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THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IN presenting to our readers a brief outline of the particulars furnished in reference to the circumstances of the several candidates offering themselves for election at the contest on the 18th inst., we can but again express the hope that those most deserving of support may ultimately be found at the head of the poll. There are, unfortunately, a very much larger number of applicants than vacancies, and it is to be regretted that there is little chance that the number of the latter will be materially increased unless many of those already on the funds of the Institution are removed by the hand of death. Much as we and others would like to see many more of the "Old People" now seeking election admitted at this year's contest than is at present proposed, we hardly think any one will really wish it when we consider the only condition by which such increase is possible. The Institution is kept up for the purpose of lessening the troubles and toil of declining years, and we feel sure that all who subscribe to it do so with the desire that each of the annuitants may live for many years to enjoy the provision thus made for them.

It is very difficult to estimate the particular degree of suffering endured by those in distress—as some of our recent correspondents and others have argued; and it is not our present purpose to attempt to determine who is the worst off—the man who, formerly in affluent circumstances, has an income now reduced to "very moderate" dimensions, or he who, never having had much more than "very moderate" means, now finds himself deprived of even these. We have before us a list of one hundred and twenty old people who seek election to the benefits of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and of these only thirty-eight can, as at present arranged, be relieved. Which then shall be the fortunate thirty-eight? All have claims on us, but all are not similarly circumstanced as regards number or ability of friends, and it is only those who can secure a large number of votes who have a chance of succeeding. Of the one hundred and twenty candidates, fifty are aged brethren competing for twenty-three annuities, and to these we shall first direct our attention. Of this total, nineteen were initiated in London Lodges, twenty-nine in Country, and two in Foreign. The Provinces which are represented are:—Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Lancashire (East), Northumberland, and Yorkshire (West), each with three candidates; Cheshire, Devonshire, and Kent, each with two; and Dorsetshire, Essex, Lancashire (West), Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Somersetshire, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Yorkshire (North and East), each with one. The Foreign cases come respectively from Gibraltar and Hong Kong Lodges, while the London candidates were initiated respectively in Lodges Nos. 7, 25, 27 (two candidates), 45, 87 (two candidates), 177 (two candidates), 180, 181, 185, 188, 211, 554, 733, 834, 871, and 1185.

We will take the London cases first. No. 22, John Martin Baab, was initiated in Royal York of Perseverance Lodge, No. 7, in 1836, and paid thereto for 32½ years. He is now, at the age of nearly 80 years, compelled to seek aid from the Institution, for which he has been a Steward, and is a Life Governor. Few, we imagine, are more worthy to receive an annuity; the present is his first application.

No. 47, Richard Churchill, was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, in June 1843, but only remained a member of it for six months. For fifteen years after he seems to have taken no interest in Freemasonry, for it is not until 1859 that he again appears as a subscribing member, he having joined No. 157 in March of that year; from that date until 1877 he has remained on the books of Grand Lodge—since 1863 as a member of No. 969, of which he was one of the founders—and shows a total of twenty years' subscription. He was formerly in good circumstances, but is now compelled to seek aid from others; speculation having reduced him to penury. He is afflicted with rheumatism, and has a helpless sister dependent upon him. No. 30, James Shepherd, and No. 50, John Thomas Jones, each received Masonic light in the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, the former in 1852, and the latter in 1868. Bro. Shepherd continued his subscription as a "mummy" for 6½ years, and then, after a short interval, joined No. 201, to which he subscribed for 11¼ years, giving him a total of 17¾ years' subscription. Loss of business compels him now to seek the assistance of the Benevolent Institution, of which he is a Governor. Bro. Jones continued his allegiance to his mother Lodge until his retirement from active Masonic life, which took place in 1879, after a membership of 11½ years. He now finds himself, at the age of 74, unable to follow his business, and therefore appeals to his brethren of the Craft. The members of the "old Egyptian" will not let him long remain out in the cold, unless there is some reason for their not helping him. No. 6, G. H. T. Dyer, initiated in the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, in 1853, continued his subscription thereto for 26¾ years. He is now partially paralyzed, and comes forward with 367 votes to his credit from last election. The Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87—that most zealous of patronisers of the Benevolent Institution—is accredited with the initiation of two of this year's candidates, No. 9, Joseph Lewis, and No. 29, James Goodchild. Bro. Lewis was initiated in 1862, and continued his subscription until 1880. Ill-health and infirmity prevents his following his employment. He brings forward 536 votes from last election. Brother Goodchild is a younger Mason, having been initiated in 1872; he continued his subscription until 1881, a total of 9½ years. Indigent circumstances and paralysis are the claims he now puts forward in support of his application. The Domatic Lodge, No. 177, is also represented by two of its children, viz., No. 42, William M. Ford, and No. 46, Christopher Wilcox. Bro. Ford was initiated in 1856, and then subscribed for three years; he re-joined the Lodge in 1871, and continued on its roll until December 1878, a total of eleven years. Bro. Wilcox was initiated in 1858, and paid until 1873; since then he has taken part in the foundation of Lodge, No. 975, at Richmond, and joined No. 780, at Kew Bridge. Ill-health renders him incapable of following his occupation. No. 16, W. Harrison, initiated in St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, in 1854, has paid Grand Lodge dues for 14 years, five from his mother Lodge, and nine from No. 733, London. Reduced circumstances, old age, and infirmities are pleaded on his behalf. He was only able to poll 11 votes at last year's election. No. 34, B. Banks, initiated in Universal Lodge, No. 181, in March 1829, has a record of 35½ years membership, made up in his mother Lodge and in Nos. 186, 619, and 534. The recent death of his mother-in-law leaves him quite unprovided for. No. 39, Ralph M. Smith, a P.G. Steward, has

had a varied connection with Freemasonry, stated at 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ years. Initiated in Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, in 1856, he paid to that Lodge for three quarters of a year. He then joined No. 145, and paid one year. About the same time he joined No. 23, and paid to it for a matter of 12 years; No. 619, to which he subscribed for two years, and No. 742, to which he paid 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ years. The Grand Stewards' Lodge received him in 1860, and again in 1868, his payments on the first occasion being for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, and on the second 3 years. He has served the office of Steward, and is a Life Governor of the Benevolent, and also of the Girls' School; the abolition of his office in the Bankruptcy Court is stated to have deprived him of the means of livelihood. No. 15, James L. Langley, initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, in 1856, paid until 1878. Losses in business, coupled with old age, have compelled him to seek the benefits of the Institution. He has already had 509 votes polled in his behalf. No. 17, Francis Harper, owes his initiation to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, to which he belonged from 1856 to 1875. He joined No. 382 in 1868, and continued a member thereof for three years. He suffers from severe disease of the eyes. No. 41, William Brafield, an initiate of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1862, shows eleven years' membership to his mother Lodge. Loss of trade, old age, and sickness of self and wife have placed him in destitute circumstances. He subscribed to the Institution for ten years, a fact which should get him some little support. No. 35, Hannibal Gardner, was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, in 1858, and paid thereto until 1881. He joined No. 27 in 1861, and remained on its roll until 1877. His only means of support for some time past has been the engrossing of Warrants and Patents of appointment for Grand Lodge. His age is nearly 74. No. 28, Charles Fitzwater, initiated in Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, in 1861, paid until 1869, and again from 1873 to 1878, a total of 15 years. Failure in business has rendered him unable to support himself and family. He has been a Steward for the Benevolent, and is a Life Governor thereof. No. 26, Robert West, an initiate of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, subscribed thereto for 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. He is a Governor of the Benevolent and Girls' School, has lost all his property, and is unable to gain employment in consequence of extreme deafness. No. 49, William F. Tubby, concludes the London list. He was initiated in Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, in 1868, subscribing until 1880. He was also a member of No. 11 from 1871 to 1880. He is now suffering from diseased brain, and is permanently incapacitated from following his occupation.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight comes first on our list of Provincials, and sends No. 7, Charles Sarl; No. 13, Alexander Reid; and No. 43, Thomas R. Weston. Bro. Sarl was initiated in 1863 in Lodge No. 35, Cowes, and paid thereto until 1879; he joined No. 551, Ventnor, in 1876, and paid to it for five years. He is now without employment. Has thirty votes forward from last year. Bro. Reid was initiated in Southampton (No. 359) in 1863, paying to his mother Lodge until 1876; he afterwards joined No. 195, Bournemouth, and paid until 1878. He has twenty-one votes in hand; is without any means of support. Bro. Weston appears now for first time. He was initiated in No. 487, Portsmouth, in 1853, paying thereto until 1868. Is now much reduced in circumstances. Receives pension of 8s 6d per week from Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers.

Lancashire (East) initiated No. 25, Andrew Wade; No. 33, Thomas Nuttall; and No. 45, Richard Wild. The former was received into No. 381, Over Darwen, in 1837, and paid thereto for 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ years. He joined No. 1476, Blackpool, in 1874, and paid six years. He suffers from chronic rheumatism, and is too infirm to follow his occupation. Bro. Nuttall, for thirty-six years (from 1842) a member of his mother Lodge, No. 215, Haslingden, is unable to earn anything, in consequence of ill health. Bro. Wild can also show long adhesion to his mother Lodge, though in his case the term is reduced to twenty-seven years. He was initiated in 1855 in No. 226, Littleborough, and is now, through paralysis and old age, dependent on his children.

Northumberland is responsible for No. 2, John Patterson; No. 37, Joseph Robertson; and No. 38, Noach S. Lotinga. Bro. Patterson was admitted to Freemasonry in No. 393, Berwick, in 1852, and paid for twenty-eight years. He is now incapable, and has only £6 16s a year coming in—a pension from the Aged Seamen's Fund. He polled 158 votes last election. Bros. Robertson and Lotinga were both initiated

in No. 431, North Shields, the former in 1857, and the latter in 1846. Bro. Robertson paid to his mother Lodge for 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ years, and to No. 991, Wellington Quay, for 18 years. Bad health and an accident render him unable to support his wife and family, his receipts as Tyler of two Lodges being his only income. Bro. Lotinga rejoined his mother Lodge in 1851, and paid for thirty-one years. He also subscribed to No. 424, Gateshead, for six years. He has been a Steward for the Benevolent, is Life Governor of that and the Girls' School, and Life Subscriber of the Boys. Losses in business and failing health has placed him in great poverty.

Yorkshire (West) has No. 31, Ben Exley, No. 32, Thomas Collins, and No. 44, William Stork, accredited to it. Bro. Exley saw the light of Masonry in No. 208, Dewsbury in 1842, and continued a member of that Lodge until December 1881. A severe accident, coupled with losses in business and bad trade render him unable to support himself and family. Bro. Collins was initiated in No. 290, Huddersfield, in 1830, and paid until 1836; he joined Lodge 275 in 1837, and remained a member until 1882. The failure of a bank ruined him, and his great age, upwards of eighty years, renders him unfit to return to his occupation. Bro. Stork, initiated in (late) No. 681, Ripon, in 1848, joined No. 837 in 1860, and paid for 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ years. Age and failing health render him unfit for work, and his savings only amount to a small sum.

