must have been at their wits' end to accommodate the thousands and thousands of excursionists who thronged to the principal stations in and near London—on Monday especially—in order that they might spend that one of the four annual holidays, which the law allows, or custom sets apart, for rest from their daily toil, at some favoured inland or sea-side resort. The trains of the Great Western, London and North Western, Midland, Great Eastern, South Eastern, London Chatham and Dover, Brighton and South Coast, and the other Railway Companies, were laden with passengers, all, like dear old John Gilpin, on “pleasure bent.” The steamboats that ply to Greenwich, Gravesend, Southend, Margate and Ramsgate, were crowded; while those which journey above bridge to Kew, &c., were equally fortunate. The Crystal Palace, with its formidable array of attractions, secured an entry of over 50,000 visitors, while its rival at Muswell Hill, which opened again only on Saturday last, under the generous and energetic management of Mr. James Willing, was even more numerous crowded, some half dozen score less than 70,000 being the number who betook themselves thither for the purpose of assisting at the circus, concert, and other items of a most excellent programme. We feel it a duty specially to recognise the rare collection of animals, the Roman Chariot Races, the riding of Mrs. Rose Myers on her horse Cromwell, and other equestrians, and the other portions of the entertainment provided in the well-known Myers's Circus and Hippodrome. Kew Gardens and the “Zoo” were filled, the former with over 60,000, and the latter with almost half that number of admirers. The “People's William,” in his pleasant home at North Woolwich, had reason to congratulate himself that his efforts to please are appreciated as they deserve. The various museums had each of them a strong contingent of holiday folk, while the open country about Hampstead, Highgate, Epping Forest, Battersea, Finsbury, and Victoria Parks were also resorted to by a goodly company of people determined at all hazards to enjoy themselves. Even the indoor places of amusement were not without an attendance which must have been as gratifying as it was profitable. Though the times have been a little hard of late, there seems to have been no lack of money to spend both wisely and well, and we trust the outlay will bear fruit, and enable people to brace themselves up for a return with increasing vigour and energy to their daily business. True it is, that “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,” and though there is no end of stupid people who think the greatest amount of pleasure is derived from excessive eating and drinking, still it does not do to be too precise in these matters. If, when the day or two's enjoyment is at an end, the head is not as clear or the hand as steady as at ordinary times, if some folk have turned their holiday to account “not wisely, but too well,” as the saying is, let us hope they will be more fortunate next time.

A few particulars, however, are needed in order to complete this account of the holiday doings. It goes without saying that Madame Tassaud's exhibition is one of the most popular in London, and it is not to be wondered at that it received a considerable amount of patronage on Monday. The wax effigies of princes and statesmen and warriors, the room of horrors, Napoleon's carriage, and the other attractions to be seen here, draw wonderfully, especially when our country cousins have the opportunity of paying us a visit. The Polytechnic, too, with its models and diving bell, and a special provision of entertainment, found its share of admirers; so, too, the Westminster Aquarium, though not so numerous attended during the day as we have seen it, secured a good share of the public favour. Dr. Lynn, Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke, the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, and Mr. and Mrs. German Reed, each in their several ways and with their wonted success, contributed to the general enjoyment, while the attendance at the Tower was such that it was found impossible to admit all who presented themselves to see the regalia, the armouries, Traitors' gate, and the other wonders of that ancient building. The Mohawk Minstrels set themselves bravely to work, both on Monday and Tuesday, to cater for the public, and right glad must they have been, on Monday at all events, when the labours of the day were ended, and they were at liberty to enjoy that rest they had so justly earned. From one to two o'clock on the Bank Holiday they gave a part of their entertainment at the Westminster Aquarium. Then at their own Concert Room at the Agricultural Hall they had a specially arranged programme for 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and this was repeated on the day following at

the same hours, the attendance being most satisfactory. All went admirably well. Mr. Layton sang a new ballad—“We Two”—with great taste. Mr. W. Ray was, as usual, very funny in his comic refrain. Mr. Temple's admirable voice was heard to advantage in another new ballad “The Shady Lane.” The latest acquisition of the Mohawks, in the person of Master Rowland Howell, gave promise of unusual excellence. Mr. Chester (bass), Mr. Freeman (comic), Mr. Kavanagh (baritone) and Mr. Garland (tenor) all acquitted themselves well, Mr. Kavanagh in his new hunting song, and Mr. Garland in his new descriptive, being loudly and justly applauded. The principal features in the Second Part were firstly the breakneck song and dance entertainment of Messrs. Mason and Dixon, which, by its amazing vigour as well as novelty, it is no mere figure of speech to say brought the house down, and but that the laws of the Mohawks are as unalterable as those of the Medes and Persians would doubtless have been repeated. The glee as sung by the choir went beautifully, while Master Rowland Howell confirmed the good opinion formed of him by his earlier song, and rendered a pathetic plantation ballad, entitled “Poor Little Sue the Quadroon,” with exquisite feeling and taste. A travestie, entitled “The Dunites,” by “Joe (kin) Miller,” served as an exquisite finish to a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment. It is almost needless to say that Messrs. Hunter (Interlocutor), James and Will. Francis, and the other minstrels were in the best of form, while Mr. Mowbray fulfilled the duties of manager with great courtesy and kindness.

We have spoken of the efflux of metropolitans into the country, but it is only right that we should add that this drain on our popular resources was in a great measure counterbalanced by an influx of country folk from the principal towns in the Provinces, and it was these who took the opportunity of inspecting the treasures of our British Museum, National, and other picture Galleries, the varied display at the South Kensington Museum, &c., &c. Nor was it to have been expected that a Bank Holiday could be allowed to pass without one or more exhibitions of stupidity, the scene where these were held being Hyde Park. There, some 10,000 people with a score of hands assembled to consider the merits of Temperance, though why Hyde Park should be allowed by the authorities to be thus desecrated is a puzzle to all reasonable folk. There was also a “Tichborne demonstration,” at which about some 300 people made themselves ridiculous, and what was intended as a demonstration in honour of the Liberal victory at the general election turned out a complete failure, and very properly so. What have politics to do with holidays and a people seeking rational enjoyment? With these exceptions the Whitsun holidays seem to have passed off magnificently.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Antiquity Lodge, No. 146, Bolton.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th May, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw-gate, Bolton. Present:—Bros. James Dooley W.M., William Cooper S.W., George Taylor J.W., M. Burgess Sec., Jacob Rostron as S.D., James Galloway J.D., John Morris P.M. M.C., Frederick Williams I.G., James Kennedy Steward, H. Broughton Tyler. P.M.'s Horridge, Wide, and Ainsworth, and Bros. Skelton, Wild, Barton, and Rimmer. Lodge opened at 7 p.m. and the brethren confirmed the minutes of preceding meeting. Lodge was advanced to third degree, for practice, and was closed to the first, when one of the ancient charges was read. Mr. Arthur Jackson of Westbank, iron founder, was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, by Bro. John Morris P.M. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. J. Early Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D.; R. C. Prickett Steward, T. Newman I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Flanagan I.P.M., Welch, Brown, Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Wort, Rhind, Ravenscroft, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. R. Bradley P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, F. W. Albury 414, W. A. Hart 771. Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing-board in the first degree, which occupied just forty-eight minutes in delivering, the whole of the emblems were fully illustrated, and there was not a break from beginning to end. This is the first time since the formation of the Lodge that the whole of this beautiful lecture has been delivered here. After the introduction of the subject, the form or shape was described; the three reasons for its being holy ground; the situation of the Lodge, with its signification; the three grand pillars—Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty; the celestial canopy, with the three principal steps of Faith, Hope, and Charity; the ornaments, furniture, and jewels, both movable and immovable; the lewis and corners were all fully and accurately described. At the conclusion the brethren present showed their appreciation by acclamation. It is to be regretted that a greater number of members and friends were not in attendance to enjoy this treat. After proposal of candidates and the usual ceremonial, Lodge was closed and adjourned to 5th June, which will be the last meeting till October. We congratulate Bro. Danks on his erudition, and we trust his example will be followed by his successors.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, No. 1259.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst. Bro. H. J. Day occupied the chair, and was ably supported by the following brethren as Officers:—Bros. Rolfe sen. S.W., Esmond J.W., J. W. Davies S.D., Hellingford J.D., Morton I.G., Atkins W.M. 1259 I.P.M., Finch Preceptor, Buchan S.W. 1259 Secretary. There were also present Bros. Gilroy, Rolfe jun., Hancock

