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GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received, and acknowledge fraternally, copy of Proceedings of G. L. of Massachusetts at certain Special Communications held on 14th and 19th January respectively, and at the Quarterly Communication on 9th March. The meeting on 14th January was held in Winchester for the purpose of consecrating to Masonic purposes the new quarters of the William Parkman Lodge, and the subsequent installation of the newly-elected officers. That on the 19th of the same month was convened for the consecration of the new Masonic Hall of King David Lodge, at Taunton. Grand Master S. C. Lawrence presided on both occasions, and in both instances Grand Lodge was most hospitably entertained at the end of the proceedings. At the regular Quarterly Communication on 9th March, Bro. S. C. Lawrence G.M. occupied the throne, and among the G. Officers who were present to support him were Bros. Edwin Wright D.G.M., F. Lyman Winship G. S. Warden, Nathan S. Kimball G.J. Warden, Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Secretary, George P. Sanger Corresponding G. Secretary, the D.D.G. Masters of the majority of the Districts, Rev. Joshua Young G. Chaplain, W. D. Coolidge, Charles C. Dame, W. S. Gardner, Srenon D. Nickerson, R. L. Everett, and C. A. Welch Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of ninety-nine Lodges. The special feature of the gathering was the reading of the Report on the late Past G. Master Heard which, it is needless to say, was couched in eulogistic language, but at the same time in language that was no more than justly complimentary. So highly, indeed, do we think of this Report that we give elsewhere some particulars of the account contained therein. The other business being purely of local interest it is unnecessary we should give particulars. Suffice it to say, that everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner possible, and Grand Lodge having been closed in ample form, the brethren dispersed, highly edified with all they had heard and seen at the Communication.

FREEMASONRY IN RHODE ISLAND.

THE Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held at Masons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, the 16th May. Most Worshipful Brother E. L. Freeman Grand Master occupied the throne, and was supported by a very numerous gathering of Past and Present Grand Officers, and representatives of the Lodges in the jurisdiction, among them being Past Grand Masters Bros. Johnson, Hutchison, Van Slyck, and Cutler, while the principal absentee was Past Grand Master Doyle, who is still suffering from the effects of an accident he met with some months ago. The reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Finance Committee were presented and adopted, the last two being of the most satisfactory character, and showing that, as regards its finances, the Grand Lodge was in a most admirable condition. In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence it was recommended that the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales should not be recognised as an independent organisation, and the recommendation was unhesitatingly adopted. The report of the Library Committee was likewise presented and adopted, the sum of two hundred dollars being appropriated for the wants of the current year. We would remark, in passing, that, considering the

limited area of the Masonic jurisdiction of Rhode Island, the grant of so considerable a sum as £40 towards the requirements of the Grand Lodge speaks volumes for the interest taken by our Rhode Island brethren in Craft literature, especially when we bear in mind the fact that the wealthy Grand Lodge of England, with its 1800 active Lodges, and 10,000 initiates per annum, has magnificently resolved on appropriating annually the enormous sum of £25 towards improving the resources of its library. The mother Grand Lodge of the world doles out £25 yearly in promoting Masonic literature! The Grand Lodge of the smallest of the United States of America spends £40 on the same beneficent object. Comment is unnecessary. The other business included the delivering of the customary addresses by the Grand Master, and the election of Grand Officers, the chief of whom included Bros. Thomas Vincent Most Worshipful Grand Master, George M. Carpenter jun. Deputy Grand Master, James M. Davis Grand Senior Warden, Robert S. Franklin Grand Junior Warden, Clinton D. Sellew Grand Treasurer, Edwin Baker Grand Secretary, Rev. H. Rugg Grand Chaplain, Benjamin A. Reynolds Grand Senior Deacon, and W. H. Perry Grand Junior Deacon. We may add that the Grand Secretary was requested to procure a Past Grand Master's jewel and apron, to be presented to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Freeman, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Craft in Rhode Island during his tenure of the Grand Mastership. As to the Grand Master's address, it proved to be a most eloquent, and at the same time satisfactory, exposition of the work accomplished by Bro. Freeman during the period he had presided over the destinies of Freemasonry in his State. Such addresses are almost unknown in England, but they undoubtedly have a value, and those of our readers who would like to judge for themselves as to the character of the speeches will do well to consult the pages of the *Freemasons' Repository*, to which we are indebted for the above particulars.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN T. HEARD P.G. MASTER MASSACHUSETTS.

WE refer elsewhere to the Report of the Committee appointed last December by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to draw up a memorial sketch of the late Bro. John T. Heard P.G. Master of that jurisdiction; and considering the valuable services our deceased brother rendered to the cause of Freemasonry, we cannot do better than give a short summary of the particulars the Committee have succeeded in compiling. Bro. Heard was born in Boston in May 1809, and consequently at the time of his death in December 1880 had exceeded his seventy-first year. His maternal grandfather, John Perkins, a charter member of Columbian Lodge, Boston, was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Boston, in 1766, and died in Waldborough, Me., about the year 1824. Bro. Heard himself was initiated in Columbian Lodge, on 20th February 1825. In 1846 he filled the office of Junior Deacon, and from that time forward, with the exception of the years 1848 and 1849, until his retirement from the Grand Mastership, in December 1859, he was continually in office in his own, or in Grand Lodge. Thus, in 1851 and 1852 he was Grand Marshal, and in the same years Junior and Senior Warden respectively in Columbian Lodge. In 1854 and 1855 he presided as W.M., and raised as many as sixty-eight candidates.

During his Grand Senior Wardenship, in 1856, Bro. Heard obtained from a grandson of Henry Price a portrait of that distinguished Craftsman, the first Prov. Grand Master of Massachusetts, and by many regarded as the father of Freemasonry in the United States. This portrait was in a very dilapidated state when it passed into Bro. Heard's possession, but he had it restored and presented it to Grand Lodge, where it remained hanging until the disastrous fire of 5th April 1864, which destroyed Freemasons' Hall. In December of the same year, in consequence of the Grand Master Lewis declining to be re-elected, it became necessary for the brethren to make choice of a successor, and the result was that Bro. Heard was unanimously appointed to that office, which he held with the very greatest credit to himself and advantage to the Craft during the years 1857, 1858, and 1859. In 1857, he inaugurated with Masonic honours a marble statue of General Warren on the eighty-second anniversary of the battle of Bunker's Hill. On 2nd October 1858, he laid the foundation stone of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, and the same year revived the annual feast on the celebration of St. John the Evangelist. In 1859 he laid the corner stone of the Plymouth Monument to the Pilgrim Fathers, and dedicated the apartments then about to be used as Freemasons' Hall. He was also instrumental in purchasing the Winthrop House Estate, on which the present Temple stands. In 1870 he exerted himself in procuring portraits of Grand Masters in the place of those which had been destroyed by fire in 1864, and also prepared and presented a most elaborate and exhaustive report on the Montague question. In 1875 he contributed a grand memorial notice, filling two hundred and fifty pages, of the late Past Grand Master Lewis, while in 1874 and 1875 he contributed to the pages of the *New England Freemason* the series of papers, severally entitled "Old London Taverns Identified with Freemasonry," "Presents to the Grand Lodge of England," and "Old Halls in London associated with Masonry." In fine, Bro. Heard was one of the ablest, most active, and most exemplary of Masons, and his loss must be deeply felt by all the Craftsmen in the jurisdiction with which he was connected for upwards of five-and-thirty years, and over which he presided so satisfactorily for a period of three years. Better, however, than all the dry details of his eventful life are the two following anecdotes, for which we are indebted to the memoir prepared by the Committee of Massachusetts Lodge. We reproduce them verbatim and without comment. The first manifests his liberality, the second the firmness, breadth, and grandeur of his character.

"Soon after he went out of office," says the Memorial Committee, "he met one of the Grand Lecturers, who had been very diligent and efficient in carrying out the work already referred to. Bro. Heard inquired particularly as to his plans and his prospects, and especially whether he had all the money he required to carry on his business. The brother replied that he had all he needed for the time being. 'Well,' said Brother Heard, 'if you find yourself in want of more at any time, come and see me.' Some time after, the Brother, proposing an enlargement of his business, called on Brother Heard, and reminded him of their conversation. He was referred to the president of the bank where Brother Heard kept his account, and there the astonished brother found a credit opened for him to the amount of ten thousand dollars. Of this he availed himself, to his great advantage, and in due time acquitted himself of the pecuniary obligations."

It is the general belief that no one beyond the persons immediately concerned knew anything of these circumstances until after Brother Heard's death. The other incident is, in a certain sense, an even greater testimony to the merit of our late brother.

"Soon after his first installation as Master an incident occurred which showed the character of the man. The Secretary of the Lodge (our late Grand Treasurer), who was an older Mason than Brother Heard, and had been for eight years in office, had procured a dispensation which was likely to be required, thinking thereby to facilitate the business of the Lodge and aid the new Master. When the name of the new candidate concerned came up, the Secretary informed the Master that there need be no delay in that case, as he had procured a dispensation from the Grand Master, which he presented. To this the Master replied that, while he had no doubt that the Secretary had acted

from the best of motives and with the best intentions, it should be distinctly understood that it was the province of the Master to decide when the interposition of the Grand Master was required, and to ask for it when needed; and he requested the Secretary to remember that in future the Worshipful Master would discharge both of those duties. This was presenting the subject in a new light, and the Secretary was not only astonished, but indignant. With his usual impulsiveness and frankness, he replied that, as in his effort to forward the work of the Lodge, he had only succeeded in giving offence to the Worshipful Master, he believed he did not understand his business, and he begged leave to resign his office. To this Brother Heard answered, 'Not so, my brother. There is no offence, and you must not resign your office. You will continue to discharge its duties, as you have so acceptably for so many years, and in my station I will strive to emulate your fidelity. When I lay down my office I shall deem myself very fortunate and happy if I shall have proved as faithful and as useful in my station as you in yours.' There the subject dropped. Master and Secretary worked together in perfect harmony for two years, and at the end of that time both went out of office, the Secretary after a service of ten years."

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Creton, Grand Treasurer (in the Chair), A. H. Tattershall, S. Rawson, A. F. A. Woodford, W. Hale, J. M. Case, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Daniel, James Kench, William Stephens, James Brett, Charles G. Hill, Thomas W. C. Bush, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hilton, John G. Stevens, Charles Atkins, Charles John Perceval, James Willing jun., Thomas Cubitt, William Clarke, and James Terry (Secretary). Bro. Terry informed the Committee that the election of the Committee of Management of the Institution had taken place in Grand Lodge the previous Wednesday, and that, with the exception of Bro. C. F. Hogard, who requested to resign, and in whose place Bro. Bush was elected, the Committee were the same as last year. The Committee, therefore, stands as follows:—

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE—Charles Atkins, James Brett, T. W. C. Bush, W. Clarke, C. A. Cottebrune, W. F. C. Moutrie, G. Penn, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, and James Willing jun.

