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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THIS, the oldest of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, is now preparing for the celebration of its annual Anniversary Festival, the event being fixed for the 13th May next, when, under the presidency of Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, the usual banquet will be held, and it is hoped as large, or even a larger sum will be subscribed than has ever been announced in connection with this Institution. We have so recently referred at length to the several candidates who are seeking admission to the School that we do not feel it necessary to say much now in regard to them, but may mention that the number of those who have been passed as eligible is in advance of those who can be admitted to the extent of twenty-five per cent., or, in plain figures, there are thirty candidates going to the poll to-day of whom seven must be sent away unsuccessful. There are many who will say this is a most satisfactory state of affairs; and so it is, were it not the case that the friends of each of these seven children are really in distress—are perhaps brought down by misfortune to such a state that they do not know how they will even feed these seven orphans until another election comes round, and they have another chance of receiving relief from the brethren of the Mystic Tie. Seven candidates out of a list of thirty to be sent away. Is that all? Yes, that is all on this occasion, and light as it may seem to those who have never had to ask for assistance, it means anxiety and sorrowful hearts to most of those who are associated with the seven unfortunate ones. And why is it necessary to send these seven away? Simply because the funds of the Institution they desire to enter are not in such a flourishing condition as would warrant the executive taking them on to the establishment. A very small contribution from each Mason who is in a position to give it would alter this state of affairs, and a very small regular subscription from each would enable the School to be kept up to a similar state of usefulness. May we ask from our readers as much as they can afford in furtherance of the objects of our Girls' School.

So far we have spoken of those who will to-day seek admittance to the School. Thirty girls in all; to twenty-three of whom food, clothing, and education will be guaranteed until they reach the age of sixteen. No small undertaking, as many who have children of their own can testify; but what is this in comparison with the total that is being done by the Institution? We speak of a brother with eight children as having a large family; to-day the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take to itself three such large families, and yet they will, so to speak, be lost among the number of children already resident in the Institution at Battersea Rise. When those twenty-three children find their way into the School there will be two hundred and forty-one girls to be cared for, and everything provided for them by the supporters of the Institution. And this work has to be carried on, not for the current year only, but continuously, while the amount of money required for it has—except a comparatively small income arising from invested funds—to be provided year to year by voluntary donations. How much, therefore, depends on the efforts of brethren who undertake the office of Steward it is easy to imagine. The

very existence of these two hundred and forty-one girls may be said to depend on what is done, as it would be found impossible even to discharge existing obligations on what the Institution already possesses.

This year the School has the benefit of the advocacy, as Chairman of its Festival, of a Provincial Grand Master who is respected, not only in his own district, but throughout England. One who will do his best personally, and will urge others to do the same. But even if he and every brother in his Province give to the best of their ability it cannot be expected they will provide more than a moiety of what is required. To secure anything like the total we should like to see, exertions will have to be made in every part of the kingdom, and that, too, without any delay. At the present time, the number of brethren who have accepted the office of Steward is below that at the corresponding date last year, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the Festival takes place a week earlier than it did then, thus giving the executive shorter time in which to induce brethren to come forward. Mere numbers, however, are not everything; a small number of Stewards may produce a greater total than a large one, but to do so it is necessary that one or a few of their number should represent one or other of the premier Provinces; Provinces which, if they do make an effort, are as good for their thousands as ordinary ones are for hundreds, but this year we are afraid no such fortune is in store for the Girls' School. It is true that most of the districts into which Masonic England is divided are doing something, but few of them, outside the Chairman's own county of Sussex, can be said to be making a supreme effort. They are doing their work quietly but surely, collecting that regular flow of money which is so useful, but which, in face of the extraordinary calls which are made on the liberality of the Institution, has to be supplemented by occasional extraordinary liberality on the part of brethren, and we almost doubt if this regular method of working will produce such an amount of as will relieve the managers of the Institution from anxiety during the coming twelve months. At present, we believe, the North of England—Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland—is unrepresented among the Stewards. Is it too late to secure a brother to represent this large district? To represent it and work it in such a manner as shall call forth a grand total from the Northern Counties. It is certainly not too late for something to be done, and we feel sure that anything would be better than that so large a part of the country as is here referred to should remain quiescent. There are other districts at present unrepresented, but we are not in a position to refer to them other than generally. Any one who thinks he can do something towards raising the funds needed for the work of the Girls' School for the current year should place himself in communication with the Secretary of the Institution, who, we venture to think, will have no difficulty in pointing out a method of exercising such energies.

The Chairman of the year—Sir W. W. Burrell—will, we understand, pay a visit to the Schools on Tuesday, the 21st instant, and we believe most of the Sussex Stewards will be there to meet their chief. Much good may come from this visit if the visitors are pleased with what they see,—and it can hardly be imagined they will not be pleased. But with what additional encouragement Sir Walter would undertake his duties if he knew that the number of brethren who would supplement his exertions was

above the average. A little extra enthusiasm on the part of the Craft would enable the Secretary to greet the Chairman with such pleasing news on the occasion of his visit to the Schools, and we trust it may yet be possible for him to do so.

We feel there is little to be added to what we have already said as to the way in which the children are cared for and educated in the School. The result of the Cambridge Local Examination, in December last, is ample testimony as to the latter. Fourteen girls were entered for examination, and all of them passed; while the appearance of the girls themselves amply demonstrates the former. We hope the Craft will give the Institution as much support as is possible, and that this year's Festival may be no exception to the many successes which have occurred in the past.

FREEMASONRY'S INCEPTION.

THE origin of Freemasonry is lost in the unexplored past. The principles, however, upon which it is founded have existed in active exercise ever since the creation of man, and so perfectly is it adapted to the necessities—intellectual, moral, and social—of his nature that it must have taken shape and body at an early period in the history of organised society. Of course it is not claimed that Masonry, exactly as we now see it, took its origin in that early period and continued unchanged until the present time. But what is meant is this: Masonry, or something analogous to it, being a necessity of man's nature and of the circumstances of a primeval age, must have originated in the earliest stages of social organisation. And as man's necessities demanded its creation, so it has been kept in existence by his wants, social, moral and intellectual, until it has reached its present perfect and universal character; and, doubtless, it will continue his companion, instructor and purifier as long as time shall last.

Whilst the institutions of antiquity and all history appear to confirm this view, yet it must be acknowledged that even among well informed brethren there are wide differences of opinion as to the origin of our Institution.

Some, seeing only the fact, which all are bound to admit, that the rituals of Masonry, as they now exist, were systematised and crystallised into their present forms by the revival of 1717, in London, will have it that *then and there* Masonry had its origin, calling that movement not a *revival* of a living institution by an infusion into it of young blood, and life, and enthusiasm, but a *renaissance*—a resurrection of a defunct system of pagan antiquity, by breathing into its nostrils the breath of genuine life—the knowledge of the true God and the practice of divine charity. Their position, however, and arguments are generally regarded as untenable, as inconsistent with the well known facts of the 1717 movement, with its consequences, and with, indeed, many antecedent facts.

Others attribute its introduction into western Europe to the returning Crusaders of the middle ages, supposing that they became acquainted with it in Palestine. This theory, whilst many cling to it, adds nothing directly to the solution of the question of origin, but only postpones it and so tends to corroborate another view of the matter.

A third party to the discussion claims that Masonry was known in England as early as the time of Alfred the Great, and suppose it a Christian modification of Druidism or some other pagan initiation, but they do not attempt to locate its origin in time and place.

Others, with great probability, antedate the Christian era, and ascribe, not the origin proper of Masonry, but its purification and consecration, to Solomon, during the erection of the magnificent temple of the true God, in Jerusalem. The drama, the traditions of the Institution, its systems of words, grips, signs, and much of its symbolism, point to this origin, and, what is remarkable, recent discoveries, on the site of the ancient temple go, they claim, to confirm our legends.

Some ascribe it to Noah, some to Enoch, and some to Adam, our great forefather himself, who, in order to perpetuate the knowledge of the true God, to teach good will to men, and to inculcate a horror of all bloody violence, and especially of murder, based the first drama of the world upon its first tragedy and made it the vehicle of moral instruction for all time.

Such are some of the conflicting views of even well informed brethren. As for myself, having reflected somewhat on this subject, and examined the evidence, both external and internal, I have no hesitation in saying, that to my mind it is clear, either that Masonry antedates the Christian era, or that it is, at least, not Christian in its inception. Were it of Christian origin, then its drama would be based upon the passion of Christ, and the doctrine of the resurrection, now faintly perceived by the general mind would be unequivocally enunciated, inculcated and insisted upon as a cardinal article of belief.

The whole ritual of Masonry—Blue Masonry as we technically call it—in its system of words, grips and signs, as well as its traditions, points to a non-Christian origin, and most unequivocally is Judaistic in its conception. Its hieroglyphic and mnemonic records, its oral transmission, its impressive manner of imparting instruction and fixing valuable lessons, and its thorough consecration to law and order, all go to show that it is not modern in origin and conception. Indeed, it seems to be impossible that Masonry, as we now know it, could have been devised in its general outlines since the era of printing, or in a Christian country, or among any other people than orientals, or in any other age than that of remote antiquity.

To suppose that this broad and comprehensive system, requiring knowledge of the most rare, abstruse and recondite character, could have been devised and put at once into successful operation by a few unknown and illiterate men, in 1717, either is absurd or calls for the direct agency of Deity. But whilst Masons believe that their Supreme Grand Master smiles upon their Institution and blesses their work, and whilst they claim that, like everything else that is good, Freemasonry is an inspiration of the Divine goodness, or an emanation therefrom, they do not feel authorized to claim a miraculous origin.