jun., Skinner, Keable, and Mooro P.M. 1259. Lodge opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and afterwards resumed, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rolfo jun. acting as candidate. Bro. Rolfo sen. was unanimously elected to fill the position of W.M. on the ensuing Friday evening, which will be the closing meeting of the season.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge, since the Installation meeting, was held on the 12th inst., at the Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping. With a degree of punctuality highly commendable Bro. C. Veal opened his Lodge at 5.30, and was well supported by his Officers. The Secretary, Bro. H. T. Hardy, was then called upon to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were capitally kept, and received confirmation. Bro. J. G. Twinn who was in attendance for the third degree, was tested as to his proficiency, and was entrusted, as also was Bro. A. S. Judd, of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421 (by the courtesy of the W.M., owing to that Lodge being in recess). Bros. Twinn and Judd were then raised to the degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being well and impressively rendered. Bros. C. Whybrow and W. McCreddie next received the benefit of advancement to the second degree, after having proved themselves worthy, and Lodge lowered. The brethren next discussed several matters of importance, including claims upon its Benevolence, on behalf of Bro. Longstaff, the aged Tyler, who we regret to learn has recently met with a serious accident, and requires the assistance of the brethren. The motion to remove the Lodge to a suitable place was next brought forward (having been postponed from a previous meeting), and after ample discussion it was unanimously determined to meet at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, kept by Bro. A. Kent. The W.M. having received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, the Lodge with all solemnity was duly closed. After the usual long interval to clear the Lodge room and lay the supper table therein, the brethren sat down to a well-served supper. After grace, Bro. Veal gave the health of Her Majesty the Queen, coupled with the Craft. Bro. Stephens having sung God save the Queen, the health of His Royal Highness was proposed, and met with the usual hearty reception. Bro. Couture having given a capital song, the Earl of Carnarvon P.G.M., Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, were duly honoured. A song from Bro. Whybrow, who possesses just the voice for the Village Blacksmith, here gave general satisfaction. Bro. P.M. Dawson, acting I.P.M., rose and said, the W.M. having entrusted me with the gavel, you, brethren, know full well for what purpose. It affords me much pleasure to congratulate our W.M., for the first time, upon the manner in which he has performed his duties, and his excellent working. I hope he will continue to have a great deal of work to do for the St. John of Wapping Lodge, and that you, brethren, will as cordially support him as you have done this evening. This was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. T. Willets (one of the founders of the Lodge) gave a musical rendering of the demise of Cock Robin, in which the brethren gave valuable impromptu assistance. Bro. Veal in reply asked what he could say in answer to a brother who had used such flattering remarks, or to the brethren for receiving them with such hearty approval? I can only thank you. I feel pleased I have given you satisfaction, and my earnest endeavours will be to deserve the appreciation you have all shown me, and I feel confident the brethren will do all in their power to render this a successful year. Nothing shall be wanting on my part to make it one, at the end of which I trust I shall again receive your approbation. Introducing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said this Lodge is never without Visitors, and I hope never will be. Although not so numerous as usual those present are very welcome, and are well known to you. Of my Brother E. Veal 145, I will not say much; he is an old warrior, as well as a Mason, and has fought well for his country. Bro. Judd I hardly call a visitor, having received at my hands his third degree this evening—he is heartily welcome. The capabilities of Bro. D. Durell are so well known to you all that I will not dilate upon them, except to hope we shall constantly see him amongst us. Bro. G. H. Stephens is also a favourite here. We are all pleased to have him present, and I am sure my successors will esteem his services to the St. John of Wapping Lodge as highly as I do. This toast having been drunk with a bumper, Bro. Stephens, who was called upon to respond to it, said he thanked the brethren for drinking to the toast of the Visitors in their usual hearty manner. They were all deeply impressed with the welcome offered them. For himself, it was always a pleasure to visit the St. John of Wapping Lodge, especially so to-night, when he saw proof that what he ventured to predict about the future of the Lodge was being amply verified. The promise of good working given by the brethren when occupying junior positions months ago was now being realised, and they had a W.M. and two Wardens who would be sure to do credit to themselves and the St. John's Lodge, whilst the other Officers had shown themselves up to their work, and justified the wisdom of Bro. Veal in selecting them to support him; he was sure they would join him in wishing prosperity to the St. John of Wapping Lodge. In giving the P.M.'s, Bro. Veal said—In our P.M.'s we have some jolly good fellows. All know Bro. Dawson, from his kind disposition; whether as I.G. or Deacon he is always willing to do service, and I have received many valuable hints from him. Bro. Beck's capabilities we all know; we trust him with our funds; and although this is not much, it is a position of honour and trust we are glad to see him fill. He was my father in Freemasonry, and I feel very glad to see him among us. Bro. Coleman, too, whose obliging disposition and harmonious way of assisting us make us hope to see all our P.M.'s many years with us. After replies from the Past Masters, the W.M. toasted the Officers, of whom he would say but little. He would endorse the kind remarks of Bro. Stephens concerning them, and was glad to see that his choice and their fitness for their several posts gave satisfaction. He then gave

a brief review of them. Bro. Magrath S.W. was working up well, and he hoped soon to see him in the same honourable position he held. Bro. Wooding J.W. was an industrious and very expert worker; were you to see him in Lodges of Instruction you would find hardly any ceremony was too much for him. I trust to see him as well as Bro. S.W. attain the highest position. Bro. Horsley S.D. was also a capital Officer, a Fifteen Section worker, and great things were expected of him. Bro. Tyer J.D. was initiated with him, and would have held the S.W. position but that his business forced him to retire some time from office. Bro. Tarling S.W. had an humble but important office to discharge; he was the best Wine Steward the Master had seen. Bro. Couture the D.C. was making himself proficient, only he was bashful. Bros. Haldon and Clement were evidently qualifying themselves for higher office. Bro. Magrath in reply said he thanked them for the reception given to this toast. If he had given Bro. I.P.M. Hayward satisfaction as J.W., he hoped to give Bro. Veal satisfaction now he was S.W. Bro. T. Wooding hardly knew how to thank them, but as long as he was an Officer of the Lodge they might rely upon his best endeavours. Bro. Horsley J.D. said, as one of the Officers of the Lodge he was determined to do all in his power, and that notwithstanding he had to travel 528 miles to do so. He had heard it said that "bad wishes come home to roost." To-night some good had come home to roost, although he thought they were not fully realised. An eminent sculptor once said, that in art a good deal depends upon the model, well, we have a good model in our W.M. After "Tom Tough" had been capitally sung by Bro. Judd, the Tyler's toast brought a memorable and successful evening to a close.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 18th May. This flourishing Lodge of Instruction, notwithstanding the holidays, met as usual; the chair was taken by P.M. Myers, who was supported by P.M. Musto and several other brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Loamo acting as candidate. The Lodge closed to the first degree, when Bro. Musto was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday, on which occasion sections only will be worked. Bro. Musto will be supported by P.M. Myers as S.W.; these brethren are sure to secure a good attendance. Any brother desiring to assist in a section will be allowed to do so, the indefatigable Preceptor being always pleased to aid those students who are aspiring to learn the sections. A list of the workers will appear in our next.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 13th May. Present:—Bros. H. Yonens W.M., Jones S.W., Fisher J.W., Seward S.D., Coop J.D., Bellerby I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas.; Bros. Porter, Gasson, Mitchell, Meadows, Mansfield P.M. 1137. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees; Bro. Meadows kindly volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. Meadows and Mitchell answered the questions leading to the third degree and retired. Lodge was opened in third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. Lodge was resumed to second degree, and closed to first degree. Bro. Mansfield expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for their kindness to him during his late severe illness. Bro. A. Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and having appointed his Officers in rotation, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

SOCIETY OF FRENCH CHEFS.

