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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

BEFORE entering on our customary task of noting the principal features of the subscription list at the Festival of Thursday last, we conceive it to be our duty,—and we certainly regard it in the light of a great pleasure—to congratulate Bro. Binckes on having won back the smiles of fortune, and under her kindly auspices resumed the place of honour he has occupied on so many previous occasions, the aggregate of his Stewards' Lists, so far as they were announced at the Festival itself, being £14,002, a sum in excess of the returns announced at the two earlier Festivals of the present year. We can do this with all the greater satisfaction, because, in congratulating Bro. Binckes, we shall not be understood as, by so doing, being in any way anxious to establish an invidious comparison between him and his brother secretaries of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. We can fully understand that both Bros. Hedges and Terry would have preferred that their respective labours should have been the most productive; but, as we suggested last week, neither of them will dream of grudging Bro. Binckes being, so to speak, at the head of the poll. It was the place which Bro. Terry himself occupied last year, while Bro. Hedges has the satisfaction of knowing that the Girls' School Festival which took place during his first year of office as Secretary yielded more abundant fruit than any previous Festival held in behalf of that Institution, and this year his efforts have been even more productive still. Moreover, we may, in general terms, congratulate the three Secretaries on having accomplished more in the present year in aid of the funds of the Institutions with which they are severally connected than they themselves, taken collectively, or any of their predecessors have ever been enabled to accomplish, that is, in respect of these anniversaries. Thus, if we take Bro. Binckes's figures only so far as they were known on Thursday last, we find that the three Festivals, held in the year 1880, have together yielded over £40,000, namely, Boys' School, as aforesaid, £14,002; Girls' School, £13,748; and Benevolent Institution, £12,280; and if we allow for the seventeen lists yet to be received only the modest sum of ten guineas each, Bro. Binckes will have realised close on £14,200 as the result of the nineteenth or twentieth anniversary held since his appointment to the secretaryship of the Boys' School. In his case, too, as in that of Bro. Hedges, he has surpassed all previous efforts, so that on all these grounds we are justified in congratulating him, as we do most heartily, on the grand result of last Thursday's festive gathering. Having done this we enter on our task of analysing that result in the most perfect spirit of impartiality.

One feature will, probably, have attracted the notice of our readers last week. The list we published showed that there was a great difference in the aggregates contributed by London and the Provinces. The total amount being £14,002, and that set down as contributed by the Provinces being £9,721, it follows that the London Lodges only subscribed amongst them £4,281. Of course, as the Provincial Stewards (209) were almost twice as numerous as those sent up by the Metropolitan district (106), there is nothing singular in the total subscriptions of the former being double, or rather considerably more than double, those of the latter, especially when we bear in mind that three-fourths of the Provinces were represented, while less than half of the London Lodges, or, to be exact,

only ninety-five of them, sent representatives. Again, we recognise among them many who give regularly and many who are absent only occasionally, so that there must have been an unusually large proportion of Metropolitan Lodges which had no part in the success of the Boys' Festival this year. Next year, perhaps, this will be altered at this or one of the other Festivals. Of the Lodges, however, which sent up Stewards, we find Yarborough, No. 554, an East-end Lodge, sending up £206 by the hands of Bro. J. G. Stevens, who acted as honorary Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. The next three-figure list is that of Bro. Bergmann of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, whose total exceeded £151. Close at his heels comes Bro. C. E. Williams of Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, with £147, and then Bro. T. C. Barr of the St. Leonard's, No. 1766, with £142, Bro. F. Binckes representing the Grand Stewards' Lodge with £140 3s, and Maj. General C. W. Randolph, as Steward for the Friends in Council, No. 1383, with £138. Four other lists reached or exceeded £100, namely, Evening Star, No. 1719, which contributed by the hands of Bro. J. W. Sugg £116 11s, St. Michaels', No. 211, represented by Bro. W. Radcliffe, to the amount of 112 15s, and Albion, No. 9, and Southern Star, No. 1158, each of which gave £100, the former being represented by Bro. J. Forbes, and the latter by Bro. G. H. Sharman. Most of the Lodges standing highest on the roll of Grand Lodge sent representatives, but only one of those constituted since the publication of Grand Lodge Calendar for 1879, namely, the Coburn, No. 1804. In fact, of Lodges numbered from 1000 upwards, only thirty of those belonging to London were represented by Stewards, all the others being absentees. We trust this will not again be the case, at least for some time.

Turning to the Provinces, we note first of all the absentees, which, though not so few in number as at the Girls' Festival, are only one-fourth of the whole. Beds. (five Lodges) appears to have been satisfied with its exertions on behalf of the Girls in April. Bristol (eight Lodges), then also a contributing Province, and to the extent of upwards of £216, is unrepresented, and so are Cambridgeshire (four Lodges), Cornwall, and Devon, with, in round figures, some thirty, and forty Lodges respectively; Herefordshire (four Lodges), Norths and Hunts (nine Lodges), Notts (nine Lodges), and Wilts, with its complement of ten Lodges. The Isle of Man, Jersey, and the Channel Islands are too remote for us to expect more than an occasional contribution, so that their absence passes, as a rule, without comment. Cambridgeshire, however, is almost invariably an absentee—a fact we especially commend to the notice of its noble chief, who seemingly takes little, if any, interest in the doings of his Province, albeit he has no objection to act as the representative of His Royal Highness the Grand Master. We would also call the attention of Bro. John Deighton, the Earl of Hardwicke's Deputy, to this almost invariable absence of his Province from the subscription list, as well as to that of the members of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, which, it strikes us, should enter upon an honourable rivalry with the Apollo University of Oxford on these occasions. Cornwall figures at intervals, and when it does its contributions swell to a considerable aggregate. Devon sent up Stewards to the Girls' Anniversary Festival, and also fulfils its duty to our Charities. Herefordshire, as we said in the last of our analytical articles, is not a frequent contributor, and would be all the better if it were stirred into a little more activity. Norths and Hunts figured at the last Benevolent Festival, and

both Notts and Wilts at the Girls, the latter being very worthily represented by its Grand Master, Lord Methuen. Having thus disposed of the absentees, let us now direct our attention to the contributing Provinces, premising, however, that as the subscriptions of each of them are grouped together in one sum, we are not in a position to individualise the Lodges in each. Berks and Bucks, with four Stewards, representing as many Lodges, two being Bucks and two Berks, gives £105 18s: this is well, considering it gave over £500 at the Girls' Festival. Cheshire, with eleven Stewards, contributes over £313, or rather more than twice what it raised for the Girls. Bro. McKay, with a list of sixty guineas, does duty for Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the same brother acted in a like capacity, with even greater success, at the Festival of April last. Derbyshire's contribution is a modest one—some £47—but it gave the Girls in April last over £175. Dorset is down for £169 1s, its Stewards being Bro. F. J. Dugdale, of Amity, No. 137, of Poole, and Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Gundry, of Portland Lodge, No. 1037. Durham, which also sent up two Stewards, contributed £136 10s, and has, consequently, been represented at two out of the three Festivals for the present year. Essex, with four Stewards, whose joint lists amount to £89 5s, gave over £237 in April last, while Gloucestershire, which then raised £358, sends £234 3s to the Boys' School. Hants and Isle of Wight, which figured on the last occasion for £162 15s, is down for £222 3s on this, among the five Stewards who helped to raise the amount being the deservedly popular Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hickman. Herts, as we have frequently had occasion to say, though comparatively a small Province, almost invariably figures on the subscription list, and this time with such effect that its Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Dr. Wilson Iles, and his companion Steward, Bro. Past Master Cocks, of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, are entered for a joint subscription list of £290. Well done, little Herts! Kent, with eleven Stewards, is only a few pounds behind its total in April. Then it gave the Girls £571 10s 6d; now it helps the Boys to the extent of £563. But Lord Holmesdale's Province is sure to be in the front rank. East Lancashire supported its neighbour of West Lancashire very handsomely, its twenty-two stewards raising among them a fraction over £378, while the latter, with sixty stewards, among whom were the Chairman of the Festival, the Earl of Lathom, Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., P.G.W. England, and Bro. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary, contributed £2,664 18s 6d, a result on which its chief has every reason to congratulate himself. Nor must we forget to mention that among the East Lancashire Stewards were Bro. Lieut.-Col. Starkie, P.G.M., George Mellor, D.P.G.M., Beswicke-Royds, and our worthy friends Bros. T. Entwisle, G. Parker Brockbank, and C. F. Matier. Leicester and Rutland, by the hands of its new Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. George Toller jun., P.G.S.B., figures for £194 5s, and Lincoln for £44 12s. Middlesex, with its eleven Stewards, has to its credit over £400, which is slightly in excess of its subscriptions in April to the Girls' School. One Steward representing Monmouthshire has twenty-five guineas to his name, a fourth of what was raised at the Festival immediately preceding this, but there is a great deal of activity among the brethren of this Province, and therefore the sum, though small, is very welcome. Norfolk, with its Prov. G. Secretary Bro. Barwell for the Province, and Bro. Woodward, representing the Philanthropic, No. 107, of King's Lynn, contributed £207 13s, as against rather better than half that amount in April. Northumberland makes amends for its absence on recent occasions by contributing, by the hands of Bro. Lonsdale M. Cockcroft, over £638, so that, in the order of subscriptions, it takes the second place among the Provinces. After its support of its chief, Prince Leopold, at the last Girls' School Festival, when it raised close on £320, we are not surprised that Oxford figures this time for nineteen guineas only. We cannot always be pressing people into championing the cause even of Masonic charity; especially when we find them willing to exert themselves. It is the drones, not the working bees, that need the urgent reminder. Somersetshire and Staffordshire, each with a single Steward, are down for £106 and £36 15s respectively. The former gave over £241 in April, and the latter over £536. Suffolk, with three Stewards, figures for a fraction under £100, or somewhat in excess

of its April subscription to the Girls, while Surrey, with five Stewards, is down for £123 18s. Eighty guineas is the amount of the one Steward's list for Sussex, one hundred and twenty-four guineas being its total in April. Warwickshire, four Stewards, gives £162 10s, but what Worcestershire, which, under its new Grand Master, has been most liberal in its aid to our Institutions, has done or intends doing was not known on the day of the Festival. North and East Yorkshire gave upwards of £70 to the Girls' in April, and handsomely supported its chief, the Earl of Zetland, when he presided at the Benevolent Festival in February last. Its five Stewards have fifty guineas to their credit, so that the Province cannot have contributed much under £1,000 to our three Institutions during the present year. West Yorkshire, with its usual liberality, is down for £450—a very substantial sum, though less than what it did for the Girls in April. North Wales and Salop, five Stewards, are entered for £265 17s; the Eastern Division of South Wales, per one Steward, £126 5s, and the Western Division of the same, also with a single representative, for £300. The first two of these were well represented at the last Girls' Festival, to the extent of £164 7s 6d, and £241 10s respectively. So that all three are to be congratulated on their labours during the present year. The Mark degree, by the hands of Bro. Frederic Davison, Grand Treas., and Dep. P.G.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, closes the list with a capital contribution of £91 10s.

We must ask our readers to bear in mind that the figures relating to this year's Festival are taken from the list as furnished to us last week; but between now and the final meeting of the Board of Stewards it is certain there will be sundry alterations and additions. Already some of the lists have been increased, and one or two of those outstanding have been returned. However, we shall give the final figures when we have had the needful particulars on which to base the return.

MILITARY LODGES.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

THE Philadelphia *Keystone* of June 19th, quotes Grand Master Burnham of Maine, as saying "there were (in the United States of America) ten Army Lodges during the Revolutionary epoch." Some of these are cited by this eminent brother, viz.: St. John's of New York; American Union Lodge of Connecticut; and Washington Army Lodge, No. 10, Massachusetts. Grand Master Burnham has been forestalled in his enumeration of leading American Army Lodges, by Bro. Hayden, in his well written work—"Washington and his Masonic Compeers"—but many additional names and details are supplied by the former, in the extract to which I have alluded. I trust the subject may be further discussed in the *Keystone*, and with the hope that this article may be read in America, I venture to ask some of our brethren "over the water" to say, amongst the Proceedings of what Grand Lodges, and when, any allusion to *Military* or *Regimental* charters of constitution is to be found? I have read with much interest "The Early History of the G. Lodge of New York"—"The Early Proceedings of the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania" I trust some day to see. These, I believe, contain by far the fullest record of American Military Masonry, but inasmuch as the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Lodges of the original "United States" were more or less influenced by the strong Military element infused into them, through the location in North America of so many British Army Lodges, I am very anxious to peruse all "Early Histories" of American Grand Lodges.*

The Grand Lodge of New York, in its inception, was a purely Military body. The Master of the leading Army Lodge [169 Ancients] took the chair as Grand Master, being supported by Nos. 52 [37th Foot], 210, 212, 213 [R.A.], 215 [Brandenburgh Regiment], likewise *Ancient* Lodges, and 132 [22nd Foot] *Scotch*, 441 [38th Foot] *Irish*, and 3, Zion [57th Regiment], *local*.

A warrant was granted at the 1st meeting to the 3rd Battalion New Jersey Volunteers, and subsequently charters were issued to the Regiment De Knyphausen [No. 5 *local*], and the Loyal American Regiment. Lodges in British Regiments, arriving in New York after the establishment of the Grand Lodge, duly sent their representatives to the monthly meetings, No. 478, *Irish*, in the 17th Dragoons, attending in July 1783, whilst in the following month, it is recorded—"that Lodge No. 90 [Ancients], in H.M. 33rd Regiment [revived in 1798, when Colonel Arthur Wellesley was in command], presented their warrant, granted the 19th August 1761, and acknowledged the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, upon which they were permitted to take their seats."

