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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

WE were enabled, in the portion of the review of the candidates who seek to be admitted at the April Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was published in our last issue, to dispose of thirty-two out of the sixty-five cases on the list, and, in accordance with the promise we then made, we now resume our task of considering the claims of the thirty-three cases yet requiring attention at our hands. We find that No. 38, F. F. Coleman, and No. 57, E. A. Steed, are each members of families of seven children, left dependent on widowed mothers. The former, Coleman, whose father was accredited to the Province of Oxfordshire, has already stood one election, on which occasion 110 votes were polled on his behalf; while the latter, a Suffolk case, is a fresh application. The fathers of each of these lads seem to have been Masons of some years' standing, and both had done something in support of the Institutions. No. 13, C. B. Cummings, a lad who now appears for the fifth time, has 106 votes to his credit. His father, who is living, is described as W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, Supt. of Works (Provincial we presume), and founder of the Joppa Lodge, No. 1114. He has the boy now seeking admission and five other children dependent on him; but of his resources, or particular claims for relief we know nothing. We again advise brethren to seek for further information on these points before giving away their proxies, and urge them to insist on details being supplied in future cases of this description. No. 17, A. J. Tettenborn, is a son of a brother who was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, and who afterwards joined the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. This candidate is one of six children now dependent on a widowed mother, who we trust will, ere long, be relieved of the care of this lad. Bro. Tettenborn made many friends during his lifetime, not a few of whom are now endeavouring to show their respect for their departed brother by providing a home for one of his children. We sincerely hope they will be successful, and that too at an early date. Young Tettenborn has already contested at three elections, and has now a total of 645 votes to his credit. No. 44, H. A. High, is another lad whose mother is left with the care of six fatherless children. The lad under consideration has already taken part in one election, and on that occasion 324 votes were polled on his behalf. The late Brother High was a member of three London Lodges, and was, we are given to understand, highly esteemed in each. We trust that his family may secure that assistance the case deserves. No. 53, J. P. Seagrave, is a first application case; he and five other children are dependent on a widowed mother, wife of a deceased member of the Zetland and Creaton Lodges, Nos. 511 and 1791.

There are six cases in which the number of children dependent is five, and of these, three are new cases. No. 21, R. W. Delafons, who has a sister in the Girls' School, has already stood two elections, and now comes forward with a total of 363 votes in hand. No. 25, H. M. Hare, after a similar experience as regards past elections, has 940 votes to his credit; while No. 42, R. A. L. Mitchell, who has

only contested one previous election, has but two votes in hand. The three first application cases, where there are families of five dependent are No. 52, H. J. McLeod Lillywhite; No. 61, F. T. Davis; and No. 65, A. E. Crutchett. The father of the first-named (Lillywhite) is yet alive, but paralysed. From the record of his past services, both to Freemasonry in general, and the Charities of the Order, he is unquestionably worthy of assistance, and we trust he will receive the hearty support of the Craft in this the hour of his affliction. Young Davis is accredited to South Wales (Eastern Division), and Crutchett to Devonshire.

No. 9, J. B. Windross, is the first on the list of the remaining candidates who form one of four dependent children. His father was a member of Lodge No. 119 (Cumberland and Westmoreland), and died in 1880. This lad has already taken part in four elections, and has 256 votes to his credit. No. 18, F. W. Bell, a third application, from the Province of South Wales East, comes forward with three votes in hand, but as we have pointed out on many previous occasions, past experiences are no sure guide of what is in store for a candidate, especially in Provinces, such as this, where combination of voting power is arranged to perfection. No. 29, L. C. Hooper, is also a third application case, 745 being the total of votes already scored; the father was a member of the Ebury and Salisbury Lodges, Nos. 1348 and 435. No. 37, J. E. Walters, has a sister in the Girls' School; he was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 134 votes were polled on his behalf. No. 40, W. J. Hodge, also a second application case, has 49 votes in hand, and is accredited to the Province of Somerset, in which district his father held Provincial rank. No. 51, S. H. Bevis; No. 58, H. P. Richardson; and No. 64, R. H. Whiting, all "first applications" conclude the "family of four" list. The first of these three is a Dorset case, Richardson a West Yorkshire one, and the last is a Kentish lad.

There are nine cases remaining in which there are three children dependent, in two of these both father and mother are still alive. No. 19, F. C. A. Douglas, from Hong Kong, has already made two attempts, but at present has only three votes to his credit. No. 20, H. Gale, London, who has also stood two elections, starts on the present occasion with 220 votes in hand, while No. 23, A. F. Williams, also a London case, has polled 597 votes in the same time. No. 24, A. Pratt, is one of the candidates whose father and mother are both living. Bro. Pratt's record of services to the Institutions in the past stands better than any we remember to have seen, and it seems hard, now that he is in need, that he has only been able to secure 527 votes for his son after two elections. If the benefits of the Institutions are to be given to those who have helped the Charities during their years of prosperity, Bro. Pratt's son should have been in a much better position than he at present occupies. No. 26, F. W. Hennah, hails from Kent, and has 809 votes in hand from the two elections of last year, while No. 28, John How, a London case, secured but 140 votes in the same period. No. 46, F. W. Longman; No. 47, H. W. Booker; and No. 50, F. J. Rose, each first applications, are the remaining cases in which there are still three children left. The father of

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

Longman is alive, but given in the paper as incapacitated, although in what way is not stated. He was a member of a Somerset Lodge. Booker is accredited to London, and Rose to West Yorkshire. No. 27, R. W. A. Rosier, comes forward, for the third time, with 451 votes in hand; he is one of two fatherless children now, dependent on their mother. No. 34, J. Shaw, is also one of a family of two "dependent," and comes forward on the present occasion with 299 votes from October last. No. 48, J. M. Green, another of a family of two dependent children, is a first application case, hailing from Somersetshire. No. 59, E. E. P. Carré, brings our remarks to a conclusion. He is the son of a late member of La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, of Jersey, and is the only child dependent on his widowed mother. His father, at the time of his death, was W.M. elect of his Lodge. The case is a first application one.

Having now concluded our review of the candidates for the two April Elections, we are more than ever convinced that some radical alterations are needed in the rules which govern the admission of candidates. We are certain there are cases on the list, which in justice to the brethren who are called upon to support the Institutions, have no right to be there, but the difficulties we encounter on every side when trying to ascertain the true state of affairs prevents our doing more than occasionally aiding to bring an unworthy case to light. We were successful as regards the lad Collingwood, in October 1880, and think we can convince the brethren as regards another case, this election, where it is sought to place a lad in the Boys' School who is possessed of some £500 or £600 in his own right. It may be that, in the opinion of some, such possession should not disqualify him, but we think it should.

We understand that Thomas Woodward, No. 32 on the List, has been withdrawn, so that the number of boys who will now go to the poll to compete for the twelve vacancies is sixty-three. Young Woodward, it will be remembered, was one of the last application cases, and is one of a family of six children left to the care of a widowed mother.

REPORT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1882.

THE account rendered by the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of their stewardship during the past year is most satisfactory. Or, lest we may be thought guilty of some slight exaggeration, we will use the very words of the Report itself, and express our belief that "the operations of the year, it is gratifying to state, have been attended with as large an amount of financial success as could have reasonably been anticipated." The ordinary receipts fall only a little short of £11,800, while the extraordinary receipts in the shape of donations and subscriptions towards the "Special Preparatory Building Fund" exceed £3,078; the gross receipts thus amounting, in round figures, to £14,877. On the other hand, owing to the necessity for purchasing the one remaining plot of land opposite to the Institution at Wood Green, and the expenditure of £650 for that purpose, the expenditure reached £12,335, but as there was a balance brought forward from the previous year of £603, the statement of account for 1882 shows a balance on the right side of over £66. The amount received in respect of the "Preparatory Building Fund" is, of course, kept separate, and as pretty well the whole of it has been funded, we shall dismiss it from our consideration with the remark, that we fully endorse the statement of the Committee that "though little more than twelve months have elapsed since the fund was authorised," the amount of support this "Special Fund" has received "must be regarded as satisfactory."

Turning to the ordinary receipts and expenditure for the year, we have, as has been shown already, a balance brought forward of over £603, or to be exact, £603 6s 6d. The principal item of receipt is, of course, the "Donations and Subscriptions," which present the handsome sum of £10,536 10s 2d. These are sub-divided into "Annual" and "Permanent," and each of these is in turn apportioned between "Private Donors" and to Lodges, Chapters, &c." The "Annuals" amount to £1,573 11s 6d, of which £1,257 17s 6d is contributed by "Private Donors," and only £315 14s by "Lodges, Chapters, &c." As there are

in England and Wales some 1,400 Lodges, to say nothing of the Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c. it follows that only a comparatively insignificant section of them find the wherewith to constitute themselves annual subscribers, the wherewith in this case representing the not very excessive sum of "one guinea"—the price of a single ticket at the Masonic Temperance Banquet at Manchester on Wednesday. We agree with those who think there is ample room for improvement under this category of donors, and there is no doubt about the necessity as regards the School itself and its requirements. The "Permanents" contribute £8,962 18s 8d, "Private Donors" giving £6,032, and "Lodges, Chapters," &c. £2,930 18s 8d. If, for the sake of convenience, we take this as representing the permanent contributions of 600 "Lodges, Chapters, &c." at the rate of a Life Subscription (five guineas) each, it follows that about one-half of the Lodges in England contribute nothing whatever to the support of the Boys' School. The other receipts include three principal items; namely, Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £160 10s; a Life Presentation from the Province of Devon, entitled the "Huyshe Memorial Fund," £525; and £510 6s 4d, being interest on under £15,000 India Stock and Consols. These, with the other items and the balance from 1881, make up a total of £12,402 5s.

The Expenditure, including both Ordinary and Special, amounts to £12,335 15s 5d, of which £9,828 2s comes under the former category. The principal items of special expenditure are £224 expended in "Grants and Outfits to Boys on obtaining Situations;" "Visit of Stewards—Distribution of Prizes" £141 5s 4d; "Transfer to Sustentation Fund" £500; "Purchase of Land for Preparatory School" £650; "Sanatorium—Expenses, Board, Lodgings, &c." £218 8s 6d. The total, including the trifling sum of £7 15s for Repairs, &c. in Grounds, which is regarded as being outside the limits of "Ordinary" disbursements is £2,507 13s 5d. The principal items of Ordinary outlay are as follow: Office—for Salaries, Rent, Postage, Printing, &c. £1,417 12s 6d; Salaries and Wages at Wood Green £2,019 7s 2d; Provisions £3,256 0s 8d; Clothing £1,457; Various—Coal, Water, Gas, Rates, Taxes, &c. £955 4s 7d; Household Requisites £492 15s 3d; Infirmary £114 5s 5d. The average annual cost per boy, the number provided for being 215, is £45 14s 1d. One suggestion we have to offer. In the Special Expenditure is an item for Music Account, £83 11s. This is arrived at by deducting the Fees Received, £49 7s, from the total expended,—£132 18s. From an accountant's point of view, we should say that the Fees received for Music should be placed on the Receipt side of the account, and the full amount expended on the Expenditure side. We believe this to be the regular way of statement, though it will not, of course, make the slightest difference in the result, which will remain as before.