THE Annual Ball Des Jeune Artistes Culinaires was held, under the presidency of Bro. Penet and an efficient body of Stewards, on Thursday, 13th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, and was numerously attended. Bro. Grove Ellis conducted the band, which comprised many skilled musicians, and an excellent selection of music was provided. Bro. Johnson, as usual, made an efficient M.C. The company, numbering nearly 400, sat down to a most sumptuous and *recherché* supper, provided by Bro. A. Best and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The decorations, floral and artistic, with immense blocks of ice in pyramidal form, reflected credit on M. Burlet. The Stewards naturally pride themselves on their catering for their numerous visitors, but on this occasion they excelled themselves. Bro. Penet, the President, after the supper, proposed the health of the Queen and the Royal Family. Bro. W. C. Parsons returned thanks for the numerous visitors, remarking how delighted all were at the reception accorded them. He hoped to be present on many of their future gatherings. The toasts of the President, Vice President, and Stewards, and also the Ladies, were given and duly responded to, and then the company adjourned to the ball room, where dancing was kept up till the small hours had departed. Great credit is due to Bros. Penet and Burlet for their attention to the comfort of the visitors. The following comprised the Board of Stewards:—Bros. A. Penet President, Bohers Secretary, Burlet Treasurer, Ed. Lamoux, Bouyoud, Cossard, Ph. Terrollion, Boizot, Escarguel, Ennis, Ph. Desplace, Monet, Mathe, Oger, Thom-mire, A. Boëthch.

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SPECIAL.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

MALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

	Total votes polled.
1 Genese, Samuel	2163
2 Bennett, John	1968
3 Claisen, John William	1786
4 Jones, William	1523
5 Penotiere, William La	1514
6 Douglas, Henry	1505
7 { Helps, William John	1467
Morris Thomas S.	1467
9 Leaver, Jonathan	1273
10 Wood, William	1199
11 Highland James	1196
12 Herbert, Henry	1166
13 Lyon, John Hardman	1078
14 Booth, Edwin	1062
15 Kendall, Thomas	1041
16 Broadbent, Richard	969
17 Portlock, James	965
18 Hague, George V	930
19 Walker, Robert Cox	774
20 Flinn, John	772
21 Wauldby, James	415
22 Elliott, George	320

MALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

23 Mannington, John	157
24 Crisp, Joseph	35
25 Ensell, George	9
26 Docochar, John	7
27 Croft, William	2
28 Bennett, Joseph	Dead
29 Wilkinson, Samuel	Dead
30 Murnss, Edward	Dead
31 Emmerson, J	Dead

FEMALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

1 Bull, Elizabeth	1259
2 Pattison, Sarah	1105
3 Crispin, Martha	1091
4 Blake, Frances	1073
5 West, Mary Ann H	1039
6 Stafford, Jane	1029
7 Grace, Sarah W	1011
8 Maynard, Elizabeth T	973
9 Bamber, Hannah B	965
10 Hawkins, Ann	955
11 White, Sarah	928
12 Andrews, Susanna C	923
13 Dawson, Elizabeth	919
14 Candler, Louisa E	846
15 Rigby, Marianne	838
16 Palmer, Harriet	796
17 Hodgson Sarah Ellen	771
18 Peters Catherine	759
19 Child Elizabeth	721
20 Spencer Mary Ann	695
21 Dumper Ann	686
22 Dicker Ann	642
23 Prebble Ann Mary	632
24 Woods Sarah	597
25 Willis, Jane	597
26 Weeks Martha	545

FEMALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

27 Wright, Sarah	526
28 Eade, Hannah Betsy	503
29 Martin, Rebecca	476
30 Elliott, Isabella	454
31 Mongar, Elizabeth Mary	454
32 Allen, Sarah Ann	430
33 Miller, Maria	415
34 Lafittau, Eliza	404
35 Winter, Phillis	389
36 Isherwood, Elizabeth	377
37 Francis, Elizabeth	157
38 Rowell, Margaret	134
39 Crisp, Sarah Ann	127
40 Gambell, Naomi	83
41 Wakefield, Ann	70
42 Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann	62
43 Bentley, Mary Ann	43
44 Haberfield, Jane	29
45 Gregory, Eleanor	22
46 George, Hannah	21
47 Maddick, Jane	11

The thanks of the meeting was voted to the Scrutineers, and on motion it was resolved that the result be advertised as usual, and the report of the day's proceedings printed and circulated. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

RECOMPENSES OF MASONRY.

A MAN makes a grievous mistake who connects himself with the Masonic Brotherhood thinking thereby to obtain direct benefits of a tangible character. Indeed he does not fully appreciate the character of our Institution, nor is he actuated by the highest motive, unless he thinks of the good he may do to others by such an association with them, no less than of benefits which he may receive, and which are sought for by his selfish nature. A man who enters the Masonic Order only from the expectation of securing some material advantage—of being recompensed for his outlay of time and money by certain special and well defined benefits bestowed upon the outward life—will surely be disappointed; and very likely such an one will turn away in disgust from Masonic work and intercourse. He thought he was to join a society based upon selfishness; an organization the ministries of which were tangible and direct, and limited to its own members. To his surprise he finds the teachings of Masonry so broad as to inculcate charity and goodwill to all men, whilst he does not find provision made for supplying him with the specific aids which are the paramount objects of selfish desire.

It is not to be questioned, however, that Masonry has its recompenses. It proffers certain direct helps and benefits to its members which they have a right to rely upon; but its greatest benefits and rewards are intangible—they do not belong to the fulfilment of any specified pledges, nor are they to be reckoned among the things of outward good. Thus it may be said of Masonry that it recompenses every earnest and faithful brother for all that he gives and does in its behalf, in that it broadens his thought, quickens his affections, and enlarges his real life. Its philosophy and its symbolism; its moral and social atmosphere, tend to impart both strength and zest to the life. There is a *lifting* power in Masonry which we may reckon as among the leading benefits it bestows. Then there is found a blessed recompense in the very doing of Masonic work—the discharge of Masonic obligations. Masonry is a gospel of love, and its ministries are those of truth and affection, hence there is a delightful charm associated with its meetings and its work. Every well-instructed brother appreciates the blessedness which comes to him in doing the sacred work of benevolence, and in partaking of that sweet fellowship which is fostered by the genius of Masonry. The more of such work he does, and the more of such communions he is privileged to share, the greater is the recompense he receives. In the same line of bestowal mention may be made of those delightful and close friendships which grow out of Masonic relations and intercourse. It is in the Lodge that men are brought to understand each other, and opportunity is given for congenial minds to come into true and lasting companionship. So it is some of the most firm and lasting friendships have their origin; and in this way one of the indirect yet most blessed recompenses of Masonry is made apparent. Friendship imparts to life an exquisite sense of strength and pleasure, and we ought to appreciate any instrumentality that tends to the development of this royal quality. Most certainly Masonry has a ministry in this direction, and in its fulfilment it sends forth a sweet and gracious benediction.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

THE HORNS, KENNINGTON.

BROS. Smith and King, who are well known to our readers in connection with their city establishment—the Cannon, Cannon Street—have lately undertaken the management of the Horns Tavern at Kennington, and on Thursday, the 13th inst., were entertained there by numerous of their friends and connections in the trade. The special feature of the meeting was the celebration of the completion of the extensive improvements and decorations which they have had executed at great cost in the famous old hostelry, and the inauguration of their management with the expression of good wishes for its success on the part of a numerous body of sympathisers. To those who have had occasion to visit the establishment, or to note its appearance lately, no change could be more striking than that which has been made there. The work of renovation, restoration, or redecoration, which has been carried out in admirable taste, entitles the "Horns" to rank high among the most popular of suburban taverns, and its several departments are conducted in a manner that still further sustains the aim of the proprietors to earn for it that distinction.