The extracts from the "Early History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," which I have seen in the singularly able review of

* Whilst this article has been passing through the press, I have received from Bro. W. J. Hughan a copy of the "Early History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." Also from the same brother, Brennan's Edition of "Rebald," which contains some interesting allusions to "Army Lodges."—R. F. G.

that work in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, only serve to whet my curiosity, and I am desirous of disentangling the history of the Lodge in H.M. 17th Regiment, No. 18, "Unity." The furniture and records of this Masonic body fell into the hands of the American General Parsons, and in narrating the occurrence, American writers have scarcely been as clear and explicit as might be wished. The Lodge is always spoken of as No. 18, "Unity," which was its local designation at some time, no doubt, but having been originally warranted as No. 168 "Unity," by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1771, I think this must have been its proper description when captured by General Parsons? To further confuse matters, "Ahiman Rezon," the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England [Ancients], in 1807 and 1813, assigns No. 18, in their general list of Lodges, to the 17th Regiment? No mention of this Regiment, however, as No. 18 is to be found in the Grand Lodge Register, and as No. 18, *Pennsylvania*, is credited to the 17th Regiment in Downe's list of Lodges, 1804, I infer that the entry has been inadvertently copied into the general list of the parent Grand Lodge? Oddly enough, and it shows the carelessness with which these lists were compiled, the 17th Regiment, as duly appears in the MS. Register of Grand Lodge, was warranted by the *Ancients* on its return from America, but as No. 237 (not 18), at Chatham, on 24th January 1787. To conclude the Masonic history of this corps, I may add, that besides the Lodges already enumerated, it was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1748, 1802, and 1824, as Nos. 136, 921, and 258 respectively, and so early as in 1759 was granted a charter of erection as No. 97 by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, under the title of Lodge "Hooker St. John." Having had access to the records of our own Grand Lodge [England], I have searched the register for the names of Military brethren, members, at any time, of Lodges in India, Gibraltar, Malta, and other places where troops are stationed. But as regards the Lodges in Military stations working under *Scotch* and *Irish* warrants, I am, of course, wholly at sea, and though I have written, or shall write, to every *Scotch* or *Irish* Lodge in a foreign garrison town, past experience in Masonic correspondence scarcely justifies the expectation of receiving many replies to my letters. Indeed, some year or two since, I very respectfully craved a little information from three or four of our City Companies, but not a word of reply was vouchsafed, by any one of them?

If, then, this article, is perused by any Military brother in exile, who is a member of a *Scotch* or *Irish* Lodge, possibly he may be induced to co-operate in the completion of a record, wherein it is my design to bring into prominence the very great, yet much undervalued services, rendered to Freemasonry by the officers and non-commissioned officers of the British Army. Military Lodges proper—that is to say, Lodges in Regiments—are fast becoming but a recollection of the past, and mainly sustained, as they were, by the exertions of regimental non-commissioned officers, the innovation of "short service" will doubtless seal their doom. The familiar term, however, of "Sea and Field Lodges," so constantly occurring in our old Calendars, will still linger in the memories of Masonic students, though I think even the Archaeologists of the Craft are unaware of the very extensive footing which Masonry had once established in our regimental system. Rather more than a year ago Bro. S. B. Oldham, the obliging Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland, kindly furnished me with a list of the Military Warrants issued by his Grand Lodge. The number exceeds that of the English and Scotch Military Lodges put together, whilst, if we again sub-divide the Military Charters granted in Great Britain, those issued by the "Ancients" outnumber the joint total of the "Moderns" and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Upwards of four hundred warrants have been issued to "Regiments" and "Militia." Many additional charters, moreover, were granted to be held in the various Brigades and Garrisons in India.

Of "Sea Lodges" three only are traceable:—

No. 254, on board the Vanguard, 1760;

No. 279, on board the Prince, 1762;

No. 224, on board the Canceaux, at Quebec, 1762;—

though Laurie records that an unsuccessful application for a Naval Charter of Constitution was once made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Of the above cited "Sea Lodges" the last-named is defunct. No. 254 is now the London Lodge, 108, its connection with the Royal Navy ceasing about 1777.

No. 279 is now the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4. The last-named Lodge has a singular history. Under the auspices of Bro. Dunckerley (a natural son of George the Second), "The Lodge on Board the Prince" removed to London, becoming the "Somerset House Lodge." Dunckerley, who was a member of both the "Old Horn Lodge," No. 2, and the "Somerset House," brought about an amalgamation of the two, whereby the flourishing junior infused new life into the failing senior, and the impending lapse of a "Time Immemorial" Lodge was happily averted. In 1828, this old "Sea Lodge" again resorted to amalgamation, and on this occasion "swallowed up" the "Royal Inverness Lodge, No. 648. The "Royal Inverness" was virtually a "Military" Lodge, having been formed by the officers of the Royal North British Volunteer Corps, of which the Duke of Sussex [Earl of Inverness] was the commander. The Lodge was established by Bro. Simon McGillivray (a Past Grand Warden, and Prov. Grand Master for Upper Canada), who, whilst he was Master, presented it with the drinking-shell and snuff-horn which formerly belonged to the officers' mess of the "Royal North British Volunteers."

Amongst the members of the Royal Inverness Lodge were Bros. A. F. D'Este (Son of the Duke of Sussex), Lord William Pitt Lennox, Captain Royal Horse Guards; Charles Matthews (the elder), "Comedian;" Laurence Thompson, "Painter" (the noted Proceptor); and under date of 5th May 1825 occurs the entry:—Charles James Matthews, "Architect," Ivy Cottage, aged 24.

Thus the present "Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge," No. 4 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, is not only the lineal descendant of the Lodge "on Board the Prince," but may also be styled a *United Service* Lodge, preserving, as it does, a direct

continuity of existence from the period of fusion of the two independent Masonic bodies, chartered respectively in the Navy and Army. Amongst the illustrious names that have adorned the roll of this Lodge, may be briefly cited those of Payne and Dr. Desaguliers [Grand Masters], Dr. James Anderson (author of the Book of Constitutions), Lord Paisley, Duke of Queensborough, Sir Richard Mauningham, Lord Waldegrave, Count La Lippe, Baron des Kaw, Sir Adolphus Oughton, Earl de Loraine, Sir Robt. Rich, Count Walzdorf, Marquis des Marches, Sir Thomas Prendergast, and Lord Carmichael. In 1730, at a meeting of the "Horn" Lodge, as it was then called, under the presidency of the Duke of Richmond, many foreign noblemen were admitted members. There being also present the Duke of Norfolk Grand Master, Marquis of Beaumont, Lord Mordeant, and Marquis du Quesne. Passing on to 1768, when the old "Sea Lodge" comes on the scene, we meet with the names successively of Thomas Dunckerly P.G.W. and Prov. G.M., Colonel Hodges, Lord Gormanstone, Sir Joseph Bankes and Viscount Hampden. Later still we find, as members, Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Deputy Grand Master, Colonels Bertie, Capper and Skelington, Sir Francis Bassett, Sir H. Mackworth, and Captains Lennox Prescott, George Cockburne, Dickins, and Thos. Forster, R.N.

By a careful inspection of all records of the "Ancients" and "Moderns," and with the fraternal assistance of the Grand Secretaries of Scotland and Ireland, I trust to have almost completed my roll of Military Lodges proper. But the details of the Irish and Scotch Lodges especially, are most meagre, and I should be much obliged to any brother possessing volumes of old minutes, who would allow me to inspect them.

Many "Army" Lodges were warranted locally, at Gibraltar and Quebec during 1790-1813, and though, from one source or another, I have nearly got at them all, yet a careful search amongst the records of the Prov. G. Lodges of Andalusia and Lower Canada, might, I think, result in the discovery of further Military charters having been issued than can at present be identified.

Bro. C. W. Moore, in an address delivered at the Centennial Anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Portsmouth, N.H., mentions a "Deputation" having been granted by St. John's Grand Lodge [Boston] to R.W. Bro. Huntingford, to hold a Lodge in H.M. 28th Regiment, stationed at Louisbourg.

I can find no "Early History" of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the libraries of Grand Lodge or of the British Museum, and if one has been compiled, I should much like to see it?

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE July meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), Donald M. Dewar, Alfred Williams, the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), G. P. Brockbank, C. H. Webb, Herbert Dicketts, W. F. C. Moutrie, Frederick Adlard, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. Paas, C. F. Matier, R. Entwisle, H. Young, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Nine petitions to be placed on the list for election in October were accepted, three were deferred, and one was declared inadmissible. The list for election in October was recommended to next Quarterly Court as 73, out of which 16 will have to be elected. An outfit was granted to one former pupil of the Institution. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that the Annual Festival of the Institution, held on the previous Thursday, resulted in £14,002 being brought in, by 317 Stewards, since which another £50 had been brought in by two Stewards; leaving 15 Stewards' lists yet to come in. It was also announced that the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, died the evening previous, and the news was received with general regret. The business closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ALLIED DEGREES.

Ebor Council (Time Immemorial).—A meeting of this Council was held on Monday evening, in the Grand Saloon of the Grand Stand Hotel, the Knavesmire, York. Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. Christian G. Padel S.W., George Simpson I.P.M. as J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. G.J.W. Recorder, A. T. B. Turner S.D., Capt. L. Murphy 4th Dragoon Guards J.D., W. P. Husband I.G., Capt. J. Hanly 4th Dragoon Guards K. of G., P. Pearson Org., together with several other members. Bro. W. M. Briggs having been accepted, was duly received and installed a member of the Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr. The W.M. said that since their last meeting the formation of the Grand Council had become an accomplished fact, and he hoped the Orders included under its rule would be strengthened thereby. He was of opinion that if a degree was worth working at all it was worth doing well, and he was pleased to know that ever since his connection with the St. Lawrence degree the Ebor Lodge had worked thoroughly and conscientiously, and was one of the best worked of the Lodges in the country. Bro. T. B. Whytehead read over the Constitutions of the Grand Council, which seemed to meet with the approval of the members. Letters were also read from Bros. F. Binckes and D. M. Dewar, thanking the Lodge for the compliment of being elected honorary members. A Committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up a code of bye-laws for the government of the Council, which was then closed and the members adjourned to the dining room, where a cold collation was served, after which a number of toasts were duly honoured. It was intimated that meetings of the Council would shortly be held for the purpose of conferring the degrees of Grand High Priest, Knight of Constantinople, and Red Cross of Babylon.

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THE GRAND LODGE MINUTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to a fraternal query from Bro. Jacob Norton—as to whether the English Grand Lodge records from 1723 to 1735, are original, that is to say, *entered at the time*, or whether they were copied into the existing book at some later period—I hasten to state, and can do so without any further inspection of the Minutes themselves (which is not practicable at the moment of writing), that Bro. Norton is quite accurate in his recollection of having seen the *actual signatures* of Desaguliers and other Grand Masters, which, along with those of the Grand Wardens, were frequently appended to the recorded Proceedings of Grand Lodge between 1723-35. As I feel, however, that what Bro. Norton wants, is not my *impression*, but my *deposition*, I will recur to the subject when I have again examined the Minute-books.

Yours fraternally,

F. R. GOULD.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL LIST.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see that Beds—in spite of its solitary spurt in April last—and Cambs are again conspicuous by their absence from the Subscription List. The two together have, I believe, at the eighteen Festivals which have fallen during the period of your existence as an organ of Masonic opinion, contributed less than £70, which, as the one has five and the other four Lodges, gives an average of about *eight shillings* per Lodge, per Festival. This, reckoning each Lodge to have on an average forty members, is equivalent to a contribution of about *twopence halfpenny* each, at each of the Festivals during the last six years. This is certainly a large sum, and if the other Lodges in England had contributed at the same rate, our Institutions would have been, as regards voluntary contributions, about as they were during the first two or three years of their existence. Now, if each of these Lodges meets (say) seven times a year, and each member spends only five shillings each regular meeting, and ten shillings on installation night on refreshment—no very extravagant sum it will be allowed—then each Lodge spends £50 a year on the pleasures of the table, and this multiplied by 9 for the number of Lodges, and 6 for the number of years, gives a total expenditure under this head of service of £4,320. In other words, the contributions to our central Institutions, in the course of this particular period, are to the amount expended in eating and drinking, in the ratio of 1 to 62, as nearly as may be. I think that when a Lodge meets there should be a certain amount of conviviality, as it tends to promote goodfellowship among the members; but the duties of charity should not be overlooked or observed to so insignificant an extent as to be almost laughable. Some time ago one of your correspondents suggested that Beds would be all the better if it were presided over by a Prov. G. Master, and had an array of Grand Officers. This may be so, but it at least has done better than, or, taking into account the number of its Lodges, as well as Cambridge, which has a Provincial organisation. These nine Lodges are not all of them ignorant of the existence of our principal Institutions, for I have occasionally seen a candidate from one of them for the benefits from one or other of our Institutions. I have never heard of their having local Masonic Institutions of their own, which in a measure would account for and excuse their seeming apathy. There must, then, be a screw loose somewhere in the organisation of the nine Beds and Cambridgeshire Lodges, when the total of their subscriptions in six years is less than one-fourth of what Herts, with its ten or eleven Lodges only, has raised for this last Festival of the Boys' School. I trust that in future years this manifest indifference to the claims of our Institutions on the support of all our Lodges will pass away, and that our brethren in the counties I have been referring to will be as regular in contributing as hitherto they have been irregular.

Fraternally yours,

FIDELIS.