A few lines will suffice for the remaining statements of account. The "Pupils' Assistance Fund" shows a balance due to Secretary of £14 15s 3d, the Receipts having amounted to £40 4s 9d, and the payments to "W. R. Parker, Portsmouth," £55. The Stock, &c. Account at Wood Green gives Receipts £85 2s 4d, the principal item being £64 10s 6d in respect of "Sale of Live Stock, &c." The disbursements reach £52 12s 3d, leaving a balance in hands of Secretary of £32 10s 1d. The Sustentation Fund started with a balance at Bankers' of £178 5s 5d, and this was increased by the transfer from the General Fund of £500 to £678 5s 5d. The outlay for "Repairs and Renewals during the year" reached £903 9s 6d, so that there remained due to Bank on 31st December last £225 4s 1d. There is also a statement, from which it appears that up to the close of last year the sum expended in the Purchase of Land and Mansions, Cost of Buildings, &c. &c. amounted to £67,807 15s 4d, of which £5,913 10s was for Land, &c. while the Cost of Buildings, &c. was £61,894 5s 4d.

As to the Educational results during the year, one pupil took Second Class Honours in the Senior Division at the Oxford Local Examination in June, while the eighteen who presented themselves as candidates at the Cambridge Examination (Juniors) in December, passed without a single exception, twelve of the number in Honours, namely, four first class, six second class, and two third class. This speaks well for the system pursued by Dr. Morris and his assistant masters.

CONSECRATION OF THE WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS event, which had been looked forward to with a vast amount of interest, took place on Wednesday last, at Manchester. The ceremony of the day was performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Brother Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, who was supported by a large number of Present and Provincial Grand Officers, who attended from all parts of the kingdom to do honour to the occasion. The new Lodge is named after Bro. Lord Wolseley, the gallant soldier, who achieved such distinction by his able conduct of the war in Egypt, and—as has been already fully treated upon in these columns—starts upon what are called Temperance principles. The proceedings took place at the Town Hall, where a Craft Lodge was opened at 2.40, the Provincial Grand Master being supported by the guest of the day, Bro. Lord Wolseley. When the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master had been saluted in the usual manner, he said they had assembled to constitute a Lodge for the benefit of Freemasonry, and he hoped at the same time for the benefit of society at large. They were met under very pleasing, and also, he thought, singular auspices. A certain number of persons, who were connected more or less with temperance and with teetotalism, two very essential matters, wished to join themselves to a Fraternity of Freemasons in this large and influential Province. Their efforts had been so far successful, and it was his hearty wish, and also he hoped of every good Mason, that the Lodge which they had founded would prosper and extensively benefit their Order. They had chosen for its name one of England's most illustrious subjects, and he felt exceedingly proud that Lord Wolseley had come there to help them to inaugurate a movement which he hoped would have many ramifications. To the brethren who had supported this movement he would say, go on and prosper, and he trusted that others who might probably have been debarred from joining their association would now feel differently, and enter into the haven of brotherly love and affection which they held out to all mankind, uniting with them in the one single object they had in view. After the petition and warrant had been read, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Brother Rev. T. Collins delivered an oration, and the formal ceremony was proceeded with, and completed. The W.M. designate of the Lodge, Brother D. Edwards, was installed by Bro. James Heelis Provincial Grand Registrar, and the Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. P. Barker I.P.M., G. Hunt S.W., P. H. Davis J.W., Rev. H. Anthony Noel Chaplain, J. E. Iliff Treasurer, John Hatton Secretary, W. Willis S.D., T. H. Thomason J.D., H. Darbyshire M.C., W. B. Riley I.G., T. Campbell Organist, L. J. Griffiths, H. W. Riley, W. H. Withington, and R. Beresford Stewards. The addresses having been delivered, the Provincial Grand Chaplain concluded the ceremony with prayer. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. G.M., Colonel Starkie, for his kindness in officiating at the consecration, and the Provincial Grand Master in acknowledging the compliment said he longed to see Freemasonry extend itself among all classes and shades of men. He and the Provincial Grand Officers welcomed this Lodge into the Fraternity as their last new child; they had been present at its baptism, and hoped to witness its coming of age. The Worshipful Master, in proposing a vote of thanks to Brother Lord Wolseley, stated that when the founders of the Lodge first wrote to his Lordship, he at once replied that he should be delighted to attend the consecration, and give his name to the Lodge, but he could not join it, because strong as he was in favour of temperance principles he was not strictly a teetotaler. They now informed his lordship that they welcomed into the Lodge all Masons, whether they were teetotalers or not. The only prohibitory bye-law they had was, that not more than a certain amount should be spent per year for refreshments, and that no intoxicating beverages should be allowed at any of their meetings. On hearing this, Lord Wolseley said he should be delighted to become a member of the Lodge. Lord Wolseley, in reply, said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master, and Brother Masons, I do not think I have ever attended any meeting which has made a greater impression upon me than the present one, and I shall carry the remembrance of it wherever I go. Believe me I am most deeply sensible of the cordiality and warmth with which I have been greeted by so many distinguished Masons belonging to the Province of Lancashire. I assure you it is a very great pleasure, as well as an honour, to me to be here to-day, and to have the privilege of assisting at the inauguration of a Lodge which my brethren have done me the honour to name the Wolseley Lodge. During my career in my profession of arms it has been my lot to have visited most parts of the world, and to go to many distant and out of the way places, and I can say with the utmost confidence that wherever I went I have always found the utmost benefit and advantage from the fact of my being a Master Mason. As the hour is late I shall not detain you by giving any examples, though I could give many where the fact of my being a Mason has assisted me in the most material possible manner in the prosecution of my duty to the public and to Her Majesty. I can only say this, that old as I am if I were not a Mason now I would take the very earliest opportunity of asking the first friend I met who was a Mason to do me the honour of proposing me. Let me again thank you for the great cordiality and kindness with which you have received me, and let me assure you that no one could wish success to this Lodge more heartily than I do. Lodge was then closed. The banquet took place at the Free Trade Hall, where the W.M. presided; he was supported right and left by Col Starkie and Lord Wolseley. The usual loyal toasts met with a hearty reception, and full honour was done when the W.M. called on the brethren to drink the health of their R.W. Provincial Grand Master. Lord Wolseley, in proposing Prosperity to the Wolseley Lodge, said he became a Mason at twenty-one years of age, just before he left the English shores on his first expedition abroad. At that time a very common idea seemed to prevail that Masonry consisted merely in the going through of some fantastic and meaningless ceremonies,

and that the members of a Lodge were in the habit of sitting up late at night, eating indigestible suppers, and drinking more wine than was good for them. Even at the present day this old accusation was frequently levelled at them, but the inauguration of that Lodge—the second conducted on the temperance principle that had been established in the kingdom—ought to do something to dispel the idea. He thought that every step taken in the direction of temperance reform should be welcomed, not only by every good Mason, but by every lover of his country. A reform such as temperance advocates desired would, he considered, be greater both morally and materially than any reform of the franchise or any other of the reforms which were so much in favour with the people of England. He believed that the formation of a Lodge on such principles was more likely to be of use than any other reform which Masons could adopt. Bro. Daniel Edwards responded. In the course of his remarks he said, it must never be understood that the Wolseley Lodge was originated as a protest against the intemperance said to be practised amongst Freemasons. Freemasons invariably were taught that one of their fundamental principles was temperance. As the first Master of the Lodge, he had to say that it was formed with the idea of embracing within its fold those good men and true who would not come into Freemasonry without a Lodge of that sort, and not as a protest against Lodges that already existed. Although it was to be a temperance Lodge, he need hardly say that every Mason would be admitted and welcomed within it. Started under such auspices, and founded upon such principles, the Wolseley Lodge would and must have the approbation of the Great Architect of the Universe. The remaining toasts received full recognition, and the proceedings throughout seemed to give every satisfaction to the large body who took part in them.

The admission of an M.P. to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry was an event of sufficient importance to cause some stir, and a large local gathering at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the 27th instant. The spacious room in which Harmony Lodge, No. 156, and other Lodges meet, was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The banners of the various Lodges, and some were venerable ones, ornamented the walls, whilst the room generally was made bright and beautiful with plants, and a very satisfactory choir was improvised for the occasion. Those who know the Officers of Harmony Lodge will not be surprised to hear that not only the Worshipful Master and his Wardens, but each of the Officers, performed his part of the ceremony most efficiently and well, and that the whole passed off without the least approach to a hitch. After the duties were ended and Lodge closed, Bro. Macliver, at the request of the W.M., made a short speech, saying that his impression of Freemasonry, so far as he was able to judge, was very favourable. He was glad to find a thoroughly unsectarian religious basis, and said he should be glad if he could be of any assistance to the Order. His son had told him of the great and beneficial effect of Freemasonry in America, where he had attended meetings at which some four or five thousand Masons were present.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

At a meeting of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, held on Wednesday, the 21st instant, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Brickwood I.P.M. The jewel bears the following inscription:—

“Presented, by the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, to Bro. John Brickwood, on his retiring from the chair, as a token of esteem and regard.”

Bro. Marsh (professionally known as Henry Marston), who for many years was associated with the late Samuel Phelps at the old Sadler's Wells Theatre, died on Thursday, the 22nd inst. Brother Marsh's career as an actor extended over a period of fifty years, and he will long be remembered by the old school of playgoers as a capable and conscientious exponent of the best principles of the dramatic art.