NOMINATED BY THE GRAND MASTER—S. Rawson, A. F. A. Woodford, Shadwell H. Clarke, H. S. S. Burney, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, E. J. Barron, N. G. Philips, W. F. Nettleship, and James Kench.

Bro. Terry reported the death of five annuitants, and read the Warden's Report for the last month. The List of Candidates elected on 20th May was taken as read, and authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques. Bros. W. Hale, R. H. Giraud, and W. Stephens were re-elected on the Finance Committee; Bros. A. H. Tattershall and Charles Atkins were elected in place of Bros. C. F. Hogard and H. G. Warren, who wished to resign. Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Raynham W. Stewart, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and S. Rawson were re-elected on the House Committee. The widow of a deceased annuitant was granted half her late husband's annuity. On the application of Bro. Terry, the Committee granted the use of the Hall at the Institution at Croydon for the Summer Entertainment to the Old Folks, and voted the usual sum to aid the voluntary contributions of the brethren towards defraying the expenses of that entertainment. Four petitioners were then placed on the List of Candidates for the Election in May 1882. Bro. Terry read a communication he had received from Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, with respect to the Charitable Trusts' Bill now in Parliament. The letter stated that opposition was still required to the Bill, notwithstanding that some of its provisions had been modified. There were several objectionable features in it, one of which was a provision for transferring the funds and property of charitable institutions to official trustees. The opposition of this Institution was required to it. The Chairman stated that he had conferred with the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Leigh on the subject, and he found they were quite alive to the objections to the Bill. Their Lordships had promised to do all in their power to get rid of the objectionable features of the measure. The Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were in attendance Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the Chair), S. Rosenthal, J. G. Stevens, G. J. Row, Donald M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, Leopold Roff, George J. Palmer, Rev. Richard Morris, Alfred Williams, H. M. Taylor, H. Massey, Richard Tyrrell, C. H. Webb, Frederick Adlard, W. Paas, George Motion, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, petitions in favour of seven candidates for the October Election were examined. Outfits were granted to two former pupils of the Institution who had obtained situations. The House Committee and Audit Committee were declared elected, and £250 was ordered to be transferred to the Sustentation Fund from the General Fund. No further business was before the Committee.

CRYSTAL PALACE SUMMER SEASON.

VISITORS, both habitual and occasional, to the Crystal Palace have every reason to be gratified with the summer programme arranged for their entertainment and delectation. Indeed, they have already had a few opportunities in the course of the past and present months of judging whether or not the Directorate is likely to uphold the reputation for variety and excellence it has so deservedly obtained during the many years it has catered for the public, and with these to guide us, we are very much mistaken if, when the season is completed, the verdict is not enthusiastically in its favour. The series of Special Saturday Concerts have already been held, the fourth having taken place last Saturday, while for to-day will be given, by way of *finale*, a grand Rubinstein Concert. It is needless to say more respecting these than that among the vocalists figured the names of Madame Alwina Vallerin, Mrs. Osgood, Miss Damian, Mr. Maas, Mr. Barton McGuckin, and Mr. F. King, and among the instrumentalists were Madame Sophie Menter, M. Carl Heymann, Mr. Franz Rammel. Saturday last was fixed for the Great Flower Show of the season, and on Thursday was opened the International Exhibition of Wool, Woollen Manufactures, Machinery, and Allied Industries. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by his wife, presided, and, as a matter of course, there was a very good attendance. There is no doubt whatever that from the number of native and foreign exhibitors, as well as from the quality of their exhibits, this exhibition will prove a very great attraction. Among the prizes that will be offered for competition are several gold medals by the Clothworkers' and Drapers' Companies, which thus show how deep is the interest they take in fostering and encouraging this important branch of industry. Among other more prominent attractions must be enumerated a new Panorama of the Siege of Paris, painted especially for the Crystal Palace Company, by M. Philippoteaux, the artist who painted the celebrated Panorama in the Champs Elysées at Paris. There is also an Electric Railway, constructed after Siemens' patent. The seventeenth annual Dog Show of the Kennel Club, which opened on Friday, the 3rd inst., remained open—Sunday, of course, excepted—till Tuesday, the 7th inst. Whit Monday—6th June—of course had a special programme of its own, and so ordered as to meet the different tastes of the multitudes which throng the Palace on that and other popular holidays. Thursday was the Centenary Fête of George Stephenson, in aid of the funds of the Railway Servants' Orphanage, Derby. On Wednesday next there will be the usual Volunteer Band Contest; on the 28th, Licensed Victuallers' School Dinner; and 29th June, London Sunday School Fête. On 2nd July will be held the National Rose Society's Show of Roses, and the German Gymnastic Society's Annual Display. On 4th July there will be a great gathering in aid of the Order of Comical Fellows' Friendly Society, while two days later—6th July—will be given the annual Fête in aid of the funds of that most useful and well-managed Institution the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage. There will be a grand Archery Fête on the 7th and 8th July; on the 16th the London School Board Fête, under the presidency of the Bishop of Manchester; and on the 20th July the annual Tonic Sol-fa Concert. In August, in addition to Bank Holiday, for which special arrangements will be made, must be mentioned the Foresters' Great Fête on the 23rd, and the Summer Fair and Flower Show on the 29th, 30th, and 31st. These are among the remaining features announced for this season, but there will be in addition the usual theatrical performances, special Saturday Evening Concerts, from 9th July to 1st October inclusive; Balloon Ascents and Grand Displays of Fireworks, announcements of which will be advertised from time to time. It may be stated, in conclusion, as at the outset, that this Summer Programme will in all probability turn out a great success, and we trust the public will respond with alacrity to the many and liberal attractions offered them by the directors.

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YORK COLLEGE.—On Wednesday, the 25th ultimo, a meeting of this College was held in Selby, a pleasant little market town, a few miles from York, whither the members had been invited, and where the Master and brethren of the St. Germain Lodge, 566, had placed at their disposal their comfortable Masonic Rooms. There were present the following Fratres:—T. B. Whytehead IX. Chief Adept, T. W. Holme VI. Celebrant, T. J. Wilkinson VI. as P.A., E. Pearson Paterson V. S.A., J. T. Atkinson I. as T.A., R. W. Moore I. as Q.A., J. Maffry IV. C. of N., A. T. B. Turner II. Organist, J. Todd I., W. Bakewell I., and C. S. Lane I. A number of letters and telegrams were read, from J. S. Cumberland, C. L. Mason, and other members, explaining their non-attendance. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. C. R. Fry P.M., of Darlington. Frater J. T. Atkinson read a most interesting paper on Selby, a town which has many historical reminiscences, especially dwelling upon the history of its Abbey, formerly one of the wealthiest of the religious houses in the North of England. The Masonic associations of the Abbey and the town were not lost sight of, and a vote of thanks was recorded to the worthy Frater for his paper. The First and Second Order Certificates issued by the High Council of the Society were distributed, and it was arranged, if possible, to hold the August meeting at Ripon, to include a visit to Fountains' Abbey. The names of two candidates were submitted to the College. After the close of College, the party were conducted over the beautiful Abbey Church by Frater Atkinson, and its principal architectural features pointed out, the Organist of the Church performed a selection of sacred music. Subsequently the members met at the Londesborough Arms Hotel for tea, and departed for their respective homes at Leeds, York, Bradford, &c., at an early hour.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CRAFT.

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FREEMASONRY is very old, but it is far from being a fossil. We even doubt whether it is yet in its prime. Neither is it a sort of "Wandering Jew," stalking down the centuries as a moving tombstone. Nor is it an animated mummy, or ghost of the past, having but a shadowy existence in the present. Freemasonry was never so powerful as it is to-day, never so highly esteemed, never so rich in means, men, and character. It is the *thing* to be a Mason—if you can. It associates you with the thinkers of the age, with the workers in the higher branches of mechanical, artistic and professional pursuits, with the men that make our laws, and the judges that construe them. Freemasons ably fill the most honourable stations in Church and State. The President in the White House, the Bishop in the Episcopal Chair, the Senator in Congress, the Justice on the Supreme Bench, the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of the Municipality—these are a few of the representative Freemasons of our time.

It may aptly be asked, what is it that suits Freemasonry to all latitudes, to all ages, to all conditions of men, from the king on his throne to the peasant in his cottage? Why is it that centuries expires while Freemasonry lives? our critics tell us that our Fraternity is antiquated, our traditions misty, our language dead, and our secret, exposed—and yet Freemasonry lives and flourishes. It is the liveliest corpse known to the centuries. If it has been galvanized into life, it has electrified the world.

Freemasonry satisfies two needs of man, one in the present and the other in the future. It gives him congenial fellowship here, and it reveals to him immortality hereafter. The Craft, in all ages and conditions, has possessed at least these two great features, without which it would have had neither origin, continuance, nor present existence. Trace it back to the remotest antiquity, through, if you please, the line of ascent of the ancient mysteries, and you invariably find these two principles characterizing it. Freemasonry exemplifies a rare combination of the practical and the theoretical; it provides for present enjoyment, while it stimulates hope for the future. Where is there such another human society?

But our critics say, it has its frauds and impostors. Probably true, but not at all astonishing. Whatever is valuable is counterfeited, from character down to money. Freemasons do not claim to be infallible, nor omniscient. They cannot certainly tell that every initiate is entirely what he professes to be, and his friends believe him to be, or that he will continue upright to the end of his life. Freemasonry necessarily has to assume some risks, and these risks sometimes result in losses—loss of character to individual Freemasons, and loss of honour to the Fraternity. But these things are of comparative insignificance, and unavoidable.

In referring to the past we are apt to say—there were giants in those days. So there were, and there are also giants now; but we are not ALL giants. Nevertheless, we are probably as good as our predecessors, and Freemasonry to-day is of as good report as it ever was at any epoch in its extended past.

A distinguished Freemason once said, "Freemasonry has been the friend of man, the longest tried, if not the best." Extravagant language, some may say. But let us see. We understand by the phrase, "the friend of man," the friend of the man who embraces its principles, and is initiated into its mysteries. It is the friend of its friends, and all may be its friends who are worthy of it. It is not a religion, and it does not profess to love its enemies. It pities them, but it does not necessarily love them. It is certainly "the longest tried friend of man." What existing institution, civil or religious, antedates Masonry, as it has come down to us in history and tradition? Freemasons belong emphatically to the first family, or society, of men. No other society claims so ancient a lineage. But is it "the best friend of man?" This we do not insist upon. It is the friend, and the oldest friend, and it *may* be the best friend; that is enough.

Did it ever occur to you that Freemasonry has been the great Peace Society of all past time, and in its nature it must continue to be so throughout the future? Its mission is to spread brotherly love among men, and to congregate all its initiates into one family. Did the spirit of fraternity which it engenders universally prevail, the world would be on the eve of the millennium. Even in the smoke of battle, and amid the conflict of contending armies, Freemasonry asserts itself, and speaks peace to its Brethren. There is in the manual of arms of the Freemason a more powerful weapon than the two-edged sabre, the seven shooter, or the minie rifle.

