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## THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

**T**HE April election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place on Monday, the 12th proximo, and on that occasion thirty lads will be elected from a list of forty-eight eligible candidates. Thirty-four of these candidates are new to the present list, ten now make a second application, one a third, two a fourth, and one a fifth.

Five of the lads will be removed from the list of candidates if unsuccessful at the coming contest, in consequence of their age precluding them from taking part in another election. Of these, No. 1, Samuel William Knight, one of three fatherless children, left by a former member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London, has already polled 318 votes, as the result of four elections in which he has taken part. It need hardly be said that very much more support will have to be given him next month than he has ever received before if he is to be successful. No. 11, Charles Wren Limpricht, was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion secured 156 votes, he is one of five fatherless children; his father was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland, and died in February 1884. No. 14, Sidney Robert Bolton, was also a candidate at the last election, but no votes were then polled on his behalf; both his parents are living, the father having been initiated in the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, London; there are three children dependent. No. 21, Edward Alfred John Mayne, and No. 40, Thomas Biddle Bunney, the other two last cases, are first applications; the former is one of two fatherless children, left by an old member of the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, and the latter one of two left by a former member of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Warwick.

Six of the children have neither parent living, and all of these now appear on the list for the first time. No. 27, Robert Melhuish, is one of a family of seven, the father of whom was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, Devon. No. 28, Sidney Walter Watts, one of a family of two children of an old member of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Kent. No. 38, George Frederick Johnston, one of six left by a Past Master of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham. No. 43, William Waspe, one of four left by an old member of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, London. No. 44, Frank Ernest Hancock, one of two children of the late Bro. Hancock, well known to Masons in the West end of London as a member of the St. James's Lodge, No. 765, the City of Westminster, No. 1563, and the Rothesay, No. 1687, and also in connection with a Lodge of Instruction which for many years met at his house in Jermyn-street; and No. 48, Oliver Lancelot Brister, one of the four children of a brother initiated in the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158 who afterwards became a founder of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, both of London.

The somewhat meagre details we have given of the above eleven cases are ample, we are convinced, to awaken the sympathy of every reader when the special claims surrounding each case is taken into consideration. In the first five the chance of securing the coveted place in the School ends with the election of next month, while in the latter six, the children, with their brothers and sisters, are left without father or mother. How gladly would we see the names of each one of these eleven lads among

the successful at the close of the poll on the 12th. Is such a display of Masonic charity possible?

As so many of the remaining candidates are first application cases, we purpose, first, to analyse those who have taken part in previous elections, and conclude with a brief summary of those who have not. No. 7, Joseph Wood, and five other children of a late member of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London, are now dependent on their widowed mother. The lad was a candidate at the last election, and on that occasion polled 107 votes. No. 3, Albert Taylor, has already contested three elections, but so far has only secured 36 votes; he is one of five children now dependent on the widow of an old Past Master of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 274, East Lancashire. No. 9, Otto René John Fox, is also one of five dependent children, left to the care of the widow of an old member of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Sussex. The lad was a candidate at the last election, and on that occasion had 912 votes polled on his behalf, a number which, if repeated next month, should render his admission to the School all but secure. No. 5, Joseph Thomas Andrews, is one of four children left by a late Past Master of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, London. In October last, when he competed for the first time, he had 122 votes polled on his behalf. We were well acquainted with the late Bro. Andrews, and should be very pleased to see his son admitted to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. No. 10, Percy Haslem Matthews, has a sister in the Girls' School, but there are still four children dependent on the mother, the widow of a Past Master of the Furness Lodge, No. 995, West Lancashire, who also took part in the foundation of the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715. Ten votes were polled on behalf of the lad at the last election. No. 4, Percy Gibbs and two other children are dependent on their widowed mother; the father was a member of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Hants and Isle of Wight, and one of the Founders of Chapter No. 319. The boy has already taken part in two elections, but so far only eleven votes have been polled on his behalf. No. 8, Herbert Benjamin Plows, son of an old member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London, has been more successful, 517 votes having already been recorded for him, although he has been only once before the subscribers; he is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. No. 6, Frederick Tom Webb, stands perhaps the best chance among the whole of the candidates on the list, for in October last, when he applied for the first time, no less than 1009 votes were recorded for him; he and one other child are dependent on their mother, who is the widow of a brother initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London, who was also one of the Founders of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624. No. 2, George Cannon, has already appeared at the last three elections, and now comes forward with 19 votes in hand; he is the sole dependent child of the widow of a brother of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland. No. 13, William Archer Stocken, also an only child dependent on a widowed mother, secured 349 votes in October last; his father was a member of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Herts. No. 12, Walter Berry Freeman, is one of nine children, of whom one is partially provided for, who comprise the family of Bro. J. W. Freeman, a Past Master of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, London; both of this lad's parents are living, and at the last election they were enabled to secure 806 votes on behalf of their son's candidature for the Boys'

School; if they can only be fortunate enough to repeat this number next month the lad's admission to the School is tolerably certain.

The other cases—twenty-six in number—are all first applications. There is one family of eight, dependent on a widowed mother; two of seven, one of six, three of five, five of four, four of three, two of two, and five of one; while in one case there are five children, of whom two are partially provided for; another where there are two, of whom one is partially provided for; and one case where five children are dependent, both parents being alive. In three of the cases the lads have sisters in the Girls' School, these being No. 16, Bryan Hanby Holmes; No. 19, Robinson Midgley; and No. 47, Charles Sidney Buckley.

The day of election, the 12th proximo, will be a day of rejoicing to a large majority of the families interested in the contest, for nearly two-thirds of the candidates who go to the poll can be admitted. This is an exceptionally favourable condition of affairs, especially as at the present time so much distress prevails, and we hope it will prove an incentive to those brethren who have already given in their names as Stewards for the next Festival of the Institution to redouble their efforts, while to some of those interested in the candidates who will go to the poll we trust it may prove sufficient inducement to secure their services in a similar capacity. The brethren rejoice when it is possible to declare a large number of vacancies; do they remember at the same time what is needed to maintain the children who are elected to fill those vacancies, or the demand there always is for fresh vacancies? Increased subscriptions on behalf of the Institution is the only method of keeping the supply any way equal to the demand.

### “OUR NEXT CHAIRMAN.”

All the means of action,  
The shapeless masses—the materials—  
Lie everywhere about us. What we need  
Is the celestial fire to change the flint  
Into transparent crystal, bright and clear.  
That fire is genius!

IT is hardly necessary to remind our readers how eminently the above lines of Longfellow apply to a Masonic ruler. Whether he be the Master of a Lodge, of a Province, or the Chairman of one or other of the Festivals which occur year by year in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Order, the fire of genius is needed, to enable him to utilize the materials which lie about him, so as to change the shapeless flint into the brightest and clearest of crystal; in other words, so to adapt himself to the circumstances of the moment as to ensure from every one about him the brightest unanimity and the clearest encouragement. At most of the meetings to which we have incidentally referred this appears to require no very great effort. The masses there can hardly be said to be shapeless, inasmuch as each portion is well acquainted with the share he is expected to take in the proceedings of the day, and appears to only need a word from a leader to ensure the programme being properly carried out; but in this respect appearances are somewhat deceptive. That such meetings invariably progress and end as they should do is not the result of mere chance, but it is rather because the brethren who undertake the lead—the chairmanship—of them are endowed with that fire which is needed to change the rough to the perfect; and if one meeting may appear to progress more smoothly than another the cause may often be found in the degree of genius displayed by the Chairman. He must know just when and how to humour his audience; he must lead, and yet seem to follow; he must rule, and at the same time appear to be the servant of those he rules; while in numberless ways must he be prepared to meet emergencies—which arise even in the most peaceful and unanimous of gatherings, and which if neglected or misunderstood may have unfortunate results, even if they do not culminate in ultimate disaster. The great point with the chairman of a large assembly is to keep his audience on good terms both with themselves and their leader, and to do this he requires no small portion of that celestial fire which the poet has told us can work the most wonderful changes. The brother of whom we are writing has had a long and brilliant career, and it is not difficult to quote examples of

his ability to endorse our opinion that he possesses the celestial fire of genius to a marked degree. In many spheres of life he has had all the means of action, the shapeless masses everywhere about him, and in all—whether it has been as a Soldier, a Provincial Grand Master, or a Chairman—has he proved himself capable of changing “the flint into the crystal;” while from the roughest materials he has produced the brightest and clearest of jewels.

“Our next Chairman” was born on the 22nd September 1814, and, like many with whom he has since been intimately associated, was educated at Eton. In his eighteenth year—in July 1832—he entered the army, and soon rose to the highest dignities of that profession. He served at the Mauritius and in the East Indies, until 1840, as Adjutant of the 9th Regiment. He then filled the office of Military Secretary to the Governor General of Jamaica, until 1843, and three years later acted in a similar capacity to the Governor General of Canada. From 1846 to 1853 he was Regimental Adjutant of the Grenadier Guards. He served during the whole of the Crimean campaign; as Assistant Adjutant General to the first, and afterwards the Light Division. He was present at the battles of Alma, Inkerman, and Tchernaza, and at the attack on the Redan. He was chief of the Staff to the Allied Expedition to Kertch, under Sir George Brown. He was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the rank of Colonel for distinguished service in the field. He rose to the rank of Major General in 1868, Lieutenant General in 1876, and General in 1878, retiring from the Service in 1881, after being associated with it for nearly fifty years. He was created a Companion of the Bath in 1855, is an Officer of the Legion of Honour, and of the Order of the Medjidi. He has received the Crimean medal, with three clasps, and also the Turkish medal. He commanded at Shorncliffe from 1867 to 1870, and at Chatham from 1870 to 1873, and since 1876 has been Colonel of the 95th (Derbyshire) Regiment. He is a J.P. for Middlesex, for the city and county of Dublin, and for Westminster, and at the present time is the Masonic ruler of the Province of Surrey, having been appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1871, and Provincial Grand Superintendent in 1873.

“Our next Chairman” was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Quebec, in 1845; he became a joining member of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, London, on the 10th June 1852, and served the office of Worshipful Master in that Lodge in 1858. He also joined the Alpha Lodge, and is at the present time one of the oldest members of that distinguished body. He was present at the meeting of this Lodge when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales initiated his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, and in recounting his experiences thereof at a subsequent meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge he said, that he had not only been struck by the way in which the ceremony had been performed by the Prince of Wales, but also by the attention paid by the young Prince during his initiation. Our hero was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry during his sojourn in Canada, and joined the Chapter of Friendship, No. 6, on the 27th June 1851, and was installed as First Principal thereof in 1860. He was appointed Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1855, and, as we have said, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey in 1871, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of the same County in 1873. He was also advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason in Canada, and joined the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7 on the English Register, 18th May 1876. He was one of the founders, and the first W.M. of the Studholme Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 197, and was appointed Junior Grand Warden of the Mark Degree in 1876. He is also Provincial Prior of the Order of the Temple for Kent and Surrey, and was Great Prior of the Supreme Council 33° in 1878. It will thus be seen that in Masonry also “Our next Chairman” has achieved the highest distinctions. The Province of Surrey has progressed and prospered greatly under his rule. In 1871, when he was appointed to govern the Craft in the Province there were under a dozen Lodges, now there are some thirty working under his guidance. Similarly the Royal Arch Degree has prospered, there having been but six Chapters in the Province of Surrey when he assumed its command in 1873, while at the present time there are eleven in active work. The brethren of Surrey have practically shown their love for their Provincial Grand Master by naming two of their Lodges—the Brownrigg, No. 1636, meeting at Kingston, and the Studholme,

No. 1591 — after him; but this does not represent even a part of the respect and esteem with which he is regarded by those under his rule. In July 1884 he had the honour of holding a special meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge at Redhill, for the purpose of receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their laying the foundation stone of the new Schools of the Royal Asylum of St. Ann's Society. In April of the preceding year a somewhat similar pleasure devolved on "Our next Chairman," the visitor on that occasion being H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who journeyed to Bagshot for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new church of St. Anne's in that town. On each of these occasions the ruler, the officers and the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey were most active in assisting in the work, but, perhaps, none more so than the brother of whom we are now writing, who, likewise, in many other ways has taken an active part in the affairs of the County with which he is so intimately associated.