At the Gaiety Theatre, on the afternoon of Monday, the 9th April, will be presented “Vice Versa,” a Lesson to Fathers, in three Tableaux, being a stage version, by Edward Rose, of the very successful story of the same name by Mr. Anstey, who has given Mr. Rose sole and exclusive right to dramatise the story.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

FALLING, as it did, so close on the Easter Holidays, the installation meeting did not attract so large an attendance of the members of this popular Lodge as is universally the case. However, amongst those who did honour to the installation of Bro. G. Schadler were Bros. J. Roberts W.M.; Past Masters C. Daniel, H. S. Goodall, W. Chicken, L. A. Leins, E. S. Cornwall, C. E. Ferry, and George T. Brown Secretary. The Officers fully supported the W. Master, and amongst the Visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., Fred. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary R.M.I.B., C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece P.M. 645, D. Moss S.D. 1275, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts 1580, J. Goddard W.M. 771, W. A. Summers Org. 771, A. Chivers (late 65), C. Gooding 1329, Peter Harnett 813, J. R. Gallant P.M. 127, R. H. Halford P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Herts 228, J. Newton P.M. 174, A. South J.D. 1804, W. Ferryman S.W. 184, H. Tucker P.M. 933, G. A. Haynes 1804, D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was next presented, and it was unanimously adopted by the members. Bro. Thomas Buggins was raised to the sublime degree, and Brother Alfred Cheney was passed. The W.M. elect was then presented, and in regular course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. George Schadler, who had received the unanimous vote of the brethren at their last meeting, was regularly placed in the chair of King Solomon. The whole of the work (including the two ceremonies already mentioned) being carefully conducted by Bro. Roberts, who, however, was suffering from a slight cold. After the new W.M. had been saluted in the three degrees, the Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. C. J. Rich S.W., J. H. Hawkins J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treas., G. T. Brown P.M. Sec., Gregory S.D., W. Walker J.D., Dyson I.G., L. A. Leins P.M. M.C., G. Haller A.M.C., Bourne W.S. The addresses were delivered in capital style by Bro. Past Master Brown, and both Bro. Roberts and he were complimented on the ability they displayed. The usual routine work was then gone through; several communications were read and announced, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, the proprietors of the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. Henry Mills superintending the service, and after a full discussion of the menu, the cloth was removed, and grace said. On rising to give the first toast—The Queen and the Craft—the W.M. said it was one invariably received with enthusiasm in Masonic Lodges. He need not expatiate on the virtues of Her Majesty; they were well known and appreciated. In speaking to the next toast—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master—the W.M. said we ought to be very proud of having him as our ruler. He attends Grand Lodge as frequently as he believes it necessary, and the rapid strides taken by the Order since his installation testifies to his popularity amongst the brethren. Brother Schadler on again rising, said he came next to a most important toast. It was that of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The work in Grand Lodge is admirably conducted by the distinguished Masons to whom has been entrusted its government. They were honoured that evening by having present Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was universally respected wherever Freemasonry was known; with the Grand Secretary's name he would associate the toast. After a song by Brother Haynes, "I dream of thee, Sweet Madeline," Brother Col. Clerke rose to reply. The toast he had the honour to respond to was one of a most comprehensive character, inasmuch as it embodied the names of those who had the control of our Masonic affairs. With respect to the Prince of Wales, he was not a mere ornamental head; he took a very active part in the working of Grand Lodge, and he (Col. Clerke) had frequently to attend His Royal Highness and explain matters, and receive his instructions. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, they were always ready to render assistance whenever their services were required. As for the other Grand Officers, their offices were not mere sinecure ones. They had heavy and responsible duties to perform, and were fully entitled to the recognition almost invariably given them. It was most gratifying to them to feel their services were appreciated. Speaking for himself, he must apologise for not having been in attendance at an earlier stage of the proceedings; however, owing to the Easter Holidays there were some important items of business to be completed before he could leave; consequently, he found it was nearly six o'clock before he started from the office. Still, he could assure the brethren he attended this, the 125th anniversary meeting of their Lodge, with infinite pleasure. He was glad to make the acquaintance of the members, and wished the Lodge of Prosperity every prosperity. On rising to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, Brother Roberts expressed the pleasure it gave him to perform that duty. He was convinced that in Bro. Schadler the members had secured an efficient and capable ruler. Eleven years ago he and Brother Schadler were initiated together; their relationship ever since had been of a most cordial character, and he could assure him all he could do to assist him he would do, and he felt convinced the members one and all would do the same. After a song—"The Tar's Farewell"—Brother Schadler rose. He thanked the Immediate Past Master for the kind and hearty manner in which he had proposed the toast, and felt complimented by the way the brethren had received it. He would do his uttermost the excel to good working of his predecessors, and felt he could hardly be blamed if in this he succeeded. Of this they might rely, he should strive zealously to further the best interests of Freemasonry, and promote the welfare of their Lodge. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the Worshipful Master regretted the list on this occasion was but a small one. Brothers Matier, Goddard, Halford and Moss replied. In proposing the health of his predecessor, Bro. Schadler said Bro.

Roberts had ably acquitted himself, and had studied the comfort of the brethren in every respect. He then presented him with the Past Master's jewel, which the members unanimously agreed he was entitled to. This bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. JOHN ROBERTS,
By the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65,
As a memento of their high esteem, and in appreciation of his great
efficiency and urbanity as Master.
1882-3.

Bro. Schadler trusted that when Bro. Roberts looked upon it, he would remember his association with the brethren of Prosperity Lodge, and that in his possession it would not lose its lustre, but be worn amongst them for many, many years to come. Here Bro. Frank Herold played a selection on the zither, with exquisite taste, and was most vociferously applauded. In reply, Bro. Roberts thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received him. He hoped to continue his services to the Lodge, and trusted he might live for many years in health and strength to be with them. He had been ten years associated with the Lodge, during which time he had scarcely ever been absent from its meetings. He should prize the gifts he had received from the Lodge, and felt the recognition his services had met with were far more than they deserved. In speaking to the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. gracefully referred to the interest each had taken in the working of the Lodge. Bros. Leins, Daniels, Ferry, and Chicken responded. In proposing the toast of the Masonic Institutions, with which he associated the name of Bro. Fredk. Binckes, the W.M. made gratifying allusion to what the Lodge had done in supporting the Charities for some years past, and specially referred to the Stewardship of Bro. Roberts, who had this year taken up £125 for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the course of his reply Brother Binckes said that despite the depressing cry we hear on almost all hands of the condition of affairs, the key-note of the evening with them undoubtedly was Prosperity. Bro. Binckes urged on all the needs of the respective Institutions, and detailed how each of them was situated as regards funded property; he pointed out the vast demands they had to contend with, and recounted how, from the small number of twenty-seven, some twenty-five years ago, they were now educating and maintaining 215 boys in the Wood Green establishment. Bro. Binckes' remarks were listened to most attentively, and at the conclusion an announcement was made that the list of Bro. Schadler, who will act as Steward at the Boys' School Festival in June next, already amounted to £36 18s 6d. Several other toasts were given, and, throughout, the proceedings were enlivened by music and songs. Bro. Matier won well merited applause by his recital of "The Mate of the Nancy Bell."

In addition to the Past Master's jewel, during the evening Brother Roberts was presented with a handsome clock, manufactured by Brother Halford. This was mounted on an elaborate marble stand, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Brother John Roberts by the members of Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, as a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of the efficient manner in which he conducted the duties of W.M. 1882-3."

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 507.

THE annual meeting of this old Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. It is gratifying to be able to record that, after passing through a great many vicissitudes, the United Pilgrims Lodge has now been placed upon a sound basis, and within the last few years has attained a prominent position in the Craft. Much of this success is attributable to the exertions of Bro. H. E. Joyce (editor of the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette*) who was then installed in succession to Bro. C. W. Peters. Lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. C. W. Peters, who was supported by Bros. H. E. Joyce S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, E. Blake S.D., W. T. Folks J.D., H. R. Grellet P.M. Treasurer, Jonas Duckett P.M. Secretary, J. S. Terry P.M. M. of C., J. Gibbs I.G., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. B. Martell (of Lloyd's), F. Elgar, Magnus Ohren P.A.G.D.C., James Stevens P.M., H. T. Bing P.M. 1597, T. W. Skelton P.M. 1056, J. B. Sorrell P.M. 176, Edward Johnson P.M. 140, W. G. Lemon P.M. 165, C. P. Passelowe, W. Farr 1677, James Watson 73, E. P. Wilson 181, J. J. Comont 179, Charles Barker 857, J. H. D. Steel 73, F. J. Young 1589, J. Esson 1589, J. C. Venables 263, G. C. Rivers 459, J. M. Hamon 238, &c. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the ballot was opened for Mr. C. H. Sharman, who was proposed by the Worshipful Master elect, and seconded by Bro. E. Blake S.D. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Sharman having been accepted, Bro. Joyce was presented as W.M. elect and assented in usual form to the interrogations put to him. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Joyce was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. C. W. Peters, and on the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted with full honours, amidst the universal congratulations of those assembled. He then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. C. W. Peters I.P.M., E. Blake S.W., J. Gibbs J.W., H. R. Grellet P.M. Treasurer, Jonas Duckett P.M. Secretary, W. T. Folks S.D., C. H. Wiltshire J.D., H. H. Wiltshire I.G., J. W. Watts P.M. M. of C., J. S. Terry P.M. Wine Steward, W. Harrison Tyler. The Worshipful Master then initiated Mr. C. H. Sharman into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being most effectively performed, and in a manner which elicited genuine approbation. The Worshipful Master then, in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, begged Bro. Peters's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his zealous and valuable services ren-

dered to the Lodge during his year of office. These services were alluded to in felicitous terms, and the sentiments expressed by the Worshipful Master were heartily endorsed by the whole of the brethren. The jewel was a massive and elegant one, and bore the following inscription:—"United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507. Presented to Bro. Charles W. Peters, in appreciation of his services as Worshipful Master, 1882-3." Bro. Peters, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, expressed the interest he had always taken in the affairs of the United Pilgrims Lodge, and promised it his undivided attention in the future. After the transaction of some other business, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was served in a manner which reflected the highest credit on Messrs. Roberts, the proprietors of the hotel, and their staff. At the conclusion of the repast, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the name of Bro. Magnus Ohren being coupled with that of the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Magnus Ohren, in responding, said it was a great honour for any Mason to be called upon to respond to this toast, because he himself must wear the purple; and it afforded him great pleasure to hear the manner in which the names of the Grand Officers were always received. But he was not at all surprised at this on the present occasion, when he looked around him and saw so many who were in the habit of attending Grand Lodge. There they saw how the Officers did their duty, and the two noblemen at the head of the Craft, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, whenever they were present, conducted the business in a manner which must give satisfaction to every one. The Officers who attended Grand Lodge, and worked on the Committees gave a great deal of time to the work, and their duties were most faithfully and zealously performed. They would all be pleased to see the Most Worshipful Grand Master a little oftener, but they must recollect how fully his Royal Highness's time was occupied, and that the days for the meeting of Grand Lodge were fixed. If they were moveable days, the Prince of Wales might be enabled to attend oftener than he does; still, they all knew he paid the most earnest attention to his Masonic duties. The Grand Secretary was constantly with him, and His Royal Highness knew everything that was done; the Grand Officers were selected by him, and his heart was entirely in Freemasonry. He again thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been received. The Immediate Past Master observed that one of the most important toasts before them that evening was the health of their Worshipful Master. They all knew his excellent disposition and kindness of heart, and no one could have met him in this Lodge without admitting that in Bro. Joyce he had found a friend. He did not know what would have become of the United Pilgrims Lodge but for the brother who had been so unanimously chosen as its Worshipful Master, for three-fourths of its members were his own personal friends, whom he had brought into the Lodge, and he only hoped they would persevere until they reached the high and dignified position that he had attained to-day. He felt very proud, indeed, at having to stand there to propose the health of Bro. Joyce, in whom he had taken a deep interest from the moment he came into the Lodge, and in whom he was very glad to find so worthy and apt a pupil. His genial and kindly manner, and disposition to make things pleasant all round, him had been felt and acknowledged in this Lodge, and in the presence of so many Visitors as they had to-night, he had very great pleasure in testifying to the true worth of their excellent Worshipful Master, who was deserving the highest honours the brethren could possibly bestow upon him. He asked the brethren to drink to the toast with all the heartiness it deserved, and with all the sincerity he knew they felt towards not only a brother Mason but also a true and intimate friend. Bro. Joyce endeavoured most successfully to carry out in practice all the tenets inculcated in Freemasonry, and his sole aim was to make everything pleasant, and to unite men in the grand design of rendering each other happy. Might he live long to come amongst them, and to aid them in carrying out that grand design of making each other happy and in promoting the true welfare of the Craft in general, and of the United Pilgrims Lodge in particular. So mote it be. Bro. Joyce, who was received with the utmost cordiality on rising to respond, said he thanked the brethren most earnestly for the cordiality with which the toast of his health had been received. He could only say that although he had great pleasure in being amongst them that evening, there was a certain tinge of sadness about it. He recollected that it was only some three or four years ago when he was initiated, when two of his most distinguished Visitors to-night were present, and when he occupied the position of his brother now on his immediate right, he said, in responding to the toast of the Initiates, when a "printer's devil" in a small country town, very many years ago, it fell to his lot to print a notice of the Shakspeare Lodge, held in that locality; and he thought to himself, though only a "printer's devil," he should like some day to be a Mason. That was his ambition, and on the night to which he referred, he told the brethren that ambition had been realised; but since then he had another ambition, and that was to be a Mason as good as any of those present. There he must stay, for the idea was not yet quite realised, though he hoped it was to some extent, for he had gone as far as he could expect to do, at least for some years. There was, as he had said, a certain tinge of sadness, that he had got almost to the apex of his ambition. But he should not allow that sadness to affect in any way his future interest in Masonic duties. He felt he must quarrel with his excellent Immediate Past Master, who said three-fourths of the members of the United Pilgrim Lodge were his friends, and he trusted they might always remain on the same terms of amity and goodwill as they were on at present. It should be his endeavour to produce that effect, and if he failed in it once he should, as in the song they had just heard, "try again." If anything in life was worth doing at all, it was worth doing well, and it was a laudable ambition on the part of all Masons to try and reach the top of the tree. He thanked them, first of all for placing him in the honourable position he now occupied, and he felt it a great privilege and compliment, because he knew there were many of his friends who had