Is it wonderful that Freemasons should grow eloquent and enthusiastic over such a Fraternity? and is it surprising that those who cannot, or will not, emulate its virtues, should misrepresent and vilify it? we may be sure of this: the good, the true, and the beautiful are destined to prevail, while the evil, the false and the monstrous are doomed to destruction. **LET THEM DIE, AND LET THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY LIVE FOR EVER.**

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction have accepted an invitation from the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Pauls, E.C., on Monday, 27th June 1881.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—*Weary of Life.*—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act materially in dispelling low spirits and repelling the overt attacks made on the nerves by intemperance, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and obediently putting them in practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC
INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, FOR THE SEPTENNIAL PERIOD 1875-81.

FOLLOWING up the plan we adopted in respect of the last Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we have compiled a similar statement of the Provincial Contributions to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Girls during the seven years 1875 to 1881, both inclusive. It will doubtless be noticed by our readers that Yorkshire heads the list in this case likewise as regards the aggregate of its contributions, Middlesex being a good second, with Gloucestershire next; then Kent, and then, pretty closely together, West Lancashire, Staffordshire, Berks and Bucks, and Wilts. The conspicuous absentee from all the Festivals of this Institution is Northumberland, which has, however, figured well at the Boys' Anniversaries, and which, we hope, will be still more brilliantly represented at the Festival on the 29th instant. It will be noticed also that very many of the Provinces, such as Berks and Bucks, Cheshire, Kent, the two Lancashires, Middlesex, North Wales and Salop, Oxford, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, and West Yorkshire, make a point of being represented regularly. We shall merely add that the figures are taken from the official lists furnished to us by the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the morrow of each Festival, and are the same, therefore, as we have dealt with in our Analyses. We state further that the chair on the several occasions was taken by the following distinguished members of the Craft, namely:—In 1875, Lord Mayor David Stone Grand Junior Warden; in 1876, Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire; in 1877, Lord Suffield Provincial Grand Master Norfolk; in 1878, Lord Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master Somersetshire; in 1879, Colonel Creton Grand Treasurer; in 1880, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold Provincial Grand Master Oxon; and in 1881, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master Gloucestershire. The grand total is £33,396 5s 1d, and gives us as nearly as possible an average per Festival of £4,771.

	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	Total
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Beds	75 2 0	141 15 0	114 9 0	217 5 0	71 18 6	506 14 0	122 19 0	1250 2 6
Berks and Bucks	66 13 6	...	...	37 16 0	216 6 0	...	320 15 6	
Bristol	...	...	5 5 0	...	...	...	5 5 0	
Cambridgeshire	21 0 0	73 10 0	10 10 0	134 8 0	356 4 0	151 4 0	129 3 11	875 19 11
Cheshire	...	...	...	...	378 0 0	...	378 0 0	
Cornwall	...	...	...	...	375 7 0	...	375 7 0	
Cumberland and Westmoreland	10 10 0	5 15 6	52 10 0	21 8 6	63 0 0	63 0 0	157 18 6	
Derbyshire	...	...	180 12 0	29 10 6	265 12 0	141 10 0	201 7 8	696 5 8
Devonshire	...	...	116 11 0	...	95 0 0	122 17 0	515 0 0	
Dorsetshire	...	...	286 2 6	227 17 0	178 10 0	121 15 6	814 5 0	
Durham	86 6 6	...	37 9 0	40 13 9	...	237 8 0	221 3 0	623 0 3
Essex	...	...	222 12 0	229 16 6	312 19 0	358 1 0	1000 0 0	2123 8 6
Gloucestershire	...	...	117 12 0	99 15 6	162 15 0	182 6 0	583 8 6	
Hants and I. of Wight	...	21 0 0	...	10 10 0	...	...	10 10 0	
Herefordshire	17 17 0	...	143 16 6	68 5 0	144 2 0	78 15 0	99 11 0	552 6 6
Herts	142 3 0	135 2 6	175 4 6	77 7 0	418 13 6	571 10 6	340 13 0	1860 14 0
Kent	42 0 0	11 11 0	89 5 0	74 0 0	285 1 0	62 5 0	197 18 6	762 0 6
Lancashire, E.	63 11 0	6 11 0	310 16 0	90 13 6	594 17 0	46 14 6	276 3 0	1389 6 0
W.	...	...	...	233 16 0	...	73 10 0	228 6 0	535 12 0
Leicestershire and Rutland	63 0 0	543 14 0	52 10 0	...	21 0 0	73 10 0	...	753 14 0
Lincolnshire	581 19 0	711 12 0	744 4 6	177 3 6	347 0 6	424 1 0	307 3 3	3293 3 9
Middlesex	464 10 0*	...	...	15 15 0	63 0 0	147 0 0	31 10 0	721 15 0
Monmouthshire	90 6 0	11 11 0	27 6 0	10 10 0	66 3 0	108 2 0	111 6 0	429 8 0
North Wales and Salop	...	...	105 0 0	...	...	164 7 6	89 5 0	459 8 6
Northamptonshire and Hunts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105 0 0
Northumberland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nottinghamshire	...	42 0 0	43 1 0	...	10 10 0	178 10 0	...	274 1 0
Oxfordshire	52 9 0	50 0 0	62 9 0	144 6 6	96 12 0	309 12 0	26 15 6	742 4 0
Somersetshire	21 0 0	31 10 0	...	318 3 0	247 16 0	241 10 0	181 13 0	1041 12 0
South Wales, East Div.	†	115 10 0	...	117 12 0	105 0 0	100 0 0	120 0 0	558 2 0
West Div.	†	...	...	236 5 0	...	300 0 0	536 5 0	
Staffordshire	...	115 10 0	161 3 0	...	376 3 0	536 11 0	157 10 0	1346 17 0
Suffolk	64 19 6	26 5 0	91 19 0	63 0 0	49 7 0	91 7 0	107 2 0	493 19 6
Surrey	75 13 0	31 10 0	40 19 0	42 10 0	48 6 0	24 3 0	174 5 0	437 6 0
Sussex	77 2 0	...	233 7 6	29 8 0	232 1 0	130 4 0	105 0 0	807 2 6
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Worcestershire	141 15 0	364 7 0	68 5 0	574 7 0
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	34 13 0	70 7 0	134 8 0	239 8 0
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* Includes S. Wales E. and W.

† Amount not stated.

† See Monmouthshire.

We beg to remind those of our readers who take an interest in the establishment of the Mont Dore at Bournemouth that Monday next, the 13th instant, is the last day on which it will be possible for them to send in applications for shares; and as there seems to be every reason to anticipate that the scheme will turn out to be prosperous, they will do well not to let slip the opportunity of obtaining now, at par, what some time hence they may find it impossible to obtain except at a considerable premium. As we gave such full particulars of the project last week, we need not be at the pains of renewing our consideration of the subject. We may as well, however, point out, as is stated in our advertisement columns, that the establishment of the Mont Dore in question has been taken in hand by a limited company, with a proposed capital of £75,000, in 15,000 shares of £5 each. It is being organised under special medical authority. The Honorary Patron is Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Past G.J. Warden of England. The Medical Council includes Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D.,

Physician Accoucheur St. Mary's Hospital; Horace Dobell, Esq., M.D.; Barnard Holt, Esq., F.R.C.S.—the former being the late Senior Physician Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, and the latter Consulting Surgeon of the Westminster Hospital—A. Ernest Sansom, Esq., M.D., Senior Physician N.E. Hospital for Children; and John C. Thorowgood, Esq., M.D., Physician City of London Hospital for Chest Diseases. The Managing Director we have already announced as Mr. Dacre Trevor-Roper, and the Secretary is Mr. T. C. Pocock, of whom all necessary information may be obtained, at the Offices, 18 Abingdon-street, Westminster, S.W. An important feature, as testifying to the undoubted interest taken in the scheme by the profession, will be found in the fact, more than half of the present shareholders are medical men: this shows their firm belief in its success. However, those who need more explicit information will obtain it at the headquarters of the Company, as stated.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITY LODGE, No. 171.

THE installation meeting of the above flourishing Lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bros. E. Phillips W.M., W. H. Bateman P.M. 12 S.W., Goodinge J.W., C. Harcourt P.M. Treasurer, J. Clever jun. P.M. Sec., Fenn S.D. P.M.'s Bros. J. Clever and Whiteley. Visitors—Bros. W. Taylor P.M. 1503, W. J. Beedell J.W. 12, H. W. Davis 266, W. Kibble J.W. 1426, C. Stevens J.D. 1793, C. A. Betts 46, J. Glenn 19, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. N. H. Davis and W. T. Birmingham. The result being unanimously in their favour, both were duly initiated into the Order in a very excellent manner. The bye-laws were read, also the report of the Audit Committee, the latter showing the Lodge to be in flourishing condition; there being a balance of £111 8s 6d in favour of the Lodge, while the Charity Fund has £27 5s 7d in hand. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. H. Bateman P.M. 12, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and in due course inducted into the chair by Bro. J. Clever P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient form and he in appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers—Bros. E. Phillips I.P.M., Goodinge S.W., Fenn J.W., C. Harcourt P.M. Treas., J. Clever jun. P.M. Secretary, Wendover S.D., Loring J.D., Hildyard I.G. The addresses were perfectly and most impressively delivered. A sum of five guineas was awarded to Bro. W. Smith the Tyler, who retires on account of ill-health. Bro. Goddard P.M. was elected Tyler in his place. Bro. Clever proposed that at the next meeting Bro. Phillips I.P.M. be presented with a gold P.M.'s jewel, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and as a token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by every member of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Whiteley and carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren, and Lodge was closed until the first Tuesday in July. The brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. T. Ball. The banquet-room overlooked the river, and the weather having cleared up, the brethren appreciated the view that lay before them. Good feeling and harmony prevailed; the W.M., a P.M. of No. 12, knows his duties thoroughly, and makes a good president. Grace was sung by Miss Maud Longhurst, R.A.M., Mrs. Chas. Stevens, and Bros. Chas. Stevens and W. J. Beedell. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Miss Maud Longhurst. Bro. Phillips P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., which to him was a duty that gave great pleasure; the brethren had many of them seen the working of their W.M. in Masonry in another Lodge; he is likewise an ardent worker for the Charities, all knew how successful he had been on their behalf. The gathering of this evening, under his able presidency, augured a good future for the Lodge. The Worshipful Master in reply said it afforded him great pleasure to hold the position of Wor. Master of this Lodge; during his year of office he should make it a rule to give them very short speeches, but they might rely on having good harmony to make up the balance. If he fulfilled the duties of the chair in the same manner as the brother who had preceded him, he thought it would be a source of pleasure to the members; in any case, however, he hoped to give them satisfaction. Bro. Clever P.M. then (by permission of the W.M.) proposed the toast of the Initiates. He was pleased to do so, he having enrolled two members who he was sure would keep up the dignity of this great and noble Order. Bro. Davis, of Birmingham, in brief terms responded; and then the W.M. paid a compliment to the visitors. There were eight present. He would call on his old and valued friend, Bro. Davis No 266, to reply. This brother, in response, remarked how pleased he had been to see his son initiated in this Lodge, where he was sure he would find every tenet in Freemasonry carried out to its fullest extent. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Clever, who had ably performed that ceremony. One and all were grateful to him for his valuable assistance, not only on this but many former occasions. This latter remark also applied to the Past Masters generally, who were always pleased to give their assistance. Bro. Clever said it had afforded him great pleasure to instal Bro. Bateman for the second time into the chair. He congratulated the Brethren on having such a respected Brother to rule over them; he felt it a great honour his having introduced their present Master as a joining member of the Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next; the Lodge might be congratulated on having such brethren as Bros. Harcourt and Clever jun to fill the posts. The former brother responded. In speaking to the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. regretted the absence of their esteemed friend, Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He is generally present at this annual meeting, and all are pleased to see him. The three Charities ought not to be forgotten on these occasions. He (the W.M.) had accepted a Stewardship for the next Anniversary Festival. He would call on Bro. H. M. Levy to respond. Bro. Levy likewise regretted the absence of Bro. Terry, who would have given them statistical details of the Institutions, and the grand results of the Festivals that had already been held. Bro. Levy urged the brethren to support the notice of motion to have elections twice a year, the same as the two Scholastic Institutions, so that our poorer brethren and their widows might not have to wait the twelve weary months for a chance of admission into the Institution. He trusted Bro. Terry would be here on the next occasion. The toast of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge came next, and then Bro. Phillips P.M. proposed the toast of the Ladies and Musical Brethren, Miss Longhurst and Mrs. Charles Stevens, Bros. C. Stevens and Bedwell, who had so ably conducted to the harmony of the evening. Bro. Stevens made a suitable response. The brethren then separated and returned to town, after passing a very delightful evening.

