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ADVANCE OF THE MARK DEGREE.

THE most speculative and sanguine adherents of the Mark cannot but be satisfied with the rapid strides the Degree is making at the time present. In February last we had the satisfaction of reporting progress as to the doings of the Mark Masters in Norfolk, and this week we have again to announce the projected opening of a new Lodge in the same district. The Youell Lodge of Mark Masters will be consecrated on Monday next, the 21st inst., at the St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston; the interesting ceremony will be performed by the Most Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, who will be assisted by several of his present and past Officers. The Installation ceremony will be undertaken by the Grand Mark Secretary Bro. Frederick Binckes, Bro. Edward P. Youell, of the Walpole Mark Lodge, No. 92, is the W.M. designate, while Bros. William Dods, Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70, and James Bond, Constantine, No. 145, have been nominated as the Senior and Junior Wardens. Amongst those who have intimated their intention of seeking advancement to the Degree in connection with this Lodge are the following brethren:—

Charles Diver	United Friends	313	P.M.
George Arthur Ward	St. Andrew's	1631	
Herbert Willoughby Youell	Ditto	1631	
Hugh H. W. Elwes	St. Margaret's	1452	
George Bush	Ditto	1452	
Benj. M. Bradbeer	Ditto	1452	
James J. Owles	United Friends	313	J.W.
George Francis Crane	St. Andrew's	1631	P.M.
Henry Harvey-George	Ditto	1631	
Richard Martins	Friendship	100	P.M.
Herbert F. Brooks	Ditto	100	
Henry Owles	Ditto	100	S.W.
Charles W. Chaston	St. Margaret's	1452	
Joseph Hudspith	St. Andrew's	1631	
William Sayer	Ditto	1631	P.M.
Alexander Mitchell	Friendship	100	
John Hammond	St. Andrew's	1631	

A second prominent event in connection with this meeting will be the formation of the Grand Lodge of East Anglia, and the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Designate, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M. The Most Worshipful Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. has undertaken the duties of Installing Master, and we feel confident this feature will not be the least interesting in the proceedings of the day. As a natural sequence a banquet will take place, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker has kindly consented to preside.

MARK MASONRY AT BRADFORD.

ON Tuesday evening, the 1st May, there was a gathering of Masons at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, the meeting being called by invitation of the W.M. of the Old York Mark Lodge (T. I.), Bro. James Wright, for the purpose of hearing a lecture by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, Past Grand Mark Master Overseer, on Mark Masonry. There were about eighty brethren present, the bulk of whom were not members of the Mark Degree, and the meeting was held in the banquetting hall. The lecturer

was introduced by Bro. J. Wright W.M. in a few appropriate words. Bro. Whytehead then said:—

BRETHREN,—I must confess that I feel in a rather peculiar position to-night in standing up as a Mark Mason to address an assemblage of brethren, many of whom, I understand, have not entered the Order; and under the circumstances it seems desirable that I should in the first instance place myself in a fair position in this matter. I do not come before you in any sense either as the apologist for Mark Masonry or as its proselytising apostle. The Order needs no such adventitious assistance. There may have been a time, but that era in its history has long passed away, when possibly it was desirable to call in artificial assistance to further the cause of its progress; but the position Mark Masonry has now attained in the Masonic world not only would render any such movement or attempt ridiculous in the extreme, but would fairly subject the agent of such a scheme to the charge of deliberate impertinence. An Order that has a register of over three hundred prosperous Lodges, that has enrolled on its list of Past Grand Masters a Royal Duke and several members of the Peerage, that is now ruled by a Mason so eminent as Baron Henniker, and many of whose Grand and Past Grand Officers are also Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, stands in a position so strong as to afford to smile at carpers and cavillers, and to continue its career of usefulness regardless of the opinions of those who do not care to range themselves under its banners.

At the same time I do not wish you to mistake my meaning. I am one of those who think that absolute freedom is the prerogative of every Mason. I consider that every brother has a perfect right to judge for himself as to what Orders and Degrees based on Masonry he shall join, and what he shall avoid, and so long as any Order is conducted in a Masonic manner and within the usually accepted lines laid down in the Masonic *lex non scripta*, I say that a brother has an equal right to ally himself with it, or to refrain from all connection with it. There do exist Orders and Degrees that I shall not mention, doubtless many of you know to which I allude, which do not possess what may be called a good Masonic standing. They are or have been guilty of un-Masonic practices, they are not in accord with other bodies of Masonic repute, and they are and are likely to remain ostracised by Masons of weight and influence. But of this I shall say no more. I have come here to speak of Mark Masonry, an Order than which none save the Craft takes a better stand, and to which any brother may be glad and proud to belong.

I am here by invitation of your W. Master and of Bro. J. L. Atherton, brethren whom I believe you all know as honest workers in the Craft and genial Masons, and, as I understand them, their desire is that I should say something to you as to the History of Mark Masonry. This, you must understand is quite distinct, in one sense, from the history of Masonic Marks. On the latter subject numbers of archæologists have written. It is of the deepest interest and value, and assists in forming a powerful and valuable aid in the elucidation of architectural problems. Mr. George Godwin, M. Didron, Mr. P. Chalmers, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Papworth, Sir W. Ouseley, and many other authors and architects have published papers, and alluded in their works to this subject, and within the last few weeks Bro. R. F. Gould, in the second volume of his

magnificent work on Freemasonry, has devoted one of his most interesting chapters to the subject of Masons' Marks, and given numbers of illustrations of their infinite varieties. From the most remote times of antiquity Operative Masons appear to have observed the strict practice of making the selection of a mark a special feature of their organisations. Amongst the most ancient ruins are found the marks of those Craftsmen by whom the edifices were originally erected. Many investigators have argued and striven to prove that these marks possessed more significance than a mere identification of individual work. They have asserted that they bore a mystical meaning, a hidden language, and that much religious symbolism was concealed beneath their deeply indented outlines. Whether this be so or not is, however, quite uncertain, and is likely yet to remain an enigma. Yet the selection of similar marks tends to show that the building sodalities of all ages have had more or less intercommunication; that Masonic Operative Societies have borrowed from one another, even if they have not been lineally descended, and that kindred ideas and teachings have led to the choice of the same symbolic marks wherever the stonemason's art has been practised and cherished in a systematic manner. Many of those present will be aware that in the far east, equally with the distant west, are to be found the individual and distinctive marks of the skilful Masons whose hands cut and placed the stones that now stand records of their ability. From the foundations of the Temple of Solomon, from the Round Towers of Ireland, from the classical ruins of Italy, and from the wrecked temples of Central America; from the remains of the cities of Northern Africa, and from the glorious monastic ruins of the British Islands, have been gathered thousands of Masons' marks, multitudes of them exhibiting analogous features, and speaking to us in silent language of the achievements of those marvellous artists whose names and histories have for centuries been lost in the efflux of time. Yet even in the days in which we live the Operative Masons carry out the very same practices and in their work of to-day may be seen the very identical usages that characterised their predecessors who wrought with mallet and chisel upon the palaces and temples of pre-historic times. Bro. Cumberland, of York, some few years ago drew my attention to the fact that in the restoration works of the Cathedral of York the Masons were making use of marks many of which were of a character and class well known in Speculative Masonry, and in his company I visited the workshop (alias "Lodge") where the stone cutting was in progress. Here we found the Overseer superintending his Craftsmen. The drawing or tracing board, bearing the design for the intended structure, was placed upon the table. Each stone was thereon distinctly marked out to scale, and each section bore the mark of the Craftsman to whose hands was entrusted the duty of its execution. Thus, a glance at the tracing board was sufficient to indicate to each Craftsman his work, the rule being that upon the completion of a stone the executant's mark was placed thereon as his sign manual in proof of his claim to payment.

The resemblance between the marks of the Operative Masons of the present day, those of the mediæval periods, and those of the very far distant past are most curious, and must be more than merely accidental. Marks, for instance, have been found done in red ochre in portions of the Great Pyramid identical with others now to be seen on the stones of some of our English churches. On the very foundation stones of Solomon's Temple are marks again, facsimiles of which in miniature are found in several of our English Cathedrals. Many persons have devoted much time and pains to the collection and comparison of Masons' marks, and these often seem to agree that the marks had a significance more than mere identification of work; and it is not only possible, but perfectly probable, that the moral lessons conveyed to the Craftsmen in the secret recesses of their Lodges or guild houses found perpetuation, and were darkly shadowed forth by the chisel's edge on the surface of their work. The Rev. R. M. Musgrave, who investigated the different varieties of marks on St. Nicholas Church, at Yarmouth, expressed an opinion that the different grades of Masons could be distinguished by the marks, and that the strictly Masonic marks were probably those of the artists of advanced skill. This is not an unlikely supposition, and somewhat coincides with the present legends of the Mark Degree, as well as the experiences of practical builders who have exercised their powers of observation.

Mr. George Godwin tells us that in the books of the Bricklayers' and Tylers' Company, circa 1580, those who signed the book were in the habit of using a mark, the name being written on the side of it, and the marks selected being of a Masonic character.

As a sample of how the same mark occurs at different places and dates, Mr. Godwin tells us that he found the hourglass mark on the stones on the site of Ancient Carthage, Hastings Castle, the Cathedral at Geneva, Lausanne Cathedral, on Turkish ruins in Lycia, Kirkstall, and Roche Abbeys, Furnace Abbey, Gloucester Cathedral, Malmesbury Abbey, Setubal (Portugal), Santarem (Portugal), Lincoln and York Cathedrals, Kenilworth Gateway, Salamanca (Spain), Canterbury Cathedral; and I may add that it is common upon the foundation stones of St. Mary's Abbey, York, and on the Walls of Fountains Abbey.

Again, the Pentalpha, or Solomon's Seal, he found in the Holy Land, Malmesbury and Furness Abbeys, Dunstable Church, Steyning Church, in Suffolk; Geneva and Gloucester Cathedrals, Lincoln Cathedral, and St. Mary's Abbey, York; York Chapter House, Fountains Abbey, Strasburg Cathedral, York and Glasgow Cathedrals, in several Spanish Cathedrals. This mark I have noticed on almost every building where marks remain, and both these marks, the Hourglass and Pentalpha, are now in use amongst the Operative Masons employed on York Cathedral.

