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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE are now coming within measurable distance of the Annual Festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which is fixed to take place at Freemasons' Hall, on the eleventh of next month; and very naturally there exists a certain degree of hopeful speculation in the minds of many as to the magnitude its results will assume. The Institution is so grounded in the affections of the Craft that there need be little fear as to the outcome of the united exertions of its supporters; at the same time it is absolutely necessary to occasionally remind the brethren of England of the responsibilities which devolve upon them in connection with this and the other Charities of the Order. Time passes so swiftly that there almost seems to be one continuous appeal before the Craft on behalf of its three Institutions; no sooner is one Festival disposed of than preparations are made for its successor, and the various Lodges are again asked to lend a hand in raising the funds actually required to meet the expenditure of the year. It is just this necessity of providing for current expenses which renders such frequency of appeal imperative, and it is just this urgency which should influence brethren when they come to decide on the answer they shall give. It is not sufficient to refer to the large sums contributed in the past—they have been spent, and they have induced a line of action which virtually demands a continuance of past liberality; promises have been made by those who have contributed in years gone by which have to be redeemed by the present generation of Masons, and we feel it is only necessary to remind them of what is expected in order to ensure its being supplied.

Freemasonry in this country owes no small part of its popularity to the three Charities which are so intimately associated with it, and it is not therefore out of place for special attention to be devoted to the Festivals of the Institutions as year by year they come round. The actual continuance of Freemasonry is, in a measure, dependent on the success of those Festivals, for however much any one may urge that the Charities are not essential to the Order, there is no gainsaying the fact that without the practice of charity on an extensive scale Freemasonry would have no particular object in the United Kingdom. If we took away from Freemasons the privilege of benefiting their fellow creatures nothing would be left sufficiently attractive to keep them together for any length of time, and accordingly the Order would gradually dwindle away. Benevolence being, then, the main object of Masonry's existence, the practice of it on a large scale naturally follows, but unfortunately there are far more applicants than it is possible to relieve. This will explain how it is that so little provision has been made for the future by the Institutions entrusted with the distribution of the Craft's bounty. In their desire to do the greatest amount of good at the time, the subscribers have spent the money as fast as it has come in, feeling sure that brethren who came after them would do as much in their turn as their predecessors. The Festival to be held next month will no doubt prove, as those which have gone before have done, the correctness of this surmise, but it behoves us to look around and make sure that every effort is being used to preclude the possibility of failure, especially when, as is usually the case, we have in our midst a body of carpens

ready to use every opportunity of throwing a shadow of doubt and distrust upon any well-intentioned scheme. The "wet blanket" class have not been behind-hand this time, but shall we be too sanguine if we venture to express our belief that notwithstanding the vapourings of a few who conjure up sentimental grievances and apprehensions, the coming Festival will be a success, worthy to be reckoned amongst the prominent Masonic events of the Jubilee year?

We have already witnessed the celebration of one Anniversary Festival this year—that on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—and the exceptional result of that gathering induces us to hope that a like measure of success is in store for the other Masonic Festivals of this auspicious year. Anyhow, we are not disposed to encourage any gloomy prognostications in regard to that on behalf of the Girls' School. Judging from what we hear around us on every side there is as healthy and robust a feeling of interest in the School this year as ever. Up to present time two hundred and fourteen Stewards have offered their services and support to the President of the day, Brother Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire, and undoubtedly in the few weeks that have to elapse before the Festival this number will be further augmented. With such a body of supporters the Festival can hardly fail to be satisfactory, and we trust there is an abundant store of disappointment in waiting for the "croakers" who would throw cold water upon the affair.

Within the last few weeks ample evidence has been given to prove how thoroughly the Charity is fulfilling its mission, all the candidates eligible for the April election having been admitted without the cost, trouble and anxiety of a contest at the poll. But this step has added to the number of pupils in the School, and has consequently increased the claims which the Charity has on the sympathies of the Craft, while it has also given rise to a report that the Institution is not really in need of funds. The mere fact of admitting all who were eligible is sufficient in the eyes of some to prove that the Institution has as much as it wants; but what is really the case? As a special matter, a few children who would otherwise have been rejected have been admitted to the Institution, on the supposition that the Craft will do as much on its behalf in the future as it has done in the past. There is no room for a falling off of support; on the contrary, additional responsibilities have been undertaken, and to meet them increased funds are necessary, so that instead of calling for lessened aid the action of the subscribers should cause renewed enthusiasm; for it is only by such means that the Institution can be maintained, or its work among the daughters of English Craftsmen continued.

It would be idle to speculate as to what the result of the coming Festival will be. So many matters have an influence on the ultimate total that any estimate we might give would be little else than the result of guesswork; at the same time there are indications sufficient to justify our prediction of a success, although we cannot say we are convinced that this year's "success" will be a comparison with some of the totals which have been realised in the past. It does not follow that a satisfactory Festival must be in advance of all its predecessors in regard to total of donations, although we naturally look for a regular upward tendency. All we can hope for is, that sufficient

will be realised to allow of the Institution being continued in its present condition, while if there is a balance of receipts over expenditure during the year we shall be all the more delighted. This and much more can be achieved if the Chairman of the day is as liberally supported as he deserves to be, and for this reason we earnestly plead on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

### THE JUBILEE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

ONE effect of the action of the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in deciding to admit the whole of the candidates upon their list for the next election without a contest, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, has been to raise an inquiry as to whether a similar course might not be adopted with regard to the Boys' School. Now, as we briefly pointed out in these columns a fortnight ago, such a step, however desirable in itself—and no matter how unanimously it would be approved by the whole body of subscribers, if the responsibility which would attach to it were not greater than they feel justified in taking upon themselves—is impracticable. Under existing circumstances a “consummation so devoutly to be wished” must be at once and for all dismissed from the minds of the most enthusiastic and ardent supporters of the Institution. In the first place there were only five candidates unprovided for in connection with the next Girls' election, against twenty who must be left out in the cold after the admission of those provided for at the Boys' election on Monday next. That of itself would prove an insurmountable barrier against clearing the sheet and admitting the applicants *en bloc*; but there are other and more cogent reasons why such a suggestion is rendered impossible of being entertained. These have been tersely and practically set forth by the worthy Secretary of the Institution, and we commend Brother Binckes's letter to the perusal of all who are interested in the sustenance and progress of both our educational establishments. Bro. Binckes always writes with the outspokenness and frankness which characterize his public utterances, and for which he has achieved proverbiality; but his diction is sharp and decisive, and based on sound common-sense. It will be well, therefore, for the brethren to take heed of what he has to say on this momentous question, and we trust his last letter on the subject will serve as a text for reflection, and an incentive to continued efforts on behalf of “Our Boys” at Wood Green.