SIR HUGH MYDDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE installation meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, 27th ultimo. There was a very strong muster of the Officers and members, the chair being occupied by Bro. John Weston W.M. There was also a very numerous gathering of visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. G. W. Gilham P.M. 1632, W. H. Rohrs W.M. 946, George H. Hunter P.M. 1298, T. J. Bird J.W. 1807, James Terry P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, J. G. Humphreys S.D. 167, James Kew P.M. 179, C. Daniel P.M. 65, Wm. Stephens P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, R. H. Halford Prov. G.S.D. Herts, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, J. L. Cogan P.M. 1365, S. B. Hale P.M. 45, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Egbert Roberts Organist 1623, Dillon 1567, and R. Pearcey P.M. 228. The Lodge having been opened with the accustomed formalities, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Report of the Audit Committee was next submitted and approved; it showed the Lodge, as regards its finances, was in a most flourishing condition. Brother H. Harris having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a most masterly and impressive manner, Bro. John Osborn S.W. and W.M. elect was formally presented to the Worshipful Master, in order to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and having duly signified in the usual way his assent to the ancient charges of Freemasonry, and all below the grade of Past Master having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Osborn was installed by his immediate predecessor in the chair, Bro. Weston, who fulfilled his task in a manner which did him infinite credit. The brethren who had withdrawn having been re-admitted, and the customary salutations in the several degrees having been given, Bro. Osborn appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. W. Morris S.W., W. Poulton J.W., C. Hollidge Treasurer (elected), R. Allison Secretary, J. Greenfield S.D., Oppenheim J.D., E. Payne I.G., Sarter D.C., Heyne W.S., R. G. Thomas Organist, and Steedman Tyler. The resignation of Bro. E. Percy having been accepted with regret, the remaining business was despatched, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to that famous hostelry, "Ye Cock at Highbury," where a sumptuous banquet was placed on the table by that worthiest of worthy hosts, Bro. Baker, to the excellence of whose bill of fare the best possible testimony was rendered by all present. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Worshipful Master, a few appropriate remarks being offered in commendation of each. Bro. Weston I.P.M. then assumed the gavel with a view to proposing the health of Bro. Osborn. In fulfilling his task, Bro. Weston spoke in terms of warm but well-deserved praise of the admirable manner in which the Worshipful Master had comported himself in the various offices he had held in the Lodge. The zeal and ability he had displayed during his Masonic career, he considered, fully justified him in looking forward to a year of great prosperity for the Sir Hugh Myddelton, albeit they had every reason to be proud of what had been done during the five years of its existence. Still he felt convinced not only that Bro. Osborn would uphold the dignity of the chair, but would hand over the Lodge, at the conclusion of his year of office, to his successor in a highly efficient and prosperous state. He congratulated him on the attainment of the main object of his Masonic ambition. He had made a good selection of Officers, who, he knew, would do their work most loyally, and he trusted the members would show their appreciation of Bro. Osborn's merits by cordially supporting him on all occasions when the Lodge was wont to meet. Bro. Osborn, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his warmest thanks to Bro. Weston for the handsome manner in which he had spoken of his slight services to Freemasonry, and to the members and guests who had so cordially endorsed all that he (Bro. Weston) had said in his favour. He was afraid he could not accept in their entirety the very eulogistic terms in which his predecessor had spoken of him, but he claimed at all events to have done his best to discharge his duty in the different positions he had been called upon to fill. He should do his utmost to carry out the still more arduous duties he was now expected to discharge, and he sincerely trusted that when it fell to his lot to give an account of his stewardship, it would be found he had done his best in furthering the interests of the Lodge. He then expressed the very great pleasure he experienced in finding that his first duty of any moment was to present Bro. Weston with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge, as a slight recognition of his services in the chair. The I.P.M. had done his work most successfully, and he (the Worshipful Master) could only hope that his own year of office would be as successful. Bro. Weston having acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and having later on responded to his health as Installing Master, the toast of the Visitors was given and drunk with acclamation, and several of their number expressed their hearty thanks for the very cordial welcome they had met with. The Past Masters, all of whom were present on the occasion, having been honoured, Bro. James Terry was called upon to respond for the Masonic Charities, and it is needless to say "A Zealous Officer" made a very effective speech in reply. He spoke of the success of the recent Festival of the Girls' School, and expressed a hope that the Anniversary of the Boys' School, which was about to be held at Brighton, would bring the charitable Masonic year to a brilliant close. The other toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren rose and dispersed homewards, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. We must not close our report without congratulating the brethren of the Sir Hugh Myddelton on the result of their installation meeting. Nothing appeared to have been omitted in order to give the necessary *éclat* to the gathering, and what with a splendid banquet, a strong muster of jovial brethren, some excellent singing, and good speeches, it is not to be wondered at that everything should have passed off so well. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Thomas, who himself presided at the piano, while the vocal portions of the entertainment was entrusted to Miss Millie Austin and Bros. Moar Adams and Egbert Roberts, all of whom acquitted themselves famously. Nor, moreover, must it be supposed that the

meeting passed off without some reference to the remarks of "Bro. E. VAN DONOP," which appeared some time since in our columns, and the remonstrances they evoked from Bro. Sims P.M. What was said, however, was said in the kindest spirit, and most temperately, so that nothing whatever happened to jar on the general satisfaction. One special feature of the evening we had almost overlooked, this was the recital, by Bro. Edward G. Sim P.M., of an exceedingly telling, but rather lengthy, dramatic production—"One niche the higher." The company testified, by their applause, to the fervency and ability which our esteemed brother threw into the heavy task he had undertaken.

CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Thursday, 2nd instant, on which occasion Bro. John Blundell was installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Dick Radclyffe the W.M. having opened the Lodge, the business of the day was proceeded with. This comprised, amongst other matters, the balloting for, as a joining member, of Bro. D. C. E. Lake, of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1864, and the passing of Bro. W. H. Toten to the second degree. The Reports of the Audit Committee, and of the Benevolent Fund Committee, were submitted and duly received. From the former, we learn that the Lodge has a considerable balance in hand, and that at the time of audit all liabilities of the Lodge had been duly met, nor were there any subscriptions or fees in arrear. This is not the first occasion on which the Secretary has successfully striven for a clean bill on the occasion of the annual meeting, and we think great credit is due to him for the praiseworthy efforts he makes to keep the accounts of the Lodge in so satisfactory a manner. The balance to the credit of the Benevolent Fund account is also considerable, and we are pleased to notice that some practical use has been made of it during the past year, although we trust it may be long ere another call has to be made upon its funds. The installation was in due course proceeded with, Bro. Blundell being placed in the chair according to ancient custom, and appointing the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. F. Orme S.W., G. Cole J.W., T. Foxall P.M. Treasurer, W. Land P.M. Sec., E. Ayres S.D., F. A. Pallen J.D., J. Newcomb I.G., N. A. Starkey D.C., W. Seymour Smith Org., W. J. Lassam Steward, and J. Woodstock Tyler. The ceremony was then completed. Advantage was taken of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to the Crystal Palace—where he was engaged with the Duchess in opening an exhibition of woollen manufactures—to tender the fraternal greetings of the brethren, and accordingly the following letter was sent to H.R.H. —

"The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge of Freemasons, No. 742, now assembled in the Crystal Palace, have the honour to present fraternal greetings to the Right Worshipful His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught P.G.W. &c. &c. &c., and respectfully beg permission to pledge a special toast to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

"Crystal Palace, Sydenham, 2nd June 1881."