In Mr. Street's account of Gothic architecture in Spain will be found a good deal of information respecting Masons' Marks, and the deductions the author makes respecting the numbers of workmen employed are interesting. In the present day, as in the past, the man who works the stone is not usually the man who places it in the building, and the cutter consequently places his mark on the *inside*, so that it is lost when the stone is cemented into the structure, the builder placing his mark on the outside afterwards. There can be little doubt that the similarity of these signs from the very earliest times points to a continuity of Masonic teaching and guild organisation from age to age. As to the varieties of the marks represented, these ancient builders seem to have laid under contribution many sources. Not only did they select figures representing implements of their trade, natural objects, weapons, and tools conveying lessons of moral teaching, but the alphabets of many languages were also requisitioned to furnish designs for their marks.

Possibly you may say that this is all very well, very true, and very interesting; but what has it to do with the Speculative Mark Masonry of the present day? I reply that it has as much connection with it as the Craft Operative Masonry of the Middle Ages has to do with our Speculative working of the nineteenth century. That Masons' marks were adopted by the earliest speculative Masons of which we have any record, no one will deny who has any pretensions to Masonic knowledge. It is in the old Lodge records of Scotland, at a time when Operative and Speculative Masonry appear to have been in process of merging, that we find the selection of marks to have been an invariable practice amongst those candidates who were admitted into the Order. The Lodge in Aberdeen working in 1670 kept very careful registers of its members, and in these we find a long series of names of brethren to each of which is appended his mark. These have been extracted by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, and are given in Gould's History. Amongst them we find noblemen, professional men, tradesmen, and a few Operative Masons, showing that even at that date the Lodges were both Operative and Speculative. In some of the older Lodge records in England we find marks appended to the names of members, and in the records of the Grand Lodge at York the Mark cypher occasionally occurs. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has officially declared that—"In this country, from Time Immemorial, and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (which was in 1736) what is now known as the Mark Master's Degree was wrought by the Operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry."

Mark Masoury, in some form, was worked during the later portion, at any rate, of last century in many Craft Lodges in England. In those days it was a generally accepted doctrine that any degree could be legitimately worked in any Blue Lodge under the authority of the Craft Warrant, and it is quite manifest that at the Union of the Athol and Modern Lodges in 1813 there must have been many sticklers for such license, since the Second

Article of Union, after declaring that *pure* Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, including the Royal Arch, says "this Article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the Constitutions of the said Orders." In many Lodge records we find that Craft Lodges were opened in the second degree and that brethren were made "Mark Men." Again, we find them opened in the third degree and brethren made "Mark Masters." This was the case in Hull, in London, in Lancashire, Cumberland, and in West Yorkshire.

Before an assembly of brethren, some of whom are not Mark Masons, it will be readily understood that the question of the Mark Ritual is one upon which it would be improper for me to enter, and on this account I am obliged to restrict my observations within much narrower limits than I could have desired. I may, however, say that the rituals of the degree have been almost legion. I possess copies of several of the old workings, some of which are curious and seem to be associated with, or derived from, degrees that are now worked on an entirely separate basis. But in this respect Mark Masonry does not differ from other degrees, or even from the Craft itself. You are doubtless aware that the present usually accepted Craft working is very different to that which prevailed during last century, and during the early part of the XVIIIth century it is extremely doubtful what ritual, if any, existed. It is quite probable that the present German system then usually obtained, i.e., that the Master of the Lodge exemplified the working according to his own ideas and in his own language, keeping within certain due bounds laid down by elementary landmarks.

As late as 1855 the Mark Degree had a narrow escape of being embodied in the working of Craft Masonry by the deliberate action of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Chapter of England, becoming aware that the Grand Chapter of Scotland accepted the Mark Degree as part of its system, considered whether or not it should follow the example of its northern neighbour, but upon a close investigation of the working of the Degree, the Grand Chapter decided that the Mark was in point of fact an integral portion of the Fellow Craft working, and recommended Grand Lodge to accept the responsibility; and this Grand Lodge actually decided to do. When, however, the matter came up for confirmation, it was resolved not to carry out the resolve, and perhaps wisely, for although I quite think that any unprejudiced person would agree in the original conclusion of Grand Lodge as to the Mark being an integral portion of Craft working and teaching, yet there is such a thing as precedent, and there is another such thing as the thin end of a wedge, and perhaps if the door of change had once been opened, were it ever so little, there might have been some difficulty in keeping it closed against other degrees that might have claimed admission. Those of my hearers who are acquainted with Mark working are well aware that it dovetails into a certain place in Craft working with remarkable exactitude, and forms a most valuable connecting link in the completion of the Masonic Traditional History. Some Masons are of opinion that the Royal Arch originally was, in some form, actual portion of the Master Masons' Degree, and this theory is in some measure justified by certain words and symbols found on tracing boards depicted in the oldest Masonic works extant. In the same way there are those who believe that the Mark Degree was at some period lopped off from the second degree, and it is possible that this may have also been the case, for the Grand Lodge of England declared in 1856 that the Mark Degree was "not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the Degree of Fellow Craft." This is especially worthy of note, because it is a record of the deliberate opinion of the highest and most reliable leaders in Craft Masonry of our own day; not that the verdict is absolutely correct, for it is more correct to say that the degree of Mark Man would be a suitable appendage to the Fellow Craft, and that of Mark Master to the Masters' Degree. But of these details it is rather difficult to speak on the present occasion.

The formation of the present Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England was perfectly Constitutional. No one can now tell how long previous to 1855 or 1856 Mark Lodges had been working in this country, but just as in 1717 it was felt that without some governing body and some central organisation Masonry ran a great risk of being lost altogether or becoming corrupted, so in one of the former years some of the more influential of English

Mark Masons made up their minds that something must be done to preserve and consolidate an order which possessed such good teachings and had so many worthy disciples. It was found that for lack of a supreme authority, members of the Order were applying to Scotland for warrants, and that no control existed over any part of the working or admission of members. There were excellent and sufficient reasons for the formation, under Lord Leigh, of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and the very fact that most of the influential Lodges gave in their adhesion at once proves how general was the consensus of opinion that the step was wise and necessary. It was unavoidable and to be expected that there should be some dissentients. No one ever heard of any movement, either inside or outside of Masonry, that did not find an opponent. It is true that some strong Lodges did not join the Grand Lodge for several years, and indeed it is within a very brief period indeed that that one old Lodge at Nottingham has given in its adhesion. But the fact that the Grand Lodge now practically commands the allegiance of the whole of the Mark Lodges and Mark Masons in England, is sufficient to remove the necessity for any further argument as to the legality of its origin. Moreover, it is now recognised, and in friendly relations with every Masonic body of good repute in the world.

It has been objected by some brethren that the Mark Degree, like others beyond the Three Degrees, involves a waste of Masonic energy, and militates against the Masonic Charities. I am not of that opinion. I have always noticed that it is those who give most to the Masonic Charities who are the best Masonic workers in other degrees beyond the Craft, and that those who say unkind things of the "Fancy Degrees" are not, as a rule, distinguished by their support of any of our Institutions. But the brethren of the Mark have shown their true desire to promote Charity by their foundation of a separate Benevolent Fund of their own, as well as a distinct Educational Fund, both of which have made great progress, and have done very good and practical service, and I am myself well aware that it is no infrequent thing for a Mark Lodge to contribute to the annual collections for the great Craft Charities.

Mark Masonry, like every other branch of the Speculative Art, depends, however, very much upon its rulers and guides. Every one knows the enormous strides made by the Craft within the past few years, and this is no doubt very largely owing to the fact of our future King filling the post of Grand Master. It is of the utmost importance to have men not only of light and leading, but of social weight and influence, to occupy the chief places in any Masonic Order, if that Order is to advance or become popular; for although our maxim is right—that we prefer honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune, yet in this country it is happily true that honour and rank, virtue and fortune, may not at all unfrequently be found combined in the person of one individual, and that one a Mason.

In Craft Masonry you, in West Yorkshire, have made, and are making, great progress, but from what I hear this has not been the case in Mark Masonry. This is, I think, much to be regretted, and the matter is to me somewhat unaccountable. It seems strange that a district intimately associated with the degree in its earlier and more obscure days should not appear to look upon it kindly now in its days of fortune. I think that as far as outsiders are concerned their shyness of the degree must arise more from want of knowledge of its value than anything else, and if anything I may have said shall have had the effect of exciting any interest in an Order and a working that for me possesses very great attractions, I shall feel that the little effort made in the preparation of this paper has not been wasted.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland made some interesting remarks upon the customs of the Operative Masons of the present day, and also exhibited a number of curious marks extracted from the old minutes of the Newstead Mark Lodge at Nottingham, and other old documents. Votes of thanks to Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland were moved by Bro. C. J. Banister 33°, and were seconded and carried, and after several leading brethren present had made remarks bearing upon the subject, the meeting separated, with expressions of gratification.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Friday, the 18th instant, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Brother Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, presided. The following report, which was read by Brother James Terry, Secretary, was, on the motion of Brother W. Clarke P.G.P., seconded by Brother F. Adlard P.M. No. 7, adopted, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

REPORT.

In submitting to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the position of the Institution, the Committee consider that it will be eminently satisfactory to all interested in its welfare.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., the Patron and President, appointed the Annual Festival to take place upon the 28th February last, and the Committee were fortunate in securing as its President General Brownrigg, C.B., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Surrey; a numerous and influential Board of Stewards was formed—276 in number—who, with united and untiring energy, raised a sum of £13,250, and to them the Committee tender their thanks for their able and zealous services in realizing so large an amount.

At the last election there were upon the funds 315 Annuitants, since reduced by the decease of 12 men and 5 widows. The Committee, appreciating the efforts made at the recent Festival, have determined, in view of the large list of candidates (120), not only to fill up the vacancies thus created, but also to place upon the list of Annuitants 8 men and 7 widows in addition to those previously elected, so that the total number of recipients will now be 330, exclusive of the 19 widows in receipt of half their late husband's annuity.