To suppose, on the other hand, that the most learned men of any particular age or country could, in addition to their learning, have had the necessary practical and minute knowledge of the handicraft interested and of human nature; could, without the largest experience, have conceived the broad philanthropy upon which the Institution is founded; could have imbibed the spirit of antiquity which it breathes; could so have translated themselves into the past as to originate and develop into instant maturity this giant Institution, with all the odour and sanctity of hoary age, is no less impossible, or calls no less for the direct interposition of Deity.

I feel constrained, therefore, to give Masonry an origin in the unknown depths of the misty past, and to ascribe it as we now have it, not to any particular man or set of men, nor to any particular age or country, but to regard it as the result of the combined wisdom and philanthropy of the race working harmoniously together through untold ages, now advancing, now retrograding, now innovating, now pruning. And as it must have its vicissitudes, now in prosperity, now in adversity, courted at one time and persecuted at another, zealously cultivated in one age and country, and neglected if not disavowed in another, we naturally expect to find in its ritual, its work, its traditions, evidence of these fluctuations.

Accordingly we do find upon examining this mysterious structure, proceeding very much as does the geologist whilst exploring the crust of the earth, that the upper story, its roof and battlements, its ornaments, and furniture and general appointments, are largely modern and especially Anglo-Saxon in their character, showing that it is now the heritage of that great branch of the human family; going lower down, everything is of a medieval age; pushing our way still farther toward the foundation, the misty, glimmering light enables us to discover relics of a character undoubtedly Judaical, perhaps of the age of Solomon; groping our way still downward, as far as the fitful light will allow us to go, we come to unquestioned Egyptian remains. Beyond that all is impenetrable gloom, a darkness which can be felt, and we are compelled to give up the farther search, but with a curiosity, a zeal, an interest, all the more whetted as it is impossible to gratify it.

I believe, then, in the antiquity of Masonry; that it was once specially Egyptian in its character; that subsequently it was purified, by Solomon, perhaps, and by him consecrated to the noblest purposes; that becoming then the heritage of the Israelites it assumed its undoubted Hebraic character; that it has been largely modified by

successive generations and nations; that in the lapse of ages it became, under the providence of God, the inheritance of the Anglo-Saxon race, who, after perpetuating it for centuries as they received it, finally, under the inspiration of genius, following the example of others, remodelled and reconsecrated it, giving it its Christian character, and yet, in the broadness of its charity and the glory of its philanthropy, not excluding any one who, believing in the true God, has the other necessary qualifications for initiation.

While contending, therefore, that Masonry antedates the Christian era, and clearly is not Christian in its inception, it is further claimed that not only is there nothing anti-Christian about it, but that Christianity is its necessary complement and perfection, engrafting, as it does, upon Masonry the idea of spiritual regeneration and pointing the way, through the Church, to the Lamb of God, the Saviour of the world; yet not requiring a belief in that Saviour, nor an acceptance of Him, as a prerequisite for admission into the mysteries of the Fraternity, but welcoming every sincere believer in the one true God, whether he be our elder brother, the Jew, or our younger brother, the Mahometan, or a purified heathen, led by natural religion through nature up to nature's God and Maker, as well as the enlightened believers and followers of Christ.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE HUGGETT.

WITH extreme regret we have this week to record the death of Bro. George Huggett, P.M. of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, and P.Z. of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, which took place on the 3rd inst., in the 42nd year of his age. Bro. Huggett was initiated into Freemasonry in November 1868, in the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65. He was one of the Founders of the Tredegar Lodge, being nominated in its warrant as Senior Warden, and regularly served that office. He was subsequently elected to the office of W.M., and acted in that capacity in a most satisfactory manner. He remained a subscribing member of the Lodge until his death. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Sincerity Chapter, and there attained the honour of the chair of Z. In public life Bro. Huggett filled the appointment of Assistant Clerk of Poplar Union, a post he occupied for a term of twenty-two years, only relinquishing his duties seven days before his death, although in delicate health some time previously. During his long association with the district, he had made many friends in Poplar, and was respected by all the inhabitants by whom he was known. He leaves a widow and three sons—aged seven, nine, and eleven years respectively—to mourn his loss. His funeral took place at Ilford Cemetery on Thursday, and was attended by a large number of his brother Masons, among whom were Bros. Hubbard W.M., Verry P.M., Deason P.M., Anning P.M. Treasurer, Lacey P.M., Kendall P.M., Sly S.W. (all of 1625); also Bros. J. J. Berry, G. Graveley, C. H. Webb, Tippet, Maloney, Stunt, T. B. Daniells Treasurer 781, and several other brethren. The coffin bore a number of handsome wreaths, sent by his brother Officers and other sorrowing friends. A melancholy feature at the grave was the appearance of the three sons of our deceased brother, each with a basket of flowers to scatter over the remains of their parent.

BRO. DR. JOSEPH J. POPE.

ANOTHER old friend, and a well known brother, has passed away in the person of Bro. Dr. Joseph J. Pope, who died of syncope on Monday, the 6th instant. Bro. Pope was initiated in March 1879, in the Lodge of Sincerity, and afterwards became a joining member of No. 946—the Strawberry Hill Lodge, Twickenham. Bro. Pope was a popular member of the medical profession, and a surgeon in the military train and artillery. His geniality secured him many friends in the circle in which he moved. His remains will be interred at Abney Park Cemetery, at 12 o'clock to-day.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.B. The minutes having been confirmed, those of the House Committee on the 20th and 24th ult. were read for information. Three petitions on behalf of candidates were submitted, considered, and accepted for the October Election. Grants of £5 each, towards outfit, were voted to four former pupils of the Institution, and it was ordered that £3000 India Four per Cent. Stock should be sold on account of the Preparatory School Building Fund. The handing in of notices of motion for the Quarterly Court of the 13th instant, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman, concluded the proceedings.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer. The customary formalities having been disposed of, Bro. Terry, the Secretary, reported the death of four annuitants, three males and one female, and then read a letter from the solicitor to the estate of the late Gilbert C. Harris, of Clifton, announcing that a legacy of £100 had become due to the Institution, the former tenant for life having recently died. Letters were also read from Brother Vassar-Smith, of Gloucester, and Brother G. S. Recknell, acknowledging the compliments paid to them at the last meeting of the Committee. The reports of the Warden and of the Finance Committee were submitted. The latter shows that there is now a balance of £9076 6s 1d in favour of the Institution, made up as follows: Balance brought forward on Male Fund, £486 10s 10d; subsequent receipts, £3985 5s 5d; total, £4471 16s 3d; expenditure, £1921 3s 4d; balance on Male Fund, £2550 12s 11d; balance brought forward on Female Fund, £2075 9s 10d; subsequent receipts, £6224 6s 9d; total, £8299 16s 7d; expenditure, £1872 11s; balance on Female Fund, £6427 5s 7d; and balance on Sustentation Fund, £98 7s 7d. The investment of £2000, from the Widows' Fund balance, in East India Four per Cents., and the depositing of £5000 at the Bank on call was recommended by the Finance Committee, and after formal proposition was agreed to by the Committee of Management. The receipt of a petition from the Fishmongers' Company, to be presented to Parliament, against the Corporate Property Security Bill, was announced, but on Bro. Terry explaining that it did not in any way affect the Benevolent Institution, it was resolved not to take any action upon it. The appointment of Brother James Terry jun. as clerk in the office, in room of Brother Recknell, resigned, was confirmed, the commencing salary being fixed at £130 per annum. The preparation of the annual report of the Institution was entrusted to a Committee, consisting of Bros. Farnfield, Lacey, and Newton, and it was resolved that the Stewards of the late Festival should be invited to visit the Institution at Croydon. The proposition was then brought forward to present to Brother James Terry the sum of one hundred guineas, in recognition of his exertions in connection with the late Festival. The motion stood in the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, and was formally moved by him. It was seconded by Brother Hogard, and, after some discussion, was carried. An amendment, proposed by Brother Charles Lacey, and seconded by Brother Henry Moore, that Brother Terry be presented with the Vice Patronship of the Institution, in lieu of the one hundred guineas as proposed, was lost, the original proposition being carried by 17 votes to 9. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the passing of a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