His Royal Highness was pleased to accede to this request, and in due course, after the banquet, the special toast was honoured most enthusiastically. A vote was made from the funds of the Lodge towards erecting a monument to the memory of one of the founders, and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Radclyffe as a memento of his year of office in the Lodge. The W.M. then concluded the proceedings, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served and enjoyed by all present. At its conclusion and after grace, the Worshipful Master gave the usual toasts. The first was that of the Queen and the Craft. The Queen, the W.M. said, was a great promoter of the benefits of Freemasonry, and had on many occasions showed her appreciation of the doings of the Craft. The next toast was that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master. The brethren all knew him as a very energetic Mason. The W.M. had no doubt but that His Royal Highness would attend much more to the duties of Freemasonry were it not that the Queen, having in a measure retired, he had to fulfil many duties that should naturally fall to the lot of Her Majesty. The health of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers followed, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who considered it a very distinguished honour to have the good fortune to be called upon to return thanks for so important a body. Many years ago he had had the pleasure of visiting the Crystal Palace Lodge, and since then had borne in mind the heartiness with which he had been received. As regarded the Grand Officers, for whom he had to respond, he would merely say that they one and all were happy to assist, and contribute so far as they were able to the well ruling of the whole Craft. The health of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught was proposed from the chair. The Duke had, the Worshipful Master said, been very active in respect to Freemasonry. But a few days since he was at Portsmouth, where he fulfilled a very important position in Freemasonry. This and many other matters he had undertaken only proved that he was a good Mason, although but a young one. He was sure that in the future he would occupy a prominent position, as did his brother the Prince of Wales. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visitors, expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so many guests around the table. He looked upon it as a flattering compliment to himself. Bro. Marks was the first to reply. He had experienced a great amount of pleasure at being present to witness the installation of his very old friend, Bro. Blundell, who, he was sure, would perform his duties to the credit of the Lodge. Bro. Catbush followed. The present was not the first time he had had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the Crystal Palace Lodge. He had never been received anywhere so kindly as he had been by the members. He expressed the pleasure he experienced in

seeing his old friend Bro. Dick Radclyffe fulfilling the office of Master, and was gratified that he had risen so high in the Craft. Bros. Farwig, Chambers, and others followed. Bro. Dick Radclyffe I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. The present was not the first time he had had the pleasure of addressing the members of the Crystal Palace Lodge, but it was the first time, and he might say the only time, he would be able to address them under similar circumstances. The toast he had to propose he considered really the toast of the evening, it being that of the W.M. Any words he might say in praise of Bro. Blundell could but be looked upon as refining gold. This remark being looked upon as personal to the W.M. was withdrawn by Bro. Radclyffe, who in place attempted the phrase, paint the lily—which, however, was treated as being as much of a personal character as his other quotation, and he was obliged to proceed without the use of similes. Looking through the list of Visitors, he saw so many accredited to Bro. Blundell, that he almost thought the W.M. had invited all. This proof if any was needed, was an ample one that the brethren had made a wise choice in placing him in the chair. Bro. Radclyffe concluded by hoping that the Master might have a most successful year of office. The Worshipful Master tendered his acknowledgments. He was very grateful to the Past Masters and brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge for the great assistance they had given him in the various offices he had passed. He should certainly endeavour to carry out his duties to the satisfaction and for the welfare of the Lodge, and he trusted that at the end of his term of office he should have the confidence and esteem of every one of its members. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. He felt that the mere mention of Bro. Radclyffe's name was sufficient to ensure him a hearty welcome in the Crystal Palace Lodge. The way in which he had devoted himself to the interests of the Craft reflected great credit on his mother Lodge. The W.M. believed Bro. Radclyffe had done great good, and had laid the foundation of a work which would rise and prove a boon to those who were unable to help themselves. Although he had met a slight rebuff at the outset, he hoped he might live to see his desires fulfilled. Bro. Radclyffe briefly replied. The Crystal Palace Lodge was, and he trusted ever would be, very dear to him. As regarded his humble endeavours in connection with a Pupils' Assistance Fund, he did not consider he had in any way failed. What he had done had resulted in a great amount of good, for now both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools had taken up the main feature of what he had been working for, while the province which at first most opposed the scheme had itself started a fund, adopting a title similar to that which but a few months since they had condemned. If there was any matter in which he could serve the Crystal Palace Lodge, he should be most happy to do so. He looked upon that day, on which he had been presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as one of the proudest of his life. The health of the Past Masters followed, to which Bros. Hume and Thompson replied. That of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, and this was most heartily drunk. The toast of the Officers concluded the programme. A most enjoyable musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, who was assisted by Bros. John Hodges, G. T. Carter, and Albert Hubbard; altogether the meeting was a great success.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The regular meeting was held on Friday, 27th May, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, the following brethren being present:—B. E. Blasby W.M., C. S. Costelow S.W., L. Franckel J.W., Walter Goss P.M. Treasurer, W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, J. J. Gunner S.D., W. D. Becket J.D., J. G. Le Grys I.G., C. E. Botley D.C.; Past Masters W. Gomm and C. F. May. Visitors—Bros. F. Fletcher W.S. 1732, H. Hayes 1559, W. Munday 1532, W. Johnson P.M. 865, G. Phillips 1512, D. H. Sugg W.M. 452, J. Mountstephen P.M. 92, W. W. Morgan jun. **FREE-MASON'S CHRONICLE.** The business of the day comprised the raising of Bros. C. E. Daniell, Blasby, C. T. J. Hildersley, and J. M. Lucas; the passing of Bros. G. Jefferies, J. P. Flew, and Henry Bailey; and the initiation of Messrs. C. F. Emmott, E. Hurrell, and G. E. Payne, all of which ceremonies were ably performed by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Goss, the Treasurer, signified his desire to relinquish the duties of that office at the close of the current year, in consequence of his time being so much occupied in the country. At the conclusion of the day's work the brethren adjourned to supper, when, under the presidency of Bro. Blasby, an enjoyable evening was spent, the usual toasts being given and acknowledged. Bro. Gomm proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered the work performed during the evening was a credit to any Mason. He was very pleased to know they had a Master who displayed so much ability. In reply, the Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. The labours of the evening had been somewhat arduous, but he was only too pleased to fulfil the duties required of him. Since the day he joined Freemasonry he had been heart and soul in it. He had especially to thank the Past Masters for what they had done for him in the past, and then proceeded to propose their health. This having been acknowledged, the toast of the Initiates was given and duly acknowledged. Other toasts followed, the proceedings not being brought to a conclusion until a late hour.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th May, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Bros. Buck W.M., Blenkhorn S.W., Hepburn J.W., C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Pitt S.D., Hunter I.G., and others. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cuthbertson candidate. Bro. Butler then offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge opened in third, and closed in third and second degrees. Bro. Blenkhorn was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, which will be the last meeting of the Lodge until September. Bros. Ruff and Tiffen of No. 95 were duly elected members. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Buck, it being the first time he had occupied the position of W.M. Lodge closed and adjourned.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—At the monthly meeting of this old Lodge, at Colchester, on Thursday, 26th ult., the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, the unanimous choice of the brethren falling upon W. Bro. William Richey P.M. 700, who has been S.W. for the last twelve months. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John J. C. Turner for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his period of office; and to mark his distinguished services it was unanimously decided to present him with a P.M.'s jewel.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Sonthgate-road, on Saturday, the 4th instant. Present—Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., R. M. Jones J.W., S. E. Moss Acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Gilham S.D., Kent J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. Weedon, A. Tuck, Clark, Carr, and others. Lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Tuck acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, when the W.M. worked the first three sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Weedon, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed, on the 25th inst., by Bro. Gilham P.M. 1632.

Prudence Lodge, No. 1550.—At the meeting held on Saturday, 4th June, at the Huysh Masonic Temple, Plymouth, the W. Bro. Leonard J. Webber presiding, Bro. Morris C. Lakeman, the S.W., was unanimously elected the Master for the ensuing year; Bro. Charles Philo the Treasurer, and Bro. Phillips Tyler. The installation will take place on Saturday, the 25th inst., at six p.m., and it was decided that instead of the usual banquet there should be a picnic, the ladies being invited to join, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements—it will take place about the middle of July. The Treasurer, Wor. Richard G. Tippett, having resigned, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his valuable services.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—Held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. A meeting of this Lodge was held on 3rd June, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London. Present—Bros. Joseph Rothschild W.M., G. W. Tillett S.W., William C. Gay J.W., Robert D. Cummings Preceptor, Harold Halliday Hon. Sec. Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonies, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened and closed in the three degrees, and ceremonies rehearsed. It was proposed by Bro. Cummings I.G. of the Mother Lodge, and seconded by Bro. Tillett, "that this Lodge of Instruction be adjourned until the first Thursday in September. This being carried unanimously, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned accordingly.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—A regular meeting was held on the 22nd ultimo, at Bro. Devine's, The Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. Davis W.M., E. Harvey S.W., J. A. Harvey J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomons Secretary, N. Valentine S.D., Burgess J.D., B. Kauffman I.G., Hemming Preceptor. Lodge opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The first section of the second lecture was worked, and the ceremonies of passing and initiation rehearsed. Bro. Mark Swersee 185 was elected a member.

On the 7th inst., Bros. F. Sylvester W.M., N. Valentine S.W., L. Jacobs J.W., J. A. Harvey S.D., E. Harvey J.D., J. Edwards I.G., L. Solomons Secretary, Bro. Snodin acting as Preceptor. After preliminaries, the first section of the first lecture was worked by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. B. Kauffmann acting as candidate. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Guyer acting as candidate. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his perfect and impressive working, in which he was ably assisted by the Officers. Bro. N. Valentine was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

His Majesty Oscar II. King of Sweden, Grand Master of that country, accompanied by Count Piper, Swedish Ambassador, and the Royal suite, visited the works of the Henri Rifle Barrel Company on 30th ult., and inspected the machine guns there being manufactured. Luncheon was afterwards served in a marquee, to which a large party of noblemen, officers, and gentlemen sat down. As he was leaving the works His Majesty was loudly cheered by the men. On Tuesday His Majesty, together with his Queen, arrived at Dover by the midday mail. Before departing from the pier the King, who is very much improved in health, expressed himself as having been very favourably impressed by the reception he had met with in England.

Bro. G. W. Cowing, proprietor of the *Barnet Press*, *Finchley News*, and *Edgware Chronicle*, was lately compelled to defend an action for libel commenced against him by a local builder for having inserted in his paper a letter commenting on the materials, and on the construction of some houses at Finchley. We are pleased to say that the jury found for the defendant on all points.

In our report of the Consecration of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, in our issue of last week, we gave a list of presents which had been made to the Lodge. We need hardly say that they were very much admired, and even "part from their intrinsic value, are a splendid memento of the good spirit which animated the Founders of the Lodge. The gifts were of first-rate workmanship, and we think a word of praise is due to Bro. H. T. Lamb, who supplied them.

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Into the shadowland
Baby hies ;
And smiles as an angel

Past him flies ;
Closed at peace
Are the violet eyes.

Almighty Father,
Watch this night,
Over my little one's
Slumbers light ;
Teach us to worship
Thee aright.

What will the future
Bring to me ?
Joy or sorrow,
Which will it be ?
I pray to Thee, Father,
On bended knee.

EMRA HOLMES,
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We understand that Bro. Emra Holmes's books *Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers*, and *Amabel Vaughan* are now nearly out of print. A few copies of the latter may still be had, however, of Bro. G. Markham Tweddell, Stokesley, Yorkshire, for whose benefit the works were published. It is in contemplation to publish shortly a new volume of Bro. Holmes's poems, which have appeared during the past year or two in numerous newspapers and magazines in England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, and Canada. A sketch of Bro. Holmes is about to appear in the *Biograph*.