The dinner was a very elegant one, and admirably served in the great hall of the tavern, which presented a most handsome appearance. Mr. Henry D. Rawlings presided, and a goodly company of the new manager's well-wishers was present. The principal toast of the day was "The health of Messrs Smith and King, the proprietors, and success to their undertaking," and it is needless to say it was received most cordially and as cordially responded to. We may add that the whole of the redecoration and other improvements made in the establishment have been carried out in a most efficient manner, and we hardly know whether it would be just to single out any one for special praise. Still we feel we must mention the success which has attended the efforts of Bro. John Dodson, who was entrusted with the fitting of the gas and cooking apparatus, and of Mr. T. Heath, who was responsible for the engines and other pewterer's work.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 21st May 1880, W. Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, Vice-President, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 22 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 31 candidates, and 26 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 38 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

Votes		Votes	
Genese Samuel	2163	Herbert Henry	1166
Bennett John	1968	Lyon John Hardman	1078
Claisen John William	1786	Booth Edwin	1062
Jones William	1523	Kendall Thomas	1041
Penotiere William La	1514	Broadbent Richard	969
Douglas Henry	1505	Portlock James	965
Helps William John	1467	Hague George V	930
Morris Thomas S	1467	*Walker Robert Cox	779
Leaver Jonathan	1273	*Flinn John	772
Wood William	1199	*Waulby James	415
Highland James	1196	*Elliott George	320

WIDOWS.

Votes		Votes	
Bull Elizabeth	1259	Candler Louisa E	846
Pattison Sarah	1105	Rigby Marianne	838
Crispin Martha	1091	Palmer Harriet	799
Blake Frances	1073	Hodgson Sarah Ellen	771
West Mary Ann H	1039	Peters Catherine	759
Stafford Jane	1029	Child Elizabeth	721
Grace Sarah W	1011	Spencer Mary Ann	695
Maynard Elizabeth T	973	Dumper Ann	680
Bamber Hannah B	965	Dicker Ann	642
Hawkins Ann	955	Prebble Ann Mary	632
White Sarah	938	*Woods Sarah	597
Andrews Susannah C	923	*Willis Jane	597
Dawson Elizabeth	919	*Weeks Martha	545

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

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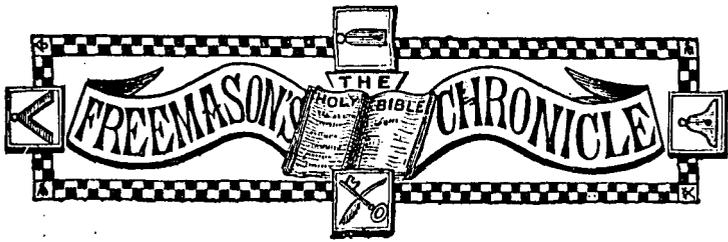
THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS
Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 1st day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 29th of May. Grand Lodge Office:—3 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C.
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THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT TRURO.

IT is customary in this country, in the case of all public fêtes and ceremonies, before all things to say something respecting the weather. An account of any important event without this reference would be but little appreciated by ordinary readers, for is it not the fact that in this fickle climate of ours, it makes all the difference between success and failure whether the day be bright and sunny or gloomy and wet? As a rule our Gracious Sovereign has been so favoured by the meteorological authorities that "Queen's weather" has passed into a proverb, and one might almost be inclined to fear the British Empire had reached its nadir, if a fall of rain should intervene to mar the brilliancy of a Royal progress or ceremony in which the Queen herself took part. The Prince of Wales, however, has not been quite so fortunate, and therefore Truro and its throng of visitors from all parts of the country are to be congratulated on the gloriously bright weather which has prevailed during His Royal Highness's visit for the purpose of laying Masonically the foundation-stones of the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese, of which this ancient Cornish city will be the episcopal centre. Nor were their rejoicings in the slightest degree diminished by the fact that his Royal Consort and their young sons the Princes Albert Victor and George accompanied him. Indeed her bright presence would almost alone have sufficed to redeem the visit from any gloom that might have prevailed had the Clerk of the Weather been out of sorts. However, as we have already said, everything passed off most brilliantly, and Truro could hardly have known itself in the midst of all its guests, with its concomitant music, feasting, and decorations, and above all, its unaccustomed display of Masonic strength and fervour.

The purpose of the Royal visit is without a precedent in our history. Many a time and oft have there been in different parts of the United Kingdom Masonic processions which have excited the wonder and admiration of the public. Many a time has the first stone of an important public edifice been laid by the Grand Master of English Freemasons. But this is the first occasion on which the foundation stone of an entirely new Cathedral of the Anglican Church has been laid by the Heir Apparent to the British Crown in his capacity of Grand Master. It will be said that St. Paul's is a case in point—of a new Episcopal building having been erected since the Reformation, but this is not so. This was the re-erection of a Cathedral which had existed almost from time immemorial, whereas in this instance it is not an old building re-edified, or converted to new uses, but an entirely new edifice for episcopal purposes, in what to all intents and purposes is an entirely new Diocese. Hence the importance attached to the event—not because the Prince took the leading part in it, for he has done that again and again, nor on account of the Masonic display, for that is often witnessed—and, moreover, his Highness has before this had experience of the fraternal heartiness with which Cornish brethren receive their Duke; but because this is the first time in the lapse of centuries that a British Prince has laid the first stone of a new British Cathedral.

The journey was commenced on Monday, when the Royal party left London by special train for Torquay, where they were to rest en route, and were received as guests by the Duchess of Sutherland. The reception at the various stopping places and at Torquay itself was of the most cordial character. Guards of honour, addresses, and the other outward and visible signs of a Royal journey, were among the minor matters to be noted, while the good people of Torquay seem to have been especially delighted by the kindness and

consideration of the Prince and Princess, who carried away with them not a few mementoes of their visit, thus making glad the hearts of the jewellers and other tradesmen who were honoured with the Royal patronage. On Tuesday afternoon the journey was resumed to Truro, the Duchess of Sutherland, Sir John Kennaway, M.P., and Sir G. and Lady Macgregor being on the platform to bid their Royal Highnesses God-speed. After stoppages at Plymouth, where the Mayor handed in an address of welcome, and at Liskeard, the Royal train ultimately reached its destination at the Grampond Road Station, which, as may be imagined, was gaily decorated and fitted with flags and banners, flowers, crimson carpeting, &c., in honour of the visit. Here the Earl of Falmouth, with his son, the Hon. Hugh Boscawen, was in waiting to receive his illustrious guests. The greeting was of the heartiest, and the Royal party and Lord Falmouth having entered the carriages in waiting, drove off amid the cheers of those assembled to Tregothnan, the noble Earl's Cornish seat. At intervals along the route the good people had met together to give their Royal Highnesses a true Cornish welcome. At the towns and hamlets through which the *cortège* passed all kinds of pretty devices and floral decorations had been arranged, and here and there triumphal arches had been erected, while at Tregothnan the Earl's tenantry were in attendance, and gave the party, on its arrival a reception such as perhaps the Prince and Princess, with all their experience, have rarely met with before. It is needless to say the preparations were on a scale worthy alike of the noble host and the princely visitors. A wing of the mansion had been set apart for the latter, and beautifully fitted. In the evening a grand ball was given at which the Earl of Mount-Edgcombe and the *élite* of society in the neighbourhood were present.