We congratulate the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, on the eminent success that attended the celebration of their Centenary, on Thursday. Their arrangements were happily conceived, and were carried out with a liberality that shews that at Derby the true spirit of Freemasonry is prevalent. We feel that our esteemed Bro. Thomas Cox P.M. P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treasurer, the present Master of this flourishing Lodge, will ever look back on this meeting as one of the most pleasant he has been associated with. We hope to give a full account in our next issue.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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UNFAIR CLAIMS ON THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite endorse the opinions expressed by your correspondent, "A SUPPORTER OF THE SCHOOLS," with respect to the plurality of benefits sought for and obtained at the hands of our Institutions; and it is a question which should be anxiously taken into consideration by the rulers of the Craft. Like yourself, I had always understood that when the laws were altered in 1879, it was fully intended that only one member of a family should be eligible for the Institutions, "unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." This, it appears to me, is nothing more than is fair and reasonable, for, as every brother must have observed who has watched elections in the past, many children whose claims to the bounty of the Craft were admitted to be more deserving have had to stand aside for some time, and probably altogether, because of the interest taken by a section of the brethren in the case of a child whose brother or sister was already in receipt of the benefits of the Schools. I am sceptical enough to think that it is not always the most deserving or necessitous who find their ways upon the lists of successful candidates at Masonic elections. Is not the position lately occupied by the deceased brother—the amount of his subscriptions to the funds of his Lodge and the Charities—and such like often made a primary consideration, before the real necessities of the widow and the fatherless? A man might have been a good and useful member of the Craft, and on his death might leave his family well, if not amply, provided for. Such a case, in my opinion, does not compare with that of the less opulent brother who from "circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune" is unable to leave anything whatever to his unfortunate widow and little ones. In the latter case the hardship is far greater, and should be the first to enlist the sympathies and help of the brethren. That one of these little ones should be elbowed aside for the sake of securing the benefits of education and maintenance for two children of a comparatively independent widow is scarcely fair and reasonable, nor is it, I should say, within the meaning and intentions of those by whom the laws of our Masonic Charities were framed.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A STEWARD.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with peculiar interest the correspondence that has recently passed in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE on various matters of detail in connection with Lodges of Instruction, and if the various opinions expressed and suggestions thrown out by the several writers are taken to heart by those who are the leaders in this useful branch of the Order, no doubt the effect will be most salutary and tend to greatly improved results. I am cordially in favour of "WATCHMAN'S" view with respect to the blending of refreshment with Masonic labour, which has always appeared to me "incongruous," though of course the old saying comes in—"Many men, many minds." The duty, also, of Masters and Officers of Lodges attending as often as they conveniently can the Lodges of Instruction formed under their respective banners, and which has likewise been alluded to by several of your correspondents, seems to me to be an essential point, as tending to stimulate the coming generation in their laudable endeavours to master the ritual and qualify themselves for office, to which it should be the ambition of old and young Masons to attain. But there is yet another matter to which probably the attention of Preceptors may be called with some advantage, and that is the too prevailing custom of "ringing the changes," so to speak, in the selection of Officers at the weekly meetings of Lodges of Instruction. For instance, we see brethren who are enthusiastic in their desire to work up, repeating the round of the chairs, and in many of your reports of these meetings lately I have seen the same names appearing week after week as filling the various offices. I am aware it is the invariable custom to appoint Officers by rotation, but it is frequently found that a brother who has worked up to the chair re-appears on the following week, "after his term of office has expired," contrives to secure a minor position, and in a short time he is again in the chair. Thus the younger or more retiring brethren are shut out from many of the advantages they hoped to gain by attending Lodges of Instruction. It may be said that the old verdict, "serve 'em right" applies to this case, that they should press their suit, and secure for themselves the privileges they covet. But in most instances they are too shy, or too modest, to push themselves forward, and thus they are nowhere in the race. What I wish to suggest is, that there should be no such race—that Preceptors should cast about them for men who have not before taken office, and endeavour to induce them to begin at the lowest rung of the ladder with a view to ascending by degrees to the chair. In many cases, as at present arranged, Lodges of Instruction resolve themselves into a select coterie, the same Officers appearing in kaleidoscopic fashion all the year round, and the natural consequence is that the meetings become somewhat monotonous, and fall short of the object intended, viz., of giving an

opportunity of practice, as well as of instruction, to all the members. I trust there will be a continuance of that interchange of thought and opinion you have evoked upon this important subject, and remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

JAMES ANDERSON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the first volume of a new English Biographical Dictionary, recently printed in London, I find a biographical sketch of James Anderson, which contains some matter that never appeared in a Masonic publication, and also references to works that may lead to a further extension of the life of Anderson. The writer of the said sketch made some mistakes, which I endeavour to correct.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

"James Anderson, preacher and miscellaneous writer, brother of Adam Anderson, was born about 1680, at Aberdeen, where he was educated, and probably took the degree of M.A. and D.D. In 1710 he was appointed minister of the Presbyterian Church in Swallow-street, London, whence he was transferred, in 1734, to a similar charge in Leslie-street, Leicester Fields. According to the "Gentleman's Magazine," he is said to have been well known among the people of that persuasion resident in London as Bishop Anderson, and he is described as a learned but imprudent man, who lost considerable part of his property in the fatal year 1720. Several of his sermons were printed. One of them 'No King Killers,' preached in 1715, on the anniversary of the execution of Charles I., was a zealous defence of the conduct of the Presbyterians during the civil wars, and reached a second edition. Anderson was a Freemason, and when in 1721, [soon after] the revival of Freemasonry in England, the Grand Lodge determined to produce an authoritative digest of the Constitutions of the Fraternity, the task was assigned to him.—(Entick's edition of the Constitutions, p 194, 1747) [probably 1754 or 1767]. It was as Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge that he presented it on completing his task—'The Constitutions of the Free Masons, containing the History, Charges, Regulations, &c. of the Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity, for the use of the Lodges, London, in the year of Masonry 5723, Anno Domini 1723.' This work, which passed through several editions, was long recognised by English Freemasons to be the standard code on the subject, and was translated into German. An American fac-simile of the first edition of 1723 was issued in New York in 1855, and there are reprints of the same edition in Cox's 'Old Constitutions' belonging to the Freemasons of England and Ireland (1871), and in the first volume of 'Kenning's Masonic Archaeological Library, 1871.' Anderson also contributed to Masonic literature a defence of Masonry, occasioned by a pamphlet, 'Masonry Dissected, 1735,' which was translated into German, and is reprinted in Oliver's 'Golden Remains of the Early Masonic Writers (1817).

In 1732 appeared the work by which Anderson is chiefly remembered, viz., Royal Genealogies of Emperors, Kings, and Princes, from Adam to these times. Professedly based on "Genealogisch Tabellen," by Johann Hübner, it was largely supplemented by Anderson's industry. While the earlier sections of the work are of little historical value, the latter are often of use in relation to genealogies of continental dynasties and houses. The volume closes with a synopsis of the English Peerage, and in the preface the author intimated his readiness, if adequately encouraged, to delineate and dispose at full length the genealogies of all the peers and great gentry of the Britannic Isles. Anderson's last work, which he was commissioned to undertake by the first Earl of Egmont and his son, from materials furnished by them, bore the title, "A Genealogical History of the House of Yvery, in its different branches of Yvery, Lovel, Perceval, and Gournay;" but the first volume alone was completed when he died, on 25th May 1739, and a second volume, subsequently published, was due to another pen (see vol. 2). The work was soon withdrawn from circulation, on account of disparaging remarks in it on the condition of the English Peerege, and on the character of the Irish people. It was re-issued, however, without the offensive passages, in 1742. (See Notes and Queries, First Series, iv. 158, and Letters of Horace Walpole (1857) I. vi. and II. 145). Much of the genealogical matter in the book has been pronounced to be mythical. (Drummond's "History of Noble British Families" (1846), Art. Perceval. Another work of Anderson's, viz. "News from the Elysium; or, Dialogues of the Dead, between Leopold, Roman Emperor, and Louis XIV., King of France," was published directly after his death in 1739.

[Anderson's Works. Brief Notices, published in Catalogue of the Edinburgh Advocate's Library. "Gentleman's Magazine," LIII., 41, 42. Gowan's Catalogue of Books on Freemasonry (New York, 1856). Kloss Bibliographia der Freimaurerie, 1844].—F.E.

INEQUALITIES OF CHARITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—To expect perfection in the administration of Charity is about as reasonable as to fix the date of the millennium. All mundane matters are liable to human error. If the affairs of life could be regulated with the same absolute precision as a mathematical problem, there would be no difficulty in securing perfect justice. But conditions vary in almost every case, and all that can be done is to approximate as nearly as possible to that happy condition of doing to others as we would that they should do unto

us. If we would understand the feelings of others we must try and realise their position, and regard matters from their stand-point. Suppose two widows with equal numbers of children, and in a somewhat similar pecuniary condition. Mrs. A. has already a girl in the Masonic School, and desires to get a son in also. Mrs. B. wishes to get her son in the School too, but finds her chance discounted by the double claim of Mrs. A. What naturally would be the feelings of any one placed in the position of Mrs. B. ? Why, I have no hesitation in saying it would be a keen sense of injustice. I have supposed perfect equality in necessity, but this rarely exists. It may be, and often is the fact, that the most successful are the least deserving, comparatively speaking. It is a truth which cannot be controverted that many a deserving case is lost for want of means and friends to secure success. To make matters worse, by giving double to some, while others are sent empty away, is the refinement of cruelty. While the demand continues to be what it is, the rule should be one family, one school place; and if there is no law to that effect, the sooner one is made the better. I am ashamed sometimes to witness the way some claims are pushed. I often think that the mark of true charity is missed, and that it is administered upon the principle that "he that hath, to him shall be given; and he that hath not, from him shall be taken away, even that which he hath." This is a selfish age, I am afraid, and in the struggle for gain people forget the rights and claims of others. Perhaps the Committees of the two Schools will take the matter into consideration, and adopt the single plan of election. If they cannot do this, I see no possible means of correcting an injustice, the result of might and the possession of cash and friends.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JUSTICE.

ROYAL ARCH.

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KENNINGTON CHAPTER, No. 1381.