We have been favoured with a letter from Bro. T. Massa, in which he expresses a wish that we should give publicity to a letter he forwarded to our contemporary, the *Freemason*, some short time since, but which the Editor of that journal, in the exercise of a very wise discretion, declined to make public. We feel it our duty to follow the very wise example of our near neighbour. We think with him that no possible good can result from the adoption of the wish expressed by Bro. Massa. We fully sympathise with him in respect of the difficulty in which he finds himself placed, but we think it would have the effect of making matters still more difficult of management, if we found a place in our columns for the letter in question.



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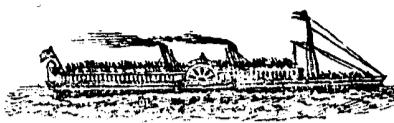
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By command of the R.W.P.G. Master,

CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Prov. G. Secretary.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road,
25th May 1881.

P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 16s) may be had of Bro. John Lees P.M. P.P.G.W., Reigate, Surrey; or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

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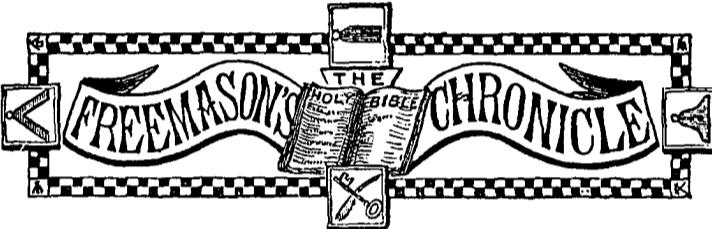
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IF the old saw, that "familiarity breeds contempt," may be accepted as a general truism, one can hardly question the legitimacy of the inference that the unfamiliarity or novelty of a thing will arrest attention, if, in all cases, it does not actually command respect and win approbation. The latter qualification, however, is not needed in speaking of the proceedings in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of this proposed Masonic Hall, and the hypothesis used will only partially explain the very large amount of interest displayed in the Masonic ceremonial, another and cogent reason being the wide-spread influence of the Order, and the power which it exerts in shaping and modifying social economy. Though pre-eminent among Friendly Societies in its traditions, history and associations, superior in sublimity of aims and impressiveness of ritual, practically limitless in its myriad ramifications, and immensely powerful through its cosmopolitan character, there is no organisation which favours less the pageantry of public display, and which so rarely has resort to the obtrusive exhibition of its symbols and rites. It does not cheapen its reputation by flaunting its pretensions in the public eye at periodical intervals, and on the rare occasions that it does make a visible demonstration all the constituents are present which conspire to render the event striking and the surroundings dignified and imposing. The knowledge that the brethren of the Auckland and neighbouring districts intended to signalise the event by a full representation of their strength therefore awakened the liveliest curiosity in the public mind, and directly led to the imparting of a gala character to the day. The brethren of Auckland will generally appreciate the conveniences which this building is intended to supply them with. They have been fain to content themselves with public-house parlours as meeting places, and many chose rather to deny themselves the privilege of frequent communication with their Lodges rather than incur the disrepute of seeming to give colourable approval to the practice of making the tavern place of resort for entertainment and sociability. This stigma will now be removed, and, given a place of their own, the confraternity should have no difficulty in regaining the assistance and support of quondam members, and in exhibiting its advantages to the public. The Hall will also serve to remind strange brethren from other shores that they are not among aliens, and that they have only to avow themselves in order to receive a gracious welcome.

The plans accepted and approved by the committee were prepared by Bro. W. H. Skinner, and the contract has been taken by Bro. T. Colebrook. A commencement was made about three weeks ago, but a slight delay in the progress of the building has taken place, in order to allow Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M. (E.C.), to take part in laying the foundation-stone. The building is being erected in Princes-street, on Masonic property, adjoining the Masonic Hotel, and the edifice, although not large, will have an imposing architectural appearance. It will be of brick, richly ornamented and faced with cement, in imitation of stone. The front is 36 feet 8 inches wide, and the total depth 77 feet. The front elevation from the base to

the top of the balustrade is 40 feet. The whole front being of the Corinthian order, the front centre pediment projecting a foot from the main building.

The fact that the ceremony was to be conducted by the three District and Provincial Grand Masters, the representatives of the three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, lent additional *éclat* to the proceedings. Every Mason recognising the fact that this might be the only occasion during a lifetime when such an occurrence might take place. Great praise is, says the local papers, due to Bro. H. G. Wade, the D.G. Secretary E.C., who prepared the programme. It was a most difficult task, requiring extreme tact and a thorough knowledge of Masonic usage. There was no ritual to guide him, and the programme had to be so prepared as to allot to each of the Grand Lodges a full share in the ceremonies. He acquitted himself as only such an experienced Mason could have done; and the fact that the long and trying ceremonial was carried through without a hitch is, they take it on themselves to say, entirely attributable to Bro. Wade's tact, knowledge and ability. The scene of the ceremonial was a centre of attraction during the forenoon. The grand stand and front were gaily decorated with flags, the entrance was through an evergreen arch, and the triangle over the foundation-stone was foliated in the form of a spreading New Zealand tree. The District Grand Lodge, E.C., was opened in the Choral Hall at 1 o'clock, by the V.W. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M., at which time there was a very large attendance of brethren and a good choir, presided over by Bro. Gordon Gooch, Bro. Angelo Forrest presiding at the organ. The lodge having been duly opened, the D.G.M. Bro. Graham and his Officers entered, and were received, the Organist playing a march, and the brethren saluting with grand honours. The chorale, "Hail Eternal by whose aid," was impressively sung, after which the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened. Bro. Pierce P.G.M., I.C., and his Grand Lodge, and Bro. Whitaker P.G.M., S.C., and his Grand Lodge, were admitted, and saluted in the usual forms, and conducted to their places; and after further ceremonial, the D.G. Secretary, Bro. Wade, read the dispensation authorising the brethren to appear in regalia. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was chanted, and the D.G.M. sprinkled perfume. Bro. the V.W. E. T. Wildman, director of ceremonies, then called to his aid Bros. Cole and Hitchens, and marshalled the procession for the march to St. Paul's Cathedral. About 400 joining in the procession. The Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, assisted by the Revs. Dr. Kidd, Messrs. Gould and Tebbs conducted the service, the Rev. Dr. Kidd preaching an eloquent and impressive sermon from the last verse of the second lesson—"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." A collection was made in aid of the Parnell Orphan Home, amounting to £18 2s 9d.

The brethren having taken up their allotted places, and the District and Provincial Grand Masters having taken theirs at the east, north, and south sides of the stone, the ceremony was commenced by the choir singing the hymn, "Master Supreme, to thee this day our corner stone with praise we lay." Bro. Gould P.G. Chap. I.C. read the first three verses of the 1st chapter of Genesis, after which Bro. Nelson D.G. Chap. E.C. offered up prayer, the responses being given by the Grand Masters and the choir.

Mr. L. D. Nathan, Chairman of the trustees, then read a copy of the scroll, which was placed in the cavity under the foundation stone.

The D.G. Treasurer then placed the phial containing coins of the realm. Other documents, newspapers, &c., were placed in the cavity, and the cement was spread by the D.G.M., with the handsome silver trowel presented by the architect, Bro. Skinner. During the singing of the anthem, "Round the spot, Moriah's Hill," the stone was gradually lowered to its bed, after which the D.D.G.M. Bro. Lodder applied the square, the P.G. Senior Warden I.C., applied the level, and the P.G. Junior Warden S.C. applied the plumb, each reporting to his Grand Master, after which each Grand Master struck the stone three times with his gavel, and declared it well and truly laid. The D.G. Director of Ceremonies introduced the Architect, Bro. Skinner, who presented the plans for the inspection of the D.G.M. The anthem, "When Earth's foundation first was laid," was sung to the tune *Adeste Fideles*, after which the architect presented the working tools to the D.G.M. Bro. Gould, who read the lesson from the 8th chapter of first Kings. The D.G.M. E.C., scattered corn on the stone, and consecrated it to virtue, the P.G.M. I.C. poured wine on it, and consecrated the Hall to universal benevolence, and the P.G.M. S.C. dropped oil on the stone, and consecrated it to all the purposes of Masonry. During this impressive portion of the ceremonial, the choir sang the hymn, "Genins of Masonry descend," and each portion of the ceremony was greeted with grand honours.

Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, at this stage of the proceedings, delivered the following address:—

Right Worshipful Masters and Brethren,—We have arrived at that part of the ceremonial when it is the duty of one of the brethren to address you on the subject of Freemasonry. It is my privilege to be called upon to perform that duty. I do not presume to be able to teach the brethren; but this is a proper occasion to call to their memories certain facts worthy to be remembered, and especially to take a view of our present position. I may first observe, then, that Freemasonry is a very ancient institution. Its origin is lost in the mist of antiquity. Some date it as far back as the Patriarchs, while others look upon the building of King Solomon's temple at Jerusalem as the starting point. Whatever the date of its birth, there is no question that in some form it has lasted through a long series of years. The enquiry is interesting, but this is not a convenient occasion for prosecuting the enquiry. For our present purpose, it is sufficient to go back to the last century, as it was then that the organisation now existing was adopted, and the foundation of the present system laid. In the year 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was established. An eminent Mason, Anthony Sayer, was the first Grand Master. A number of eminent men have held the office since. The Prince of Wales now holds the office. A few years afterwards, viz., 1730, the Grand Lodge of Ireland was constituted. Viscount