The alteration effected in the Laws, whereby six Annuitants were placed upon a deferred list, to fill vacancies occurring during the year has been of the most beneficial character, and only to be appreciated to its fullest extent by those who have been enabled to derive the benefit accruing from having the annuity paid them so soon as a vacancy occurred, instead of having to wait until this Election, with the attendant anxiety of the ballot.

The amount required annually to meet these demands will be £12,236, without making any allowance for the usual and necessary working expenses.

The liberality of Grand Lodge in having increased its Annual Grant to £1,600, the Committee gracefully acknowledge, as it materially assists them in endeavouring to cope with the daily needs of the Institution. They also tender their thanks for the grant of £70 for providing the residents of the Institution with coals during the winter season.

To the honorary surgeons they again tender their fraternal thanks; to Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., for the more than solicitous interest displayed by him for the comfort of the residents at Croydon, and to R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for his kindness in administering to the wants and ailments of those resident in London.

The Committee are pleased to say that the repairs and alterations of the building at Croydon are nearly completed, and that the various dwellings are in a thorough and sound condition.

Whilst thanking and congratulating those brethren who, by their donations and subscriptions, have so materially assisted the Committee from time to time in the heavy responsibility under which they labour in carrying on the Institution, they would desire to impress upon those who have not yet accorded it their support the great desirability of their so doing, as it is only by combined efforts that the work which has been carried on for over forty years can be gradually extended, so that the fullest advantages may be conferred upon the ever increasing list of applicants of both sexes.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March 1883, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1882 3,077 16 1

RECEIPTS.

Donation from Grand Lodge	725	0 0
Do Grand Chapter	100	0 0
Do Lodges, Chapters and individuals	4978	11 0
Annual Subscriptions	1138	8 6
Dividends on Stock in the Government funds	1094	19 6
Rent of field	9	0 0
Cash withdrawn from call	1250	0 0
Interest on cash at call	14	11 3
	9,310	10 3

£12,388 6 4

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	6120	0 0
Salaries—Office	417	10 0
Collector—Commission	213	9 0
Messenger	5	0 0
Provincial, &c. Expenses	64	14 5
Medicine for residents at Institution	12	10 0
Warden	20	0 0
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary	54	12 0
Rates and Taxes	47	2 4
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	155	13 11
Stationery, Printing, &c.	168	14 0
Advertisements	16	2 7
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	181	13 2
Petty expenses	16	1 2
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	50	6 5
Hire of Hall on day of election	2	12 6
Rent, &c.—Office	45	0 0
Do Field	16	18 9
Placed at Call	1500	0 0
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3	15 0
Bankers' Charges	1	1 4
Gratuities	12	10 0
Law Charges	1	19 0
Architect's Commission	6	18 6
Assistance in Office	7	7 0
	9,141	11 1
Balance on this Fund -	£3,246	15 3

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1882 1,651 17 3

RECEIPTS.

Donation from Grand Lodge	675	0 0
Do Grand Chapter	50	0 0
Do Lodges, Chapters, and individuals	5636	18 6
Annual Subscriptions	1134	10 6
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	703	19 11
Rent of Field	9	0 0
Cash withdrawn from Call	1250	0 0
Interest on cash at Call	14	11 2
	9,474	0 1
	£11,125	17 4

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	5407	0 0
Salaries—Office	417	10 0
Collector—Commission	260	19 6
Messenger	5	0 0
Provincial Expenses	64	14 5
Medicine for residents at Institution	12	10 0
Matron	62	0 0
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary	28	12 0
Rates and Taxes	47	2 4
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	155	13 9
Stationery, Printing, &c.	170	16 5
Advertisements	16	2 8
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	180	1 6
Petty expenses	14	0 5
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	50	6 4
Hire of Hall on day of election	2	12 6
Rent, &c.—Office	45	0 0
Do Field	16	18 8
Placed at call	1000	0 0
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3	15 0
Bankers' charges	1	1 1
Gratuities	37	10 0
Law charges	1	19 0
Architect's Commission	6	18 6
Assistance in Office	7	7 0
	8,015	11 1
Balance on this Fund -	£3,110	6 3

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1882 59 13 7
 Dividends on Stock in Government Funds 29 3 9
 88 17 4

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs 29 1 0
Balance on this Fund - £59 16 4

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £8,416 17 10

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows :

MALE FUND.		
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	800 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	100 0 0	
Dividends on £37,450 Stock in Government Funds -	1094 19 6	
		1,994 19 6
WIDOWS' FUND.		
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	800 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter -	50 0 0	
Dividends on £24,075 Stock in Government Funds -	703 19 11	
		1,553 19 11
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.		
Dividends on £1,000 Stock in Government Funds	30 0 0	
		£3,578 19 5

Signed J. CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron,
Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th May 1883.

Brother H. G. Warren P.M. 173 called the attention of the brethren to the necessity of having some limit placed on the amount to be invested. He thought they were now laying up too much for posterity. Already there was over £60,000 invested, and this had been accumulated in the space of only 25 years. The whole matter, he thought, should be laid before the Committee, to see if a portion of the money could not be utilised for the present generation. There might be a sum invested of £40,000 for the men, and £30,000 or £35,000 for the women. Colonel Creaton felt quite sure that Brother Warren's remarks would have the best attention of the Committee. Brother C. J. Perceval moved to add the following words to Rule 25 :—

"Every Vice-Patron, upon completion of a further donation of one hundred guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum, or in sums of not less than ten guineas each, shall become a Patron of the Institution, with twelve votes for every ten guineas subscribed."

Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P. seconded the motion. Bro. Chas. Lacey P.M. 174, while thinking the proposition a good one, thought the scheme not perfect, and moved that it be referred back to the Committee. Bro. E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer No. 22 seconded the amendment. The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was lost, and the motion was carried. Bro. H. Smith Prov. Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, asked whether this was to apply to Lodges, Chapters, and Societies? Bro. Perceval said it was only to apply to individuals. Bro. H. Smith thought it ought to apply to these bodies as well. Col. Creaton said that as the meeting had decided to make the classes named Patrons of the Institution, Her Majesty the Queen and Prince of Wales being already Patroness and Patron, he thought the title of these Royal personages should be Grand Patroness and Grand Patron, and he moved accordingly. Brother Edgar Bowyer seconded this motion. Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry, and John Newton were elected Auditors, and the brethren then proceeded to elect candidates to the annuities of the Institution. Bro. R. R. Davis P.M. 256, Hon. Sec. of the John Hervey Memorial Fund, attended, and handed the amount of dividends received (£26 7s 6d) in four cheques, as follows: £6 13s 9d to each of the highest unsuccessful candidates (male and female), and £6 10s to each of the second highest unsuccessful candidates (male and female).

The result of the Election will be found in our advertisement columns.

The customary votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

Signor Tito Mattei's concert was given on the 12th inst. at St. James's Hall, when this popular pianist and talented composer secured a distinguished and fashionable audience. The artistes comprised many celebrities of the day, including Mesdames Trebelli, Patey, Miramon and Miss Santley. Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Bonhy, Zobili and Ernesto Palmero, a new tenor, who at short notice supplied the place of Signor Runcio, who did not arrive from the Continent in time. M. Pepani (violin), Albert (violoncello), La Calsi and Pinsuti (conductors). The beneficeaire in splendid style played a selection from I Puritani. The feature of the evening was a septett from a MS. opera, composed by Signor Mattei. The concert was a success in every respect.

Obituary.

BROTHER JAMES ROBINS.

BROTHER James Robins, who died suddenly in a train between Ludgate and Loughborough Junction, on the 8th instant, was an old Mason, and for many years had held the office of Treasurer of the Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452. He was the son of the late George Robins, "of auction renown," whose flowery descriptions of properties he had for sale were the amusement and astonishment of readers of the first half of the present century. Brother James Robins followed the same profession as his father, and was well known and appreciated by a large circle with whom he had business dealings. The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on Wednesday last, when several members of the Craft attended to pay a last tribute of respect.

THE LATE BRO. A. J. DUFF-FILER.

THIS worthy Craftsman, whose services to Freemasonry extended over a period of close on forty years, was initiated in the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, on the 5th October 1843, and served the office of W.M. in 1846. He joined the Old Kings Arms Lodge, No. 28, on the 28th April 1851, and was elected W.M. in 1852. He was a Founder and the first Master of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, which was consecrated in 1855; at the time of his death he held the office of Treasurer. Bro. Filer served on the Board of General Purposes for three years, viz., from 1854 to 1856-7. Another Lodge in which our energetic brother took an active part in establishing was the Evening Star, No. 1719, well known now as a "class" Lodge, and strictly confined to Craftsmen who are connected with Gas and Gas Companies. Here again he was first Master, in 1877, and filled the post of Secretary at the time of his decease. Bro. Filer was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the Old Kings Arms Chapter, No. 28, 2nd June 1845, and herein filled the office of M.E.Z. He joined the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, 7th June 1872; and, to sum up the record of his many services, he was made Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in 1872.