BALLOTS FOR LIFE-GOVERNORSHIPS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think it must require a very prolonged stretch of the imagination to trace any resemblance between the venture known as the "Bentinck Racing Association"—to which Mr. Poland, on behalf of the Treasury, recently called the attention of Sir Thomas Ingham, and which that worthy magistrate so righteously condemned—and the little schemes every now and then organised by brethren for the purpose of benefiting our Masonic Institutions. It is unnecessary to describe the former at great length. It was a speculation for the purchase of a stud of race horses. The necessary capital of £10,000 was to be issued in shares of £150, £50, £10, and £1—so many of each value. An analysis of the principal races was to be sold at a shilling per copy, and purchasers of this were to have a chance, for each of the copies so purchased, in a

lottery for shares of the Association, a modest deduction for expenses being first made from the profits of the sale. Thus, for the outlay of one shilling, a man stood to win a share ranging, in value, from £1 to £150, or if he preferred money's worth, he might sell his share at full price, less only 5 per cent. for discount. I need not characterise this venture, as Sir Thomas Ingham expressed his opinion by fining its originator £25 on each of the three summonses taken out against him, and, in default of payment, ordered him to be imprisoned for nine months. On the other hand, the ballots for Life-Governorships which Bro. Dick Radclyffe and other Masons occasionally get up are undoubtedly lotteries, but with a difference. The proceeds go into the coffers of the Institution for which one is organised, and all the winner gets is a couple of votes at each election annually for life, the exercise of which some people care about, and some do not. In the one case, the Company sought to benefit itself at the expense of the public; in the other, the originator of the ballot proposes to raise a sum of money which will benefit one of our Institutions. To institute a comparison between the two schemes is an absurdity, and yet the writer of a *Communiqué*, which appeared in last week's number of your contemporary, takes the "Bentinck Racing Association," which has been exposed by one of our foremost criminal lawyers, and condemned by our most experienced Metropolitan magistrate, as the text of a sermon against these well-intended ballots. The one has been publicly proclaimed as an intolerable nuisance—a "little game" that would not stand a moment's inquisition; the other has been the means of raising considerable sums of money for our Schools and Benevolent Fund. I say it is an insult to common sense and common decency to put the two plans on the same footing. And as if the insertion of this *Communiqué* were not enough, the Editor of the journal I refer to draws to it the attention of "all who otherwise might be tempted perchance to take part in dubious proceedings or hurtful schemes." What must Bro. Radclyffe have thought, if he read the two paragraphs, when he found himself placed in the same category with the adventurer who started the "Bentinck Racing Association," and who is now, it seems, undergoing a sentence of nine months' imprisonment?

Yours faithfully,

QUERIST.

"JACHIN AND BOAZ."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Brothers Walter Spencer, Hughan, and "W." are puzzled about when the first edition of the above-named pamphlet was printed. Bro. Spencer follows the opinion of Dr. Oliver that 1750 was its first appearance. Bro. Hughan follows the opinion of Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, that it first appeared in 1760, and Bro. W. inquires for a Nicoll's edition of that work. Now, we have here, in the Masonic Temple, a copy of that work, which I shall describe. At the foot of the title-page is printed:—

"London: Printed for W. Nicoll. Dublin: Reprinted for, and sold by, Thomas Williamson, Bookseller and Stationer, No. 40 Wine Tavern Street, where may be had all sorts of Freemason's books."

"The pages of the first leaf are marked [iii] and [iv], which begins thus:—"An Address to Freemasons." The next leaf is marked 1, and begins:—"An authentic Key to the door of Free Masonry." The same page, second paragraph, says:—

"In all countries where Masonry is practised or established at this Time, There is a Grand Master; but formerly there was only one Grand Master, and he was an Englishman. The person on whom this Title or Dignity is bestowed, such as the present *Lord Aberdour*, governs all the other Lodges in Great Britain."

Now, Lord Aberdour governed the English Craft between 18th May 1757 and 3rd May 1762: hence "*the present Lord Aberdour*" must settle the question, that the pamphlet in question was not printed before 1757 at least. Dr. Oliver was, therefore, wrong in his date of 1750. The probability is, therefore, that Bro. Carson's copy, dated 1760, is the original edition.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 25th June 1880.

THE MASONIC BAZAAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can the Bazaar Committee explain why or how it was the ladies who presided at the different stalls during the late Bazaar received no hospitality—at least after the opening day? I dare say the Committee were anxious to keep the expenses within the narrowest possible compass, but many of these ladies must have come from a distance; many contributed articles for sale, while all of them worked gratuitously, and their efforts have been most highly spoken of. Yet after Tuesday not even a cup of tea or coffee was to be had, except on payment. So at least I have heard.

CURIOUS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have it on indisputable authority that the Committee of the above Bazaar courteously sent tickets of invitation to the Grand Officers for the year, and that some of these had the discourtesy to return them. The Committee, having fulfilled what they conscientiously regarded, no doubt, as a duty as well as a pleasure, have nothing to reproach themselves with; but will the same remark apply to the lofty-minded gentlemen who needlessly went out of their way to insult the Committee, and in doing so seem to have forgotten that they were at the same time insulting the Earl

of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, who had undertaken to preside at the opening ceremony, and has more than once spoken strongly in favour of the Fund, in whose behalf the Bazaar was held; the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who originated the idea which led to the establishment of the Fund, and promised to support his Lordship; and the Lord Mayor, Junior Grand Warden of England, and Sheriffs of London, who, only at the last moment, were prevented by their civic duties from attending in state?

I hope it will be a lesson to these G. Officers not to act discourteously towards a body of brethren whose acts they may not approve, lest, as has happened in the present case, they should include some of the most distinguished members of the Craft in such act of discourtesy.

Yours sincerely,

SUAVITER IN MODO.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret to find, from your issue of Saturday last, that I have unwittingly offended the powers that be at Golden-square. Will you kindly permit me to explain that, in giving an invite to members of other Rites than our own, I had no other motive than that of affording to those who desire it an opportunity of witnessing the working of degrees which I understand have not been generally worked in England; and I thought that in opening our Chapter freely to visitors who possessed the necessary qualifications for admission, I was only carrying out the grand principle of fraternal communion so earnestly inculcated in our Craft degrees—the only real basis of genuine Masonry? Interpreting as our Sovereign Sanctuary does in the most liberal manner the Masonic obligation of fraternity and brotherly love, they make no exception to any holders of these degrees under the thirty Rites detailed in its ceremonies. In this country there are numerous members of these grades under the N.J. (Cômeau), Mizraim, and also both in England and Scotland bodies of Templars who confer and practise all the degrees of the A. and A. Rite; and it becomes no part of our duty to separate Ancient priority of claim from that of more modern numerical strength.

I repeat we have no desire to attract members of the A. and A. Rite specially, but we cannot consistently shut our doors to any brother who has a legitimate claim to admission.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES HILL, 32^o,

Secretary Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6.

7th July 1880.

A WEEK'S WORK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Weymouth, 3rd July 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Thinking an account of a week's work in this Province may be of some interest to you, I have taken the liberty of sending you a newspaper with some of the information. The work commenced on Thursday, 17th June, when the W.M. elect of the Portland Lodge 1037, Bro. S. A. Vickery S.W., was duly installed, between fifty and sixty brethren from various parts of the Province of Dorset attending. The ceremony was ably performed by the I.P.M. W. Bro. Waters, assisted by W. Bro. Smith P.G.M.C. After the W.M. had appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, he presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, given by the brethren of the Lodge for his services as W.M. for the two previous years. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, to a splendid banquet, served in first-class style by Bro. Hodsdon, and presided over by the W.M. Bro. Vickery, who took the opportunity of pointing out the progress this Lodge had made during the past two years, during which time it had removed from an hotel to a new Lodge room of its own; had increased the votes of the brethren from eight to over sixty, had given thirty guineas during the past year to the Masonic Charities, and had then about ten guineas in hand for the next Steward to take up, beside a balance of over £50 in banker's and Treasurer's hands. This for a young Lodge of about forty-five members looked well for Masonry in the Island of Portland, and showed that the brethren of that Lodge had the welfare of Masonry at heart. In January last, a number of old people, men and women, were invited, the day after the Lodge of Instruction was held, to a supper; several sat down and enjoyed themselves; to those that could not come from old age, comforts were sent in the shape of food, tea, money, &c. None that received this were under the age of sixty-five years. After spending an hour or so these poor old people went away expressing their thanks to the brethren, and believing that Masonry was not all mere outside show.

The work that followed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in the week following, will be found in the accompanying extract from the *Southern Times* of the 3rd July.

Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL A. VICKERY W.M. 1037.

Lady Charlotte Schreiber and Mr. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of the Dorset Freemasons, laid on Thursday afternoon the foundation stones of the new church of St. Paul's, Poole. Lord Wimborne had promised £500 towards the fund. The ceremony was attended with full Masonic honours, many members of the Craft from all parts of Dorset being present, as were also the Mayor and Corporation of Poole. The new Church, which is to replace the old structure of St. Paul's, is to be in the style of the Early English period of Gothic architecture, from a design of Mr. G. R. Crickmay,

of Weymouth and Westminster. The number of sittings provided for is 735. Last week was a red letter time in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Dorset, for, in addition to the meeting on Thursday of the Prov. Grand Lodge to celebrate its centenary, the Prov. Grand Chapter of Dorset met on emergency on Friday at Portland, for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter in connection with the Portland Lodge, No. 1,037, and on Saturday the usual Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, which day was the centenary of chapter of Amity, No. 137, it having first met on the 26th of June 1780, that excellent Mason, Bro. Dunckerley, presiding on the occasion. The original charter is still in existence, and kept at the Masonic Hall, as are also the old minute Books, with the minutes of that time carefully recorded and well preserved. Poole 100 years ago must have been celebrated for the activity of Freemasonry, as the Lodge of Amity was started as far back as 1765, and is still in a most vigorous and prosperous state. The Royal Arch Companions met at Portland on Friday at two o'clock, the hall being well filled. Many of the officers of the Grand Chapter of England had promised to attend, but unfortunately, this being the height of the London season, and their many pressing engagements, their non-attendance was unavoidable. The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened, the ceremony of consecrating the new chapter was then proceeded with by the G.S. of the Province, Mr. J. M. P. Montagu, the P.G.H. and J. also taking part. The principals designate were then installed—viz., Comps. R. N. Howard Z., W. Smith H., and J. Jesty J. The other officers were appointed, and a large number of brethren were proposed for the degree. The usual business was transacted, and the chapter was closed at four o'clock. A banquet, in the form of a cold collation, was provided by Bro. Hodsdon, of the Victoria Hotel, at which the brethren of the Portland Lodge were admitted. A very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Comp. Howard, supported by the P.G. Supt. and other P.G. Officers past and present. The proceedings were much enlivened by a glee party of the Weymouth and Portland brethren. As before stated, the Prov. G. Chapter met at Poole on Saturday, not only to hold its annual meeting, but also to celebrate the occasion of the Chapter of Amity attaining its 100th year of existence. The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened at twelve, and after the usual routine business had been transacted allusion was made to the occasion for which the P.G. Chapter had met, and the Chapter of Amity received the best wishes and congratulations of the Comps., and resolutions were ordered to be entered on the P.G. Chapter minute book to testify to future generations the auspicious occasion. This meeting was also rendered still more interesting by a presentation to the P.G. Supt., Comp. Montagu, of a handsome vase for flowers, with a suitable inscription, on the occasion of his late marriage with Miss Vigne, daughter of the late Comp. Sir Knight C. J. Vigne, who held the office of Grand Prior of Dorset for many years this office being now held by Comp. Montagu, as well as that of P. Grand Supt. The presentation was made on behalf of the several orders by Comps. Rev. W. M. Heath, C. R. Rowe, and H. C. Burt. Comp. Montagu thanked them for the expression of esteem and good will shown towards him, and would ever preserve it and look on it as a great honour done him. The appointment of Prov. G. Officers for the next year was as follows:—P.G.H. Comps. G. H. Gatch P.Z. 137 Poole. P.G.J. H. C. Burt P.Z. 622 Wimborne, P.G.S.E. W. Chick, P.P.G.J. P.Z. 417 Dorchester, P.G.S.N. J. B. Cole Z. 170 Weymouth, P.G.P.S. D. Sydenham P.Z. 137 Bournemouth, P.G. first A.S. W. B. Rogers P.Z. 137 Bournemouth, P.G. second A.S. J. McWilliam P.Z. 137 Bournemouth, P.G. Treasurer J. Jacob P.P.G.H. P.Z. 170 Weymouth, P.G. Registrar J. W. Luff P.Z. 622 Wimborne, P.G.S.B. W. E. Brymer J. 417 Dorchester, P.G.St.B. J. A. Sherren J. 170 Weymouth, P.G.D.C. W. Smith P.P.G.J. P.Z. 170 Weymouth, P.G. Organist J. Whitehead Smith P.P.G.P.S. 622 Wimborne, P.G. Janitor F. Long Janitor 707 Bridport. The P.G. Supt. Comp. Montagu stated he had given a large proportion of appointments to the Poole Comps. specially to mark the celebration of their centenary, and had given them the highest honour he could confer on one of them—viz., Comp. Gatch as P.G.H. He also observed he should like this event to be specially marked by some assistance to the Masonic Charities, and offered £5 5s to any Comp. of Poole or to their Chapter, to be given to one of the great Masonic Charities, provided a similar sum was given in addition. This was at once accepted by Comp. Sydenham Z. of that Chapter, on its behalf. The P.G. Chapter was then closed. By the kind invitation of the Companions of Chapter of Amity, the Comps. enjoyed an excellent banquet at the Antelope Hotel, provided by Bro. Cartis. Comp. D. Sydenham took the chair, being supported by many distinguished Companions and Visitors from Wilts, London, and other Provinces, this having brought to an end two or three days' hard but interesting Masonic work and duty. Such events as these can never again be witnessed by many Companions now living, as the next centenary in the Province will not take place till the year 1921, when a future generation will look back, no doubt with pleasure, on the interesting work so far completed by their forefathers.

MARK MASONRY.

BRIXTON LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE election meeting of this Lodge will be held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at half-past six o'clock, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. C. P. McKay W.M. Prior to the opening of the Lodge there will be a meeting of Royal Ark Mariners, when Bro. Geo. Clark will be installed W.C.N. by Bro. T. Poore P.G.I.G. assisted by Bro. H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Works the retiring W.C.N.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the Earl of Lathom's speech, on page 18 of our last issue, 4th line from bottom of last column, for £30,000 read £3,000.