In the first place, it is pointed out that the Girls' School possesses a funded property of fifty-nine thousand pounds, added to year by year from the surplus of receipts over expenditure; its permanent annual income is £1,931; and there was a credit balance at the bank up to the end of last year of £7,047. Quite a different state of affairs exists with reference to the Boys' School; and, as many of us are forcibly reminded that strong, healthy lads cannot be fed and clothed—to say nothing of their educational training—without the expenditure of money, it will be seen how hopeless it is to wish for the admission of the twenty applicants for the benefits of the School at the election next Monday, in excess of the twenty-five for whom vacancies are happily to be found. Bro. Binckes reminds us that the Boys' School possesses a funded property of seventeen thousand pounds only; that its permanent annual income is but £755; and that the balance at the bank at the end of last year was to *debit* £2,250. The last item is the most serious of all, but of course it is well known that the reason why the Boys' account is so much “to the bad” is attributable to the extensive alterations, enlargements, and additions which have been made to the Wood Green establishment of recent years, by the express resolve of the general body of the subscribers. There have been large extensions carried out from time to time in connection with both Institutions, the total expenditure on which, it is presumed, has been pretty equal; but whereas the Girls' School has, happily, the means to meet all such expenditure, the Boys' School, is unhappily heavy in debt on that account. The ultimate value of securing funded property is thus fully exemplified, and it will be a fortunate thing when the day arrives in which the Committee are enabled to secure some permanent and substantial additions to their reserve fund. Another point in the Secretary's communication is with regard to the relative cost of the education, maintenance, and

clothing of boys and girls; and it will be accepted as a fair deduction that the expenditure needed for, say, 250 girls may be taken at little more than two-thirds of the similar expense for the same number of boys. Paterfamilias knows to his cost how frequently the wardrobes of his young hopefuls require replenishing and repair, what justice they can do to the trencher after their out-door athletic games, and how essential it is to give them a superior education, so as to fit them for the battle of life and enable them to hold their own in an age when competition becomes every day more keen. In all these matters boys are—at any rate in their earlier stages—more expensive to maintain than are their sisters, and the computation made by Brother Binckes is very fairly proportionate. If so, the admission of twenty boys beyond the number for whom vacancies already exist, reckoning the cost at the very low estimate of forty pounds a year, would involve the necessity of an additional income of nearly a thousand pounds per annum. It is self-evident that in the present position of the funds, the idea suggested by some writers that the Executive of the Boys' School should imitate the example of the Girls' is far beyond the range of practical consideration.

In the next clause of his letter Bro. Binckes alludes to the fact that the Centenary celebration of the Girls' School next year will be an event unprecedented in association with a Masonic Charitable Institution, and will most assuredly be attended with a result also unprecedented. We quite concur with him in the opinion that it is not altogether improbable that the decision of the Special Court in the present instance may be repeated, and that all candidates offering themselves will be again admitted without election. But, be that as it may, “there can be no hope—no possibility—of this course being imitated in the Boys' Institution until a very considerable improvement be effected as regards its resources.” The Centenary of the Boys' School does not occur until the year 1898; and Bro. Binckes says truly, “whether I may be spared to assist in such celebration is a matter of uncertainty.” Of course it is, as are all things mundane, but it is the sincere and genuine wish of every subscriber to the Institution that its great support and mainstay, so far as hard work is concerned, may be spared to help in the “work before us,” at any rate for eleven years longer, and that he may joyfully assist at the Centenary of an Institution to whose solidity, progress, and efficiency he has so largely contributed. Reference is briefly made in the communication under notice of the want of a swimming bath at Wood-green, without which the accommodation at the School, excellent as it may be pronounced, must be regarded as deficient. The force of this remark cannot be doubted for a moment; there are few Institutions of the magnitude of our Boys' School that are unprovided with the means of enabling the boys to practise natation and to acquire the art of swimming. But this, we fear, like the admission of additional candidates, must be deferred until a “more convenient season;” at any rate, until the works already in progress are turned out of hand. After touching, *en passant*, upon the annual cost per boy at the School—a subject that was fully commented upon in our columns last week, Bro. Binckes concludes his letter by fervently trusting that in this year of Jubilee the genuine cases of Masonic distress exhibited by the many appeals to our Boys' Institution may not pass unrelieved, and that the Festival in June next, closely approximating the date of the Jubilee Celebration, may, by the assistance of the brethren whose services as Stewards are urgently needed and anxiously awaited, be attended with so large a success as to render the future one of pleasurable contemplation. Applying an old adage in a somewhat original sense, he adds, “There are localities to which coals may be sent as readily as to Newcastle, and where they are more needed.” We commend Bro. Binckes's statements, the main points of which are embodied in this article, to the thoughtful consideration of our readers, and trust they may be the means of stimulating interest in an Institution so eminently deserving of support, and which is at the same time particularly in need of increased funds.

To-day (Saturday) at noon the Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, when several motions will be brought forward for consideration.

## PAST MASTERS.

A USEFUL Past Master is one who is diligent in his attendance at the Lodge, one who did not go through the chairs merely *pro forma*, but was in truth as well as in name a Master. His growth as a Mason continues until the day of his death. He is a teacher who is always a learner. His education as a Mason he feels is never completed. He watches, with the closest interest, all the proceedings of the Lodge, speaks whenever he can impart wisdom, and is silent when he has nothing to say. He aids the Master in the skilful government of the Lodge. He temporarily takes the chair for him when requested, and is always able to perform the work. Such a Past Master is both useful and ornamental.

The purely ornamental Past Master is one who loses not his interest in the Lodge sufficiently to be induced to remain absent from it—but who, when present, is satisfied to sit in the army of his *confrères* of like grade, be perfectly quiet when business is under discussion, and exceedingly noisy while work is in progress. Such a one may be a “good fellow,” but he is only an ornamental Past Master. He occupies his place, but he does not fill it. He visits his Lodge for his own amusement, not for the welfare of the Fraternity. He wears his jewel and wears his title, but he never wears himself.

The Past Master that is neither useful nor ornamental is one whose name graces the Lodge rolls as one of the Past Masters, but who is never present at a Lodge meeting. He, likely, never should have been Master, and the result is that practically he is not a Past Master—he is never seen in the “noble army” to which he belongs. The fewer the Craft has of these the better for its welfare and reputation.—*McCalla, in the Keystone.*

## MASONRY LIVES.

TIME glides away, leaving every heart dissatisfied by the remembrance of opportunities unimproved, or of possibilities unaccomplished. As we grow older we turn our faces backward; our hearts are stirred by the memories of the past. With what longing we turn toward that which can be recalled never more! Since we last assembled how brief the days seem to have been! How swiftly have they flown! And each one has been but one more step trodden in that journey which ends at the grave.