Kingston was the first Grand Master. The Duke of Leinster was one of his successors. I single him for mention, as he ruled the Craft the unprecedented time of 61 years. The Duke of Abercorn is the present Grand Master. The Freemasons of Scotland soon followed suit, and in 1736 a congress of Masons was held in Edinburgh and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was constituted. At that time the headship of the Scotch Freemasons was an hereditary office, established by King James II. of Scotland, and William St. Clair, of Rosslyn, held it in 1736—he surrendered the office, and was elected the first Grand Master of Scotland. The present Grand Master is Sir Michael Shaw. The constitution of Freemasonry in New Zealand comprises Provincial or District Grand Lodges, under whom there are a large number of subordinate Lodges. We thus see that the English is the oldest, the Irish second, and the Scotch third, and they are entitled to precedence in this order. But it must not be inferred that there is practically any sharp line of distinction between the brethren of the different Constitutions, indeed, so far from that, you will find in most of the Lodges, if not all, English, Irish, and Scotch Freemasons mix without distinction, all united in one brotherhood. Freemasonry found an early home in New Zealand. Nearly forty years ago, soon, indeed, after the foundation of the Colony, a Lodge was established in Auckland. I believe it is the senior Lodge in New Zealand—the Ara. It held its first meeting in a small room in the Exchange Hotel in Shortland-street. Since then a large number of Lodges have been constituted under the three Constitutions. So that the organisation of Freemasonry, so far as New Zealand is concerned, comprises the three several Grand Lodges, the three Provincial Grand Lodges, and a large number of subordinate Lodges. It may be a matter of surprise that in this town, the centre of Freemasonry in the North, and the home of three Provincial Grand Lodges, so much delay has taken place in providing a Masonic Hall, especially as many of the out-districts have done so. There may have been remissness, but it is not an unmixed evil, as we are now enabled to erect a building worthy of the Craft and an ornament to the town, which, where Masons were few in number and poor in pocket, could not have been done. It is somewhat remarkable that Freemasons' Halls—that is, buildings specially erected and set apart for Freemasonry—are of comparatively recent date. The first of which we have any record is a Hall erected in Philadelphia in 1754, the second at Marseilles in 1765, and the third in London in 1776. The last was pulled down in 1864, and the present handsome and commodious building erected in its place—a fitting home for Freemasonry. I look upon the erection of a hall in Auckland as a most important event in Freemasonry. It is highly objectionable that Lodge meetings should be held at places of public entertainment—it has been hitherto perhaps almost a necessity, but it has no doubt given rise to scandal, which should be carefully avoided. It may now be fairly asked for what object is there such an extensive organisation required, and what is there to justify the expenditure of so much time, trouble, and money? Let us consider what is Freemasonry. One of the greatest writers on Masonic Jurisprudence (Dr. Oliver) defines it to be "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," but we shall be better understood by what it does and what it teaches. I will first say a few words as to the admission of candidates. We are no propagandists. It is directly contrary to the principles and rules of Freemasonry that any man should be solicited to become a Mason, and before he is allowed to be proposed he has to sign a declaration that he is unbiased by improper solicitation and uninfluenced by mercenary or unworthy motives, but freely and voluntarily offers himself to be initiated in the mysteries of the Craft. The qualifications required of a candidate are but few, but they are peremptory. He must be a believer in the Supreme God—the Father of all—the Great Architect of the Universe. No Atheist is admissible, but we inquire not into denominational religion. Mahomedans are eligible, and so are the Parsees of India—the latter, indeed, have a million Freemasons on their roll. It is true that in our Lodges we hold the Bible to be the corner stone. Our ceremonies are founded on this basis, and no Lodge can be properly held without it. Whenever a Lodge meets the Bible is laid open in the midst, and is only closed when the Lodge closes. Such, however, could not be the case with the Mahomedans and Parsees. On their consciences the Bible would not bind, but to them the Koran and the Veda take the place of our Bible. Whether it be so, the Bible has the place in our Lodges. A man must be a free man, well recommended and favourably vouched for. Politics are strictly prohibited. In every free country Freemasonry has been held in high esteem, and as convincing proof of the favour with which it is regarded by the Government of our country there is the remarkable fact that when Europe was convulsed, and laws passed to put down unlawful oaths and secret societies, a special exemption was made in favour of Freemasons, whose loyalty and obedience to the laws of the country have never been doubted. The oath administered to a Freemason is principally to bind him to do good and eschew evil. Now let us examine what are the objects of Freemasonry, and what does it teach? It teaches a code of morality and virtue, its object being to improve man's moral nature—to remind him from time to time of the duties that he owes to God and his fellow-men; it denounces vice and encourages virtue. What higher or better objects are compatible with any human institution. To the wives and families of Masons, Freemasonry should be especially acceptable. No doubt it is demanding a good deal for wives to acquiesce in an incommunicable secret, but, on the other hand, they must bear in mind, as a set-off, that Freemasonry impresses on its members their duty to their fellow-men, and especially impresses upon them the duty they owe to their families. Masonry demands that the Mason should not only provide for his family, but that, to the best of his ability, he should administer to their happiness, spending a due portion of his time amongst them, and that he should not waste his time and substance in taverns, or selfishly seek his own gratification. In short, if a man is a good Mason, he must be a good man, and especially a good husband, a good father. If Freemasons fall short of their duties, it is not the fault of the Institution, but of those who do not in practice conform

to its precepts. Let us amend our faults, and seek, in practice, to act up to our professions, for the nearer we follow the requirements of Freemasonry, so shall we the better contribute to our own happiness and to that of others.

Offerings to the amount of £3 9s 5d were then placed upon the stone. The D.G. Chaplain said the concluding prayer. Bro. Graham D.G.M. E.C. then took the opportunity to address a few remarks to the assemblage. He said that the Lodges had contributed various amounts towards defraying the cost of erecting the Hall, but as these fell short of the sum required, the balance would have to be derived from subscriptions by the brethren. After having been made aware of the beneficent objects of Freemasonry, perhaps the ladies would not be disinclined to assist, and if they would therefore prepare and work for a Bazaar he would pledge himself that they should have a grand ball in return. The Masonic version of the National Anthem was then sung. After which the procession was reformed and marched back to the Choral Hall, where the Grand Lodge resumed its sitting. The offerings laid upon the stone were awarded to the workmen who were engaged upon the Hall, while a vote of thanks was passed to the ladies and gentlemen of the choir. It was announced that towards the erection of the Hall, £1000 had been contributed by various Lodges, while £800 had been subscribed privately by the brethren, making a total so far of £1,800. Other lists have to come in from the country districts. The offer of one brother to give a portrait of De Burgh Adams, the first Prov. Grand Master of the North Island, was hailed with cheers. After the transaction of some routine business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren dispersed. In the evening a quadrille party was held in the Lorne-street Hall.

JAMAICA.

ROYAL LODGE, No. 207, PROV. No. 1.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge, which is the oldest in the district, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, on Monday, the 2nd May last, there being a large number of brethren present. The Past Masters included Right Worshipful A. D. Cordova D.D.G.M., Wor. R. Langley P.D.G.W., S. E. Pielévy P.D.G.W., C. W. Tait P.D.G.W., B. Stines jun. D.G. Sec., L. C. Hollar P.D.G.S.B., G. J. Sargeant D.G.D., A. H. Jones D.G.O., G. W. Duff, G. P. Myers, E. Finzi, S. Hart, and W. Duff P.D.G. Stewards. The minutes of the April meeting having been read and confirmed, all ordinary business was suspended, and the W.M. Bro. G. W. Duff requested Bro. G. J. Sargeant (a P.M. of the Lodge) to occupy the chair, and perform the installation ceremony; at the proper time the W.M. presenting Bro. E. X. Leon, the Master Elect, who having assented to the ancient charges was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Leon then appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Wor. Bros. G. W. Duff I.P.M., T. H. Aquilar S.W., J. M. Simpson J.W., G. A. Campbell Treasurer, C. M. Sherlock Secretary, W. R. Ryder S.D., F. J. Fryer J.D., R. Simpson I.G., D. Stevenson and A. E. Langley Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. It having been intimated in the course of the evening that Worshipful Bro. G. J. Sargeant would soon leave the island for his native place, England, a great deal of regret was expressed, and with permission of the Lodge, the W.M. appointed a Committee to prepare an affectionate farewell address, to be presented at the next ordinary meeting. Bro. Sergeant is one of the most popular members of the Royal Lodge, having served as Master, and had a most unprecedentedly successful year of office, as is testified by the records on the minutes, and the presentation of a valuable and beautiful P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge. The labours of the evening being ended, the brethren were all invited to a banquet, at which a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HAMILTON LODGE, No. 1440, PROV. No. 6.

At the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, held in Spanish Town, on Thursday evening, 5th May last. Bro. W. Duncan Byles, W.M. Elect, was installed into the chair of K.S., Worshipful Bro. G. J. Sargeant P.G.D. acting as Installing Master, assisted by Worshipful Bro. W. T. Jamieson and several Past Masters. The administration for the ensuing year is as follows:—Worshipful Bro. W. D. Byles W.M., Bros. W. T. Jamieson I.P.M., J. H. Rickards S.W., C. M. L. Keer J.W., A. Clunie Treasurer, C. A. J. James Secretary, J. C. Bryant S.D., J. C. Bolton J.D., H. J. Mendes I.G., J. R. De Leon Tyler. The Lodge closed, the brethren adjourning to the banquet room, where they spent a pleasant evening.

With feelings of regret we have to announce the death of a very old and esteemed member of our Order, Brother Cameron P.M. and P.Z. 180. In his old and influential Lodge he was highly esteemed, and will be deeply regretted; his kind and genial manner had endeared him to every member. He died on Friday last. His funeral will take place this day (Saturday), at the Brompton Cemetery, when, doubtless, many private and Masonic friends of the St. James's Union will be present to pay the last tribute to Masonic worth.

Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar has accepted the office of President of the newly-formed Portsmouth centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the office of President of the City and Guilds of the London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education, and has expressed his willingness to lay the foundation-stone of the Central Institution at South Kensington during the month of July next.

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, 11th JUNE.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1807—Loyalty
- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
- 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
- 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
- 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
- 1415—Cumberland, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 13th JUNE.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
- 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)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1603—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, Atheneum Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
- 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burleett-road, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

- 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
- 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
- 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
- 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
- 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
- 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
- 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
- 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
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
- K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 14th JUNE.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-hills, 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, Hampstead.
- 177—Domatic, 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.)
- 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dulston at 8 (Instruction)
- 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1711—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
- 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
- R.C. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
- 194—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
- 106—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne (Instr.)
- 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
- 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
- 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
- 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
- 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
- 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- 829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
- 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
- 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankay-street, Warrington
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
- 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
- 1510—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
- 1515—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
- 1693—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
- R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
- R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
- R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
- M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
- R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE.

- 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crownhill-rd., Camden-town, 8 (Inst.)
- 533—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
- 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)

813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdeett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1415—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 581—Faith, Drove's Inn, Openshaw
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 1072—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1953—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 16th JUNE.

