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PROVINCIAL CHARITY FUNDS— CHESHIRE.

FEW Masons, we imagine, outside the Province of Cheshire know much, if anything, of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, and yet it can boast an existence of upwards of twenty years, as evidenced by our now having before us the twenty-second annual report of the Committee, with details of the work done, and the manner in which the necessary funds have been raised, for the past year. Its record is a most satisfactory one—a record of which Cheshire Freemasons may pride themselves, and on which other districts may look not only with envy, but in many cases with shame, for what is accomplished in one Province is equally possible in others, although the actual state of affairs might induce the opposite belief; with but very few exceptions Cheshire stands alone in its efforts to afford local relief to cases of Masonic distress. English Freemasons, and more particularly London brethren, are very apt to refer to the three Central Masonic Institutions as the sole representatives of Masonic Charity, unmindful of other organizations for the relief of the poor and distressed of the Craft, sometimes even to the exclusion of the Lodge of Benevolence itself. These brethren speak of the work done by the three Institutions as representing the sum total of Masonic benevolence for the year, but in reality they form but a portion only of what is done. Here in Cheshire alone we have a local fund paying for the education of twenty-four children, and the advancement of one other, at an expense, last year, of £176 9s 4d, or a trifle over £7 each.

This total of £7 per head does not appear much, but it is the practical working of a system we should very much like to see considerably extended among Freemasons. It is impossible for any district, we may almost say for any Lodge, to secure places in the two central Schools for all the cases of distress among the children of their brother Masons which occur around them, and which they would, were they in a position to do so, unhesitatingly relieve. This being the case, it behoves them to take such steps as shall enable them to afford partial relief, where actual education and maintenance is impossible, and in doing so they cannot do better than look to the Province of Cheshire as an example. Every Lodge in that district—excepting only one which has been too recently established for its members to have done anything—appears in the list of voters of this local charity, while many of the Chapters, Mark Lodges and other Masonic bodies also figure among its supporters. During the year the Cheshire Institution received a total of £650 12s 5d, and expended £221 3s 10d, so that its working for the twelve months showed a surplus of £429 8s 7d. It started the year with balances in hand of £285 15s 10d; received, donations from Lodges, Chapters and brethren, £249 17s 6d; subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters and brethren, £104 13s; fees from Lodges and Chapters, £26; proceeds of concert at Birkenhead (February 1885), by brethren of Lodge No. 605, £42; collection at Halton Church (Nov. 1884), per Bro. Lockwood, Vicar, £6 11s 10d; and interest on investments, £221 10s 1d. The expenditure consisted of the £176 9s 4d already referred to as the amount paid for the education and advancement of the twenty-five children on the foundation; and £44 14s 6d the working expenses of the year. The invested

Funds were increased at a cost of £275 2s 10d, and balances of £440 1s 7d were carried forward. With such details before them the Committee may well "have pleasure in making their twenty-second report, as it gives evidence that the brethren of the Province are taking greater interest in the welfare of the Institution." At the close of the year the Invested Funds amounted to £5,060 10s 8d, the interest on which is alone sufficient to provide for all claims on the Institution, as now carried on, thus leaving the amounts received in the form of donations, subscriptions, fees, &c., to be added to the Invested Capital. Six of the children on the Education list and the one on the advancement list, went off at the close of the year, while there were six new candidates seeking educational grants, so that it would appear that in Cheshire at least the Freemasons are able to keep pace with the calls made upon them, or at least such of the calls as are deemed worthy of recognition.

Notwithstanding the success which has attended the working of this Charity in the past, even greater efforts are apparently being made to extend it. Prominently among those who have exerted themselves during the year 1884, and who are especially thanked in the Report, are the brethren of the King's Friends', the Combermere and the Ellesmere Lodges, while the Committee are informed that further efforts are being made in Birkenhead and Hyde. Another step in this direction, and we think a wise one, has been the decision of the Committee to hold the annual meetings at various centres in the Province, it being hoped that by the adoption of this course individual brethren will be induced to subscribe more regularly and generously.

We append a summary of the totals contributed during 1884 by the members of the several Lodges, &c., together with other receipts, and also show those Lodges which received assistance from the funds of the Institution:—

Lord de Tabley Prov. G.M.	5	0	0			
Lady de Tabley	2	0	0			
G. W. Latham P.G.D. P.P.S.G.W.	1	1	0			
Lodge 89 Unanimity	5	5	0	1 child	10	0
104 St. John	10	10	0			
267 Unity, Macclesfield	7	7	0			
287 Unanimity	10	10	0	1 child	3	0
293 King's Friends'	78	15	0			
295 Combermere	7	7	0			
321 Unity, Crewe	0	12	0	2 children	20	0
Chap. 321 Faith	21	0	0			
Lodge 322 Peace	2	6	0	2 children	9	9
323 Concord	22	12	0			
Chap. 323 Charity	15	15	0			
Lodge 324 Moira	6	1	6	1 child	20	0
336 Benevolence	3	17	6	1 child	10	10
361 Industry	11	5	0	2 children	11	4
425 Cestrian	17	2	0			
Chap. 425 Cestrian	0	12	0			
Lodge 428 Sincerity	5	15	0	1 child	5	5
430 Fidelity	3	6	0			
461 Fortitude	5	5	0	2 children	5	15
Instruc.	5	5	0			
Lodge 477 Mersey (nil)				1 child	2	8
533 Eaton	1	5	0			
537 Zetland	18	3	0			
Chap. 537 Zion	0	12	6			
Lodge 605 { Combermere	1	15	0	1 child	5	1
{ Proceeds of Concert	42	0	0			
721 Independence	26	11	0	5 children	41	10
758 Ellesmere	10	10	0	3 children	15	10
941 De Tabley	6	8	0			
979 Four Cardinal Vir- tues	0	5	0			

1045	Stamford	.	5	5	0	2 children	16	16	0
1088	Royal Edward	.	0	10	0				
1126	Oakwood	.	12	7	0				
1276	Warren	.	20	12	0				
1289	Rock	.	4	6	0				
1357	Cope	.	3	18	0				
1408	Stamford and War-								
	ington	.	2	0	0				
1565	Earl of Chester	.	5	15	0				
1576	Dee	.	5	5	0				
1908	Cholmondeley	.	3	15	0				
Mark 11	Joppa	.	0	7	6				
165	Egerton.	.	0	5	0				
Non-members of Lodges, and									
members out of the Province 2 6 6									
Collection at Halton Church 6 11 10									
Interest on Investments 221 10 1									

£650 12 5 25 children £176 9 4									

It may be thought that the contribution of this sum of £650 12s 5d during 1884 to a local Institution by the brethren of Cheshire acted detrimentally to the Masonic Institutions in London, but a moment's consideration of what Cheshire has done during the past twenty-two years for the central Charities will at once dismiss the idea that its local Institution has been maintained at the expense of the London ones. Looking to what has been accomplished by Cheshire it may well be said that the more Masonic benevolence is preached and practised in any district the stronger the sympathy of the brethren becomes. There is little fear that so long as the London Institutions can show such merit as they do at present they will be ignored by the brethren of Cheshire, while as regards the local Charity we can only hope, as we have every reason to believe will be the case, it will prosper and flourish in the future as it has done in the past. We sincerely wish that the example it sets may be followed ere long by other districts, in which we are convinced equally satisfactory results might be achieved.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Earl of Limerick, Provincial Grand Master Bristol. He was supported by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex as Deputy Grand Master, and Brother Samuel Rawson P.D.G.M. China as Past Grand Master. The Grand Officers present were the Marquis of Hertford S.W., Colonel Sackville West J.W., Revs. G. R. Portal and R. N. Sanderson Chaplains, J. W. Woodall Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick Registrar, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Secretary, E. E. Wendt Secretary German Correspondence, Dr. Alfred Meadows S.D., F. H. Goldney J.D., Sir A. Woods D.C., Major L. Harding Assistant D.C., Butler Wilkins Standard Bearer, G. P. Brockbank Sword Bearer, E. M. Lott Organist, H. Garrod Pursuivant, and A. Lucking Assistant Pursuivant. Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the election of members of the Board of General Purposes was proceeded with. The acting Grand Master announced that H.R.H the Prince of Wales had been pleased to nominate the following brethren for the Board:—T. Fenn (President), Sir Albert W. Woods, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Sir J. B. Monckton, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Dr. A. Meadows, J. E. Saunders, J. A. Rucker, R. Grey, Major C. Harding, and C. Hammerton; while G. Lodge ultimately selected the following as its representatives:—J. L. Mather, Sir R. Hanson, Sir B. Seton, R. Clutton, T. C. Walls, W. A. Dawson, T. H. Miller, G. P. Festa, J. Willing jun., R. St. Aubyn Roumieu, Charles Frederick Hogard, Edward F. Storr, Frederick West, and Tom Drew Bear. The M.W. the Grand Master nominated Bros. John Anthony Rucker (President), Major George Haldane (Vice-President), H. D. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker for the Colonial Board, while the brethren nominated by Grand Lodge (of which we gave a list last week), not exceeding the number required, were declared duly elected. Bro. Stanley Harding was proposed as Grand Lodge Auditor, and unanimously elected. The following brethren were chosen to serve on the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons; Bros. C. A. Cotterane, T. W. C. Bush, A. H. Tattershall, J. Willing jun.,

C. E. Dawson, Capt. A. Durrant, J. Boulton, W. J. Murlis, J. Dairy, and T. M. Humphries. The Report of the Board of Benevolence was received, and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed. The report of the Board of General Purposes was also adopted, while the Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was laid before Grand Lodge.

The application of the Grand Lodge of South Australia for recognition by the Grand Lodge of England was next considered, and on the proposition of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., it was unanimously agreed to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia, a result which we are particularly pleased to record, and to which we shall devote attention in our next issue.

The two appeals submitted to Grand Lodge were dismissed, and then Bro. Raynham Stewart's notices of motion were formally submitted, and both were agreed to, after which Grand Lodge was closed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of the Companions of Surrey was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Ann's Hill-road, Chertsey, on Saturday, the 30th ult., under the presidency of the R.W. Comp. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent. The meeting was held under the auspices of the St. George's Chapter, in the hall recently erected by the brethren and Companions of the district, and we may take the opportunity of stating it seems admirably suited for the purposes for which it has been designed. After Provincial Grand Chapter had been formally opened the roll of Chapters was called over, and the report of the Finance and Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comp. George Price was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and the following Companions were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. C. W. Arnold	...	...	Prov. G.H.
Henry C. Lee Bennett	...	...	Prov. G.J.
George Price (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treasurer
Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B.	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
West	...	...	Prov. G. S.N.
Bowles	...	...	Prov. G. Registrar
Amor Owens	...	...	Prov. G. Principal Soj.
Wigley	...	...	Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.
T. Wood	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.
Smith	...	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
McKay	...	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
S. P. Catterson	...	...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
Wale	...	...	Prov. G. A.D. of Cers.
J. Rhodes	...	...	Prov. G. Organist

After the usual routine business Provincial Grand Chapter was closed by the P.G. Superintendent, who expressed his regret that other engagements would prevent his remaining with the Companions to the banquet. As Comp. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Prov. G. Haggai, was also obliged to leave, Comp. Charles Greenwood assumed the functions of President, and most ably fulfilled the duties attached to that post.