THE MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Fund was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Wednesday, the 7th instant. R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, presided, and was supported by, among others, Bros. F. Davison Grand Mark Treasurer, D. M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary, H. C. Levander Grand Registrar of Marks, Baron de Ferrières, M.P., T. J. Pulley Past Grand Steward, C. F. Matier Past Grand Warden, &c. Bro. Meggy was unfortunately prevented through indisposition from being present. The guests, ladies included, mustered altogether between sixty and seventy. After dinner, the first toast was that of the Queen and Mark Masonry, which was briefly given, but duly honoured. That of the "Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, the Earl of Lathom," followed, and the Chairman, in proposing this, spoke of the great and genial qualities which had so endeared his lordship to the members of the different sections of the brotherhood. Sir Francis, at the same time, took the opportunity of referring to the noble lord's advancement in the peerage to the Earldom of Lathom, and congratulated his lordship on the honour which had been so worthily bestowed upon him. Those present having cordially endorsed the Chairman's remarks, and as cordially pledged the toast in question, Bro. Binckes Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary rose, and proposed the toast of the Past Grand Masters of the Mark degree, all of whom he was happy to say were playing an active part in the spheres of life in which they severally moved—a circumstance which, in his (Brother Binckes's) opinion, might be taken not only as an evidence of the vitality imparted to them by Mark Masonry, but likewise as a good omen of the vitality of the degree itself. He also alluded to another circumstance which to him was a source of especial pleasure, namely, that he had had the honour of filling the office of Grand Secretary under every one of the Past Grand Mark Masters, from Lord Leigh to the Earl of Limerick inclusive. Bro. Matier then gave the toast of Lord Henniker Deputy G.M.M. and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, all of whom he pointed out had done, or were prepared to do, their duty most loyally towards the degree, whose success was intimately bound up, and indeed chiefly dependent on, their exertions. The Past G. Officers, said Bro. Matier, had had their innings, and he was sure those presently holding G. Office would walk in the footsteps of their predecessors. G. Treasurer F. Davison, in replying for the toast, expressed himself highly pleased with the encomiums passed by the previous speaker on the exertions of the Grand Officers, and paid a well-deserved compliment to the services both of Brother Binckes as Grand Secretary and Brother D. M. Dewar as his very able coadjutor. Then followed the toast of the evening "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent and the Masonic Institutions," which was proposed by the Chairman in most eloquent terms. He pointed out how it was started under most favourable circumstances, in the year 1868, by a donation of £50 from G. Lodge; how it had gone on steadily increasing ever since, and what serviceable work it was doing and was likely to do. As yet there had not been many calls upon it, but those made had emanated from most deserving Mark Masons. Justice having been done to the toast, Bro. D. M. Dewar read out the list of subscriptions, which follows, namely:—

H. R. Cooper Smith, Berks and Oxon	- - - -	20	18	0
W. Watkins, Monmouthshire	- - - -	55	13	0
W. T. Clarke, Sussex	- - - -	5	14	6
Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Warwickshire and Staffordshire	- - - -	5	5	0
E. C. Mather, Old Kent T.I.	- - - -	25	0	0
G. Newman, St. Mark's, No. 1	- - - -	10	0	0
Dr. E. Passawer, Mallet and Chisel, No. 5	- - - -	10	0	0
A. J. Bristow, Carnarvon, No. 7	- - - -	68	5	0
S. Mattison, Joppa, No. 11, Birkenhead	- - - -	10	10	0
J. E. Anderson, Hiram, No. 13, Richmond, Surrey	- - - -	5	5	0
W. Klingenstein, Southwark, No. 22	- - - -	5	5	0
E. G. Simpson, Union, No. 32, Manchester	- - - -	20	0	0
T. R. Peel, St. Andrew's, No. 31, Manchester	- - - -	16	5	0
C. S. Lane, Eclectic, No. 39, West Hartlepool	- - - -	33	12	0
J. Smyth, Florence Nightingale, No. 44	- - - -	31	4	2
T. Benham, Aldershot, No. 54, Aldershot	- - - -	16	15	0
H. M. Green, Carnarvon, No. 62, Havant	- - - -	-	-	-
J. Blount Thomas, St. Andrews, No. 63, Southampton	- - - -	10	10	0
A. Williams, Macdonald, No. 104	- - - -	17	17	0
Aug. Walton, Grosvenor, No. 144	- - - -	25	0	0
J. F. Tweedale, Union, No. 171, Oldham	- - - -	26	5	0
T. W. Adams, West Smithfield, No. 223	- - - -	10	10	0
E. S. Shepherd, Abbey, No. 225, Abingdon	- - - -	10	10	0
Rev. D. Ace, D.D., Hereward, No. 227, Bourne (Lincol.)	- - - -	5	5	0
W. F. Lamouby, Faithful, No. 229, Cockermouth	- - - -	10	12	6
T. J. Pulley, Leopold, No. 235, Reading	- - - -	21	0	0
J. S. Badkin, Clapton, No. 236	- - - -	-	-	-
C. Park, Alfred, No. 247, Oxford	- - - -	12	18	0
W. B. Farr, No. 257	- - - -	6	17	4
Rev. C. K. Davy	- - - -	5	5	0
Thos. Meggy	- - - -	5	5	0
Frederick Binckes	- - - -	53	11	0
		£560	17	6

Bro. Binckes, after a humorous song from Bro. Cozens, acknowledged the toast, thanking the Chairman for his genial advocacy of the Fund, and those present for having so cordially received it. He laid stress on the benefits which it (the Fund) must confer on those worthy brethren whom the vicissitudes of fortune might compel to seek its assistance. He referred to the educational branch recently established in aid of the children of deceased or indigent Mark Masons, and he paid a high compliment to Bro. Meggy, whose

absence on this occasion was greatly to be regretted. Bro. Binckes also alluded, in felicitous language, to the death of Bro. Hervey, whose funeral had taken place that day, and who, in the course of his career, had proved himself to be one of the stoutest pillars of the Craft. The other toasts were those of the Chairman, proposed by the Baron de Ferrières, M.P.; the Board of Stewards, proposed by Bro. Davison Grand Treasurer, and responded to by Bro. A. Williams; and the Ladies, proposed by Bro. Aug. Walton W.M. Grosvenor Lodge, No. 114, and acknowledged by Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith. The proceedings then closed. We should add that the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. Rowley Grand Mark Organist, who was assisted by Bros. F. H. Cozens, Crane, Hodgson, and Knowles—all of whose efforts to entertain the meeting were greatly appreciated.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

THE Funeral of this distinguished Freemason took place on Wednesday, and our respected brother's remains were consigned to their last resting place in Norwood Cemetery on that day. The proceedings were of an essentially private character, but, at the same time, there were many of his brother Masons who considered it a duty on their part to attend and pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Among those present were his successor in the office of Grand Secretary, Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerke; his right hand man Assistant Grand Secretary H. G. Buss; Bros. A. A. Fendlebury, Dodd, Lee, Sadler (Grand Tyler), Brackstone Baker P.G.D., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., H. Smith Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, Dr. Woodman P.G. A.D.C., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, &c., &c., and Col. Creton Grand Treasurer. Bro. Hervey was seventy-three years of age, and in the course of a long Masonic career had won for himself the esteem and respect of the whole Craft. When he succeeded Bro. Gray Clarke, his duties were light compared with what they had grown to be latterly since Freemasonry had become so popular. But light or heavy, the duties were fully carried out by Bro. Hervey with a delicacy of feeling and ability which secured general admiration. He was a wise and safe counsellor, especially in the advice he habitually gave to young Lodges, at the outset of their career, against the indiscriminate admission of candidates. It not unfrequently fell to his lot to be appointed the consecrating officer at the installation of a new Lodge, and, whenever this happened, he was invariably placed on the roll of honorary members in token of his kindness in having presided. He had received many testimonials, one of the most recent being a silver inkstand, presented to him by the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in recognition of his services, the Earl of Carnarvon, our Grand Master occupying, if we remember rightly, the chair on the occasion. Bro. Hervey, from his position as Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge officially and of course, held the corresponding post of Grand Scribe E. in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England. He was also, according to the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*, a Past Grand High Chancellor of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine; Hon. IX. and an additional Member of the High Council of the Rosicrucian Society; and Member of the 32° under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Bro. Hervey was also a Past G. Deacon of England, and will be ever remembered as one of the kindest and ablest of our brethren, but more especially as one of our Lodges, No. 1210, bears his respected name. His fame, indeed, seems to have passed beyond the mystic circle of our ancient brotherhood, if we may so judge from the few brief obituary notices of him which have appeared in the *Times* and other papers, both London and Provincial. One of them, written by the London Correspondent of the *Liverpool Courier*, himself a skilful and popular Craftsman, who enjoyed the privilege of Bro. Hervey's acquaintance, will serve as a fitting appendix to this somewhat brief sketch of our deceased brother. Says our *Liverpool* contemporary, "The death of the late Grand Secretary of Freemasons, Mr. John Hervey, which occurred on Friday, will produce amongst the Craft general regret, although the event has long been expected. The *Liverpool* brethren, who are frequent attendants at Grand Lodge, to whom the tall, thin, bent form was very familiar, will feel that they have lost a personal friend, who was always courteous, and a Freemason of whom it is to be regretted there are not too many of the same type. Mr. Hervey was a Freemason in the strictest sense of the word, adhering to, and upholding, as far as lay in his power, the laws and ordinances of Grand Lodge, and all those principles which are taught in the three degrees of the Order. While no true Freemason could have rejoiced more than he to see Freemasonry extend, he was only anxious that it should extend in proper quarters, and deplored that, in many instances, men were admitted within the Masonic ranks who, if sufficient caution had been previously exercised, would have still remained outside, and not been the cause of further introductions which have periodically disgraced the Order. Repeatedly, at the consecration of Lodges, did Mr. Hervey impress upon the brethren to make only such men Freemasons as, by their lives and actions, were an ornament to the world, whether they were rich or whether they were poor, and he advocated strict inquiry into a candidate's antecedents before he was put up for the ballot. No doubt he would willingly have placed his personal veto on the extensive grant of warrants for new Lodges which of late years has been made by the Grand Master, and it is a testimony to Bro. Hervey's foresight of the evil consequences of such large grants, that for the last twelve months very few new Lodges have been granted, and many of these have been for the colonies. Mr. Hervey was an unmarried man, and when he was appointed Grand Secretary in 1868, applied himself with great energy to his work. English Freemasonry was then just emerging from the narrow stream in which it had flowed for hundreds of years, and entering upon the wide and open sea, which it has breasted since, and which has become wider and more open since the secession of the Marquis of Ripon and the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in 1875.

TESTIMONIAL TO COL. S. H. CLERKE G.S.

A SPLENDID silver table service was presented to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, on Thursday afternoon, at 33 Golden-square. About seventy brethren were present on the occasion. The presentation was made by Capt. N. G. Phillips, in the absence of the Earl of Lathom, who had been called away to Hughenden to Lord Beaconsfield. The object and value of the testimonial will be gathered from the observations made in presenting it. Capt. Phillips said—Brethren, we are met here to-day for the purpose of presenting a service of plate of about the value of £150 to our Illustrious Brother Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, and I have to express to that brother and to you the great regret of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Earl of Lathom, that pressing business in connection with the affairs of State prevent his attendance to make the presentation in person. He writes to me—"Dear Captain Phillips, it is with extreme regret that I have to give up the pleasure of presiding at the presentation of the testimonial to Colonel Shadwell Clerke to-day. I had looked forward to being present on the occasion, and it is a very great disappointment to me not to be able to do so. But Lord Beaconsfield has sent for me to Hughenden, and I am bound to obey his wishes. Will you kindly express my regrets to Colonel Clerke and the brethren, and tell them how much I should have liked to have been with them on an occasion of such interest, if it was only to mark the deep sense I feel of the very great services Colonel Clerke has rendered to the A. and A. Rite. Though we are the losers by his appointment to the Grand Secretaryship, I feel that Masonry in general is the gainer, and that we must not repine at his loss. He is still one of us, and I feel sure that his future career will show that we, who have known him so long, have not placed too high a value on his services. Believe me, yours fraternally, LATHOM, 33°."

It has, therefore, fallen upon me to perform this pleasant duty, which is the more pleasing to me, as I was the one at whose hands our Brother Clerke first saw Light, and he has been associated with me in Masonry for many years. Brother Clerke, it now devolves upon me to beg your acceptance of this Presentation in recognition of the valuable services rendered by you to the Order as Grand Secretary-General, and as a small token of the affection and esteem in which you are held by your colleagues of the Supreme Council and the members of the A. and A. Rite of Freemasonry for England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, and may the Great Architect of the Universe have you in His holy keeping, and long spare you in health and happiness to come amongst us. Col. Shadwell Clerke in reply said, Very illustrious Lt.-Grand Commander, and you, Brethren and the A. and A. Rite, I really hardly know what to say on this occasion, I feel so entirely overwhelmed by the magnificence of the gift which you are good enough to confer upon me, but still more so by the kind feeling, the fraternal friendship, and I hope I may say esteem, which it typifies. I assure you that I was quite unprepared for such a demonstration, and I therefore value it all the more. Of course I regret very much that our most popular chief, Lord Lathom, is not here to-day to present this, as he was good enough to say he would, to me, but I am peculiarly gratified that I receive it through the hands of my old and Illustrious colleague, Capt. Phillips, who, as he said just now, was the first to make me a Mason, and with whom I have worked for the last twenty years. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to me that I should receive a gift through his hands. Brethren, when I first came to settle in London, after returning from active service in the army some years ago, it was a great pleasure to me to be permitted to join the higher Orders of Masonry, and when you entrusted me with the duties of Grand Secretary-General, I assure you I entered into it with the full determination that I would act for the prosperity of the Order to the utmost of my power and ability. From the very kind way in which you have received me to-day, and from this very handsome presentation, I hope I may lay the flattering unction to my soul that I have had some measure of success in carrying out my intentions; but I assure you I could not have carried on those duties if it had not been for the kind co-operation of my colleagues of the Order with whom I have been connected. Although I have been called to other duties, which prevent my attendance here as often as before, yet you may be sure that I have the interests of the A. and A. Rite as much at heart as ever, and I feel the greatest interest in the welfare of the Order, and of its members individually, amongst whom I have the pleasure and gratification of numbering a great many personal friends. I thank you, as I said before, from the very bottom of my heart for this gift, which I trust will be handed down to my children when I am no more amongst you, and I hope it will be an heirloom to my family to show the very kind feeling that you have evinced to me. I thank you very, very much." The inscription on the salver was—"Presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke by his colleagues in the Supreme Council, 33°, for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, in recognition of his valuable services as Grand Secretary-General. July 1880." On the centre-piece was engraved—"This centre-piece, with many other articles of plate, is presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, by the members of the various degrees of the A. and A. Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, as a mark of their appreciation of the valuable and honorary services rendered by him to the Order as its Grand Secretary-General for nearly seven years, and of the esteem in which he is personally held by them. July 1880."