been members of the Lodge longer than he had been, and yet had not attained that position. It was an honourable distinction, and one which he most thoroughly appreciated. It would be his most earnest desire, during his year of office, to justify the choice they had made, and he hoped that at this time next year, when it would be his turn to take the seat now occupied by his friend the I.P.M., he might be equally entitled to their satisfaction and their esteem for the manner in which he should have discharged the duties entrusted to him during his year of office. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiate, in whose presence he would not say so much as he should have been tempted to do otherwise. He could only say that Bro. Sharman was another friend of his. They had often heard Masters say they could generally judge of a Mason when he was initiated, and whether they were likely to turn out good men and true. From the interest he took in the ceremony, he felt perfectly certain that Bro. Sharman would prove a student and an excellent member of the Fraternity. If Bro. Sharman should ever reach the proud position of being Master of his Lodge, might he be there to give him a hearty welcome. Bro. C. H. Sharman, in responding, said that one of the greatest secrets in Masonry, so far as he was concerned, was in being asked to respond to a toast. He had for a long time past experienced a craving and longing to associate himself with this Ancient and Honourable Institution, but up to now circumstances had prevented him. At the present moment he felt very much like Alice in "Wonderland," nervous, timid and surprised, and could only half grasp the beauties of a system which he hoped he might more thoroughly understand in the future. He felt he had got one foot, however, over the stile, and hoped he might have the opportunity of reaching some of the higher offices in due course. His heart was already in the work, and he should endeavour faithfully to carry out the solemn obligations he had that night undertaken. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, whose excellencies of character he could roll into a few words. He was a good Christian man and a good Mason, which was all that need be said of a true Brother and a gentleman. The I.P.M. felt very proud on this auspicious occasion, for he had now arrived safely in the "Upper House," amongst the Past Masters, who had guided and regulated affairs for many years. He should be happy to co-operate with them in the solution of problems that were frequently cropping up, and assist in every possible way in advancing the true interests of the Lodge. He thanked their excellent W.M. for the few kind and concise words he had so kindly spoken, and the Officers of the Lodge generally for the valuable support and assistance they had accorded him during his year of office. He scarcely knew what he should have done, or how he could have got through the business of the year, without the generous aid and co-operation of the Past Masters, especially their excellent Treasurer and Secretary, and Brothers Watts and Terry, to whom the praise bestowed upon himself was greatly due. He was much obliged for the creditable report they had made upon the way in which he had conducted himself in the chair during the past year. He assured them he took that chair with the best intentions, and he now resigned it into abler hands, though certainly not more willing ones. He wanted to see the Lodge grow and prosper, as it had done lately, and he hoped it would not only become efficient, but well known throughout the Craft for its support of the Charities. That was one of the great essentials of success. He hoped they would ever bear in mind the sentiments contained in the recitation just given by Bro. P.M. Stevens, on "The Level and the Square," and if they did so, they would retire from the Lodge with a clear conscience, and be much better for having exerted their utmost to promote the true interests and objects of Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, and in doing so was pleased to meet many old and distinguished Masons as guests that evening, and not less so to welcome those of the rank and file, who, by promulgating the tenets of Freemasonry, were equally eminent with those who wore the purple. He believed it was incumbent upon Masters to visit other Lodges, and to entertain visitors, and but for unfortunate illness in his family, he hoped to have had the company of the Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge on this occasion. It might appear somewhat strange that he should now be the Master of the Lodge of his adoption, but they could not control all the circumstances of their lives, though they must be guided by them to a very great extent. It had been his lot to throw himself into their Lodge to the exclusion of his mother Lodge; but, somehow, though he might go into many Lodges, he should never lose his love and affection for that in which he was initiated. There were P.M.'s here whom he had had the pleasure of meeting in a place to which he was indebted considerably—the Lodge of Instruction—amongst whom he might mention Bro. Sorrell, whilst in Bro. Stevens they had a great authority in The Great City Lodge, and in many others on both sides of the water. He alluded to the common bond of unity which bound brethren together in the practice of good deeds, and said many of the brethren who had not yet passed the chair were as exemplary in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry as those who wore the purple, and who dispensed what Charity they could without ostentation, and often without any one knowing about it. He hoped he had given the Visitors a hearty welcome, and the same would be extended to them whenever in the future they might pay a visit to the United Pilgrims Lodge. Bro. W. G. Lemon, in responding, said when Bro. Joyce came into the Ravensbourne Lodge, he thought he had in him the making of a thorough Mason. He had not the pleasure of initiating their excellent W.M., but he had of receiving his first subscription, and Bro. Joyce would have a lively recollection of the part he played at the initiatory ceremony. He was very pleased to have had the opportunity of being present to witness his installation, and rejoiced that he had been able to avail himself of the invitation. He was delighted with the working in Lodge, and with what was something unusual with a W.M., immediately on being appointed to the chair—his proceeding at once to initiate a brother, and to perform the work at a moment when he might reasonably be allowed to enjoy a little relaxation. But Bro. Joyce was so omniverous

a worker that he did not expect they would hear him say, on the return of a brother, he might give a lecture on the tracing board "should time permit." He thanked them for the kindness and courtesy with which the Visitors had been received, and he should look back upon it with a cordial sense of their hospitality and urbanity. Bro. Stevens said he had been associated with this Lodge many years, and had had frequent opportunities of enjoying the amenities of the brethren, though it was some time since he paid his last visit. It was said that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," and certainly the reception accorded to the Visitors that evening revived much of the old satisfaction he experienced in former times. He might mention that a Lodge of Instruction having been established in connection with this Lodge, of which he had the honour of being the Preceptor, those who were young in the Craft, as well as those more advanced, should embrace every opportunity of attending, when he should be happy, in return for the truly Masonic greeting he had received that night, to give them whatever instruction he could, in his official capacity. The working in Lodge and the hospitalities of this evening did them infinite credit, and he rejoiced exceedingly at the prosperity which had attended their Lodge, especially during the last few years. Bro. J. B. Sorrell also returned thanks, in doing which he expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Joyce installed into the chair, and also in witnessing that ceremony performed by the I.P.M. It was most unusual to see a newly installed Master initiate a brother immediately on taking office, but this he thought was to be accounted for by the fact that Bro. Joyce, as W.M. of the Lodge of Instruction, had perfected himself in the work he had undertaken. Bro. B. Martell observed it was a goodly thing for brethren to dwell together in unity, and he was sure that was an axiom that was always exemplified in the United Pilgrims Lodge. He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them on many future occasions, and to enjoy their friendly hospitality, as he had done to-night. He had much appreciated the beautiful addresses delivered by the I.P.M., and had the utmost pleasure in meeting so many friends in the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, whom it would be invidious to singularise, seeing they all possessed such admirable qualifications. They were all deeply indebted to the Past Masters for the assistance they had given, enabling them to perform their duties. He alluded in especially felicitous terms to the manner in which the Treasurer and Secretary discharged the functions of their respective offices, and of the efforts they made to sustain the prestige and popularity of the Lodge. Bro. H. R. Grellet acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him by his re-election as Treasurer; he hoped he should be able to discharge his duties to their satisfaction, as he had done in the past. Bro. Jonas Duckett was very pleased at being Secretary of this Lodge, which after so many vicissitudes had attained its present proud position in the Craft. There were fond memories clinging to the present, and he could not but reflect how that the good old ship had been brought through turbulent and tempestuous seas, until it had become a strong, united and prosperous Lodge. He wished for it a long career of usefulness and prosperity, and this he was assured would be the case so long as its affairs were as ably conducted as at present. Bro. Terry also suitably responded. The health of the Officers of the Lodge were then proposed and severally acknowledged, and the list was fittingly closed with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent recitations and songs, Bro. C. Warwick Jordan, Mus. Bac. Oxon, presiding most efficiently at the pianoforte.

WEST KENT LODGE, No. 1297.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, under the presidency of Bro. W. F. Gardner, who was supported by a goodly company of members and visitors. The first business of the day was a neat little address by the Master in reference to the decease of Bro. John Allen, the first initiate of the Lodge, and afterwards one of its Masters. Bro. Gardner in feeling terms alluded to the unfortunate event, and to the great loss the Lodge had sustained through it. After the report of the Audit Committee had been received and adopted, Brother R. H. Crowden P.M. took the chair, and in excellent style installed Brother Thomas Perrin as Master for the current year. In the course of the post prandial proceedings the new Master was congratulated upon his installation and on the prosperity of the Lodge, and some well-deserved observations were made by Bro. Grabham on the excellent working of the W.M. and his Officers.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE, No. 1589.