9—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1873—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C., at 6. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 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
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 346—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 432—Abbey, Newlegate Arms, Nuneaton
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 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)
 1299—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
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hattfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 17th JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (Inst.)
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1844—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marques of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE last gathering of the members of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement for the Session took place on 31st ult., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. The attendance, however, was hardly up to the average. The Officers present were—Comps. Taylor Z., Payne H., Chicken J., F. Browne S.E. and Preceptor, Walker S.N., Goodchild P.S., together with the following Comps.:—Turquand, Goodenough, W. Fraser, J. Fraser, G. Brown, Edmonds, Thompson, Sheffield, and Warner. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Fraser candidate. The work was well done, more especially those parts assigned to the Principals. At the conclusion of the ceremony Comp. Brown, the esteemed Preceptor, said it was to him a pleasing duty to propose that a vote of thanks be inserted on the minutes to Comp. Taylor for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of Z. that evening, for the first time, especially so as he felt sure when he entered the room that he had not the most distant idea that he should be called upon to fill that position and go through the arduous duties attached to it. He, therefore, felt sure that the Companions would agree in paying a compliment which Comp. Taylor well deserved. Comp. Walker S.N. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Comp. Taylor, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed the gratification he felt in receiving it. As Comp. Brown had stated, when he entered the room that night he had not the most distant idea of being called upon to fill the highest position in the Chapter. He thanked them most cordially for the honour they had conferred upon him on that his first occasion of taking the chair. By the time they again met he should be able to rub off a little of the nervousness he had felt that evening, and hoped better to deserve the thanks they had given him. He felt sure, before they separated for the season, the Companions would be most anxious to recognise the services of Companion Brown, their able, painstaking, and kind Preceptor, who was always at his post, and always ready to give instruction. He, therefore, proposed that the thanks of the Chapter be given to Companion Brown for his services, and for his readiness at all times to do anything that might be required of him. Companion Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Companion Brown S.E., the esteemed Preceptor of the Chapter, thanked the Companions for the vote of thanks they had given him. The compliment was most pleasing to him, and he should gratefully remember it. He might say that the duties of Preceptor were not always of the most agreeable kind, for unlike in Craft Masonry, those who came there had gained a position in Freemasonry, and rightly considered they had acquired a dignity in the Craft, and to many of these it was not the most agreeable task to have to go to school again, but he generally found that those who came there were anxious to obtain the instruction that was there afforded them. He might inform the Companions that during the season of 1879 and 1880, during which he had acted as their Preceptor, they had had thirty-three meetings, at which 420 Companions attended; they had admitted thirty-one new members, and there had been one visitor, giving an average of thirteen to each meeting. In the season of 1880 and 1881 there had been again thirty-three meetings, 561 had attended, and, by a remarkable coincidence, thirty-one new members had been admitted, with three visitors, giving an average of eighteen to each meeting; he might also say that the funds were in a satisfactory condition. This state of affairs must be gratifying to the members, as it showed that the Chapter was flourishing, and a month or two after they again met he would ask them to devote a portion of the funds to the Masonic Charities, for one of which he intended to act as Steward. The following were the Officers elected for the next meeting:—Companions Taylor Z., J. Payne H., Chicken J., J. Fraser N., Goodchild P.S. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and adjourned till the first Tuesday in October.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation was held on the 30th ultimo, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present—Comps. L. Lazarus M.E.Z., W. H. Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., N. Baum S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, I. P. Cohen P.S., Davis first Assistant; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emanuel, and W. Littau; Visitors—John Roper 1275, Gaskell 114, and S. Moss 141. Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed; Comp. C. W. Meiter, No. 1671, was elected a joining member. Bros. A. Haslett 657, R. Ede 1471, S. Jacobs P.M. 1327 P.G.P. Herts, F. H. Farns 1321, and J. McNaught 1298, were balloted for, accepted, and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry; the working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was most perfect. The election of Principals for the ensuing twelve months was the next business. Comp. W. H. Gulliford was elected M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac H., I. P. Cohen J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., M. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Davis S.N., A. J. Henochsberg P.S., George T. Mann first Assistant, Brooke second Assistant. The resignation of a Companion was accepted with regret. On motion, regularly brought forward, it was carried unanimously, that in future the exaltation fee be £5 5s, and the joining fee £2 2s. Comp. Littau P.Z. proposed, and Comp. H. Gulliford seconded, that a sum of money be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting the M.E.Z. with a P.Z.'s jewel, for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair; this amount to form a nucleus, which

he was sure the members would readily supplement, and so present him with a testimonial worthy his acceptance; likewise that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes. This was carried unanimously. The Chapter was closed until November. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. W. Silver. The M.E.Z., in due course, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toast. In speaking to the toast of the new members the M.E.Z. had had great pleasure that evening in exalting five Companions—Bros. Jacobs, Farns, McNaught, Haslett, and Ede. The recommendation they brought with them, and the attention they paid to the ceremony, augured they would prove a credit to the Order. Comp. Haslett, in eloquent terms, replied; he felt a great pleasure in being associated with this Chapter, and hoped, as he progressed in Royal Arch Masonry, to carry out every duty required of him. Comp. P. Dickinson P.Z. said one of the most important toasts at gatherings like this was that of the M.E.Z.; he regretted not being present that evening at the working, but he knew what it was, as the M.E.Z. was known to do well every duty required of him. Although he could not propose the presentation of a jewel to him, as it had been already done by another P.Z., he hoped they would honour the toast fervently. The M.E.Z. thanked the Companions for their kind expressions in the Chapter: when he accepted office, he determined to do his duty; he had now reached the summit of his ambition, and nothing more remained but to thank the Companions for the support they had given him on all occasions. The toast of the Visiting Companions was next on the list, and Comps. Gaskin and Moss severally responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the M.E.Z. elect; whatever office Comp. Gulliford had held, his duties had been fulfilled to the advantage of the Chapter. He (the M.E.Z.) was sure he would receive the cordial support of the Companions. Comp. Gulliford, in brief terms responded. The toast of the P.Z.'s was replied to by Comp. W. Littau. The J., the Treasurer, the P.S., and the rest of the Officers were not overlooked, and after the Janitor's toast the Companions separated with earnest hopes that they might meet again after the recess in health and prosperity.

ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276.

THE Installation meeting of the Essex Chapter, No. 276, was held on 30th ult., at the George Hotel, Chelmsford, when there was a large muster of Comps., including several visitors, the M.E.Z. having most kindly invited representatives from the three other Chapters in the Province, for the purpose of discussing the desirability of petitioning for a P.G. Chapter for the Province of Essex. The first business was the exaltation of a candidate, which having been ably done by E. Comp. F. B. Shepherd P.Z., the Installation ceremony was proceeded with. Principal J. (Comp. E. Shedd) was most impressively installed by E. Comp. Vero W. Taylor the M.E.Z. Elect, and the same Comp. was to have installed Principal H., but E. Comp. the Rev. B. S. Barnes, who had been elected to that Chair, was absent through ill health, and consequently the ceremony was postponed. E. Comp. Vero W. Taylor was then placed in the Chair of First Principal by the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. E. H. Carter, and E. Comps. F. B. Shepherd and Andrew Durrant were respectively invested Scribe E. and Treas. The subject of a Provincial Grand Chapter was then mooted, and, after considerable discussion, it was resolved, with the concurrence of the G. Master of the Province, the Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., to petition for a Grand Chapter. The Comps. afterwards dined together, the Banquet being served in Comp. Sarel's well-known first-class style, the quality of the wines calling forth special commendation. The usual R.A. toasts were duly honoured, and in drinking to the Rulers of R.A. Masonry a hope was expressed that by the time the Festival recurred they should be able to toast the G. Superintendent and Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

AN important meeting was held on Saturday, at the Sincerity Chapter Room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. Owing to the long illness and subsequent death of the late P.Grand Superintendent, the Rev. J. Huyshe, there has been no meeting for transaction of business since 10th October 1877. Hence the more than usual interest. The M.E.Z. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having been pleased to appoint Excellent Companion the Viscount Ebrington P.G.M., &c., as the Superintendent, his installation was the most prominent feature of the proceedings. It had been arranged that the ceremony should be performed by Companion Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand S.E. of England, but, from domestic affliction, he was unable to be present, and, at short notice, E. Companion L. P. Metham P.P.G.H. kindly undertook the duty, and it goes without saying that it was carefully and impressively done. The other Companions who took part in the ceremony were—E.C.'s Walter G. Rogers, W. E. Elphinstone-Stone, R. H. Rae, J. Edward Curteis, J. Brewer, George Evans, and Alfred Bodley, who acted as D.C. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were—E. Comps. W. G. Rogers H., Rev. W. Whittley (who was prevented from attending by severe indisposition) J., J. Brewer 251 S.E., B. T. Hodge 106 S.N., Mark Farrant 112 P.S., W. H. Gillman 1099 1st A.S., J. S. Kerstman 303 2nd A.S., T. Walds How 189 Registrar, H. S. Gill 1125 1st S.B., W. B. Maye 710 2nd S.B., D. Watson 328 D.C., Webb 288 A.D.C., J. D. Barker 70 Organist, P. Blanchard Jan., John Rogers A.J. The report of the Treasurer was read, showing a balance of about £70 in favour of the province. Comp. W. G. Rogers proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be given to each of the four London Charities, and he pointed out that the Province was pledged to support these Charities, from which, through the exertions of Comp. Charles Godtschalk, the Devon candidates had received so many benefits. Companion S. Hyne proposed, as an amendment, that only fifteen guineas be given to the London Charities, and twenty to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. This was seconded by Companion E. Aitken Davies, and was

carried by a large majority. The amounts voted, therefore, are £21 to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund; £15 15s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Companion J. E. Curteis as Steward for 1882; £15 15s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £31 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows (half to each fund), these latter amounts to be placed on the list of Companion Godtschalk as Steward for these Charities. E. Companion J. Edward Curteis was unanimously elected the Treasurer of the province, and E. Companions T. S. Bayly and John Lynn the auditors. The Committee appointed to frame bye-laws for the province were E. Comps. W. G. Rogers, W. Whittley, and J. Brewer, and it was suggested by E. Comp. Gover that these laws should include all that was necessary, and that any resolutions of former Prov. Grand Chapters should be rescinded. Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham then said it was impossible for the P.G. Chapter to close without placing a record on the minutes of the great loss they had sustained by the lamented death of their late P.G. Superintendent, the Rev. J. Huyshe, and their deep sympathy with his relatives.—This was seconded by Lord Ebrington, who also spoke of the high estimation in which Comp. Huyshe had been held amongst all classes from highest to lowest. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from Comp. Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., and others.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, of which Companion T. C. Edmonds is the Preceptor, and which meets at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, has adjourned its meetings until Thursday, the 1st of September next.

The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., has fixed Monday, the 20th day of June, for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. The meeting will take place at the Town Hall, Aylesbury, when the business of the Province will be transacted. The Banquet will take place at the George Hotel, at three o'clock punctually, tickets for which (6s 6d each) can be procured of Bro. F. J. Ferguson J.W. 414, Reading, and the following Provincial Grand Stewards:—Bros. Taylor (Newport Pagnell), Lewis Poulton (Aylesbury), S. W. Slator (Buckingham), W. J. Gough (Buckingham), H. Jowett (Aylesbury), J. W. Dover (Princes Risborough). As usual on these occasions the Great Western Railway Company offers special advantages. Return tickets at single fares will be issued on production of the Summons at the Booking Offices—London, Windsor, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Wycombe, Marlow Road, and Maidenhead; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo Bridge and Bracknell.

The consecration of the Shadwell-Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, is now fixed to take place on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held on the 20th instant, at Gainsborough, in the Old Hall, at 11 a.m., on the invitation of Yarborough Lodge, No. 422. At noon the brethren will proceed to the site of the proposed new church, "St. John the Divine," where the foundation-stone will be laid, with Masonic honours, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, W. H. Smyth, Esq., J.P. A banquet will be held at 2 p.m., tickets for which may be obtained of Bro. T. E. Johnson, Secretary 422.

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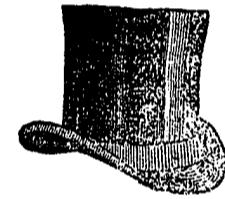
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