Cheshire is represented by No. 21, Michael Coffey, and No. 36, William Radford. The former was initiated in No. 89, Dukinfield, in 1864, and paid until 1880. He is incapacitated, through an accident, has no means of support, and is in great poverty and want. The latter was initiated in (late) No. 651, Chester, in 1847, and subscribed until end of 1852. He joined No. 765, London, in 1863, and paid to it for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. A severe accident and paralysis have permanently incapacitated him from earning a living.

Devonshire sends No. 5, George Cole, and No. 24, John L. Towing. Bro. Cole subscribed to his mother Lodge (No. 248), Brixham, for 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ years; he is now incapacitated, through chronic rheumatism and defective sight; he has a pension of £3 8s a-year from the Merchant Seamen's Fund. He brings forward 13 votes from last year. Bro. Towing was initiated in 1870, in Lodge No. 372, Budleigh Salterton, and subscribed to it for 12 years. Infirmary and failing sight renders him unfit to follow his trade.

Kent has also two cases—No. 11, Charles Benjamin Bennett, and No. 12, Frederick John Knott; both took part in last year's election, and then secured 509 and 508 votes respectively. Bro. Bennett was initiated in No. 77, Gravesend, in 1853, and paid until June 1856. He joined No. 1382, London, in 1871, and paid to March 1881. He is dependent on a small commission, which is insufficient to support him. Bro. Knott, initiated in and for 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ years a member of No. 429, Ramsgate, is, through rheumatic gout, quite unable to follow his occupation.

The remaining cases are each from separate districts; we take them in the order they appear on the list, except that we shall leave the two candidates who were initiated abroad until last. No. 1, George Ensell, a Birmingham brother, was initiated in No. 43, in 1856, and paid to June 1867. He also joined No. 739 in 1858. He is permanently incapacitated, and without means of support. The present is his fourth application, and he comes forward with 238 votes to his credit. No. 3, James Hayter, for 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ years a member of No. 40, Hastings (1858—1879) was formerly in good circumstances, but is now entirely dependent on charity. He brings forward 283 votes from two previous elections. No. 10, Francis Joseph Wirtzfeld, was initiated in No. 382, in 1863, and remained on its roll until 1870. Chronic rheumatism and contraction of the spine has rendered him unfit to follow his occupation. He brings forward 346 votes from last year. No. 14, Daniel Heigho, for 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ years a member of the Province of Essex, is permanently incapacitated, through a fractured thigh. He secured 43 votes last election. No. 18, John Kingsbury, initiated in No. 261, Taunton, in 1843, paid for 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ years; misfortune and loss in business have rendered him entirely destitute. No. 19, William Norman, was initiated at Harleston, in No. 85, in 1854, and paid to that Lodge for 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, he then joined No. 959, Ipswich, and paid to June 1880. Ill health and old age have caused the loss of his business, and he has no friends to help him. No. 20, Thomas Sansom, shows a total of 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ years payments to G. Lodge; 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ years as a member of No. 170, Weymouth (his

mother Lodge, wherein he was initiated in 1852), and 17 years as a member of No. 1037, Portland. Decline of business, and bad health compel him to seek aid from the Institution. No. 23, John Musham, an initiate of No. 200, Scarborough, in 1871, subscribed for $5\frac{1}{2}$ years. Business misfortunes and paralysis are given as the reasons for his present appeal. No. 27, Frederick Allies, initiated in No. 529, Worcester, in 1847, continued his subscriptions until 1853—thirty years ago. He is in very straightened circumstances, and is paralysed. No. 40, Thomas Ashmore, was for $18\frac{1}{4}$ years connected with No. 823, Liverpool, he having been initiated there in 1863. His only income for himself and wife is £20 a-year from the "Hamer Masonic Benevolent Fund, West Lancashire." No. 48, Jonathan Wright, shows a total of 34 years dues having been paid. He was initiated in No. 555, Framlingham, in 1848, and paid there until June 1858. He joined No. 71, Lowestoft, in 1852, and again in 1859. Through depression of trade, and old age, he is unable to obtain employment.

From abroad we have No. 4, John Inwood, and No. 8, Thomas William Sewell, both of whom now make a second application. The former was initiated in No. 153, Gibraltar, in 1868, and paid thereto until 1873. He joined No. 697, Colchester, in 1874, and paid for one year. Age, infirmity, and a most painful disease combine to render him incapable of earning a living. He has a pension of 1s 6d a day. He brings forward 158 votes. Bro. Sewell first saw Masonic light in Lodge No. 1026, Hong Kong, in 1873. He is totally blind, and without any means of support, a distant relative upon whom he was formerly dependent being now unable to maintain him. This, the last case of the fifty on the list of Old Men candidates for the 18th instant is certainly, to all appearances, one of the most deserving, even if it is not the one that should have first attention.

We have so far only devoted ourselves to the Male list; there yet remains seventy Widows, each of whom is entitled to some notice at our hands, but we regret it is not in our power to consider their claims as fully as we have done in the case of the men. Our aged brethren have in a measure the first claim on our attention, and such being the case, we have referred to each one individually, with the result that we have already outrun the space at our disposal. We must therefore be very brief in our remarks respecting the widows, although it must not be assumed that by such action we consider the widows the less deserving of relief at the hands of the Craft.

London is responsible for twenty-two of the seventy candidates for the Widow Annuities, that is to say, the husbands in twenty-two of the cases were initiated in London Lodges. Of the remainder, forty-five come from Provincial initiates, one from a Jersey Mason, one from a Military Lodge, and the other from New Zealand. Glancing first at the London cases, we find the following Lodges to be represented, viz. :—Nos. 1, 7, 8, 11, 22, 25 (two applicants), 73, 79, 87, 142, 147, 169, 173, 179 (three applicants), 186, 188, 206, 554, and 780. No. 28, M. M. Rodgers, is a widow whose husband was initiated in No. 1 Lodge, he subscribed to it for $11\frac{3}{4}$ years. The present is her third application, and she brings forward 66 votes. No. 30, A. T. H. Wood, Lodge 7, shews 20 years payment by her husband to his Mother Lodge. She has 512 votes in hand from two previous contests. No. 53, S. A. Mardon, is a first application. Her husband was initiated in and paid to No. 8 for 14 years. No. 12, Mary Geary, third application, has 243 votes in hand. Her husband paid for $34\frac{1}{4}$ years; as a member of Lodges Nos. 11, 19, and 120. No. 33, E. Haynes, whose husband paid for 18 years, in Lodges 22 and 27, brings forward on this her second application 522 votes. The two candidates from Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, are 29, C. Murrs, and 67, H. Rebbeck. The former's husband paid to his mother Lodge from 1840 to 1850, and to No. 503, Maidstone, from 1844 to 1859. This is her third application, and she brings forward 594 votes. The latter (Rebbeck) can only show $5\frac{1}{4}$ years payments from her husband, $1\frac{1}{4}$ to his mother Lodge and 4 to No. 43, London. No. 54, S. Timms, first application, records $10\frac{1}{4}$ years payment by her husband, as a member (and initiate) of No. 73. No. 59, R. Perridge, is the representative of No. 79, to which Lodge her husband paid from 1863 to 1878. He also joined Nos. 1320 and 140, his total years payments being $25\frac{1}{4}$. The Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, puts forward No. 56, M. Heppel, the husband of whom paid to that Lodge for $14\frac{1}{4}$ years. No. 49, J. Polkinghorne's husband

shows a Masonic life of 27 years, 3 years of which was in his mother Lodge, No. 142, and the remainder in No. 121, Penzance. No. 26, A. Roberts, brings forward 924 votes from two previous trials. Her husband was initiated in No. 147, and remained a member for 10 years. The next case, No. 27, M. Nowlan is the representative, of No. 169, also a Deptford Lodge, her husband was initiated in 1857, and paid for 14 years. Lodge No. 173 is represented by No. 8, E. Lafittau, widow of an initiate of 1866, who paid for one year; he afterwards joined No. 91, in 1871, and subscribed to the time of his death in 1879. The Manchester, No. 179, appears as the mother Lodge of three of the applicants' husbands, viz. :—Nos. 3, 21, and 45. No. 3, E. M. A. Child, now makes a sixth application, with only 430 votes in hand. The husband appears to have left the Manchester Lodge immediately after his initiation, and joined No. 177, to which he subscribed from 1836 to 1859. No. 21, L. Greig's husband, was initiated in 1851, and subscribed for $17\frac{1}{2}$ years. She has been more successful as regards votes, having secured 942 at the last two contests. No. 45, H. Evans, brings forward 252 votes from last year. Her husband remained a member of the Manchester Lodge for $19\frac{1}{4}$ years (1838-1857), and then joined the Vitruvian, No. 87, to which he paid for 8 years (1857-1865). No. 40, E. Bowen, makes a second application, and brings forward 275 votes. Her husband, an initiate of No. 186, paid for $13\frac{1}{2}$ years, $12\frac{1}{2}$ to his mother Lodge, and one to 1223, Westerham. The Joppa, No. 188, has a representative in No. 66, F. Isaac, whose husband, initiated in 1855, subscribed for $15\frac{3}{4}$ years. No. 20, P. A. Rumsey, brings forward 594 votes from two previous elections, her husband was initiated in No. 206, in 1841, and remained on its roll until the time of his death in 1879, a term of thirty-eight years. Brethren of the Friendship Lodge, is 594 votes the most you can collect for the widow of this old member in two years? surely 38 years "Friendship" should do more. The Yarborough, No. 554, initiated Brother Morrison, the husband of E. Morrison, No. 36 on the present list, and he continued a member until his death $11\frac{1}{2}$ years after. The widow had 1342 votes polled on her behalf last year, another instance of the way in which this pattern East End Lodge helps its old members. This is in striking contrast with the last case. No. 17, S. Rigarfsford, brings to an end the list of London representatives. Her husband saw the light of Freemasonry in the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, in 1864, and continued a member thereof for $12\frac{1}{4}$ years. She comes forward for the third time, with six votes. Brethren of the Royal Alfred, this is not as it should be; we hope you have an answer to the charge of neglect which appears justifiable here.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight has five representatives. No. 11, Mary Smith—husband initiated in No. 30, Southampton, in 1839, and afterwards joined No. 359, Southampton, paying two years to the former, and twelve to the latter. She brings forward 172 votes from two previous contests. No. 18, E. Hill, is also a Southampton case. The husband was initiated in No. 421 in 1851, and continued his membership thereof until 1856. He joined No. 251, Barnstaple, in 1863, and paid there until 1879, total $20\frac{1}{2}$ years. The widow has 273 votes forward from two elections. No. 19, H. M. Madeley, comes forward for the third time, with six votes to her credit. Her husband was initiated in No. 342, Portsea, in 1851, and paid to that Lodge until his death in 1865. He joined No. 903, Gosport, in 1862, and also paid there until his death. No. 42, M. Russell, is a second application, and she has 263 votes to her credit; the husband was an initiate of No. 132, Ringwood, and subscribed to that Lodge for $13\frac{1}{4}$ years (1844-1857). No. 55, L. Lovelock, is another Southampton case; her husband was initiated in No. 359, and remained a member thereof for twenty years, until his death in 1876.