THE installation meeting of this excellent-working Chapter was held on the 2nd inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Present:—Comps. W. P. Webb M.E.Z., C. H. Kohler (M.E.Z. elect) H., H. M. Appleton J., G. Everett P.Z. Treas., H. Higgins P.Z. S.E. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. W. A. Dowling, who was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Later on Comp. Kohler was installed as M.E.Z., H. M. Appleton H., E. Ayling J. The ceremonies were performed by Comp. Jas. Terry P.Z., who as usual gave a faultless and impressive rendering. The M.E.Z. then appointed and invested the following Officers: G. Everett P.Z. Treasurer, H. Higgins P.Z. S.E., G. Gardner P.S., H. J. Lardner P.Z. S.N., H. Cruse 1st Asst. Soj., W. A. Dowling 2nd Asst. Soj. A letter of condolence, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously voted to Comp. G. Everett, sympathising with him on his recent sad bereavement. A cordial vote of thanks was also given to Comp. Jas. Terry for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Buxton. After the formal toasts, Comp. Kohler, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the M.E.Z. This having been responded to, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the L.P.Z., and presented him with a very elegant P.Z.'s jewel for the services rendered by him to the Chapter during his year of office. Comp. Kohler having suitably replied, the newly-exalted Companion was complimented; the M.E.Z. was proud of the introduction Comp. Dowling had brought with him, while from the attention he had paid to the ceremony he felt sure he would be a credit to the Chapter. Comp. Dowling said it afforded him great pleasure to be exalted; he and Comp. Gardner had worked side by side in the Craft satisfactorily, and he hoped they would work equally so in the Chapter. Comps. H. Lee P.Z. 795 and H. E. Price 1507 responded for the Visitors. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers, and that of the Janitor were given in due course. Comps. Webb, Walls and Cruse contributed to the harmony, and Comp. Jas. Terry gave an excellent recitation.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at o'clock. Comps. W. Radcliffe M.E.Z., J. Stragnell H., G. Gregory J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., R. V. Davis S.N., E. W. Money P.S., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. This Chapter of Improvement is always well attended, and on this occasion the respective offices were ably represented. Unfortunately Comp. Captain Nicols, through indisposition, was unable to be present to recite the clauses of the R.A. degree.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when it should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases, which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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"Chips from a Rough Ashlar 'knocked off' by the Gavel of Common Sense; a Discourse on the Ritual and Ceremonial of Freemasonry. By W. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c. Author of 'Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance,' 'Map of the Masonic Lodges in England and Wales,' &c., &c. London: Bro. Richard Tilling, 55 Warner-street, Great Dover-street, Southwark, S.E. 1885.

AMID some verbiage that might very well be left out, there is a great deal in this capitally got up volume to make Freemasons think. We cannot say of it what Professor Sedgwick once said of a sermon of his that had swollen into a bulky volume, that the discourse looked "like a grain of wheat between two mill stones." On the contrary, the grains of wheat are everywhere in Bro. Stevens' Book, and if now and then there is more of the husk than there should be, we must remember that men differ in style of writing as well as in modes of speech. Bro. Stevens is an earnest reformer, and an enthusiastic Mason. Earnestness and enthusiasm are not quite so much admired in this utilitarian age as they used to be, and we must not be surprised if men discount words as they do time, by crowding as much as possible into a given space. Were it not, however, for such men as Bro. Stevens, Freemasonry would lack a spur that is sadly needed, sincerity would lose some of its force, and example its encouragement. We commend Bro. Stevens for his discretion in dealing with points of ritual that cannot be disclosed to the vulgar world. In this sense his work is a model of propriety; while, in a critical sense it is bold and assertive, it is not offensive nor bigotted. Every Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction ought to have this book, and no student of the Craft should omit consulting its pages. There is much that is suggestive in it, and a good deal of wholesome truth is told in a manner that cannot offend. We should be glad to learn that the labours of Bro. Stevens have been successful, for two reasons: one is in the interest of Bro. Stevens himself; and the other, the more important reason, is because success would imply progress in Masonic study. It would show that the brethren are desiring more light, and without being hypercritical or iconoclastic, are demanding purity in ritual and a general though liberal uniformity of working. However conservative brethren may be, however desirable it is to avoid alterations, it must be confessed that the diversity of working that now exists is a serious reflection upon the intelligence of Freemasons. And what is true of working is not less true of some of the language of the ceremonies. A pruning hand—firm but tender—is very much needed, and if Bro. Stevens does not in every respect fulfil the conditions of a complete reformer, he goes a long way in meeting existing difficulties. We invite a study of "Chips," therefore, as an earnest though reverent effort to improve Craft Freemasonry in its outward visible form, in order that the inward spiritual meaning may grow and fructify.

THE PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' CLUB.

ON Tuesday, 31st ult., the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company (Limited) was held at the Club, Commercial-road, Mr. A. W. White in the chair. There was a large attendance, and the utmost satisfaction was expressed at the state of the company. The following report was read by Mr. Main (secretary). The directors submit the balance sheet for the past year, from which it will be seen that the figures allow of the payment of a dividend at 2½ per cent. The alteration and improvements which the shareholders, at the last annual meeting, expressed as desirable, have been carried out in a manner which is believed to have given general satisfaction. An additional mortgage of £300 has been raised upon the property for the purpose of meeting the extra capital expenditure. During the year Messrs. G. T. Cunningham, J. Craver, S. R. Ellis, and T. Marks have resigned their seats at the board, and they have been succeeded by Messrs. A. W. White, H. J. Miles, and A. H. Hancox, who, with Mr. James Willmott, who retires by rotation, are willing to continue their seats at the board if the shareholders so desire. Messrs. T. P. Wills and T. H. Casey, the retiring auditors, are also willing to be re-elected, but the shareholders will be asked to vote some remuneration for the services they render. A dividend of 2½ per cent. was declared. The retiring directors were unanimously re-appointed, but Mr. F. J. Proctor was nominated in addition to the retiring auditors, and elected to the post hitherto occupied by Mr. Casey. It was resolved that £2 2s a year should be paid as remuneration for services rendered by the auditors. The balance sheet, made up to the 31st December 1884, and audited by Messrs. T. P. Wills and T. H. Casey, was submitted, and showed that the year's receipts on the revenue account amounted to £491 10s 4d, and payments to £223 1s 3d, giving a balance to be carried forward of £268 9s 1d. In the course of his address the Chairman remarked that the affairs of the company would warrant the payment of a higher dividend than that declared, but the directors thought it well to retain a good balance in hand. No doubt next year a dividend at a higher rate could be recommended.

FUNERALS.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 8th inst., at the Three Naus, Aldgate, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. Bro. Couture, the retiring W.M., was supported by Bros. Clements S.W. and W.M. elect, Holdom J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, Swetman Secretary, Twinn S.D., Loftus I.G., Magrath P.M. D.C., Oxley and Sommers Stewards, and other brethren. The other Past Masters present were Bros. Mann, Veal, Tyer, Wooding, Parding; and the Visitors included Bros. Myers P.M. 1445, McClelland W.M. 901, Stephens W.M. 1623, Jennings 1237, Benson 160, Pope 1306, Dale 1278. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of last regular meeting confirmed, the Audit Committee presented their report, which was most satisfactory. Bro. Wooding then took the chair, and Lodge having been advanced to the third degree, Bro. Halcrow was raised, the ceremony being ably performed. Bro. Clements was then presented by Past Masters Mann and Magrath as W.M. elect, and having assented to the responsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the impressive rite of installation performed by Bro. Wooding, who acquitted himself most creditably. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was greeted with the customary honours, and after the delivery of the charges, invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Couture I.P.M., Holdom S.W., Twinn J.W., Beck P.M. Treas., Swetman Secretary, Loftus S.D., Oxley J.D., Eldon I.G., Magrath Past Master Director of Ceremonies, J. Sommers, Hurst and Flick Stewards, and Longstaff Tyler. The Worshipful Master then said he had a pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present to his Immediate Past Master a handsome and valuable jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge and in appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. He was sure it must be very gratifying to Bro. Couture to receive such an expression of their esteem and appreciation, and he hoped the Grand Architect of the Universe might spare him many years to wear the jewel, and to enjoy that respect which the brethren now one and all entertained for him. The Immediate Past Master said as he should have another opportunity during the evening of thanking the brethren for their kindness he would reserve his observations. After the transaction of some Lodge business, during which the Visitors at their own request withdrew, Lodge was closed with the customary good wishes, and subsequently the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the new Master, who, in giving the loyal toasts, referred appositely to the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Ireland, and rejoiced at the loyal enthusiasm evinced towards our Most Worshipful Grand Master, in whose movements all Freemasons take a lively interest. He also spoke in felicitous terms of the zeal and ability of the Masonic rulers in the discharge of their onerous duties in Grand Lodge. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, expressed the opinion that Bro. Clements would be equal to the expectations any of the brethren had formed of him. He and their W.M. were both initiated on the same evening, and had passed through the Lodge together, and if they only gave Bro. Clements the opportunity and trial, he thought they would find him worthy of their confidence and the position in which they had placed him that night. They would be proud of their present Master during his term of office, and they would all share the hope that he might have a most successful and prosperous year. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said if one thing more than another could have appealed directly to his feelings of sensitiveness it was the hearty manner in which the toast had been received by the brethren. He was truly grateful for the hearty good wishes that had been made manifest, and for which he sincerely tendered his thanks. It was to him a great consolation to see such a display of kindly feeling around him, and it would be impossible for any man to more appreciate the responsibilities which attached to the high and honourable position to which he had attained than he did at that moment. He felt proud at having attained the summit of his ambition, and he trusted that during his term of office harmony would prevail, and that he might have plenty of work to do; this he pledged them his word he should do all he could to discharge to his own satisfaction as well as to the credit of his Lodge. In conclusion he exhorted the brethren to be strictly careful as to whom they recommended as candidates for introduction into the Lodge. They wanted good men and true—men of honour and uprightness—men worthy of the high and noble Order to which they belonged; ever remembering that it was far easier to keep ineligible applicants outside than to rid the Craft of them when once they were admitted. He then proposed the health of the Visitors, the toast being heartily received. Bro. McClelland, in responding, thanked the brethren exceedingly for the cordial welcome which had been extended to the Visitors. He had not been present at a meeting of this Lodge for two years, but he saw no diminution of the kindly feeling which they always extended to brethren of other Lodges whom they invited as guests. He thanked them for their kind reception and abundant hospitality on this as on former occasions. Bro. Myers P.M. also suitably returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the health of the P.M.'s, the toast being most heartily received, and responded to by the I.P.M., who said he could hardly find words to express his thanks for the very handsome jewel with which they had presented him, and which he should esteem with fifty times more value than if it had come from any other hands. He was sure one and all of the Past Masters would be always willing to render any assistance that laid in their power. He asked the acceptance by the Lodge of an obligation stool, which he hoped they would receive in the same