A meeting of the brethren who have undertaken Stewardships for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Worshipful Brother James Smith Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent. Amongst those present were Bros. Henry Smith, F. R. Spaul, John P. Hale, George Page, Charles Drawbridge, John L. Mather, Charles Fitzgerald Matier, A. F. Godson, Horace B. Marshall, Edgar Bowyer, F. Harrison, J. A. Farnfield, W. F. Smithson, W. H. Hooper, E. G. Lewis, A. P. Catterson, G. P. Festa, James Salmon, F. Foxley, Thomas Cubitt, H. A. Bennett, Webster Glynes, W. W. Morgan, Joseph Clever, F. E. Pocock, M.D., A. Le Grand, W. P. Webb, F. Hughes Hallett, George Smith jun., G. A. Ames, C. F. Hogard, J. Giesman Chillingworth, R. F. Williams, E. Good, C. Dearing, Henry Faija, Thomas Schofield, D. P. Cama, R. Barham, E. Valeriani, H. Mason, T. E. Tallent. Considerable discussion arose as to the locality where the Festival should be held, but it was at length arranged for the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on the 20th June. This will be a week earlier than it was anticipated the Festival should take place, but previous engagements having been entered into for the 27th June, it was found impracticable to provide the requisite accommodation on the later date. For those who are musically inclined, we may mention that the day fixed upon is one of those set apart for the Handel Festival, and tickets will entitle the holders to take part in the musical entertainment of the day. We trust this further inducement will have a tendency to make this Festival one of the most successful ever celebrated by the Institution.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diets. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs, they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, un-mixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-street, Torquay, on Tuesday, 8th instant, for the purpose of consecrating the new Jordan Lodge, 319. The history of the new Lodge is briefly this. Several of the members of Jordan Lodge, 1402, in order to become Mark Masons, had joined the Mark Lodge Devon, 215, Newton Abbott. but as these brethren were enthusiastic Masons, they were wishful that a Mark Lodge should be attached to their own at Torquay. Keeping this object steadily in view, Bros. John Lane, A. T. Blamey, and W. Bradnee increased their efforts, and yesterday's ceremony crowned the movement with success sooner than they anticipated. The first sign of the meeting in Torquay yesterday was small detached parties of Masons, who wended their way to the Imperial Hotel, where they were photographed in a group by Bro. Bradnee's artists. A copy of this photograph will be given by Bro. Bradnee to each of the sitters as a memento of the pleasant meeting. After refreshments, a Mark Lodge was formed at the Lodge rooms, when eight brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M., Bros. H. Martin P.P.G.R. I.P.M. 215 presiding, C. Pope P.G.S. Bearer acting as S.W., W. Harris P.P.G.J.D. as J.W., S. Lorden 315 as M.O., Charles Stevens P.P.S.B. as S.O., H. A. Schanks 315 as J.O., A. T. Blamey 215 S.D., and W. E. Taylor 215 J.D., the working being rendered in excellent form. At half-past two the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M. presiding, supported on the one hand by V.W. Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M.M., and on the other by V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.W., G. Mark Secretary of England, V.G. Bro. W. Vicary as S.W., and V.W. Bro. Vincent Bird as J.W. *pro tem*. The ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. Bro. G. F. Gratwicke P.P.G.A.S. P.G. Secretary, read various matters, including an announcement that a certain sum of money having been paid to the Masonic Charities, the Prov. Grand Master thereby became a Life Governor. This was warmly applauded. A communication from the Grand Lodge, confirming the appointment of Brother Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy as P.G.M.M., was also read. The Prov. Grand Master acknowledged the honour which had been conferred upon him, pointing out that Devon was not only the senior, but also the largest Province of Mark Masonry in England, and that Mark Masonry was still growing was amply shown in the fact that a week or two since Lodge 315 was consecrated in Teignmouth, whilst they were met to-day to consecrate Lodge 310, in Torquay. The Prov. Grand Secretary having announced to the Prov. Grand Master that the members of the Jordan Mark Lodge desired to be constituted and consecrated the founders of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the warrant was read. The assent of the members and Master having been given to warrant, laws, and constitution, the Prov. Grand Master declared the Lodge constituted. The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. C. Spence Bate D.P.G.M.M., W. Vicary P.P.G.T., and Vincent Bird P.G.S.W., who, in turn, poured out the corn, wine, oil, and salt upon the pedestal. The P. Grand Master and P.G. Chaplain, Bro. T. W. Lemon, having rendered their part of the ceremony, the installation of the W.M. Bro. John Lane took place, who subsequently appointed the following as his Officers:—A. T. Blamey S.W., W. Bradnee J.W., J. Dodge M.O., G. J. Pepperell S.O., B. Knight J.O., W. E. Taylor Registrar of Marks, S. Sanderson Secretary, M. B. Wicks S.D., G. Rowland J.D., R. Letherell I.G., W. Hill Organist, J. E. Newton Tyler. The P.G. Master then addressed the Lodge, alluding to the high honour of having Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary of England, with them. Bros. Lane and Spence-Bate having supported these remarks, Bro. Binckes said he was somewhat taken by surprise at his cordial reception. He had been, as all should be, anxious to do his duty, and it was a great pleasure to him to come amongst the brethren. This was his first visit to Torquay, and its beautiful scenery; he should always have in mind the enjoyable day he was now passing amongst the Devonshire brethren. He had the pleasure, in 1872, of installing the Prov. Grand Master Colonel Davy, and it was a further pleasure now to congratulate him upon him the spirit and prosperity of the Order. Bro. Henry Stocker P.P.G.D.C. W.M. 15 read a resolution passed at his Lodge St. George 15:—"That the Provincial Grand Master be requested to invite the Grand Lodge to hold their next movable meeting in Devonshire, under the banner of St. George's Lodge 15, and that the Provincial Lodges promise to give the Grand Lodge a most hearty reception." Bro. Stocker having spoken to his resolution, it was seconded by Bro. E. J. Fulford P.P.G.M.O. P.G.S. England. Bro. Binckes said the Grand Lodge was committed to Lancashire for their October meeting; however, it was possible that Devonshire might be visited in the autumn of 1884, and that the resolution should have, he could promise them, not only consideration, but the kindly consideration of the Grand Lodge. The Lodge was shortly after closed, and a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided. It should be added that the musical part of the ceremony was capitally rendered, the Torquay Lodge room possessing an excellent organ.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 12.

A MEETING of the Minerva Lodge of Mark Masters was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull, on the evening of Monday, the 7th inst. Present—Bros. James Pyburn, M.D., W.M. Ansell I.P.M., George L. Shackles S.W., Balchin J.W., George Hardy P.M. Treasurer, Walter Reynolds P.M. Secretary, Rev. Cas-on Chap. W. Holder as M.O., Wm. England S.O., W. H. Wellstead J.O., A. Johnson Reg., J. Linwood S.D., Thornton J.D., H. Vise as M.C., V. King Organist, R. Toogood Steward, F. Fullerton I.G., and Clayton Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Lissons, Sherling, and Smith; also Bros. Pyburn,

Logan, Sutton, Pudsey, Firth, Whitesides, Blackburn, White, Bryan, and Johnston. Visitor—Bro. A. H. Robinson, of the Humber Lodge of M.M. Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ballot was then prepared for Bros. Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., Thomas Wetherill, J. R. Shearsmith, Edward Piper, E. G. Hewardine, George Hansell, and J. H. Peters as candidates for advancement; and for Bro. George Spink, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 15, Exeter, as a joining member, all of whom were accepted. Bros. Rev. H. W. Kemp, Wetherill, Shearsmith, Piper, Hewardine, Hansell, and Peters being in attendance, were regularly advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. Pyburn W.M., assisted by Bros. J. N. Selurling P.M. and R. G. Smith P.M. Labour being ended, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and full justice having been done to an ample supply of viands, the W.M. proceeded to give the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. During the evening the health of the Initiate was proposed and enthusiastically received. Bro. Rev. H. W. Kemp, in responding, stated he that evening had had a recurrence of an old and pleasant feeling, namely, that of being received as a newly initiated brother. It was nearly twenty-five years ago since he first had the honour of replying to a similar toast in the Craft degree, and who amongst the brethren present would not, if he could, go back such a period, coupled with his present experience; as, however, the Great Architect of the Universe had decreed this could not be, it behoved them one and all to make the best use of the remainder of their allotted lives. In making such a retrospect, however, he could not help remembering many great and important works that he had the honour of assisting at in connection with their W.M. for the benefit of art, industries, and the welfare of their good old town of Hull, and the ceremony he had gone through that evening would certainly be an incentive to him to continue in the path he had years ago laid down for his guidance, and he hoped that his example would be followed by the younger brethren; they should, however, remember that for such a course there should be no "keystone," and that no one then present was not able to assist his brethren and fellow beings in this world in some manner, however slight, and for all they could that "keystone might become the head of the corner." Bro. George L. Shackles, the S.W., being placed in possession of the gavel, proposed the health of the Visiting Brother, and in doing so apologised for the absence of the W.M. of the sister Mark Lodge; many members of that Lodge would have honoured them with their presence that evening, had it unfortunately not been the anniversary festival of the Humber Craft Lodge. Brother Dr. Robinson responded in suitable terms. Brother Rev. H. W. Kemp then asked the brethren to give him their attention, as he had a toast to propose he was certain they would receive in a most enthusiastic manner, namely, that of their W.M. He had had the honour of the personal friendship of Brother Pyburn for many years, who by his uniform urbanity and kindness had endeared himself to a large circle of brethren and friends. It had been gratifying to him to be advanced that evening to the degree of a Mark Master Mason by such an old and esteemed friend. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and Brother Pyburn, in responding, disclaimed any merit of his own in the work done that evening; he thanked the Past Masters and Officers who had assisted him in the work within the Lodge. The parting toast having been given, the brethren dispersed after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE nineteenth installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Whit Monday. The holiday interfered to some extent with the customary attendance on such occasions, and apologies for enforced absence were numerous. Amongst those present were Ex. Companions B. R. Bryant M.E.Z. elect, J. S. Terry J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., T. Poore, M. S. Larham, Watts, H. Baldwin, Arnold, Harrison, and others. Visitors—Companions Bradley M.E.Z. 1216, B. Lyon M.E.Z. 1329, W. Halsey P.Z. 507, H. Bickerstaff P.Z. 13, Voisey H. 1329, Jonas Duckett, and H. Forbes of 1329. Chapter having been opened, Companion James Stevens proceeded to instal the Principals elect, viz.:—Companions B. R. Bryant as Z., J. S. Terry as H., and J. W. Watts as J. The ceremonies were very impressively rendered throughout. The newly installed Principals immediately commenced work, and the usual ballot having been found clear, exalted into Royal Arch Masonry Brother W. H. Beckley of Lodge No. 507. The admirable manner in which the exaltation ceremony was conducted, and the Principals' addresses given, was the subject of much subsequent laudation from the Visitors. On the termination of the business of exaltation, a notice of motion by the M.E.Z. was unanimously carried, to the effect, "That in recognition of the earnest services to the Chapter, as founder, and Scribe E. for fourteen years, of Comp. Jas. Stevens P.Z., a Past Scribe's jewel be presented to him; and that honorary membership of the Chapter should also be conferred on him." The M.E.Z. stated that in full assurance of the unanimity with which the motion would be carried he had had the jewel prepared. Companion Stevens briefly but forcibly expressed his grateful sense of the further honour conferred on him by the members of the Chapter. The design of the jewel is such as to denote the occupation of the three Principal chairs; the Past Principal's emblem is surmounted by cross pens, and the inscription sets forth the nature of the services rendered; made of solid gold and exquisitely finished, it was much admired by the Companions, who warmly congratulated the fortunate recipient. The Officers for the ensuing year were then invested, Bro. Thomas Poore, the newly-elected

Scribe E., at once entering upon the duties of the office which Bro. Stevens had vacated; and Bro. H. Baldwin being invested as N. The report of the Audit Committee, with a balance sheet, which was of a favourable character, was received and adopted. Candidates for exaltation and joining were proposed, and after the acceptance of two resignations, with regret, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. This was well prepared, and served by Bro. Buxton, the new host of the Horns Tavern, and gave great satisfaction. After the cloth was cleared, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and those of the M.E.Z., the Exalte, the Visitors, and the P.Z.'s met with appropriate responses. The social gathering was enlivened by the vocal efforts of Comps. Voisey, Halsey, Baldwin, Beckley, and Bickerstaff, and recitations by Companions Stevens and Forbes, and well before the midnight hour the Companions separated, pleased with the successful issue of their nineteenth anniversary.