Kent is also represented by five widows, whose husbands were initiated in Kentish Lodges. No. 15, E. Pearson, has 1279 votes brought forward, she having already stood two elections; her husband was initiated in No. 503, Maidstone, in 1847, and continued a member for $25\frac{1}{2}$ years. No. 16, M. Pelton, has had similar experience as regards number of elections, but it is evident her turn for Provincial support has not yet come, as she has only received ninety-four votes so far. Her husband was an initiate of No. 299, Dartford, and remained a member of his mother Lodge for thirty-six years. No. 22, Z. Emmerson, is another third application case, and she has secured 678 votes. The husband was initiated in No. 429, Ramsgate, and was on

the list of members of that Lodge for ten years from 1837, so that it is something over thirty-five years since he last subscribed. No. 61, J. M. Townsend, is the widow of an initiate of No. 158, Sheerness, who paid to that Lodge for thirty-six years. The present is her first application. No. 69, E. L. Cooley, shows a total of thirty years membership for her husband. He was initiated in No. 184, Old Brompton, in 1855, and remained a member until 1863. He joined No. 20, Chatham, and subscribed from 1857 to 1867. Was first W.M. of No. 972, Canterbury, in 1863, and remained on its roll till 1866, and joined No. 1449, Canterbury, in 1873, and continued as a member until 1881.

Lancashire (East) provides four of the seventy. No. 25, J. Greenwood, now makes her third application, with six votes in hand; a small number it is true, but not necessarily an indication of want of sympathy on the part of the Lancashire brethren. The votes of the Province are well organised, and doubtless Mrs. Greenwood's time for attention is not far distant. Her husband was initiated in No. 308, Todmorden, in 1832, and paid almost up to the time of his death, his payments being given as extending over forty-six years. The other three cases are all fresh ones—Nos. 62, 63 and 64. The former, M. A. Petty, is the widow of an initiate of No. 204, Manchester, who paid to that Lodge for 25½ years, from 1850. He joined No. 1009, also of Manchester, in 1864, and paid there for 14 years. No. 63, E. Greenwood, gives her husband's initiation as far back as 1827, when he was admitted to No. 26, Burnley. He remained on the roll there for 18½ years. No. 64, A. Hargreaves, gives 16¼ years as her husband's membership, all of which were spent in his mother Lodge, No. 369, Clitheroe.

Devonshire, Durham, Lincolnshire and Suffolk are each represented by three cases. The first on the list from Devonshire is No. 7, J. Maddick, who, with 13 votes in hand, now comes forward for the fifth time. Her husband was initiated in No. 156, Plymouth, in 1845, and continued a member of that Lodge for 23½ years, until 1869. No. 23, E. M. Thomas—third application—has 571 votes in hand. She is the widow of an initiate of No. 1125, Tiverton, who was a member of that Lodge for 11 years (1866-1877). No. 31, E. Chapple, is also a Plymouth initiate's case. Her husband was "made" in No. 159, in 1855, and paid thereto until 1867. He joined No. 954, Devonport, in 1863, and continued on its roll until 1877. He also paid to No. 1099, Stoke Damerel, from 1866 to 1877.

Durham puts forward No. 1 on the list, J. Elliott, an old lady of 80 years of age, who now makes her tenth application, with a total of 764 votes brought forward. Her husband died in 1860, so that the brethren of the Province have had time to forget any grievance—if they had any—against him, and therefore have no excuse for neglecting his widow. Surely it would be better to make an effort to get this old lady elected, if she is deserving, or get her name removed from the list if she is not. Her husband was initiated in No. 124, Durham. No. 5, S. A. Allen, sixth application, has only 439 votes on hand, so that it would appear Durham is not a very sympathetic Province for a deceased brother's widow. Her husband was initiated in No. 531, Hartlepool, in 1857, and paid until 1868. No. 44, M. Crisp, secured but 8 votes at last election. Her husband was initiated in No. 97, Sunderland, in 1861, and paid for 20 years.

Lincolnshire takes the next oldest candidate on the list, but there is three years difference between her and Mrs. Elliott, just referred to. No. 2, A. Wakefield, has 919 votes in hand with which to commence her seventh application. Her husband was initiated in 1840, in No. 362, Grantham, and paid for 35½ years, or up to within a few months of his death, which occurred in 1875. No. 14, C. Copeland, brings forward four votes from the last two elections. Her husband paid for 18 years to his mother Lodge, No. 588, Sleaford. No. 38, A. Parker, is widow of another Sleaford initiate, her husband being admitted a member of No. 588, in 1860, and remaining on the roll for twelve years.

Suffolk has two second application cases and one first. No. 43, A. W. Davis, is the widow of an initiate of No. 959, Ipswich, who remained on the roll there from 1867 to 1874. He subscribed to No. 1278, London, from 1874 to 1879; and to No. 1677, London, during 1877 and 1878; a total in the three Lodges of 13 years. No. 47, C. Golding; her husband was initiated in No. 332, Hadleigh, in 1838, and paid until 1841. He rejoined in 1854, and paid up to

1880. He was also a member of No. 5, London, from 1856 to 1861. No. 68, E. A. Cook, is another Ipswich case; her husband being initiated in No. 376, in 1834, and remaining a member until 1840. He joined No. 959, also of Ipswich, and paid from 1863 to 1868.

Essex has two cases. No. 13, S. Fenning, whose husband was initiated in No. 51, Colchester, and No. 58, M. Jager, whose husband saw "light" in No. 453, Chingford. The former's husband was admitted in 1839, and paid for 36 years; the latter's in 1859, and he continued his subscription until 1880.

Yorkshire (North and East) has two cases, as likewise has the Western Division of the same county. No. 6, M. Rowell, now makes a fifth application, bringing forward 368 votes. Her husband was initiated in Lodge 543, Stokesley, in 1851, and paid to his mother Lodge until 1866, a total of 16½ years. No. 10, S. Greathead, is a third application, the number of votes brought forward being 363. Her husband was for 33 years a member of Lodge 123, Richmond, in which he was initiated in 1841.

Yorkshire (West) puts forward two first applicants, No. 50, E. A. Barras is widow of a brother who was initiated in, and for 19 years subscribed to, No. 131, Sheffield, while No. 51, M. Matthews, is the widow of another member of the same Lodge, who joined in 1864 and paid up to December 1870.

We have now come to the end of the Provinces from which more than one case originates, and in view of the great amount of space already devoted to this review, and also with the feeling that where only one case occurs, no comparison is needed, we shall content ourselves with merely giving the heads of the remaining Provincial cases, as follows:—

Province.	No. on list.	Name.	Husband's Lodge of initiation.	Total Years' subscribed.
Berks and Bucks	65	J Leaver	414	33½
Cheshire	70	M Harbord	477	14½
Coruwall	34	J Penman	589	24
Lancashire (West)	4	N Gambell	241	24½
Monmouthshire	41	L Cathcart	471	16½
Northumberland	48	E G Beattie (late)	138	24½
Nottingham	32	C C H V Buckley	402	11½
North Wales	46	E Potter	384	24½
Oxford	52	E Hobbs	340	28½
Somersetshire	35	C S L Pratt	446	11
Sussex	24	F Stubington	38	12½
Warwickshire	9	S Coates	468	13½
Worcestershire	39	H Caswell	377	11½

The Jersey case is No. 60, S. Croad, widow of an initiate of No. 590, who from 1859 to 1876 continued a subscribing member of his mother Lodge.

No. 37, M. A. Watson, represents the military element, her husband having been initiated in (late) No. 633, H.M. 89th Regiment in 1829. He remained a member of his mother Lodge until 1836. In 1844, another Lodge was started in the same regiment, and Bro. Watson was enrolled on the list of founders—to this he subscribed for ten years.

Last, but, as in the case of the old men, not the least worthy of support, comes No. 57, J. Tribe, who gives a total of thirteen years as her late husband's Masonic career. He was initiated in No. 604, Lyttelton, N.Z., in 1853; he joined No. 609, Canterbury, N.Z., in 1860, and became first W.M. of No. 1241, Totara, N.Z., in 1866. There are doubtless many brethren who have votes at their disposal, whose connection with New Zealand in years gone by will induce them to lend a helping hand to one of that colony's Masonic daughters. Let us hope that Mrs. Tribe will secure a place among the successful.

We feel that no apology is needed for any omissions we have made in the foregoing list. All we have done is to endeavour to show, in as plain a manner as possible, the claims which are being made upon the Benevolent Institution by the various divisions of English Freemasonry, and to give brethren an opportunity of finding out those candidates which may be of most interest to them without wading through the whole of the one hundred and twenty cases, a task which only needs to be done once to prove the utter impossibility of remembering the details of any particular class.

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MASONIC BLUNDERERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is a fable about an unfortunate ostrich which tried to cross a treacherous swamp; the poor bird sank into it and could not extricate itself. As its puny wings were of no use, it tried to get its legs out by sticking its head into the mud. But when, for obvious reasons, it endeavoured to pull its head out of the mire, it was forced to sink its legs again into the mud. Our Masonic writers seem to be in a similar predicament—they got into a swamp and cannot, or will not, wholly get out of it. As soon as one Masonic fallacy is exploded, they somehow manage to hatch another, or revive the old one.

It has been demonstrated again and again that so-called *Speculative Masonry* originated after 1717. It is certain that neither the pre-1717 Alnwick, nor Scotch Lodge records, or the "Old Charges" give any imitation of *Speculative Masonry* in those days. True, the Masons' coat of arms was decorated with a square and compass. But coats of arms of all other old guilds were also decorated with some kind of pictures to symbolise their respective trades. No one, however, pretends that, for instance, wheelwrights, coppersmiths, weavers, &c., amused themselves at their gatherings with puzzling out the symbolic moral teachings of the pictures on their banners. What reason, then, have we to suppose that Masons, and Masons alone, indulged in such speculations?

The recent numbers of the *Freemason* contain letters filled with new discoveries about the antiquity of *Speculative Masonry*. The writers do not pretend to trace *Speculative Masonry* to the days of Adam, or even those of King Solomon. Oh, no! They are out of the swamp as far as that kind of antiquity is concerned. But still, they are not satisfied with the antiquity of 1717, and must therefore try to make it even ever so little older; and therefore they reason after the following fashion: Elias Ashmole was initiated in Warrington in a Masons' Lodge in 1646. Therefore, says Bro. Kenning's *Cyclopaedia*, Ashmole, "is so far the first *Speculative English Mason* of whom we have distinct evidence." But recently a writer discovered that in 1603 a non-operative was admitted into the Masonic Brotherhood; the worthy editor of the *Freemason*, therefore, shifted the beginning of *Speculative Masonry* to 1603. But another writer calls attention that in 1600 some gentleman was received into Lodge membership in Scotland, which discovery caused additional rejoicing to the antiquity *yearners*. The beginning of *Speculative Masonry* is now traced to the year 1600.

But, with all due respect to the respectability and learning of the said writers, I would like them to inform me what reason or authority they have for nicknaming Ashmole and other pre-1717 non-operative members of the Masonic Brotherhood as *Speculatives* or "Speculative Masons." Surely the Masonic Fraternity in those days was not the only guild or Operative Fraternity which admitted non-operatives into its ranks; but, on the contrary, it was a common practice in the seventeenth century, at least, for guilds to admit gentlemen, noblemen, or even a King into their societies. Each guild, indeed, claims the patronage of such non-operative members. One illustration will however suffice at present.