The subject of our sketch has not been unmindful of the claims of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, to each of which he has given his support in years gone by; while the title by which we have designated him at the head of these remarks, proves that he has neither lost his love for our noble Institutions or his desire to do his utmost on their behalf. He will act as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will take place on Wednesday, the 19th of May next, and which, we trust, will be a great success. He is not new to the work which will then devolve upon him, for he undertook a similar duty on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1883. On that occasion he proved himself a most capable President, and the efforts he then made, supported as they were by the brethren of his Province, proved most beneficial to the Benevolent Institution. That similar exertions will be made on behalf of the Girls' School, by "Our next Chairman" and by the brethren of his Province, there is no doubt, and that an equally satisfactory result may follow we have little fear.

All the means of action,  
The shapeless masses—the materials—  
Lie everywhere about us;

and if it is in the power of one individual to exercise any influence on those materials, "Our next Chairman" is the man to accomplish it, and as so much depends on the result of his labours, and on the labours of those who will assist him, we hope that the day of the Festival will prove that the celestial fire of genius has been strong enough in him to once more

Change the flint  
Into transparent crystal, bright and clear.

## MASONIC TRIPLES.

### PART III.—THE ORNAMENTATION.

**M**ASSIVE proportions, extending in detail to the stones of the edifice (Josephus mentions a length of forty cubits), called for and received an artistic ornamentation for the temple equally as grand. We may be sure, were history entirely silent, that Tyrian art was capable, as was Egyptian architecture, also, to rise to the majesty of the occasion. The massive stones composing Solomon's house were worthy of chronicle, much more those of the house of the Lord. The temple was wainscoted with cedar-wood, which was covered with gold. The boards within the temple were ornamented with beautiful (threefold) carvings representing cherubim, palms and flowers. The ceiling was supported by beams, also of cedar, and the wall which separated the holy from the Most Holy Place is described in the language of Scripture: "So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold; and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle, and he overlaid it with pure gold." Solomon also "overlaid the upper chambers with pure gold." Within the Holy of Holies stood only the Ark of the Covenant; but within the Holy Place were ten golden candlesticks and the altar of incense. The altar in the temple had steps before it upon which an ascent was made, but neither the tabernacle nor the second temple's altar had these steps. The promise made to Solomon was threefold, as follows: "Concerning this house which thou

art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes [italics ours], and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments, to walk in them; then will I perform my word unto thee, which I spake unto David thy father." Masonically, the ornamentation of the temple may be used to set forth the moral and spiritual edifice referred to in the nine classes of Masonic emblems; eight of which refer to the public and private duties of the craftsman, and the ninth teaching the doctrine of the resurrection of the body in a manner which may not be communicated to the outside world.

What then is the conclusion of this whole matter? And what is Masonry viewed from the Speculative standpoint as revealed by the mystic number three?

The colour of Ancient Craft Masonry is blue. It typifies truth, friendship and fidelity. The first of this triple is the foundation, the other two are attributes or consequents. This points us back to the monitorial explanation of Masonry: "Truth is its centre." From this point radiates the whole duty of man, introducing the symbol of the Saints John, to whom all Lodges in Christian lands are dedicated. This emblem is a "certain point within a circle, embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing these two saints; upon the vortex of the circle rests the Holy Scriptures. The point within the circle represents an individual brother; the circle the boundary line, beyond which he is never to allow his passions to betray him. In going around the circle he must necessarily touch upon these two lines, as well as the Holy Bible, which teaches that while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed within its precepts, it is impossible he should materially err." All the graces which adorn the true Masonic character must, therefore, be a true exponent of truth. Truth is a triple: (a) Truth of the thing, (b) Truth of knowledge, (c) Truth of the sign. If the foundation be sure, then the superstructure is a living reality. To illustrate our thought:

1. The truth of the thing. Apply the number three and we find that all the ancient religions were based upon a central, threefold object. The myths of heathendom and representations of the one body and three faces, the constantly recurring number three in the heathen mythology holds the truth in a shadow. Our position taken in part I. is that the revelation of that truth belongs to Christianity.\* That the solution of the case rests upon the fact disclosed by the three great lights of Masonry; there are things which were hid from other eyes and ages of the world but which are revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of these. The Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is a revelation. In Christian lands, therefore, the doctrine of the Trinity, the truth of Being, cannot be antagonistic to Masonry because the search is for more light, and no brother should rest satisfied with half a light or a whole light partially revealed. Both points of the compasses are above the square in the Master's Lodge. We here see how it is possible for Masonry to be universal. The Institution is logical, and does not require an impossibility. The brother's conception of the Eternal God in other than Christian lands may indeed be held in shadow to-day; the same may be true of the Jewish craftsman, but that does not debar him from full Masonic fellowship, nor does it follow that the Institution is antagonistic, in consequence, to the Church of the Living God. As proof that this statement has the endorsement of eminent Doctors of Divinity we refer to almost any list of such ministers in any of the branches of Historic Christianity. Suppose we do find this truth foreshadowed in heathen rites, this much can be said: There is a universality in all which seems to point to one common origin. These traditions have come down, distorted oftentimes, but they have the same underlining which crops out here and there, and these and all show that similar principles are at work everywhere. The various religions of the earth have a common basis of truth, and all the lines converge in the religion of Christianity. This aptly describes the Masonic Institution and gives the best reason why the Worshipful Master truly says to the candidate: "Masonry is a progressive Institution."

2. Truth of knowledge. The emblem referred to is a most interesting study in this connection. It rationally shows why the Masonic Fraternity may plant itself firmly upon the truth, teaching the religion of humanity; and at

\* The idea intended is that Speculative Masonry is a product, in its genius, of Christianity; and nothing else.

the same time be consistent in adhering to the ancient landmarks which have come down from time immemorial. We quote again from a brother's MS., by permission: "You do right well, brethren, to acknowledge the dignity and supremacy of God and the Holy Place where He has placed His Name." The temple's true symbolism points to the church; to man redeemed, disenthralled from all appearance of inconsistency the result of human weakness, and suffered for a season, to a perfectness revealed only in the Holy Scriptures. "You do right well to keep in mind the memory of the blessed St. John the Baptist, that ancient patron of our Order, and St. John the Evangelist. These two illustrious names are blended in one single purpose of setting forth the majesty of the God-made Man. The one was a Jew, a forerunner of the Son of God and Son of Mary, the other followed after and set up the pillars of that spiritual temple whose height, length, depth and breadth now fills the four quarters of the globe. One might say that wherever a Jew is found there is the brother of St. John the Baptist, a witness of Christian truth, and wherever a Christian is found there is the brother of St. John the Evangelist, a witness of the truth which the Jews of old believed. So, too, it is sometimes said that the New Testament lies concealed in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament stands revealed in the New Testament. The world's history bears witness to both, a sort of threefold witness to the truth. From the beginning both the Church of God and Masonry have ever done honour to the illustrious Saints John. Masonry has ever been the handmaid of the church. She has ever cherished the principles and doctrines of these two most glorious champions of right. The one was beheaded for boldly denouncing vice; the other was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil at Rome, and was preserved alive, and so the terrified Romans banished the Evangelist to Patmos Isle, and there he received the Revelation of the future of the church. Where or when has Masonry ever countenanced vice? Where or when has Masonry ever obstructed the path of Christianity? Never. If tradition be true, St. John the Evangelist, in the decline of life, organized the scattered bands of roving Operative Masons and formed the first Grand Lodge. No doubt, too, he taught them the truth as it is in Jesus. Nobody claims that St. John Baptist, or St. John Evangelist were more occupied with Masonry than with their first duty in God's church. But, mind you, if the universal consent of the Christian Church gives witness to the truth of God, so too the universal consent of the whole Masonic world gives witness to the fact that these two were ancient patrons of Masonry. Masonry is not mixed up as a factor of church history, for reasons which must be plain to every Mason. Neither is Masonry mixed up with political history, for the same very good reason. While its foundation principles underlie all moral religious truth and all good political government, yet it is not a controller of either, and never has been or can be used as a tool of either."

3. Truth of the sign. One definition of *veritas signi* is: "This consists in its adequateness or conformity to the thing signified. The truth and adequacy of signs belong to enunciation in logic." To the mind of the writer many Masons, while they write about the Institution, mix up things which do not really belong to it. They fail to discriminate between the temple workmen and the temple worshippers, and that is why one hears a brother now and then declare that the Lodge is good enough church for him. Well, anybody who is well versed in Masonry knows that it teaches the highest kind of morality. The character, to pass muster when tried by the Overseer's squares, must be either oblong or square; the ornamentation of the temple was pure gold in material; but nowhere does Masonry profess to give us help. The Order teaches love to the brethren, charity to all, to be sure, yet the teachings stop short of saying that Divine help must come through it from God. In other words Masonic teachings should accord with the genius of the Institution—an auxiliary indeed to Christianity, but neither a religion nor Christianity itself. The dedication of the temple by Solomon recognized this fact. He looked to God and prayed after the temple was completed. It is the workman's privilege to be a workshiper also, but the distinction should be always kept in mind. We say the craftsman at his labour is doing his duty, and a man in prayer is fulfilling the same service, but work is not prayer, although it may be sanctified by prayer. The brother, therefore, who claims that his Lodge is his church may as well claim it for his politi-

cal governor, which is absurd. The truth of the sign is further shown in the allusion to the spiritual temple in the heavens, of which Solomon's was a type, the place "where all good Masons hope at last to arrive, by the aid of that theological ladder which Jacob, in his vision, saw ascending from earth to heaven: the three principal rounds of which are denominated Faith, Hope and Charity." This leads us logically to the discussion of a triple which has furnished the arts with one of the most exquisite subjects for the exercise of human skill, and to consider the doctrine of the resurrection as taught by our ritual. Like the other triples mentioned the subject is a vast one, and within the compass of three articles nothing but bare outlines may be given. Analyzed, Faith has something of the expectation of Hope, and Hope something of the desires of Love. Faith justifies at the bar where the law condemns. Hope lifts the soul above the dark and dismal shadow of mortality, explaining the ninth and last class of Masonic emblems. Charity (love) animates it to run the heavenly race until the crown immortal shall be won and worn. Like the colours of the rainbow, these graces maintain their distinctions, yet melt and soften into each other by imperceptible degrees. The first of this triple is Faith, and is superhuman. Faith comes down from above, and is the gift of God. Faith deals with spiritual, and is itself spiritual. We therefore placed Faith as the foundation-stone of our theory of the Masonic moral edifice. The true Masonic hope is Christian hope, whether held in the shadow of expectation or in the light of believed revelation. If this is not conceded, who shall particularize which hope may influence the mind from among the various others—good hopes and bad hopes, true hopes and false hopes—hopes laid up on earth that will disappoint the heart, and hopes garnered in heaven that will never fade? In the language of our symbolism, which temple shall it be—the earthly or the spiritual building; Solomon's temple which crumbles in ruins, or the one not made with hands, eternal in the heavens? We referred to Hope as the superstructure of the Mason's edifice. Is the symbolism of the foundation and building true or false? The ornamentation consisted principally of pure gold, so the ultimate virtue, Charity, is the highest in rank. Indeed Faith and Hope may be reckoned merely as preliminaries—the instrumental means of bringing her into exercise: "For the end of the commandment is love [charity] out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." At the gate of death the brother takes leave of Faith and Hope. They have been his solace at every stage of the journey. Were it possible that he could drop a tear as he enters the mansions of our Father's house above, the spiritual temple of Revelation, it would be as bidding an eternal farewell to the two, but he is assured that Faith may indeed be lost to sight, Hope end in fruition, yet "Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity."