Royal Arch Masonry is making rapid progress in the metropolis, and no recently formed Chapter has done more to help forward the movement than the Metropolitan, No. 1507, which has been, and is being, largely recruited from the Savoy Lodge. The popularity of the Metropolitan Chapter is due undoubtedly to the great discrimination shown in the selection of the Principals, and certainly few Masonic bodies have been so successful in the election of their Officers. In succession to Companions James Willing, Stacey, Fergusson, William Mason Stiles, and Hudson, Companion. H. Stiles (Master of the Metropolitan Lodge) has been called upon to rule the destinies of the Chapter, and he may safely be trusted to exercise the duties of the exalted position of first Principal with credit to himself and honour to the Companions. Comps. James Willing, Side, and T. C. Edmonds have been elected to important offices in the Chapter.—*Evening News.*

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

We have seen some capital photographs of the "Temple," taken immediately after the fire. In these Mr. G. W. Parker, of Warwick-court, Holborn, has to our mind been the most successful; the destructive effects of the conflagration are vividly displayed in the several views he has just published. Bro. Bedford Lemere, of 147 Strand, has also produced some most artistic pictures. As the cost at which these photographs can be secured is but trifling, we hope to see them at many of the Lodge meeting places of our Metropolitan and Provincial brethren.

Spiers and Pond (Limited) have asked the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice for an injunction against Messrs. Chubb and Sons, lock and safe manufacturers, to restrain them from advertising copies of a letter from the Freemasons' Tavern, signed "Spiers and Pond and Co., per E. Dawkins, Manager," attributing the fact that the Freemasons' Tavern had not been burned down to the valuable services of some iron doors between the two buildings, which were supplied by Messrs. Chubb. Having got a letter from Mr. Dawkins, the defendants had advertised it far and wide. The plaintiff company thought the defendant company had no right to publish the letter; and, being determined to try the question, asked for an interim injunction over next Monday. The matter came before the Division on Thursday. His lordship said his difficulty was in granting an injunction *ex parte* when there was no evidence of injury to the plaintiffs being done. Mr. Napier Higgins said the plaintiff company had a property in the letter, and Mr. Dawkins had no authority to write it. If his lordship did not see his way to granting an injunction *ex parte*, he asked for liberty to serve short notice of motion for the following day. His lordship gave leave, but said he would not undertake to hear it then.—*City Press.*

The lamentable destruction of our historic hall, following as it does in the train of an unparalleled sequence of similar disasters, should stir the public from their supine attitude as regards the risks of fire which they and their buildings daily run. Science has done its part. Effective preventives are to be had, and it remains for us—especially those of us who are responsible for the safety of important structures—to avail ourselves of them. One remarkable invention in particular—Asbestos Fireproof Paint—the efficacy of which in resisting fire has been repeatedly proved by the public experiments of the United Asbestos Company, of Queen Victoria Street, is well worth the notice of those interested in the construction and preservation of large buildings. Its efficacy has been placed beyond all doubt, and its general adoption cannot be too strongly urged in the interests of public safety. It would be well if the authorities were to inquire into the virtues of this remarkable substance. The buildings of the great International Fisheries Exhibition have just been made fire-proof by its aid, and it might probably be adopted with considerable advantage in the reconstruction of Freemasons' Hall.

Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., will continue his lecture, Explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree, in the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, at the Cambria Arms Tavern, Cambria Road, Loughborough Junction, S.E., on Monday next, the 21st instant, at 8 o'clock precisely.

Brother V. Benoist, of 67 Wigmore-street, W., announces that he has purchased the well known business of Mr. Dumas, French Confectioner and Caterer (Charcuterie Francaise), 19 Wardour-street (late Princes-street). Brother Benoist has gained a large experience, both in London and in the principal Paris houses, and brethren arranging masonic, picnic, boating, racing, shooting, and cricket parties, might consult him with advantage.

PRACTICAL MASONRY.

FROM THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY

IT is often said that Masonry is not sufficiently practical. We hear a criticism frequently made to this effect; that the Masonic Institution, with all its prestige of age and rank, its large and varied resources, fails to be an effective working power in the world, and to accomplish the actual good that might be expected of such an organization. Not from outsiders alone does the charge come that Masonry is lacking in practical ministries, but many earnest Brethren give emphasis to such a complaint, while they urge greater zeal and activity on the part of the Craft in discharging the duties of a generous philanthropy.

This age is intensely practical. The world of to-day gives but little attention to matters that are merely speculative and fanciful. Something tangible is demanded to signify the worth of ideas and systems. Character rather than profession, works instead of mere words, the actual rendering of some service in the way of helping men to better conditions—these are the special requirements of our advanced civilization and moral state. In this practical age Masonry must show its practical side. It must keep pace with human progress and needs. It must adapt itself to existing conditions—must express its genius and power in the rendering of a positive service of helpfulness to those whom it is able to reach and bless.

There can be no question that a practical Masonry is called for in this matter of fact and progressive age. While in one sense no change is possible, our Institution being established on certain abiding principles, it is nevertheless eminently proper that the Craft should be attentive to the signs of the times—that they should give heed to those moral demands now generally recognized, and seek to make their organization preeminently useful in obedience to such requirements. Failing to perform this benign ministry, Masonry cannot justify its continued existence. It can only prove it: right to live and flourish by responding to the large demands of human need, and doing a work of actual good according to what are its means and its opportunities.

There is danger, however, of limiting unduly the definition of practical Masonry. This word practical is sometimes strangely narrowed in its rendering. It is made to signify a single line of endeavour or accomplishment, rather than a broad sweep of effort in the way of desired good. Thus reference is made to practical business, when only some exceedingly limited methods or plans are held in view, and that which is set aside in the material undertaking is of vastly more importance. Some people talk about practical education, having in mind merely a limited and imperfect training for one kind of business or occupation. All other instruction seems to them unpractical and without value. How different the broad definition of education given by John Milton! "I hold a complete and generous education to be that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war." And this large definition of education is altogether of practical import, for it points to a training calculated to give an adequate preparation for the performance of all required duties, while it includes the discipline and use of all the varied faculties of man.

Practical Masonry does not begin and end with almsgiving, or with benevolent effort of whatever sort it may be. The ministry of usefulness which our Institution has to perform is not limited to a single department of effort, nor does such a ministry depend upon the constraining of its influence within two narrow bounds. Masonry, like religion, meets life at all points. It recognizes the many-sidedness of human nature. It has precepts and offerings appropriate to the heart, the mind, and the soul of man. It seeks to provide a ministry for the social as well as the ethical nature—to nourish the affections as well as to supply the intellect—and to develop symmetrical characters on which true manliness shall be stamped. It points its disciples to the fulfilment of various obligations, and binds them closely to the practice of many social and moral virtues. In its organic life it takes hold of the work which a true regard for the benefit of others prompts, and makes expression of itself by blessed services of love and benevolence. It does something to lessen human suffering, ignorance and vice, and it contributes some help to the moral stock of the world.

All this is practical Masonry, according to what is its broad and expansive genius of good. We are not to pick out certain lines of its teaching and work, calling these practical, and regarding all else as unworthy of attention. We shall make a grievous mistake if we conclude that there is no practical element in Masonry except that which is witnessed in its charities. If it addresses men on the intellectual sides of their natures, and incites them to earnest thinking, or if it brings to them the suggestions of profitable instruction, it is unquestionably practical in such communications. If it ministers to the social side of human nature, making its power felt in bringing men out of selfish isolation into true fellowship, and by providing means and occasions to augment the zest of life, it may well count its offices in this direction to be of a practical character. Masonry is practical in all the influence it exerts, all the work it does, to develop individual character and give instruction in the way of upright personal living. It fulfils no small part of its most serviceable mission as it disposes men to make the most and the best of life, to recognise their relations to each other and to God, and to be faithful, generous and true, wherever they may be placed, and whatever may be the special call to usefulness.

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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 18th May 1883, W. Bro. Lt.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 30 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 50 candidates, and 19 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 70 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

MALES.		MALES.	
	Votes		Votes
Bennett Charles Benjamin	1854	Langley James L	1087
Tubby William F	1814	Wright Jonathan	1087
Dyer George Henry Talbot	1727	Lewis Joseph	1082
Sansom Thomas	1518	Smith Ralph M.	1055
Baah John Martin	1290	Radford William	1037
Ford William M.	1286	*Ashmore Thomas	1010
Cole George	1235	*Knott Frederick John	1008
Patterson John	1223	*Churchill Richard	989
Nuttall Thomas	1192	*Norman William	972
Shenherd James	1185	*West Robert	971
Havter James	1179	*Collins Thomas	948
Robertson Joseph	1166	*Exley Ben	875
Wild Richard	1151	†Stork William	831
Coffey Michael	1099	†Sewell Thomas William	763
Wirtzfeld Francis Joseph	1092	†Banks Benjamin	658

WIDOWS.