In the fourth volume of the *Freemason*, page 332, I furnished information, drawn from a work called "Progresses, Processions," &c. of James I., by J. B. Nicols; that in the year 1607, King James I. and his son Henry, and a host of courtiers, feasted with the "tailors and drapers," when Prince Henry and the courtiers were admitted to membership of the Tailors' and Drapers' Guild. King James was also invited to become a tailor, which invitation he declined, because he was already a *cordwainer*. Now, surely, no one ever presumed to call Prince Henry and the courtiers *speculative tailors*, nor did any one ever style King James a *speculative cordwainer*. The mere fact of non-operatives being admitted to membership of an operative guild did nowhere turn them into *speculatives*; why, then, do our Masonic writers insist on applying the phrase "speculative" to Masons, and Masons only?

The fact, is "Speculative Mason," when applied to Ashmole and other gentlemen who joined the Masonic Brotherhood in the 16th or 17th century, is simply a *misnomer*; the very phrase "Speculative Mason" was unknown in the days of Ashmole, and the application of that phrase to those old non-operative Masons is but a very recent invention, probably not eighteen years old. But having succeeded in fastening the name (speculative) upon Bro. Ashmole, they most absurdly come to the conclusion that Ashmole *speculated*, and hence they made him the founder of *Speculative Masonry*. But since it has been found that gentlemen, or non-operatives, were members of Masons' Lodges before Ashmole's time, they are now ready to swear that *Speculative Masonry* dates back even to an older period,—the Lord alone knows when.

Briefly then, if our hankers for "speculative" antiquity cannot furnish reasonable proof that *Speculative Masonry*, as explained in our Ritual, was practised in Masonic Lodges in the 17th century, it is high time to cease misapplying the word "speculative" to Elias Ashmole and other non-operative Masonic worthies of the 17th century.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 22nd April 1883.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTION FOR WIDOWS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the case of Mrs. Jane Tribe, No. 57 on the List. The late Bro. G. H. Tribe I knew intimately for many years after his arrival in New Zealand. He, like many other of the pioneers, suffered from the excess of adroop fortune, as well as enjoyed the advantages of success. He was always an energetic Mason, in act as well as in word, and his wife, the lady now seeking relief at our hands, was highly respected. After losing her breadwinner, she followed the example set by her late husband, and energetically went to work to maintain herself by keeping a school. Deafness, however, set in, and she was obliged to relinquish that occupation, and tried the letting of lodgings; but her hearing getting worse and worse, that source of subsistence failed her also. Gradually all her valuables were parted with, until she was compelled to seek relief from the Board of Benevolence. What she obtained from that source gave her temporary relief, and she now seeks at the hands of Freemasons under the English Constitution,—Brethren, yet strangers,—a place of rest for her declining years. The late Bro. Tribe having spent nearly the whole of his life in the Colonies, it comes particularly hard for Mrs. Tribe to solicit interest on her own behalf, as her late husband was quite unknown to the English Brotherhood. She has, therefore, only his reputation and the merits of her own case to depend upon; and what are his merits? He was initiated in the Lodge of Unanimity 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand, 1858; he was member of the St. Augustine Lodge 609, Christchurch, N.Z. in 1862; W.M. of the Totara Lodge 1241, Ross, Westland, N.Z., 1870; Dist. G.C., Westland, 1871; District Grand Treasurer, North Island, N.Z., 1876, and died the following year, having been an exemplary Mason for nineteen years. I now confidently appeal to the Craft in general, and the Colonials in particular, to come forward and help the candidature of Mrs. Tribe up to, and through, her election.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL (V.P.) P.M. 1607,
formerly of No. 609.

8 Thurloe-place, S.W.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Almoners and others in the southern counties should keep a sharp look out for an individual styling himself James Donovan, St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4, Johnstown, New York State, whose statements to me I have proved to be totally untrue. He was at Chichester on Thursday, the 3rd instant, and the brethren of the Lodge impounded his documents, waiting information from Johnstown. He is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, with a thick brown moustache, and looks as if he had not suffered much for want of food and shelter; has a slight impediment in his speech when talking fast.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS FRANCIS.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Roebuck (in the chair), Mather, Webb, Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Ramsay, Don. M. Dewar, W. Maple, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), J. Joyce Murray, H. Massey, E. Johnson, C. E. Soppet, Joseph Cleaver, John J. Berry, L. Ruff, A. H. Tattershall, Alfred Williams, Berridge, Baxter, Gillard, Festa, Adlard, Paas, Venn, Herbert Dicketts, Moon, Goodall, Stedwell, Motion, Skeggs, Godson, Saunders, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Secretary reported the investment of £2,067 10s. Eight candidates were placed on the list for the October election, and four grants were made to former late pupils of the Institution. Bros. R. W. Stewart, J. L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Ramsay, Saunders, Joyce Murray, Roebuck, Hunt, Paas, Moore, Dudley Rolls, and Godson were nominated for the House Committee; and Bros. Matier, Cubitt, Goodall, Hogard, Soppet, Venn, Maple, and Berridge for the Audit and Finance Committee, after which the meeting adjourned.

The installation meeting of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, took place on Wednesday. Full report in our next.

The Installation Meeting of the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will be held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday next, when Comps. Bryant, Levy, and Watts will be severally installed as Z., H., and J., by Ex. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THIS important event took place on Wednesday evening last, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., presided, and was supported by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex, Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, Viscount Ranelagh, K.C.B., Captain S. G. Homfray Deputy G.M. Monmouthshire, Captain Hunter P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke Grand Secretary, Ralph Gooding G.S.D., Colonel Peters Grand Sword Bearer, Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, Rev. H. A. Pickard P.G.C.; Robert Grey (Chairman of Stewards), Frank Richardson, Peter de Lande Long and J. A. Rucker Past Grand Deacons; J. Messent P.G.S.B., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, H. Smith P.G. Sec. West Yorks, J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., J. E. Le Fenve Past Grand Secretary Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Richard Eve P.G.W. Hampshire, H. A. Dubois Chairman Ladies' Stewards, C. Greenwood jun. P.G. Secretary Surrey, Dr. Morris, &c. &c. Over 300 guests assembled.

The Chairman in proposing the toast of the evening said he yesterday had the pleasure of attending at the distribution of prizes, and was glad to be able to announce that the School was in a most satisfactory and efficient state. It was gratifying to all to see the manner in which the girls went through their various performances; it showed that the education at the School had been carefully attended to. The domestic and useful arts had been laid great store by, at the same time the cultivation of accomplishments had been carefully watched; in fact the girls had done great honour to themselves in

the way they had distinguished themselves in their various avocations. In the Cambridge Local Examinations fifteen girls went up, and of them fourteen passed, three with honours, and two of them achieved honour for religious subjects. This was most gratifying, because it showed that where an amount of talent existed it was cultivated and made the most of. The satisfactory state of health which prevails at the present time does great credit to the doctor who looks after them. They had the satisfaction to know also that the mistresses, with the exception of Miss Davis—who at present was suffering from illness—had been pupils in the School. One of the assistant mistresses had recently been appointed head of the Masonic School in Dublin, and another girl had been appointed to the Bristol Asylum. That evidenced that those who were appointed to teach in the School were worthy of the confidence reposed in them. During the last ten years the School had increased its pupils from 112 to 230. This involved great additional expenditure, and additional responsibilities. The Committee never found themselves justified in spending every penny they received; they thought it prudent exercise of their responsibility to build up for themselves a certain amount of capital; but at the same time that prudent considerations guided them, it was well to remember their capital formed a very small portion of the sum necessary to conduct the School; and unless the liberality of Masons was exercised to a considerable extent the School must fail to carry out the great ends it at present was doing. In firm reliance on the liberality of the brethren the additional expenditure had been incurred.

Shortly afterwards the following list of subscriptions was announced:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Br. H A Dubois	25	0	0
Charles Hammerton	26	5	0
Peter de Lande Long	84	0	0
E C Mather	46	5	0
J H Matthews	26	5	0
Joshua Nunn	54	12	0
Lient.-Col. Jas. Peters	105	0	0
Frank Richardson	27	10	0

LONDON.

Lodge			
Grand Masters Br. James S. Burroughs	37	16	0
1 Br. J G L Hemmerde	28	7	0
1 R Gooding, M.D.	15	15	0
2 W H Rylands, F.S.A.	21	0	0
Chapter			
2 Comp. E Letchworth	52	10	0
Lodge			
4 Br. Capt. H A Bennett	14	14	0
5 F Pattison	33	12	0
6 B de B Lopez	10	10	0
7 John Donaldson	21	0	0
8 F J Rushton	10	10	0
9 James Forbes			
9 Russell Elliott	12	12	0
10 Rev. J W Palmer, M.A.	18	7	6
11 J H McQueen	38	6	6
12 W J Beedell	27	6	0
14 G S Walmsley	27	6	0
18 Samuel S Hasluck	36	15	0
21 T A I Howell, M.R.C.S.E.	35	14	0
22 Henry Povey	40	0	0
23 T W C Lenty	36	15	0
29 J D Von Dadelzen	24	3	0
33 John Henry Davis	46	4	0
49 James Moon	53	0	6
58 Oswald H Colven	60	18	0
73 Charles Rayden	38	17	0
91 Thomas Lough	36	15	0
143 James Boulton	75	12	0
165 Charles Belton	10	10	0
172 H Hoadley	52	10	0
179 Walter Dickeson	38	6	6
180 Geo. A B Fletcher	55	0	0
181 E W Stanton	26	5	0
183 A J Hirsch	26	5	0
185 & 1728 A E Staley	15	15	0
188 Lewis Lazarus	28	7	0
193 Walter Wood	115	10	0
197 Henry Irving	59	17	0
198 Robert Rowell	37	0	0
222 Robert Grey	199	10	0
259 Dr C Godson	72	9	0
511 Carter Milbourn	14	0	0
548 W E Batchelor	47	5	0
554 & 1605 G W Verry	98	14	0
569 W C Williams	15	15	0
617 & 1928 H Massey	20	0	0
657 J D Matthews	39	18	0
733 Charles J Kilby	20	0	0
813 T J Cusworth	72	18	6
822 F Abbott	37	16	0
834 A C Bean	108	11	0
871 J J Pakes	21	0	0
898 C Chapman	60	18	0
902 T Spearing	52	10	0
1056 J Boulton	101	17	6
1269 B G Frampton	34	12	0

Lodge

1278 W H Making	18	17	6
1287 W Cleghorn	106	1	0
1328 F Kirk	36	15	0
1365 J S Badkin	15	0	0
1365 E M Mallet	21	0	0
1382 G T Limu	62	4	3
1383 M P F Caulfield	149	2	0
1426 A F Kibble	91	7	0
1446 T Griffiths	45	0	0
1472 V J Holloway	33	0	0
1491 P H Waterlow	116	11	0
1538 T Barlow	25	18	6
1540 C Graham	20	0	0
1584 A Perrot, B.A.	15	15	0
1602 W Morris			
1615 Col. G H J Haldane	65	2	0
1632 H Baldwin	21	0	0
1657 S Benton, M.D.	105	0	0
1658 T Edmonston	63	0	0
1668 C Ochse			
1669 A C Bradley	65	2	0
1672 J Perkins	27	9	0
1704 J E Elliott	58	16	0
1719 J F Porter, M.D.	144	18	0
1765 G F Smith jun.	20	0	0
1768 & 1124 A C Spaull	60	18	0
1768 J R Jones	34	13	0
1791 J Neilson	130	0	0
1804 Rev. R H Atherton	27	0	0
1818 J Clever	57	15	0
1820 F J Vialls	54	1	6
1829 H Clarke	40	0	0
1839 J Wooley Brooke	33	12	0
1900 G P Festa	147	0	0
1949 H B Marshall, C.C.	105	0	0
1963 R J Vincent	100	0	0

UNATTACHED.