CHAPTER OF HARMONY, No. 309.

AT the meeting held at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., M.E. Comp. the Rev. A. A. Headley was installed as First Principal, Comp. E. Goldsmith as Second Principal, and Comp. Edgar Goble P.G.S.E. as Third Principal for the ensuing year. The following Companions were invested:—John W. Gieve S.E., A. W. Leaver S.N., A. R. Holbrook Treasurer, the Rev. A. C. Hervey Principal Soj., Geo. Harry First Asst. Soj., W. A. Hill Second Asst. Soj., R. Eames Janitor. The ceremony of installation was most ably rendered by M.E. Comp. the Rev. Dr. White P.P.G.S.N., who was assisted by M.E. Comp. J. E. LeFeuvre P.G.H., and M.E. Comp. G. Felton Lancaster P.P.G.J., Comp. Dr. E. T. Crouch, H. Cooke, H. J. Lyon, &c. After the ceremony an excellent banquet was served by Mr. G. Bond. During the evening M.E. Comp. C. G. Adames P.Z. presented to the Chapter four very handsome collars for the Officers.

Bro. H. G. Buss will not offer himself for re-election for the office of P.G. Treasurer of Middlesex at the P.G. Lodge this day (Saturday). Bro. T. B. Archer P.P.G.S.W. will be nominated for the post by the P.G.M., and seconded by the D.P.G.M.

We understand that the subscription list to the Brockbank Testimonial Fund will close on the 30th instant. All subscriptions must be sent to Bro. Josiah Taylor, Town Hall Square, Bolton.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C., and 7 Horne Villas, Forest Hill, Road Peckham Rye, S.E.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE members of this Province held their annual meeting on Monday, under the auspices of the Kintore Lodge, No. 333, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. The Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and Provincial Grand Lodge was honoured by the attendance of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore Most Worshipful Grand Master, whilst amongst others who were present we may mention the following:—Bros. Davison D.P.G.M., Henry Faija S.W., J. Proffit J.W., Revs. Viscount Molesworth and T. M. Gorman Chaplains, C. Hammerton Treasurer, W. G. Brighten Secretary, D. P. Cama M.O., W. Vincent S.O., S. E. Taylor J.D., H. Goodall Supt. of Works, Pargeter D.C., John Stedman Sword Bearer, James Halliday Standard Bearer, Horace White, J. F. Rumball, J. Smith Stewards, G. Harrison Tyler, H. D. Cama, N. D. Francis, James Lovelock, G. Gravelley P.G.S.B., E. Whittaker, C. W. R. Harrington, J. R. Hubbard, C. H. Roberts, E. West, John Aillard, C. Quennell, W. Fisher, Thomas Clark, W. E. Williams, J. Shilcock, P. McCarthy, C. J. Axford, E. N. Sumner, J. H. Clutton, James Linzell, J. Lavies, M.D., J. Terry, G. Gardner, John Rhodes, W. A. Scurrah, F. T. Bennett, W. W. Morgan, &c.

After Provincial Grand Mark Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, held 10th July 1884, had been confirmed, the roll of Lodges of the Province was called over, and report made as to the position of each; this showed there were twenty-eight Lodges, embracing a total membership of 585, apportioned as follows:—Lodge No. 317, 413, 59, 759, 1332, 1042, 1146, 13939, 14423, 17325, 17620, 18115, 19739, 1988, 19915, 21122, 22317, 22419, 23430, 23613, 23817, 23917, 24419, 25122, 28420, 31514, 33114, 33317. This gives evidence of a considerable increase over last year's returns, and is a proof of the prosperity of the Degree in the Province, which is yet further illustrated by the fact that four new Lodges have been warranted during the past few months, one of which—the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 350—has already been consecrated and has enrolled on its list the names of no less than twenty-three members. The Treasurer's accounts were next submitted. They show a balance in hand, on account of the General Fund of £69 15s, while there stands to the credit of the Benevolent Fund £10 14s 8d. The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was formally nominated and appointed as Provincial Grand Mark Master for a further term of three years, and in acknowledging the compliment he said he was much obliged for the honour done him. He had been associated with the Province since its formation—now fifteen years since. He was intensely gratified at the progress it had made since he had had the pleasure of presiding over its destinies. At the time he was referring to there were but five Lodges in the district; they now numbered thirty-two, with every prospect of still farther increasing at an early date.

Bro. Thomas Clark, 173, was appointed Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and a contribution of £10 10s was voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge in support of his Stewardship. Bro. C. Hammerton P.G.D.C. was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, which compliment he briefly acknowledged; it was satisfactory to know they had a balance in hand, which was due, in a very great measure, to the exertions of their esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighten. The following were then appointed and invested as Officers for the year.

F. Davison	7 ...	...	Deputy Grand Master
Hector Helsham, M.D.	5 ...	...	Senior Warden
G. H. N. Bridges	333 ...	...	Junior Warden
W. E. Williams	3 ...	...	Master Overseer
James Terry	315 ...	...	Senior Overseer
J. Boulton	173 ...	...	Junior Overseer
Rev. T. M. Gorman	331 ...	...	Chaplain
Rev. C. H. Roberts	284 ...	...	Chaplain
C. Hammerton	144 ...	...	Treasurer
W. G. Brighten	4 ...	...	Secretary
H. White	7 ...	...	Registrar
Thos. Clark	173 ...	...	Senior Deacon
T. Kingston	13 ...	...	Junior Deacon
J. F. Rumball	...	...	Superintendent of Works
J. Smith	176 ...	...	Director of Ceremonies
H. Handel	181 ...	...	Assist. D. of Ceremonies
J. Lovelock	...	...	Sword Bearer
E. Whittaker	139 ...	...	Standard Bearer
A. W. S. Hoare	244 ...	...	Organist
C. Quennell	144 ...	...	Inner Guard
J. H. Clutton	224 ...	}	Stewards
C. H. Nevill	333 ...		
J. Shilcock	4 ...		
J. Badkin	236 ...		
H. T. Nell	176 ...		
Mayer	...		

Bros. Lambert, Hogard, Lardner, and Klenck, in addition to the recognised officials, were appointed the Committee for General Purposes, while the following brethren were recommended for appointment as Grand Stewards: Bro. J. Boulton, from the Temple Lodge; Bro. J. Edwards, from the Priuce of Wales Lodge; Bro. James Terry, from the Henniker Lodge; and the W.M. elect from the High Cross Lodge.

The next business was to consider the best mode of recognising the past services of the Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. Davison, in bringing the matter before Provincial Grand Lodge, referred to the zeal Bro. Brighten had always displayed. He felt the time had now

arrived when a Committee should be formed to arrange for the expression in some tangible form of the sentiments of the brethren. It was then proposed that a sum of fifteen guineas should be voted from the Lodge funds, and that the General Purposes Committee should decide what form the proposed testimonial should take and arrange for its presentation. This proposition was seconded, and supported by the Provincial Grand Master, who readily bore testimony to the good will with which Bro. Brighten entered upon the performance of his duties, Bro. J. M. Klenck also spoke in support. He had had some experience of the duties attached to the office of Secretary, and he could bear testimony to the energy Bro. Brighten brought to bear upon their fulfilment. The vote proposed was unanimously agreed to, and the sum of five guineas set aside for clerical assistance during the year. Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of a banquet, after which the usual toasts were done full justice to.

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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"International Inventions Exhibition (South Kensington), London, 1885. Railway Guide and Route Book."

THIS work has been compiled by Mr. J. R. Somers Vine, a brother well known in the Craft; and is printed and published, under the authority of the Executive Council, by Messrs. Clowes and Sons. Perhaps no one is so well qualified to edit and compile a work like that before us as is Mr. Vine. His City work for years past, and his connection with previous Exhibitions, have given him excellent experience, and the result is a first-rate general book of reference. Attached to the work is a plan of the building and its contents, showing the approaches and entrances thereto, a scheme of the Inner Circle Railway connections, and a railway map of the lines running into London from a radius of twenty-five miles. Official advertisements indicate the general as well as special musical arrangements, and Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the refreshment contractors, tell of the good things they have always ready for the hungry visitor, on a scale large and varied enough to meet every want and all pockets. A general summary of the objects of the Exhibition is given, and then follow "Useful and Interesting Notes," which our readers must peruse for themselves. There is a well-digested scheme of railway, omnibus, road-car, and tram-car service, also an admirably compiled table of cab fares and distances. The "Railway Guide and Route Tables" are the most complete we have seen. Taking in the radius already mentioned, every station is given; the lines they are on, and the fares (inclusive for the whole journey, passage through South Kensington subway and admission to the Exhibition); how often trains run is shown, duration of journey, where to change for the South Kensington trains, what time to leave the building, and times when the last trains leave for home. No visitor should be without this Guide; it virtually makes him independent of railway and other officials, and is so plain in its directions that none can mistake the instructions given.

At present we can do little more than announce the fact that Mr. H. M. Stanley, the African explorer, has written, and that Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington, have just published a new work, entitled "The Congo and the Founding of its Free States." As the contemporary of and successor to the great Livingstone, Mr. Stanley has special claims to be heard. His work "How I found Livingstone," apart from the value of his own distinct labours, was sufficient to warrant a warm welcome from Englishmen. His other book, "Through the Dark Continent," consolidated his claims. His present issue, while in some measure proceeding on the same lines as his former books, records other labours and struggles, which, if successful, will result in blessings that can scarcely be imagined, much less described. The Congo is the King of Rivers, and runs a course of over three thousand miles. Trading stations have been established for hundreds of miles, through a country "rich and fertile almost beyond the dreams of avarice," comprising "vast areas covered with the finest timber in the world, teeming millions ready and anxious to barter their produce for European manufactures." The population is estimated to be fifty millions, inhabiting a country the richest and most fertile in Africa. "The International Congo State," says the prospectus, "was established by the Berlin West African Conference, the final act being signed by nineteen plenipotentiaries representing nineteen European powers; of these Great Britain, undoubtedly, has the greatest interest in the new State, as offering her merchants and manufacturers new and almost unlimited markets for their goods." As a record of work done, methods employed, results and discoveries, this latest production of Mr. Stanley ought to be received with favour. It affords hope at a time of deep depression, and promises relief when most needed. The work is in two volumes, both of which contain maps and illustrations.

FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL!

LARGE photographs of the Temple, taken immediately after the fire, on 4th May (suitable for framing), 5s each; or framed in oak, securely packed, sent to any address in the United Kingdom, carriage paid, on receipt of cheque for 15s. Masters of Lodges should secure this memorial of the old Temple for their Lodge rooms.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS FUND.

Midsummer 1884.

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To Collections per Bros.	By Prizes . . . 32 6 0
Mather and Binokes 18 10 6	Band Prizes . . . 1 12 0
Bowyer 7 0 0	
Festa 1 10 0	
Dr. Morris 5 5 6	
Balance due to President . . . 1 12 0	
£33 18 0	£33 18 0

J. J. BERE, Hon. Sec.

Many brethren kindly contributed to the "Athletic Sports Fund," in sums ranging from one shilling to two guineas. Amongst the donors may be mentioned the following:—Bros. H. B. Marshall, E. Bowyer, Binckes, Mather, Festa, Godson, Hunt, Moon, Ramsay, Saunders, Mickleby, Clarke, Stewart, Farnfield, Baham, Strong, Taylor, Clever, Adams, Boulton, Cale sen., Cale jun., Willan, Godman, Knight, Hobbs, Calling, Painter, Legge, Tilley. A few friends at Lloyd's (per Bro. Knight) subscribed £3 10s. There was no printing account to pay, as Bro. Kenning made the Fund a present of the programmes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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PROFESSIONS AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is to be hoped there are not many cases such as that pointed out by "HARRY" in one of your late issues. I certainly never came across a similar case, but then my visiting experience has been of the most limited character, and such an incident would have been impossible in my Mother Lodge. Nevertheless, I do not for a moment doubt the veracity of "HARRY," nor do I envy the feelings of the "Secretary and Almoner" he refers to. When a brother seeks relief, and his credentials are unimpeachable, it is a violation of the fundamental principles of the Order to send him empty away. But when an appeal is made during the time brethren are revelling in comfort and luxury, surely it is little less than brutal to refuse assistance. The case mentioned by "HARRY" is the more heartless because it appears that special attention was directed by himself to the applicant for relief. He saw him, wan and seedy, outside of the banquetting-room; he listened to his story of success and disappointment, of trouble and want, even to the verge of starvation of himself and family, of his failure to obtain employment. Struck with the man's truthfulness, and filled with pity for his distress, "HARRY" made known the case in the proper quarter. The poor, needy brother was questioned; he proved his poverty and he pleaded necessity, but a deaf ear was turned to his entreaty, and whilst feasting and merriment reigned within the room, coldness met the wanderer as he emerged into the street. Sick at heart, stunned with the cruelty of a so-called brother, I can imagine his feelings. If the facts be true as stated, and I have no reason to doubt them, then no words I can command would do justice to the disgust I feel for the man who could be so false to his duty, so recreant to the true spirit of Freemasonry. It is true, that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." It is such as this "Secretary and Almoner"—Almoner!—heaven save the mark!—who brings discredit upon the Craft, who represents the corruption that festers like a wound and poisons the life-blood of the Order. It is such as he who gives opportunity to our enemies, many of whom reproach us with extravagance at the table, with luxurious indulgence, and all the evils that follow upon the gratification of selfishness and lustful desires. I hope that such men, wherever they may be found, will be purged of their offences, and stripped of their office. A Lodge should not suffer for the faults of one man, and such a man, who could listen unmoved to a true and pitiful story, and deny relief that laid within his grasp. Help in this case, if only in the shape of a good meal, would have been welcome, but this heartless Secretary did not even invite his poor brother to eat or drink. I blush for such a man, I repudiate his brotherhood. He is outside of the pale of humanity, much more is he outside of the circle of Freemasonry.

Now, Sir, I would just say a word or two in favour of a proposition made by "WATCHMAN" two or three weeks ago. If I remember rightly he advocated the establishment of what I should call a trade agency. I believe that if the authorities were to take up the matter, that another valuable Institution would be added to our existing relief organisations. It would be a good thing to bring employes and employers, who are Masons, together. I feel sure that were that done, many a heart would be made glad, and an opportunity would be afforded to give help in the best and most practical form. I cannot see any objection to the plan, especially as it might be established and carried on at little or no cost to the executive. Anything that will prevent the recurrence of such a case as "HARRY" describes would be welcome. A scheme, however, that leads to self-help

commends itself so strongly that I wonder something has not been done long ago. Perhaps a few more instances such as I have referred to may lead to something of the kind being done.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Once again the Election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has come and gone, and through the munificence of the brethren the Committee have felt themselves justified in increasing the number of the annuitants by four additional brethren and eleven more widows. 24 of the former and 26 of the latter, making in all fifty (three in each class being deferred until vacancies occur), who have thus been relieved from pecuniary anxiety for the remainder of their days; but great as this number is, how much more is required to be done. There are fourteen brethren and no less than fifty widows left out in the cold. One case especially seems hard, that of Mrs. Elliot, who has already been a candidate for twelve years, and is still unsuccessful. Her husband was a member of Lodge No. 124, in the Province of Durham, and subscribed from the time he became a Mason till his death, yet the Province has evidently deserted the cause of this widow, inasmuch as it appears the Province has been successful in securing the return of other candidates since; doubtless there is some good reason for this, but *prima facie* it appears very hard. Warwickshire and Devonshire have two seventh applications in perhaps a still worse plight. Of fifth applications Lincolnshire has one, as well as a fourth, and second, with 17, 20, and 15 votes respectively. But as the Province has so many annuitants—boys and girls, on the respective Institutions—for which she is indebted to the kind assistance of other Provinces, I am afraid she cannot help the above candidates much, consequently their ultimate success appears far off. Kent likewise has a fifth application case, which the Province does not appear to favour, as the applicant has only 366 votes to her credit. Surrey is leaving her fifth application case with but 16 votes. Hants and Devon combined, and Lodge of Friendship, London, with their fifth applications, should have no difficulty next year. Of third applications London has two; one from Mount Lebanon Lodge, with 30 votes polled, and one from the Vitruvian; the latter Lodge is somewhat in the same category as the Province of Lincoln, in the cases it already has, and candidates are still coming forward for the benefits of the various Institutions. Hants has a candidate to whom apparently the cold shoulder has been shown, inasmuch as only 64 votes have been polled. Kent has two cases, with 671 and 225 respectively. These applicants are evidently out of favour, as Kent is a Province which can always command the return of one, if not two candidates, and here are three left to shift for themselves, while a second application case is returned successfully. East Lancashire and Suffolk have one candidate each, with 8 (!) votes a piece; something is evidently wrong here, as both these Provinces returned first applications. There remains one more in the category of third applications, viz., from Berks and Bucks, but as she carries 1215 votes forward, she may look with tolerable certainty for success at the next election. As for the second and first applications, with so many candidates and so few vacancies it is only exceptionally strong Provinces or combinations of Provinces, or if in London, of Lodges, that applicants can count upon any reasonable hope of success. It is a curious fact how closely the average number of years that the late husbands of the whole of the candidates and of those who were successful have subscribed agree. The aggregate of the former is 1675, with an average of $22\frac{3}{4}$ years, and of the latter 569, with an average of 22 years $3\frac{9}{16}$ months. The same coincidence occurs among the male applicants, viz., Total aggregate, 996 years 3 months, average 23 years $9\frac{3}{8}$ months; successful 573, average $23\frac{7}{8}$; and yet one of the unsuccessful ones accumulates 90 years' subscription himself. The election of the male annuitants is a much easier matter, as there are never so many candidates, and as a rule more vacancies. The reasons for this are first, that the applicants are not eligible for five years after the time allowed for widows; secondly, that they shrink from the painful necessity as long as they can; and lastly, the obituary list is far higher in their case, as for instance no less than four deaths occurred between the time of making up the lists and the Election. I am sorry to observe how few of the candidates are recorded as having done anything when in their power towards the Institutions one of which they are now reaping or seeking benefits from.

Out of the 42 male annuitants only 3, or 1 in 14, viz., Bros. Dearsley, Adkins, and Prattent, all of whom happily are successful; even the brother who accumulates 90 years subscriptions seems to have forgotten the principles of our Order, another unfortunate brother who has subscribed 29 years, and in or about 1880 lost £12,000, seems to have been equally oblivious; while others again who have obtained Provincial Grand Honours have ignored the claims on them. Among the late husbands of the 76 widows, 7, or 1 in 11, appear to have contributed to one or more of the Institutions, and only 3 have been successful. The seven contributors were Bros. Timms, Cooley, Redman, Shury, Feaviour, Searle, and Bellerby, the three last successful. There were also 13 with Grand or Provincial honours, only one of whom remembered the Institutions, viz., Bro. Bellerby P.G. Steward. I must now make a few observations as to the result list of the male candidates. The highest on the list is a sixth attempt; in it the applicant succeeded, though his annuity is one of the deferred; it is a case from Warwick, with 718 votes. There are two fourth applications, and both are far behind; one is from Hants, with only 75 votes

polled; the other from London, formerly a member of St. James's Union Lodge, and latterly of the Westbourne, this candidate has polled 441. Of third application cases all three have been left out in the cold. The first has been a member of two London Lodges, for altogether 22½ years—the St. Michael's and Royal Union—yet has only polled 241. The second of these candidates hails from Scarborough, and has only subscribed 5½ years, yet being permanently paralysed, which affliction, together with blindness, or other visitation, brings him under the exception to the rule, requiring a candidate to be 15 years a M.M., and a subscribing member for 10. It is to be hoped North and East Yorkshire will put forth its strength and add a sufficient number of votes to this applicant's present 8. The last case comes from Worcester, and by the number polled *this* time 485 and brought forward, 15, making a total of 500, I presume the members of this Province mean to return their applicant next year. This

brother is likewise afflicted with paralysis, and has only subscribed 7 years. The claims of the second and first application cases I shall not attempt to analyse, but will merely remark that out of the 24 successful applicants one came up for the sixth time, one for the second, and the remaining 22 for the first. Now, as to the number of votes used, unrecorded, or spoilt, and those carried forward. Males—Total polled, including 1047 brought forward, 37,175; spoilt or not recorded 10,047; carried forward 2065. Widows—Total polled, including 13,386 brought forward, 57,538; spoilt or not recorded 5,876; carried forward 13,000. Average number of votes required to succeed: for males 1506½; for widows 1674.