WIDOWS.		WIDOWS.	
Muruss Charlotte	2290	Cathcart Louisa	1772
Morrison Ellen	1914	Greenwood Jane	1747
Lafittau Eliza	1912	*Nowlan Mary	1705
Penman Jane	1900	*Gambell Naomi	1699
Roberts Ann	1847	*Harbord Mary	1675
Davis Amelia Wallis	1803	*Greathead Sarah	1613
Petty Mary Ann	1796	†Pearson Elizabeth	1593
Caswell Harriett	1786	†Greig Lillias	1573
Golding Caroline	1779	†Pratt Caroline Sarah Louisa	1515
Watson Mary Ann	1772		

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respective Lists, will receive sums of money given by the Committee of the John Hervey Fund:—

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Inwood John	542	Stubington Fanny	1393
Willcox Christopher	495	Wood Annetta T. H.	1317

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

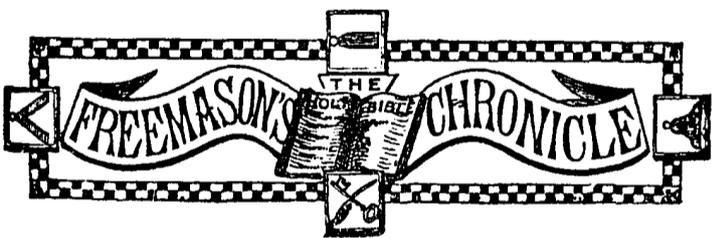
Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the proxies were issued.

The three lowest in the List of Successful Candidates (Male and Female) marked †, will be placed on the respective Funds of the Institution as vacancies occur.

By order,
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THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The destruction of Grand Lodge Temple recorded in your last issue is no doubt a great loss to the Craft from many points of view, but I cannot help feeling that it may ultimately prove beneficial to the general body of English Freemasons. There is little doubt but that arrangements will speedily be made for the rebuilding; but before that is commenced, I hope the Committee to whom will be entrusted the making of arrangements will do what they can to provide a building more suited to the requirements of the Craft of the present day than the old one was. A hall capable of holding twice, or even three times, the number of brethren would not be too large. However, my real object in writing to you is to make a suggestion.

I think it would be generally appreciated by Master Masons if some accommodation could be provided for them, something to correspond with the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Commons, where a few at least of the brethren ineligible for attendance at Grand Lodge might watch and hear the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications. If a gallery were erected no difficulty would arise as to voting or discussion on any topic, as it would be known that those upstairs were merely spectators. If such accommodation were decided upon before the plans for the new building are prepared, there need be no trouble in providing all that would be needed, and as I have already said, I think that Master Masons generally would appreciate the concession.

Yours fraternally,

J. W.

10th May 1882.

FREEMASONS' HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The subject matter of Sir John Bennett's communication in your issue of Saturday last is not a novelty to Masons, but has been well considered by brethren of high position in London and the Provinces. On Saturday last it was already discussed in City Masonic circles that a meeting should be convened with a view of waiting upon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to allow the Craft to raise a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing land on the Thames Embankment, and erecting a hall, with Lodge rooms and club attached, such as would be worthy of the great and important body of Freemasons. A subscription of £1 each would in a short time realise the sum required—it would be wise to limit it to £1. Though I do not propose to take up the space of your columns with the details of the scheme, yet I have no doubt that the suggestion would meet with a hearty response from Masons throughout the country. I shall be glad to receive the names of Masons who are willing to subscribe, that a petition might be presented to His Royal Highness in reference thereto.

I am, &c.

JAMES GODWIN,

P.M. 1343, Z. 749, P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex.

16 and 17 Grand-avenue, Leadenhall.

THE GRAND LODGE SOLICITOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I ask whether it be a fact that a member of the Board of General Purposes acts as Solicitor to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and receives the fees? And, if so, is it not very unusual, it being a generally understood custom that members of committees are prohibited from receiving payment for services rendered to that body?

Now that it seems probable that not only the Grand Treasurership, but other offices, are likely to be subject to annual election, might it not be wise to get rid of this irregularity by the election of some gentleman not on the Board to fill the office?

There must be many capable solicitors not on the Board of General Purposes, and not connected, as the present holder is, with the worthy President, who no doubt feels the anomaly of his position.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

"ON THE SQUARE."

The next Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, on the 6th of June, will be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and on that occasion the brethren will have laid before them proposals for erecting a new Temple in place of the old Temple, which was destroyed by fire on the 3rd instant. It is not at all likely that the scheme proposed by Sir John Bennett or any other brethren who are anxious to have a hall on the Thames Embankment will be among the proposals, as Grand Lodge has land and to spare in Great Queen Street for the erection of a building fully commensurate with the wants of the Craft. The whole block of buildings, comprising Freemasons' Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, and Bacon's Hotel, belong to Grand Lodge, besides some houses and a yard to the West of the Hall. The wants of the Craft are now well known, and if the architect selected is a Freemason, which was not the case when the late Mr. F. P. Cockerell planned the buildings, of which the first stone was laid in 1764, the best use will be made of the space at command. The cost of obtaining land on the Embankment would be extravagant; and, moreover, it would hardly be advisable to remove the very centre of all English Freemasonry from a spot which may be said to be almost hallowed by old associations and history. Furthermore, there is a certain amount of privacy in the present antiquated neighbourhood, which would not be obtained on the Embankment; and if Grand Lodge buildings were sold they would not fetch a large sum, as they could not be utilised for any business, and land in Great Queen-street is not at a premium. The brethren will be prepared to hear any number of suggestions, but their accustomed good sense may be relied upon to come to a correct decision.—
Evening News.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of 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, 19th MAY.

- 198—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—Fecleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottons, Eastwood.
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 R.A. 63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 21st MAY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1791—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W
 Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of East Anglia, Gorleston
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 468—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolinn, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York (Emergency)
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
 R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 905—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 M.M. 9—Fortesue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd MAY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 340—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1448—Mount Edgumbe, 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, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleonor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1—S. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 255—Fris, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1211—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 103—Fearnfort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 R.A. 175—East Median, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MAY.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crawndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dan Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 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. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Tranquillity, Bour's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 363—Keystone, Now Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 24th MAY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Viruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 701—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-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.)
 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1652—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton

- 350—Charity. Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 360—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th MAY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 786—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 834—Rane'agh, Six Hells, Hammorsmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—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 Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound, Richmond
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 212—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zealand, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1641—Alexandra Palace
 1824—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1879—Henry Muggerside, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON.

THE Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, was consecrated on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High-street, Acton. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Cox, D.D., P.G.C., Dr. Piggott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Case P.G.D., Frank Richardson P.G.D., and Raynham H. Stuart, P.G.D. The Grand Secretary having opened the Lodge in due form, addressed the brethren. He urged them to be satisfied as to the character of any one introduced into their Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Rev. Bro. Dr. Cox delivering an oration. The musical portion of the service was conducted by Bro. E. H. Sugg P.P.G.O. Surrey, who presided at the organ, and was assisted by a choir consisting of Bros. Walter Goss P.M., C. E. Botley, J. J. Gunner, F. Botley, E. Monson jun, and J. A. Cammell. Two new and original anthems, composed expressly by Bro. Sugg, namely, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," &c.; and "Glory be to God on High," &c., being most effectively rendered; the solo in the first being sung by Bro. C. E. Botley. The consecration being ended, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the Officers named in the Warrant being duly placed as follows:—Bros. Roebuck P.M. 29 463 P.G.S. P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, as first W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., and George Wright J.W. The W.M. then invested his other Officers, as follow: Bros. E. F. Earl Treasurer, E. H. Sugg P.M. Secretary, F. Botley S.D., E. Monson jun. J.D., J. A. Cammell I.G., Arthur Turner M.C., and Harrison Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably carried out by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and

heartily good wishes and congratulations having been offered by the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The Lodge-room is most suitable for the purpose, and that and the staircase and entrance hall were decorated with some beautiful plants and flowers, kindly lent by Bros. W. Roebuck, G. Wright, and Cammell.

THE JOHN CARPENTER LODGE.

AN important civic Masonic Lodge was consecrated on Friday evening, the Right Hon. H. E. Knight, Lord Mayor, being the first Worshipful Master. The place of meeting of the Lodge is the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The Grand Secretary of England, Col. S. H. Clerke the consecrating officer appointed by the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, performed the ceremony, assisted by Brothers Sir J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk, President of the Board of General Purposes, as Senior Warden, Captain N. G. Phillips P.G.D. as Junior Warden, the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. as Chaplain, and F. Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies. From its name it will be perceived that there is a connection between this Lodge and the John Carpenter Club, and primarily with the City of London School, of which John Carpenter, Town Clerk to the Corporation, was the founder, early in the fifteenth century. In the course of his address, Colonel Clerke remarked upon the appropriateness of the circumstance that Sir J. B. Monckton, the present Town Clerk, was assisting him in constituting the John Carpenter Lodge. Among the founders of the Lodge are Brothers Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sheriff Savory, and Ex-Sheriff Hutton. There was a large number of distinguished Masons present, including General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia.—*City Press.*