Edgar Bowyer	94	0	0
T W C Bush	68	5	0
W H Farnfield	57	15	0
James Garner	15	15	0
T S Howell, M.R.C.S.E.	10	10	0
William March	10	10	0
James Salmon	21	0	0
G Smith, F.R.C.S.	23	2	0
A Torkington	10	10	0
Rev. A F A Woodford	23	2	0
E C Woodward	10	10	0
W H Kempster, M.D.	17	17	0
W Poore	10	10	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

711 Br. W H Gardener	30	0	0
Chapter			
840 Comp. Rev. F W Harnett	23	7	0
Lodge			
948 Br. A S Marling	21	0	0
1101 Richard Dowsett	60	0	0
1501 Richard Pattick	31	10	0
1565 Rev. Arthur Fearon	17	14	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Prov. & 88 Br. N J York	128	2	0
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CHESHIRE.

89 John Clayton	48	17	0
1289 Henry B Bare	26	5	0
1565 George Richardson	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

Province Capt. H G Colvill	42	0	0
Lodge			
1151 Controller S G Bake	31	10	0

CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND.

Unattached			
George J McKay	26	5	0

DERBYSHIRE.

1235 John Stanley	70	7	0
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DEVONSHIRE.

99 H W Madeley	66	3	0
444 William R Woodman	126	10	0
1402 John Lane	10	10	0
Unattached.			
H H Locke			

DORSETSHIRE.

1027 R N Howard			
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DURHAM.

Province & 111 H Maddison	86	2	6
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ESSEX.

276 J P Lewin	37	5	6
1000 W D Merritt	28	6	6
1545 H E Dehane	31	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

839 R Vassar Smith	21	0	0
John Mullings	15	15	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

W Wither B Beach, M.P. (Chairman)	52	10	0
35 A Barfield	82	19	0
76 T Stopher	77	16	6
130 C W A Jellicoe	110	5	0
151 C E Lock	46	4	0
195 E W Rebbeck	93	19	6
257 T K Williams	42	0	0
309 E Goble	31	10	0
Chapter			
309 Comp. Rev Dr White	15	15	0
Lodge			
342 Bro. John Brickwood	124	19	0
694 Rev. A G Barker	100	0	0
698 & 1869 Rev. J N Palmer	34	13	0
723 R Glasspool	98	14	0
785 John Broster, M.D.	23	2	0
903 F Powell	67	4	0
1331 Richard Eve	56	14	0
1373 William Tasker	36	16	0
1780 Joseph Stevens	82	19	0
1903 Thomas Page	129	3	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

449 George Mickley	26	15	6
493 Lieut. R B Croft	24	14	0
1327 E West	96	12	0
1479 Isaac N Edwards	10	10	0

NOTICE.—FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

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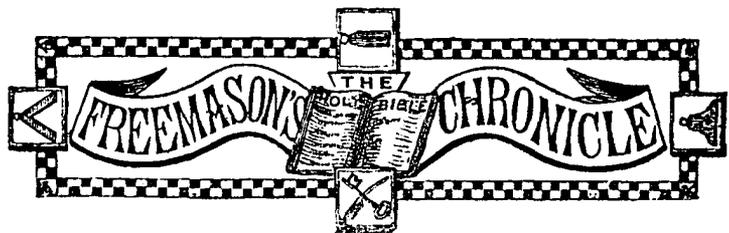
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THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

WE have very little in the way of additional particulars to add to the account given last week in this journal. As we then stated, the fire, which broke out shortly before midnight, resulted in the total destruction of the Temple. The cause of the catastrophe has been proved to be through a beam which was in too close proximity with the passage of a flue from the adjoining Tavern, and the only wonder now is that the sad event did not occur sooner than has been the case.

We are indebted to a correspondent for the following particulars:—

On Thursday night, at 11.45 o'clock, the Grand Tyler of the Hall communicated to Bro. Dawkins, the manager of the Tavern, his suspicions that something was smouldering, and these two officials proceeded to examine the various rooms, when it was seen that smoke issued from the roof over the room known as "The Temple," and some of the Tavern staff were at once ordered to connect fire hose to the second floor hydrant in the Tavern, and play upon the point of assumed danger, with the result that a powerful stream of water poured upon the roof in less than two minutes after the order was given. Further examination revealed the fact that a serious fire was raging in the south end of the Temple, and Bro. Dawkins deemed it necessary to enter that room by the vestibule connecting the two blocks, but, on being prohibited by the Grand Tyler, he caused the pair of iron doors in the banquetting room to be opened, and found the second pair of similar doors, which were distanced 19 inches from the first pair, and closed a passage through the wall separating the Grand banquetting room from the Temple, glowing hot, and so distorted that they had to be forced open, and then was the seat of mischief made apparent. A second hydrant on the first floor was now made use of, and another line of hose taken through the banquetting room, from which a stream of water was dexterously directed into the body of fire which had already begun to threaten to extend to the Tavern portion of the building, but was now attacked in a manner which held the flames so well in check that when the Fire Brigade arrived, some fifteen minutes later, the

work of extinguishment was much easier than would have been the case had not Messrs. Spiers and Pond taken timely precaution to furnish the Tavern, in September last, with Messrs. Merryweather and Son's system of Fire hydrants and hose.

It appears most marvellous that the destruction of property was so limited, as it is impossible to say what proportions the flames would have assumed but for the promptitude with which they were attacked, and the praiseworthy measures taken to confine them. The Tavern has sustained but a few pounds value of damage, while the whole of the rooms of the Hall, other than the Temple, remain intact.

The following is an epitome of the damage done:—

The South end of the flooring consumed and fallen into the wine cellar beneath; rest of flooring and carpet slightly damaged with water.

The handsome fluted pilasters, ornamental skirting and wainscoting, with the beautiful ceiling and roof consumed, as far as concerns the south end, and remainder damaged by heated smoke.

The handsome marble statue of the late Duke of Sussex blackened with smoke, a "bow" broken off the shoe of one of the feet, and the linen covering consumed.

The front case of organ charred, a few pipes damaged, and the ivory keys destroyed.

The Grand Officers' seats partly consumed and otherwise damaged. The ten valuable paintings of Past and Present Grand Masters completely charred, and the features of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales are alone distinguishable, while the gilt frames for the most part remain intact; thus showing the rapidity with which painted canvas is ruined when subjected to highly heated smoke, because actual fire did not reach any of the pictures. The Deacon's chairs are greatly damaged, but the Grand Masters' and two Grand Wardens' chairs are untouched. The preservation of the main portion of the two blocks of buildings is due alone to Merryweather's fire extinguishing appliances, and the creditable application of them by the Tavern employes.

In reference to this subject an article appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of Saturday last, which we take the opportunity of reproducing:—

Free and Accepted Masons in every part of the United Kingdom—and, indeed, all the world over—will regret the burning of the "Temple" attached to the Freemasons' Tavern in Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. This magnificent hall—architecturally one of the handsomest rooms in England—was the headquarters of the influential Craft presided over by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; it was the meeting-place of Grand Lodge, whence the entire English Masonic system is ruled and regulated. Fortunately, the valuable regalia and the "throne" have been saved intact, and but little damage has been inflicted on the beautiful white marble statue of the late Duke of Sussex, the work of the eminent sculptor Bailey—a great artist and a good Mason. For the rest, this splendid apartment, decorated at immense cost and in perfect harmony with the purpose to which it has been applied, is a mass of wreck and ruin. The full-length portraits of a long series of Past Grand Masters—all save a likeness of the late Duke of Kent—are burned out of their frames in the wainscot, blistered and peeled beyond recognition or revival, or rent into shreds by the action of the flames. In parts the flat gilded woodwork is entirely consumed, showing the brick wall behind, in parts it is charred and splintered. Galleries, cornices, fluted columns have given way and tumbled down, a confused mass of blackened rubbish. Scarcely anything remains of the mystical and wonderful roof with its splendid sun in burnished gold, and its exquisitely wrought signs of the Zodiac. All that the loving pains of William Cox designed to be the masterpiece of his art has perished in a few hours. The gilded seats of the Officers of Grand Lodge, of the Master, Wardens and Deacons, are partly burned, partly smashed to pieces, and what were the pedestals have entirely disappeared. Strangely enough the vast carpeted flooring, though strewn with debris and soaked with water appears to be intact everywhere, except in one corner in close contiguity to a pair of iron doors which shut off Grand Lodge from the large banqueting hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. The party wall stood the test of the flames wonderfully well, for while the "Temple" is completely gutted, the great room on the other side of the brickwork remains untouched by fire, and apparently free from damage. This nobly proportioned and elegantly and elaborately ornamented chamber was ninety-two feet long, forty-three broad, and more than sixty feet high. Although it is not deemed discreet to disclose even the minor details connected with the ancient secret and impressive Ritual of Freemasonry, there is no harm in saying that the Craft will feel keenly a misfortune which deprives them of a resort associated with the best work, and dedicated to virtue, universal charity, and benevolence. The loss is the more to be regretted because the "Temple" was the first home which English Freemasons could call their own.

The origin of the Craft is shrouded in mystery; and what learned Masons know of its foundation they do not disclose to the uninitiated. Just enough to tantalise inquisitiveness and not sufficient to satisfy the thirst for knowledge is as much as they will confide to the outer world. Here, again, there is no offence in revealing the fact that the Brotherhood is devoted to charitable works, and to say that its members cannot be bad men and good Masons at one and the same time. They who know nothing whatever of the Craft pretend that there is no secret, otherwise it would long ago have leaked out. Freemasons, however, do not resent, or even regard, that kind of criticism. They know what they know, and, while leading the lives of worthy and respectable citizens, and attending to their work, suffer rancour to say its worst. Enough for them that the Craft speaks all languages, and is united in a common brotherhood on sea and shore, in every country and clime. One most learned and accomplished Mason dates

its history from the creation of the world. Others are satisfied to come nearer our own time, and do not pretend to find the Masonic family tree planted in the Garden of Eden. Of course the Temple of King Solomon was built by the brethren on the top of Mount Moriah, over against Mount Olivet; and all the Freemasons employed on the work, exclusive of the two G. Wardens, amounted to one hundred and thirteen thousand. Pythagoras belonged to the Craft; but whether he learned what he knew in Egypt and India, or elsewhere, is not quite certain. No one needs to doubt that the professors of Thales and Anaxagoras, and the pupils of Plato, and the Meno with whom the Wise Man of Samos was on the most friendly terms, were competent to enlarge his Masonic researches. It is an historical fact that he studied under Pherecydes, of Syrus, a strict believer in the immortality of the soul. Whether Pythagoras intended his Freemasonry to be a political protest against the tyranny of Polycrates, tyrant of Samos, and to what extent he meant it as a bond of contented and refined Communism, is open to dispute; but what he taught at Crotona remains the foundation of a great deal of our modern Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. How much English Freemasonry retains of India, Egypt, Judea, Greece, and Rome is a matter for Masons, if they can do so, to decide among themselves. It will be enough for those who are not of the Craft to recognise that the Institution in England is associated with several noble and most praiseworthy Charities.