THE first meeting of the members of this Lodge, since the installation of Bro. Alfred Tisley as Worshipful Master, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on 28th instant. There was a numerous muster, and at the close of the business, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

AT its last meeting, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Benton, the Worshipful Master, the Lodge decided to petition Grand Chapter for a Warrant for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Brother A. Brookman, the Lodge resolved to present to Brother J. Derby Allcroft, the Treasurer of the Lodge, who has recently been elected Grand Treasurer, the clothing of Grand Treasurer, as a compliment for the great services rendered by him to the Craft in general and also to the Aldersgate Lodge, of which he was the first Master.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—At the usual meeting of the above Lodge, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Bro. Marks occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Dixie S.W., W. Potter J.W., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary, Gayler S.D., A. Perl J.D., Weedon I.G.; also Bros. A. Potter, Ockleford, Paden, Higman, Jupp, Laughton, Halford. Lodge was opened and the previous minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. P. Jupp acting as candidate. Bro. A. Potter having proved himself efficient, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Paden 813 was elected a member. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed.

FREE GARDENERS' FESTIVAL AT KIRKCALDY.

ON the 23rd inst. the annual Festival of the Kirkcaldy District of British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners was held in the Corn Exchange there, and was largely attended. Mr. J. Guthrie-Lornie, J.P., of Birnam and Pitcastle, presided, and was supported by Rev. B. B. Begg, Bailie Speedie, Councillor Hutcheson, Dr. Goodenough, Mr. Peter Harrow, and other members of the Order. The Chairman in opening the proceedings said, it seemed rather out of place that he, one of the youngest members, should preside on that occasion, but he believed it was characteristic of the Order that every member should do what was in his power for the general good, and, accordingly, he willingly complied with their request, all the more so, because, since he became an honorary member the other week, he had been much impressed with the earnestness of the office-bearers in endeavouring to benefit their fellow-townsmen, more particularly the working classes, by the advantages which the Society offers to all who join its ranks. As they were aware, its fundamental principle was that the strong shall help the weak, and that they in health should assist in the relief of their less fortunate brethren who may have been overtaken by accident or disease. No words of his were therefore necessary to enforce its claims upon the attention of the thoughtful and provident. The history of the early foundation of their Ancient Order is lost in antiquity. They were however informed, that there were Free Gardeners in Scotland when James VI. was called to the English Crown, nearly 300 years ago. Since then the Society had undergone many changes in its modes of working and in its organisation, but its ruling principle of mutual benefit had remained the same, and he understood that at the present time it was in a more prosperous condition than at any previous period of its history, the number of members being increased to over 50,000 in Great Britain. Besides, Lodges had been and were formed in all parts of the world, the latest additions being those in South Africa. In their district alone there were four Lodges, with a membership of 660. He hoped, therefore, that any person who had not already joined would be induced to do so without further delay, and he could promise that they would find in its ranks many of the most respectable and intelligent working men in the district. He considered that a large industrial community, such as this, was fortunate in having such men in its midst, ready and willing to devote their time and ability to the upbuilding and maintenance of such a beneficial Society. He hoped that they would continue their exertions not only in the relief of poverty and distress, but also—if he might be allowed to make a suggestion—in the endeavour to lessen the vice of intemperance, which operated so strongly against all philanthropic effort, and robbed many working men of the hard-earned money which ought to be saved up against times of sickness and trouble. He believed that the great sources of crime and destitution in this country had their origin in strong drink, and if the members of such Societies as that of the Free Gardeners would unite more determinedly in the suppression of that vice, their powers as a means of doing good would be even more largely felt. He assured them that he was proud of belonging to such an Ancient Order, and expressed the hope that the Society would continue to flourish. It was deserving of all support because its principle carried out the injunction handed down to them through many centuries, and which was at the root of all true social happiness—"Bear ye one another's burdens." Other speakers followed, and afterwards the members and their friends had an assembly.—*Dumdee Advertiser.*

On and after Monday next, the 2nd April, in consequence of a change of proprietorship at the "Moorgate," the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will be held at the "Crown and Cushion," 73 London Wall (corner of Great Winchester Street), every Monday evening as heretofore, at 7:30.

The members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction; No. 1245, have secured rooms at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, W. (corner of Cambridge-place), where, on and after Monday next, the meetings will be held. On Monday, 2nd April, the Fifteen Sections will be worked, and it is to be hoped the brethren will muster in strong numbers.

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ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 28th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the M.E.Z. Comp. W. Vincent; J. Johnson H., J. G. Fisher J., I. Isaacs Treasurer, A. W. Beckham S.E., J. Wyer P.Z. S.N., C. Taylor P.S., Bond 1st Asst., Thos. Coulthard 2nd Asst. Visitors—J. I. Cattle 186, C. Smith M.E.Z. 1804, George Messenger 1237, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was formally opened and the minutes of last Convocation read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. W. A. Burrows 1624 and C. James 15, which were unanimously in their favour. These brethren being present, they were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. We may remark that the working of the M.E.Z., the Principals and Officers deserves especial praise. The installation of Principals next took place. Comps. H. J. Johnson M.E.Z., J. G. Fisher H., and J. Wyer P.Z. J. Companion Vincent, the retiring Z., installed the Principals in a manner that might be equalled, but could not be excelled, for its correctness and impressive delivery. The installation of Officers followed. Comps. W. Vincent I.P.Z., I. Isaacs Treasurer, A. W. Beckham S.E., C. Taylor S.N., H. Bond jun. P.S., T. Coulthard 1st Asst., C. Lee 2nd Asst., Church Janitor. After which hearty good wishes were tendered, and the Chapter was closed until June. The company afterwards sat down to a very sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Comp. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. ably presided and proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. W. Vincent I.P.Z., in rising to propose the health of the M.E.Z., said there are but few in Craft Masonry who do not know Comp. Johnson; he can scarcely be excelled as a worker; to-night he has been installed as Z., and he (Comp. Vincent) was sure he would do his duty in R.A. Masonry. During the past year the Companions had shown him every kindness and forbearance, and he trusted they would extend to their new M.E.Z. the same amount of attention. He was sure then the Chapter would flourish. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the I.P.Z. for the flattering expressions he had used; he hoped to have as prosperous a year as his predecessor. If the Companions only rallied round and supported him as they had Comp. Vincent he was sure the Chapter would prosper. Before resuming his seat he would call on those present to drink to the health of the Exaltees—Comps. Burrows and James. Both are well known and respected in their respective Lodges, and he (Comp. Johnson) was sure they would be an acquisition to the Eccleston Chapter. Both Companions responded to the toast. The latter spoke of his connection with the Parent Lodge; he was now a member of the Chapter, and hoped to be with them at many enjoyable gatherings for many years yet to come. The toast of the Visitors met with a most cordial reception, and Comps. Smith, H. M. Levy, Cattle, and Messenger severally responded; each dilated on the able presidency of the M.E.Z., and the pleasure they experienced in testifying to the way in which Comp. Vincent had performed the ceremony of exaltation and installation. The M.E.Z., on again rising, said he had now to propose what might be considered the toast of the evening,—the health of their excellent Comp. W. Vincent I.P.Z. The credit this Chapter had acquired was mainly due to him. He was its first M.E.Z., and no one could have conducted the work better than he had done. To follow such an accomplished Principal he felt he had his work out out for him; still, if he could only do half as well he should be perfectly satisfied. Turning now to Comp. Vincent, the M.E.Z., continued: He had now to place on his breast the jewel of the Chapter, and hoped that as they had been so agreeably associated in Craft, they might look forward to an equally pleasant connection in Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Johnson concluded his address by expressing a hope that Comp. Vincent might live long to wear it, with pride, as a mark of appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Chapter. The jewel is of exquisite design; enamelled, with the R.A. colours; and is set with diamonds and precious stones, and bears a suitable inscription. Comp. Vincent in reply said he had to thank the Z. and the Companions for their kindness; whatever he had done he felt was but his duty. He thanked them heartily for their support; he could not have succeeded so well as they had paid him the compliment of saying he had done, had they not supported him might and main. He felt assured they would accord the M.E.Z. the same assistance in carrying out his duties. He thanked them for the elegant jewel presented to him, and to quote the words of Comp. Johnson—he hoped that he might wear it with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Chapter. The Z. then proposed the toasts of the H. and J. The H. was one of the founders of the Chapter, and P.M. of the Eccleston Lodge. Comp. Wyer is a very old and respected P.Z.; personally, he felt honoured by having two such Companions to support him in his year of office. He hoped to see both Companions occupy the chair; this was undoubtedly their right, and he felt it was a pleasure in store for them. Comp. Fisher said it was due to the able tuition he had received from the I.P.Z. that he had attained the proud position he now occupied. He felt it was only his duty to thank Comp. Vincent for his zeal in seeing that every office should be filled with credit. Comp. Wyer followed; all his energies would be at their command. The Officers of the Chapter were next complimented. The S.E., Comp. Beckham, is one who does his duty thoroughly. The S.N. equals him in zeal; and, in fact, all the Officers were able to do their work thoroughly. He wished specially to say a word for Comp. Bennett, who had looked after their creature comforts most assiduously. Comp. Beckham, in a very excellent speech, responded; he regretted the absence of the Treasurer, but he might remark with pride that they were out of debt; that was saying a great deal for a Chapter that had only been one year in existence. He hoped at the expiration of the current

year there would be a large balance in hand. Comps. Taylor, Bond, Lee, Bennett, and Coulthard followed; then the Janitor's toast was given, and a very agreeable and harmonious evening's entertainment was brought to a close. The M.E.Z. provided a very excellent musical *melange*. Miss Florence Davis, Comps. J. I. Cattle, Charles Taylor, Lee, James Kift, and Knight-Smith delighted the Companions with their excellent harmony.

United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—A convocation of this Chapter was convened on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there were present Comps. Robt. H. Halford M.E.Z., Charles K. Killick H., Edward Davies J., A. J. Timothy Scribe E., W. S. Hunter Scribe N., A. W. Fennor P.S., Geo. W. Edis 1st Assist. S., Jas. Hillhouse P.Z., Villet Rolleston, J. Gibbs, Joseph Bennett and C. Thomas Janitor. Visitor—Comp. W. Cook Scribe E. of the Metropolitan Chapter. The Chapter was opened in accordance with ancient rites, but as there was no business on the agenda, only some formal work was done, and the Companions adjourned at an early hour to a *récherché* banquet, when the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed, and duly honoured. A very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, on the 29th instant, was well attended. Comps. Osborn occupied the chair of Z., Sheffield H., Percy J., Tipper S.N., Hubbard P.S., John Evans Sheffield S.E. The ceremony was capitally rehearsed.