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell I.P.M. acting W.M., W. Ridley S.W., J. H. Hawkes J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Prickett S.D., Creed acting J.D., Cordery D.C., Vowles acting I.G.; also Bros. James, Greenaway, Bennett, Knight, Hemmings Tyler. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. Oliver Egginton, who had been proposed at the last regular Lodge, and who was now unanimously approved. Towards the close of the ceremonies the acting W.M. addressed the Lodge. The brethren, he urged, ought not to separate without giving some expression to the deep feelings of regret which he was sure they shared, in common with all the Masons of Reading, on the recent decease of Brother Past Master Bulley. Brother Bulley's connection with the Craft had extended over such a long period of time that few now living could call to mind his first entrance into Masonry, at a time perhaps when it was at a comparatively low ebb; he felt sure he was not wrong in stating that in his younger days there were few of the brethren who were more regular in their attendance at Lodge, more attentive to their duties in office, or more ready to lend a helping hand in any case of Charity or Benevolence than Bro. Bulley; he had lived to see the Craft progress and prosper and extend its branches in an ever widening circle, and perhaps a noteworthy instance of Bro. Bulley's interest in Masonry having been sustained to the last, was the fact of his having revisited his old Lodge on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of Masonry in Reading, only a very few days before his death. We of the Grey Friars Lodge should also have a lasting memorial of Bro. Bulley, in the kind present which he made to the Lodge, a few years since, and which we see before us occupying a prominent position in the Lodge-room. It is only due, therefore, to one who was held in such esteem and regard by the Masons of Reading that a record of the deep regret felt at his loss should be placed upon the minutes of the Lodge. The S.W. moved, that a letter of condolence, embodying the sentiments of the I.P.M., and which he felt sure would be heartily endorsed by the Lodge, should be sent to the widow of Bro. Bulley. This was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The report of the Permanent Committee was received; they recommended that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the assistance of the widow and family of a deceased Brother who were in destitute circumstances; this was proposed by the acting W.M. and seconded by the S.W. The Treasurer, in the absence of P.M. Ferguson, proposed a candidate for initiation, the S.W. seconded the proposal. After the customary ceremonies, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., Saturday, 12th instant. Bros. Lorkin W.M., Wolf S.W., Weeden J.W., Ferrar S.D., Marks J.D., Feuner Acting Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Cohen, Brock, Houghton, Snook, Bleakley, Jones, Manger, and Lone. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brock was examined and entrusted; Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, the W.M. explaining the working tools at length, and giving the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Manger answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Wolf was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 11th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. F. Botley W.M., E. Monson jun. S.W., Gunner J.W., Tucker Treasurer, C. E. Botley S.D., J. A. Cammell J.D., A. Turner I.G., Andrews Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Lodge was called off, and then resumed to first degree, when the fifth section of the lecture was worked. Bro. Monson was elected W.M. for 1st June. Lodge closed and adjourned until 18th May, which will be Officers' night.

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City, on Wednesday last. Lodge was opened punctually at six o'clock by the W.M. Brother James Fraser, who was supported by Past Masters Bros. Charles Lacey (Treasurer), John Newton (Secretary), G. Jones, G. T. H. Seddon, C. H. Webb, F. Brown, E. J. Moore, W. Barlow; A. H. Brown S.W., Thomas F. Harvey J.W., W. Fraser S.D., F. J. Dellow J.D., H. J. Cant I.G., Charles Blain M.C., and J. Very Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Hugh M. Hobbs 1790, J. Knight S.W. 1185, G. F. Dix P.M. 1421, Robert Gifford J.D. 780, H. Horner 554, Thomas Moody 1507, John M. Knight 95, R. S. Cushing 1607, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, A. Prevost 1421, H. Cushen 933, E. Prosser 860, &c. The agenda paper did not contain any reference to ceremonial work, consequently those brethren present who were not aware that anything special was to take place, expressed surprise at there being so large an attendance. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, an announcement was made that Bro. Past Master Webb had undertaken the duties of Steward at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, and £10 10s was voted from Lodge Funds to head his list. An application was received from the daughter of a late member of the Lodge, who required some assistance, for a special purpose. Some discussion arose as to the merits of the case, and some sensible remarks were elicited as to the false impression many folks entertained that Freemasons were ever ready to assist those who were associated, in however remote a degree, with the Order. In the end it was agreed that the application should not be entertained. Reference was made to the recent decease of Bro. J. Greenway, an esteemed member of the Lodge; and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the members of his family, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Shortly afterwards, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Mills. On the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master in brief terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. F. Brown, who referred to the amiability of heart he displayed. Brother Fraser was proud of the position he held amongst the brethren, and he (Brother Brown) knew the members were proud of their Worshipful Master. In reply the W.M. thanked Brother Brown for the way in which he had introduced the toast. He regretted his limited acquaintanceship with rhetoric precluded his expressing himself as effectively as he could desire; but he realised the responsibility of his position, and would earnestly strive to fulfil the duties which devolved upon him. For the toast of the Visitors, Bros. J. M. Knight, G. F. Dix, Cushen, and Morgan replied. The Worshipful Master, on again rising, remarked that a very pleasant duty now devolved upon him. In all well regulated Lodges it was a custom to select a discreet and courteous brother to fulfil the duties of Wine Steward. The Lodge of Sincerity had been singularly fortunate in having appointed to this office a brother who possessed tact and discretion in a prominent degree. Moreover, in the case of their Wine Steward, Brother John Miller, who had carried out the duties for the last eleven years, it might be said, that he and the Treasurer were in perfect accord. The brethren were so satisfied with Bro. Miller's exertions to minister to their comforts that they had deputed him (the W.M.) to present an illuminated testimonial and a loving cup, which in their behalf he had now the pleasure of doing formally. The following is a copy:—

This Testimonial, together with a Silver Cup, was presented by the Brethren of the

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174,

to

BROTHER JOHN MILLER,

As a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of his cheerfully rendered services, as Steward during the past eleven years.

Signed on behalf of the members,

J. S. Fraser W.M. (Chairman).

Chas. Lacey P.M. Treas.

T. F. Harvey J.W.

C. H. Webb P.M.

Fred. Brown P.M.

Dr. Gayter.

A. H. Brown S.W.

John Newton P.M. Sec.

George Jones P.M.

E. J. Moore P.M.

H. R. Yates Hon. Sec.

16th May 1883.

The Loving Cup, which is of massive silver, and of elegant design, was inscribed as under:—

Presented by the members of the
LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174,

to

BROTHER JOHN MILLER,

As a token of their high esteem, and in appreciation of cheerfully rendered services, as Wine Steward for the past Eleven years.

16th May 1883.

Bro. John Miller, who on rising, seemed to have lost his customary volubility, said he almost feared he should break down in the few remarks he would desire to offer to the brethren. He found the present undertaking he was engaged in, that of a speechmaker, much more arduous than were the duties of Wine Steward. However, the knowledge that he possessed the esteem and good wishes of the brethren were more to him than the intrinsic value of their gift. He felt sure that in his last hour the knowledge that he had gained their good will would soothe and cheer him. He should prize the handsome and liberal mark of their good opinion, and hoped it would be handed down from generation to generation. He was not a young man now, but he hoped yet to be with them for several years. It was an ardent wish of his that his son might be made a Mason in the Sincerity Lodge; at the same time he did not deem it advisable that young men should join our ranks at too early a stage of their career. Bro. Miller then gave some excellent advice on this feature, and concluded

by saying that he trusted the happy event of the introduction of his son to Freemasonry would be within the compass of his lifetime. Several other toasts followed in rapid succession, and able replies were elicited. Bro. Webb fully recounted what was being done by, and for, our Charitable Institutions.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on the 7th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. Benjamin W.M., Martin S.W., Bean J.W., Albert P.G.P. Sec., Lyon Treas., Botibol S.D., Wall J.D., Dewsnap I.G., Dodson P.M. M.C., Wynman Steward, Van Noorden Organist. Past Masters Myers, Hickman, Lazarus, H. M. Levy, L. Alexander, H. Hyman, O. Roberts. Visitors—Bros. Lambert P.G.S.B., Foord 593, Vallentine 1017, Phillips 205, Kemp 1776, Levy 1017, Chambers J.W. 749, Anidjah 185, Graham P.P.G.O. Middlesex. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Hartog Van Stavern, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Davis and Jackson answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and were passed to the second degree, the ceremonies being perfectly and impressively rendered. A distressed brother was relieved from the funds of the Lodge. It was agreed that in future an audit meeting take place twice a year. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and recherché banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and superintended by M. Silver. The W.M. very ably presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, said these brethren were all known for their capabilities; he was pleased to see a distinguished member of Grand Lodge present; one to whom the Craft was indebted. Brother G. Lambert P.G.S.B. in responding, said it was a great pleasure to respond to the toast. This was the first time he had visited it, but the Lodge was well known and recognised for its hospitality. Brother L. Alexander Past President of the Benevolent Institution gave an account of the Fund, which at one time had reached £1,500. However, they had given sums of £100 to distressed brethren. The Fund had now nearly £900 in hand. The newly initiated brother—Van Stavern—had given 21s, and his brother 10s 6d. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, Bro. Hartog Van Stavern, whose brother is a very old and valued member of this Lodge; he was sure he would be a credit to it. The initiate having briefly responded, Brother L. M. Myers proposed the health of the W.M., whose working in the Lodge had been most satisfactory. The W.M. in reply thanked Brother Myers for the manner he had spoken of him. The work to him was one of love; the Joppa is held in the highest estimation by Lodges wherever he had visited, and it is an honour for any man to have to preside over such a Lodge. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. H. Phillips P.M. 205, who in reply acknowledged how ably the W.M. had conducted the duties of the chair. Bro. H. M. Levy responded to the toast of the Past Masters. The Officers of the Lodge came in for their share of praise, and in due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. The W.M. deserves great credit for the musical entertainment he had provided, under the superintendence of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden Organist. Madame Frances Brooke, Miss Clara Wollaston, and Bros. Arthur Thomas, Henry Prenton, and G. S. Graham P.P.G.O. Middlesex entertained the brethren.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 7th inst. Bro. George Kirby W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. Garbutt S.W., Dr. Draper J.W., J. Sykes Rymer (Sheriff of York) I.P.M., P.M.'s Mark Rooke, A. Buckle, M.A., Joseph Todd Treasurer, W. Smith Secretary, Alderman Terry, and numerous other brethren. The first business was the initiation of Mr. J. Holiday Smith, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The tools were given by the Secretary, Bro. W. Smith, and the charge was delivered by Brother M. Rooke P.M. M.C. Then followed the passing of Brother T. W. Denison, Brother Rooke performing this ceremony. Subsequently the Worshipful Master called attention to two melancholy events which had happened since the last meeting of the Lodge, one more immediately concerning the York Lodge, and the other a matter of sorrow for Free and Accepted Masons throughout the world. The former was the death of Bro. John Young, who had been connected with this Lodge for a number of years, and to whose highmindedness, geniality, and ability, not only Masonically, but commercially and socially, the W.M. testified, from over twenty years' experience of their lamented brother. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Buckle, B.A., P.M. seconded, a resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the deceased in their bereavement, and this was unanimously adopted. The second matter of remark was the disastrous fire at the "Temple" in London, and profound regret was expressed at this calamity, which had deprived Masonry of some of its most valuable commemorators of past glories of the Craft. Much pleasure was expressed at the following announcement which appeared in the *York Daily Herald*:—"The Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire, has received a communication from Colonel Knollys, stating that the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Freemasons, will be pleased to lay the foundation stone of the new Institute to be erected in York with Masonic honours. The invitation to His Royal Highness to act in his Masonic capacity has been sent by the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. The ceremony will take place during the Royal Show week."