CONSECRATION OF THE STANMORE CHAPTER,
No. 1549.

A new Chapter, in connection with the three Lodges meeting at Great Stanmore, was formally consecrated on Wednesday, the 30th ult., by Ex-Comps. H. C. Lovander Prov. G.H., H. G. Buss P.G. Standard-Bearer, James Terry Prov. G.D.C. Herts, and H. A. Dubois Prov. G. Scribe E. The Companions present were Comps.

G. Tidcombe, T. J. Maidwell, H. Lovegrove, J. B. King, J. E. Dawson Prov. G. Scribe E. Herts, C. Challen 315, F. Wilson Herts, M.D., Prov. G.H. Herts, G. C. Nissens 889, W. J. Green 404, H. Sadler Z. 169 Grand Janitor, and F. Honeywell P.G.O. Surrey H. 889. The Chapter was opened by Ex-Comps. Lovander as M.E.Z., Buss as H., Terry as J., and Dubois as D.C. The position and warrant were read, and the ceremony of consecration proceeded with, the oration being ably delivered by Comp. Terry. Comp. G. Tidcombe was then duly installed as M.E.Z. and Comp. H. Lovegrove (Scribe N. 72) as J., the H. designate Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, being absent through domestic affliction. The Companions appointed to office were Comps. C. Veal Scribe E., T. J. Maidwell P.S., King 1st Assist.-Soj., and Middleton Janitor. Comp. H. Lovegrove proposed and the M.E.Z. seconded, that a vote of thanks to the installing Officers (Comps. Lovander, Buss, Terry and Dubois) be recorded on the minutes, and that they be elected honorary members of the Chapter. Several names having been handed in for exaltation and joining, the Chapter was closed, and after a stroll in the beautiful gardens attached to the house, the Companions assembled at the festive board, where everything had been provided in a first-class manner by Comp. Veal. Comp. Buss P.G. Standard-Bearer replied to the toast of the Grand Officers. Comp. H. C. Lovander Prov. G.H. replied to the toast of the Prov. G. Officers. The M.E.Z., in replying to the toast of his health, proposed by Comp. Lovander, gave a description of Stanmore and the objects of interest in the neighbourhood. Comps. Lovegrove and Buss (acting H.) replied for the second and third principals. The "Visitors" brought forth a response from Comp. Dr. Herts, and the "Charities" one from Comps. Terry and Dubois. The Janitor's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THESE popular minstrels seem resolved that the entertainment they have given at their home at the Agricultural Hall, almost continuously for seven years, shall lack nothing either in variety or excellence. No favourable opportunity for presenting a special programme is ever missed, and even where there is no particular reason for departing from the regular order of things, it is always easy for people of resolution to find one. Thus, on each of the five Wednesdays in June, they appeared on the stage with white faces, and thereby proved, what most people have hitherto doubted, that it is possible to make a darky white. But these Wednesdays were marked by something further in the way of novelty. On each occasion Part I. of the Programme included a series of songs, &c., quite different from what are usually heard at this class of entertainment, while on the last Wednesday of all they gave an Operatic Concert, which, even if they had not furnished any previous testimony of their ability in this direction, must have satisfied all who heard them that they were thorough artists, and capable of interpreting skilfully and with taste the higher as well as the more ordinary class of music. There were likewise other attractions—a favourite soprano in the person of Miss Eléne Webster, and a pianist, Herr Levinsohn, whose solos were received by the audience, as they well deserved to be, with intense pleasure. The programme, which opened with the overture to Masaniello by the Mohawk's band, included a string quartette by Messrs. Ottaway, Redmond, Smithyes and Forman, of which it is sufficient to say that it was one of the special features of the evening, and we trust it will not be the last occasion on which these gentlemen will furnish similar evidence of their ability. Messrs. Haydn Florence, and C. Garland sang, as they know well how to sing, the former, "Dear Isle, Farewell" (the "Come o Gentil" of *Don Pasquale*), and the latter "Ah love, how blest" ("Ah si ben mio" of *Il Trovatore*). Herr Levinsohn played "Erin" (Benedict), and a grand Fantasia, of his own composition, on airs from Balfe's *Bohemian Girl*. Miss Eléne Webster's rendering of "Sweet Spirit, hear my prayer," delighted every one and was most enthusiastically applauded, while Mr. J. Kavanagh, as usual, distinguished himself in his number—"The Happy Muleteer." The second part consisted of Ethiopian varieties, which, beyond the fact of their general excellence, call for no special comment. The Bros. Ray, Mr. Freeman, Little Thomas, Mr. James Francis, &c., &c., each contributed his share to the general entertainment.

On Monday was given a Grand American Festival, in commemoration of the achievement of their independence by the United States of America, the 4th July this year, which fell on a Sunday, being the day which marks that interesting and important event. As a matter of course, among the principal items were the well-known "Yankee Doodle," "Hail! Columbia," the "Star-Spangled Banner," &c., &c. This day (Saturday) another special programme will be offered, and we doubt not, well received.

The Kingsale Rowing Club gave their first annual Concert, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Wellington Hall, Upper-street. A very fair audience was present, and the programme, which was extremely well chosen, comprising, as it did, several good old songs and glees, went most successfully. The chief success of the evening was achieved by Miss Newton, a sister of the Vice-Captain, whose rendering of Virginia Gabriel's song "Only," was so generally appreciated that it was found impossible to resist the demand for its repetition. The fair artist, however, substituted "Thady O'Flynn," and was rapturously applauded for her second effort. She had previously sung "Ever of Thee," and with Miss Atkins on the piano, Miss Coyte Turner's "I love my Love," Mr. J. A. Newton's "She wore a wreath of Roses" furnished the best of the Club programme. We hope we shall have further opportunities of being present at the Concerts of this rising Club, whose fortunes deserve to be, if they are not already, firmly established.

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A VACANCY having occurred in the Office of Collector of this Institution, Brethren (who must be Master Masons, and between the ages of Twenty-five and Forty-five years) desirous of becoming Candidates for the same are requested to send in their applications, accompanied with Testimonials, not later than Monday, the 12th July next, to the undersigned, from whom all information respecting the duties of the Office can be obtained.

By Order,
JAMES TERRY,
Secretary.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of July 1880, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution; to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that sixteen be elected from an approved list of seventy-three candidates at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, the 11th day of October next.

N.B.—The chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.
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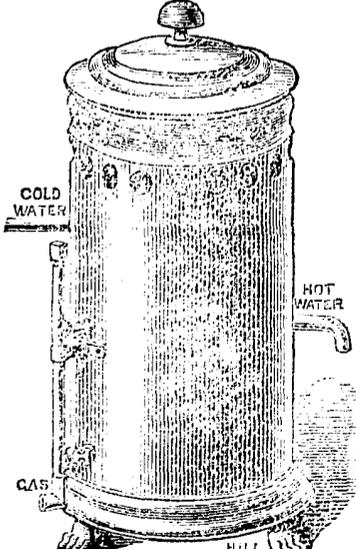
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a **PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE** will be held on Saturday, the 24th day of July 1880, at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the Public Hall, Sutton, in the County of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the other brethren of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W.P.G. Master,
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road,
24th June 1880.

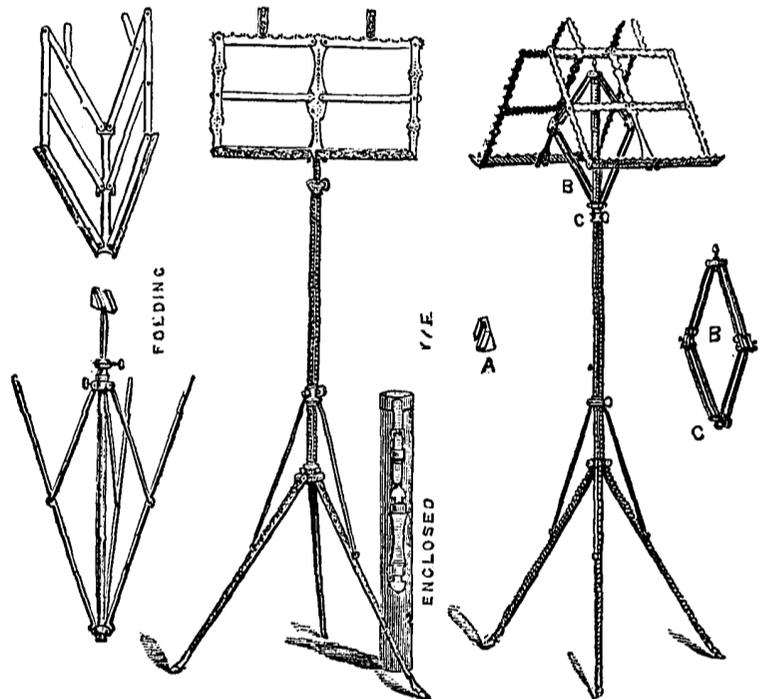
P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 15s) may be had of Bro. James Hamer Owens, P.M., Sutton, Surrey; or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The R.W. P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church, at 2.15 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

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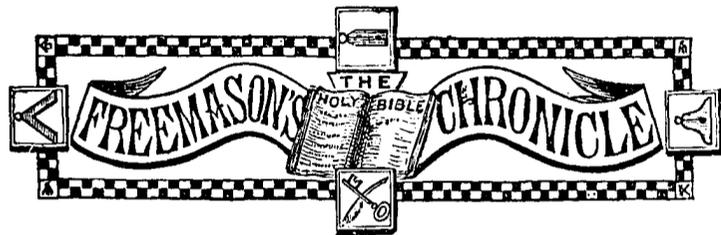
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NEW MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

ON Thursday afternoon, 24th ult. (St. John's Day), the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new building for the Masonic Female Orphan School, Merrion-road, Ball's Bridge, was performed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master (his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.), in the presence of a fashionable and extremely large assemblage. The Orphanage is intended for the reception of seventy girls, and will form a noble monument to the philanthropy of that great Order—universal in extent, and invested with so much mystery to the uninitiated—that has been happily described as a beautiful system of philanthropy veiled under the guise of allegory. Nearly nine decades ago the Irish Masonic Female Orphan School was established, a small house in Richmond-street being used for the purposes of the Orphanage till 1851, when the present buildings in Burlington-road were opened. Since that year, owing to the rapidly increasing number of pupils, the Orphanage has been several times enlarged, and at length it was deemed advisable to erect another and more extensive building. In May the site on which the ceremony of yesterday took place was chosen. The school-house, with its infirmary (a separate building), gate lodge, offices, and gardens, will occupy a space of nearly ten acres, the cost being estimated at about £12,000. The main building will form two sides of a quadrangle, one facing the Blackrock-road, and the other Simmon's Court Avenue, and will be built in the style of architecture, freely treated, which prevailed about the reign of Queen Anne. The external facing of the walls will be of grey brick, with dressings of red Dumfriesshire stone and red brick. The building, which will consist of three storeys, will be 55 feet high, with a tower 100 feet in height from the ground, through which a winding staircase will extend from the lowest to the highest floor, large and spacious corridors running right and left from it, communicating with the various tiers of rooms. On the ground floor the tower will form a porch, entered by an elaborate cut stone doorway, giving access to the grand staircase. On the west the building will extend 96 feet in length, and on the north 120 feet. On the ground floor there will be school and class rooms, a large play room, a dining hall, 44 feet by 21 feet, and board-room, 13 feet by 18 feet. The second storey will contain a dormitory, 54 feet by 22 feet, class rooms, music, drawing, and other rooms. The third floor will consist of three dormitories—one, 54 feet by 22 feet, the second 44 feet by 22 feet, and the third 34 feet by 20—and teachers' rooms. In order that the dormitories may obtain the greatest amount of sun heat, the corridors in that portion of the Orphanage facing the north have been placed in the front; but in the western wing, for a contrary reason, the corridor runs behind the dining room, so as to secure for it shade and coolness. Care has also been taken to provide against danger arising from fire by the erection of a staircase in the rear. It may be added that all the baths will be situate in the tower, so that should any of the pipes burst, the leakage will cause as little damage as possible, the Mineral Rock Asphalt Company having lined all the foundation walls with Fottrell's Imperishable Rock Asphalt. Judging from the plans approved of by the Building Committee, there can be no doubt but that the Orphanage, when completed, will not only form a comfortable and happy home for its young inmates, but will present a very fine appearance. Extensive recreation grounds will be attached to the school, so as to afford the children every opportunity for healthful exercise and amusement. The designs for the buildings, it may be mentioned, have been drawn up by Messrs. M'Curdy and Mitchell, and the contract for the erection has been obtained by Messrs. G. Galan and Son. Soon after three o'clock yesterday afternoon a large number of visitors had collected on the field on which the ceremony of the day was to take place, and, as the hour grew later, the assemblage became rapidly larger and larger. Two large platforms had been erected at opposite sides of the place in which the stone was to be laid, and long before four o'clock, the time appointed for the commencement of the proceedings, were well filled, while the field itself was crowded by large numbers of persons, the light-coloured summer dresses of the ladies and the insignia worn by the gentlemen creating an extremely pleasant effect, and rendering the scene to an unaccustomed beholder of Masonic celebrations at once novel and interesting. Just as the seats on the platform had been taken a heavy shower