If with our threefold key we unlock the door, the doctrine of the resurrection of the body (which is as firmly held by Masonry as truth itself) is found to have been shadowed in both Greek and other mythology. All the deliverers from death showed forth the desire that was working in the minds of the Hebrews themselves, and which was not clear, but which was made clear in Him who declared Himself to be the Resurrection and the Life. This doctrine of the resurrection became the great doctrine of the Church. The types and shadows went first, a schoolmaster to lead men to Christ. Solomon's temple, with all its threes, and its flight of stairs of three, five and seven steps, leading up on the inside, sets forth the truth in mystery while it does not declare it. We of this later age can see that Solomon builded better than he knew; that the Holy of Holies represents to us heaven itself; that the pilgrimage of man was from the lower to the higher; that the Great High Priest as a forerunner has now entered once for all into heaven, and that all the mysteries of worship were hedged about by the number three, which occurred in every measure and proportion. This was a revelation from heaven; "See," said the Lord to Moses, "that thou make everything according to the pattern showed thee in the Mount." Now all this was not changed when Christianity came. What before was dead form became spiritual and full of life. A spiritual worship was to take the place of what before could not give life. So the revelation of Saint John in Patmos agrees with what Moses saw in the Mount, and the Christian church has its spiritual service and ceremonies and forms which are founded upon the pattern of heavenly things. Our Institu-

tion, with all its beauty, its parallel symbolism of Christianity, in the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, can never take the place of the Church, and the consistent craftsman has no desire to place it in a false position, whether through the so-called inffable degrees or otherwise?—*Voice of Masonry.*

### KEEP TO THE STANDARD.

**F**REEMASONRY is not a reformatory institution. It was never designed to be such. She will admit none possessing blemishes, either physical or moral. The candidate must pass muster on the cardinal virtues, or he is rejected. So carefully guarded are the portals of the Masonic Institution that the candidate for initiation must pass a most searching examination. While passing this ordeal, charity is unknown. The candidate has no rights, but is subjected to the unanimous consent of the members of the Lodge. One could hardly imagine that any institution could exercise more caution, or be more practically careful about the admission of new material. This great precaution is necessary and imperative, because the object of the Masonic Institution is not to make the weak strong, but the strong stronger.

In addition to all this, the candidate must not be solicited to join; no inducements must be offered him; he is to form his own favourable opinion of the institution—and how? By observation; by examining and comparing the members of the Order with the profane. The Masonic society must stand the test of cold, stern criticism. The profane will exercise no charity for any shortcomings of the Order, or any of its members. Is it not essential that when we are weighed in the balances that we be not found wanting? Freemasonry can rest on no other foundation than the impenetrable rock of moral integrity. Those members who cannot stand the test of the criticism of the profane, are its worst enemies.

When a brother sinks or falls, it is our bounden duty to lift him up. The Masonic plane of each member certainly should be as high as the plane demanded of those desiring initiation. But the question is often asked, "Suppose you lift an erring brother up, what then?" "Suppose reasonable efforts have been used to elevate him, and he sinks still lower, then what?" "Suppose he promises to do better, and will not, or at least does not, then what?" "Shall we suspend him?" "Shall we cast him out?" This brings us to the point where it becomes necessary to exercise judgment and Masonic charity. I say, "Masonic charity," because Masons are taught and exhorted to exercise charity.

Now let us understand; let us reason together concerning *Masonic charity*. There are two kinds, (1) Emotional, (2) Practical.

Emotional charity is controlled by the emotions, by sympathy.

Practical charity is controlled by reason and common sense.

Emotional charity has no aim, no object, no direction, no organization; it is at the mercy of the storms and winds, and the waves of the emotions.

Practical charity is just the opposite. Emotional charity is the charity of talk, of inaction, and generally costs the bestower nothing. Practical charity is that of action, of reality. It always costs the bestower something.

He who is controlled by emotional charity, considers the individual of more importance than the Lodge—than the Order; while he who is governed by practical charity claims that the Lodge or the Order is of more importance than the individual. The tendency of the former is to sacrifice the Order for the sake of the individual; that of the latter to sacrifice the individual for the sake of the Order.

The Virtue, Temperance, warns us to be cautious in the exercise of charity; we must not be too sympathetic, too emotional, neither must we be too cold nor too practical. We must, however, keep up the standard; and it becomes each and every Lodge to see that the moral plane of each member is, at least, as high as the moral plane demanded of its initiates.—*Texas Masonic Journal.*

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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#### UNION LODGE, No. 414.

**T**HE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on 16th instant. Bros. F. Blackwell W.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., J. W. Martin J.W., R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, C. G. Hawkes S.D., W. Sherwood J.D., John T. Dodd D.C., J. C. B. Tirbutt, C. P. Rayner, and J. R. Hayward Stewards; W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters M. J. Withers I.P.M., Charles Oades, C. Stephens, S. Wheeler jun.; Bros. A. Livings, W. Bonny, R. Ruddock, G. S. Galt, W. J. Maurice, H. P. Knill, W. G. Miller, Richard Dowsett. Visitors—Bros. C. H. Stubington Secretary 2043, G. W. Webb W.M. 2043, Charles Slaughter I.G. 1101, Walter Blackwell, T. P. Stewart 1101, B. W. Bennett J.D., Cyril B. Tabbs S.D. 2043, Thomas Cooke Treasurer 2043, W. Hickie J.D. 1101. Lodge was opened in due form, and with the singing of an anthem composed by Bro. Tirbutt Past Provincial Grand Organist. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and Brother Alexander Bonny was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Mount moved that the sum of £50 be paid to reduce the mortgage debt upon the Lodge buildings. This was seconded by Bro. Withers, and carried unanimously. The Secretary reported that a circular had been received, soliciting a contribution from the Lodge to the Oban Masonic Hall Building Fund. The W.M. gave notice that at the next regular Lodge he would move that the sum of £15 15s be devoted to Charity. Business being ended, Lodge was closed.

#### OAKLEY LODGE, No. 694.

**A**N event of a novel and interesting character, in the shape of a concert in which all the performers were either members or relatives of members of this Lodge, took place in the Town Hall, Basingstoke, on the 16th instant. The chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. A.G. Barker, of St. Leonard's, Sherfield, the W.M. of the Oakley Lodge, who explained that the absence of Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was due to pressure of Parliamentary duties. The hall was well filled, with a thoroughly appreciative audience. Among the Masons present were Bros. E. Adams, Rev. A. G. Barker, J. L. Brooks, E. P. Conran, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, J. Dew, C. R. Dale, J. Gibson, C. J. Jacob, Arthur Lamb, F. Lazenby, G. Lear, J. W. Lodwidge, F. D. Miller, A. Portsmouth, J. Puntis, Rev. J. Scott Ramsay, Percy Randolph, T. Sherwood, C. Franklin Simmons, J. B. Soper, H. J. Thatcher, W. W. Tyrrell, Rev. G. S. Ward, S. T. Webb, J. Wheeler, E. C. White, D. White, and the Rev. E. Nelson Williams. Among others present, there were also—Miss Allen, Miss Allnutt and party, Mrs. and Miss Beach and party, Mrs. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Drew and party, Mr. Field, Miss Graymark and party, Dr. Hayes, Mrs. Hessey, Mrs. Knight and party, Mrs. Lamb and party, Mrs. Lazenby, Miss Loe, Rev. W. P. Lysaght, the Misses May, Mrs. J. Moody and party, Miss Millard, the Misses Portsmouth, the Misses Randolph, Mr. J. R. Rawlence, Mrs. W. Snow, Mr. C. J. Steevens, Mrs. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Sapp, Mrs. Tyrrell and party, Mrs. S. T. Webb, Mrs. F. C. White, &c. The programme included some of the best compositions, and consisted, with three exceptions, entirely of vocal music. The part songs were admirably given, and no wonder that the Chairman's warmest enthusiasm was excited in speaking subsequently of the musical talent which was displayed. The first was Sir S. Bennett's "Come live with me," performed by Mrs. E. Adams, Miss B. Powell, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. Smith, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. D. White. Hatton's part song, "I met her in a quiet lane," was performed by Mrs. E. Adams, Miss Dew, Mrs. F. Batch, Mrs. Smith, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. D. White; and Pinsotti's "Good night, good night, beloved," received a perfect treatment. The harmony being of the choicest description. The performers were—Miss B. Powell, Miss Dew, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. F. Batch, Mrs. Smith, Rev. J. H. Chadwick, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. D. White. Two other interesting and successful efforts of vocal harmony were the ladies' trios—"Rise again, glad summer sun" (Leslie) and "Wreath ye the steps" (Schumann), sung by Miss B. Powell, Miss Dew, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. F. Batch, and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Thatcher gave the favourite song "Anchored" a thoroughly appropriate treatment. The Chairman explained that his daughter was absent, suffering from a cold, and that Miss B. Powell had kindly undertaken to sing in her place. Miss B. Powell's welcome voice was then heard in the song "Because," for which she was loudly applauded. In the second part Miss B. Powell had chosen the subject "My lodging is on the cold ground" (17th century), which she gave with artistic expression. The appearance of Miss W. Lamb with Mr. H. E. Powell for the pianoforte duet, "Air de Danse," was heartily greeted, and the performance was as earnestly applauded. The audience was also much indebted to Miss Beach, who kindly gave two songs, "The Last Dream" (Cowen), and "Masks and Faces" (Molloy). Mr. D. White sang "True to the last" (Stephen Adams), and "The stirrup cup" in good form. "La Fileuse" (Raff) was a most enjoyable piano solo, cleverly played by Miss Powell, to whom also several of the vocalists were indebted for her discriminate accompaniments. Mrs. E. Adams and Miss B. Powell gave as a duet "None shall part us," from Sullivan's "Iolanthe," and "Long years ago," from Patience, a much-appreciated performance. Miss Drew, in singing "Sunshine and rain" (Blumenthal), and "The old and the young Marie" (Cowen)—two favourite songs—was in excellent voice, and was much applauded. Mrs. E. Adams was also much enjoyed in the song, "Love hailed a little maid." Miss Day

and the Rev. J. H. Chadwick were successful in the duet "Secret voices" (Marziale), as were also Miss Ellen Ward and Mr. H. E. Powell in the pianoforte duet "Spanish Dances" (Mozkowski). The programme being concluded, the Chairman, who had been full of merriment during the evening, referred in eloquent terms to the galaxy of beauty and the musical talent which had been so conspicuous in this splendid entertainment, which had been originated and brought to a successful issue by Bro. Dew, with the object not only of providing a pleasant evening, but of bringing a little grist to the mill—in other words, to replenish the funds of the Cottage Hospital. He (the Chairman) was quite confident that there was great talent in the Oakley Lodge, and when he reported this concert to the Provincial Grand Master, he would no doubt sanction his challenging any other Lodge to produce a body of performers with such great talent and such good looks. Dr. Hayes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Barker for taking the chair, and this having been briefly replied to, the Masonic National Anthem brought the concert to a close. Financially the result has been that Bro. Dew has been enabled to add £20 to the funds of the cottage Hospital.