The following Table shows how London and the Provinces are severally represented in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

	MALES						FEMALES						
	Men	Deaths	Total	Elected	G. Total	Cost	Widows	Deaths	Total	Elected	G. Total	Cost	Total Cost
London	53	9	44	9	53	2120	66	3	63	9	72	2304	4424
Berks and Bucks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bristol	1	0	1	0	1	40	—	—	0	1	1	32	72
Cheshire	6	1	5	1	6	240	4	0	4	1	5	160	400
Corwall	3	0	3	2	5	200	5	0	5	0	5	160	360
Cumberland and Westmoreland	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	0	2	64	64
Derbyshire	1	0	1	0	1	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	40
Devonshire	9	1	8	1	9	360	10	0	10	0	10	320	680
Dorsetshire	6	1	5	0	5	200	2	1	1	1	2	64	264
Durham	1	0	1	1	2	80	1	0	1	1	2	64	144
Essex	5	1	4	0	4	160	3	0	3	0	3	96	256
Gloucester	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	1	3	96	96
Hants and Isle of Wight	4	0	4	1	5	200	6	0	6	1	7	224	424
Hereford	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	1	1	32	32
Herts	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1	0	1	32	32
Kent	9	1	8	2	10	400	7	1	6	0	6	192	592
Lancashire E.	10	1	9	1	10	400	10	1	9	1	10	320	720
Lancashire W.	5	0	5	0	5	200	4	0	4	0	4	128	328
Leicestershire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lincolnshire	4	0	4	0	4	160	4	1	3	0	3	96	256
Middlesex	0	0	0	1	1	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	40
Monmouthshire	1	0	1	0	1	40	1	0	1	0	1	32	72
Norfolk	2	0	2	0	2	80	4	0	4	0	4	128	308
Norths and Hunts	4	0	4	0	4	160	2	2	0	0	0	0	160
Northumberland	4	0	4	0	4	160	1	1	0	0	0	0	160
Nottinghamshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1	0	1	32	32
Oxfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	1	3	96	96
Somersetshire	1	0	1	1	2	80	1	0	1	0	1	32	112
Staffordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	0	2	64	64
Suffolk	4	0	4	0	4	160	7	0	7	2	9	288	448
Surrey	1	0	1	1	2	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	80
Sussex	2	0	2	1	3	120	5	0	5	0	5	160	280
Wales North and Shropshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	1	0	1	32	32
Wales South (Eastern Division)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wales South (Western Division)	1	0	1	0	1	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	40
Warwickshire	1	0	1	1	2	80	2	0	2	0	2	64	144
Wiltshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	0	3	1	4	128	128
Worcestershire	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	0	2	64	64
Yorkshire N. and E.	8	2	6	0	6	240	—	—	—	—	—	—	240
Yorkshire W.	19	3	16	1	17	680	18	0	18	2	20	640	1320
Channel Islands	3	0	3	0	3	120	2	0	2	2	4	128	248
Colonies	4	1	3	0	3	120	6	0	6	1	7	224	334
	172	21	151	24	175	7000	187	10	177	26	203	6496	13496

THE THEATRES.

Lyceum.—Deep was the interest created in artistic circles, and great the misgivings, when the manager of the Lyceum announced his intention to appear as Dr. Primrose in "Olivia." The very gifts, the cynic scorn, the bitter irony, the mighty depths of passion which paint for us in a touch a Richard the Third or a Shylock would threaten wreck to so tender and gentle a creature as the Vicar; so pathetic in his foibles, so noble in his very weaknesses. A house crammed in every corner, a representative pit, for the foremost seats of which only two or three ladies had withstood the "Sturm und Drang" of the long hours outside; familiar faces we are wont to see at every great dramatic event, awaited the rising of the curtain. The Vicarage garden is the scene of the festivities in honour of the Vicar's silver wedding. A lovely landscape in golden sunlight fills the distance, while the Vicarage, with its bright climbing roses, glittering casements, and quaint gables, is the very realisation of a lovely English rustic home. A crowd of merry children rush in, and, climbing the tempting ladder, threaten destruction to the king pippins hanging ripe and red on the big apple tree shading the lawn; the villagers come to wish joy to their beloved parson, and a pretty vision of the days when George III. was King is made by these groups. Sophia, pretty and sensible; Moses, the discreet young scholar; Farmer Flamborough, an admirably bluff and sturdy ancient Briton; Mr. Burchell, very tedious in his superior virtue; the young Squire, looking superbly handsome; comely Mrs. Primrose, the quintessence of matronly discretion; Olivia, the very type and realization of happy innocent girlhood. But now, claiming attention, the subject of loud and universal cheers, here is the Vicar. Surely Mr. Irving, but as surely bearing no trace of all those weird creations he has given life to on the stage. Like every worker in art Mr. Irving

has his limitations, and perhaps the vividness of his imagination tends to conceal these limits from his judgment, and we have regretfully witnessed failure for want of the physical means to realize intention. In the first gesture, however, the first words uttered by Dr. Primrose, all the house felt that not only Mr. Will's, but Oliver Goldsmith's Vicar was before them. When farmer Flamborough indignantly reproaches the parson's wife for her fine lady airs, the smile of gentle superiority in which the doctor excuses "those foibles of the weaker sex" was a comedy in itself. When the sunny morning clouds over, news comes of the ruined fortunes of the family. Here Mr. Irving's treatment is singularly fine. He accepts the blow, not as the result of human wickedness, but as a divine decree. He is crushed at the thought of the sufferings that threaten his loved ones, but he and they are in the hands of God. No more pathetic or noble picture has been seen on the stage than where the Vicar sits in patient despair, his wife behind him gazing into space in a condition of dazed misery. Sophia pitiful and bewildered, and his beloved Olivia weeping at his feet. The various members of the family are to be scattered abroad, while a place as a companion is found for Olivia at York by Mr. Burchell. Beautiful and poignantly pathetic is her leave-taking, for she has promised to fly with the "false squire." Tears were falling all through the house, and in Olivia's eyes were real tears as she bade good-bye to her old father, in an agony of remorseful love. We next find her, after three months, at the Dragon Inn. She is full of the happiness of her wedded love; no misgiving of the squire's intention has reached her; she is longing with all her soul to again see and comfort her aged father, and tell him all is well with her. The squire has, however, grown weary of his fancy, though he realizes the infamy of his conduct; he forces himself to tell her they must part; the marriage was a false one. Olivia stands bewildered; for some minutes she cannot grasp the meaning of his words; she is stunned with the horror of his wickedness and her misery; and when he would offer excuse she thrusts him back from her, and the house was electrified by the realism of

the agony which thus transforms this brightest and gentlest of English maidens into a wild creature, defiant and at bay. Mr. Terriss, who in the earlier scenes was somewhat wanting in the lightness and pleasantness which should mark a Don Juan of the period, and moreover had rather the air of an antique Roman than the pretty fellow and particular friend of the demireps and madames of Ranelagh. But Mr. Terriss cannot help being in earnest, and when his opportunity came—the quarrel with Burchell, who had tracked him and Olivia to the inn—the rage of the insulted fine gentleman had a splendid ring of reality in it. The part is a disagreeable one, and though Mr. Terriss fails to give it any extraneous charm, he always displays refinement of bearing that leads us to hope he is not quite beyond reclamation. The Vicar was at his very best in the splendid scene where the broken-hearted father finds his Olivia crushed by her wrongs. The feminine gentleness of his caresses, broken for an instant by an endeavour to assert the severe dignity of the outraged parent; but at the sight of his child's forlorn contrition, there is nothing but pitying love left in his full heart. The home-coming was very touching in the cold light of the winter night—snow on the trees and housetops; still, beautiful and poetic as the background is, we prefer the original and more simple arrangement, where the first act takes place in the Vicarage parlour. Now the garden is slowly turned into the parlour, and though the pathos of the way-worn, heart-sore wanderer is felt acutely, surely it is not well conceived for the old Vicar to compose himself to sleep on the sofa whilst Olivia lights the fire, before his anxious wife and Sophia have learned the news. When at length they appear, the reconciliation between the poor outcast Olivia and her mother is exquisitely brought about; the gentle Vicar seems clothed for a moment with apostolic dignity, when he bids his wife remember the duty of forgiveness. Mr. Burchell, who has contrived that the supposed false marriage shall be a valid one, now appears in his true character of the elder Thornhill, and brings the tardy penitent to beg forgiveness from his outraged wife. Olivia's shudder and cry of horror at the proposal was terribly eloquent, but Christmas morning breaks, and once more the scene changes to the garden, lighted by the kindly sun. We feel the squire's remorse will be met with tender commiseration; the church bells ring out, and the curtain falls upon the promise of a happy future. We predict a happy future for the play at its present home. On the first night the waits were very long, and this trial of patience was aggravated by the unnecessary loudness of Mr. Meredith Ball's musicians.

Her Majesty's.—We are glad once more to see at "Her Majesty's" the pensive façade lighted up for festive intent, and still better pleased that the much-talked-of spectacular ballet "Excelsior" merits the success it enjoyed in Paris. It goes with a spirit, humour and dashing dramatic effect, and one can scarcely realize it has no spoken dialogue. It is the fashion to declare male dancing a thing hateful and effeminate, but surely virility is not the quality lacking in a Highland fling or Hungarian sword dance, and in "Excelsior" the men dance with such fun, as it were possessed by the very demon of the art, that the feminine graces of the ladies are enhanced, and the dramatic intention of dancing seems to find expression. The much-vaunted scenery is good, while the troupe in its entirety is far and away the best we have ever seen on the English boards. The story of the ballet lies in the efforts of the spirit of Light and Progress to circumvent the Demon of Darkness, the latter splendidly impersonated by Sig. Montanara; his pantomime is wonderful for its force and fury; by the way he wears blonde hair and moustache, while every one else has black or dark brown. It is rather refreshing to see two or three hundred coryphées and not one yellow-haired wig among them. The prima ballerina, Adelina Rossi, is the impersonation of grace and harmony, a symphony without sound. Each of her dances was loudly applauded, but especially enthusiastic became the house over her exquisite bayadere dance, with Indian tarabock accompaniment; lovely she looked as the brown-tinted daughter of the sun, while quaint and delightful were the little black boys, with their native instruments. Recalls occurred again and again, during and after each act. It is long since such resonant paeans have been heard within these walls. At the same time it is to be regretted the management has not more effectually advertised their season. We think also that in so large a theatre popular prices would have proved more successful. The music is of no little merit, and is admirably rendered by an orchestra of some sixty performers.

St. James's.—It is consoling for the feeble and superannuated minority still finding delight in a play neither studied from 'Arry nor from Fagin, to find "The Queen's Shilling" still flourishing at St. James's. It has reached its 50th night with unwaning popularity. Mrs. Kendal is still delightful as the wilful heroine, while Mr. Hare and Mr. Kendal are at their best in their respective parts. If only Mrs. Murray would tone her treatment of the strong-minded lady militant, the cast would be one of the most perfect we have seen for a long time.