But while we cannot create time, we can make it serve our best interests by exchanging it for something tangible, permanent, real; something we can appreciate—something that does not evade our grasp.

Freemasonry is an institution founded upon, and growing out of, the necessities of men as social, as intellectual, and as religious beings. It has demonstrated its capacity for adapting itself to these wants in all ages of human experience. Amid the rivalries and antagonisms of active life there is a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love and for such relations as will satisfy the necessities of our social nature.

It is upon this principle that our Order is founded. Hence it cannot fail to exist. It must grow and prosper, necessarily, with the growth and development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive. It is not obtrusive. It makes no issues. It sets up no rivalries with other institutions of the day. But, gathering up the ages, it recognises the inner cravings of the soul, and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs.—*New York Dispatch.*

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will meet under the banner of the Stanmore Chapter, at the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore, on Saturday, 14th May.

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The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Charles Belton presided, and there was a large attendance of the supporters of the Institution. The minutes of the previous meeting having been verified, the Secretary reported the death of one female annuitant, one widow receiving half of her late husband's annuity, and two approved candidates (one male and one female); also the withdrawal of one male candidate's name from the list for the May election. The Warden's report for the past month, with that of the Finance Committee, was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. J. A. Farnfield, John Newton, and Charles Lacey were appointed a Committee to draw up the annual report. It was arranged that the Stewards of the late Festival be invited to pay the customary visit to the Institution at Croydon early in the month of June. Bro. Edgar Bowyer's motion, of which due notice had been given, to the effect—

“That the sum of one hundred guineas be presented to the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, from the funds of the Institution, in acknowledgment of the zeal he has shown during the past 12 months, whereby the sum of over £19,000 was realised at the recent Festival,” was carried by acclamation. Bro. Terry, who during the consideration of this motion, had withdrawn, re-entered the room, and returned his sincere thanks for the handsome compliment paid him. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Monday, 18th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when several motions, of which notice has been given, will come under discussion. These will be found fully set forth in our advertising columns. Twenty-five—or if a motion by Brother Roebuck be adopted, twenty-seven—boys will be elected from an approved list of forty-five candidates.

We learn from the *City Press* that Bro. Charles Greenwood, Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey, who three or four years since was elected to the office of Vestry Clerk of St. Saviour's, Southwark, out of 28 selected candidates, has intimated his intention to resign this appointment. It appears Brother Greenwood has attended over one hundred parochial meetings during the past year, and, by the assiduous attention he has paid to his duties, has given general satisfaction. Still he finds these duties more onerous than he can perform, having regard to his legal practice as a member of the firm of Messrs. Nye, Greenwood and Moreton, of Serjeants' Inn, Temple, combined with the calls made on his time by other important appointments which he has held for some years. At a Vestry meeting, on Easter Tuesday, a vote of thanks was passed to Brother Greenwood, and he was requested to continue his duties as Vestry Clerk, &c., pending the appointment of a successor. A vacancy has therefore occurred in a public appointment which it will be well for our brethren to keep in mind, especially in view of the fact that those who are not solicitors are eligible. We may add that the duties involve the management of the Wardens' Estates, the collection of rents and dividends (amounting to some £10,000 per annum), the management of the Charitable Institutions, and also the conduct of the business devolving upon the Overseers of the Parish.

**Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.**—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, there being present Comps. M. Millington Z., J. Blenkin H., W. Brown J., J. Kay S.E., W. Storry as S.N., G. Chapman P.S., W. Lackenby and P. Pearson Assistants, T. B. Whytehead P.Z. as Organist, J. T. Seller P.Z., G. Simpson P.Z., R. Ware, S. J. Dalton, W. Sharp, E. Thackray, and others. Visitor: Comp. G. C. Lee 236. Successful ballots were taken for three candidates, after which Bros. W. N. Cheesman W.M. 566, W. T. Nance 1611, and J. H. Shonksmith 1611, were exalted by the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Brown giving the historical, and Comp. T. B. Whytehead the mystical lecture. After the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper, and spent a harmonious and social evening.

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## ROB MORRIS'S REPLY TO BRO. JACOB NORTON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Returning from a tour westward, of considerable length, I have just seen your issue of 29th January. Upon the first page the heading attracted my eye,—“What a great American Mason believes.” Laying aside the magazine until this evening hour, I trim the lamp, turn the light upon my better half, in deference to her weaker eyes, and prepare to enjoy the fun always afforded me of reading articles from the pen of our Masonic agnostic, Brother Jacob Norton. For a score of years Brother Norton has been breaking down the Masonic fences one after the other, digging lacunae broad and deep in our history, showing the improprieties with which our rituals are choked, ridiculing our claims to antiquity, and exposing what we deemed esoteric to a profane world. He has been the Thomas Carlyle of Masonic literature—“in Freemasonry are half a million men, mostly fools.” Personally a charitable and amiable gentleman (I mean Norton, not Carlyle), venerable from age, wealthy as to pecuniary affairs, happy in his domestic relations, Brother Jacob Norton on his legs is one of whom your convivial clubs might justly affirm, with large and emphasized repetitions—“He's a jolly good fellow,” and nobody would deny it. But seated at his desk Jacob becomes as different a man in temperament as his namesake the first Jacob was different at Bethel from Jacob as described in the latter part of Genesis xxx. Then he takes up his steeliest steel pen; then he mingles his ink with gall. He uses sand paper; he puts on a frown calculated to disturb the digestion of the beholder, and having decided what Masonic landmark he will next demolish, he proceeds to demolish it.

Now I have rather enjoyed the Nortonian shot-and-shell—when directed at other persons. The utter discomfiture of Dr. Mackey, Albert Pike, et id genus omne, was especially gratifying to my self pride, knowing well that I had never sinned according to their sins. Therefore I open your issue of 29th January, as before remarked, re-read the pleasant heading—“What a great American Mason can believe”—and proceed to enjoy the inquisitorial tortures that Brother Norton will surely inflict. But, oh, dismay! the first line confounds me! When I read “Bro. Rob Morris is an LL.D., a P.G.M. of Kentucky, a linguist, a scholar, an orator, an author and a poet,” then I know what Brother Jacob has in store for me. This is the anaesthesia, the chloroform, what in Arkansas we style the honeyfuglin, by which he prepares his subject for dissection; yea, vivisection! Then I feel convinced that he has before him all the errors and shortcomings of my forty-one years of Masonry, and will expose and torture me with them *seriatim*. The venerable lady on the other side of the table looks up with surprise at the emphasis with which I pronounce the name of the infernal regions, and I am obliged to prevaricate by affirming to her that “it is that bad tooth again!”

(Two hours later).