It is only natural that Truro, which was thus to be honoured, should have been steadily preparing itself for weeks past in order to receive the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall in a manner worthy of the county which gives them that ancient title. The neighbouring population, too, with a proper anxiety to witness a unique spectacle, was bent on furnishing a strong contingent, and even remote districts and the metropolis itself, sent up a strong array of loyal people, all curious to see what there was to be seen. Thus the resources of the city as regards accommodation were very seriously taxed. However, goodwill and good management combined succeeded at last in finding space for all in Truro and round about, and when Thursday morning arrived, the extensive preparations were as complete as they could well have been, even under the most favourable circumstances, and with the resources of a far larger city at command. But the citizens and the Cathedral Committee had worked with a will, and to them justly falls the honour of having achieved so magnificent a success.

Long before the hour fixed for the commencement of the proceedings, every street was crowded, and in spite of the loyal and good-tempered efforts of the Militia and Volunteers, to whom the duty of keeping the streets had been entrusted, locomotion became a matter of some difficulty, so that when the carriages containing the Earl of Falmouth and his guests arrived at Boscawen Bridge, the progress thence to the Town Hall was very slow. But words fail to convey any adequate idea of the warmth with which their Royal Highnesses were greeted all along the line, till the Town Hall was at length reached. There a guard of honour of the Royal Cornwall Miners' Artillery was drawn up, and there the Mayor of Truro, the High Sheriff of the county, the Mayors of several Cornish boroughs, and most of the leading officials of the county were assembled. To the usual address of welcome, the Prince returned a gracious reply, and then in company with his wife was driven to the residence of Mr. R. W. Paull, Southleigh, there to await the arrival of the Masonic procession.

In the meantime the brethren had not been neglectful of their duties. Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, there being present the Grand Wardens, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Thos. Fenn P.G. Deacon, who, in the absence of Sir Albert Woods (Garter), fulfilled the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Very Rev. Pusey-Cust, Dean of York, Grand Chaplain, and a strong muster of brethren entitled to sit in Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was opened by Right Worshipful Past Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, who was likewise numerously supported by his Officers and the members of the various subordinate Lodges of the Province. A procession having been duly formed, the brethren marched two and two, with their banners, and wearing their full regalia down Lemon-street towards the site chosen for the new Cathedral; and as soon as the leading files had reached the latter, the brethren opened out in two lines, one on each side of the street. Along the avenue thus formed, the Princess of Wales and her sons, accompanied by the Earl of Falmouth, drove to the site, and the Prince having in the interim taken up his position at the head of Grand Lodge, the brethren filed into the enclosure, and occupied the seats provided for them, with the exception of the Grand Master and the Officers whose duty it was to assist His Royal Highness in the ceremony. The National Anthem having been sung, and the preliminaries having been arranged, the Prince and his Officers, together with the clergy, including the Bishops of Truro, Exeter, and Madagascar, took up positions at the north-east corner-stone. A prayer was offered up by Bishop Benson, and then the Prince addressed the brethren and those present as follows:—

"Be it known unto you that we, being lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, although not ourselves operative masons, have from time immemorial been associated with the erection of buildings to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us secrets, concealed from those who are not Masons; but they are lawful and honourable, and are not opposed to the laws either of God or man. They were entrusted to Masons in ancient times, and having faithfully been transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them down to our posterity. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of God, to erect a house for the worship and praise

of the Most High, which I pray that God may prosper as it seems good to Him."

The ceremony then proceeded, the Grand Junior Warden, Grand Senior Warden, and Deputy Grand Master in turn handing to His Royal Highness the tools of their respective offices, when the Prince, having proved the stone, and strown corn, wine, and oil thereon, declared it well and truly laid, and having returned the plans, &c., to the architect, again addressed the assemblage in the following terms:—

"Brethren,—We are an ancient Fraternity, which from its earliest days has been identified with all that is beautiful and grand in architecture, and you will therefore be proud to have aided me, as I have been proud to work with you, in commencing a building which, by the beauty of its design and the solidity of its construction, will, we trust, be an ornament to this city and province for centuries to come. But, brethren, it is something far more than this—it is a temple to be erected to the glory and worship of our Heavenly Father, the great Architect and Creator of all things; and whatever minor differences there may be amongst us, I feel sure that the same spirit must be in your minds this day which animated the Jews of old, when, as Ezra tells us, 'the builders laid the foundation of the Temple of the Lord, and they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets to praise the Lord after the ordinance of David, King of Israel. And they sang together by courses in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord, because He is good and His mercy endureth for ever. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the House of the Lord was laid.'"

The second stone in the western enclosure, was then laid, and then came a very practical, as well as interesting part of the proceedings, namely, that of handing in purses of gold by young ladies and brethren to Her Royal Highness the Princess, who, having watched with intense interest the Masonic ceremonial, played her part most graciously in this trifling office. Grand Lodge then marched back in reverse order, and having been closed in ample form, the Grand Master, the Princess, and their sons sat down to luncheon in the Market Hall, the Mayor presiding, and being ably and loyally supported by all the most distinguished persons connected with the county, or with the naval or military forces stationed in the west of England. Soon after 4 p.m. the Prince completed the list of his numerous engagements for the day by reviewing the Militia and Volunteers in the grounds of Capt. Teague at Treiske. Thus ended a day which will ever be memorable in the annals of this distant county, not only from the unique character of the event itself, but likewise from the brilliancy of the circumstances under which it was celebrated.

It may be as well to add that the mallet used in performing the ceremony belongs to Antiquity, No. 2 (the old St. Paul's Lodge), to which it was presented by Sir Christopher Wren, and is the actual implement used by Charles II. in laying the foundation-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. The trowel was of silver, and bore the inscription, "Presented to H.R.H. Albert Edward, Duke of Cornwall, Grand Master of England, on the laying the foundation-stone of the Cathedral of Saint Mary at Truro, 20th May 1880."

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THE PROPOSED PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letters you published last week from your correspondents TAU and X. Y. Z. both point in the same direction. Both indicate the necessity there is, not for founding a fourth Charity, to which so many objections have very properly been raised, but for enlarging the scope of the proposed "Pupils' Assistance Fund." The original idea of the promoters and patrons of this Fund was to establish a means for assisting deserving pupils who, on leaving our Schools at the age of sixteen, find themselves without resources to enable them to obtain situations where the excellent training they have received may be turned to good account. It was further contemplated that, in the case of those boys or girls who, in the course of their training, had displayed an aptitude for some particular calling, or abilities above the average, something should be done to help them either to follow that calling or further develop those abilities. I believe I am right in saying that, in the course of their labours, those brethren who have worked so energetically to make this scheme a success, discovered a very strong feeling in various quarters that something should also be done for the unfortunate candidates who, after having been approved of as such by the authorities, find themselves at the last denied any participation in the benefits of our Charities. As TAU has pointed out, No. 8 on the Girls' List for April gets nothing after three trials, while No. 30 will be maintained and educated for not far short of seven years, though had she failed at her first and only attempt she had still left to her three more chances of being admitted into the School. Now as your correspondent has said, there was, on the faith of the two statements of particulars, very little to choose between the two little girls, any inclination one way or the other being in favour of No. 8, who is for ever shnt out from help in this quarter. Yet the Girls' School Committee have marked their approval of her candidature as a fit and proper child to be received and educated in this Institution. Well, it strikes me here is one of those cases in which the administrators of the new Fund might step forward and say, We cannot give you such

help as you would have derived from five years' maintenance and training in the Girls' School, but we have at our disposal certain moneys, out of which, as we hear your's is a most deserving case, we are willing to allow you a sum of (say) £10 per annum for three or four years, provided, of course, you work diligently and conduct yourself properly. This allowance will be devoted, in the first instance, to defraying the expense of your schooling, and the remainder, as far as it will go, towards your books and clothes or other requirements. And if all goes well, we may then find you a place, where it will be your own fault if you cannot earn your own living in honest fashion.