began to fall, and in a few minutes three canvas-covered tents erected on the grounds were crowded, although some of the occupants of the stands still retained their seats, notwithstanding the rain, which continued to fall with increasing violence. At length, however, the weather cleared up, and in a few minutes afterwards the Lord Lieutenant arrived. The boys and girls of the Dublin Orphanages belonging to the Order were drawn up on each side of the footpath, and presented a healthy, happy, smiling appearance, that showed how great had been the care that had been bestowed upon them. His Excellency was accompanied by the Countess Cowper, and attended by Captain M'Calmont, and was received by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Officers, the Hon. Secretary, and the Building Committee, the band playing "God save the Queen." Both the Viceroy and Lady Cowper remained standing throughout the ceremonies, and before they commenced remained in conversation for some time with the Duke of Abercorn. By this time rain had again commenced to pour, and fell almost without ceasing during the remainder of the afternoon, completely destroying the pleasure of the occasion. Had the weather been fine, the display would have been most brilliant but as it was nothing was seen but drenched garments, dripping umbrellas, and the fast falling large drops of the continuous downpour. The Officers of the several Lodges having assumed their collars and jewels of office, a procession was formed, and having circumambulated the site, halted at the north-east angle of the foundation. The brethren fell back right and left, and formed a line in open order, facing inwards. The brethren uncovered and allowed the Grand Master and Grand Officers to pass through. The Grand Master and Grand Officers then took their stations and places on the platform. The Grand Master having been saluted in ancient form, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master (Mr. W. R. Shekleton, Q.C.) addressed the Grand Master as follows:—Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School having resolved to build on this site a new school for the orphan daughters of our deceased brethren, the members and brethren are now here assembled for the purpose of witnessing the impressive ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the edifice; and I have to request you, Most Worshipful Sir, to perform this work. The necessary arrangements have been made by the Committee entrusted with their preparation, and I have now the pleasure to present to you the senior member of that Committee. Dr. Banks, the senior member of the Building Committee, then presented the following address to the Most Worshipful Grand Master:—"May it please your Grace, on the part of the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School, we, the Building Committee, charged with the execution of the great work here begun, desire first to express the deep feeling of gratitude with which we greet your Grace's presence and receive your assistance upon this occasion. Before we ask your Grace to lay the foundation-stone of our new school, we may recall the history of the Institution which is now about to enter upon a new and more conspicuous phase of its existence. The Irish Masonic Female Orphan School was established under the Grand Mastership of the first Earl of Donoughmore in the year 1792. For more than twenty years it was maintained with scanty means, until your illustrious predecessor, Augustus, third Duke of Leinster, was installed Grand Master in 1813. He at once became the steady supporter and munificent President of the charity, and under his care it won a secure, though as yet a restricted footing. For many years, in the small house in Richmond-street, where the school was then held, a careful though comparatively humble training was given to a number of pupils, raised by degrees to sixteen. When our Brother John Fitzhenry Townshend, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Order, became the honorary secretary of the school, mainly through his exertions, and through those of our Reverend Brother Canon Westby Past Grand Chaplain, the Institution made its first great advance. In 1815 it was removed to the house still occupied in Burlington-road, and was opened there as a school, accommodating twenty pupils. Its means grew, and the demands for admission multiplied. Three times the buildings were enlarged, until more than forty children were received. This number could not be maintained without overcrowding. The business of the school became in consequence liable to interruption by illness, and the Governors were compelled either to further enlarge their buildings, or to remove to a more extended site, meantime refusing admission to many deserving candidates. The generosity of the Order had in fifteen years supplied an accumulated fund amounting to almost as many thousands of pounds. The medical officers warmly advised removal to a more open place. The governors saw no reason to fear for the worthy maintenance of the charity, and it was resolved to build a new school, setting apart a portion of the capital as an auxiliary fund to secure its completion. After careful consideration, the site on which we stand was chosen, the plans were prepared, and tenders were obtained for a school which, with its infirmary, gate-lodge, offices, walls, gardens and other surroundings, will, when completed, occupy a space of nearly ten acres, giving ample accommodation for seventy girls, and which is estimated to cost about £12,000. As the project advanced some brethren disapproved of any reduction of our capital, apprehending that the maintenance of the extended institution might be endangered. Before April last the Building Fund had reached £6,000, and in that month, with the approval and commendation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and of other ruling authorities, the governors resolved to seek the unanimous support of the whole Order in a determined effort to collect the full sum required, and thus to save our capital intact. During the last two months this project has been most warmly taken up, the Dublin Lodges, notably Lodge 25 and your own, the Grand Master's Lodge, leading the way in munificent rivalry. Since the works commenced the subscription list has been raised to £8,400. The urgency of the undertaking has, however, been sadly proved by the circumstance that at the last election we were able to admit but two of eighteen candidates, and therefore the prompt and liberal help of the brethren, especially in the provinces, is needed for the speedy completion of our task. We doubt not that the work thus begun will, in due time, and with the favour of the Great Architect, rise to its completion as a worthy monument of

Masonic charity, to the honour and advancement of the Order, and to the inestimable advantage of many orphans upon whose young lives the shadows of death and of impending poverty may have rested, but to whom this institution will afford a safe and happy refuge. In the past our school has done a noble work. It affords a true home and a place of generous education to our pupils during their early years. We use every effort to watch over them, as over our own children, until they have reached independence. According to their several abilities, they are prepared to earn their livelihood by teaching or in business, and the resources of the Masonic Order enable us to place them in safety throughout the empire wherever their welfare and advancement can best be secured. To those who prove themselves capable, we give the highest training we can obtain, sending them, when necessary, to England and to the Continent to complete their education. In our school's long register there is not one single instance of shame or discredit brought upon us by the conduct or character of those whom we have sent into the world. We know that very many have been enabled to secure a happy independence, and to attain substantial and even brilliant success in life by their use of the teaching received in our Masonic School, and we are proud and thankful to believe that, though scattered over almost the whole earth, they have one and all proved themselves to have been virtuously brought up in the love of God, to learn and labour truly to do their duty in that state of life to which it has pleased Him to call them. For the future, steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, we reverently commend our work to "the Father of the fatherless, who defended the cause of the widows, even God in his holy habitation." Most Worshipful Grand Master, the corner stone of the foundation of this our New Masonic School has been, in obedience to the charge laid upon us, fitly prepared, and is now ready to be made the corner stone of the building. We therefore now crave your fraternal assistance in duly laying the same in its proper position, at the north-eastern angle of the foundation. The Grand Chaplain having made the invocation, the stone was laid with the customary ceremonies, and the Grand Officers having returned to their places, the Grand Master said—We, James Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, and the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, declare this corner stone to be plumb, level, and square, and so duly laid according to the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of Freemasonry; and may the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth bless the work here begun, and make it memorable to the latest generations! All present then joined in singing the following verses of the Hundredth Psalm:—

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.
For He's the Lord, supremely good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, with the Right Worshipful Grand Wardens, then proceeded to the corner stone, accompanied by the Past Masters bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil, and the Grand Steward presenting to the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the cornucopia, he dropped the corn on the stone, and said—"May plenty be showered down on the people of this ancient realm, and may the labours of the Craft be refreshed by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift." The Grand Steward then presented the wine to the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, who poured it on the stone, and said—"May the health of the Craftsmen employed in erecting this building be preserved to them, and may the supreme Architect bless and prosper their labours." The Grand Steward then presented the oil to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, who dropped it on the stone, and said—"May the Supreme Ruler of the world vouchsafe unity, peace, and prosperity to all the subjects of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and to the nations of the earth; preserve and protect the fraternity of Freemasons; make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world, and the labours of the Craftsmen easy, and their burdens light." The Grand Officers returned to their stations and places. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master then presented the architects (Messrs. M'Curdy and Mitchell) to the Grand Master, saying—"Most Worshipful Grand Master,—Let me present to you Brothers M'Curdy and Mitchell, chosen to be the architects of the New Masonic School. They have their Craftsmen ready for the work, and desire you to give them the designs from the trestle board." The Most Worshipful Grand Master then handed them the plan, and entrusted them with the work. The Grand Steward then proclaimed:—Silence! silence! silence! Brethren,—Take notice that James, Duke of Abercorn, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, has this day, at this place laid the corner-stone of the New Masonic Female Orphan School." He repeated the proclamation three times, turning S., W. and E., and after the third time, facing the East, added:—"Wisdom! Strength! Fraternity!" The Grand Chaplain gave the benediction as follows:—"May the blessings of God Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth and all worlds, and they who dwell therein, be with us all, and remain with us, now and for ever. Amen." The band having played the Hallelujah Chorus, M.W. his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, addressing the Lord Lieutenant, then said—May it please your Excellency, we return your Excellency, yourself a Free and Accepted Mason, and the Countess Cowper, our grateful thanks for the honour you have done our body, and for the kindly interest which your gracious presence indicates in the success of our school. We have been engaged to-day in a ceremony both interesting and suggestive. We have laid the foundation-stone of a new school for the female orphan children of Masons, but we trust we have also laid the

foundation of a good, useful, religious life for a number of these poor children. We trust and believe that these children will be brought up in those principles which are the staple and groundwork of Freemasonry, and which are the best calculated to make them hereafter useful, benevolent, and religious. We have laid this stone to-day with all Masonic honours, and with all that human skill and foresight can suggest, and we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless our endeavours, and may ordain that our work to-day may bear fruit and ripen to the glory of God and to the profit of our fellow-creatures. (So mote it be). His Excellency raised his hat, and having bowed his acknowledgments in reply, in a few minutes afterwards took his departure amid loud cheers. —*Irish Times.*

BRO. DICK RADCLYFFE'S DRAWING.

We hereby certify that the drawing of numbers in Bro. Dick Radclyffe's Ballot for Life Subscriberships in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held this day, and the following were the winning numbers:—

No. of Ticket.	From Books sold by	No. of Ticket.	From Books sold by
9,448	John Constable	40,656	H.R.H. Prince Leopold
17,913	Capt. Percival	24,487	J. Black
425	Griffiths Smith	38,746	J. L. Aspland
36,004	J. Barrett	A1,395	Dan Godfrey
26,086	P. Higham	26,554	G. Robinson
20,302	T. Mitchell	12,288	G. Baxter
29,530	A. Gladwell	17,263	Dick Radclyffe
A763	J. Strokirk	38,755	J. L. Aspland
13,266	W. H. Saunders	14,731	J. Neilson
15,818	R. Hunter	26,169	H. S. Goodall
38,647	J. Dover	7,696	Charles Oades
20,204	John Hartley	31,911	John G. Dunock
43,042	M. Isaacs	25,185	W. Steppings
A634	John Newcomb	11,325	John Constable
17,222	J. Gibbons	17,247	P. Harrison
39,846	W. Hopekirk	23,137	Cadogan (Harrington)
1,672	Rev. J. Daunt	40,399	Henri Buó
4,818	J. Radcliffe		

(Signed)

JOHN CONSTABLE.
G. H. STEPHENS.
W. W. MORGAN JUN.
THOMAS SMITH.
JAMES STEVENS.
FREDERICK BINCKES.
DICK RADCLYFFE.

6th July 1880.

Those numbers reported after the 6th will be included in a ballot to take place as soon as a full return is made. Brethren are requested to report sales at once, and return books not sold.

PROVINCE OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

Testimonial to the Worshipful Bro. M. C. PECK P.M. P.Z. &c.,
Prov. Grand Secretary, and Prov. Grand Scribe E. of the North and
East Ridings of Yorkshire.

At a meeting of Provincial Grand Officers, First Principals of Chapters, and Masters of Lodges of this Province, duly convened and held at York, in the York Lodge, on Thursday the 20th ult., the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

- 1st. That a Testimonial of respect and esteem is eminently due from this Province to Wor. Bro. M. C. Peck P.M. and P.Z., in recognition of his long-continued and valuable honorary services as Prov. Grand Sec. and Prov. Grand Scribe E.
- 2nd. That a Committee be appointed to deliberate upon the best mode of attaining this object, and carrying it into effect; and that such Committee consist of the following members, namely:—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Actual Prov. Grand Officers or their representatives, the W. Masters and Wardens of all the Lodges in the Province or their representatives, the Three Principals of each Chapter in the Province or their representatives, with power to add to their number.
- 3rd. That W. Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell D.P.G.M. be the Chairman, W. Bro. R. W. Hollon P.G. Treas. be the Treasurer, and that the Chairman do appoint a Secretary.
- 4th. That the subscription of individual brethren be limited to 10s 6d, but that this limitation shall not extend to Lodges and Chapters; and that a subscription list be now opened.

In accordance with the foregoing resolutions, and on behalf of the Committee, subscriptions are invited, which may be transmitted through the various Secretaries of Lodges in the Province.

It is intended that, as soon as the subscriptions have been received, and the amount of contributions ascertained, a Meeting of the General Committee shall be called to decide upon the form which the testimonial shall take, and to arrange for its presentation.

The Subscription List, headed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, has already received the hearty support of the Present and Past Officers of the Province, but it is thought desirable in a testimonial of this character that every member should have an opportunity of subscribing, so that the result may be worthy, not only of the Province, but also of Bro. Peck (who has served a period of fifteen years gratuitously). The support of every brother is therefore fraternally solicited.