Recovered from the first shock, I find that Bro. Norton has been more kind to me than to others, more kind than I deserve. And really, omitting his extravagant manner of expressing my faith in Masonic tradition, he has not made a bad story of it. In the jocular sense he has told the truth of me. Yea, “this great American Mason” does believe in the traditions as supplementing Masonic history. And so did Brother Jacob, until he got mad with the Boston Masons, because they would not leave out “the two Saints John,” and “the Star in the East,” and demitted from the Order. Had the Boston people inherited his hatred of Jesus, and inserted a lot of Talmudic traditions, Brother Norton had even now been a Master in Israel, a paying member, perhaps “an LL.D., a P.G.M., a linguist, a scholar, an orator, an author, and a poet,” like the present writer.

If time and space permitted I should like to give a sketch of what Brother Jacob Norton believes, or professes to believe, as a member of his religion and a worshipper in his synagogue. When I recal the matters contained in his creed,—and a hundred treatises, whose very names are portentous, I can only wonder how he gets time to perform his duties as the great American Agnostic. What leisure hours can a man have to concoct such furious declamation upon Masonic faiths after studying daily the twelve treatises?

Really now, would my Boston friend like to see the forms and beliefs of Modern Judaism, mostly traditional as they are, shown up ludicrously and as objects of mirth? He knows how the different sets of Jews revile each other and put each other to scorn. He knows that the Modern School of Hebrews, through their newspapers and oral instruction, are as clearly agnostic with regard to the old beliefs of his church as Brother Norton is in regard to the old beliefs of Freemasonry. Would he enjoy such a treat as he is giving the Masonic world in making a travesty of my opinions were I to make a travesty of his opinions? But I hope I have too much respect for him, and too much respect for myself to do it.

Finally, I give voice to a large number of persons who are aware of Brother Norton's unhappy pessimism when I request him to tell us what he does believe? Come now, take a softer pen and milder ink, and a placid hour, and sketch the Masonic system that you would recommend; omitting all landmarks, all Palestine discoveries, all of Rob Morris's foolish beliefs, all of Brother Pike's unutterable stuff, all of Mackey's hosh, all of Montague, and Weeping Virgins, and Price, and Philadelphiaisms; tell us, oh Sage of Boston, oh thou long demitted, yet not graceless and hopeless teacher, tell the yearning and anxious what is Masonry, Nortonian Masonry. It is

said of a lady, who had gone astray under Theodore Parker's teaching, that she came to him once, broken-hearted and hopeless, and said, “You have taken away my Lord and I know not where you have laid him!” So, even so, Brother Jacob Norton, you have removed our Solomon, our Hiram, all that we deemed traditions and landmarks!—what is there left?

Awaiting your reply,

I subscribe myself,

“Faint yet pursuing,”

Your Brother,

ROB MORRIS.

La Grange, Kentucky, 31st March 1887.

## THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF TYLERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was rather amused by your article on the above subject lately, and perhaps as one of the class who, like every other species of the genus homo, are afflicted with “idiosyncrasies,” you may permit me to have my little say. It is no very great matter for surprise that amongst Tylers there should be little differences, and that, as in even the best regulated families, “accidents will happen” occasionally amongst them. But, without blowing my own trumpet with unnecessary vehemence, permit me to say that, in a majority of cases, we Tylers do behave ourselves in a reasonably moderate, sensible, and intelligent manner, and are deserving of some little degree of respect. I myself am exceptionally fortunate; I am thankful that my lines have fallen in pleasant places. True, I do not, as you describe it, tout for the sale on commission of collars, aprons, jewels, calendars, &c., and therefore I am bold enough to exclude myself from the category of those whom you stigmatise as trading on Freemasonry. Then, again, being on the verge of entering into the serene and yellow leaf, I carefully avoid all flippancy and frivolity such as you appear to have detected in some of my companions; and I am told I maintain a firm, dignified, yet respectful demeanour towards all the members of the Lodges whose Tyler I am. It is true that at one period of my life I was in a far better position than I am now, but because I am grateful to be able to eke out my scanty means by acting as a Tyler, it is by no means necessary that I should be flouted as a flakey or snubbed as a servant. I am not; but I know some poor fellows who are. I have known some Tylers, who though far better off pecuniarily than many of the brethren they “serve,” are treated a shade worse than a “self-made aristocrat” would treat his footman. On the other hand, there are some described to me who perk themselves up in their “little brief authority,” and perform such cockatoo antics that they excite amusement rather than dissatisfaction. There is one Tyler, whose name you will pardon me for concealing, he being a personal friend, who is remarkably fond of exercising his prerogative of taking round the charity-box at Lodge banquets. This, I suppose, is part of a Tyler's legitimate duty, though in the Lodge I tyle I am not required to perform such a service. But my friend above referred to delights in dancing round with the box, handing it with obsequious politeness to all the company—visitors included!—amidst a perfect torrent of winks and laughter, showing plainly that the brethren are fully alive to the “idiosyncrasy” of their Tyler. But having done all this, he trips up like a teacher of dancing to the Worshipful Master, and announces in stentorian voice “his pleasure” that so much money has been collected during the evening. This is the narrative as it was explained to me, but it was impossible to suppress a guffaw when told of the crowning act of my friend's *sans froid*. Having replaced the box in its wonted corner, he drew a chair near the entrance doorway, and producing his short-briar-root pipe and tobacco, he puffed away with the utmost complacency until summoned to discharge his final duty, which he did with the most majestic and stentorian tones. I confess that in the early stages of my official life I was a little “stage struck” with the Tyler's toast, and had my peculiar ideas as to how it should be delivered; but experience has, I venture to hope, cured me of a little “idiosyncrasy” in that respect.

Amongst the other “Tylers whom I have met,” was one who earned my respect, and the respect also of all the brethren with whom he came in contact, by his strict regard for courtesy, and his own position in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, who was young in office, commanded this Tyler in rather imperious manner to go to another part of the hotel to fetch some books or documents to which he desired to refer. Without deigning to touch his forelock, as you might expect a cabman to do, he quickly turned to a waiter who was standing by, with the remark, “Waiter, the W.M. requests you to do something for him; attend and await his instructions.” There was a mutual look of puzzled surprise between the W.M. and the Tyler, but subsequently the former took an opportunity of making a personal explanation at the banquet table, absolving the Tyler from any act of discourtesy, and the episode tended to raise that Officer in the estimation of the members, who warmly applauded him for his little “idiosyncrasy.” There are many other anecdotes that might be related of the peculiarities exhibited by Tylers; these would make an interesting volume if one had only the time to collect them. But I will not trespass too long upon your valuable space just now. For instance, I was present in a Lodge once when the candidate for initiation did not come properly prepared, and the consternation depicted on the countenances of the brethren when the just and upright man in the north-east corner produced his purse, in response to the appeal of the Junior Deacon, was a sight never to be forgotten. I do not mean to impute the whole of the blame to the Tyler, or to exonerate the Director of Ceremonies—who by the bye was a Past Master—but the extraordinary occurrence nevertheless took place with the result that every Mason knows.