spirit that he would like to present it. He did not give it because the Lodge was not in a position to secure it for themselves, but as a means of comfort to the candidates in the various degrees. Bro. Mann, as the first Master of the Lodge, said it was gratifying to him to see it in so prosperous a condition; he could not be among them so often as he could wish, as he was passing into the "sere and yellow leaf." He spoke of the progress of Freemasonry since this Lodge was consecrated, fourteen years ago, and alluded in feeling terms to the visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Princess of Wales to Ireland, and the spontaneous loyalty which had been evinced by the better classes of the people in the sister isle. Referring to the summer banquet, he hoped it would be better supported than hitherto, and in humorous fashion suggested that if more of the brethren would take their ladies, and so have a "jolly good day of it," they would go over afterwards. Bros. Beck and Veal also suitably responded. The health of the Installing Master was then proposed and heartily received, and in responding Bro. T. Wooding remarked he could assure the brethren that although he feared he had made a poor show that day, he had done his best, and hoped to improve on a future occasion. The Officers of the Lodge were next mentioned from the chair, and severally acknowledged the compliment paid to them. The list was fittingly closed by the Tyler. During the evening some excellent songs were sung, notably "The Midshipmite," by Bro. Veal P.M., Bro. Sherwin rendering efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge, which has, since its consecration by the Earl of Zetland in 1876, been holding its meetings in the Queen's Hotel, has just completed its purchase of buildings, which will at once be converted into a Masonic hall. The Lodge has been fortunate in finding a place eminently suited for the purpose. It will be remembered that in 1883 the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of the new Institute of Science, Literature, and Art, in York, and that there was on that occasion a most brilliant assemblage of the Craft. This building has just been completed, and the old building, which for a number of years has accommodated the members of the Institute, has been purchased by the Eboracum Lodge, for the sum of £1250. That so young a Lodge should have been able to acquire such a building without interference with its work for our Masonic Charities is almost startling, and reflects the utmost credit upon its members, many of whom are amongst the most active and intelligent of our brethren in the north. It is anticipated that a further outlay of about £200 will render the building fit for Masonic purposes, and it is expected that the May meeting of the Lodge will be held in the new premises. The location of the hall is as nearly as possible the exact centre point of the city, and the street (St. Saviourgate) has the advantage of being a very quiet thoroughfare. Entering from the street, by folding doors and through the inner glass doors, we find on the left the smoke room, 29 feet by 12, opening out of which is a small cloak-room and pantry, 14 by 7. On the same side of the entrance is a committee-room, 12 feet by 12, which can be added to the smoke-room when required by means of doors. On the opposite side of the passage is the banquet room, 42 feet by 13. Further on is an excellent lavatory and pantries, whilst at the rear of the building is a comfortable four-roomed Tyler's cottage, with all conveniences, and detached from the main building. Below there is extensive cellarage. A broad flight of stone steps with an iron balustrade leads to the Lodge-room, which measures 42 feet by 31, and is very lofty and well-ventilated, and has an organ recess measuring 10 feet by 10, with unlimited height. At one corner there is a small room, to be utilised as a library and museum, &c., 16 feet by 8. Altogether few more handsome or convenient Masonic halls will be found in that part of the country. The Eboracum Lodge possesses a large collection of Masonic prints and portraits, so that the walls of its new abode will be amply decorated, whilst its library has also swollen to a collection of some 200 volumes. The ceremony of dedication will probably take place at some late period in the summer.

RAYMOND THRUPP LODGE, No. 2024.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on 30th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, when the brethren were honoured by the presence of Sir Francis Bartlett Prov. G.M. Bro. E. Graham P.G.S. performed the ceremony of installing the new Worshipful Master, Bro. Mildred, most creditably. In thanking the brethren for the honour done him, the new Worshipful Master said he would endeavour to imitate the example set by his predecessor. In carrying out the duties of his office he felt sure that he should have the support and goodwill of the brethren. All would, he felt convinced, unite in promoting the interest and harmony of the Lodge. By the bye-laws the membership is limited; the W.M. said they already had two-thirds of its number. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and their friends adjourned to the drawing-room, where an excellent banquet was served. The Visitors included Bros. Chapman P.M., W. R. Davis W.M. No. 87, W. H. Bale P.M. Several good songs were rendered during the evening, and Bro. Chapman gave his amusing recitation, "Old Mother Hubbard." A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 11th April:—

Tuesday—Caxton Lodge. Wednesday—Cavendish Pupils' Ball. Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge, Rosicrucians. Friday—Britannic Chapter, Bedford Lodge, Thistle Lodge. Saturday—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND. *

ON Monday last the Earl of Rosslyn was installed as the Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland, at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Order in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Included in a large attendance of the Order were the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Mar and Kellie Grand Sword Bearer, the Earl of Kintore Grand Marischal, the Earl of Haddington, Bros. A. Hay Senior Grand Warden, William Hay Junior Grand Warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, George Dickson Grand Treasurer, J. T. S. Elliot Grand Banner Bearer, the Rev. T. N. Wannop Grand Chaplain, A. Mitchell Deputy Grand Marischal, R. S. Brown Instructor and Examiner, W. Edwards Grand Constable of the Tower, H. J. Shields Grand Guarder, W. N. Fraser, J. Webster, and F. E. Villiers Grand Stewards, W. M. Bryce Deputy Grand Guarder, and other gentlemen. The Earl of Rosslyn has been appointed Deputy Grand Master and Governor in room of the late Bro. John Whyte Melville. The Hereditary Grand Master of this Order is the King of Scotland; and, hence, in course of the installation ceremony, the Deputy Governor (Bro. W. Mann S.S.C.), addressed the Earl of Rosslyn to the effect that, in consideration of his ability, in his care for, and interest in, their ancient Order, he had been elected to fill the throne, in absence of the Hereditary Grand Master, the King of Scotland. The Deputy Grand Master and Governor having taken the oath *de fidei*, he was thereafter installed in the throne of the Grand Lodge, and invested with the badge of office. The Earl of Rosslyn having returned thanks for his election, the Grand Chaplain pronounced the benediction; and thereafter the Deputy Grand Master and Governor closed the Lodge. The ceremony of installation, conducted with full Masonic honours, was throughout of a most picturesque and impressive character. Prior to the installation, the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington and eight other gentlemen were received into the Order. Dinner was served in the Freemasons' Hall in honour of the installation and investiture of the Earl of Rosslyn as Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland. About a hundred brethren were present. The Earl of Rosslyn occupied the chair, supported by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the Earl of Kintore, the Earl of Haddington, Bros. Villiers of Closeburn, Shaw-Stewart, and other brethren. The vice-chairmen were Bros. William Mann Deputy Governor, and Alex. Hay Senior Grand Warden. All the office-bearers above mentioned were present, as were also, among others, Bros. F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, Dr. Winchester, Edinburgh, J. H. Balford, W.S., J. D. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, Captain F. W. Allan, Glasgow, W. Officer S.S.C., James Crichton, Edinburgh, W. MacLaren jun., Glasgow, E. Armitage, Dr. Lilburne, Dr. Lavies, London, James Webster, G. P. Brockbank, Bolton, Fraser of Tornavean, Alexander Mitchell, David Kinnear, Edinburgh, Dr. James Carmichael, Dr. John Falconer, Ex-Provost Christie, Stirling, Lindsay Mackersey, W.S., and others. Apologies for absence were received from the Earl of Breadalbane, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., J. T. S. Elliot jun. of Wolfelee, Grand Banner Bearer, Captain Russell Colt of Gartsherrie, Sir Molynaux Nepeau, Bart., Captain Charles Hunter, North Wales, and other brethren. The Earl of Rosslyn wore the Star and Ribbon of the Grand Commander of the Order of Charles the Third of Spain. Dinner over, the chairman proposed the toasts of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. The toasts were pledged with great cordiality. Bro. F. E. Villiers of Closeburn proposed the Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers. Dr. Lilburne, R.N., replied for the Navy, R. F. Shaw-Stewart for the Army, the Earl of Kintore for the Militia, and Captain Allan for the Volunteers. The Earl of Rosslyn, in a sentence, proposed in solemn silence the Memory of Robert Bruce, the hero of Bannockburn, and Restorer of the Royal Order. The toast was pledged in silence, and thereafter the band played "Scots wha hae." The Earl of Mar and Kellie proposed the toast of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master and Governor. The Earl of Rosslyn, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, observed that this Order, as a purely Scottish Order, had in it something which was so entirely Scottish, and brought with it something which, if he might be allowed to say it, rang of the old Clanship, that appointment to the head of it might be accepted as a token that the Scotsman who accepted of this purely Scottish office might be regarded as one who would endeavour to do his duty. He paid a compliment to the high and flourishing condition in which the Grand Office Bearers of Scotland, and the present permanent officials had placed the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The pleasantest duties of his life had been spent in connection with Scottish Masonic company. He looked forward still to many happy and pleasant day in connection with that noble body. The Grand Lodge was now in a flourishing condition, socially and financially, and that success was shared in by all the Orders of which the Grand Lodge might be said to be the head. Bro. William Mann S.S.C. proposed the Provincial Grand Lodges. This was acknowledged by Bro. F. A. Barrow for Glasgow, and Bro. G. P. Brockbank for Lancaster. The Earl of Kintore proposed the health of the Countess of Rosslyn, which was pledged with great cordiality. Bro. Mann proposed, and ex-Provost Christie, Stirling, responded to the toast of the youngest members of the Grand Lodge. The other toasts were—the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by Bro. J. H. Balford, W.S., and replied to by the Earl of Mar and Kellie; the Supreme Council, by Bro. F. E. Villiers, and replied to by the Earl of Kintore; the Deputy Governor and the other Grand Officers, by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Bro. William Mann S.S.C.; the Supreme Council Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, by Captain F. W. Allan, and replied to by the Earl of Kintore; the Croanpiers, by Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, and acknowledged by Bro. Alexander Hay; and the Memory of Bro. John Whyte Melville, proposed by the Chairman. In the death of Bro. Melville, he said, there was a blank created among Masons, and a void which it was difficult indeed to fill. So long as Masonry existed and flourished in Scotland, so long would this melancholy but just tribute to departed worth be paid through-