Bro. THOS. THOMPSON P.M. and Z. No. 57, S.P.G.D., is the Honorary Secretary to the Fund.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

THE installation meeting of this young Lodge was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Friday, the 2nd instant. Present—Bros. Robt. Jackson W.M., Wm. J. Cook S.W. and W.M. elect, Fred. J. Smith P.M., Thos. West J.W., Henry G. Denbigh S.D., Geo. Bird J.D., A. J. Cox I.G., H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D., Geo. M. Downie, W. J. Bailey, Horace Bacon, Richard Nunnerley, J. H. Francis, Wm. T. Hockin, Wm. J. Ramsay, Alex. Gibson, E. Harfield P.M. 185, C. Pugsley P.M. 1586, O. Newman 619, E. Partridge 1686, Dr. Charles Hill Drury J.W. 85, R. S. Blackmore 1327, E. A. Busley 548, Edward Whitehead Steward, Geo. Cook, T. Whiffin, E. J. M. Ploton, Joseph Nunnerley, M. Blackmore, W. W. Stevens, Adolphe Buist, Ed. Watkins, W. P. Shand P.M. 720, J. G. Attwood 569, J. C. Larner 1586, Fred. Bullock 1586, R. V. Harman I.G. 1692, A. Edwards 1625. The Lodge was opened in the 1st degree by the W.M. (Bro. R. Jackson) in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the report of the auditors was submitted, and duly passed by the brethren, after which the Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Wm. H. Cook was then presented to the Worshipful Installing Master (Bro. Robt. Jackson) by Bro. Fred. J. Smith P.M., for installation, and in the customary manner. The Lodge being opened in the 3rd degree, all brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired, and a board of Installed Masters being formed, the W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren were re-admitted, and the newly installed W.M. saluted, proclaimed and greeted in the East, West and South. The newly installed Master then invested as his Officers, for the ensuing year, the following brethren:—Bros. Thos. West S.W., H. G. Denbigh J.W., Robert Jackson I.P.M. Treasurer, Edward Whitehead Secretary, George Bird S.D., A. J. Cox J.D., G. M. Downie I.G., George Cook Organist, Horace Bacon Steward, A. B. Church Tyler. The Worshipful Installing Master (Bro. Jackson) having delivered the ancient charges to the Wardens and brethren, in a most impressive manner, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, presented Bro. Jackson with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of their esteem and gratitude, for the zeal and unflagging energy he had displayed in carrying out the duties of the chair. Bro. Jackson acknowledged the presentation in a few well chosen words; and after hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren afterwards repaired to a sumptuous repast. Presided over by the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Cook. After the banquet, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Jackson I.P.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening—the health of the W.M.; and dwelt on the zeal and ability he had displayed in the execution of his duties since the formation of the Lodge; he (Bro. Jackson) felt sure that under their W.M.'s guidance all the ceremonies would be most efficiently rendered. To this toast the brethren present responded most heartily. In reply, Bro. Cook thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast, stating that it would be his earnest endeavour to prove himself worthy of the dignified position in which they had placed him, and that he would ever have the interests of the Lodge at heart. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Jackson. In proposing this toast the W.M. expressed the high estimation in which he (Bro. Jackson) was held amongst the brethren of the Lodge, and how greatly indebted they were to him for the splendid manner in which during the past year he had conducted the ceremonies. The I.P.M. Bro. Jackson, replying to the toast, thanked the brethren cordially for the handsome jewel which had that day been presented him, and stated that he should ever regard it as a token of their high esteem and confidence in him during the year of office which had just expired. The toast of the visiting brethren was proposed and responded to by Bros. Harfield and Drury. Bro. Smith proposed the health of the newly-invested Officers of the Lodge, which was duly acknowledged, after which, and the Tyler's toast, the proceedings terminated. In the course of the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs efficiently rendered by Bros. West, Cox, Stevens, and others. Bro. Dr. Busley presided at the piano in his usual manner.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 30th ult., at Bro. J. Wright's, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C. Promptly at 6 p.m. Lodge was opened by Bro. H. R. Hallam, who was assisted by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. R. Durrell S.W., Dr. T. Loane 1421 kindly acting as J.W., W. Musto P.M. and Treasurer as I.P.M., W. Hogg P.M. Hon. Secretary, G. Spencer J.D., J. Togwell I.G., E. Friedeberg W.S., W. Steedman P.M. Tyler; Henry Chown, A. Budd, J. Young, C. Eschwege. Visitors—Bros. G. L. Walker 429, J. K. Pitt 469, T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, T. Loane and A. S. Judd 1421, and G. H. Stephens. The summons convening the meeting having been read, the ballot was taken on the proposition to admit Messrs. J. Young and C. Eschwege into Freemasonry. This proving in favour of those gentlemen, the first-named candidate was duly admitted and obligated by the W.M., who then courteously vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Musto, who proceeded to initiate Mr. C. Eschwege into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, also completing the ceremony with the first candidate. Bro. Musto is so well known as a Preceptor that great expectations were entertained of the manner in which he would perform the duties allotted him. These were most pleasantly fulfilled, for never in our recollection was the primal ceremony more impressively rendered, or candidates more intelligently admitted to the Order. The Deaconry was efficiently performed by Bro. E. Friedeberg W.S., the proposer and brother-in-law of Bro. C. Eschwege the candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Musto received the congratulations of the brethren, and expressed his sincere thanks to Bro. Hallam for kindly allowing him the privilege of initiating Bro. Eschwege. Bro. Hallam having resumed the chair, advanced the Lodge, and duly examined Bro. H. Chown, who having

proved his efficiency, was entrusted and afterwards raised to the sublime degree, the whole of the work being carefully rendered. Lodge closed, and the room having been adapted for the purpose, the brethren sat down to a well prepared banquet, which was served under the superintendence of Bro. J. Wright Past Grand Pursuivant. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were briefly introduced by the W.M., and heartily received. Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Musto, on taking up the gavel said, Bro. P.M. Hogg and all those brethren who were in the habit of seeing an I.P.M. take possession of the gavel would know for what pleasant duty he had done so. Bro. Musto assured them it was with great pleasure he saw so good a worker as Bro. Hallam in the chair. He would not say Bro. Hallam's rendering of the ritual was exactly like that practised by Bro. Hogg and himself, but it had given him much pleasure to hear his excellent working. With great pleasure he proposed the health of the W. Master. Bro. Judd having sung "Speed on my bark," the W.M. rose to thank the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast so kindly introduced by Bro. Musto. He had formerly no idea of ever occupying the position of W.M., when, six or seven years ago, he joined Freemasonry, and when he sat as it were in isolation. Bro. Hogg, however, advised him to join a Lodge of Instruction. About the same time he received a letter from Bro. Calverley, advising him to work up for office. He laid the letter before his son, and they both attended a Lodge of Instruction. He recollected his son managed to pass into it, but he himself failed, it being in the second degree. Bro. Musto had spoken highly of his working. He hoped he had deserved it; if he had pleased them he was satisfied. Bro. Hallam next gave the "Initiates," which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. P.M. Hogg sang the "Entered Apprentice Song," and Bro. Young, in replying, said he felt highly gratified with the manner in which he had been received. As long as he lived he hoped to merit their confidence. Bro. Eschwege next said,—“If I, in the course of these few remarks should err, forgive me on account of my youth. I thank you, W.M., for asking the brethren to drink my health, and the brethren for their hearty response. For a great number of years one of the greatest desires I have looked forward to has been to be made a Freemason, when time and my circumstances should permit. I hope so long as you know me I shall be found worthy of the trust and confidence—and it must be great confidence—you have shown in admitting me into the Order.” The “Visitors” were next toasted, and here we may remark every one of that body present are all closely connected with the various Lodges of Instruction, and form, with the brethren of the Friars Lodge, an imposing array of Masonic workers. Bros. P.M. Barnes and Stephens names having been connected with the toast, Bro. Barnes said, “In visiting them he had never experienced so much pleasure in attending a Lodge as then. To the many present he was no stranger; at least once a-year he was present, and would attend oftener if he could spare the time. He was as a Visitor exceedingly pleased to see an absence of all formality; this was no doubt owing to the number present being small. The work had been well done; they had had good candidates—men who not only understood—but wanted to understand what they were undertaking. He, as a Visitor, thanked them for the way in which they had proposed his health, and would avail himself of every opportunity of partaking of their hospitality, when invited. Bro. G. H. Stephens also thanked the brethren for the warmth of the welcome extended to the Visitors; he was gratified to see to what a high degree of unanimity the Lodge had attained as to its working; if that witnessed that evening was a specimen of what the Friars Lodge could do on emergency, what might they not expect to find when the regular meetings commenced? The Past Masters were next honoured, and Bro. Musto returned thanks. He was sure Bro. Hallam would forgive him for not dilating at length on the qualities of the Past Masters. Before sitting down, however, he would tender his most sincere thanks to the W.M. for allowing him to conduct the initiation of Bro. Eschwege. He must confess that in this matter there had been a conspiracy. It was said that murder would out, and he must own he had been party to a conspiracy to introduce Bro. Eschwege into the Order, and when the time arrived he should ask the W.M. to permit him to confer the third degree upon that brother. The Officers were next toasted, and Bros. P.M.'s Hogg and Musto and the Officers present responded. The Tyler's toast was given, bringing a most enjoyable evening to a pleasant close. Owing to the small number at the table the conversation was enabled to be general, and the newly initiated brethren in a large measure contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by their account of the manners and customs of the Colonies from which they had recently returned. Songs were also ably rendered by Bros. Togwell, Judd, Hogg, and Stephens; these greatly enlivened the proceedings.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—At Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on 4th instant, Bros. J. J. Smith W.M., Burgess S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomons Secretary, L. Jacobs S.D., Bingham I.G.; Bros. Ginger, Storkirk, H. M. Levy, Brunton, Seaton, Kent, J. C. Smith, Hemming Preceptor. The 1st and 4th sections of the 1st lecture were worked by the brethren. The ceremony of the degree was then rehearsed, Bro. Brunton acting as candidate. The working was well rendered. The 2nd section of the 2nd lecture was worked, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed very perfectly. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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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, 10th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1607—Loyalty,
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1656—Addiscombe, The Surrey Club, West Croydon

MONDAY, 12th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
518—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)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Arnhurst-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, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
689—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R. A. 405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R. C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th JULY.

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)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1014—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 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
229—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
731—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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1238—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. C.—Stadholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Stevne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Saluta-street, Bradford.
1060—Marion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Levises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Granger-street, Newcastle
R. A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M. M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 15th JULY.

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)
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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
269—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyno
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingdon
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
636—D'Ogile, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R. A. 201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 16th JULY.

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 (Inst.)
802—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)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1283—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.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1006—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Banner, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction.)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penlington
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th JULY.

1329—Spinix, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
393—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms Eastwood.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Shakesperian Recitals: Scenes from Hamlet, at 7.15 p.m. daily; and at 3.30 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hamlet, Mr. Marianne Clarke; Ophelia, Miss H. Shea; the Queen of Denmark, Miss Eva Russell; Polonius, Mr. Heath; 1st Grave Digger, Mr. Weatherhead. Lectures on the Phenomena of Nature, the Microscope, London, Phosphorescence, &c. &c. Ghost Entertainment, Blondin, the wonderful automaton. Admission, 1s. Reserved Stalls, 3s, may be booked at all the Libraries.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE Summer Festival of this large and important Lodge took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Friday, the 2nd inst., and despite the unfavourable weather, proved a great success. Brethren and ladies to the number of 132 sat down to a most delightful dinner, which was well served by the excellent manager and secretary Bro. Hunt. Bro. Bowman Spink the W.M. presided, supported by Bros. White I.P.M., Geo. Everett Treas., and P.M.'s Ferguson and F. Kent, whilst Bros. W. Harris S.W., and Maclean J.W. occupied the Vice-chairs. The usual loyal toasts having been disposed of, Bro. White gave the W.M., paying him a well deserved tribute for the manner in which he performed the various duties in connection with his important office. The W.M., in response, thanked all present for their kind support, and for the cordial and hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He felt very proud to see around him such a goodly array of friends, and from his heart thanked his brother officers and the Stewards for having rendered such good service in bringing about this happy result. Bro. Geo. Everett P.M. Treas. next proposed the health of the Visitors; in the course of his remarks stating that, in his opinion, the great charm which attached itself to gatherings of this description arose from the fact that it afforded an opportunity of inviting one's friends to a few hours' social enjoyment, away from the great city, at a season of the year when the country and its surroundings was so delightful. He was beyond measure glad to see so distinguished an array of visitors at their festive board, and, on behalf of the Domatic Lodge, to bid them a hearty welcome. He was especially pleased to see the ladies present in such large numbers, for as the poet said, "What's a table richly spread without a woman at its head," and how lovely too they all looked, why the very flowers on the table seem to pout with envy at their charms. Bro. Collins, of the William Preston Lodge, ably responded for the visitors. The W.M. then gave the Stewards, which was responded to by Bro. Herbage in his usual happy manner. Bro. Fredk. Kent then proposed the Ladies, as only Bro. Kent could do it, and Bro. Ferguson P.M. replied on their behalf in a manner that gave unbounded satisfaction and delight. During the dinner the band played a choice selection of music, and between the toasts there was some charming singing by Miss Clara Redford, Miss Lizzie Turner, Miss Edith Fane, Signor Revilo, and Messrs. Peed and Nettleship, all of whom were loudly applauded. The day's proceedings were brought to a most satisfactory conclusion by a Ball, Bros. Kent and Ferguson acting as M.C.'s. Amongst those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Spink, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Everett, Mr. F. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Everett, Mr. W. J. Everett, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Ambrose, Captain and Mrs. Jaques, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Heyall, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Tidd, Mr. H. E. Price, Mr. J. Abrams, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. W. Harris, Mr. J. McLean, Mr. Collins, and Mr. J. Morris, Secretary.

PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

ON Monday 21st ult., the brethren of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, assembled at Brightlingsea to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Dean, the ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M. V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram. The Officers for the ensuing year were invested as follow:—Wor. Bros. R. C. Atthill I.P.M., R. D. Poppleton S.W., S. Lord J.W., the Rev. A. Pertwee P.G.C. Chaplain, Wor. W. Clarey P.M. Treasurer, Wor. J. E. Wiseman P.M. P.P.A.D.C. Secretary, J. Bowdell S.D., John Downs J.D., A. Smith I.G., Wilson Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks to the R.W. D.P.G.M. was carried by acclamation. The Brethren subsequently sat down to banquet at the Swan Hotel, an excellent repast being served by the hostess, Mrs. Harmer. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and several brethren kindly contributed to the pleasures of the evening by their vocal renderings. Among those present, in addition to the names given above, were Wor. Bros. J. Terry P.M. 1,580 Secy. R.M.B.I., T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Secretary Essex, E. Hennemeyer W.M. 51, Jos. Hobbs P.M. 749, T. Eustace W.M. 697, T. Rix P.M. and Treasurer 697; Bros. W. S. Harvey 1658, J. F. Ralling 51, G. A. Eustace Secretary 697, H. Everett 697, and the following members of the Lodge:—Wor. Bros. W. S. Ling P.M., W. Bragg P.M., G. Blyth P.M., Jos. Richardson P.M., Crozier P.M., H. York P.M.; Bros. the Rev. J. P. Britton, A. A. Jeffries, F. Eagle, Jas. Lewis, &c.

On Tuesday 22nd ult, the V.W. D.P.G.M. attended at Colchester for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, John J. C. Turner. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the W.M. Bro. E. Hennemeyer, W. Bros. W. Richey P.M., and C. O. G. Becker, M.D., P.M., occupying respectively the Wardens' Chairs, there being present about forty members of the Lodge and visitors. The ceremony of the day was most impressively performed by the V.W. D.P.G.M., and at its close, the W.M. elect invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Wor. Bros. E. Hennemeyer I.P.M., Wor. W. Richey P.M. S.W., Worshipful C. O. G. Becker, M.D., P.M. P.Z. J.W., the Rev. D. Nickerson Chaplain, Wor. John Coppin P.M. Treasurer, Wor. T. J. Ralling P.M. P. Grand Sec. Secretary, W. Sowman S.D., Joseph Sadler J.D., Wor. W. P. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.J.D. D.C., C. Osmond Organist, C. H. Gardiner I.G., R. Haward Ives Steward, S. Munson Tyler. Forty-two brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the Caps Hotel, an elegant repast being served *à la Russe* by the host, Bro. W. Besford. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the proceedings it was announced that the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex would be held at Colchester, on Thursday, 5th August, under the joint auspices of the Angel and United Lodges. In connection with the Charities, it was stated that James Sanders Davies (son of the late Bro. Captain Byron James Davies, Bengal Staff Corps), whose election

to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was mainly owing to the active interest taken in it by the Angel Lodge, was about to leave the Institution with the honourable distinction of bearing off the silver medal for good conduct. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal renderings of Bros. C. Osmond, W. Brightwell, D. Nickerson, and E. Gowers (of Maldon). The brethren present, either at Lodge or banquet, in addition to those already named, included—Bros. Wor. J. S. Brown W.M. 276, George Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.D., R. Martin W.M. 453, John Dean W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433 P.P.A.D.C., W. Basham W.M. 650 P.P.G.S.B., T. Eustace W.M. 697, T. Rix P.M. and Treasurer 697 P.P.G.S.B., C. Eltham W.M. 1817, C. Reeve 1816, James Cook 192, A. Gosling 697, G. A. Eustace Secretary 697, E. Gowers Organist 1024, A. Everrard Secretary 650, and the following members of No. 51:—Past Masters Wor. Bros. A. Welch P.P.J.G.W., S. Chaplain P.P.S.G.W., Frederick A. Cole P.P.G.R., C. Cobb P.P.G.S. of Works, A. H. H. McGachen, T. J. Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary Secretary; Bros. W. W. Daniell, R. Taylor, J. L. Browne, J. Foster, E. Mayes, J. Brooks, F. Wells, J. F. Ralling, G. Allen, A. C. Mumford, J. Hanly, R. Haward Ives, and B. Barber.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., there were two meetings—one at Rochford, and the other at Romford. At the former place the W.M. elect of the true Friendship Lodge, No. 160, Bro. John F. Harrington, was installed by Wor. Bro. A. Lucking P.M. P.Z. P.G.D.C., in his usual able manner. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. H. Harper S.W., W. V. Wilson J.W., Wor. the Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, Wor. H. Wood P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, G. Burgess P.P.G.D. Secretary, A. Harrington S.D., W. Kelpin J.D., T. Shelley I.G., Wor. A. Lucking P.M. D.C., J. K. Fostiok Steward, A. Martin Tyler. Among the brethren present were Wor. Bros. A. Darrant P.G. Treasurer, J. S. Brown W.M. 276, J. A. Wardell P.M. P.Z. P.G.A.D.C., J. Reeve P.M., J. R. Hemmann P.M. 1000, G. F. Jones W.M. 1000, F. G. Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.P.S.G.W., I. Harris P.M. 1000 P.P.A.G. Director of Ceremonies, C. Eltham W.M. 1817; Bros. W. Moore 160, B. Turner 1817, G. J. Glasscock S.W. 1817, J. M. Farr J.W. 1817, C. Floyd 1818. The usual banquet took place after Lodge.

At Romford, Wor. Bro. A. Manning P.M. was installed W.M. of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, the ceremony being conducted by Wor. Bro. B. B. Brayshaw P.M., assisted by Wor. Bro. Rev. T. Cochrane P.M. 214 P.P.G.C., &c. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. R. J. Warren S.W., Henry Sanders J.W., Wor. the Rev. T. Cochrane P.M. Chaplain, Wor. T. West P.M. Treasurer, Wor. G. W. Patmore P.M. Secretary, F. A. White S.D., G. H. Hill J.D., J. W. Lasham D.C., C. Field I.G. After Lodge, the brethren dined together, and spent a most harmonious evening.

The Annual Installation and banquet of St. Peter Lodge, No. 1024, was held on Tuesday, St. Peter's day, in the pretty little Masonic Hall, in the Tower of St. Peter's Church, Maldon, Essex. The Lodge was opened at 4.30, by Bros. H. J. Samson, W.M. P.G.S.D. Frank Freeman S.W., T. E. Bland J.W., D. J. Wright S.D., F. Bird J.D., E. Gowers Organist, T. J. Cramphorn I.G., G. Huxtable Tyler, there being also present:—W. Bros. Dr. Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W., E. Humphreys P.M., T. Aldham P.M. P.P.G.P., F. G. Green Sec. P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Bros. W. H. DeCean, J. Jackson, R. Nightingale, W. H. Donaldson, H. Venn Ellis, John Hutley, J. P. Lewin, W. Bros. Andrew Darrant P.G. Treas., E. Dorling W.M. 1797, W. Basham W.M. 650, T. Eustace W.M. 697, J. S. Brown W.M. 276, F. P. Suttery, H. C. Bowles 276, A. Richardson, S. H. Ellis, R. Smith 697. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Freeman, was installed by the energetic Secretary to the Lodge W. Bro. F. G. Green P.M., and he afterwards invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Bland S.W., D. Wright J.W., Wor. Rev. E. R. Horwood Chaplain, Samson I.P.M. Treas., Green P.M. Sec., Gowers Org., Bird S.D., Cramphorn J.D., John Hutley I.G., Huxtable Tyler. The musical service of the Lodge was effectively rendered. The brethren subsequently dined at the Blue Boar Hotel, when, in addition to those already mentioned, Bros. John Baker, E. E. Bentall, D. Pannell, F. Huttley and E. J. Bridge were present. The usual toasts were honoured, and with the assistance of a well selected programme of vocal and instrumental music, a very cordial evening was spent. Mr. Allen's quadrille band played during the banquet.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, under the presidency of Bro. E. Swanborough, who was supported by Bros. C. Wellard S.W., H. Cox J.W., C. Coote jun. Treas., Chamberlin P.M. acting Sec. in the absence of Bro. E. Stanton Jones P.M., Meyer Lutz S.D., J. Maclean J.D., Delevante I.G., A. Henson Steward, and Bros. J. D. Beveridge, A. Woodhouse, J. G. Taylor, G. Humphrey, H. Hitchins, H. Singleton Bray, H. Kent, H. Baker Calcott, A. R. Phillips, H. Ashley, J. Perry, W. Rolls, Buckfield, L. Silberberg, C. Harper jun., A. Morton, G. W. Trout, and Max Klein. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. Trout answered the usual questions very satisfactorily, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. In accordance with usual custom, the bye-laws were read. The election for W.M. then took place, and resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. C. Wellard. Bro. Chas. Coote jun. was re-elected Treas., and J. Gilbert Tyler. The President, Vice-President, and Committee of the Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and Bros. H. Ashley, H. J. Hitchins, and Fairchild were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. E. Swanborough, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the regard and esteem he is universally held in by every brother in the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated in order to fulfil their professional engagements. The Visitors were Bros. A. H. Sitwell J.W. 127, H. Raid J.W. Dramatic, T. O. Harding 859, F. Grüggen 1670, Ernest Smith S.W. 1559, and John Wood 1470.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 6th July, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., Abell S.W., Snodin J.W., John Soper Sec., Evans S.D., Willey J.D.; P.M.'s T. B. Dodson, John Bingham, &c.; Bros. Baker, Caton, Watts, Hallam, Dickins, F. K. Parker Royal Sussex, 53, Jackson, Scott, Lister, Elliott. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Elliott candidate. The following sections of the 1st lecture were worked—1st Bro. Abell, 2nd Hallam, 3rd Watts, 4th Abell. Bro. F. K. Parker was elected a member. Bro. Abell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Tuesday, 13th July, at 7 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 29th June, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Smyth S.W., Wardell J.W., Polak S.D., Brasted J.D., Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Harrodt, Catlin, C. Lorkin, Clark, Christian and others. Lodge was opened in due form, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; Bro. Clark acting as candidate. Bro. Catlin, a candidate for passing was entrusted, and ceremony rehearsed; the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

On Tuesday, 6th July. Bros. Smyth W.M., Polak S.W., Brasted J.W., Forss S.D., Christian J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Dallas, Taylor, and others. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor acting as candidate. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Smyth worked the second and third, and Bro. Christian the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., Tuesday, 7th July, Bros. Watson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Smith J.W., McDonald S.D., Myers J.D., Loane I.G., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Brownson, Keable, Rawe, Robinson, Gregory, Sadler, White, Windus, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brownson candidate. Bro. Loane worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. McDonald the second. Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed by Bro. Musto, seconded by Bro. Myers, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this Lodge of Instruction to Bro. Watson, for working the ceremony for the first time. Bro. Watson was initiated into Freemasonry by him (Bro. Musto), and he was pleased to find he had accomplished the working in so short a time. Bro. Watson replied; and said he was indebted to this Lodge of Instruction for what he had learned; he had attended these Instruction meetings, and was pleased he had acquired the correct ritual; he thanked the brethren heartily for their kindness, and should still continue attending weekly, and hoped soon to be Master of the whole of the ceremonies. The Lodge then closed in due form and adjourned.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held on 5th July, at Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. Hammond 1278 W.M., Johnson 1804 S.W., Loane 1421 J.W., Barnes P.M. 933 Treas., Stewart 1278 Sec., Musto 1349 S.D., Spill 1685 I.G., Judd 1421, P.M. Hogg 1349 Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Judd acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Musto, assisted by Bro. Loane; the second section was then worked by Bro. Musto, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. Bro. Hammond had rehearsed the ceremony for the first time, was unanimously passed by the brethren.

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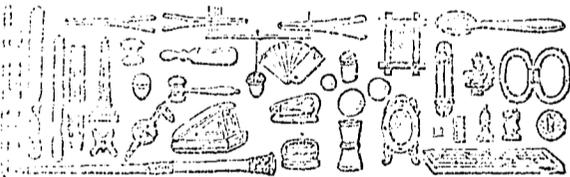
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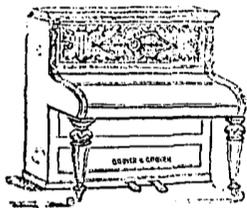
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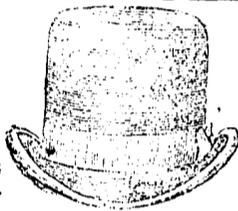
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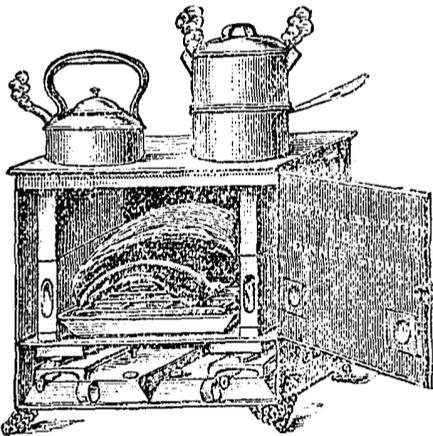
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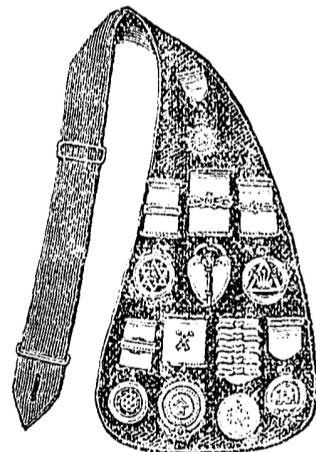
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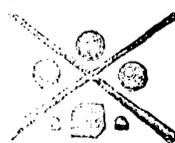
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