Haymarket.—The announcement of the last change of programme at the "little house in the market" rather startled its habitués. "Robinson est mort. Vive Shakespear!" It was not, however, Shakespear of the last folio or first quarto, but the Garrick version—"Taming the Shrew," reduced to the dimensions of a one-act farce. Let us be thankful for Shakespear,—even so! Mrs. Bernard Beere, as Kate, looks her loveliest, and plays with the spirit and distinction which ever characterize her. We cannot quite believe this queenly dame is to be broken to harness by mere whin-cracking, plate-smashing, and the general rowdyism of a ragamuffin Petruchio. It may be the fault of the scrambling version used, which gives so little scope for detail of characterization; but we remember when Edwin Booth played Petruchio it was with such high-bred humour, such gallant deference, that in the taming process one could believe the fair patient was not so much subdued by the masterful violence of her spouse as by the fascination of the true lover

sparkling through the carnival masquerade. Mr. Forbes Robertson usually plays with refinement; we cannot but believe he will perceive how greatly his present impersonation will gain by elimination of needless bluster and violence. Petruchio is a gentleman of birth and fortune, and an Italian gentleman; in his wildest pranks the gallantomo should be evident. Mr. Kemble might, perhaps, be complimented as an eager aspirant to the honours of farcical comedy. That a soldier and man of the world should have such a henchman as Mr. Kemble's Grumio is even beyond a Garrick gospel. Of the rest of the cast it is needless to speak. The costumes are in excellent taste. "Sweethearts" is the second item on the bill. Mrs. Bancroft plays with all the pretty coquetry of her earliest impersonation at the Prince of Wales Theatre, in the first act; whilst in the "thirty years later" of the second, her art is still more tender, more delicate, and as full of pathos as in her younger day. Mr. Bancroft, as the egotistical old Indian, to our mind realises perfection. For this, one of Gilbert's brightest and least cynical gifts, playgoers will be grateful; the treat here awaiting them should alone be sufficient to ensure full houses; but "Sweethearts" is followed by Buckstone's "Good for Nothing," and here Mrs. Bancroft once more commands our tears and laughter. She has the taste to keep her poor little "Nan" out of the sordid rags and dirt some actresses delight to disguise her in, and the transformation at the end seems all the more probable. Mr. Brookfield plays with self-restraint and realism as Charley. Mr. Kemble, as Tom Dibbles, might have been excellent had he left out half his business and two-thirds of his rhetoric.

Grand.—Mr. Edward Terry and a strong company from the Gaiety have been drawing full houses during the week. In "The Rocket" Mr. Terry with his usual briskness plays the part of Chevalier Walkenshaw, while Miss Broughton distinguishes herself as Florence. Mr. Royce (Lord Leadenhall), Mr. Tyndal (Joslyn Hammersmith), Mr. Stephenson (John Mable), Miss Maria Jones (Lady Hammersmith), all score well. "The Rocket" is followed by the burlesque, "Robbing Roy." Mr. Terry as Roy, Miss Clara Jecks Francis Osbaldistone, Mr. Royce the Dougal Creature, Miss P. Broughton Diana Vernon. Islingtonians will doubtless embrace the opportunity of supporting these popular favourites.

The Picture Galleries.—To those who seek abstraction from the perversity of nature in the sweet calm realms of art, those we counsel to pay a visit to that most pleasant of realms of enchantment opened by the "Sesame" shilling, the French Gallery, Pall Mall. The present exhibition has a magnificent work, No. 52, it is by a young Servian painter, his third exhibited picture. For brilliancy of colour and intense dramatic characterisation it would hold a place of honour in any gallery. It shows us a blind old minstrel, surrounded by the picturesque wild Servian peasants, who listen with rapt attention to the "words of gold." There is an exquisite bit of sunshine and colour in No. 46, three fair damsels discussing the merits of a canvas in the absence of the artist. No. 10, a Meissonier, shows exquisite finish and dramatic feeling. No. 9, a delightful episode of cynic humour. A Knight, bearing important despatches, has sought shelter within a Dominican cloister. He has received such hospitable entertainment that he has fallen asleep, and now the good monks are busy reading his papers. The short-sighted brother greedily devours their contents, while the air of triumphant virtue in the abbot, who sits at the table with the empty wine flask, tells the story with wonderful force. The picture has the quiet harmony of Meine's colouring, well known to his admirers. Heffner has a delicious Italian moonlight, recalling that exquisite picture we used to enjoy at the Lyceum in the earlier Belmont. Works by Professor Müller, Windmaier, Gérome, Israels, Klecginisky, Andriotti, Schachinger, and a dozen more names of European fame are gathered within Mr. Wallis's hospitable walls. The Exhibits may be described as an epitome of European Art. Some of the best of each important nationality are there.

Crystal Palace.—The Saturday evening Illuminated Fêtes, which proved so delightful a feature of the Crystal Palace summer attractions last year, will be recommenced to-day, the 6th instant. It need hardly be remarked how naturally the beautiful grounds, with their charmingly grouped trees and shrubs, their grassy lawns and slopes, their terraces, statuary, lakes and fountains, lend themselves to the purposes of illumination; and these features have been well treated by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co., who contract with the Company for the lighting up of the various spots in the grounds deemed most picturesque and suitable for pleasing effects of light and shade. To the thousands of gracefully festooned Venetian lamps and Chinese lanterns, as employed last summer, will be added this year a new feature, in the shape of electric light, which will illuminate the walks and terraces by means of many large arc lamps at carefully studied elevations. The band of the Scot Guards, the London Vocal Union, and the Company's Military Band will supply appropriate promenade music; and nothing but fine weather will be needed to make these fêtes the most enjoyable *al fresco* entertainments of the season. It may be added that the price of admission on Saturdays being now reduced to one shilling (with but one exception at present), these fêtes will be within the reach of all classes.

With the assent of Mr. Irving, his dinner committee, who had a surplus of £55 15s in their hands, have given £40 to the Actors' Benevolent Fund and fifteen guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former, how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by the incomparable pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the springs of life.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

AN emergency meeting was held on the 27th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present—Bros. E. H. Norden W.M., A. J. Henochsberg S.W., A. Bassington P.M. as J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treas., C. F. Hogard P.M. Sec., Rev. M. Haines Chaplain, J. Lichtenfeld S.D., J. Mosquito I.G.; P.M.'s J. A. Gartley I.P.M., W. Littaur, M. J. Emanuel, H. J. Phillips, J. Da Silva, and Bros. E. J. Ehrenberg, Hart, &c. Lodge was opened, and Mr. I. Rosalki was balloted for, but was absent through a domestic bereavement. Bros. Corrie and Levy were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Danziger and Harris were raised. The ceremonies were excellently worked by the W.M. and Officers. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge, with one exception the oldest in the Province of Surrey, was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, on Saturday last, the 30th ultimo. The attendance of the members and Visitors though large and satisfactory was limited, and affected by the fact that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was being held at the same time, under the auspices of General Brownrigg the Provincial Grand Superintendent, at Chertsey, where many members of the Grove Lodge in office were necessarily compelled to be present. Some members of the Lodge were, however, enabled to leave Chertsey in time to arrive at Kingston for the installation ceremony, previous to which the W.M. Bro. H. C. Tepps had vacated the chair in order to allow Bro. H. P. Dumas P.M., Past Grand Deacon of England, to initiate his son Mr. H. F. Dumas, after which Bro. Tepps proceeded with the business, which included the passing of Bro. Porter, and the installation of his successor in the chair of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas Moreton. The working was up to the usual excellent standard of the Grove Lodge, the Deacons proving themselves especially competent. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. H. C. Tepps for his exceptionally brilliant services in the chair as W.M. All business being ended, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the newly initiated brother was duly honoured, and the E.A. song was capitably rendered.

FINSBURY LODGE, No. 861.

THE installation meeting was held on the 28th ult., at St. Botolph's Chambers, Bishopsgate-street-without. Bro. F. Hallows W.M., J. R. Edwards S.W., Byat J.W., Legg P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Preston P.M. Secretary, J. Millington S.D., D. Job J.D., Salter I.G.; P.M.'s G. Leach, W. G. Hallows, W. Mackey, W. Groom, R. W. Parkes, Finch and Hart. Visitors—Bros. Roberts P.M. 188, Harvey W.M. 1314, Paterson 1662 P.P.G.O. Herts, Inman 1662, Bathard W.M. 1287, Braine P.M. 66, Allone 609, Hemming 1662, Solomon P.M. 1732, Devin 862, Harvey 1314, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Steuner, Cobb and Powell were raised. Bros. French and Alkins were passed to the second degree. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge and Benevolent Funds were in a prosperous condition. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Benjamin Edwards S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed in the chair by the retiring W.M., who was warmly congratulated at the conclusion of the ceremony. There were 17 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. W. Groom P.M. acted as D.C. The W.M. having been formally saluted, in appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers:—F. Hallows I.P.M., Byat S.W., Millington J.W., Legg P.M. Treasurer, Preston P.M. Secretary, D. Job S.D., Salter J.D., Hallem I.G., Groom P.M. D.C., W. G. Hallows P.M. Swd., Thomas Tyler. The reception accorded the new Officers evidenced the fact that the W.M. had made a good selection. Hearty good wishes were now given by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed until the fourth Thursday in October. The brethren, 57 in number, adjourned to the Great Eastern Hotel, where a sumptuous and recherché banquet was provided by Bro. Bolton. The tables were beautifully decorated, button-holes being provided for all. The W.M., who genially presided, proposed in appropriate terms the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. He would not indulge in long speeches, and he hoped every toast would meet with a warm response. Bro. Hallows rose; he had to propose the toast of the evening—the health of the Worshipful Master. They were fortunate in having a brother to preside over them who could do all the work; he had had the pleasure of installing Bro. Edwards in the chair; he was one who would carry out every duty required of him. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Hallows for his kind remarks. Nothing should be wanting on his part to give them satisfaction. The Lodge was in a state of prosperity, and long might it so continue. In speaking to the toast of the I.P.M., the W.M. said that no better worker than Bro. Hallows could be found. All present could not but notice the able manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. Their I.P.M. had not only gained the esteem of all in the Lodge, but also of those with whom he was associated in private life. He (the W.M.) had now with great pleasure to present him, in the name of the Lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel; and in placing it on his breast he hoped he might live long to wear it. In addition the brethren had subscribed to present Bro. Hallows with an elegant clock, in token of the respect they all entertained for him. Bro. Hallows said it was with feelings of pride he listened to the encomiums passed on him by the W.M. This was his mother Lodge, and it was gratifying to hear he had carried out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the members. It would