Of all the Tylers that come in for a large share of criticism, and no little contempt, are those of the flunkey class, who are ever pestering the brethren with the query, "Can I do anything more for you?" and so on, like the waiters at hotel dinners who, when handing round the toothpicks insinuate that they "hope you have been well attended to, sir," and hoping still more fervently that the guests whom they thus address have so enjoyed themselves that they will be disposed to "tip up" generously.

I may perhaps send you a few more remarks on the question you have raised on "Idiosyncrasies" at some future time, and should like some others of my calling to join in the correspondence. Meanwhile, allow me to apologise for the length of this letter, and to remain,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

AN OLD TYLER.

The following communication, addressed to our contemporary the *Freemason*, is the one referred to in a leading article on another page of the present issue:—

### THE JUBILEE—BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will your correspondent "A VICE-PRESIDENT," in your issue of the 26th ult., and those who think with him, accept the following as a reason why a similar course cannot be adopted in the Boys' School to that resolved on in the Girls' School?

The Girls' School possesses a fund property of £59,000, added to year by year from the surplus of receipts over expenditure.

Its permanent annual income is £1,931.

The balance at the bank on 31st December last was to credit £7,407.

The Boys' School possesses a funded property of £17,000 only.

The permanent annual income is £755.

The balance at the bank on 31st December last was to debit £2,250.

The absolutely essential expenditure for the education, maintenance, and clothing of (say) 250 girls may be taken at little more than two-thirds of the similar expenditure for the same number of boys.

In connection with both Institutions large extensions have been carried out from time to time, the total expenditure on which will I think, be found to be pretty equal.

The Girls' School has, happily, the means to meet all such expenditure.

The Boys' School is, unhappily, heavily in debt on account of such expenditure.

The centenary celebration of the Girls' School next year will be an event unprecedented in association with a Masonic Charitable Institution, and will most assuredly be attended with a result also unprecedented, in association with which it is not altogether improbable that the decision of the Special Court in the present instance may be repeated, and all candidates offering themselves be again admitted without election.

There can be no hope—no possibility—of this course being imitated in this Institution until a very considerable improvement be effected as regards its resources. The centenary will not be celebrated until the year 1898. Whether I may be spared to assist in such celebration is a matter of uncertainty; but it is certain that between "now and then" we have still work before us. Notably is the want of a swimming bath, without which our accommodation, excellent as it may be pronounced, must be regarded as deficient.

A friend, over the signature "Q." in your number of the 2nd inst., has done us good service, and is deserving of our best thanks. In addition to what he has there stated, permit me to direct attention prominently to the fact, that our cost per boy during the past year shows a reduction of nearly £6 as compared with the previous year, and of £4 4s 2d when compared with the average of the ten previous years; and that the cost per boy has never been within £15 of the amount which those unfavourably disposed have industriously circulated as fact. In one sense only can I sympathise in the "pity" expressed by your earlier correspondent, "that the Boys should lag behind the Girls." It is a "pity"—true 'tis pity, pity 'tis, 'tis true—that in pecuniary resources we do "lag." I fervently trust that in this year of Jubilee the genuine cases of Masonic distress thus exhibited may not pass unrelieved, and that the Festival in June next, closely approximating the date of the Jubilee Celebration, may, by the assistance of the brethren, whose services as Stewards are urgently needed and anxiously awaited, be attended with so large a success as to render the future one of pleasurable contemplation.

There are localities to which coals may be sent as readily as to Newcastle, and where they are more needed.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Secretary R.M.I. Boys.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 4th April.

We have been requested to remind our Norfolk brethren of the meeting of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, to be held at Norwich, on Monday next, when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. is to deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Cereemonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-86." The Lodge meets at 43 St. Giles Street, and the lecture is announced for 7 p.m., the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. B. Aldis presiding.

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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### JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

AN emergency meeting was held on Monday, 4th April, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. Bros. Wall W.M., Lion S.W., Botibol J.W., Gardner S.D., Dodson P.M. D.C., Lyons Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Dewsnap I.P.M.; P.M.'s L. Alexander, M. Spiegel, Hickman, and M. Alexander. The emergency was called for the purpose of initiating Messrs. Henry Garrard, George Plushrose, Elias Ansell, Abraham Cohen, H. S. Owden; and also to pass Bros. Lowrie, Rosenberg, Bernstein and Waller. The ceremonies were very ably performed by the W.M. After closing, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the loyal toasts, Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, and the health of the Initiates were proposed, and respectively responded to. Bro. Dewsnap proposed the health of the W.M., in elegant terms, and at the same time informed the brethren that their W.M. would represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. His appeal for support was heartily responded to by the brethren present. The W.M. replied, and the brethren parted in harmony. The Visitors were Bros. Marks 185 and H. H. Myers 1017.

### ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, 6th inst. Present—Bros. Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Williams P.M. Secretary, Collings P.M. Dir. of Cers., Wing S.D., Harding J.D., Wright acting I.G., Stacey P.M. Organist, Oliver Steward, Walkeley Tyler, Pardoe I.P.M. and P.M.'s Mansell and Whitley. Visitors—Bros. C. Boning P.M. 441 P.P.G.D.C. Cambridge, W. Carter P.M. 141, G. Restell P.M. 1681, G. Bishop 1319; also Bros. Grundy, Page, Coleman, Murray, Windsor, Graveley, Elden, C. Moore, and the candidates for the various degrees. The Lodge having been opened in due form, with solemn prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The real business of the evening then commenced by the raising of Bros. Bosworth, Tildesley and Fayers to the sublime degree of M.M. This was followed by the passing of Bros. Munslow, Warlow and G. W. Moore. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Godwin, Stern, Jamieson, Gordon and Green, who had been proposed and seconded at the last meeting, and for the purpose of initiating whom the present meeting had been called. The ballot having been declared in their favour, these aspirants were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master worked the whole of the three ceremonies in a manner rarely excelled. One gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till the first Wednesday in May. The notice paper said dinner at seven, but the prolonged duties of the evening, followed by the alteration of the room from a Lodge to a dining-room, made it eight o'clock before the brethren could sit down. However, at the latter hour the brethren received their reward in the shape of an excellent repast, served up in the faultless style of the worthy host, Bro. C. Page. After a free discussion of the edibles the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically received. Bro. Page sang "The Bugler." The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; and Bro. Windsor sang "Anchored." The W.M. having replied, he proposed what he called the toast of the evening, "The Initiates," which was vociferously received. The Initiates severally responded (Bro. Green in a peculiarly witty strain). Bro. Gordon sang the "Toreador," and the W.M. complimented the Visitors, remarking how favoured the Royal Commemoration generally was in the matter of Visitors, and regretting that there were so few that evening. Bro. Green sang an eminently amusing song, with a sort of laughing chorus. Bros. Boning and Carter, speaking for the Visitors, said that from considerable experience they could bear flattering testimony to the excellent working of the three degrees. The W.M. sang "Come into the garden, Maud;" Bro. Page "In cellar cool." To the toast of the Past Master's, Bros. Pardoe and Whitley responded. Bro. Gordon sang "Will Watch." Bro. Watkins responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, apologising for the latter, who had been compelled to leave early. To the toast of the Officers, Bros. Strong and Oliver responded. The Tyler's toast, in due course, closed one of the pleasantest evenings spent at the Royal Commemoration for some time.

### GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at Leeds, when there was a large and representative gathering of Masons both from Leeds and the surrounding districts. Bro. W. W. Youings, the W.M., was in the chair, and amongst those present were W. Bros. H. Smith D.P.G.M., H. E. Green P.G. Secretary, W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D. and W.M. 2128, J. W. Fourness P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer W.M. 2069, T. Winn P.M. P.P.G. Sup-rintendent of Works, T. Ruddock P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, G. Sykes P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. F. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D., W. B. Townsend P.M. P.P.G. Organist, W. J. Beck P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Dobson P.M. P.G.D.C., J. W. Monckman P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Dr. Smyth P.M. P.P.G. Chao. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, and other distinguished brethren wrote regretting inability to be present. The Lodge having been opened to the second degree Bro. Dr. Green was passed by the W.M. who was efficiently aided by his Officers. Bro. W. H. Bradford, W.M.-elect, was then presented by Bro. Scrivener P.M., for the benefit of installation, this ceremony being most impressively worked

by Bro. Youings. Bro. Bradford W.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Youings I.P.M. a most beautiful and massive P.M.'s jewel, as a recognition of his great services to the Lodge during his year of office. The jewel was of the Lodge pattern, and bore a suitable inscription. Bro. Youings expressed the pride and pleasure the presentation gave him. His earnest endeavour during his year of office had been to promote the welfare of Goderich Lodge in particular, and Freemasonry in Leeds in general, and that beautiful presentation was a proof that his efforts had been successful. Bro. Bradford then invested his Officers, as follow:—W. Bros. A. W. Youings I.P.M., G. F. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. S.W., W. Smith J.D., Rev. A. B. Coombe Chaplain, J. W. Fourness P.M. Prov. G. Tr. Treasurer, W. Ward Secretary, T. Craister S.D., John Franks J.D., T. Winn P.M. P.P.G.S.W. D.C., G. F. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. Charity Steward, Townsend P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, A. K. Scattergood I.G., W. J. Gwilland and J. R. Smith Stewards, and J. Barraud Tyler. W. Bro. Bradford, the newly-installed W.M., presided at the banquet, which was attended by upwards of 60 brethren, and in addition to those whose names have been mentioned he was supported by the W.M.'s of the other 7 Leeds Lodges, namely, Bros. A. Scarth W.M. 289, Jno. Brownfoot W.M. 304, Councillor Binns W.M. 301, Flockton W.M. 1042, Harris W.M. 1221, and Mason P.M. W.M. 2069. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts having received hearty recognition, W. Bro. W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D. W.M. 2128, and Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, responded in a vigorous speech on behalf of the London Charities. He drew special attention to the fact that his recommendation that 2000 guineas should be raised on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Widows' Fund) had been unanimously adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge at Huddersfield the previous Wednesday. Such a movement would he thought most fitly commemorate in that Province the Jubilee year of our most gracious Queen, especially as she was a widow herself. They would be paying a graceful compliment to their sovereign, and at the same time they would be nobly benefitting an Institution which more particularly commended itself to Her Majesty. He also reminded his hearers of the great advantages reaped from this Charity by the Masons of West Yorkshire, there being no fewer than 13 males and 13 females of that Province at present enjoying benefits of the two funds. If the large sum for which he pleaded was raised, and of this he had no doubt, it would greatly facilitate in future elections the work of the Executive, seeing that they had 4 widows on the list for the forthcoming election, whereas their present voting strength was only equal to carrying one. This powerful appeal of Bro. Smithson's no doubt will be most warmly responded to in Leeds, and his efforts will lie in an endeavour to induce every Lodge and Chapter in the Province to do something to forward the good cause to a triumphant conclusion. W. Bro. G. F. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. also spoke on behalf of the Leeds Benevolent Institution and expressed his warmest thanks for the hearty support accorded to it, to which was due the fact that it was in a most flourishing condition. The speeches were interspersed with songs and music, and a happy evening was spent.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there was a good attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Fredk. T. Bennett, who was supported by Bros. H. Dickson S.W., H. Lindfield J.W., A. Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, P. H. King J.D.; Past Masters H. Martin, Usher Back, J. Laver, W. W. Morgan, T. H. Peirce, and F. J. Hentsch. The Visitors included Bros. Adam Stodart, Mother Kilwinning, W. G. Jennings 1580, C. James I.P.M. 15, and J. A. Collings 1693. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of previous meetings read and confirmed, was advanced, when Bro. Horace Henry Hunt, Arthur Henry Hancock, Edmund Thomas Bagley and William John Dyer were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive ceremonial being admirably carried out by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the list of Bro. Greenwood, who represented the Lodge as a Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Some other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren and Visitors partook of a supper, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

#### THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THERE was a very gratifying attendance at the installation meeting of this Lodge, held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Wednesday evening, 13th inst., when the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. G. T. Holdom, presided, supported by a full body of Officers and Brethren. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial condition, was submitted and approved. Bro. J. G. Twinn, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past twelve months, was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having formally assented to undertake the responsibilities of the office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the impressive rite was performed in masterly manner by Bro. A. G. Clements P.M., who acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of all present. On the recommendation of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow: Bros. G. T. Holdom I.P.M., J. Loftas