out the length and breadth of the country. The meeting, which was of an exceedingly pleasant character, separated shortly before eleven o'clock. On leaving, the Earl of Rosslyn, as Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Order, received three hearty cheers.—*The Scotsman*.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th instant, when there were present:—Bros. Murch W.M., Chretien S.W., Montague J.W., Farwig Acting Preceptor, Mount S.D., Swain J.D., Stroud I.G., Cross Secretary; also Bros. Lovegrove, Woods, Skinner, and Weeks. After preliminaries, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Swain candidate. Bro. Skinner answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his Officers in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that "The future meetings of this Lodge be held at the Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria-street, and that the first meeting be held there on the 21st instant." It was agreed Bro. Cottebrune should occupy the chair on that occasion. Bro. Farwig was elected an honorary member. Business being ended, Lodge was closed.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—Held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, 1st inst. Bros. Weeden W.M., Perl S.W., Dixie J.W., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, Ockelford S.D., Langdale I.G., Conrad Secretary. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ashton answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was regularly closed in the three degrees. The Secretary begs to announce that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the above Lodge on the 3rd inst., by brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198. Any brother who can make it convenient to attend will be heartily welcomed.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 26th March, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Bros. Crawley W.M., Ware S.W., Dearing J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Galer S.D., James J.D., Brown I.G. After the minutes of last meeting, which included a vote of £5 5s to the Royal Benevolent Institution, on Bro. Hirst's list, had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hughes acting candidate. Bro. Ware was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

A meeting was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Present: Bros. Payne W.M., James S.W., Glass J.W., Hughes Sec., Snook S.D., Brown J.D., Weeden Preceptor, McMillan I.G., and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Everett as candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, but was not entrusted, being only an E.A. The first section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Everett was elected a member.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on 30th ultimo, Bros. Collingridge W.M., Dixie S.W., McMillan J.W., Turner S.D., Fluck J.D., Western I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hazell acting as candidate. Bro. Snook answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. Hazell and Whittall answered the questions leading to the third. Bro. Trewinnard Preceptor, Bro. Forge Treasurer Bro. Collingridge Secretary, were re-elected unanimously. Bro. Hazell 1693 was elected a member, Bro. Eddis 228 will occupy the chair on Monday, 13th April, Lodge being closed and adjourned till that date. The brethren enjoyed a little harmony. Bros. Mullord, Hazell, Bayne, Snook, Dixie, &c., singing; Bro. Collings at the piano.

Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. Thom W.M., Mordey S.W., Verdin J.W., Davis Secretary, Burgess S.D., Webb J.D., Scurrah I.G., Smith Preceptor; also Bros. Smith, Hemming, Greenway, Dickey, Stroud, Ross, Nadenik, Barling. After preliminaries, Bro. Burgess worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dickey candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. C. Smith worked the first section of the lecture of the degree, assisted by the W.M. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the fifth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mordey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Bro. Charles Morton, late of the Canterbury Hall, the Philharmonic, and now acting manager of the Alhambra, will, by permission of the Directors, have a *Matinée* at the Alhambra on the 25th April, when, in addition to the talented company engaged, several popular artists will appear to support this old favourite of the public.

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On WEDNESDAY, the 13th MAY next,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

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* * Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently* needed; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early* as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM FORREST MORLEY (AGED 8 YEARS),

Son of the late Bro. Thomas Morley, of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 472-364, Neath, who died in 1878, leaving a Widow with nine children only partially provided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:

- * Sir James Joseph Allport, 197.
- * Sir Michael Arthur Bays, Bart., M.P., P.M. 624 P.P.G.S.W. Staffordshire.
- * W. Bartlett Coutts W.M. The Abbey Lodge, Westminster, 2030.
- * W. Walters P.M. 253 624 353 P.P.J.G.W. Derbyshire.
- * W. L. Ball P.M. 802 P.G.D. Derbyshire, Vice-Patron R.M.I.B.
- * C. W. Radway P.M. 41335 P.P.S.G.W. Somersetshire.
- * Dr. J. Hogg P.M. 1260 P.G.D.
- * J. Willing jun. W.M. 1987 P.M. 177 1507 1744 1319, &c.
- * J. Brockett Sorrell W.M. 1260 P.M. 176 and 2176.
- * J. Heaton P.M. 1260, Midland Railway, St. Pancras, London, N.W.
- * P. Wallis P.M. 850 P.G.D. of C. Derbyshire.

Voting Papers, duly signed, will be thankfully received by any of the Brethren marked thus *, or they may be sent to the Widow, Mrs. Morley, 1 Rose Hill Cottages, Rose Hill Street, Derby.

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NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjab, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budueira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

- Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
- Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay.
- * W. Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. P.D.G.M. Bombay.
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- * A. Withers P.M. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Penshurst Lodge, Balham Hill, S.W.
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- Harris P.M. Old Concord Lodge, Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington.
- Eugene Delacoste W.M. 1627, Café Royal, 68 Regent Street, W.
- Dr. Waters, St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.
- * A. J. Pritchard P.M. 162, 9 Gracechurch Street, E.C.
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- G. King, Secretary Old Concord Lodge, Charterhouse, E.C.
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- Stevens P.M. Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, 39 High Street, Battersea S.W.
- W. Radcliffe P.M. and Secretary St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, 41 Aldersgate Street, City.

Proxies will be received by those marked thus *, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 13th day of April 1885, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as Members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By Bro. E. F. STORR:

"That in line 2 of Law 53 the word 'ten' be substituted for the word eleven."

2. By Bro. A. F. GODSON, V. Patron:

"That Law 57 be erased."

3. By Bro. J. L. MATHER, V. President:

"That the House and Building Committee be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding £750 in providing Laundry Accommodation for the requirements of the Original Institution, in addition to the amount provided for in the Estimates for the New Buildings, to avoid the expense of two separate establishments."

4. By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND:

"That the name of William Edward Tappenden, No. 35, be removed from the List of Candidates for Election on 13th April."

5. By Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, V. Patron:

"That Twenty-six Boys be elected on 13th April, instead of Twenty-five Boys."

To Elect Twenty-five Boys from a List of Forty-four Candidates, as approved by the General Committee.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat. Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

4th April 1885.

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF JUNE.

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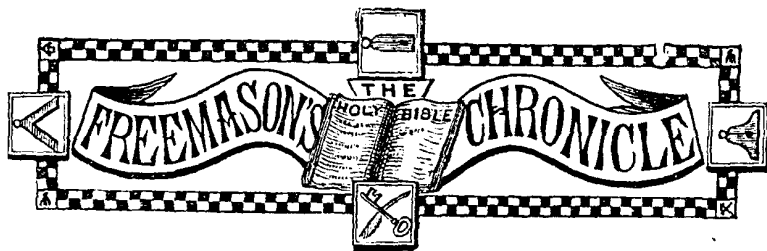
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The Widow, being almost a stranger, earnestly hopes the "Brotherhood" will help her at the next Election.

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A VOICE FROM THE "ANTIENTS." *

(Continued from p 218.)

IT seems surprising how Dermott found time for his Masonic duties, and the composition of such a work as we have shown "Ahiman Rezon" to be. A journeyman painter, working twelve hours a day, as he describes himself, would scarcely be regarded as a likely person to distinguish himself as Dermott undoubtedly did, and yet his career is but another example of what can be accomplished when the heart is in the work. Dermott's life shows what an enthusiast he was, what a worker he proved himself to be, and what intelligence and courage he possessed. It does not appear that he continued his occupation as a painter very long, for in a comparatively short time after his settlement in London we find him liberally contributing to charitable objects. He next figures as a wine merchant in the City of London. From this trade he probably derived his means, as also the gout, with which he was afflicted for many years prior to his death, and which often prevented him from discharging some of his many Masonic duties. In addition to money gifts, he presented Grand Lodge with a throne, and "gave all his interest in the 'Ahiman Rezon' for the benefit of the charity." Dermott succeeded Bro John Morgan as Grand Secretary, and, as we have stated, he first appeared in office, according to Bro. Bywater, in February 1752. On the 4th March in the same year he commenced these records, which abound in quaintness, terseness, and interest. On this occasion he reminded Grand Committee that complaint had been made against Thomas Phealon and John Mackey, known by the name of "leg of mutton Masons," for having initiated "many persons for the consideration of a leg of mutton for dinner or supper." Dermott describes Mackey as an empiric, and both as impostors in Masoury. Mackey claimed supernatural powers, by which he could teach a Mason how to become invisible. The first mention of the Royal Arch occurs in these minutes, and it refers to the pretensions of the two impostors, of being able to make Royal Arch men. It appears that "the parties had not the least idea of that secret, and that Mackey was incapable of making an apprentice with any degree of propriety." He deceived the people by "a long story about twelve white marble stones, &c., &c., and that the Rain Bow was the Royal Arch, with many Other Absurdities equally foreign and Ridiculous." The Grand Committee had no settled home for long, and the frequent changes that took place sometimes led to unpleasant encounters between the landlords and their friends and the rest of the brethren. In some of these Dermott came in for no little share of abuse. We do not propose to follow these disputes; they only show that human nature is the same in all ages under similar conditions, and that publicans are as human as any other beings.