always be with pride that he should wear the P.M.'s jewel voted to him so unanimously. He also thanked the brethren for presenting him with such an elegant clock. It would ever be recognised as a token of brotherly love from the members of his Lodge. To the toast of the Visitors Bros. Roberts, Bathard, Solomon, and Paterson replied. In proposing the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. mentioned their names seriatim, and said how proud he felt to be so well supported. They were all pleased to see Bro. Parkes again among them, after his severe accident, and he trusted when they met again to see him entirely recovered. Bros. Leach and Hart, in very excellent terms, responded to the toast. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented, the W.M. giving them a just meed of praise. The toast was responded to by Bros. Legg Treasurer and Preston Secretary. The toast of the Wardens and Officers was next given and responded to, and the Tyler concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The W.M. provided a very excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, who was assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, E. Moss, and R. De Lacy.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE installation and annual festival of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th May, in the Public Hall, Walton-on-the-Naze, which had been specially engaged and prepared, and a goodly number of the brethren attended, including several P.P.G. Officers, P.M.'s, and other distinguished visitors. Amongst them were Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W. Essex (who impressively performed the ceremony of installation), Walter J. Nunn P.M. 2063 1592 1008, W. M. Foxcroft I.P.M. 177 2063, J. M. Wheeler 1495, W. Roston Bowrke 794, W. Cottermore 1663 2963, W. R. Bloom P.M. 1799, C. Hempson P.M. 1799 P.P.G.A.D.C., A. G. Rickarby W.M. 1799, R. H. Scott W.M. elect, &c. The ceremony of installation having been duly performed, the W.M. Bro. Scott proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henry Finer S.W., W. Finer J.W., T. W. Taylor S.D., Womack J.D., A. G. Rickarby Secretary, R. Welham Treasurer, W. R. Bloom P.M. D.C., C. Woodroffe Organist, Rugg I.G., J. James Tyler, C. Randall Steward, &c. Bro. Charles Hempson was unanimously appointed to represent the Lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. A banquet was afterwards partaken of, at the Portobello Hotel, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a very pleasant manner.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge on Thursday, 28th ult, Bro. Joseph Grimes S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. At the same meeting Bro. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.D. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson Tyler.

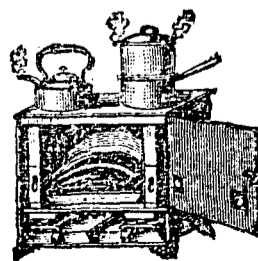
Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Star and Garter Kew Bridge. Bros. Bailey W.M., Norton S.W., Turner J.W., Andrews (Preceptor) S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., Thomas Inner Guard, F. Botley, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the third, and closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Norton was elected W.M. for next meeting.

It is worthy of record that during the Healtheries Exhibition, when so many thousands visited the building at South Kensington, there was not a single complaint recorded against the police. The courtesy they have always displayed is fully recognised; we hear this is mainly due to Bro. Superintendent Hamblin, of the Abbey Lodge, who brings to bear on his duties a calm deliberation that produces the most satisfactory results.

An Emergency Meeting of the Maybury Lodge will be held on the 11th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, at half-past five, to pass a vote of condolence to the sorrowing widow and children of the late respected Bro. C. W. Thompson P.M. Bro. Thompson was initiated in this Lodge, and was Master for two successive years; he fulfilled his duties with great credit and ability.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
 will be held at St. MARK'S SCHOOL, St. ANDREW'S ROAD,
 SURBITON, on Saturday, the 27th day of June 1885, at 2'15 o'clock in the
 afternoon.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD P.G.S.B.
 Prov. Grand Secretary.

Morning Dress.

61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E.
 30th May 1885.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine
 Service at St. Andrew's Church, Surbiton, at four p.m. A Sermon will be
 preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to
 appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

A dinner will take place at 5 o'clock. For tickets apply to W. Bro. Dr. GIBBS,
 Surbiton Hill, Surbiton, enclosing 7/6 (which will not include Wine). N.B.—
 Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no
 Ticket will be issued after 24th June.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING of the ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER of H.R.M. will
 be held at No. 33 Golden Square, London, W., on Saturday, the 4th day
 of July 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of R.S.Y.C.S. of London
 and the Metropol tan Counties will be held at the same place, on the same day,
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The names of Candidates must be delivered, not later than 22nd June, to
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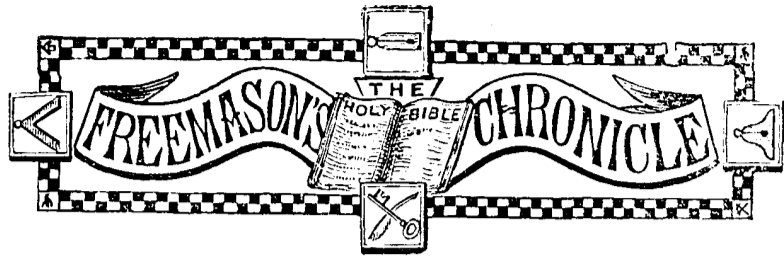
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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, held its half-yearly communication on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London. The M.W. Grand Mark Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore presided, and was supported by Lord Henniker Past Grand Master, Rev. Canon Portal Past Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford, and the following among other Grand Officers:—Lord Egerton of Tatton Deputy Grand Master, Lord J. Tavlour S.W., G. P. Brockbank J.W., H. Venn M.O., J. S. Cumberland J.O., Rev. Dean Currie and Rev. F. H. Richardson Chaplains, F. Davison Treas., F. Richardson Registrar, F. Binckes Secretary, C. W. Duke S.D., E. L. Shepherd J.D., R. Berridge D. of C., Bryant Std. Br., W. Ganz Organist, W. Morris I.G., E. H. Thiellay, C. F. Hogard, H. Stephens, W. E. Stewart, and F. W. Driver Stewards.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, the following report of the General Board was submitted. It was eventually adopted and its recommendations agreed to.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The number of certificates issued in the half-year, ending 31st of March last, was 809, the largest number as yet granted in a similar period—the total of registered advancements being now 20,196. During the same period ten warrants for new Lodges were granted, viz. :—

No. 346	Tristram	...	...	Newcastle-on-Tyne.
347	Albert Edward	...	...	St. Thomas, Danish W.I.
348	Fidelity and Uuanimity	...	...	Taunton.
349	Aldershot Army and Navy	...	...	Aldershot.
350	Temperance in the East	...	...	Poplar, E.
351	St. Anne's	...	...	East Looe, Cornwall.
352	Prince Leopold	...	...	Ripon.
353	Dove Valley	...	...	Ashbourne.
354	Rose and Lily	...	...	Waltham Cross.
355	Royal Savoy	...	...	London.

In the degree of Mark Mariner, the number of certificates issued was 127, bringing the total registered elevations to 1797.

Warrants for new Ark Mariner Lodges have been granted to Noah Lodge attached to Ramsay Lodge 180, Murree, Punjab; Byron Lodge attached to Newstead Lodge T.I. Nottingham; Stella Lodge attached to Star of Burmah Lodge 88, Rangoon, B.B.

The M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the R.W. Bro. Rev. John Fairclough Provincial Grand Mark Master of British Burmah.

The R.W. Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, J.P., has been re-appointed Provincial Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire for a further term of three years.

The Board has the melancholy duty of recording its deep regret at the loss of V.W. Bro. H. C. Levander, who for upwards of ten years discharged the duties of Grand Registrar in a manner highly advantageous to the best interests of Grand Lodge.

It having been reported to the Board that a brother had been installed in the chair of W.M. who had not served the office of W.M. in a Craft Lodge, and who had not procured the necessary dispensation (article 64, page 13, Book of Constitutions), the Board recommended the M.W. Grand Master to issue a special dispensation to cover this irregularity, and inflicted a fine of two guineas on the Lodge.

A petition has been presented from Derwent Lodge 282, supported by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland, praying that the Board would recommend Grand Lodge to condone certain irregularities in the installations of Bros. Coverdale and Salkeld, who, by unintentional error and inadvertence, had only filled the chair of W.M. for ten months each. The Board having carefully considered the whole of the circumstances connected with the case, has pleasure in recommending Grand Lodge to confirm Bros. Coverdale and Salkeld in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of two guineas each.

A Petition has been presented by the Leopold Lodge 235, stating that the Installation in 1884 was unavoidable postponed, and that in consequence of inadvertence and forgetfulness, the then installed W.M., Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap., only served eleven months in the chair of W.M., and praying Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. Bent in the rank and privileges of P.M. The Board has carefully considered the reasons for this course, and begs to recommend it to Grand Lodge, on payment by the Lodge of a fine of Two Guineas.

The Board regrets exceedingly to announce that by the failure of

the Bankers of Grand Lodge, Messrs. Ridgway and Sons, a severe loss will fall upon the various funds. The balances in Messrs. Ridgway's hands were:—

General Fund	-	-	-	£87 14 0
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	298 2 1
Educational Fund	-	-	-	62 9 0
Dewar Fund	-	-	-	253 16 0
Festival Fund	-	-	-	11 5 7
Duke of Albany Fund (Balance of)	-	-	-	5 10 9

£718 17 5

No statement has yet been received from the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, but the Board recommends that the last three amounts mentioned be made good from the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

An account has been opened at the London and Westminster Bank Limited, Bloomsbury Branch, and the Board requests that all cheques, &c., may be crossed thereto.

The Board has to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:—Michigan, Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado.

Several of these deal with the question of exclusive jurisdiction with reference to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and all of them support the action of that Grand Chapter, as was to be anticipated, though the manner in which the question is treated varies considerably, and the Board begs to express its appreciation of the Masonic courtesy which distinguishes some of the reports on the subject. No fresh step has been taken by the Executive of Grand Lodge since the last half-yearly communication, owing to the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in severing all intercourse with the United Grand Lodge of England and the Lodges under its jurisdiction. As all Mark Masters in Quebec holding under this jurisdiction are Master Masons under the United Grand Lodge, this action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to be followed no doubt by the Grand Chapter, would render useless all attempts at an arrangement for the present. This Grand Lodge can only continue to reassert the principles which have always guided the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, viz. : That a minority of Lodges cannot be coerced by a majority into joining a new organisation. That a Grand Lodge to be a lawful body must be constituted in accordance with the laws of the States, and as regard the Mark Degree, that Mark Lodges have a right to a separate charter or warrant, should they desire it, and ought not to be compulsorily merged in the more modern degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The Seventeenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" is appointed for Wednesday, 22nd July, and the R.W. Bro. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand M.M.M. of Cheshire, has most kindly consented to preside—with every prospect of success, which, it is hoped may be assured by the sympathy and support of the members of the Mark Degree.

There are now twelve Boys and five Girls receiving the advantages of the Educational Branch. The reports of progress are in all cases highly satisfactory. The Board has presented the Silver Medal to David William Russell Symon, now being educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School, Southampton, of whose progress an exceptionally favourable report has been presented by the Head Master.

The Board recommends that the Grand Director of Ceremonies, for the time being, should, for the future, be an *ex officio* Member of the General Board.