#### EUPHRATES LODGE, No. 212.

**T**HROUGH a variety of circumstances, many of which are unforeseen and wholly unpreventable, it occasionally happens that our Lodges have to change their place of meeting, and although in many cases the change is for the ultimate benefit of the Lodge, there are occasions when, either from the loss of old associations, or other causes, the reverse is the case. The brethren of the Euphrates Lodge have just made a change from the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, where the Lodge has met for many years, and we venture to think that the selection they have made for their new home must prove of great advantage to their Lodge in the future, they having been fortunate enough to find accommodation at the Holborn Restaurant, the proprietors of which establishment have lately intimated their willingness to accommodate Lodges, both as regards their actual working as well as at the banquets which follow labour, the lack of which feature has long been, to some extent, detrimental to the establishment being recognised as a Masonic centre. The first meeting of the Lodge at its new quarters took place on Wednesday, the 24th inst., and a departure from the ordinary course of proceeding was made on this occasion, for the ladies were invited to participate in the banquet and festivities which followed. A most successful meeting was the result, and the way in which everything was arranged reflected the greatest credit, alike on the W.M., Bro. W. J. Cooper, his Officers, and the executive of the Holborn Restaurant. Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. W. F. Bassett S.W., T. Boyden J.W., F. G. Burstow S.D., J. West J.D., H. Wagstaff I.G., and the following Past Masters:—W. W. Ricknell, T. Rushton, C. G. Cutler, J. C. Franks, J. Carter, Louis Stean, T. R. Martin, J. J. Marsh, and John Halsey. Having proceeded to submit the minutes of the previous meeting for confirmation, the Worshipful Master advanced the Lodge, and conferred the third degree on Bro. White. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting-room, accompanied by their ladies. When all were seated, the assembly presented a most imposing gathering, inasmuch as there were between eighty and ninety guests present, among them being the following visitors to the Lodge:—Bros. W. R. Haylock J.D. 901, G. H. Stephens I.P.M. 1693, Henry Forss I.P.M. 917, W. W. Lee 1897, John Cooper 1471, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. Ball 1472, E. Prosser 860, John Day 141, G. Stevens 1076, T. A. Davies 174; with the following ladies: Mesdames Cooper, Glass, Martin, Halsey, Edwards, Bourne, Pryor, Boyden, Taylor, Wallis, Prosser, Allister, White, Davies, Kippel, Smith, Day, Bolton, &c.; Misses K. and E. Halsey, McLean, Ricknell, A. Ricknell, Bassett, Carter, and Woods. At the conclusion of the banquet, which was served in the ample manner which has gained for the Holborn Restaurant its present high reputation, and under the personal superintendence of Brother Hamp, the W.M. gave the customary toasts, in their modified form, having regard to those who were present. Bro. P.M. Martin proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so spoke of the interest displayed by Bro. Cooper in the welfare of the Lodge, and the efforts he brought to bear to promote the comfort and happiness of its members. After a spirit rendering of "The Men of Harlech," by Bro. E. Prosser, the W.M. rose to reply. Having thanked the company for the way in which they had received the toast, he referred to the gratification he experienced at seeing so large an assembly to do honour to the occasion. He trusted the ladies were enjoying themselves, and hoped they would go away with happy recollections of the evening they had spent with the brethren of Euphrates Lodge. In accordance with the wish of the W.M. Bro. Morgan rose to propose the next toast, the health of the Ladies. He did so with a vast amount of gratification; it had been urged that the brethren were that evening embarking on an innovation that might disturb the harmony and regularity with which the proceedings had for so very many years been conducted, but all who had listened to the remarks that had been made in this regard felt convinced that they were urged, not in a spirit of opposition, but as a mild form of protest. The evening, so far, had gone off most pleasantly; and, in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren, Bro. Morgan said he felt convinced the ladies would appreciate the arrangements that had been made for their enjoyment. Naturally, on such occasions, when the fair sex were assembled, speculation was rife as to how far ladies might participate in Freemasonry, and the question had been asked, "Were there any lady Freemasons?" This had been answered in the affirmative by one of the fair sisterhood present, who had stated she possessed a portrait of a lady Freemason. This he (Bro. Morgan) thought doubtless referred to the portrait of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, who, he might tell the ladies present, had been regularly initiated into Free-

masonry. This event occurred when she was a mere girl, and it was recorded, amongst the legends of the Craft, that she afterwards married, and no doubt became the mother of many good and true Masons, some of whose descendants might be present that night. There were other instances on record of lady Freemasons, even in this country; but here, however, the majority of the brethren deemed it advisable that the ladies should confine themselves to the exercise of the virtue of charity, in association with their husbands and brothers. Here they could render valuable service, and if they would avail themselves of the opportunities offered of inspecting the Institutions, more especially on the occasion of the distribution of prizes—an event which would shortly take place at the Royal Masonic Girls' School, at Battersea Rise—they would have an opportunity of seeing the excellent manner in which the girls were trained. Bro. W. W. Lee responded; he expressed the gratification the ladies felt at being present, and hoped that would not be the last opportunity they might have of attending the meetings of the Lodge. For the Past Masters Bro. Cutler replied, and after a few other toasts, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, the company joining with spirit in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." During the evening some excellent songs were given, by Bros. Wells, Edwards, Lee, Prior, and others. Miss Woods favoured the company with a song—"Is this a dream?"—which she rendered most artistically, while Bros. Carter, Woods and Morgan contributed recitations.

#### GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

**A**T the regular meeting, on the 10th instant, there were present Bros. R. C. Prickett W.M., J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., E. J. Blackwell acting S.W., R. Dowsett acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, B. W. Bennett acting S.D., W. Hickie J.D., Chas. Slaughter I.G., J. Sparrow Steward, Past Masters W. Ferguson, E. Margrett, W. W. Ridley, Bros. Biggs, Knight, and Stewart. Visitors—C. Holbrook jun. 2043, F. Blackwell W.M. 414, A. Livings 414. After preliminaries, Bro. E. Margrett P.M. gave a very lucid and interesting lecture. The sum of two guineas was voted from the funds to a case of distress brought before the Lodge. Bro. W. Hickie J.D. gave notice of motion, "That it was desirable greater facilities be afforded to the brethren for perfecting themselves in Masonic Ritual." The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

#### PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

**A** MEETING was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Bro. W. H. Mollindinia, the W.M., was prevented from being present through ill health, and in his absence Bro. Louis A. Leins, the father of the Lodge, presided. The work comprised all three ceremonies, and each was carried out with perfect accuracy. Careful as to the way in which he performed his own work, Bro. Leins was admirably seconded by his Officers. There were four candidates for raising, namely, Bros. Watts, Draper, Park, and Wells, who were conducted through the ceremony two and two up to the obligation, and were afterwards all raised together. Bros. Wainwright and Corsham were then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and lastly, Mr. John Morris Broad, who was proposed by Bro. Chamberlayne, and seconded by Bro. Ferry Sec., and Mr. George Augustus Timme, proposed by Bro. Lovell D.C., and seconded by Bro. W. Smith S.D., were initiated. During the evening the desirability of having a ladies' gathering at next Lodge meeting was considered. Bro. Leins explained this was a matter which could not be disposed of by a resolution of the Lodge, but must depend upon an agreement between the brethren individually. Some desired that the Lodge meeting should be held on the usual Saturday, and that some other day in the week should be fixed to hold the dinner, because if Saturday was adhered to the dance must necessarily be strictly of a Cinderella character. On the other hand it was pointed out that such a proceeding would make the meeting altogether independent of the Lodge—which was not desired—and would moreover increase the expense. It was ultimately agreed by a majority that ladies should attend the banquet, after the Lodge meeting in April, and a Committee was nominated to arrange the necessary details, it being suggested that an unusually early hour should be fixed for opening the Lodge and getting through the work, so as to admit of the possibility of an early dinner hour. After routine work the Lodge was closed. Later on, the brethren and their guests supped together, Bro. Leins presiding. It is often said that Freemasons should not be parties to introducing any one into the Craft whom they would hesitate to introduce to their families; there can be no doubt that Bro. Leins acts on this principle, and he showed his confidence in "his children" as he calls them, of the Perseverance Lodge on this occasion, by bringing three of his daughters—admirable musicians—to enliven the intervals between the toasts. The brethren owe their thanks to Bro. Leins, and their most respectful gratitude to the young ladies themselves. The toasts comprised the Queen and Craft, the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master, the Initiates, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Press. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said it was a toast which was always heartily received by the brethren of the Perseverance. The brethren had heard the statement made in Lodge by the W.M. in the chair that Bro. Mollindinia was unable to attend in consequence of illness; this they all regretted, and they sympathised deeply with Bro. Mollindinia. Bro. Leins, however, was always to the fore to fulfil the duties of any absent brother, and there was no one whom the brethren of the Lodge would wish to see in the chair on such an occasion rather than Bro. Leins. He was the father of the Lodge, and there was no occasion to say more. He would there-

fore simply ask them to be upstanding, and drink the health of Bro. Leins, the W.M. in the chair. In reply, Bro. Leins said he rose with great pleasure to thank the brethren for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed and responded to. It grieved him very much that their W.M. was not with them, though his absence could not be avoided. When the Master of a Lodge was smitten with illness, it was doubtless hard for the sufferer to be deprived of the opportunity of performing his Masonic duties, and it was also hard for the Lodge to be deprived of his services. Such things, however, were unavoidable, and they could only pray that their W.M. might soon be with them again. As for himself, the brethren knew that he did everything he could for the interest of the Lodge of Perseverance. In establishing the Lodge he had met with very good friends, who rallied round him and paid him the compliment of asking his advice; this would always be given freely, and to the best of his ability. It was most gratifying to him to know they were so harmonious. Brother Leins concluded by saying that he hoped he should be a member of the Lodge of Perseverance to the last day of his life, and that they might always be as happy and united as they were now. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. G. Kearney J.W. 1541, J. C. Cross S.W. 902, G. Schadler P.M. 65, A. F. Lay P.M. 1364, J. Phillips 158, R. Dyson J.W. 65, W. F. Packer 1571, J. Lnsby jun. 1259, J. Handley 473, R. J. Ward P.M. 3, W. Williams W.M. 902, W. Wyatt 121 Canada, G. D. Bundy P.M. 902, and E. C. Massey.

#### SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

THE usual meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday afternoon, the 20th instant. The W.M., Bro. G. Marsden, opened the Lodge in due form at four o'clock punctually, when there were present Bros. J. Voisey S.W., John Hernaman J.W., J. C. Reynolds Treasurer, Charles Wilson Secretary, D. D. Mercer J.D., F. W. N. Smith Organist, Thomas Edward Webb I.G., Charles Gooding Steward; P.M.'s G. T. Bickerton, B. R. Bryant, J. J. Brinton, P. A. Nairne D.C.; Robert Elgar, Thomas Bradley, W. Andrews, Frederick P. Hunt, Charles R. Scriven, John Arlidge, Alfred Ramage, Thomas Arnold, Henry S. Bigg, W. Andrews, C. F. Cottle, Robert Irvine, Thomas H. Woodward, J. N. Turney, H. H. Hyslop. Visitors—J. H. Hawkins W.M. Prosperity 65, J. Nickal 1539, J. Dixon P.M. 1728, W. Harold Vint 871, Robert Grey 176, W. Jeffery 1625, J. H. Lowry 1472, R. J. Paton J.W., Richard Kimpton W.M. 1728, Henry Lynn I.G. 217, A. C. Bradley P.M. 1216, H. R. Great P.M. 507. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Frederick Parsord Hunt. He next proceeded to raise Bros. W. M. Yardley Andrews and Charles Richard Scriven, who had been passed in the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641. He afterwards initiated Mr. Henry Hector Hyslop into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Several matters had to be postponed until the May meeting. The Lodge at a late hour was closed. The brethren then repaired to an adjoining room, in which Bro. Venables had in readiness a capital repast. On the removal of the cloth the W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the Queen and the Craft; the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. J. J. Brinton I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., to which due response was made. The Initiate was complimented, and this toast was acknowledged. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, for which Bro. Hawkins responded. The Past Masters of the Lodge were not forgotten, and Bros. Brinton, Bryant, Nairne, and Bickerton replied. For the Officers Bros. Wilson, Reynolds, Voisey, and Hernaman responded. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Marsden sang some excellent songs during the evening, and Miss Walker proved her efficiency as an instrumentalist by presiding at the pianoforte. Bros. Voisey, Gooding, and Scriven gave some popular songs. The Tyler's toast concluded a most agreeable evening.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012 — A meeting was held on Saturday, 20th instant, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. Perdue W.M., R. W. Williams S.W., J. Sims J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, J. Wood S.D., G. Gardner J.D., J. Williams I.G., Weeks Tyler, Ayling P.M., Preceptor A. Tilbury, H. Furze. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to second degree, and Bro. Tilbury was examined, and later in the evening the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed in a very able manner. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for coming week. Lodge was closed.

The regular meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., the President of the Board, who was supported by the two Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cotterbrune P.G.P. There was a large number of brethren present, while the list of applications to be considered was the largest ever known, being sixty-one in number. The brethren having confirmed their recommendations of the last meeting, proceeded to the consideration of the new cases. Of these, one was dismissed, ten were deferred, and the others were relieved, with a total of £1,071. The grants consisted of seven amounts of £5 each, one of £6, fourteen of £10, eleven of £20, seven of £30, nine of £40, and one of £100.

At a numerously attended regular meeting of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. J. Dellow, in able and eloquent terms, and in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. John Newton P.M. P.Z. with a handsome Past Secretary's jewel, also a testimonial, tastefully engraved on vellum, on his retirement from the Secretaryship, as a mark of esteem, and as a token of the members' high appreciation of the manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office for eighteen years, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren and to the advantage of the Lodge. In returning thanks, Bro. Newton requested, now that he was relieved from the duties of Secretary, to be permitted to write the history of the Lodge, which is in the 118th year of its existence. Permission to do so was readily given, and a strong desire expressed that Brother Newton might long be spared to continue his association with the Lodge of Sincerity. The jewel, which is of exquisite design and workmanship, reflects great credit upon Messrs. Halford and Sons, of Fenchurch Street, by whom it was manufactured.

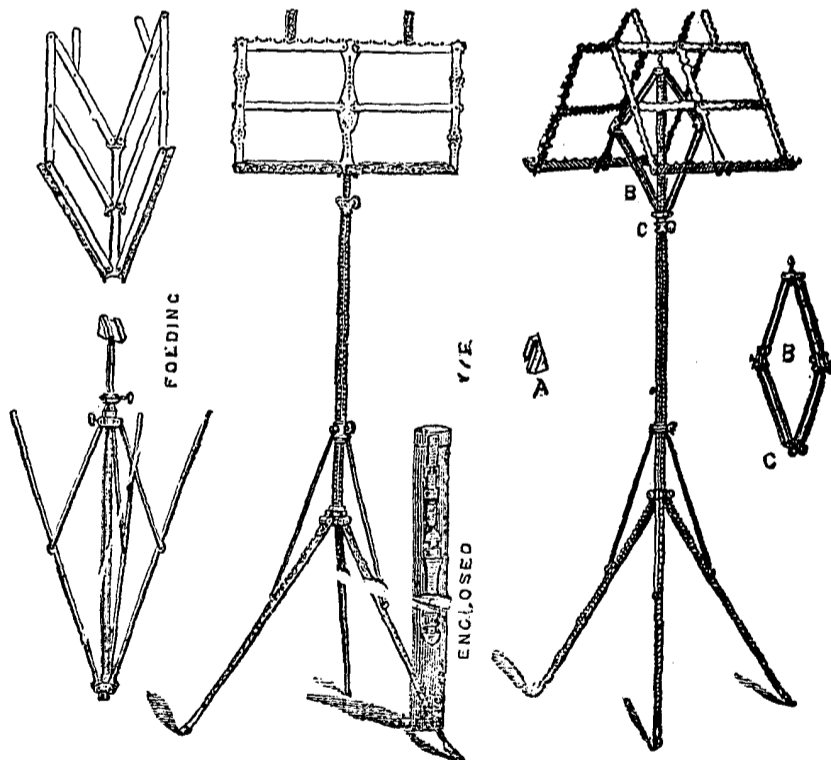
The installation ceremony will be rehearsed at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, held at No. 202 Whitechapel Road, E., on Monday evening, the 29th instant.

We are pleased to learn that the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, has voted from its funds three guineas to the Mansion House Fund for the Unemployed Artizans. May others follow the excellent example set them by this young Lodge.

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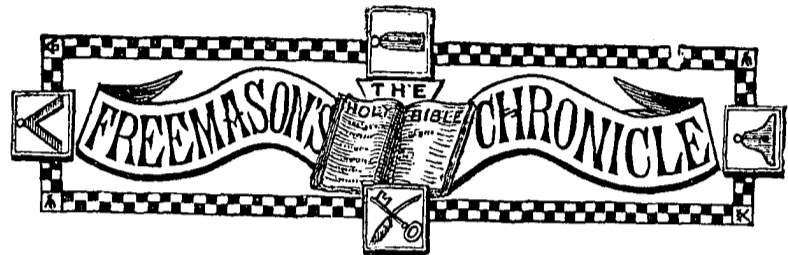
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## THE FREEMASONS AND THE POOR OF MARGATE.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 16th instant, the Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate, entertained about two hundred of the aged and deserving poor of the town to dinner and tea in the Foresters' Hall. The idea of giving the treat originated about two months ago, at one of the meetings of the Lodge, and it was heartily endorsed by the Freemasons of the town, who, in token of their approval of such a step being taken, subscribed liberally towards defraying the expenses which it would involve. As a preliminary step, a certain number of tickets were sent to the vicars and the ministers of various denominations in the town, upon whom devolved the duty of selecting from among their parishioners and congregations the most deserving cases. A list of names were sent in from the various sources, and they were afterwards scrutinised by the Managing Committee. This was a task of no ordinary kind, and it is almost needless to add that if twice the number of tickets had been available, they could have been easily disposed of. The dinner consisted of roast beef, roast legs of mutton, roast veal, hams, Christmas puddings, and mince pies, and there appeared to be an abundance of everything. Both for dinner and tea, the caterer was Mr. J. Hume, of High Street, who gave great satisfaction. The guests appeared to be in the best of spirits, and evidently appreciated the liberality and kindness manifested towards them. We may remark that the Committee of Management consisted of the following individuals:—Bros. H. Wootton W.M. (Chairman), J. G. Henning P.M. (Treasurer), W. Jones Lane S.W. (Hon. Secretary), and all Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. The carvers were:—The Mayor (Councillor H. F. Hermitage), Bros. J. Crawford, J.P., G. Akhurst, Rev. W. Taylor Jones (Chaplain of the Lodge), J. G. Chancellor P.M. P.G.S., A. Wootton P.M., W. Crawford P.M., J. Healing, T. Goodyear, Spencer (Beach House Hotel, Westgate), J. Thurston, J. Fagg, Phipps, and Col. Bamber. The ladies and gentlemen who attended to the wants of the guests were—The Mayoress (Mrs. Hermitage), Mrs. Hindley, Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Newell, the Misses Chancellor, Bro. Block, Bro. S. Pointon, J.P., Miss Pointon, Bro. E. L. Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, Bro. John Reeve, Bro. W. B. Reeve, Bro. W. J. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, Bro. and Mrs. W. Bentley jun., Bro. J. H. Brown, Bro. Buck and Miss Buck, Bro. J. Brighurst and the Misses Brighurst, Bro. Copeland and Miss Copeland, Bro. Gurton, Miss Goodyear, Mrs. Healing and Miss Healing, Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Henning, Bro. Hume, Miss Hume and Master Hume, Bro. A. Latham, Mrs. Fagg, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mrs. and Miss Akhurst, Dr. White, Bro. and the Misses Wootton, Mrs. H. Wootton, and Bro. Harris. During the repast, selections of music were performed on the pianoforte by Mrs. W. Jones Lane. After dinner, a programme of songs, &c., was gone through. In addition to the guests, a goodly number of the ministers and public of the town were present. The Rev. W. Taylor Jones (Chaplain of the Union Lodge) presided, and amongst others present, in addition to those already named, were the Rev. J. James, Rev. J. Drew, Rev. W. T. Hindley, Rev. G. Bruce Rhind, Rev. D. Lloyd, &c. The programme opened with the selection, "Old Friend John" (Bro. Henning), and the following additional songs were also given:—"Red, White, and Blue," Bro. Stanley; "The Cantineer," Mrs. Owen; "Village Blacksmith," Bro. H. Wootton; "Powder Monkey," Bro. W. Jones Lane; "Tiddy-fol-lol," Master W. Hume; "Tit for Tat," Mrs. J. A. Fagg; "The Little Hero," Bro. Newell; "Johnny Sands," Bro. Staner; and "Auld Lang Syne," Bro. J. Hume. In response to an encore, Mrs. Owen sang, "Home, Sweet Home," and Mrs. Fagg was also recalled and favoured the audience with "Just as Well." Bros. Newell and Staner were honoured in a similar way, and both kindly appeared a second time. Bro. Staner's encore song was "Oh! I'm so volatile," which created a considerable amount of amusement. The same remark will apply to the song given by Master Hume, who, though