We had lately the pleasure of inspecting the establishment of Brother M. Silver, of 117 Gower Street, Euston Square. Bro. Silver is well known to many of our readers, more especially to that section who are in the habit of attending the Jewish Lodges, where our courteous brother is almost invariably entrusted with the supervision of the banquets that follow the labours of the day. Bro. Silver is an accomplished caterer, and the business, of which he is now at the head, has been conducted by him and his father for nearly fifty years. The establishment in Gower Street is furnished with every requisite for comfort; capacious and well appointed kitchens, admirable store-rooms, a splendidly fitted supper and ball room, with all the necessary retiring rooms, smoking rooms, &c. On the upper floor every convenience is provided for the supply of wedding breakfasts, and many a happy Jewish couple have had their nuptials celebrated under Bro. Silver's roof. As it is becoming the fashion now-a-days for those who desire to entertain their friends to select a public place for the purpose, rather than to incur the inconvenience at their own residences, we cannot do better than call attention to the facilities offered by Brother M. Silver. At the same time we may add that Brother Silver is always prepared to supply every requisite for dinners, ball suppers, or wedding breakfasts, at the residences of those who may honour him with their commands.

The Masonic Press is exercising itself just now with two subjects, which, for the sake of the promotion of good feeling, it would be better to let drop. One is the late election of Grand Treasurer, the other the establishment of a Temperance Lodge, and the columns of the papers are opened to correspondents who certainly do not lack the ability to sow discord. It seems extremely bad taste in the supporters of the re-election of Colonel Creaton to argue that he ought to have been re-elected, as it implies that the election of Bro. Allcroft was a slight on Colonel Creaton. Argue as they may, nobody, not even Colonel Creaton's advocates, see it in that light, and the supporters of Bro. Allcroft honestly and indignantly repudiate it. With respect to the Wolsey Lodge being a temperance Lodge, it is impossible to see in the fact any ground for soreness on the part of Masons generally. Why a Lodge should not be established on temperance principles no reason can be assigned. The brethren who promote it have surely a right to say what the speciality of the Lodge should be. No brother is asked to join it unless he likes. There are very many Lodges which have but one banquet a year,—like the Asaph. That Lodge was started on that principle, and every man in the Lodge knew the rule before he entered. If he objected to have but one Lodge banquet a year he could have gone to some other Lodge. There being one temperance Lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge of England is no aspersion on the character of the Masonic body. There is, however, some ground for complaint in the unusual course that has been adopted by the Provincial Secretary of the Lodge, sending out circulars to all the Lodges, touting for visitors at the consecration, to whom tickets are to be sold at a guinea each.—*Evening News*.

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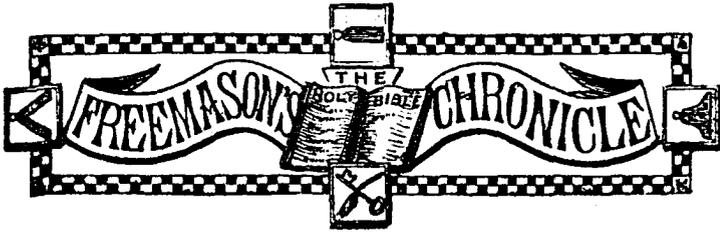
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UNWORTHY CLAIMANTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF OUR CHARITIES.

It will doubtless be in the recollection of many of our readers that we have already addressed a few remarks to them under the heading which we now adopt; but, on the other hand, it is a considerable interval that has elapsed since we did so; further, this heading seems the most appropriate we can use at the present time, when the events of two and a half years back—for it is that time since our former article appeared—are really repeating themselves. Our present title may also be useful in calling to the minds of brethren generally the causes which necessitated such an apparently un-Masonic expression being made use of in the past, and may, by its repetition, perhaps induce some of those most interested to take steps to prevent its being again needed. Our present heading was first made use of when we brought the case of the lad Arthur Harvey Collingwood—at that time a candidate for the Boys' School—prominently before the Craft. We now intend it to apply to one of the lads on the list for the coming April Election.

It may be remembered that among the names on the list for the Election in October 1880 was that of Collingwood, who we found on inquiry was entitled, with his mother and three other children, to a fortune of something like £9,000, that being the amount at which his deceased father's estate was proved. Our publication of this statement called forth some indignant remarks from certain of young Collingwood's supporters, and the merits of the case were pretty generally discussed, with the result that in the end it was brought before the Quarterly Court of the School, when it was decided that the case should be referred to the House Committee to consider and report upon at the ensuing Quarterly Court. At the Election that followed this decision, young Collingwood's friends polled 1,007 votes, which, with 743 brought forward, placed him sixth on the list of successful—there were sixteen elected on that occasion; but, the House Committee, after inquiry, having recommended his exclusion, the lad was eventually declared ineligible, and the votes polled on his behalf were forfeited. We have devoted thus much of our space to a *résumé* of Collingwood's case, in order to show what course has been adopted in the past, and also to prove, if possible, that some more stringent inquiry is needed before a candidate is passed as eligible to take part in an Election.

The case now in point is, that of Frank Alexander Herring, No. 55 on the list, son of the late Bro. Thomas H. Herring, who was initiated in the Unanimity Lodge, No. 113, Preston, Lancashire, on 2nd August 1869, and who died on 29th June 1882, leaving three young children parentless, their mother having died previously. We were informed, just before going to press last week, that this lad and the other members of his family were entitled to something like £500 each as their share of their father's estate, but, as is usual in such cases, our informant pledged us to secrecy, so far as he was concerned. However, the records of the Probate Office were open, and, after a long search, we found that, Bro. Herring having died without making a will, letters of administration were granted, on 21st November 1882, to his brother, on behalf of the children, the personality being given as

£1,836 7 11 gross
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This latter sum representing the actual value of the property after all debts had been paid, each of the children is entitled to £555 4s 10d, which amount, if allowed to accumulate until the recipients reach the age of twenty-one years, will, in the case of the lad seeking election to the Boys' School, amount to something over £1,000. We therefore ask,—Is this lad a candidate worthy of being admitted to the benefits of the Boys' School? We say most

decidedly not; he is in a better position to pay for his own education than nine-tenths of those who are called upon for subscriptions to the School, and for that reason should never have been approved of by the Committee, that is to say, provided they were in possession of the facts we have now stated. Indeed, we hardly think it possible all the circumstances could have been kept secret unless something like misleading representations were put forward.

We consider the particulars we have here given are sufficient to call for some inquiry, and as the figures are obtained from official sources, there can be no question as to their correctness. We therefore leave the case to the consideration of the brethren at the Quarterly Court, feeling assured, if the facts are fully looked into the application must finally be rejected.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 9th May, was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution, in the chair. Bro. Grey was elected President of the Board of Stewards; Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Patron of the Institution, was elected Treasurer; and Bro. Hedges Hon. Secretary. Bro. Dubois P.G.W. Middlesex, Vice-President, was appointed Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards. It was resolved to hold the Festival at Freemasons' Tavern. The dinner and music Committees were elected, and other formal business conducted. At the close of the meeting the Chairman drew attention to the fact that the number of Stewards was considerably below the average figure, and expressed a hope that all present would exert themselves to ensure the success of the Festival. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held their monthly meeting on Thursday. Brother Col. Creaton was called to the chair, and there were present besides the following brethren, viz., Frank Richardson, Frederick Walters, J. H. Matthews, James Peters, C. H. Webb, Robert P. Tebb, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the General Committee meeting of the 22nd ult. having been read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee of 22nd inst. read for information, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for various small amounts due to tradesmen, &c. Brother Richardson informed the Committee that since the last meeting of the House Committee, it had transpired that of the fourteen pianofortes in use at the Schools, twelve were said to require replacing with new ones, and he therefore proposed that this Committee should authorise the House Committee to employ an expert to examine and report upon all the instruments, and that the House Committee should be empowered to replace with new ones such as turned out to be past repair. Bro. Richardson added that this expenditure would not be any tax upon the funds of the Institution, as there was in hand a fund of £186 resulting from the fees of half a guinea a quarter which was paid by each pupil who learned music. The Chairman said that the House Committee were not aware of the condition of the pianos at the date of their last meeting, and he thought it a very proper matter to be brought before the General Committee. He then put the proposal to the vote, and it was carried unanimously. Three petitions were considered, and all being approved, the names of three candidates were ordered to be added to the list.

The Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, which hitherto has been held at the "Duke of Cambridge," Bridge Road, Battersea, has now been removed to more convenient and commodious premises, namely, at Brother Burgess's, the "Rock" Tavern, Battersea Park Road, nearly opposite York Road Station London Brighton and South Coast Railway, where the brethren meet every Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock. Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, acts as Preceptor, and Bro. R. K. Collick is the Secretary.

MARRIAGE.

FERRIS-STEVENS.—On the 24th instant, at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham, THOMAS M. FERRIS, only son of Thomas Ferris, Esq., of Walworth, S.E., to ELLEN LAVINIA, second surviving daughter of Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Clapham, S.W.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the April elections of Boys and Girls to the Schools of the Royal Masonic Institutions will take place very shortly, a few statistics concerning the candidates might not prove uninteresting or out of place. I must premise that my figures are approximate only, not fractionally correct. There are 65 boys and 28 girls anxiously looking forward for the result of the polling; of the 65 boys, 12 only can be elected, which, with two cases, Nos. 32 and 60, withdrawn, leaves 51 to try again in October, or be left out in the cold through being disqualified by age; as there are no less than 11 with whom this is the last chance. The average age of the boy applicants is 9 years, varying from 7 years and 5 months to 10 years and 11 months; one case being one month within the extreme limit, the fathers of these three have subscribed from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $32\frac{1}{4}$ years, or an average of 9 years $7\frac{1}{2}$ months, but only 13 of them, or one-fifth of the whole number, are recorded as having served a Stewardship or made themselves Life Subscribers, Governors, or Vice-Presidents of any of our Institutions. Of the 78 girl applicants 22 are to be elected, leaving only 6 unsuccessful. There is only one girl (No. 5, Mason) with a last chance, but as she brings forward 1,388 votes, her success may be looked upon as a certainty. The average age of the applicants is 9 years $7\frac{1}{2}$ months; from 7 years 4 months to 10 years 9 months; their fathers have subscribed from $3\frac{1}{2}$ years to 24 years, or on an average of over 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, but 5 only are credited with in any way assisting the Masonic Institutions. Of the total of the candidates (91) 5 have both parents living—74 have the mother only—3 the father only—and 10 neither. The number of children dependent in each family ranges from 1 to 10, making an average of $4\frac{1}{2}$ to each. While writing on this subject, I would call attention to what to me appears—if I may say so call it—handicapping a candidate unfairly. I allude to the case of Simpson's, No. 14, last chance; one of 5 dependent on a widowed mother. What right has this case to be singled out for the remark that he has a brother in Christ's Hospital, when I am informed, on undoubted authority, that the father of Pratt, No. 24, one of three only, and the mother alive still, is in receipt of a government pension; yet there is no mention of that circumstance against that boy's name, and he has four more opportunities. If it is necessary or wise to mention what extraneous aid outside Freemasonry any member of a candidate's family may receive, it should be done in all cases, or none.

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

P.M. 1607.

THE LATE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Without entering into the question of the advisability of making the Grand Treasurership a yearly appointment, it would seem that some explanation should be given as to how it came to pass that the proposer of the Grand Treasurer elect stated openly that that "Brother had faithfully served the Craft for forty years."

The brother in question was initiated in Lodge No. 46, in December 1846, and continued a subscribing member for two years.