Freemasonry has been of two kinds, Operative and Speculative. Formerly, at least in this country, the vast majority of the brethren were more or less connected with the building trades, either as patrons, as designers, or as handicraftsmen. The Ancient Britons, the Romans, and the Saxons had among them initiated persons; and in later times all our great historical structures, ecclesiastical or lay, were built by members of the Order. Henry VI. took a lively interest in the Craft; "Bluff King Hal" was Master of a Lodge, as was also the "Merry Monarch." It is an indisputable fact that St. Paul's Cathedral is tinctured with the science from the foundation-stone to the top of the golden cross. Not only was Sir Christopher Wren the father of Modern Masonry, but from the time when he flourished may be dated its present peculiarly speculative character. When the famous architect grew old and weary, the Lodge of St. Paul, over which he presided, fell off in numbers and influence; and it was agreed among the few remaining members that the Order, its privileges and mysteries, should be thrown open to men of other professions. Prior to the reign of Queen Anne, a few non-practical Masons were initiated, but "speculative" brethren were rarely to be met with. Then, and for a long time afterwards, the Craft were without headquarters. A Lodge used to meet at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, the second part of which sign may possibly have suggested the ridiculous notion that a certain humble piece of ironmongery is associated with the ceremony of initiation. Another Lodge met at the sign of the Crown, in Parker's-lane, Drury-lane, another at the Rummer and Grapes, in Channel-row, Westminster, and a fourth at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent-garden. It was at the Apple Tree that a few old Masons constituted themselves a Grand Lodge in the year 1717. From that date English Masonry has grown and flourished; and, though it has had its troubles and its schisms, is now more than ever powerful and useful. Based on the principle of equality of man, it owes not a little of its prestige to the friendliness and companionship of Royal and noble personages. Continuing to extend the sphere of its influence, the Craft gradually amassed property, and in the year 1771 the Honourable Charles Dillon, Deputy Grand Master, introduced a bill in the House of Commons to incorporate the Society by Act of Parliament. The measure was opposed, and at the desire of many of the brethren was withdrawn on the second reading. Freemasonry, however, having made for itself a recognised name, was no longer content to date from a tavern, and the members of Grand Lodge, held at the Crown and Anchor, in the Strand, sought for themselves a local habitation. In the year 1772, Lord Petre being at that time Grand Master, a large sum was subscribed for the purpose of building a suitable hall; and, two years later, they purchased a plot of ground, consisting of a couple of fine houses and a large garden, the site of Thursday's fire. Afterwards a further sum of money was raised by tontine. The building progressed quickly, and on the 23rd of May 1776, the Grand Lodge of England, which used to meet in inns and in the halls of the City Companies, was first installed in that beautiful home which is now no more. Although it is morally certain that a "Temple" as fine or if not finer than the building which has perished so suddenly will in due time rise from its ashes, yet Freemasons as a body will lament the loss of their first, and heretofore their grandest and best-beloved shrine, associated for more than a century with countless noble and glorious memories that cannot die.

According to the *Keystone*, the Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, was crowded with brethren at the last meeting of Montgomery Lodge, No. 10, on Thursday evening, 5th April, to listen to a eulogy delivered by Bro. William A. Sinn P.M. Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, on the death of Bro. James Reynolds P.M. Bro. Sinn, from his long personal acquaintance with the deceased, and his close connection with him during his Masonic career, was eminently fitted for the task which he assumed. As Bro. Sinn arose, his stalwart form, and his sympathetic, and yet clear and distinct enunciation, claimed the profound attention of all present. His reference to the Past Masters was very effective, and the Grand Tyler surprised his friends by his eloquent and masterly address. The resolutions attached were unanimously adopted, and a copy of the proceedings will be sent to the family of the deceased.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE annual visit of the Stewards to the Royal Masonic Girls' School took place on Tuesday, the Festival Chairman of the year, R.W. Brother W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, presiding. This meeting invariably draws a large attendance, and in spite of the disagreeable surroundings on a wet day, this was the case on the present occasion. The musical performances and the recitations were given with spirit, while the drawings exhibited on the walls were greatly admired. The following is the official programme :

Part I.

Part Song—"The Lord is my Shepherd"—Schubert.
Duet—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"—Mozart—24 hands.
Trio (Little Girls)—"Gavotte and Minuet"—Boccherini—36 hands.
Recitation—"William Tell"—Gurney—Athalinda Allison.

Prizes to the Highest Pupils—

Ada Huyshe Clase, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Brother William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Louisa Marion Thomson, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Brother William Winn. Gertrude H. Mey and Mary S. Norrish, £2 10s each, part of £5 for Proficiency, given annually by Brother William Winn.

From the Institution, for Passing Cambridge Examination in Honours—Emma Lizzie Bridgeman (Gold Medalist of last year), Ada Huyshe Clase, Gertrude H. Mey, Mary S. Norrish.

For Passing Cambridge Examination—Mabel E. Bingham, Fanny E. Lapington, Kathleen A. A. Collins, Mary L. Bowler, Beatrice L. Turner, Violet H. Lang, Kate L. Parker, Colina Sharp, Eleanor E. Spurning, Edith M. Potts.

Part II.

(Little Girls)—"Toy Symphony"—Romberg—16 performers.
Recitation—"King John and the Abbot of Canterbury"—Ada Tanare.
Duet—"Lucia di Lammermoor"—Donnizetti—24 hands.
Recitation—"Maid of Bregenz"—Miss Proctor—Lilian Stephenson.
Part Song—"Rise again, Glad Summer Sun."

Prizes given by the Institution :—

Music (vocal and instrumental), Mary A. Johnson; Drawing, Mabel E. Sandford; Needlework, Mabel E. Bingham, Harriette Chrimes, Amy L. Kirke, Adelaide M. Brunskill; Machine Work, Clara M. Cowley and M. M. Smith; General Usefulness, Ada Carter and Mary J. Feltham; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year), Adelaide F. Laycock, Agnes A. Deeley and Juliet Priestley; Neatness, Laura S. Spurr; Magnetism and Electricity. (Class I.—Science Examination), Clara Kingcombe, Catherine A. Peele and Minnie Ansell.

Class II.—Clara Kingcombe, General Proficiency; Julia M. Hervey, General Improvement; Edith Hicks, Perseverance.

Class III.—Agnes A. Deeley, General Proficiency; Mary A. Wyatt, Perseverance.

Class IV.—Mabel Lewis, General Proficiency; Rosamond Laybourne, Perseverance.

Class V.—Grace K. Bartrum, General Proficiency; Nina Prideaux, Drawing.

Part 3.

Recitation—"Morceaux d'Esther"—Racine—Fanny E. Lapington and Kate L. Parker.
Duo—"Capriccio"—Mendelssohn—12 hands.
Recitation—Ada Huyshe Clase.
Quartette—"Dichter und Bauer"—F. Von Suppe—24 hands.

Prizes given by Friends of the Institution :—

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work :—Beatrice Lilian Turner.
By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French,—Fanny E. Lapington.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution.—Ada B. Tanare, Lilian Stephenson, and Athalinda Allison.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct and General Usefulness.—Dora Scott and Grace Simmonds.

By a "Lewis."

Mathematics and Electricity (Class I. Science Examination) :—Emma L. Bridgeman.

Physical Geography (Class I. Science Examination) :—Fauny E. Lapington.

General Improvement (1st Class) :—Mona B. Hennet.

French Recitation :—Kate L. Parker.

2nd Prize for Calisthenics and Department :—Bessie Reed.

2nd Prize for Cookery :—Florence Armitage.

By Friends of the late Collard Montrie, for Music :—Gertrude H. Mey.

By Brother and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music :—Hannah Mabel Ward and Rose A. Bridgeman.

The St. James "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery) :—Edith H. Escott.

The Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct :—Meta Bell Braisier.

By Brother John Faulkner, for Amiability (as selected by her

Schoolfellows) :—Mona Hennet; Cookery, Louisa M. Thomson; Magnetism and Electricity (Class I.—Science Examination), Ada Huyshe Clase and Mary S. Norrish.

By Mrs. Edgar Rowver for Needlework :—Lucretia C. A. Wilton, The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music :—Ada Huyshe Clase, Helena Pidduck and Mary Bowler.

Good Conduct :—Marian S. Cooper.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing :—Mabel E. Bingham.

Writing :—Catherine A. Peele and Eleanor A. Lindlow.

Usefulness in Domestic Duties :—Annie Maria Strong.

By Bro. C. E. Atkinson, for Religious Knowledge, as distinguished at Cambridge Examination :—Ada Huyshe Clase, Gertrude H. Mey.

By Bro. Robert Grey :—For General Good Conduct, Mabel E. Sandford; Fancy Work, Florence Armitage; Calisthenics and Department, Maude M. Cowley; Calisthenics and Department (among Little Girls), Eliza Louisa Johnson.

National Anthem.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Bro. Peter de Lande Long, and Brother Beach in reply expressed the gratification he had experienced in attending. He had visited the School some years back, but since that time it had increased in numbers, and he was pleased to find that efficiency had kept pace with that increase. The calisthenic display would have done credit to a body of well disciplined soldiers. Brother Beach remarked that all would regret the enforced absence of Miss Davis, through illness, but all felt they were much indebted to her for the trouble she had taken in her conduct of the School. After referring to the long services of Miss Jarwood, and recognising the indebtedness of the Institution to Dr. Howell for his care of the children, Brother Beach concluded by saying of the pupils they might be called upon to join in various vocations, but he trusted they would be incited by the successes that had attended their efforts that day to regard those successes as stepping-stones to future achievements in building up a further scheme of knowledge to that which they had acquired. He trusted it would always be a characteristic of the Freemasons' girls that they would remember and love those who possibly might never leave the Institution, and in after life would look back to the associations which they had formed, and reflect upon the happy hours they had spent within those wards. After refreshments had been partaken of by the Visitors, a second calisthenic display was given, and then dancing was indulged in until an advanced hour.

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On Monday, the 21st inst., the Youell Mark Masters' Lodge, No. 317, at Gorleston, near Great Yarmouth, will be Consecrated by the Right Hon. Lord Henniker M.W. Grand Mark Master, and the Worshipful Master installed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary. The Province of East Anglia, consisting of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambridgeshire will then be constituted, and the M.W. Grand Master having consented to take charge of the Province will be installed, as Provincial Grand Mark Master, by M.W. Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Mark Master.

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The Times, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 12th MAY.