S.W., J. Oxley J.W., William Beck P.M. Treasurer, W. McCredie Secretary, W. O. Swetman S.D., H. J. Hirst J.D., A. W. Flack I.G., J. Magrath P.M. D.C., A. T. C. Dickson Steward, George Longstaff Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered, the Worshipful Master said a very agreeable duty devolved upon him, that of presenting to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the Lodge, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by them, and in recognition of the ability with which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. In making the presentation, Bro. Twinn spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which their Immediate Past Master had studied the best interests of the Lodge, and endeavoured to promote the peace, comfort and harmony of the brethren. Might he live for many years to wear that jewel, which should remind him of the many happy hours he had spent with the members of the Lodge of St. John. Bro. Holdom I.P.M., in accepting the gift, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kindly expressions he had used in presenting it, and the brethren generally for that mark of their appreciation. He should endeavour to retain their good wishes by doing all he could in the future, as he had done in the past, to uphold the prestige of the Lodge, in which he had ever met with the utmost courtesy, kindness and consideration. The ballot was now opened for Mr. W. Henry Waters, who had been proposed by Bro. C. Dawe, and seconded by Bro. J. Magrath P.M.; and the result being unanimous in favour, the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the newly-installed Worshipful Master in a manner that served as a happy augury of his future working. The Charity-box was next passed round, and the sum of 14s 9d realised, after which several applications for assistance were considered. Lodge was then closed amidst the usual interchange of fraternal amenities, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. East, in excellent style. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master said it was especially gratifying to him to occupy that position in the year of Her Majesty's Jubilee. He anticipated that the year would be a memorable one in Masonic annals, and that the members of the Fraternity would not be behindhand in their expressions of loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the Craft. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he spoke of the immense progress which Freemasonry had made since the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to that exalted position; and subsequently, in the next toast, he paid a deserved tribute of praise to the Grand Officers for the ability with which they carried on the business of Grand Lodge. The Immediate Past Master then assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M., speaking in felicitous terms of the zeal and ability which Bro. Twinn had displayed in the minor offices through which he had passed in the Lodge. He was perfectly convinced that Brother Twinn would fulfil his duties in the chair with the same discretion and assiduity, and that on his retirement he would have secured the respect and admiration of all the members. Bro. J. G. Twinn W.M., in responding, tendered his sincere thanks to the Immediate Past Master for the eulogiums he had poured upon him, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. His heart was too full for words, but he could assure them he should do his utmost to perform the duties of the position he now filled, through their kindness, to the utmost of his ability. He thanked them for the support they gave him during his recent Stewardship at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when he was enabled to take up a list with over £200. The bulk of that money was contributed by members of the St. John Lodge, and the result was, in his opinion, very creditable to them. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. referred to the masterly way in which Bro. Clements had performed the ceremony of installation, which had given the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to all who witnessed it. Bro. Clements, in response, said it afforded him the utmost pleasure at all times to do the best he could for the Lodge, and of this he thought the brethren were aware. Though he was now, in the common acceptance of the term, "on the shelf," he should still continue to do all he could to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and to assist in any way that might be considered necessary in the work. The W.M. then proposed in suitable terms the Initiate, whom it was a pleasure to have admitted as a member of the Lodge of St. John; and Bro. Waters, in acknowledging the heartiness with which the toast had been received, said he was much gratified at having been made a Mason; he esteemed it a great honour. He should strive to become a good and sincere member. A cordial welcome was extended to the visitors, all of whom responded, speaking of the excellent working they had witnessed in the Lodge room, and the hospitality with which they had been treated at the festive board. The other toasts were those of the Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge; and the list was closed in the usual form by the Tyler. During the evening some excellent singing was listened to, and the proceedings throughout were of a very enjoyable description. The visitors included Brothers H. Trask 1327, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, T. C. Ward 1076, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Brocklehurst S.D. 862, James Fiper 1076, W. Greenwood W.M. 1571, R. Dixon S.D. 1259, J. T. Dwyer 1871, &c., &c.

#### EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, York, on the evening of Easter Tuesday, when there were present Bros. W. Brown W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. Blekin P.M., G. Balmford P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., J. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., W. Storry I.G., P. Pearson Steward, F. W. Halliwell, J. Thorpe, A. Archer, W. H. A. Coates, G. P. Pook, H. Chapman, F. E. Vaughan, G. Chapman, and W. Sharp. Visitors: Bros. H. E. Whytehead



Portland Lodge, and Major McGachen 1991. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, author of "Masonic Records, 1717 to 1886," was, on the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, seconded by the W.M., unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bros. Beaumont and Pook were passed to the second degree, the work being done by Bro. M. Millington P.M., at the invitation of the W.M. Bro. J. Blenkin reported progress as to the list of subscriptions for the Imperial Institute. The S.W. gave notice to move "That £30 be voted from the Lodge funds to the Proprietary Fund." Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge Hollar's large engraving (1661) of the "Templum Salomonis," and Bro. J. T. Sellar volunteered to frame the same. Bro. Whytehead also presented, on behalf of Bro. J. Appleyard, two antique firing glasses, formerly the property of his father and grandfather, who were distinguished members of the Minerva Lodge, Hull. A vote of thanks was passed to the donors of these gifts; a candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was closed. A most pleasant evening was subsequently passed with abundance of musical harmony, Bro. Padel presiding at the pianoforte.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—At the weekly meeting, on the 6th inst., there were present Bros. Bleakley W.M., Patland, Hansen, Gregory, Hobden, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate. This being the evening on which the monthly meeting of the Fidelity Charity Society meets, Lodge was closed in due form at an early hour. Two Life Subscriberships were then drawn for; these were secured by Bros. Barlow and Coots respectively.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—At the Cook Tavern, Highbury, N. On Monday, 4th inst. Bros. Forge W.M., Snook S.W., Stretch J.W., Collingridge S.D., Richardson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the two last Lodge meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Monk 228, a new member, answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Monk candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Trewinnard gave the lecture on the tracing board, with his usual impressiveness. Bro. Forge moved that the Lodge be adjourned from the end of April to the commencement of September; this was carried. Bro. Snook was elected Worshipful Master for Monday, 18th inst.

## REVIEWS.

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

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*Freemasons' Calendar for Suffolk.* Ipswich: S. H. Cowell, the Butter Market.

HERE we have another example of the improvements which have of recent years been effected in the compilation of Provincial Calendars, rendering them increasingly valuable to the brethren for whose use they are intended. The work presented to the Province of Suffolk, by Bro. Tracy, the Prov. Grand Secretary, is in every respect an admirable one, full of information as to the Masonic operations in the various Lodges. Following the Calendar are a few brief Masonic notes, the names of the office bearers in Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, a list of the Prov. Grand Masters since the formation of the Province in the year 1771, and the names of towns in which the annual Prov. Grand Lodge has been held since 1816. The towns in Suffolk in which Lodges are held, and the dates of their several meetings, installations, &c. are given, followed by a list of Suffolk Lodges in order of seniority, and the dates of their warrants; the same remarks apply to the Prov. Grand and other Chapters and Mark Lodges in East Anglia. Similar information is given respecting Rose Croix and Knight Templar Masonry, and then follow the rules of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, and the Suffolk Life Subscribership Association for the Royal Masonic Charities, from the latter of which we learn that fourteen Subscriberships of ten guineas each have now been taken in the three Institutions. The brethren who have attended the various Festivals in London, as Stewards, since 1878, are named, and a table is appended shewing the voting power of the Province in the various Charities. Many other matters of local interest are dealt with, and the whole of the pages are enclosed in a neat wrapper of purple and gold, forming an ornamental, as well as a useful and indispensable book of reference to Masons in the Province of Suffolk.