Dermott was not long in discovering the necessity of having a Grand Master, and accordingly on the 6th October 1752 the following motion was carried: "Resolved, it is the unanimous opinion of Grand Committee that the Craft has flourished most and best when governed by a noble Grand Master. For though a General or Grand Committee have power to form new laws for the Fraternity, yet, to render them binding or render stability, a Grand Master is absolutely necessary to confirm them." Philip, Earl of Chesterfield, was thought to be a very proper person for the Office of Grand Master, and Dermott was appointed to wait upon this accomplished courtier and polite letter-writer. Nothing, however, came of the matter so far as the Earl was concerned, but on the 5th December 1753, a meeting of the Grand Committee was held, at which "Brother Robert Turner, Master of No. 15, was

* Notes on Lau. Dermott, G.S. and His Work. By William Matthew Bywater, P.M. No. 19. London: 1884. [Privately Printed].

nominated and unanimously chosen its first Grand Master." From this time until the Union in 1813 (when the Duke of Kent, father of the Queen, held the position of Grand Master), the Antients were never without a supreme ruler. On 2nd March 1771 the Duke of Atholl was installed Grand Master, and from that time the Grand Lodge of the Antients was distinguished as the "Atholl" Grand Lodge. Dermott had now ceased to be Grand Secretary, and was installed Deputy Grand Master, the Duke signalling the occasion by giving the brethren a "Grand feast." It would be wearisome to follow the many events that occurred between this period and 1789, when Dermott's visits to Grand Lodge appear to have ceased. He was often the object of attack, and his conduct in the chair was not unfrequently challenged. But he came out of every ordeal with credit, if not always triumphantly. Though quick to resent, he was no less quick to forgive and forget. His position was one of great difficulty, and offered temptations for the exercise of arbitrary power that none but those possessed of superhuman unselfishness could resist. It is to the credit of Dermott that he always placed the Craft generally, and his own Grand Lodge in particular, before all other considerations; and finding that he had accomplished so much, he was content to bear hostile criticism—not without protest, defiance and disproof—with the confidence that his work would live to testify of him.

A few extracts will give some idea of the customs and manners of the times in which Dermott lived, and will let in a little light on disputed matters. In Grand Committee, 1st July 1752, "Heard complaint, and ordered Bro. Willoughby to refund nine shillings to a brother whom he had wronged, whereupon Bro. Moses Willoughby declared they might expel him, for he would not conform to the rules of any society upon earth by which he should lose nine shillings. Expelled accordingly."

Upon desiring to know whether there were any other books or MSS. more than had been delivered to him, Dermott was assured by some that there were not, and by others "that they knew Mr. Morgan had a Roll of parchment of prodigious length, which contained some Historical matters relative to the Antient Craft, which parchment they did suppose he had taken abroad with him." Next comes a blow and a vindication. "It was further said that many MSS. were lost amongst the Lodges lately 'Modernized,' where a vestige of the Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practised, and it was for this reason so many of them withdrew from Lodges (under the Modern sanction) to support the true Ancient System. That they found the Freemasons from Ireland and Scotland had been initiated in the very same manner as themselves, which confirmed their system and practice as right and just, without which none could be deemed legal, though possessed of all the Books and Papers on Earth." There is no doubt but that the Grand Lodges of both Ireland and Scotland were on friendly terms with the "Antients," but that does not follow that they were unfriendly with the "Moderns." It is not unlikely but that the Craft sustained loss in consequence of the fierce antagonism that existed between the "Antients and Moderns," and that documents were lost or destroyed which would now have a most precious value.

In February 1754 Dermott was presented by Grand Lodge with a jewel, for his great services, to be worn and retained by him as his property. But the unselfish character of the man, where the Craft was concerned, is shown in the fact that when he retired from the office of Grand Secretary he handed over the jewel to his successor, and it was worn by succeeding Grand Secretaries. On the 14th of the same month, on the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, it was resolved "to hold a monthly Committee of Masters at the Crown, St. Paul's Churchyard, under the name of Committee of Inspection, to consider the merits of petitions for charity." In November of this year, "it was resolved to call the Committee of Charity henceforth 'The Stewards' Lodge.'" It was Dermott who proposed, in June 1756, that instead of the small fees usually paid to the Secretary, "One guinea should be levied on every new Warrant for the future." Here we see the basis of that grand superstructure—the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

As exhibiting the angry feeling that prevailed between the rival Grand Lodges, it is recorded that not knowing the difference, one Carroll, a distressed Mason from Ireland, petitioned the "Modern" Masons, when he was met

with the following reply from Mr. Spence, then Secretary to the Modern Society: "Your being an Antient Mason, you are not entitled to any of our Charity. The Antient Masons have a Lodge at the Five Bells in the Strand, &c. Our Society is neither Arch, Royal Arch, or Antient, so that you have no right to partake of our Charity."

With instances of how our brethren enjoyed themselves more than a hundred years ago, we shall close our extracts. In March 1766 it was resolved to wait upon the Grand Master, Lord Kelly, when "The Grand Officers and others, in fourteen coaches and chariots, went in Masonical procession to his Lordship the Grand Master's house, near Soho-square, and from thence through Hampstead and Highgate, back to dinner at the Five Bells Tavern, Strand." Again, in June, on St. John's Day, "the Fraternity, by permission of the Grand Officers, met at the Angell, in Whitechapel, and thence walked in procession to Stepney Church, where an excellent sermon was preached. . . . After the sermon the Fraternity, amounting to a vast number, with three bands of musick, walked in like manner to the Angell aforesaid, where they separated, and each Lodge went to dine at the houses where held." On the occasion of a sermon being preached on St. John's Day, 1767, at St. Clement's in the Strand, it was "Ordered that the ringers of St. Clement's shall be paid one guinea, the poor of the Parish five guineas, and the Beadles ten shillings and sixpence." On St. John's Day, 1768, the Grand Officers and brethren assembled at Deptford, and after listening to a sermon, "walked in Masonical procession to the Assembly Rooms on Blackheath, where they dined in form, but did not think proper to open the Grand Lodge."

At the end of the book, Bro. Bywater gives a copy of Dermott's will. It is a short document, and the whole of its purport is contained in the following: "I bequeath my immortal soul to the immortal Creator of all things, my body to the earth, and all my worldly riches I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife, Elizabeth Dermott." The will was proved by the widow, 15th July 1791, just a month after her husband's death. The document adds that the testator was formerly of St. Botolph, Aldgate, but late of Mile End Old Town, St. Dunstan, Stepney. Bro. Bywater is anxious to find out where Dermott's remains were interred, and solicits help in that direction. He has searched the following registers, without success:—St. Botolph, Aldgate; Christ Church, Spitalfields; St. Mary, Bow; St. Mary, Bromley (Middlesex); St. Anne, Limehouse; St. Dunstan, Stepney; St. Mary, Whitechapel; Bunhill Fields; Bull Lane. It is singular that the burial place cannot be discovered; but as Bro. Bywater has done so much, evidently as a labour of love, he has a few claims upon the brethren to assist him in the completion of his self-imposed, though honourable task.

Brother J. Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M. P.Z., Secretary R.M.B.I., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Wanderers' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., on Wednesday, the 22nd instant. A banquet will follow, at which the W.M. of the mother Lodge will preside.

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THE THEATRES.

ADELPHI.

THAT kind hearted democrat Bro. George R. Sims—whose "How the Poor Live" lately startled the world west of Aldgate Pump—has once again gone forth and achieved a victory. His melodramas first enabled Mr. Wilson Barrett to drag the Princess's Theatre out of the slough of neglect and despondency it had fallen into; his Merry Duchess brought sunshine to the flagging fortunes of the Royalty; his In the Ranks for some fifteen months crowded the Adelphi with delighted audiences, to be withdrawn in full vigour; and it is succeeded by "His Last Chance." By three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the 4th instant, the pit entrance was besieged by claimants for seats, and when the curtain drew up on the new drama not a corner from which the administration could allow a glimpse of the stage was unoccupied. "His Last Chance" is a play of the good old fashioned sort, with plenty of situations, each one rising in intensity till the curtain falls on the last act. There are fourteen set scenes, some of them as complicated and ingenious as any this era of the stage carpenter has yet seen. Solid walls and ceiling darken; then revolve, changing as mysteriously as a card in the hands of M. Verbeck. There are thirty-two speaking parts, and each one filled by a fitting exponent. The dramatis personæ constitute a curious congerie. There is a French adventuress (Miss Louise Moodie), her son (Mr. Glenney), formerly a burglar, the avenger Karasof (Mr. D. Beveridge), escaped from Siberia, Squire Darryll a landed proprietor (Mr. G. Warde), Barton (Mr. Fernandez), a nefarious schemer, who has loved the adventuress whom the landed proprietor married, who devotes his energies to the ruin of his former rival. His daughter has secretly wedded young Darryll (Mr. Charles Warner). The French woman has been supposed dead for years, when Barton brings her from South America, to confront her husband, now married a second time. We need not follow the story. Miss Moodie gained a distinct triumph in the leading part; painstaking indeed must have been her study, for not once did the accent or gesture fail to mark the assumed nationality. As the plot thickens, and her scheming involves her in crime, she rose to tragic intensity of passion, and carried the house completely with her. Mr. Glenney surprised many of his friends by his portrait of the cunning, relentless, soft-voiced villain. The honours of the night were, however, divided by Mr. Fernandez, who has perhaps never produced a finer bit of character than this Barton, cruel and reckless until he finds his villainy has involved his daughter in the ruin he planned for the Darrylls. Mr. Charles Warner of course plays the hero, young Darryll, with manliness and feeling, but the part does not give much scope for gradation of tone. Mr. Garden gave a comic lover, in humble life, with excellent effect, avoiding over accentuation. Mr. Beveridge was earnest and picturesque as Karasof. Miss Mary Rorke as Mary Barton was graceful and sympathetic, as she always is. It would be but just to particularise nearly all the characters, but lack of space stays the pen; however, we must draw attention to the delicious vignette of the Irish landlady, given by Mrs. Carter. Loud applause summoned the scenic artists at every act, but the chief triumphs were, perhaps, the lovely "Garden and view of Haddon Hall," the realistic "Dock gates," and the wonderful interior of the Docks, with its multitudinous shipping, warehouses and working cranes. Bruce Smith, Hann and Telbin have evidently received cartes blanche, and have excelled themselves. It was nearly midnight before the green curtain fell, but no one had left the crowded theatre when, in answer to the triumphant thunder of applause, Mr. G. R. Sims appeared to bow and smile,—the most triumphant man in London that Saturday night.