a mere juvenile, acquitted himself very creditably, and betrayed a little of the dramatic instinct. He too, was encored, and responded by repeating the most telling portion of the song. A charming duet, "Two Merry Hearts," was given with fine effect by Mrs. Fagg and Mrs. Owen, who were deservedly applauded. Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Fagg rendered excellent service at the pianoforte as accompanists. The programme closed with the National Anthem. During the proceedings, the Rev. G. B. Rhind was called upon to speak. He said he supposed he was asked to occupy that position as representing the Vicar of Margate, who was absent from their gathering that day. He was sure that the Vicar would have been very pleased indeed to have been amongst them, and to have expressed the gratitude he felt to the Freemasons for the generous act of that day, and his cordial sympathy with the poor people present. He thought they would be glad to hear that the Vicar was recovering, and that he hoped to be back amongst them again by Easter day, thoroughly restored to health. He had sent a letter to him (Bro. Rhind), expressing the hope that all of them would have a very good day, and said it was a very kindly act on the part of the Freemasons to give them that treat. He (Bro. Rhind) also owed a debt of gratitude to that worshipful body. They applied to him to send them a list of the names of the deserving poor of the parish of St. John's, but he was limited to a certain number. He and the churchwardens had, however, ventured to increase that number very much, and he was very grateful to the Freemasons, for not a single person sent was rejected. A gathering of that kind showed that there is a good feeling existing among the people of the town—that they were bound together in the bonds of charity and goodwill towards one another. He knew a large number of the persons whom he saw before him, and knew that many of them had been much straightened in their circumstances during the present winter, distress having been so prevalent. The Freemasons, however, had proved that they were not insensible to the distress which had been felt by the people residing in certain parts of the town; they had held out the hand of fellowship to them, feeling that, though some of them had been placed in higher and some in lower circumstances in life, yet they were all brothers and sisters together, and that they should be animated with feelings of love one towards another. The Rev. J. James, who was also called upon to say a few words, remarked that a stranger in the town had said to him "What a wonderful good people these are." He thought all of them would feel that it was exceeding thoughtful on the part of the Freemasons to provide that feast, which had been so well anticipated and so great in its profusion and variety, and, he thought he might add, so heartily enjoyed by all who were present—that was, by most of those he saw before him, for many had only seen the fun. The "Masons," they knew, regarded themselves as builders; some of them were even master Masons, and belonged to the Grand Lodge. Now, there were many ways of building. They talked sometimes of "building up the constitution," and he thought that the "Masons" had that day been building up the constitutions of their guests in a very real and true sense indeed. And he thought they would be none the worse for that kind of building up. He only trusted that some other good society in Margate would follow the example now set, and that a feast of the present kind would not be the last they would enjoy during the present year. He remembered that about six years ago there was a dinner of that kind held in the Hall-by-the-Sea, and he thought that it was provided by public subscription. There was a very large number of persons present on that occasion, and then, as now, all who met together were very well pleased with it. Just now, when his mind reverted to that occasion, he could not help thinking, "How many who were with us then have passed away!" He could remember many from his own church and congregation who enjoyed the festivities of six or seven years ago. That afternoon they had had a very touching and beautiful song—all about the sweetness of home, and he dare say that many of them felt, although it was very enjoyable to come there as they had done that day, yet that there was no place like home. Now, he had been asked to say a few words to them about religion, and he accepted the responsibility and the duty with very great pleasure, because he knew that the subject of religion would not be distasteful to the Freemasons, and he was certain it would not be inappropriate, for he knew that a great many of those who were present were always pleased to hear about good things—the best thing. There was a home to which God was calling them, and he had been thinking that afternoon about the place which had been provided for them and for all. With what readiness they had come to that entertainment, and yet it might be that some of them were very dilatory in accepting the invitation to the great feast which God in His love had provided for them. He believed that the true enjoyment of life consisted in associating religion with everything; therefore, he was glad they were prepared that afternoon to hear a few words from him about the claims of God and the blessedness of religion. He would take the opportunity of personally thanking the Freemasons for the kindness they had shown to some of his congregation, and he was sure that all of them would heartily thank the donors of the feast given that day. The Mayor of Margate said he had to thank the promoters of that feast for giving him, as Mayor of the Borough, an opportunity of being present there that afternoon. He appreciated the kindness which had prompted the invitation, which he had accepted as readily as any which had been sent to him since he came to occupy the position of Mayor. He felt that it afforded him a grand opportunity of meeting with many old inhabitants who perhaps did not know him personally—and let him tell the poorest there that the Mayor of the Borough had regard to the humblest as well as to the highest citizens in the town. He was the servant of them all. On the 9th November last he put off self and put on duty, which he had tried honestly and faithfully to perform during the time he had been in the position he now held. He was indeed gratified to be present there that afternoon; it was a pleasure to him. Let them go away with one feeling and desire, and that was, to assist one another just a little—ever so little—and it would redound to their

pleasure and come back to them a hundredfold. They had the promise of that in the Old Book. He could assure the Freemasons that gatherings of that kind were likely to do incalculable good, inasmuch as they served the purpose of bringing together various classes of people. The pre-ent gathering had shown that the poor had the sympathy and respect of others in the town, and he believed that all of them had felt pleased to be waited upon as they had been at the dinner table. He trusted that the example set by the Freemasons would be followed by others, and he would lend all the assistance in his power to further a movement of that kind. Bro. John Crawford, J.P., said he had been asked, on behalf of the Freemasons, to say how glad they were to see the guests present; it had been their wish that nothing should be wanting. He assured his hearers that there were no secrets in the Lodge; all they had was a spirit of charity and brotherly love to all, and as a proof of this, they did not forget their poorer brethren, but endeavoured to help them in every possible way. He hoped they had enjoyed themselves, and that the Union Lodge would, in course of time, invite them there again. In conclusion he called for three cheers for the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The cheers were heartily given. The Worshipful Master (Bro. H. Wootton), suitably acknowledged the honour done him, but he thought that the other brethren of the Lodge had equal claims to be honoured for helping to provide that dinner. He confirmed the testimony of Bro. Crawford that the objects of Masonry, pure and simple, were to afford relief in times of distress. The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who he remarked had left his professional duties in order to be present with them that afternoon. The Rev. J. Drew seconded, and the resolution was cordially adopted. The Chairman, in response, said it had been a pleasure as well as a privilege to preside over them that afternoon, and he was greatly obliged to them for the way in which they had received the vote of thanks. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the vocalists and instrumentalists who had so kindly contributed towards the pleasure of all of them that afternoon. This was cordially agreed to, and subsequently tea and other refreshments were served to the company. At a latter stage of the proceedings, the guests having retired, ladies and gentlemen who had attended to their wants partook of a high tea. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, and the vice-chair by Bro. W. Jones Lane S.W. The toasts of the Working Committee, Ladies, Visitors, and Caterer, were proposed and responded to, by Bros. W. Jones Lane, Newell, Harris, and Hume respectively. The proceedings then closed.—*Keele's Gazette.*

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### MONTAGUE GUEST CHAPTER, No. 1900.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 10th inst. Present: Comps. Montague Guest M.E.Z., G. P. Festa H., F. R. W. Hedges J., S. Brooks P.Z. S.E., H. Slyman P.Z. S.N., E. J. Petts 2nd A.S., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. (Hon. Member), F. Richardson P.G.P.S. (Hon. Member), T. Fenn Pres. B. of G.P. (Hon. Member), F. Philbrick G. Rev. (Hon. Member), R. Henwood, and W. W. Goodman. Visitors:—Comps. J. W. Woodall G. Treasurer, J. Buzzogoli 749, E. Baxter P.Z. 8, A. F'sh P.Z. 95, J. Faulkner P.Z. 1423, Hugh D. Sandeman P.G. Supt. Bengal, Raphael Costa P.Z. P.G.D. (Hon. Member), T. H. Filton 2, E. Bowyer P.G. Std. B., Raymond Thrupp P.G. Std. B., W. Lake P.Z. 1297 and 1539, and others. Letters of regret at being unable to attend were received from Viscount Holmesdale Prov. G. Supt. Kent, General Brownrigg Prov. G. Supt. Surrey, Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G. Supt. Middlesex, Sir John Monckton, Capt. Philips P.G.S.N., J. S. Eastes P.G. Swd. B., and others. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The M.E.Z. then vacated the chair, which was occupied by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., who had kindly undertaken the duty of Installing Principal. Comp. G. P. Festa was then installed as First Principal, Comp. F. R. W. Hedges as Second Principal, and Comp. Brookes as Third Principal. Comp. Festa then rose and said he had a most agreeable task to perform—viz., to present to the retiring M.E.Z. a Past Principal's jewel. He referred briefly to the satisfaction the Companions felt at having so distinguished a Mason as the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset as their Founder and First Principal. He felt sure the gift would be accepted by him as an expression of the hearty good-will of the members of the Chapter, and he trusted he would live long to wear it. Comp. Montague Guest, who was evidently taken by surprise at this part of the proceedings, thanked the Companions most heartily for the acknowledgment of his services. He trusted he should have the satisfaction of often wearing the jewel at their future meetings. The jewel bore the Montague Guest arms and motto, with the Arch emblems, set with eight diamonds, and was of very chaste design and workmanship; it was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of Comp. Festa. The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry, The M.E. First Principal H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the other Royal Arch toasts, were given and loyally received. Comp. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, in responding for the Grand Officers, said it was always a sign of vitality when a new Lodge took unto itself a Chapter. Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, after the lapse of over a century had only just done so, however. These in Grand Office always took the kindest interest in the success of Royal Arch Masonry. As the M.E.Z. had said, they had amongst them great names, of which every Englishman should be proud, and it was a Brotherhood that commanded universal respect. Comp. Montague Guest then rose to propose the health of the

M.E.Z., and the Second and Third Principals—all good and worthy Masens. He had during the past year ample opportunities of observing the zeal and ability of Comp. Festa, to whom the success of both the Lodge and Chapter was in a large measure due, and who was extremely popular in the Craft. He was ably supported by Comp. Hedges and Brooks, and the other Officers of the Chapter. He himself retired from office with the certain knowledge that his successor and his Officers would perform their duties with credit to themselves and the Chapter. Comp. Festa, in response, said he hardly knew how to express to Comp. Montague Guest his thanks for the flattering remarks he had used in reference to himself. If in the position of M.E.Z. he should succeed in obtaining their approval, he should be perfectly satisfied, and he could only express a hope that when he left that chair he should deserve their thanks as much as his predecessor. Comp. Festa then proposed the health of the retiring First Principal. Comp. Montague Guest thanked the Companions heartily for the reception the toast had met with at their hands. He felt unworthy of the compliment that had been paid him. He had not, perhaps, done all that he should have done during his year of office, but he had felt much pleasure and satisfaction at the position of both Lodge and Chapter, and the compliment paid to him in naming them after himself. He had put down the prosperity of the Chapter especially to the interest taken in it by such Masens as the M.E.Z., to whom it owed its existence. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Grand Scribe E., Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had generously come forward to help the infant Chapter, for which they hoped they should have grateful hearts. Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke said it was very kind of the M.E.Z. to refer to his services in the way he had done. It seemed but the other day that he had installed Comp. Montague Guest as First Principal, and now he had the pleasure of installing his successor. He was sure the Chapter would have a successful future. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the Visitors. No Lodge or Chapter was more pleased than the Montague Guest to entertain their friends. They had present a very distinguished visitor from the other side of the ocean, and he trusted he would take back with him a favourable opinion of English Masonry; they had also present many other Companions, who were too well known to need any words of introduction or commendation from him. Comp. Tilton D.G.M. of the District of New York responded. The next toast was that of the Charities, and the M.E.Z. referred, in very complimentary terms, to the interest taken in the Charities by Comp. Frank Richardson, who was one of the most active and valued members of the Girls' Institution. Comp. Frank Richardson, in reply, said it was a subject on which he could dilate for an hour. He referred to the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution, remarking that it was highly creditable to the Craft that such a large sum should, in these bad times, be collected. The Boys' School was an admirable Institution, but it was with the Girls' School he was more intimately associated, and in this he felt the deepest interest. They could not make them Masens, but they did their best to make them fitted for the battle of life. They were not overworked, but they were well worked, and they must all feel the liveliest satisfaction that the Educational Statistics showed that the Girls' School was at the top of all similar Institutions in England,—these returns proved that the money subscribed by the Craft was well applied, and he trusted the coming Festival of the Girls' School would prove as good as that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The toast of the Officers, responded to by Comps. Slyman and Henwood, brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a close. We should mention that the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing, the artistes being Signor Maestro Sala, Signor Monori Rocca (late of Covent Garden Italian Opera), and two English artistes from the Criterion Concert.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Prince's.**—With pleasure we noticed, on a late visit to this theatre, that although "Enemies" has been performed over sixty times, the piece is almost as attractive as it was during its first week's career. Mrs. Langtry, as Margaret Glen, plays the part with more power and refinement than she has displayed heretofore. Notwithstanding the first two acts drag heavily, the artistes engaged score well, and certainly make a success of the well-conceived drama in which they are engaged. Special mention should be made of Mr. Coghlan (Richard Darvel), Mr. J. Fernandez (Peter Darvel), Mr. R. Pateman (Duff Willie), Miss Robertha Eskine (Aunt Anne), and Miss Flora Clitherow (Rose Heely).