Would not this be better than leaving the poor child—mind I know nothing whatever of this particular candidate, and write therefore without bias—to rub along anyhow, without giving a thought as to whether her "rubbing along" went well or ill? I venture to say that a moderate income would suffice to enable the Fund to meet this class of case, not only as regards unsuccessful boy and girl candidates, but likewise in the case of old people, as suggested by X. Y. Z. Nor would such outlay appreciably affect the main purpose of the scheme. Help would be given to retiring pupils who needed it and were found worthy, and I dare say those who may have entrusted to them the administration of the Fund would carefully avoid being lavish in the amounts they awarded. At all events, there is reason to believe that, by the judicious expenditure of a few hundred pounds, the proposed Fund would do an almost incalculable amount of good, just in the direction and under the circumstances where a very little assistance, judiciously applied, may be made to go a very long way.

Trusting the promoters and patrons will take notice of the very practical suggestions of X. Y. Z. and others of your correspondents,

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

A READER.

As Her Majesty has announced her gracious intention of raising the Right Hon. Robert Lowe, lately M.P. for the University of London, and the Right Hon. E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen, lately M.P. for Sandwich, to the Peerage of the United Kingdom, the list we published a fortnight since of Members of the Upper House who are Freemasons will be increased by the addition of their names, while the number in the Commons House of Parliament will be correspondingly decreased.

The following should be added to our published list of Peers who are members of our Brotherhood, namely:—

- Earl of St. Germans, P.G. Warden.
- *Earl of Lisburne, Irish Representative Peer.
- Baron Alington.
- Baron Balfour of Burleigh, P.G. Warden.
- Baron Clonbrock, Irish Representative Peer.

Lord Bellow is a member of the Irish Peerage, but not of the House of Peers.

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who was recently appointed to fill the Senior Warden's chair of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford, will, on the attainment of his majority, be entitled to a seat in the Upper House. His father, it will be remembered, was Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire.

N.B.—Those marked with a * were initiated in Apollo University Lodge, No. 357.

The following names should be added to the List of Members of the new House of Commons who are likewise members of our Society, namely:—

- Rt. Hon. J. G. Mowbray, initiated in No. 124, Durham, M.P. University of Oxford.
- G. J. Shaw Lefevre, M.P. Reading.
- Christopher Sykes, P.Prov. G.S.W. N. and E. Yorks, M.P. E. Riding.
- Hon. D. Plunket, Q.C., M.P. Dublin University.
- Col. Richardson-Gardner, M.P. Windsor.
- *W. E. Briggs, M.P. Blackburn.
- C. M. Norwood, M.P. Hull.
- E. T. Gourley, M.P. Sunderland.
- Rt. Hon. Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P. Mid Kent.
- Baron de Worms, M.P. Greenwich.
- J. R. Hollond, Hova Ecclesia, No. 1466, M.P. Brighton.
- Hon. T. C. Agar-Robartes, M.P. Cornwall East.
- *H. B. Samuelson, M.P. Banbury.
- *Captain Bernard, P. Prov. G.S. of Works, Oxon, M.P. Bandon.
- *W. M. St. Aubyn, M.P. Helston.
- A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., Chancellor K.T., M.P. Staffordshire West.
- Sir J. M. M'Garel Hogg, Bart., M.P. Truro.
- W. Amhurst Tyssen-Amhurst, P.G.S.W. Norfolk, M.P. Norfolk East.
- *Sir G. M. Grant, Bart., P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon, M.P. Elgin and Nairn.
- *Sir W. E. Welby-Gregory, Bart., M.P. Lincolnshire South.
- *Sir Baldwin Leighton, Bart., M.P. Shropshire South.
- *Piers Egerton Warburton, M.P. Mid Cheshire.
- *W. C. Borlase, P.G.S.W. Cornwall, M.P. Cornwall East.
- Rt. Hon. G. A. Cavendish Bentinck, M.P. Whitehaven.
- Sir R. C. Musgrave, Bart., P. Prov. G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, M.P. Cumberland East.
- R. W. Cochrane-Patrick, Prov. G.M. Ayrshire, M.P. Ayrshire North.
- Col. Mure, M.P. Renfrewshire.
- Michael A. Bass, M.P. Staffordshire East.
- Lord Arthur Hill, P.G.M. Downshire, M.P. Co. Down.

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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, 22nd MAY.

- 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 140 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chisolhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chisolhurst
 Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence, 2 Red Lion-square, High Holborn, W.C., at 3.30 p.m. (Emergency)

MONDAY, 24th MAY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
 58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall 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)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1488—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)
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gatheshead
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 204—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 B. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 25th MAY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—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, Stopney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dnlhouseic, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermy-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Honey, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1558—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.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction).
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Darford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 159—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 26th MAY.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, 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)
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton

- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1645—Colno Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Staithwaite
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Middlesbrough
 R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 27th MAY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 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)
 89—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 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.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Enlind, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 M. M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 28th 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.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (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)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermy-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—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.)

- 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1335—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1393—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 29th MAY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1462—Wharnclicke, Rose and Crown Hotel, Ponistone
 R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigau.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,
No. 140.

ON Monday, 3rd inst., this Lodge of Instruction closed its session, with a banquet, at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, to which about forty brethren sat down. The chair was ably filled by Bro. Hubbuck P.G.S. P.M. 140, 320, &c., and the vice-chair by Bro. Loughborough W.M. 140. Bros. Tattershall P.M. and Sec. 140, Noah P.M. 140, Wallace P.M. 140, Roberts P.M. and Sec. 79, Edwards P.M. 1494, G. Brown Preceptor, Hill J.D. Sec., supported