ST. JAMES'S.

LONDON playgoers may well feel grateful for the happy inspiration which suggested to the managers of St. James's the revival of "The Queen's Shilling." It is far from a new play, but with each return to the footlights it seems to gain on our affections. The story is honest and wholesome. There is not a line in it that seems superficial, while the interest rises through tears and laughter to the brilliant close, where youth and love take the prize of victory but share the glory with the generous foe, the gallant old Colonel, a character which, in the hands of Mr. Hare, gains such distinction and dignity. In fact, it may be described as one of the finest of this gentleman's fine creations. Mrs. Kendal, as the winsome, generous-hearted English girl, is at her best; indeed, where could we find a better? Mr. Kendal as Frank Maitland has a part that exactly suits him; one that makes his limitations seem excellences. Mr. Waring, as Jack Gambier, played brightly and well; while Mr. Hendric was excellent as the unsophisticated Sam, who does not hesitate at an honest lie in furtherance of a good cause, but will not let his sweetheart indulge in such luxuries. Miss Cowell as Jenny was thoroughly natural, but we regret that the one discordant note should be imposed on this little lady. In the original the peasant girl is foster sister to the young chateau-laine, and when she imperils her reputation to save the lady's lover the motive is perhaps sufficient, but in the English version her declaration that the young soldier passed the night at the inn seems somewhat reckless. But who would cavil at a detail amid such excellences? Admirably as the chief exponents acquit themselves the minor characters are most carefully portrayed. Especially good are the rollicking, dashing group of Lancers, with their sergeant (Mr. H. Vernon). The scenery is new and very beautiful; there is an especially lovely *renaissance* drawing room—white, with foliation in relief and brocade panels—an exquisite architectural study, perhaps not quite in harmony with the fallen fortunes of the house of Greville. "A Quiet Rubber" opened the evening, and Mr. Hare gave his wonderful study of the poor, proud Irish nobleman, Lord

Kildare. The house was crammed from floor to ceiling on the first night of the revival, the Duchess of Edinburgh being among the visitors present.

STANDARD.

WE have often regretted that an actress with such emotional powers as Miss Amy Steinberg should so rarely give the public occasion to enjoy them. In Mr. Rose's new romantic play, "Two Women," produced on Easter Monday, at the Standard, this lady has excellent opportunity to display her mastery of dramatic passion. The story is an adaptation of Victor Hugo's "Mary Tudor." In its present form it is, perhaps, somewhat diffuse and episodic; but doubtless the author has exercised the experience gained by the first night to touch up certain roughnesses left here and there. There is a singularly fine scene, in the Fourth Act, where the duchess (Miss Steinberg) with her rival Agatha (Miss Jordan) await the news of an execution, neither knowing whether her or her enemy's lover is the victim. The tension of terror was finely indicated by Miss Steinberg, and the audience (5000 persons) acknowledged her efforts by enthusiastic plaudits. Mr. Dacre seemed ill at ease as the romantic lover, Bernardo—perhaps his undoubted ability was marred by first night nervousness. The costumes are in excellent keeping, and some beautiful new scenery has been painted by Mr. Richard Douglass. The spirited management of the Standard assuredly deserves success in this its latest production.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.

ON our more pensive public holidays, Londoners who neither rejoice in the comforts of a club nor the social consolations of drawing rooms may well be grateful to the kindly entrepreneur who offers refuge from the blank dullness of the streets. Like the shadow of a rock in a thirsty land, St. James's Hall welcomed the Good Friday pilgrim, giving him in exchange for his meek thank-offering two hours and a half of delightful music, ably interpreted. The careful drill through which the Moore and Burgess Minstrels pass was well exemplified by the smoothness and finish with which both band and vocalists gave their selections, from Mendelssohn, Haydn, Meyerbeer, and other great composers, with whom in their dark days they have so little to do. Mr. E. Wilson sang "Oh, live, or let me die," by the composer of the Huguenots, in splendid style. Mr. C. A. Wilson gained an enthusiastic encore with "Angels over bright." Blamphin's "Dreaming of Angels" was very gracefully interpreted by the choir and band, the harp obligato being given with exquisite sweetness. An overflowing house proved how well these Good Friday Concerts are appreciated.

MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE sweet discourse of music was liberally bestowed on the dwellers in "Merrie Islington" on Good Friday. The Mohawk Minstrels provided their annual sacred concert, and some four thousand persons assembled within their commodious hall to enjoy it. Mr. Francis, the impresario, has gathered an exceptionally good orchestra around him. His Harpist, Mr. G. Miles, would alone repay a visit to the Hall; the brilliancy and tenderness of his touch is supreme. Mr. Kottann (cornet) interpreted Rossini's "Cujas Animam" with great dramatic power, and was no less applauded for Handel's "The trumpet shall sound." Master Vernon Douglas charmed his hearers with Rossini's "Inflammatus"—the sweet, bright tones of his young voice went directly to the heart. One of the chief successes of the night was the "Ave Maria" of G. T. Miles. The Latin words of the touching appeal needed no translation but that given by the emotional faculty of the singer, Mr. Ernest Gordon. "The Lost Chord" was very well sung by Mr. Kavanagh. The programme throughout was a most interesting one.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

WE have before us the programme of amusements just issued for the Great Handel Festival which is to take place at the above resort in June next, in commemoration of the bi-centenary of Handel's birth—an event which will be looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. As our readers well know, these Festivals are anticipated with peculiar pleasure on each occasion of their triennial recurrence by the musical world, both professional and amateur, who will have certainly no objection to this auxiliary to the ordinary routine; and we opine that the Palace, on the four days appointed, in the last week in June, will attract to itself vast numbers of those who have learnt, both in London and the provinces, to love and admire the magnificent compositions of this great master, whose jubilee will thus be celebrated. In the programme there is an interesting sketch of the life and writings of the eminent composer, his inexhaustible energy, unwearying industry, and marvellous conception. The pre-eminence of the Crystal Palace as the only suitable locale for the commemoration of such gigantic creations as those of Handel has remained unchallenged from the outset, and is now more impregnable than ever. It was chosen as the birth-place, it proved itself the nursery and training-school, and is now by common consent the home, of Handel Festivals. Therefore we anticipate that the attendance on the forthcoming occasion will be more numerous than ever before, and judging from the programme it is doubtful whether the great oratorios of Handel will ever have been heard to such advantage.

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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, 11th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Perey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1637—Unity, Harrow
 1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 13th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 46—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (Inst.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Trudegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Haulside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
 R.A. 154—Unity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
 R.A. 379—Tyute, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 14th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
 111—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 189—Toppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 198—Perey, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 543—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)

753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Weynesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankoy Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodanun
 R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 15th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 70—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 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, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 14—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Droyer's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Ramcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wurdle, near Rochdale
 823—Egerton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Du ham House Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshotbottom
 1889—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 37—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield Street, Maryford
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 536—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
 R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 16th APRIL.

23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 160—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 870—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 1203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
 R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralga Tavern, Plumstead
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
 M.M.—Canynoges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 17th APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)

1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clanton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1612—C. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moir, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulmo
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hatterfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 18th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
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BRO. JOHN ADKINS,
 (AGED 61 YEARS),

Who was initiated in the
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On the 10th May 1858. Served the office of Master, and continued a Subscribing Member to the year
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APRIL ELECTION, 1885. LAST APPLICATION.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is most earnestly solicited on behalf of

JANE WHEELER HUTCHINGS,

(AGED 9 YEARS),

Whose father was Initiated in the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, on the 17th day of
 April 1878, and was a subscribing member until his death, which took place
 on the 8th November 1881, after a severe illness of 6 days, he leaving a wife with
 four children totally unprovided for. This case is earnestly recommended by

Bro. BRADSHAW BROWN P.G.S., P.M. Grand
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APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly
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FRANCIS BUCKLAND BROCKSOPP KENT,

(AGED 8 YEARS),

Son of the late Bro. WILLIAM GENSERIC KENT, who was initiated (1871) in the West
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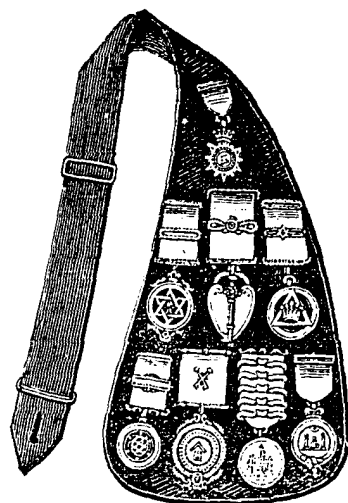
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