**Grand.**—On Monday evening, for the first time on the London boards, was produced a five act drama entitled "Woman against Woman," an adaptation from the French, by Mr. Frank Harvey. The story—depicting as it does a long course of persecution to which the heroine, a young and beautiful woman, is subjected—appeals somewhat to the sympathetic feelings of the audience. Ferdinand, Viscount de Brabannes, the hero, though possessed of considerable property, is of a despondent and sad turn of mind, and purposes entering a monastery. The Count and Countess de Brabannes, his brother and sister-in-law, being in needy circumstances, endeavour to their uttermost to induce him to carry out his project, as in the event of his so doing all his property would devolve on this said brother. The necessity of inducing the Viscount to at once imure himself becomes imperative, as at this period the Count and Countess learn that a distant relative has bequeathed a magnificent fortune to Ferdinand. Ferdinand, being pressed by the

Countess, appoints a time for meeting her and declaring his intention. Meanwhile, he hears of his good luck, and his eyes being opened to the mercenary object of his relatives, he, to their evident chagrin, announces his intention,—not only not to enter the monastery, but to marry Louise Ferrat, a young lady of poor fortune, to whom he has offered his hand. The conspirators, thus checked in their scheme, do not despair of ultimately attaining their object, and with the connivance and assistance of the Duc de Grandcour, a young man devoid of principle, who has become enamoured of Louise, but has been repulsed by her, commence to work upon the jealousy of the Viscount. The Duc disguises himself in a domino similar to that worn by the Viscount at a masked ball, and finds little difficulty in abducting the unsuspecting Louise. Ferdinand, hearing of his wife's apparent faithlessness, vows vengeance, and having obtained a clue to the culprit, through the instrumentality of Pierre, a lawyer's clerk, immediately follows to the duke's mansion, where he arrives at the moment Louise is about to be subjected to violence. Ferdinand wounds the Duke, and disbelieving the protestations of innocence made by his wife, has her conveyed to the prison for unfortunates. Here Louise is visited by Pierre and Gondinet, a lawyer. They, after hearing her story, set themselves to work to procure her release. Meanwhile, Ferdinand resolves upon leaving the country, but finds himself unable to do so without once more seeing his wife. At the interview which follows she convinces him of her innocence. Happiness, however, does not yet attend the unfortunate couple. The countess and her agents are continually taunting him on the subject of his wife's infidelity, and the dishonour she has brought on him. To put an end to these doubts, the Viscount decides to leave the place where they are surrounded by so many enemies. Before, however, the time for departure arrives, the profligate Duke obtains access to the residence of Ferdinand, and at an interview with Louise he administers a narcotic, intending by that means to accomplish his purpose, but the opportune arrival of Pierre at the moment the opiate has done its work again baulks the villain. He and the Countess, defeated at every turn, now adopt a different method, and endeavour to get the Viscount incarcerated as a madman. The Countess procures an order to commit Pierre to the Bastille, and, threatening him with this, enlists him in her service for the purpose of conveying the deed of interdiction through without delay. Pierre however plays a double game; while pretending to serve the Countess he is in fact serving Ferdinand; and the Countess's last weapon recoils. When they apply to the magistrate for the order for incarceration, the conspiracy is revealed, and Ferdinand's sanity and Louise's innocence are fully established, while the three conspirators are ordered into custody. The play is fairly written, and contains some interesting situations, though much that is highly improbable might easily be improved. Miss De Grey, as Louise, performed creditably, but scarcely did justice either to her-self or to the part. This in a measure was to be accounted for by the fact that she was suffering from a severe cold, which deprived her of much of the fire and animation she undoubtedly possesses. Mr. Bassett Roe's Duc de Grandcour was a well-studied creation, and presented a thorough specimen of the cool, calculating, unprincipled villain, who stops at nothing to serve his ends. Mr. Brodie's Ferdinand was a well-considered performance, whilst Mrs. Clinton faithfully depicted the haughty and treacherous Countess de Brabannes. Mr. Jones Finch as the nervous lawyer, and Mr. Fred Charles as Pierre, played with energy and spirit; the latter enlivened the proceedings at every available opportunity, and by his finished acting made a somewhat weak part full of life and energy. The staging of the piece was fairly good, while the dresses were in excellent taste.

**Mohawk Minstrels.**—The North London pleasure seekers will be repaid just now by a visit to the Mohawk's popular establishment. A new programme has just been prepared, and is given nightly to crowded audiences. Several importations have been made to the troupe, and these meet with a hearty reception. Messrs. Chas. Oswell, Walter Howard, W. C. Hawkins, J. H. Danvers, Thomas Campbell, and the old favourites—Messrs. Ernest Gordon, Little Thomas, James Francis, Will Parker, and F. Russou—all contribute successfully to the evening's amusement. In the second part the management has called in the clever "Pinauds," and they go through their entertainment with a grace and an ease that is marvellous. An operatic selection, by the Mohawk Minstrel's choir, is ably rendered; while Walter Howard's drolleries, with his banjo accompaniment, are as whimsical as ever. The Mohawk's wind up their successful entertainment with a new burlesque barletta by Edmund Forman, entitled "The Smuggler Smuggled." In this Messrs. James Francis, J. H. Danvers, Little Thomas, Will Parker, and F. Russou all contribute successfully to the evening's amusement.

**Crystal Palace.**—The great annual show of spring flowers and plants, on the 25th and 27th inst., with its fresh and many-hued array of hyacinths, tulips, polyanthus, clematis, daffodils, and other bright heralds of the warmer weather, is an auspicious forerunner of the coming summer season at the Crystal Palace. The season itself will be formally opened on Saturday, 1st May, by a colossal performance of Gounod's popular oratorio, "The Redemption." Gounod's work, by reason of its great subject, no less than by the massive breadth of its treatment, is specially suited for production on the scale associated with Handel Festivals, and possible nowhere else than at the Crystal Palace, where there is an orchestra capable of accommodating many thousands of executants, and a musical organisation equal to the greatest tasks that can be imposed on it. The solo vocalists engaged for the performance are Madame Albani, Miss Annie Marriott, and Madame Patey, Messrs. Edward Lloyd, F. King, and Santley. The chorus will consist of about 3000 voices, the nucleus being the thoroughly trained London contingent of the Handel Festival Choir; and the orchestral accompaniments will be sustained by some hundreds of the most skilled executants in the kingdom; the whole being under the baton of Mr. August Manns.

## WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE brethren of this Lodge have every reason to be proud of the success which has attended their working during the few years they have been in existence. They have secured for themselves a reputation for smartness, for benevolence, and for hospitality, which many Lodges much older, and with far more experience, have not yet gained; and, if they only continue as they have commenced, the Lodge will become a source of advantage to all who may become associated with it. The installation meeting of the present year took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Baldwin Prov. G. Standard Bearer, the Worshipful Master, who was well supported by the Officers and brethren of his Lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, some alterations in the bye laws of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. John G. Horsey P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. were agreed to, as also was a proposition by Bro. William Pile P.M., "That a Past Master's jewel, of the value of five guineas, should be presented by the Lodge to Bro. James W. Baldwin in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office as Worshipful Master." Bro. William Henry Ransom, of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, was next proposed as a joining member, and was accepted in due form. Bro. James W. Manley was passed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received. The next business was the installation of Bro. Alfred Bishop S.W., and W.M. elect. He was presented to the Worshipful Master by Bro. Horsey, and regularly installed. He afterwards invested the following as his Officers—J. W. Baldwin P.G. St.B. I.P.M., F. Carter S.W., W. Bassett J.W., W. R. Crowe P.M. Treasurer, L. A. Mesrouze P.M. Secretary, G. W. Filmer S.D., H. E. Aslett J.D., J. G. Horsey P.M. Past P.G.D.C. D.C., J. A. Taylor I.G., W. Harwood W.S., J. Rowcastle Organist, A. Rowley Tyler. The ceremony of Installation was then completed, after which Bro. Bishop presented the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to Bro. Baldwin. The duty of making the presentation was a most pleasurable one, as he felt the jewel had been worthily earned, and most heartily deserved. Brother Bishop hoped Brother Baldwin would continue in good health for many years to wear it. The Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, where a banquet awaited them. After the toast of the Queen had been honoured, Brother Bishop proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M. No words could add to the lustre of fame that surrounded the Grand Master, indeed he might say no recommendation was needed; the toast commended itself to every Mason who was cognisant with the doings of the Order. After "God Save the Prince" by Bro. Rowcastle, the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past was given; Bro. Bishop said he had not sufficient acquaintance with the Officers of Grand Lodge to personally sound their praise; but he thought the strongest testimony that could possibly be borne to the manner in which their duties were carried on in England lay in the fact that so small a number of complaints were brought forward. Where a society is ruled over with so much unanimity, with so little attempt at discord, it spoke well for the governing body, and that fact in itself was sufficient to recommend the toast. In speaking of the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Brother Bishop said that all those brethren who had the opportunity of seeing General Brownrigg in his official capacity were aware that he performed the duties of his office well. He might be a little bit of a martinet with junior Officers occasionally, but he did a considerable amount of good, and they respected him all the more for his soldierly strictness. A more satisfactory Provincial Grand Master it would be difficult to find, and he was sure that the brethren would all have great pleasure in drinking his health. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said that as they got on with the toast list they got nearer and nearer home. They now came to the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. It was within the knowledge of a good many brethren that on the departure of Bro. Arnold to the western hemisphere his position had in a sort of temporary semi-official manner been filled by Brother Greenwood P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. Grand Secretary. He had hoped that Brother Charles Greenwood would have been present on this occasion, but the brethren would be pleased to learn that had he been nominated as Deputy Provincial Grand Master by the Provincial Grand Master. They had two Provincial Grand Officers present, namely, Bros. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. and Baldwin, who was still in collar as Provincial Grand Standard Bearer. He did not know that he could say anything more than that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was carried on with a minimum amount of friction, which spoke for the tact of the Grand Officers. With this toast he would couple the names of Bros. Horsey and Baldwin. Bro. Horsey said he thanked the W.M. for giving him priority of speech, though he doubted whether a live Standard Bearer was not of more importance than a past Director of Ceremonies. He thanked the W.M. for his kind words, especially in regard to their much esteemed Bro. Charles Greenwood, who had been promoted, as they had just heard. They all deplored the loss of Brother Arnold, but they must also rejoice in seeing Brother Arnold's place taken by Brother Greenwood, than whom no one had done more for the Province of Surrey. He had for some time known that Brother Greenwood was to succeed Bro. Arnold, and at Chertsey the other day it was formally announced. Brother Greenwood then stated he had served the Province for thirty years as Grand Secretary. In hailing him as their D.P.G.M. they would look forward to as prosperous times in the future as they had in the past under Bro. Arnold. After a brief acknowledgment by Bro. Baldwin, this brother said those present might have noticed he had taken the gavel in hand; this he had done to propose the health of their Worshipful Master. It was a duty he was very proud of, though he was afraid that his poverty of speech would not allow him to do justice to the occasion. The brethren had watched Bro. Bishop's career in the Lodge, and had seen that in every office he had occupied he had performed his