the Chairman, and Bros. Dennant S.W., Spark S.D. and Nuding I.G. the Vice-Chair. The brethren did ample justice to a judiciously chosen and generous menu. The usual toasts having been proposed and heartily responded to, the Chairman called on Bro. Forsyth for a "recitation." He rose and said, W. Chairman,—the recitation I propose giving you this evening is by special request of the members of the Lodge of Instruction. It will not convey the sentiments and words of any public author, but is an expression in my own words of the sentiments held by those members of the Lodge of Instruction who have received benefit from our Preceptor during the session just completed. They desire me, Sir, to convey to him the expression of their great appreciation of his unvarying kindness and courtesy in helping on in season the work he has set his mind to. No pains have been spared, no time has been grudged by our beloved Preceptor, if only he could help us on in that Masonic knowledge of which we acknowledge him *facile princeps*. Think, brethren, which of you would fill his post? In the first place you must devote one whole evening in seven solely and entirely to the duties you would undertake. No business engagement must ever interfere with this duty, foul weather or fair, tempting you to stay at home or go abroad; fogs or rains, or snows must present no excuses for absence, for they never came between us and Brother Brown. Who will accept his post? Secondly, you must not only have all the ceremonies to perfection, *verbatim et literatim*, but you must have them according to the *Standard* of working, I mean the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which is sanctioned by Grand Lodge; and although there be no compulsory ritual, we boast of working the *Standard* ritual. Ah! no one offers yet. Again, if you would fill Bro. Brown's chair, you must imitate his unvarying courtesy and gentleness in correcting our faults. You must not only never betray hastiness of temper, or dullness of intellect, nor pretend to superior mental excellence, but you must have the knack of making the *pro tem* W.M. feel as if he were bestowing a favour in accepting a correction. And, lastly, you must work without the hope of reward, or without that great comfort and consolation of other teachers, viz., the gradual but steady advancement towards perfection of their pupils in the branches taught. There is there a regularity in the course of instruction, but here you have a ceremony worked tolerably well one night, and next night execrably; you have one class of brethren one night, and next perhaps a totally different set. Bro. Preceptor, I will not accept your post. And I am requested to convey to you our appreciation of your goodness and kindness to us. You have endeared yourself to us, not only at work, but when refreshment enabled us to light the calumet. You have given us still further instruction in the general laws and sentiments of Freemasonry, so that we look upon you as the exponent of the three great principles upon which our Order is founded. My brethren have requested me to supplement the inward and spiritual grace by the outward and visible sign of their appreciation of your services by presenting to you this "Tantalus" spirit case, on which you will find the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Preceptor Brown, by the members of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, as a token of their esteem and admiration of his unwearied kindness and courtesy, 3rd May 1880." You will find two keys attached to it; the golden one you will keep, the other you will entrust to your wife, to whom we send our most kindly greetings, and hope that to each of you it may give *good spirits*. The case was then sent round, and afforded the brethren much amusement in attempting to get at the contents, but they failed in their endeavours, till an expert brother showed them the trick. Bro. Brown, who had been kept in ignorance of the presentation, replied with much feeling: Worshipful Chairmen and Brethren,—It was my intention to reserve until a later period of the evening a few remarks anent the occasion of our present meeting, but I have been so completely taken aback by this unexpected mark of your kindness, and the accompanying sentiment so eloquently expressed by our dear Bro. Dr. Forsyth, as to force from me, without a moment's delay, the promptings of my almost overcharged heart, and if I fail, as fail I shall, in rendering my thanks intelligible, kindly charge it to my inability to express, rather than to a want of appreciation of the high honour you, brethren, by your kind and generous act, have conferred on an undeserving member of the Craft, for I feel myself unworthy of your handsome present. A full reward for any service I may have rendered is amply compensated by the friendliness you evince on all occasions of our meeting. This beautiful and useful gift, besides being an exquisite example of art workmanship, I perceive has its triple reservoirs filled to the brim with a most comfortable-looking liquid. I cordially invite you all, brethren, to call and partake of their contents at some future time. Our esteemed brother has also been good enough to associate my wife as part recipient of this treasured gift; be assured, brethren, I will not fail duly to convey to her those kind allusions, and safely transfer the duplicate key. Brethren, your kindness has robbed me of speech. I ask you kindly to accept my heartfelt thanks for this undeserved and unexpected token of your kindness, and for the kind and eloquent encomium which accompanies it. The Chairman proposed Success to St. George's Lodge of Instruction, accompanied by words of encouragement for the younger brethren, and paid a high tribute to the Treasurer, Bro. Webster, and the Secretary, Bro. Hill. This was coupled with the name of the Preceptor, who in reply briefly referred to the work of the past year. For himself he must say that he had a most genial and attentive class of students. It might not be known to the whole of the brethren present that the course of procedure differs somewhat in this from the neighbouring Lodges of Instruction, inasmuch as the Sections are not worked; the careful rehearsal of one or so of the ceremonies, with their accompaniments, and after closing the meeting resolves itself into the form of a conversation; this is found to work very acceptably to the members, and an hour so employed is fraught with much enjoyment. Bro. Roberts replied to the toast of the Sister Lodges of Instruction, and remarked that although Emulation working had been changed during the last twelve years, he was willing to recognise the *Standard* re-

ferred to by Bro. Forsyth, and hoped the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement would be a boon to those Lodges of Instruction whose ambition was not peculiarity of ritual but harmony of ritual. Bro. Hill, after felicitating the members on having once more the able and genial presidency of Bro. Hubbuck, called for a bumper response to the toast of the health of the Chairman, to which succeeded musical honours. Bro. Hubbuck thanked the brethren for the heartiness which greeted Bro. Hill's proposal. He had always a most lively interest in all matters connected with his parent Lodge, and would always feel it a pleasant duty to promote its welfare. He congratulated the members on the continued success of their Masonic school, and the kindly feelings which pervaded its members, to which might be attributed in a material degree the satisfactory conduct of Masonic matters in the mother Lodge. Bro. Porter assisted at the pianoforte, and various members of the Lodge contributing to the congeniality of the occasion, the evening closed in perfect peace, harmony, and brotherly love. We are pleased to observe in the proceedings of this Lodge of Instruction that in the interesting ceremony of presenting a testimonial to their Preceptor, there has been a carefully considered opinion given as to the vexed question of unanimity of ceremonial. As Grand Lodge wisely declines to fix the ceremonial with which all Lodges must work, the best plan is to have a standard working, and let the various Lodges of Instruction assimilate themselves to that working as nearly as may be. We congratulate Bro. Brown on the appreciation his services have received, and believe that all Preceptors will be encouraged to imitate his example.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge falling this year on Whit Monday, the members availed themselves of the holiday for an early discharge of Masonic business, so as to leave themselves free for other engagements at a later period of the day. In consequence the Lodge was opened at the Balham Hotel, Balham, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the 17th inst., by the W.M. Bro. William Sheadd. There was a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. E. Mitchell S.W., W. Gunner J.W., Thomas Poore P.M. Treas. and Sec., F. G. Lambert S.D., G. Mulley J.D., C. Glenister D.C., C. Richardson I.G.; Past Masters James Stevens, C. P. McKay, and H. Payne; Bros. E. Gillemand, A. J. Barton, Max Brenner, W. Kerr, J. C. Lambert, G. Lilloy, G. Troves, W. Saunders, &c. &c. The Visitors were Bros. W. Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Midx., W. Platt P.M. 144, E. Kidman P.M. 766, S. G. Aitchison 1242, C. Everist 1360, J. D. Arnold 1586, W. P. Robinson, and J. M. Gillingham 1790. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Auditors' report received and adopted, and a few matters of Lodge business transacted, W. Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Mitchell, into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was marked by that careful detail in working for which Bro. Poore is justly renowned, and the assistance rendered to the Installing Master by Bro. Stevens P.M., who officiated as D.C., further enhanced the interesting proceedings. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows, viz., Bros. W. Gunner S.W., G. Lambert J.W., G. Mulley S.D., C. Richardson J.D., Thomas Poore P.M. Treas. and Sec., C. Glenister I.G., Max Brenner D.C., W. Kerr W.S., G. Troves C.S., and W. Steedman Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, W. Bro. W. Sheadd, who was addressed in most congratulatory terms by the W.M., and who acknowledged the presentation in a few well-chosen remarks. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, the Lodge was closed at about 1 p.m., and previous arrangements having been made for that purpose, the Officers and members of the Lodge, with their guests, were grouped in the grounds attached to the Hotel, and a series of photographs were taken by Bro. Hall, one of the members, to be reproduced and distributed as mementos of the interesting event connected with the twenty-third installation meeting of the Lodge. Shortly afterwards the brethren sat down to luncheon, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts. The Visitors were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with all the arrangements made for their comfort and enjoyment, and Bro. Smeed especially congratulated the Lodge on the perfection of working which had been displayed. Bro. Robinson also endorsed his remarks. As the afternoon passed away the several brethren departed, as their engagements elsewhere made it necessary they should leave, and just about the hour when, under ordinary circumstances, Lodge-work commences, the Tyler was summoned and the pleasant day's proceedings terminated.

MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216.