- 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 178—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1674—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1688—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon

MONDAY, 14th MAY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Ho'l, Lincoln Inn Fields
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1868—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Remondsey
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Marble-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 688—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
 R.A. 119—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 202—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 370—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th MAY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 111—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)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stoney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1346—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Caninae Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1421—Earl Spencer, Swan Ho'l, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, O'd White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1609—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st., at 8 (In.)
 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. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 1265—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clanton, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

- 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangeferni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Frestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 105—Fortitude, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 310—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
 R.A. 416—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
 R.A. 480—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
 R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
 R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY.

- 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-ri., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 619—Beacon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, 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)
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Dick'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.)
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1801—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 693—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 885—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1311—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1443—Sale n, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1624—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1692—Hervay, George Hotel, Hayes
 R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
 R.A. 238—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Trowbridge
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 17th MAY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 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.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pleasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)

- 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C.
 1623—West Northfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1673—London, Middle Row Station, E. London
 1677—Camden, Old Woodside, Gray St. John's, Camden, N.W.
 1930—Southampton, 100, West New Street, at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1932—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, St. John's, near Lavender Hill
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 831—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
 R.A. 1218—Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundels
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Cardour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Saler-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blith
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West De by Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 253—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 M.M.—Canynages, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

FRIDAY, 18th MAY.

- Annual General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
 Emblematic Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 143—Midway, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrim, Swan Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammermith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clanton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules' Tavern, Leventhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, Loudon Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
 R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1624—Eccles, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Special Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1191—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequer, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 R.A. 63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 133.

THE installation of the W.M. elect—Bro. E. J. Acworth—of this venerable Lodge, took place on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Minor Hall of the Faversham Institute, East-street, Faversham. The brethren assembled at three o'clock in the afternoon, when the Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Stapleton Pavn, who was supported by Past Masters Dr. Genge (Treasurer), R. Griggs (Secretary), Underdown (I.P.M.), Longhurst, Girsad, J. W. Penton. The Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, honoured the brethren with a visit, and there was likewise a goodly gathering of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Officers of Lodges in the immediate district, as well as several brethren from the Metropolis. Among those brethren who signed the attendance book were Bros. G. Page P.M. 1209 P.P.G.J.D., R. Boughton-Smith W.M. 1915 P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland, E. G. Waltham 1915 and 31, H. M. Maugham Chaplain 1915, John T. Reeves S.W. 1915, E. J. Lawson Secretary 1915, B. Kelly Thorpe P.M. 709 P.G. Treasurer, Thomas Mitchell W.M. 20, W. Langshaw W.M. 1424, Herbert Black W.M. 1273, F. J. Seale P.M. 1273 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Iron S.D. 1273, G. Goble Organist 1273, W. G. Kennett S.W. 1273, John F. Solly W.M. 784, Thomas Bent P.M. 784, A. G. Spears 158 P.P.G.O., Edward Stuteley W.M. 158, George Green I.P.M. 158, C. Andrews P.M. 77, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, J. C. Barnard 1273, H. J. Price 1967 and 200. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master was announced. A deputation was formed, and he was escorted into the Lodge room, and saluted with the usual honours. Brother Acworth was then presented and duly obligated by Brother Pavn. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren who as yet are not entitled to don the levels were requested to retire. A Board of Installed Masters was opened under the presidency of Brother P.M. Longhurst, who placed Brother Acworth in the chair of the Lodge with the customary ceremonies. On the readmission of the brethren, the new Worshipful Master was saluted in the three degrees, and the Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—A. Greay S.W., F. F. Giraud P.M. J.W., Genge P.M. Treasurer, Underdown P.M. Secretary, Griggs P.M. S.D., Fuller J.D., Longhurst P.M. I.G. Brother Longhurst then gave the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and thus completed in admirable style his share of the business proceedings of the day. Brother Past Master Penton was elected Charities representative for the Lodge, and an announcement was made that the members were interested in the candidature of a lad who sought the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but who had not, as yet, secured the support of the Provincial Charities Organisation. A notice of motion for next meeting was handed in to consider the advisability of altering the Bye-Laws so far as they refer to the day of meeting. It has been considered by a majority of the brethren that the second Monday in the month, in lieu of the first Monday, would be more acceptable; but this will, later on, receive full consideration, when any advantages that may be likely to accrue from the projected change will be fully detailed. After a candidate had been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, a vote of thanks—to be recorded on the minutes—was unanimously agreed to be passed to Bro. Longhurst for the way he had conducted the ceremony of the day. After routine work, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where a capital banquet was served. The menu had been carefully considered, and great credit is due to the worthy proprietors of this old-established hostelry for the way they carried out their engagement. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., with due regard to brevity, spoke to the several toasts. After that of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung. Speaking of the Prince of Wales Bro. Acworth said all recognised the fact that the Most Wor. Grand Master had many duties to perform, but the interest he evinced in Masonic matters led to his being unanimously esteemed by Craftsmen throughout the length and breadth of the land. In speaking to the third toast—the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, Bro. Acworth said it might be urged in regard to this, that they "bear their blushing honours thick upon them." He had great pleasure in calling upon the brethren to drink to the toast. In proposing the health of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Viscount Holmesdale—"our very noble and approved good Master,"—the W.M. said his powers of speech were scarcely equal to the task of recounting the many services rendered to Freemasonry by Viscount Holmesdale. However, these were fully recognised by the Freemasons of Kent, and he could confidently leave the toast in the hands of the brethren to do it justice. In the course of his reply, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, after expressing his gratification at the way in which the toast had been received, made reference to the Revision of the Book of Constitutions now being undertaken. The proposed changes had received attention at his hands, and he was not unmindful of the vast interests involved in their consideration. With respect to what the Worshipful Master had said as to the lapse of time since he had visited the Lodge of Harmony, he might urge that he had very many and heavy duties to perform. Whenever he received an invitation from the Lodges in his Province, he gave the matter consideration, and, in this case, finding he had a day clear, he gladly availed himself of the opportunity to join the members, and was much gratified with the result of his visit. The next toast—the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present—was proposed by Bro. Past Master Longhurst. The zeal evinced in the Masonic business of the Province by Brother Eastes was eloquently dilated on by Bro. Longhurst, who regretted the inability of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to attend. With the toast was identified

the name of Brother Thorpe, the P.G. Treasurer, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid him and the other Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, who congratulated Bro. Acworth on his accession to the chair of a Lodge which had hitherto so worthily sustained its reputation. He trusted he might have a prosperous year. It was satisfactory to know that the Officers he would have to assist him in the conduct of the business brought to bear upon their work experience gained already. He might be pardoned for making a digression, but it was sometimes urged that certain offices were mere sinecures. He could not agree with this. He did not look upon any office in the Provincial Grand Lodge as a sinecure. He expected every Prov. Grand Officer to help him and his Deputy to sustain the prestige of the Craft. He was always much exercised when it came to the consideration of how the honours were to be distributed. In some Provinces, where there were only about eight or ten Lodges, it was not such a difficult feature as in one where there were as many as fifty Lodges. The W.M. briefly, but graciously, acknowledged the honour done him. The remaining toasts were rapidly pushed forward; they comprised the Installing Master, the Past Masters, the Visitors, the Wardens, the Press, the Junior Officers, and that of the Tyler. The speeches throughout were ably conceived and well to the point, while the day was enlivened by some capital songs and recitations.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

THERE was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren at the annual meeting of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, which was held on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, in the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth. Brother Thomas Page, the retiring Worshipful Master, having been unanimously re-elected, was installed by the acting I.P.M. (Bro. H. W. Townsend), to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks for his re-election, said, that but for the sudden and serious illness of Brother Colonel Bray, the Senior Warden, he should not have been again in that position; but he promised that he would do his best to give them satisfaction. The Secretary (Brother A. Leon Emanuel) read a telegram from Lord Charles Beresford, the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, expressing regret that he could not attend, and conveying his kindest wishes to the Worshipful Master and Brethren. A letter was read from Mrs. Bray, acknowledging a letter of sympathy from the Lodge. The Secretary added that he had the pleasure of seeing Colonel Bray on the previous day, and he undertook to convey his sincere thanks to the Lodge for the kindness which had been shown him. The Treasurer (Brother H. Threadingham) claimed the indulgence of the brethren while he attempted to discharge a duty which had been pressed upon him owing to the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M. They all knew of the circumstances which had led to the taking of the chair for the second time by Bro. Page, and it was only necessary for him to remark that the lamentable fact that Bro. Colonel Bray being stricken down by the stern hand of affliction, just about the time that he would have been elected to fill the chair, threw them into a dilemma, from which they were relieved by Bro. Page. Not only had he done this, but he was given to understand that he had added twenty guineas to the sum voted by the Lodge in order to swell the funds of the Institution for Girls. Many of them had on several occasions listened with no small degree of pleasure and delight to the excellent and efficient manner in which the general business of the Lodge had been conducted, and the ritual of the various degrees performed by Bro. Page, and because he had thus added materially to their Masonic edification they had thought the termination of his first year of office a fitting opportunity to present him with some tangible mark of their appreciation. In asking Brother Page to except the beautiful jewel which he held in his hand, he was sure he only expressed the feelings of all present when he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased to spare him for very many years to enjoy his well-earned popularity. After a few other remarks, Bro. Threadingham, amid the hearty plaudits of the brethren, affixed the jewel to the breast of the W.M. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, to Bro. T. Page, on his second installation as W.M., as a token of their sense of his Masonic attainments, genial character, and able conduct in presiding over them—1882-1883." The W.M., who was loudly cheered, returned his hearty and sincere thanks for the beautiful jewel. Words failed him to express his feelings, or to convey in such terms as he could wish his high appreciation of their great kindness during the last twelve months. He could say, without fear of contradiction, that he had at all times received at their hands every consideration and assistance, and that his duties had been thereby very much lightened. In undertaking for another year the office of W.M., he assured them that every effort would be made by him to support the honour of the Lodge and to maintain its present high position. The W.M., on being re-installed, appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Lord C. Beresford I.P.M., W. Lathom Cox S.W., H. Long J.W., Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Secretary, W. Royston Pike S.D., G. Nelder Junior Deacon, S. Knight Master of Ceremonies, G. Sylvester Organist, A. E. Elmes I.G., J. G. Livesay and Pigott Stewards. At the installation banquet the W.W. was supported, among others, by Brothers Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., and General Hodgson P.P.G.W. of Madras. The catering of Bro. W. Maybour, of *Portsea*, gave great satisfaction, and the wines were of excellent quality. The Queen and the Craft and the other introductory toasts having been given from the chair, Brother Sir H. D. Wolff, who on rising was received with loud applause, said the next toast had been