duties in a satisfactory manner; at last he had attained the highest honour the Lodge could bestow; and he felt certain that Bro. Bishop's future work would be equally satisfactory with his work in the past, and that he would perform the duties attached to the office of Master as efficiently as he had fulfilled all his other duties in the Wallington Lodge. The brethren knew perfectly well that whether he had opportunity or not, he was perfectly able to do the work. He was sure that he was expressing the feelings of all present when he prayed that Bro. Bishop might have a happy year of office. In reply the W.M. thanked the brethren very much for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He rose with diffidence and pleasure to address them—with diffidence lest he should be unable to carry out the duties of his position to their satisfaction—and with pleasure because he was well assured of their kindly feeling. Those who knew him knew he would endeavour to do his best. He was particularly proud to be in that chair—for one especial reason, he happened to be the first initiate in the Wallington Lodge who had had the satisfaction to attain the chair. It was but a short four years ago since he was initiated, and although he did dream of the possibility that he might some day reach that position he had not the faintest expectation of doing it so soon. He had to thank not only those who had elected him, but those who had preceded him, because there were some who by reason of seniority ought to have been in the position he now held, and he felt that he owed it to their kindness as well as to the vote of the Lodge that he was now in the chair. That he had met with the greatest kindness it was possible for a Mason to meet with was a foregone conclusion. From the very first evening when he joined the Craft his experiences of the Wallington Lodge had been pleasant; he had spent many happy hours there. The results of his joining Freemasonry had surpassed his most sanguine expectations; and he trusted that if he was granted life and strength to go through his year of office he should be able to lay down his gavel and pass it to his successor with satisfaction to the Lodge as well as to himself. The next toast was the health of the Visitors, and Bros. Smith, Potts, and Pocock replied. In complimenting the I.P.M., Bro. Baldwin, and the rest of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Bishop said theirs was not an old Lodge, and had not a long roll of Past Masters. One was far away, while another, who had been present in Lodge, was unable to remain for the banquet. However, they had three very effective Past Masters present—Bros. Baldwin, Horsey, and Pile—and if it were humanly possible that Bro. Baldwin could fail him in the hour of need, he had only to look beyond him to find a Mason of even greater experience. He could not wish for better supporters than Bros. Baldwin, Horsey, and Pile. The brethren all knew them, and all who knew them respected and admired them. Bro. Baldwin returned his sincere thanks to the Worshipful Master for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. There was one thing which was always required of a Master—to act up to the three great principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. It was not always that we could carry out those principles as we could wish, but we could all strive to do so. He had striven, and thanked the brethren for overlooking his shortcomings. He thanked them, too, for the very handsome jewel they had given him; it would remind him of a very pleasant and happy Mastership. Their Worshipful Master was going up as a Steward to the Festival of the Boys' School, and he (Bro. Baldwin) had intended to refer to it in Lodge, and take their vote for £5 5s. to be placed on his list. He had overlooked it, however, but he hoped the money would still be forthcoming. Bro. Pile also responded. The toast of the Masonic Charities was given, and Bro. Morgan was called upon for a response. In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Morgan strongly urged on the brethren the desirability of supporting their Provincial Grand Master at the approaching Festival of the Girls' School. He regretted the absence of Bro. Charles Greenwood, who he could wish had been present to respond in his place. Bro. Greenwood was taking a great interest in the coming Festival, and on the previous Monday had been appointed Acting President of the Board of Stewards. The Province had gained a high position by the zeal it had displayed in supporting General Brownrigg four years back, and doubtless the Stewards who would assist the Provincial Grand Master in May next would muster as numerous as they did on that occasion. For the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary Bros. Crowe and Mesrouze replied; while the toast of the Officers was fittingly acknowledged by those brethren who had been enabled to remain to this late hour. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the meeting brought to a conclusion. The toasts throughout were interspersed with songs and recitations.

We are asked to state that, by an error, the case of Alice Flora Cook, No. 20 on the List of Candidates for the forthcoming April Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, is incorrectly stated as having both parents living, it should read "father" only.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The diseases common to our rigorous climate, which endanger the constitution, will always exist, though many may be mitigated and their effects removed by timely and appropriately applied. Holloway's Pills are acknowledged far and wide to be the most effective purifier of the blood, the most certain regulator of disordered organs, and the safest and surest aperient that can be prescribed. This medicine is applicable to all alike, young or old, robust or delicate; it increases the appetite and regulates the bowels. After the disorder is subdued occasional doses of these Pills will prevent any relapse, and moreover secure, promote, and intensify the good results which flow from perfect purity and regularity.

## 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, 27th MARCH.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Loudon St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In.)  
 198—Verey, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)  
 Siam Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stausfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 29th MARCH.

- 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)  
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
 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.)  
 548—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, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 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.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1201—Eccletic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 1177—Teaby, Teaby, Pembroke  
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 30th MARCH.

- 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 183—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Piccadilly-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Hoops, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 9 (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hansey 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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

## WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Parkham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst.)  
 192—Cerberus, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 222—United Strength, The Hope, Starhope Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 532—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst.)  
 726—Panmure, Belham Hotel, Billam, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchants Navy, Silver Tavern, Broad-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Leadenhall-street, N. (Instruction)  
 867—Whitlington, Red Lion, Broad-street, Fleet Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 898—Temperance in the East, 3 Newby Place, Poplar  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Griliron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 1233—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 315 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1604—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltham-stow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.15. (Instruction)

- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Griliron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 944—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 472—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1234—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Churd, Somersetshire  
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough  
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

## THURSDAY, 1st APRIL.

- 27—Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avonue, Basinghall-street.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 704—Gauden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 345 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndor St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road  
 1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stratford, Wasonminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1273—Burdett Counts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Konnington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avonue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1692—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, 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)  
 1625—Frederic, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (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)  
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank  
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
 1791—Grosvenor, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1381—Konnington, Surrey Club Hotel, Konnington Oval  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 197—Stadhofne, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-st., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester  
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
 249—Marinera, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beyerley, Yorks  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Newington  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, W. Verhampton.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Croydon  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
 509—Eccles, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby  
 913—Paterson, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead  
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset  
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Loasdale  
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Ebbw Vale  
 1282—Anchorite, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Torsham, Devonshire  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Herecastle, Lincolnshire  
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington  
 1581—Fidelity, Albion Chambers, Widnes  
 1573—Foolie, Fawn Hall, Foolie, Lancashire  
 1590—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1594—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Palfrey, near Burnley  
 1595—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
 1599—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Huddersfield, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks  
 1776—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bailth, Breconshire  
 1829—Durrell, George Hotel, Shoreham  
 2050—St. Trinitas, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man  
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
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## FRIDAY, 2nd APRIL.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 3.30.  
 Education Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

- 95—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
- 114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Wandsworth, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
- 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
- 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
- 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-covt, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
- 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1642—E. Curmartyon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwoy
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
- K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

- 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
- 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- 630—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
- R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

**SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL.**

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
- 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

**GALLERY LODGE CONCERT.**

A CONCERT in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, of which Bro. C. F. Pardon is Worshipful Master, was given at the Brixton Hall, Brixton, on Saturday, the 20th instant. Despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance of the brethren and their friends, and the result was not only an artistic but a pecuniary success. The artists successively appearing on the platform, which was tastefully decorated with flowering plants, supplied by Messrs. Horsford and Sons, Brixton Station, were Madame Thayer, Miss Lizzie Mulholland, Miss Bene Fowell, Miss Alma Evelyn, Miss Alice Farren, Mr. Percy Palmer, Bro. Frederick Candy, Mr. Herbert Jewell, Mr. Henry Horscroft, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz (piano), Bro. W. L. Barrett (flute), M. Theodore Werner (violin), Herr Otto Langey (violin-cello), Mr. Sidney Hill (organ), and Mr. Lee Davies (piano). The first-named lady certainly achieved the greatest success of the evening, her rich and powerful soprano being heard to great advantage in an aria from "Il Flauto Magico," and in Eckert's Swiss Echo Song. Miss Lizzie Mulholland gave Baza's "Serenata," to Bro. W. L. Barrett's flute obligato, with her wonted skill and grace. Miss Alice Farren sang Gounod's "Ave Marie," and F. Cowen's "Never again," the latter being the more successful effort. Miss Bene Fowell, a debutante, with a pleasant soprano voice, gave a careful rendering of the "Jewel Song" from "Faust," and Hope Temple's "Fond heart, farewell," and Miss Alma Evelyn rendered Pissuti's "Gates Ajar" in most effective style. Mr. Percy Palmer's opening effort, "I'll sing thee songs of Araby," was requited by a unanimous encore, in response to which he gave Dibdin's "Tom Bowling," and in like fashion he had to supplement Balfe's "Come into the garden, Mand," with "The Distant Shore." He also sang "Stars of the summer's night," which was equally well received. Bro. Frederick Candy's light tenor voice was well suited to Paul de Faye's "O'er the hills of Normandy," and Birch's "I am waiting," and Balfe's "Good night, beloved," which he gave with much sweetness and feeling. Mr. Herbert Jewell has also a pleasant tenor voice, and had reason to be gratified by the reception accorded to his singing of "Tell her I love her so," and "Alice, where art thou?" Mr. Henry Horscroft's powerful tones and skilled execution were well displayed in Loder's "Diver," "The yeoman's wedding song" (Poniatowski), and Watson's "Two Bells." Among the instrumentalists, it is hardly necessary to say that Bro. Ganz (Past Grand Organist) took the lead by his performance of

Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, and of a pianoforte solo of his own, embodying the Nightingale's Trill," and "Qui Vive." M. Theodore Werner played Sarasate's violin solo, "Spanish dancers," with feeling and brilliancy. Herr Otto Langey executed a reverie of his own on the violoncello, and Bro. W. L. Barrett a pot pourri of Scotch airs, also arranged by himself, on the flute, in bright and clever fashion. Kalliwoda's "Trio in D," for violin, violoncello, and pianoforte, was adequately rendered by M. Werner, Herr Langey and Mr. F. E. Buffen, and Mr. Sidney Hill gave several organ solos with good effect. The absence of the Worshipful Master and one of the concert hon. secs. (Bro. Basil Cook), from indisposition, were the only drawbacks to a very enjoyable evening; through the exertions of Bros. H. Massey P.M., W. O. Goldsmith S.W., J. C. Duckworth J.W., R. J. Albery, W. T. Perkins, F. H. Gale, and A. MacNeil (who officiated in the onerous but gracious office of Wind Steward in most admirable style), went far towards supplying this loss. Messrs. J. Brinsmead and Sons kindly lent one of their grand pianofortes for the occasion.

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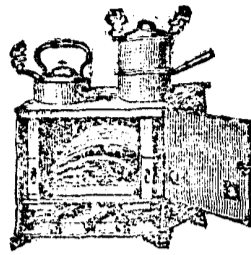
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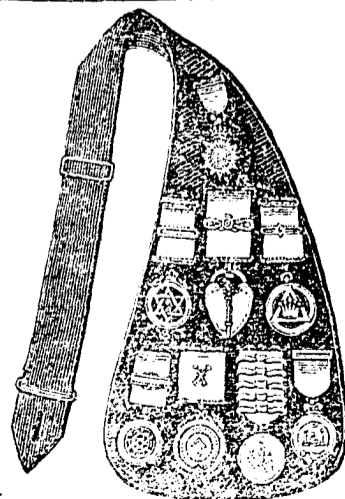
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