THIS well known Metropolitan Lodge, established in 1868, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps at Camberwell, held its thirteenth installation meeting on Thursday, the 13th inst. The Lodge has always been celebrated for its extremely correct and perfect working, and as far as we have known, from the W.M. to the I.G. the Officers have at all times been thoroughly proficient. In consequence its meetings have always been most attractive to members of the Craft, and an additional attraction has resulted from the appropriateness of its Masonic furniture and the gathering of its members in military uniform. These several features, of good work, complete accessories, and personal appearance, combined with the increased order and discipline naturally resulting from the close association of men who "step together," were especially prominent on the occasion of the late gathering, when a very large muster of members and visitors assembled to witness the installation of Bro. W. C. Hale, who was initiated in this Lodge in 1872. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Charles Fountain, all Officers being in their places, and there were present during work the following members, viz:—W. Bros. James Stevens, George Waterall, Newington

Bridges, W. J. Messenger, and M. S. Larham Past Masters; Bros. D. A. Ross S.W., W. Carlton Hale J.W., Captain Arthur Styan Treas., Thomas A. Harper S.D., Lieut. C. H. Nevill J.D., A. Youngman D.C., A. C. Bradley I.G., A. C. Woodcock C.S., A. J. Style W.S., S. Steed Tyler, H. E. White, J. W. May, Patrick Clay, T. A. Fitzer, T. V. Turner, A. R. Cranch, C. T. Hildreth, C. W. Davis, F. P. Young, H. A. Price, A. H. Goggs, J. J. Curtis, W. S. Harvey, C. E. Goldring, E. W. Dubois, Herbert Caff, C. J. Henton, T. V. Staley, J. Carpenter, and others. Amongst the Visitors were the W. Bros. Louis Hirsch W.M. Clapham 1818, G. Mc A. Low W.M. Adelphi 1670, J. G. Marsh P.M. 28 P.G.P. Middlesex, G. R. Hunt P.M. 857, and Bros. J. H. Thompson 1580, W. T. Roycroft 1669, G. R. Steel No. 1, H. J. Bertram 1426, G. Carrington 1593, J. Wells 193, T. Cull S.W. 1416, Seymour-Smith 742, T. W. Symons and A. Hubbard New Concord, J. L. Feder 1671, F. J. Gordon Polish National, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballot was taken for Mr. Frederick Peel Baxter, and proving clear, that gentleman was introduced and initiated into the Order. The installation of Bro. W. Carlton Hale the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the general custom of the Lodge that each Master shall complete his work by installing his successor being fully complied with by the W.M. Bro. Fountain, whose manner of performing the ceremony was in every respect most excellent. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bro. Captain D. A. Ross S.W., T. A. Harper J.W., Captain A. Styan Treas., W. J. Messenger P.M. Sec., Lieut. C. H. Nevill S.D., A. C. Bradley J.D., A. Youngman I.G., Lieut. Newington Bridges P.M. D.C., A. J. Style A.D.C., Lieut. Augustus Woodcock W.S., T. A. Fitzer C.S. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Officers and Brethren, and at the conclusion of his oration received the never better deserved expression of high appreciation by his hearers. The Auditors' report was presented, and showed a goodly balance in favour of the Lodge, notwithstanding its liberal donations to the Masonic Charities. The Lodge was, after some trifling business details had received attention, closed, and the usual liberal banquet followed, the W.M. Bro. W. Carlton Hale presiding. The toast list and music programme were duly observed. Of the toasts those requiring special notice were the W.M., given by the I.P.M. Bro. Fountain, who congratulated the Lodge, as well as Bro. Hale himself, on his accession to the dignified position of Master, and to which Bro. Hale made effective response; the Visitors, which called forth expressions of fraternal regard and encouraging remarks from Bros. Louis Hirsch, J. H. Thompson, G. Mc A. Low, G. R. Steel, and T. Cull, on behalf of themselves and their numerous associates; the Initiate, more than usually well responded to by Bro. F. P. Baxter; and the Past Masters, in reference to whom the W.M. took occasion to observe how much the Lodge continued indebted to them for general assistance at all times. The handsome Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to W. Bro. Charles Fountain I.P.M., who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. W. Bro. James Stevens, to whom the Lodge acknowledges its origin, was also called upon to respond. His remarks were but few, as he evidently suffered from severe cold. They were however very congratulatory in respect of the progress of the Lodge, and the honourable position it continued to maintain in the Craft. The subsequent toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, to which Captain Styan and W. J. Messenger P.M. responded, and the Officers of the Lodge, on whose behalf the Wardens replied. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most agreeable re-union, which had been enlivened by the excellent vocal and instrumental abilities of Bros. Seymour-Smith, T. W. Symons, A. R. Cranch, A. Hubbard, and F. J. Gordon.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1713:

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, the 28th April, at Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton. Bros. Nath. Nicholson W.M., William Blain S.W., James Heywood J.W., George Ferguson Treas., J. Martin Rutter Sec., William Court S.D., Robert Latham J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G.A.D.C., John Barrett I.G., T. T. Holt Organist, J. W. Roiley Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh, G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D.; Bros. John Priestley, E. G. Harwood, Thomas Naylor, Cosgrave, Long, Rimmer 146, Mather 163. Visitors: —Bros. James Walker P.M., Johnson Mills W.M., Rooke Pennington S.W. 37, Robert Moir 526, James Dooley W.M. 146, J. Boothroyd J.W., M. H. Stead W.M. 221, O. Crompton 191, McMillan 163, Mort 1354, Burgess 1161. Lodge opened at 4 p.m., when the brethren confirmed the minutes of former meeting. Board of Installed Masters was opened, under the presidency of the W.M., and Bro. Heywood W.M. elect was presented by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.M., and he was installed, proclaimed and saluted as W.M. for ensuing year. The following Brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. Blain S.W., Court J.W., N. Nicholson Sec., George Ferguson Treas. (re-elected), J. W. Taylor M. of E., Robert Latham S.D., John Barrett J.D., E. G. Harwood I.G., T. T. Holt Organist, Cosgrave and Long Stewards, J.

W. Roiley Tyler. The charges to the W.M., Officers and Brethren were given by Bro. Brockbank. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Nicholson, in token of approval of his services during the past year as W.M. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. J. M. Rutter for his services as Secretary during the formation of Lodge, which services have been continued up to the present time. The resolution was ordered to be engrossed, and presented to Bro. Rutter. A silver square and compasses were presented to the Lodge by Bro. Harwood I.G.; a splendidly bound Volume of S.L. by Bro. Cosgrave Steward; and a beautiful case of working tools, jointly presented by Bros. Priestley and Naylor. Bro. Ferguson was appointed Charity Representative. Heartly good wishes were offered by the respective Visitors, and the Lodge closed at six. The brethren proceeded to banquet.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The first meeting of this Lodge since the installation took place on the 5th, at the Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. R. G. Salmon in the chair, supported by all his Officers, viz: Bros. G. Page I.P.M., G. W. Lax S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., R. L. Armstrong P.M. Treas., E. Dunford Sec., R. Knox P.M. D.C., J. S. B. Bell S.D., A. Hume J.D., R. W. Sisson I.G., G. R. Sisson S.S., R. Bilbey J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened and the minutes confirmed, two brethren were passed to the second degree by the W.M. Considering this being his first meeting since his occupation of the chair, the degree was given with an amount of care and correctness that does Bro. Salmon credit, and promises well for the rendering of the ceremonies during his year of office. Usual routine business having been gone through, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts the health of the W.M. met with a cordial reception, and a pleasant evening was spent, the usual amount of harmony not being wanting.

A movement has been set on foot by the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, meeting at Gateshead-on-Tyne, to present a testimonial to the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Fawcett, on his retirement from that office, in acknowledgment of the high esteem in which he has been held by the brethren of the Province, he being, at his retirement, the oldest Prov. G. Master in England. Bro. John Mead, the W.M. of No. 48, has issued a circular to all the Lodges and Chapters in the Province, asking their co-operation, which there is very little doubt he will obtain; the fund should be subscribed to not only by every Lodge, but every Brother in the Province.

DEATH.

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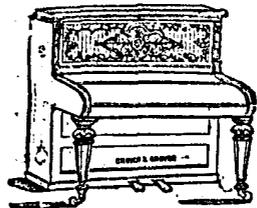
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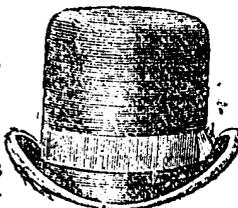
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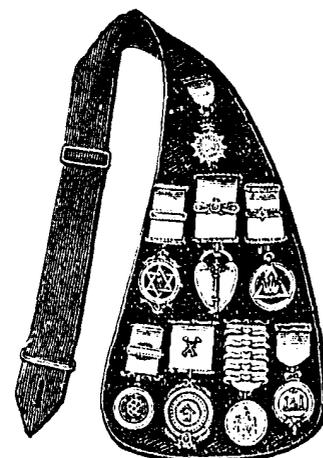
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