He did not join again until December 1876,—as can be proved by Grand Lodge Returns,—when he became first W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

How can any one, in the face of this, make out "forty years membership?"

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"ON THE SQUARE."

APRIL FOOLS?—We could not help asking ourselves who really were April Fools on Wednesday last, though March had not left us, and the day dedicated to fools proper was yet some days off. It happened in this wise. We paid a visit on the day mentioned to the London Cottage Mission, 67 Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, at the new Hall there, and saw one of the weekly Irish Stew Dinners given to the wretched lot of children who crowd in hundreds to be fed, and not only children, but men and women—the men mostly discharged labourers and such like, out of work, and the women either their wives or the wives of those too ill to leave their miserable homes and crawl as far as the Mission Hall, and whose share of Irish Stew was sent to them in jugs, basins, or cans of all sorts and sizes. Then came the question as to April Fools. We all—that is most of us—spend a great deal of money in a lot of useless ways, and even when we do give any away, give it away to anybody that asks us without asking a question. Is that an act of folly? Now, here is a case where we can all be sure we are acting wisely by sending all the little help we can to a really deserving charity, and can feel on Sunday next that our first act on the 1st of April was one we can look back again on with real pleasure and without any fear of being classed with those whose "nameday" it is. The offices of the London Cottage Mission are at 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., where Mr. Walter Austin, the Director of the Mission, will most thankfully receive all contributions, as will Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, at 304 Bardett-road, Limehouse, E.

MASONIC TIDBITS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

ENJOYMENTS.—It is a little singular, and yet no less true, that the enjoyments of old people are, to a certain extent, similar to those of youth. The young look forward with hope and gladness to a future glowing in the warm sun of the spring-time when the flowers are fresh and fragrant, and the birds are shouting their songs from orchard and forest. The future is yet in the shadow, dark clouds may yet lower, but they are still below the horizon, and the rumbling of the tempest is too far off to be heard. Hard struggles and dark days, anxious cares and disappointed hopes, with many a gloomy hour and sleepless night await them, but the young and hopeful know it not,—and they are happy! But the aged have passed through it all. They have made the voyage, wrestled with the storm, and, after having endured it all, are now nearing the haven of quiet and safety, where there is secure anchorage and perpetual rest—song and crown and fadeless youth:

"They are standing by the river,
They are waiting on the shore."

MASONIC VETERANS.—These thoughts were suggested by reading lately, in some Masonic paper, about a re-union of Masonic veterans in some Eastern State, I think. Near a hundred venerable workmen from the Temple sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared for them by the members of the Lodge located in the town where they met. The good things which burdened the table were enjoyed, amid the sunshine of familiar faces, kind fraternal greetings, and warm grasps of the hand. Old times were talked over, old memories revived, anecdote and incident came in to brighten the scene and shed a richer glow on table and group—grey heads and tottering limbs. It was the enjoyment of young life again, enriched by the toils and cares and experiences of many years. And so passed the evening away, while the table and the hall, and the gathered fathers enjoyed the life and warmth of sunnier days once more.

And why not more of such re-unions? Why not make them as regular as the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge? Many years ago I arranged for such an organisation in Ohio—the first in the West, and wrote out in brief the nature and objects of it. The late Judge Thrall, Past Grand Master, George Rex, subsequently Grand Master, John M. Barriere, Kent, Jarvis, and other old and distinguished Masons, most of whom are now under the sod, gave the movement their cordial approval and support. Arrangements were made for a meeting of the veterans, to which was added a collation. I secured the attendance of a young brother who was a fine vocalist, with a promise that he would sing a song for the "old folks." After the supper and greetings and reminiscences, the song was called for. It was appropriate, and bore the title of "Forty Years Ago," and he sang it well. The veterans listened, their faces wreathed in smiles, old names and old memories came back, and the co-workers in forest and quarry and Temple seemed to mingle in the throng, and many a tear rolled down venerable cheeks—and all were happy. I never shall forget that evening of social enjoyment with the old workmen who had "borne the burden and heat of the day," and were now enjoying the companionship, in the evening of life, of their fellow-labourers of other and earlier years. It was like the summer sunlight after the dark clouds had rolled away, and the tempest had hushed and folded its wings in slumber.

That association still lives and prospers, and its annual re-unions are green spots in the declining years of the fathers, and are looked forward to with most pleasant anticipations. Why not have such an association in every State, and even in the large cities? Give the fathers a cheer on their downward pathway, and add to their enjoyment while they "rest from their labours"—awaiting the summons to "come up higher,"—Where Faith is lost in sight, Hope ended in fruition, and Charity alone remains.

REPORTS ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.—We can learn much from little things—from small items picked up from the highways and byeways of Freemasonry. Indeed, if we were to observe with more care the small matters which go to make up the aggregate, we should have a better knowledge of larger things—the greater thoughts and greater information. Life is made up of minutes, and great influences and great achievements are woven from infinitesimals. I have often thought that if Freemasons would more carefully study the small items that may be found all along the paths of Masonic life—from Lebanon to Zarthan, and then to Moriah—it would be better for all interested. We might not have such expensive halls and furniture, nor such grand displays and gorgeous regalia, nor so many expensive banquets and receptions; but we should know more about pure Freemasonry, understand it better, and practise its precepts more closely.

I have been reminded of all this by reading some Reports on Foreign Correspondence sent me. We all know the general object and character of such Reports, but we rarely study the valuable items that are compressed into these larger documents, by the often un-requested labour of some patient and hard working brother. We might gather many a little scrap of Masonic knowledge, the aggregate of which would add largely to our stores. There are questions about Masonic law and usage settled, details of events transpiring among the Craft; notices of movements and measures designed to promote the usefulness of the Institution and increase its general prosperity. I do not know of any collection which contains so much of the current history of Freemasonry for thirty or forty years past as do the Reports on Foreign Correspondence made to the Grand Lodges of the United States. Every Freemason should endeavour to procure, as published, as many as possible of these Reports, and file them away in his library. If he has not time to read them as procured, they can wait for future inspection. Besides, they constantly increase in value, as copies become scarcer and more difficult

to obtain. Another generation will appreciate them, after the present labourers in the cause shall have passed away. We cannot treasure books too carefully, especially if they relate to Freemasonry, for such works are rarely re-published in after years, and soon become so scarce that it is often difficult to procure a copy.

But I am wandering from the subject of such Reports. We must accept the current facts, but not always the opinions and comments of the compilers of them. The Reporter gives facts, so far as they may come to his knowledge, and often interjects his own opinions and comments, on matters already decided by Grand Masters or Grand Lodges. These Reports, it should be remembered, are no more infallible than some other Masons, and their opinions are as open to criticism as are those of their compeers. They give statements, and facts, and quotations, and then frequently add their own views and inferences. These often throw light on the question, and sometimes mislead the reader; yet they are valuable as aids in search of the truth; but in reading them we must learn to discriminate, and even sometimes to discount. The brother who prepares the Report should be well informed on matters Masonic—especially if they relate to the history, laws, objects, and labours of the Fraternity, its current transactions and characteristics, as well as the biographies of leading members. Tell us what such men have done for the benefit of Masonry, besides being admitted to the degrees. If they do no more than this, they very soon become idlers in the hive, or barnacles clinging to our noble Craft, and impeding the efforts of the active and enterprising members. In regard to the qualifications of a Reporter, one describes his associate in such work, when writing of him; thus: "He is not only an able writer, but a good condenser, and presents his brethren with the cream of the cream." Such, and such only, I think, should be appointed to that important work. Give us facts, but let the reader exercise his own judgment and supply his own comments.

Speaking of idlers,—every Mason should make a record of active devotion to the interests of the Institution, and of untiring zeal in the promotion of its welfare. This should be engraved upon his banner, and it should be unbought and unsolicited. The records of deeds, and of zealous devotion to the cause will constitute his highest engly. Everywhere, as well as in the Reports I am writing about, there may be and is sometimes too much pandering to great names, forgetful of the claims they may have to Masonic commendation, and without regard to any benefit they may have been to Freemasonry. They may be great as politicians, or statesmen, or jurists, or linguists, or clergymen, and they may be Masons, but many obscure and humble persons, from the farm or the workshops, may have done much more for Freemasonry in their love of the Institution, and their unwearied efforts to promote its interests, and sometimes those are commended who have not even been members of the Fraternity, but its causeless and unfaltering enemies. Take an example: One of the very best and most careful and competent of Reporters, in giving the names of the Officers of a Grand Lodge, says: "Clay Webster Taylor, Grand Master, and John Quincy Adams, Deputy Grand Master, a combination of illustrious names of which any Grand Lodge might be proud." The names are great in the history of the United States in its earlier days, but what of the men who bore them? But why should any Grand Lodge be proud of the names of Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, or John Quincy Adams? We are justly proud of those names as illustrious in the history of our country. They were eminent as lawyers, statesmen, orators and patriots. But why commend them in the records of Masonry? As American citizens we may well be proud of them, and ready to do all honour to their memories,—but not in connection with Freemasonry. Adams was a great and far-seeing statesman; Henry Clay was the peer of Adams, while as an orator he stood pre-eminent. And Daniel Webster, great, stern, massive Daniel Webster, in all respects, I think, he was the greatest man our country has produced. His very presence was an inspiration, and commanded the homage of all he met. It is said that once, while walking along a street in London, England, a gentleman was greatly impressed by his appearance and bearing, and inquired who he was. "Daniel Webster, from the United States," was the reply. "Is that the great statesman?" said the querist. "Why he looks like a Cathedral!" And no better description of the appearance of the great Webster was ever given. All three of the men named were honoured statesmen, while two of them were among the greatest orators of the age. Every American may well be proud of seeing such illustrious names on the escutcheon of their country, but not in connection with Freemasonry. What did they do for our Institution that their names should be commended on the records of a Grand Lodge? Another generation who "knew not Joseph," seeing these names mentioned with pride in connection with Masonry, will take it for granted that they were Freemasons. But, from the present standpoint, I ask what claims have they to Masonic commendation? Let us see. But allow me to suggest that these Reporters are writing for the future, as well as for the present, and hence great care should be exercised as to what should be placed on record. It is this heedlessness of the past that has created such confusion and contradictions in the history of Freemasonry. Be careful to make and leave the records accurate, and in historical matters take nothing for granted that is not susceptible of proof.