LILY LODGE OF RICHMOND, No. 820.

THE brethren assembled on Wednesday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Brother William Forster Reynolds, in the Masonic Hall at the Greyhound Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. Charles Hubbard P.M. and W.M. elect, Past Masters F. W. Koch, G. W. Young, C. Phillips, Weaver, and E. Townsend. Visitors—Bros. E. D. Hatch P.M. 357, N. L. Western J.W. 1693, Thomas J. Cusworth P.M. 813, George R. Soper P.M. 1385, G. T. Salmon Senior Warden 1260, W. W. Morgan Senior Warden 211. After the minutes of last regular Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Alfred Ward, who was proposed by Bro. Myers P.M., and seconded by Bro. Hubbard P.M. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The event of the day was now brought forward, the reinstallation of Brother Charles Hubbard, who a few years back for two years in succession filled the chair of this Lodge. Brother Past Master Myers took the chair, and in his customary perfect manner conducted the ceremony throughout. On the readmission of those below the degree of Installed Master, the Officers were appointed, as follows:—Young P.M. S.W., C. Phillips P.M. J.W., Giles P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Myers P.M. Sec., Fenwick S.D., Wrighton (named as) J.D., Slaymaker M.C., Ward I.G., Gilbert Tyler. Brother Hubbard was very happy in the few remarks he addressed to each of the brethren whom he invested, and fully explained what each was expected to carry out. The addresses were eloquently delivered by Brother Myers, who was congratulated by all present for the way he had performed the ceremony. The retiring Master was next presented with the jewel of the Lodge, in appreciation of the services he had rendered. This compliment having been acknowledged, Bros. Johns, Pye, Hammond, Biggar, and Slaymaker were appointed on the Committee for the management of the Benevolent Fund. In regard to this Fund, we may state here that the members have a sum of £100 invested, but it is desirable that a change should be made in the trustees in whose names the investment now stands. Some considerable discussion arose as to the simplest manner in which this could be brought about, and we doubt not but that this will be amicably arranged at an early date. Routine work followed, several letters were read, and after hearty good wishes had been tendered, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then served by Brother Moutlet, mine host of the Greyhound, and after the cloth was cleared the customary toasts were briefly introduced by Brother Hubbard. The duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master fell to the lot of Bro. Reynolds, who expressed his regret that an abler speaker had not been allotted the task. Their Worshipful Master's qualities, however, were known to, and appreciated by, all the members, and all would exert themselves to make his year of office a most pleasant and agreeable one to the Lodge. Bro. Hubbard in reply said, he could but feel gratified on finding himself in his present capacity. He could assure the brethren who had elected him for the ensuing year that no exertion on his part should be wanting to make it prosperous. In selecting his Officers he placed every reliance on the brethren he asked to assist him. At present the Lodge was not numerically so strong as he could wish, but though much as he could desire an accession of members he did not think it advisable to encourage any aspirant unless they could be assured he was of good quality. Throughout the evening he had advocated short speeches, and would conclude by thanking all present for the reception they had given the toast. In proposing the health of the Visitors, Brother Hubbard expressed the pleasure the members felt in having with them a distinguished brother from Nicaragua. They had likewise an excellent representative Mason in Brother T. J. Cusworth, who was a Past Master of the New Concord, No. 813, a Lodge which was celebrated as having some of the most competent workers in the Craft amongst its members. This toast having been acknowledged, the Past Masters, the Initiate, and the Officers of the Lodge were severally introduced, but with commendable brevity, as full advantage was taken of the musical talent that was developed by those present. The toast of the Charities, with which was incorporated the Press, was ably responded to by Brother Morgan, whose appeal for the Institutions resulted in the Worshipful Master tendering his services as a Steward for the Girls' School, while substantial additions were made to the speaker's own list for the Boys. Altogether this was one of the most agreeable and harmonious meetings we have taken part in. Some capital songs and musical selections enlivened the proceedings, and the ability displayed by Miss Thomas, A.R.A., in the latter regard, was much enjoyed and highly appreciated. We look forward with every satisfaction to the future of the Lodge under Bro. Hubbard's Master-ship.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720.—A meeting was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. Stafford W.M., Job S.W., Wood J.W., Culpin S.D., Elliott J.D., Arnold I.G., P.M. Poore Preceptor, Graham P.G.O. Organist, Dunkley Secretary; also Bros. Lambert, Allen, Dawson, Matthew, Warren, Malins, Garrow, and Jones. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. Brother Mallins offering as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; likewise that of passing—Brother Lambert candidate. The eighth and ninth sections were then worked. Lodge was closed in the second degree. It was proposed and seconded that Brother Lambert be W.M. for the ensuing week, and that on the following Wednesday Brother Everest should be duly installed. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The Lord Mayor of York will be initiated at an emergency meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on Monday evening next.

At a banquet which followed the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, held on Thursday, the 17th instant, at Glastonbury, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, in proposing the health of the Prince of Wales, said it had been his lot to have intimately known three Grand Masters—Lord Zetland, Lord Ripon, and the Prince of Wales—and without exaggeration he might say that His Royal Highness was the best Grand Master the Order of Masons ever had. His opinion was that they owed a great deal to His Royal Highness, who had given greater depth and breath to the foundations of English Freemasonry, and had introduced into it many suitable elements, which he could not say it wanted, but which had contributed very greatly to its honour, spirit, and strength.

The annual ball of the Montefiore Cyclists Club was held on the 16th inst. at St. James's Hall. T. W. Richardson was the Vice-President, and an efficient body of Stewards did duty. Messrs. E. P. Vallentine, H. T. Marks and S. J. Weingott ably acted as M.C.'s. The feature of the evening was a new Valse, composed by Mr. H. T. Marks. A *récherché* supper was provided by Bros. H. and J. Roberts, and Mr. Herman's band played a most admirable selection of music. Dancing was kept up until the small hours were on the wane.

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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.

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MALTA.

TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. W. KINGSTON,
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF MALTA.

A large and brilliant meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Malta, which was held on Saturday, 21st April, an extremely interesting and important ceremony was performed. This was the presentation of an address, and a testimonial to Bro. W. Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta.

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The Address was read and presented by the Dep. Dist. G. Master, assisted by the W.M.'s of the five Lodges, E.C., in Malta.

"To Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM KINGSTON,
District Grand Master of Malta, &c. &c. &c.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—The various Masonic bodies working under your rule, as well as many individual members of the Masonic confraternity connected with Malta, are desirous of marking in some manner (however inadequate), the high sense they entertain of the invaluable assistance you have rendered to Freemasonry in this district, as well as to the Craft at large, during your term of office as District Grand Master.

It would be difficult to set out, or even to allude to, within the narrow limits of an Address, the various important Masonic events which will, in the future, render memorable your prolonged and successful administration. They cannot, however, refrain from placing on record the fact that the existence of a local Benevolent Fund is attributable entirely to your zeal and initiative; that it was under your sway the limits of the district were extended to the continent of North Africa; that the number of Lodges in the island itself was successfully increased, and that the Craft has attained a degree of strength, importance, and prosperity, wholly unprecedented in the history of Freemasonry in Malta.

With a view of commemorating these distinguished services, they venture to present you with this Address, together with a Salver and other articles of plate, which they hope will be a lasting memorial of the esteem and affection of your Masonic Brethren.

At the same time they trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will be pleased to long preserve you to rule over this district, with which the memory of your great Masonic work will be for ever associated.

This address, after being numerously signed, will be illuminated and framed. It was listened to with evident signs of approbation and followed by long and hearty applause. The R.W. District Grand Master responded in a speech replete with good counsel, kind feeling and pathos. He thanked the members of the District, most sincerely and gratefully, for the very complimentary sentiments and good wishes so eloquently expressed in the Address, and also for their very handsome and valuable present. He could assure them that, during his prolonged tenure of office, as D.G.M., it had always been his study and earnest wish to rule the district with impartiality, justice, and equity, and it had been his constant endeavour to advance, to the utmost of his power, the best interests of the Order, to carry out its important principles, and promote its benevolent purposes. In these efforts, it was highly gratifying to say he had succeeded in securing the goodwill, hearty co-operation and assistance of the members of his district. As a natural sequence, his rule, he ventured to say, had been a pleasant, harmonious, and successful one. In these respects he hoped the future would be equal to the past. He again thanked them with a sincere heart for their kindness, and he could assure them that he and his family would preserve and treasure up, most carefully, the beautiful, artistic and useful objects forming the presentation, and they would ever look on, and exhibit them with pleasure and pride. He would estimate and appreciate them, not merely according to their intrinsic value, but as the expression, or outcome, of the generous sentiments and approval of those over whom he had the pleasure, privilege, and honour to rule; and as cogent, tangible, and lasting mementoes of their kindness, affection, and esteem. A vote of thanks was then proposed, and passed unanimously to the D.D.G.M., Bro. W. Watson, for the manner in which he had made the presentation. District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren repaired to the refreshment hall, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them; some excellent speeches, songs, and recitations brought to a close a very pleasant and memorable evening.

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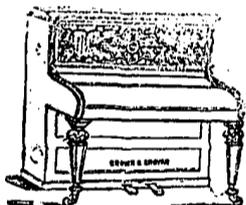
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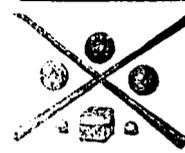
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