The Board has relieved the following cases:—

Bro. J. L., 65	...	...	...	£5 0 0
" M. E. 118	...	...	...	£5 0 0
" W. P., 176	...	...	...	£10 0 0

And recommends the following grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge:—

£50 to C. R., daughter of Bro. S. R., Old Kent.

£25 to Bro. J. A., 34.

£25 to Bro. J. C. G., 59.

£20 to Bro. M. E., 8.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL,
Past G.M.M.M., President.

The Invested Funds are as follows:—

General Fund	...	...	...	£2,900 0 0
Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	2,000 0 0
Educational Fund	...	...	...	1,400 0 0

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March 1885 show the following results:—

Dr.		GENERAL FUND.		Cr.
To Balance 30th				By Ordinary Ex-
Sept. 1884	- £213 0 3			penditure
Half-year's Re-				Geo. Kenning,
ceipts	- 906 13 2			jeweller, &c.
Interest on In-				Spencer & Co. do.
vestments	- 63 13 9			156 6 0
				Hughan Testi-
				monial
				- 10 10 0
				Homann & Son,
				decorators
				- 154 4 6
				Cash at Ridg-
				way and Sons
				at date of Re-
				ceiving Order
				in Bankruptcy
				(subject only
				to a dividend)
				87 14 0
				Overdrawn De-
				war's Fund
				- 2 19 0
				Balance at Lon-
				don & West-
				minster Bank
				209 9 11

				1,183 7 2

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BENEVOLENT FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept. 1884 - £400 6 7 Half-year's Re- ceipts - 99 17 6 Interest on In- vestments - 50 15 1 Cash received on account of Festival Fund 6 6 0	By Grants in Re- lief - £103 0 0 Transferred to Education Fund 91 10 6 Expenses, Pew- tress, printing 0 11 6 Cash at Ridg- way & Sons at date of Re- ceiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend) 298 2 1 The late D. M. Dewar - 15 12 6 Due from Educa- tion Fund - 7 11 7 Balance at Lon- don & West- minster Bank 40 17 0
557 5 2	557 5 2

EDUCATION FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept. 1884 - £26 2 9 Transferred from Benevolent Fund 91 10 6 Interest on In- vestments - 23 2 8 Balance from Be- nevolent Fund overdrawn - 7 11 7	By Education Fees £74 9 6 Expenses, Pew- tress, printing 11 9 0 Cash at Ridg- way & Sons at date of Re- ceiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend) 62 9 0
148 7 6	148 7 6

Audited and approved this 1st day of May 1885.

(Signed) CHARLES E. SOPPET, Auditor.

Regrets having been expressed at that portion of the report which had reference to the loss which would be occasioned by the failure of the bankers, it was suggested that any loss which might fall on the Benevolent and Educational Funds should also be made good out of the General Fund of Grand Lodge; the other deficiencies having already been made chargeable thereto, by the adoption of the report of the General Board. This proposition was ultimately agreed to. The M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason then addressed the brethren. Before closing his first year of office he had great pleasure in asking his predecessor in the chair, Lord Henniker, to allow him to confer on him the jewel of a Past Master of Grand Lodge, in recognition of the eminent services which he had rendered during his presidency. The brethren well knew that Lord Henniker's aspirations were always of the highest, and that the interests of their Grand Lodge were at all times a most powerful attraction to him; it had consequently been most difficult, almost impossible, for him (the Earl of Kintore) to follow the example set by his predecessor. The jewel was then presented and in acknowledgment Lord Henniker expressed his deep gratitude for the kind reception which had been accorded him, and also for the jewel which he had that day received. He assured the brethren he should keep it and value it as a lasting remembrance of three very happy years of his life, when he had the honour to rule over the Mark degree. He was sorry—indeed it was a matter of very deep regret to him—that he had not been able to be present at either of the last half-yearly communications. That time last year he met with a very serious accident, which made it necessary for him to remain in a dark room for some days, while in December other engagements had made it impossible for him to be present. He would tell the brethren why he regretted not being able to be with them—because he could not thank them for the kind support they had given him, and the indulgence they had shown him during his term of office, and also because he could not tell them with what pleasure he looked back upon the three years when he ruled over the Order. He believed he made a great many friends during those three years, and he hoped the friendships then made might be lasting ones. He hoped, too, that during that term he had made no enemies among Mark Masons. He was pleased to say he still ruled over a Province of Mark Masonry, and so was yet able to take an active part in the business of the degree, in which he had tried to prove he felt the warmest interest. He hoped to be allowed, whether he ruled over a Province or not, to take some part in the future in promoting the welfare

of Mark Masonry, and added that any service of his which could promote the interests of the Order or make it more flourishing than it was, would be most willingly rendered. Lord Henniker continued; he had already told them it was with great sorrow he had been obliged to stay away from their meeting last year, and one of the causes of his sorrow was that he had not been able to place the Grand Master in the chair, as it was his duty to do. It took away, however, some of his regret in being now able to perform that very pleasing task. He was sensible of the great services of the Grand Mark Master to the Mark Degree, and of the help he had given him during his three years tenure of office. He congratulated the Order on having secured the Earl of Kintore as its head. Not only did he bring them, by his high office in Scotland, nearer to the Scottish brethren, but he believed that, although there were many members of the Mark who had done much for the Degree, there was none better fitted to fill the high position of Grand Mark Master. It was unnecessary for him to say more, because a few sincere words—and his were purely sincere—were worth a hundred which were not sincere. He hoped the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master during the rest of his term of office might be blessed with prosperity and health, and that the Lodge might prosper under his rule. The Grand Mark Master Mason was then formally invested and saluted. In acknowledgment the Earl of Kintore said, The kind language of Lord Henniker when investing him as Grand Master for a second year, and the enthusiastic reception given by the brethren to that investiture demanded words of hearty and grateful thanks. He was no speech-maker. There was nothing he found more difficult than to open his mouth in the presence of more than two or three people, but he could not allow the opportunity to pass without assuring them how warmly he felt their kindness. If there was any alloy to the regret which he had felt that time last year at the absence of Lord Henniker, it was that by his absence they were not only able to condole with him on the accident which had prevented his attendance, but he had also had a fair opportunity of framing language in which he had tried to express gratitude for his services, a task rendered perhaps more easy by his not being present at the time. He knew, as he had already said, that his example was difficult to follow, but the brethren having been good enough to place him in the office a second time, he believed that such as he did was considered for the benefit of the Grand Lodge. He hoped when the time came for his term of office to close, he might have as many friends and leave behind him as few enemies as his predecessor had done.

Bro. James Moon was next elected to the office of Grand Treasurer, he being proposed for that post by Bro. F. Davison, the former Grand Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. A. F. Godson Prov. G.M.M.M. of Worcestershire. The Grand Master expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to Bro. F. Davison for his past services, a compliment which that brother suitably acknowledged. The following were then appointed and invested Grand Officers for the year:—

- Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton Deputy Master
- Marquis of Hertford Senior Warden
- Love Jones Parry, M.P. Junior Warden
- Col. Somerville Barney Master Overseer
- James Smith Eastes Senior Overseer
- Dr. Ralph Gooding Junior Overseer
- Rev. Hayman Cummings } Chaplains
- Rev. T. W. Lemon }
- James Moon Treasurer
- Frank Richardson Registrar
- F. Binckes, P.G.W. Secretary
- R. P. Spice } Senior Deacons
- Percy Wallis }
- W. Nicholl } Junior Deacons
- Dr. George Mickley }
- Robert Berridge P.G.M.O. D. of Ceremonies
- Henry George } Asst. D. of Cors.
- A. Tisley }
- R. W. Edis Inspector of Wks.
- Miles J. Walker Sword Bearer
- R. B. Reed } Standard Bearers
- W. P. Collins }
- E. J. Hoare Organist
- G. Graveley Inner Guard
- Bros. W. E. Williams, P. A. Scratchley, D. P. }
 Cama, E. Tyson, H. Ellis, H. Stone, Capt. }
 McWhinnie, W. Rainforth, G. W. P. } Stewards
 Harris, T. H. Smith, W. B. Williams, }
 and C. A. C. Jones }
- Bro. C. T. Speight Tyler

The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board:—Bros. Rev. Canon Portal President, Fred. ric Davison, A. Williams, C. H. P. arson, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, and T. Cabitt; while the following were elected by Grand Lodge:—Bros. George Cooper, Charles H. Driver, A. F. Godson, R. Loveland Loveland, and John L. Mather.

Votes of regret at the death of Bros. H. C. Levander and Dr. Hopkins having been passed, Grand Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet, which was presided over by the Grand Mark Master. The toasts of the Queen and Mark Masonry having been honoured P.G.M. Canon Portal proposed the Grand Mark Master. The toast was one which came naturally after that of the Queen, as the Grand Master was their Masonic sovereign. They had ample illustration of the geniality of their Grand Master. All his life he had been engaged in upholding the flag of Freemasonry, and was now almost at the highest office both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Scotland. He was sure the brethren rejoiced that in the person of the Earl of Kintore the bonds of union between English and Scottish Freemasons were so closely drawn together. It rejoiced him very much, after more years than he cared to look back upon, to find that all degrees of Masonry were pulling together, without any of that jealousy and uncomfortable feeling which undoubtedly did exist in days gone by. Although it might perhaps be invidious to point to any one that had taken the lead in abolishing this feeling of jealousy, he could honestly say, looking back to the history of their Degree, that it was owing to the liberality and Masonic spirit of the thirty-third that that result had been achieved. The Earl of Kintore, in reply, said of all races of men who, in his short life, he had been privileged to meet, he thought Freemasons were the most long suffering. For no other reason could he account for the brethren's kind reception of him. The best he could do he had honestly done. He had tried to hold his office creditably, and with the assistance of the Grand Officers hoped still to do so. Among these he would like to mention the services of the Grand Secretary, and the President of the General Board. During his year of office charters had been granted for 16 new Lodges, while 657 certificates had been issued; and they had £6,300 invested. Grand Lodge had that day resolved to make up what had been lost to different funds by the failure of their bankers. He looked forward with interest to the result of the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which would be held, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, at the Crystal Palace next month, and he felt sure that next year he should find further opportunity of forwarding the interests of Mark Masonry. Bro. Kelly proposed the Past Grand Masters, coupling with the toast the name of Canon Portal, whose immense services to the Order every Mark Master would readily acknowledge. Canon Portal replied; all the Past G. Masters, from the time of Lord Leigh to the I.P.M. had endeavoured to do their best. To none were they more indebted than to Lord Henniker, in whose reign the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Albany became important additions to the Order. He was delighted to be able to state, on behalf of the Grand Master, that there was every reason to believe that Prince Edward of Wales would be admitted under the banner of this Order, in the Isaac Newton Lodge at Cambridge. Sir F. Burdett proposed the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, and said that under Lord Egerton of Tatton the interests and success of the Order were quite safe. After a response from Colonel Somerville Burney, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the toast of Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund. It was gratifying to see what was being done through the agency of this Fund, which was firmly established on a substantial basis. This was evidenced by the number of children who were being assisted in their education from it; moreover, the grants made in the Grand Lodge that day were further illustration of the good work that was being carried on. In conclusion, Col. Clerke advocated the establishment of a Fund for the special relief of aged and decayed members of the Mark Degree and their widows. Bro. F. Binckes replied. He commenced by expressing his gratification that the proposition of this toast had been entrusted to a brother holding a similar position in Craft Masonry to that he himself filled in the Mark. The interest manifested in the Mark Degree was greatly on the increase. He then sketched the history of the Festivals in connection with