confided to him, and it was a great pleasure to bring it under their notice, because it referred not only to a distinguished Mason, who was connected with them in that province, but to one who was the representative of a portion of that county in Parliament, and whatever opinions might be entertained of his political views, he was certain that everything he did was entitled to the respect that was due to one who acted conscientiously. He recollected that about two years ago, when this Lodge was inaugurated, how they were all struck with the great ability with which Bro. Beach discharged the duties of his office, because not only did he go through the ceremonies which were time-honoured among Masons, but he added reflections of his own, and gave an historical retrospect of many matters connected with the Craft, which was quite original, and struck them all as most interesting. He could easily understand that Brother Beach liked sometimes to get away from the struggles of political life to the calmer and more harmonious atmosphere of Masonic existence. He recollected that many years ago the late Lord Beaconsfield, in a speech at the Literary Fund dinner, which took place during a great political conflict, said he felt as one who had come away from the heat of battle to drink the water of some pellucid stream. And coming from a place where all was not harmonious, and where the proceedings occasionally gave rise to a bitterness which those at a distance would scarcely believe possible, he confessed that when he witnessed the harmony and good feeling that reigned in a Masonic community, he felt the contrast as one of the highest possible advantage. It was for this reason, among others, that he thought Bro. Beach attended so much to his Masonic duties, in order to develop the good of which Masonry was capable in the county to which he belonged, and as long as he reigned over them, as the head of their Masonic Institution in Hampshire, he was certain they would all drink to his health, whether present or absent, with enthusiasm and good fellowship. He therefore proposed the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Bro. W. Royston Pike gave the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Rastrick, responded. Bro. Townsend, in proposing the Worshipful Master, said that during the past twelve months Bro. Page had thoroughly carried out what he (the speaker) had said he would, and had merited their approval, as was shown by the presentation of a handsome testimonial. The W.M., who was received with great enthusiasm, suitably responded. Bro. Lieutenant Bourke, R.N., in giving the Installing Master, described Bro. Townsend as the Father of the Lodge, and said it was owing to his energy and perseverance that they had surmounted difficulties and troubles that would have disheartened many another man, and that the Lodge had attained its present proportions. He had in other respects shown himself a thorough good Mason, and a right good man. Bro. Townsend, in responding, referred to the fact that the Lodge had over a hundred members, and a good balance in hand. Bro. Threadingham, in proposing the W.M.'s and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges, referred to the fact that Sir Henry Wolff had been Master of a foreign Lodge, and knew somewhat of the working of Masonry in different parts of the world. They found him stealing a few hours from Parliamentary life and struggles to associate with his brethren in the Craft. Bro. Outridge W.M. No. 487 responded, and was followed by Bro. W. E. Atkins W.M. No. 1069, who referred to the fact that £50,000 a year was expended by the Craft in charity. Bro. Grant W.M. No. 1705 and Bro. T. H. Williams W.M. No. 1776 also responded, the latter making an appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, mentioning that, in his capacity of Steward at the approaching Festival, he had received upwards of £250, and expressing a hope that he should be able to make it up to £300. The Worshipful Master, who subsequently made an appeal on behalf of the Girls' School, for which he had accepted the office of Steward, said he felt highly honoured that Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff had come so many miles to be present on that occasion, and he proposed his health, which was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff, in response, said it must always be gratifying to him, connected as he was with the borough, to have his health received so kindly as it had been that evening. No doubt there were present brethren holding different views, and Lord Palmerston once said it was very safe, in a mixed society, to drink the health of a politician, because those who sympathised with him wished him health to continue his functions, while those who did not sympathise with him thought his health might be improved by assisting him to retire. He much regretted last year not being able to come down to the installation of the Worshipful Master, for having been present at the installation of the first Master he had hoped to be able to be there several years in succession. A worthy brother had alluded to his being Master of a Lodge abroad. Certainly he had been so, he was sorry to say a great many years ago. But although it was in a foreign place—Corfu—the Lodge was working under the English Constitution. He then had the satisfaction of making many friendships among members of the two Services who were so warmly welcomed and so much beloved in Portsmouth, and he was hardly able to come to Portsmouth without meeting some friend whom he had met in a distant country. He had, therefore, conceived a higher idea of Freemasonry than he had before, because he had found that through it brethren had obtained society and a home when perhaps otherwise they would have been deprived of it. The Lodge was enabled more than once to be of assistance to brethren who, owing to adverse circumstances, had fallen into distress, and was enabled to render aid without that humiliation which sometimes came when it was received from private sources. Perhaps they would allow him to propose another toast—The Immediate Past Master, the Right Hon. Lord C. Beresford. It struck him as peculiarly appropriate that Lord Charles Beresford should have been the first Master of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge because, as a naval man, he was Master of a Lodge which bore the name of a beloved military officer. He thought Prince Edward must feel highly pleased that his name should be associated, as it would be for many generations, with that Lodge, for

it was one proof of the great popularity which he and his admirable Princess had gained in this town. They knew that since the inauguration of the Lodge and the installation of Lord Charles Beresford, he had gone through a great many vicissitudes, and, without speaking in terms too flattering of him, he could say that from all they had heard—and he had seen many who met him during his distinguished service in Egypt—his genial qualities, his merry good nature, and his friendliness to all were no less conspicuous than his gallantry. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, and the Officers of the Lodge. Brother Sylvester, the Organist of the Lodge, rendered valuable assistance, both vocally and instrumentally, and other brethren also aided in promoting harmony.

Obituary.

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BRO. A. J. DUFF-FILER.

Owing to the crowded state of our columns we have space merely to record the death of this worthy Mason. The sad event took place on Saturday last. A sketch of Bro. Duff-Filer's Masonic career shall appear in next issue.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. W. H. LUCIA.

FROM THE EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES.

ON Saturday afternoon the funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Lucia, the Provincial Grand Secretary of Suffolk, took place at Bury St. Edmunds, the obsequies partaking somewhat of a public character, as the Masonic body attended to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency was opened at the Angel Hotel, and in the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, through illness, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was in Lancashire, the chair was occupied by Brother Frederick Long, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, who was supported by Bros. Rev. R. N. Sanderson P.P.G. Chaplain, N. Tracy P.P.G.J.W., T. J. Huddleston P.P.G.J.W., Rev. E. J. Griffiths Provincial Grand Chaplain, William Clarke P.G.D. of C., W. Armstrong P.P.G.J.D., G. J. Paine P.G.S., J. R. Thompson P.P.G.S.D., Fred. Wheeler P.P.G. Registrar, W. W. Walesby P.P.G.W., C. Cooke P.P.G.J.D., W. Chapman P.G.S., G. H. Grimwood P.P.G.S.W., G. Thompson P.M., Joseph F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., Horace Lucia P.G. Steward, B. W. Syer P.G. Tyler, J. Neal York P.P.G.S.W. Cambs, T. J. Ralling Provincial Grand Secretary Essex, and about 40 or 50 brethren of various Lodges in the Province. The acting Provincial Grand Master read a communication from Bro. Lord Waveney stating that in unison with the wishes of the family the Lodge meeting was to be held as a token of respect for Brother Lucia's services and character, offered with deep sympathy, and in the desire to lighten as much as may be the burden of the family's sorrow. Bro. Long continued—Brethren, from time immemorial it has been an established custom among the members of our Craft, when requested by the family of a deceased brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities. In conformity with this laudable usage, and at the special request of the family of the deceased brother whose memory we revere, and whose loss we now deplore, we are here assembled in the form and character of Masons to accompany his remains to the grave, and there to resign his body to the earth from whence it came, and to offer the last tribute of our fraternal affection and regard to his memory, thereby demonstrating to the world the sincerity of our past esteem and our steady attachment to the principles of our honourable Order. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson proposed that a letter of condolence in the following terms be forwarded to Mrs. Lucia, and that the same be entered upon the minutes:—

Madam,—Permit us, the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, here assembled, to pay the last office of respect to your departed husband, to assure you and your family of our deep sympathy with you in the sad bereavement with which it has pleased the Most High to visit you. Within the sacred circle of your private grief we do not presume to intrude; but it is at once a brotherly duty and a mournful satisfaction to take this opportunity of showing our sense of the loss which we have sustained, corporately and individually, in the removal of our honoured brother, and our grateful remembrance of his long services to the Order of Freemasonry in our Province.

Most respectfully we express our hope that this testimony of our fraternal regard for him whom we shall meet no more on earth may yield you some small solace, though we are well aware that all effectual consolation must come from a Mightier Love and a Higher Power. To Him, therefore, who calls Himself the Father of the fatherless and the God of the widow we commend you and yours, humbly hoping that this separation may end in an eternal and blessed reunion.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. Paine, and carried in solemn silence. Apologies and letters of regret were received from brethren in London and all parts of the province. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where the first portion of the Burial Service was read, and where were also gathered a large number of friends of the deceased gentleman. At the door of the church were stationed the choir and the following clergy:—The Rev. R. N. Sanderson, the Rev. V. F. Willson, the Rev. C. H. C. Baker, the Rev. E. J. Griffiths, the Rev. H. C. Crossley, and the Rev. J. D. Paton. As the coffin was borne into the church it was preceded by the choir and clergy, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson reading the opening sentences of the Burial Service. The coffin was placed in the centre of the aisle

at the entrance of the chancel, and one of the psalms appointed for the burial of the dead was then sung by the choir. The Rev. V. F. Willson read the special lesson, after which Hymn 299 (*Ancient and Modern*) was sung. The "Dead March" was played by Mr. Richardson (the Organist of St. Mary's), during which the corpse was borne back to the hearse, and the funeral cortège, headed by the deceased's brother Masons, and accompanied by a large number of the public, proceeded to the cemetery, where many friends were waiting. The service at the graveside was read by Bro. the Rev. E. J. Griffiths Prov. Grand Chaplain, who also delivered a short address in accordance with ancient custom. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman said: Let us embrace the happy moment while time and opportunity may offer in providing with care against that great change, when the transitory pleasures of the world can no longer delight us, and the reflection of a life spent in the exercise of piety and virtue yield the only comfort and consolation. While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased brother, let Charity induce us to throw a veil over his foibles, whatever they may have been, and let us not withhold from his memory the praise that his virtues may have claimed. His meritorious actions let us imitate. Let us support with propriety the character of our profession on every occasion, and supplicate the Divine grace to enable us to pursue with unwearied assiduity the sacred tenets of our Order. Then we shall secure the favour of that eternal Being whose goodness and whose power can know no bound, and prosecute our journey, without dread or apprehension to a far distant country from which no traveller returns. By the light of the Divine countenance, we shall pass without trembling through those gloomy mansions where all things are forgotten, and at that great and tremendous day, when arraigned at the bar of Divine justice, judgment shall be pronounced in our favour. We shall receive the reward of our virtue by acquiring the possession of our immortal inheritance, where joy flows in one continued stream, and no mound can check its course. Unto the grave we have resigned the body of our loving friend and brother, there to remain until the general resurrection; and we earnestly pray Almighty God of His infinite goodness at the grand tribunal of unbiassed justice to extend His mercy towards him and all of us, and to crown our felicity with everlasting bliss in the expanded realms of a boundless eternity. The mourners and brethren afterwards gave a farewell look at the coffin, which was covered with choice wreaths and sprigs of acacia, and the funeral obsequies were brought to a close. Brother N. Tracy P.P.G.J.W. efficiently acted as Provincial Grand Secretary, at the request of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Brother Lord Waveney.

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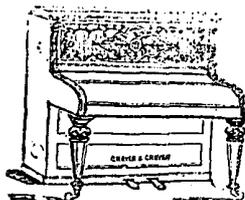
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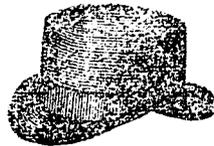
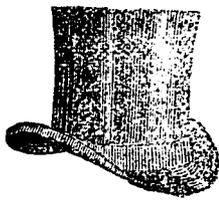
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