ADAMS—WEBSTER—CLAY.—The mother of Adams was a noble woman—far above the sanctimonious pretensions of the earlier New Englander. Her husband was in Philadelphia as a member of Congress at the time of the Bunker Hill battle, at which the Grand Master Bro. Dr. Warren, was slain. Soon after, Mrs. Adams wrote to her husband, giving the details and results of the conflict. In this letter she says: "We heard from a deserter that our valued friend, Bro. Warren, dear to us in death, was not treated with any more respect than the common soldier; but the savage wretches called officers, consulted together, and agreed to sever his head from his body and carry it in triumph to Gage (the British General). What humanity could not obtain the rites and ceremonies of a Mason demanded. An Officer who, it seems, was one of the Brotherhood,

requested that, as a Mason, he might have the body unmangled, and find a decent interment for it. He obtained his request, but upon returning to secure it, he found it already thrown into the earth, only with the ceremony of being first placed there, with many bodies over him." That woman, who wrote so kindly of Masonry, was the mother of John Quincy Adams, one of the most vindictive Anti-Masons of his day. When the Morgan excitement began, he, with others, caught the contagion and joined the "army of invasion." He wrote a large volume in a series of "Letters on Masonry and anti-Masonry," in which the Institution was condemned in terms of unrelenting hostility. He denounced Freemasonry, and said all he could to injure it and bring it into disrepute. But neither his high political standing, nor great name and great abilities could avail. Freemasonry lived on and prospered, and will live and prosper after its defamers shall be forgotten. But why we should now place on the records of a Grand Lodge, and in commendatory terms, the names of a vindictive anti-Mason, I cannot conceive. Distinguished as he deservedly was as a statesman, he was also distinguished as an enemy to Freemasonry.

Daniel Webster, in some respects, had few, if any, equals in his day,—or before or since. Intellectually he was "head and shoulders" above his contemporaries, though he lived in an age of great men. He was not a Freemason, and on one occasion, at least, treated the Fraternity with great contempt, if not insult. The present Monument on Bunker Hill was dedicated 17th June 1843. It was erected, not by the Craft, but by an association of patriotic citizens, who revered and wished to honour the memory of Warren. Fifty years before, in 1794, King Solomon's Lodge, at Charlestown, secured a donation of the ground, and erected a monument upon it in memory of their Grand Master Warren. The square and compasses, with other Masonic emblems, and an appropriate inscription, were engraved upon the shaft. John Foley jun., was Master of the Lodge, and at the dedication of the monument delivered an address. In 1825 the "Bunker Hill Monument Association" was organised to erect on the ground a much more massive and imposing structure. By mutual arrangement the ground and obelisk were transferred to the new Association, with the condition that an exact copy of the original shaft, greatly reduced in size, should be placed within the pedestal of the new Monument, and there preserved.

The new Monument, as stated above, was dedicated 17th June 1843. The President of the United States, with his Cabinet, distinguished citizens, and a vast concourse of people were present, and there, too, was King Solomon's Lodge, in full regalia, and at his head was the same John Foley jun., who had officiated as Master and delivered an address at the dedication of the original Monument erected by his Lodge.

Daniel Webster pronounced an oration on the occasion, one of the most eloquent that ever fell from his lips. But while patriotism, heroism, Warren and battle were all brought into review, not a word about Freemasonry. There was the model of the first Monument built by the Lodge; around him were the members of that Lodge; by his side on the platform was the venerable Foley, in costume, who, nearly fifty years before, had dedicated the first Monument. Mr. Webster could not have been ignorant of the facts, nor of the historical events connected with the structure, but he uttered not one word on the subject, nor alluded to the Craft in any way, in its connection with the imposing obelisk before him. The Lodge and the Craft were left severely alone—treated with silent contempt! Why? It is difficult to tell. It may have been from prejudices imbibed by the earlier years of the anti-Masonic excitement, but in 1843 there was little danger to be apprehended by a politician; and besides, Mr. Webster had, or ought to have had, too much stern good sense to be influenced by such thoughts. His studious failure to refer to the Craft, and to Dr. Warren as Grand Master when he laid down his life for his country, must have been intentional, but his reason for it now slumbers with him in the grave. There let it remain, for great men sometimes have failings, as well as less prominent ones, and there is use in all for "The broad mantle of Masonic charity." But why the name of Webster, great and patriotic as he was, should receive honourable mention on the records of the Grand Lodge is beyond my comprehension. I honour the man as an orator and statesman, but he is entitled to no special regard in connection with Freemasonry.

Henry Clay, "The great commoner," one of the most eloquent men of his day, and every pulsation of whose heart throbbed for freedom and his country, was a Mason in early life, and "did well for a season;" but political life and aspirations and anti-Masonry caused him to neglect and then to ignore the Fraternity. When the anti desired a candidate for the Presidency, they wrote Mr. Clay to know if he was a Mason, and what were his views about the Institution. His reply, substantially, was—that when young he had become a Freemason, but he had given it no attention for so long a time that he did not think he could gain admission to a Lodge. Cold shoulder again! But what an admission for a Past Grand Master! And why should such men now have honourable mention on the records of a Grand Lodge, however much we may honour them in other relations? The brethren referred to by the Reporter, as bearing these names, are doubtless good men and true Masons, but they did not select their names, and I am only writing of men of other days known by such names; of men who had no claim upon the Institution, and yet receive flattering notice on the records of a Grand Lodge.

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SATURDAY, 31st MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Fbury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1462—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistons
 1065—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Anstralian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 198—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Arlington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1881—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 29—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street Bath
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 238—York, Masonic Hall, York
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1619—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1673—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1678—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R.A. 262—Sa'opian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, D'arcy-street, Bradford
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Molesey
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Durdee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Parasparity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 131—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 384—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 M.M. 161—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL.

- 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Luzard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Pammre, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Potobillo-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 328—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northsea Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Si'urian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 673—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 833—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley.
 1167—Ainwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Ainwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rockdale
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THURSDAY, 5th APRIL.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, Waite Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 701—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 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, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1860—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Creven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 268—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 308—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 380—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 448—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Derley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padigham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 681—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
 R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
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 M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 6th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 788—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 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. (In.)
 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1489—Marques of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1398—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 7th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1840—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

An ordinary meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were present Bro. Walter John Forrest W.M., who presided, supported by the following:—Bros. W. B. Fendick S.W., H. S. Hunter J.W., P. T. Brearey P.G. Steward P.M. Treasurer, G. F. Swan P.M. Secretary, G. F. Moads S.D., W. Englefield J.D., R. A. Kirkaldy I.G., H. Esling Steward, G. Willson I.P.M., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. P.M., F. T. Edgington P.M., W. Salisbury, S. H. Barrow, J. H. S. Palmer, S. Bannell, J. W. Edwards, W. Monks. Visitor—Bro. A. G. W. Richman S.W. Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. Jas. H. S. Palmer and S. Bannell were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the third degree was conferred on Brother Samuel Harry Barrow. After some routine work, Lodge was closed. Previous to the banquet, and while the Secretary was arranging his papers, the brethren re-entered the Lodge room, headed by Brother P. T. Brearey P.M., who acted as spokesman for the occasion. Bro. Brearey stated that their worthy Secretary doubtless anticipated that the members of the Lodge had finished with him for that evening. But he (Bro. Brearey) was pleased to say there was something more to be done; and a gratifying duty had been entrusted to him. He would therefore ask Bro. Swan to accept, in testimony of the esteem in which he is held by the members, an illuminated vellum, the inscription upon which he would read, as follows:—

EMBLEMATIC LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, ENGLAND, No. 1321.

This Testimonial was presented to

Bro. GEORGE FREDERICK SWAN,

Past Master, Secretary and Founder of the above Lodge,
 on the 15th March 1883,

as a record of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members; as a testimony to his unvarying urbanity and integrity, and in appreciation of his assiduous attention to his various Masonic duties.

WALTER JOHN FORREST W.M.
 WILLIAM BARNES FENDICK S.W.
 HENRY SAMUEL HUNTER J.W.

On hearing this inscription read, and receiving at the hands of Bro. Brearey the elegant Testimonial, Bro. Swan, who appeared completely taken by surprise, was about to speak, when Bro. Brearey said, he would crave his attention a little longer. The brethren who desired to do honour to their zealous and energetic Secretary, had likewise commissioned him to ask Bro. Swan to accept a purse, and he was authorised to say that the amount it contained had been subscribed privately; not a penny had been taken from their Lodge Funds. In handing it over, he begged Bro. Swan to accept it in the spirit in which it was offered,—as a slight recognition of many and invaluable services rendered by him during the thirteen years he had been associated with the Lodge. After this graceful compliment had been fervently, but in brief terms, acknowledged by Bro. Swan, the brethren partook of a capital banquet, where the after proceedings were of an exceptionally agreeable character. We may add that Bro. Swan was the first W.M. of the Emblematic Lodge, and on leaving the chair was appointed Secretary, which post he has filled ever since.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1040.

The annual election meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly attendance, under the presidency of Bro. James Boulton W.M. There was an abundance of work on the agenda paper, and the various items having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren proceeded to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, their choice falling unanimously on Bro. Frank Herold, who has acted efficiently as Senior Warden during the past year. The Treasurer was re-elected, and a Tyler was appointed; after the transaction of some other business, the brethren and Visitors partook of a banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, and the proceedings agreeably interspersed with music.

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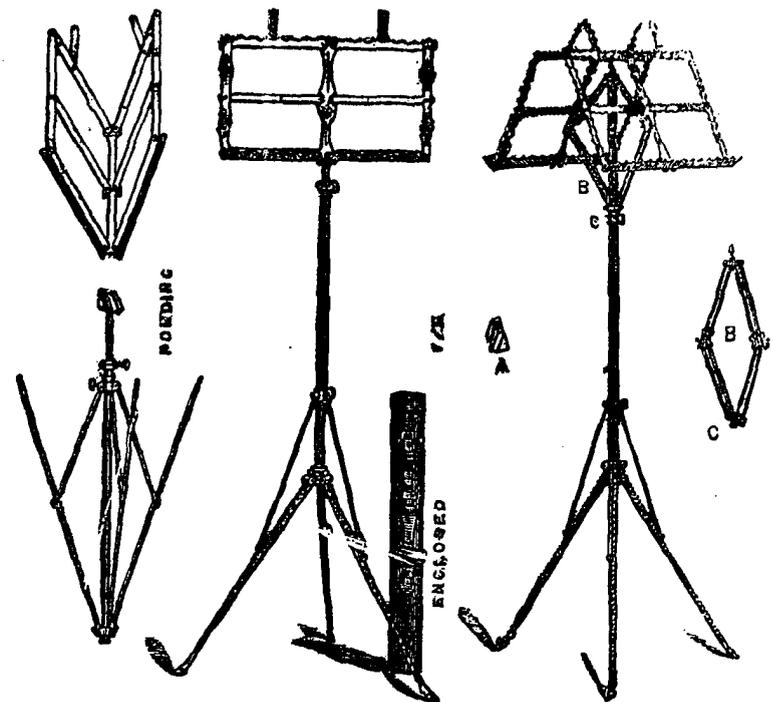
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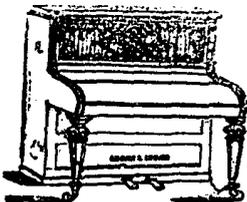
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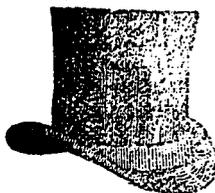
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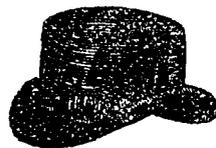
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