the Mark Benevolent Fund, and showed how the interest taken in its working had steadily progressed. It was the desire of those associated with the Fund to anticipate calamity, and struggle to avert it rather than to wait until those who sought relief were literally crushed by misfortune. Lord John Taylour proposed the health of the Visitors, with which toast was associated the name of Bro. D. P. Cama, who, in reply, thanked the company for the kind reception given to the toast. He regretted his command of English precluded him from expressing himself so adequately as he could desire, but if he fell back on his own language he was fully aware he should be equally unintelligible. What he desired to convey was, that he fully recognised the cosmopolitanism of Freemasonry. With respect to what had been said as to his contributions on behalf of the Charities of the Order, he had simply subscribed according to his means, and as a humble representative of the two hundred millions of Eastern subjects, whom he felt justified in proclaiming among the most faithful adherents of the Empress of India. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Edward J. Hoare G.O., who was assisted by Bros. John Probert, Egbert Roberts, and Thomas Tremere. The latter brother, however, was compelled to leave early, to fulfil an engagement at Buckingham Palace, but Bros. Probert and Roberts ably compensated for the absence of their confrère.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire will be held on Thursday next, the 11th inst., at Northampton, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master His Grace the Duke of Manchester having accepted the invitation of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, to hold the meeting under the banner of that Lodge. The members of the Eleanor Cross being exceedingly anxious the visit of the brethren shall be a pleasant one, are making exceptional efforts to entertain those who may attend the meeting. At 12.30 the Eleanor Cross Lodge will be opened at the Town Hall, and at 12.45 Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened, and the business of the year transacted. The brethren will attend Divine Service at all Saints' Church, at 3 o'clock, when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A. and LL.M., Prov. Grand Chaplain, and a collection made in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund. A banquet will be served at the Peacock Hotel, at 5 o'clock, and at 8 a Conversazione will be held in the Town Hall, including performances of vocal and instrumental music and a reading, illustrated by Sepia sketches (by the late Mr. G. J. De Wilde). Dissolving Views will also be exhibited by Bro. T. P. Dorman P.P.G.S., while an efficient band will be in attendance for dancing. Dispensations have been granted by the authorities of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariners, Rose Croix, Knights of the Temple, and other Masonic bodies, to wear the clothing of their respective degrees at the Conversazione, while by arrangement with the Committee of the Northampton Fine Art Exhibition the corridors and gallery, containing their loan collection of pictures, will be open to the brethren during the evening. Tickets for the banquet (which also admit to the Conversazione) are 6s 6d each, and those for the Conversazione (for Masons and their friends 2s 6d each). These latter are not transferable, and as the circular announcing the meeting states they "must" be applied for before the 5th inst., we fear it is too late for those who have not already applied to obtain any. We cordially wish the Eleanor Cross brethren success in their efforts.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will take place to-day, at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, at 3 p.m. It is expected that the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., will preside in person, and there is every prospect of a large attendance of brethren.

The consecration of the Chiswick Mark Lodge, which was announced for the 20th inst., has been deferred till the 27th, the former date being the day appointed for the annual entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, thereby preventing the attendance of Brother F. Binckes, who is to be consecrating Officer. The meetings of the "Chiswick" are to be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

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, 6th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Small Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Uxbridge, at 3 p.m.
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 8th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 189—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 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. (In.)
 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—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1801—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
 R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Mable-street, Newcastle
 599—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 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
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
 1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
 R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 123 Mill Street, Kidderminster
 M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 K.T. 52—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
 K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
 K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn

TUESDAY, 9th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 551—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—Dunhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1269—Starhope, Thicket Hotel, Acrey
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1339—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1390—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 9 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hoseney Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 53—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, Mam Ridge, Boston
 496—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 593—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 629—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Welnesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sunkey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1414—Knoie, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1515—Baidon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baidon
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 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. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 321—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
 R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 10th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Burnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Rogents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 518—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 902—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 962—Burgovne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1251—Nertune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 11th JUNE.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 37—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 233—Pilgrim, 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)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Beaufort Green Road, E., S. (Instruction)
 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)
 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1598—Key Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, 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)
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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)

R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

95—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxtheth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyno, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, F. Aester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 236—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 12th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.)
730—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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1842—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Arc and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
62—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bronwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 13th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Beeleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
Sinnai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1929—McZart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

The following dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 6th June:—

Monday—Grenadier Guards, 29th Regiment, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Premier Conclave.
Tuesday—34th Regiment, 30th Regiment, 82nd Regiment. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—19th Regiment, 9th Regiment, Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—103rd Regiment (Royal Bombay Fusiliers), 79th Cameron Highlanders, Odd Volumes. Saturday—Royal Tradesmen's Association, Phoenix Chapter.

"ODD VOLUMES."—The *City Press* states that at the request of the President of the "Sette of Odd Volumes," Bro. J. R. Brown, the eminent librarian of the "Sette," Bro. Bernard Quaritch, has consented to exhibit some of his choicest treasures in early printed books and MSS. at the Freemasons' Tavern during the evening of Friday, 5th inst., on which occasion ladies have been invited. The celebrated "Psalter" (1454) will be among the books shown.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

THE general half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the School House, Balls' Bridge, Dublin, on Tuesday, 2nd instant. The result of the ballot for the election of seven pupils was announced as follows:—

C. M. Rankin	-	-	-	-	2530
M. Fisher	-	-	-	-	2297
K. E. Haughton	-	-	-	-	2256
M. A. Lloyd	-	-	-	-	2190
L. F. Delandre	-	-	-	-	1924
H. Creighton	-	-	-	-	1787
S. J. Johnston	-	-	-	-	1523

E. K. Bronte	-	-	-	-	1440
M. Tait	-	-	-	-	1338
L. Layng	-	-	-	-	909
J. Prescott	-	-	-	-	868
F. H. Milligan	-	-	-	-	646
A. R. Hare	-	-	-	-	484
K. Tizard	-	-	-	-	265

The first seven candidates were accordingly declared elected.

The arrangements for the fete (this day) at the Masonic Female Orphan School are in active progress. The programme, illustrated with a view of the building, has been published, and promises a most agreeable series of entertainments. At their four o'clock concert, besides instrumental selections, the pupils will sing Handel's chorals, "O Lovely Peace," Smart's part-song, "The Water Nymphs," and two other choral pieces. Haydn's well-known "Toy Symphony," never so pleasingly rendered as by a band of children, and Farmer's amusing arrangement of Nursery Rhymes as a choral quadrille, will appropriately close this part of the programme, to be followed at half-past four by the calisthenics and school drill. At five o'clock the concert, which some of our most distinguished artists have so kindly promised, to assure the success of the Orphan's Annual Festival, will commence. Mr. Grandison will conduct a most attractive programme. Among the items we notice that Miss Mullen pays a graceful compliment to one of the best friends of the Institution by singing Richard J. Moncton's delightful song, "Awakening;" Mrs. Harro, who never fails to show her lasting interest in the School, which is proud to remember her as a pupil, will join Messrs. Beaumont and Oldham in Bishop's trio, "Maiden Fair," and will also sing "Waiting." Mr. Oldham and Mr. Beaumont will each give a solo, and the concert will end with J. O'Rourke's arrangement of "No, not more welcome," as a quartette, to be rendered by Mr. and Miss Mullen, Mr. Oldham, and Mr. Beaumont. At six o'clock the distribution of prizes to the pupils of both Schools will take place, introduced by the usual procession and Masonic salute, and the girls will afterwards repeat their picturesque "school drill." The performances will close with a pleasant selection of music by the bands of the 18th Hussars and King's Own Borderers. These attractions, and above all the object of helping and encouraging these most deserving and admirably managed Charities, cannot fail to bring together a large assemblage.—*Irish Times*.

A FRENCHMAN FALLS AMONGST "FREE-MASONS (?)"

AT the Oswestry Borough Police Court, on Monday, 2nd inst., before E. Shaw and T. P. Parry, Esqs., Ovine Portisina, a Frenchman, was charged by P.C. Calcott with being drunk and disorderly, in Bailey-street, on Saturday night. The constable stated that the defendant was creating a great disturbance, shouting in French, and when he (the defendant) was placed in the lock-up he began saying his prayers. In his defence, the defendant said, "Me fifty years of age to-day. Me never before magistrate before, and me never in lock-up before. Me come here Saturday, and me meet gentlemen, who said dey was Freemasons, and dat dey see me in Paris. Me had £5 Saturday, but me gave de gentlemen champagne, and now all gone; me have no money now. Me no customed drink English beer; it flew to my head. Me never drunk before: me now sign de pledge, and me never get drunk again. Mr. Shaw: Will you leave the town if we let you off? Defendant: Yes, monsieur; me leave de town for Swansea, and me never get drunk no more. Mr. Shaw: Be off, then.—Defendant: T'ank 'u, gentlemen; bon jour, messieurs. It transpired that the "Freemasons" were gipsies, who had encamped on the horse market for the night, and they evidently succeeded in completely fleecing the unwary foreigner.—*Shrewsbury Journal*.

The Cama Lodge, No. 2100, will be consecrated, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, 15th inst. The ceremony will be performed by the R.W. the P.G.M. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., assisted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. H. Thrupp as Installing Master and Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. F. H. Woodward P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary as S.W., and Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.P.S.W. as J.W.

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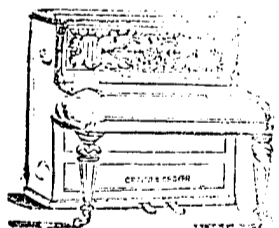
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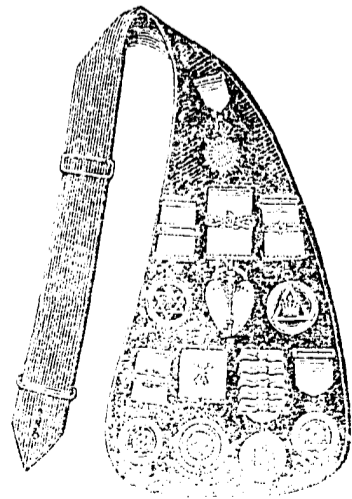
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