*The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood.* Edited and Published by Comp. W. R. Bowden P.P.G.O. (R.A.C.) Oxon, &c.

Like many other Provincial Calendars this useful little work appears rather late in the year, a circumstance which the Editor regrets, in consequence of the delay of Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters in sending returns of the Officers and other Masonic information necessary to make the Directory perfect. Bro. Bowden says he will be glad in the future to receive these returns as soon as possible after the several installations have taken place, with a view of publishing the Manual earlier in the year; it should be in the hands of all subscribers by 1st March, a matter of impossibility through delays on this occasion. It appears that Bro. Bowden's appeal last

year to the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire brethren to support his Manual elicited no response, and he is now reluctantly advised to confine his efforts to the Province of Oxfordshire, taking exception only if any Lodge outside should express desire, by subscribing, to be included. The Province of Berks and Oxon in Mark Masonry will, as before, be fully reported. Every information is given respecting the constitution and meeting places of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the various Lodges in the Province, the names of present and past Officers, &c. The report of the Charity Committee shows that there was no candidate from the Province during the year, that Amy Dalton Cutbush, to whom 100 votes were given, at the request of Bro. Rev. H. C. Cooper-Smith, was elected at the April Election, head of the poll, with 3,074 votes. A portion of the votes were used to pay off all outstanding claims, and the remainder were lent to other Provinces. For the Election of Monday, the 18th April, there are about 800 votes in hand. The Editor congratulates his readers on the fact that during the year the sums forwarded to the Institutions through Stewards at the Festivals amounted in the aggregate to £279 13s, which in a Province of only ten Lodges is very creditable. Last year the subscriptions to the Charities exceeded £207, while in 1884 they reached £293. The Editor also announces his intention of representing the Alfred Lodge, 340, as a Steward at the Boys' Festival in June, and will be happy to receive contributions generally in aid of the Institution, or in furtherance of the Jubilee Fund specially to defray outstanding liabilities on the Preparatory School Building Account. There is a mass of other information, which will be of great value to the brethren in the Province of Oxfordshire, the whole being bound up in handy form and size for the pocket, as a book of reference.

*Writings for the Aged.* By Mrs. Jane Lee Weiss. New York: Trow's Printing and Bookbinding Company, 201-213 East Twelfth-street.

In this volume the author has collected a number of her poems and selections of poetry, suited especially to aged persons, the printing being in large type, so as to be less trying to the sight. She reminds us, in her preface, that whilst we have books for children, poetry for the age of romance, and blank verse for the gravity of mature years, no one writes for the aged; nothing is devoted to the beautiful twilight of life. "To deck with flowers the silver hair, and scatter sweets along the downward path, has been forgotten." She takes the ground, and a sensible one, that veteran readers must have strong mental food: no tinkling of sweet words charm the aged; thoughts and hopes are stretching forward to the great future: Angels are bending down to take by the hand. It is unquestionably true that the aged mind is too often left to feed on painful memories or else to struggle with the perplexing theories with which it is difficult to cope. The object of the author, therefore, is to "lead from the contemplation of the setting sun, and rather call attention to the radiant glories that surround it, giving promise of the undiminished brilliancy of its future course." This is the spirit breathed throughout the whole of the poems included in the volume, the general style and get up of which is all that could be desired. It is a tone calculated to solace the aged mind in contemplation of the inevitable dissolution, to shed rays of peaceful sunshine over the pathway of declining years, and without partaking of a hymnal character, the verses are pervaded by a lofty and devotional inspiration. This is a work which we opine will be largely taken up by those who feel a special interest in aged persons, and by these latter the volume will be cherished as a means of solid consolation and pleasure in their moments of quiet calm and leisure. Subjoined is a sample of the poems:—

### GOOD ANGELS (1873).

In silent watches of the night,  
When memories crowd my brain,  
And gentle sleep is put to flight  
By thoughts, that give me pain.  
Good Angels, come to me!  
Bring down an influence from above  
To stay each baleful power,  
And wait, like sentinels of love,  
To guard the midnight hour.  
Good Angels, come to me!  
Come, white-winged messengers of Heaven,  
Borne on the silent air;  
Through them all blessings have been given,  
Answering to mental prayer.  
Good Angels, come to me!  
I know the light touch of your hand  
My throbbing pulse to stay;  
You rally sinking self-command,  
And smoothe the troubled way.  
Good Angels, come to me!  
Calm thoughts your sacred presence tell,  
Sweet dreams your sway attest;  
The Power, that "doeth all things well,"  
Hath soothed an aching breast.  
Good Angels are with me.

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

Grand Patron:  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 18th day of April 1887, for the transaction of Ordinary Business of the Institution:—

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

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

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By W. Bro. CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD, V. Pres.:  
"That Clause 3, Law 25, be rescinded."

2. By Bro. JAMES ARTHUR BIRCH, L.G., P. Prov. J.W. East Lancashire:  
"That, in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the Provinces and to facilitate the Business of the Elections, it is desirable that the Day of Election be altered;—That the Spring Half-Yearly Election of the Boys' Institution be held on the Thursday immediately preceding the fourth Friday in May;—and "That Law 29 be altered in accordance with this Resolution."

3. By Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, L.G., P. Prov. G.S. West Lancashire:

"That it is desirable to have the Elections of the Three Masonic Institutions, which occur in the early part of the year, held on three consecutive days in the same month, say, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in the month of May, and that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the next Quarterly General Court."

4. By Bro. JOHN L. MATHER, V. Patron:

"To add to Law 53—'Provided that a Candidate shall not be disqualified by reason of his age exceeding eleven years at the date of Election in cases where such excess would not have arisen had the Election been held on the Monday immediately succeeding the second Saturday in April.'"

5. By Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, V. Patron and Trustee, G.S.B.:

"That twenty-seven boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on the 18th April instead of twenty-five boys."

To elect Twenty-five, or—should the Notice of Motion by Bro. Roebuck be adopted—Twenty-seven Boys from a list of Forty-five Candidates, as approved by the General Committee.

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

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

By Order,

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

OFFICE—6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
2nd April 1887.

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

The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges, or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE following Resolution having been passed at a Special Meeting of the General Court, held on Monday, 21st March 1887, there will be no contested Election on 16th April, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

Resolved—"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the Election in April next, thereby admitting of the Election of the whole of the Candidates on the List without contest."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 FREEMASONS' HALL,  
Great Queen Street, W.C.  
24th March 1887.

## MAY ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the  
**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION**  
are earnestly solicited on behalf of

**AMELIA M. MAHOMED,**  
(AGED 64 YEARS),

WIDOW of the late ARTHUR AKILBAR MAHOMED, 14 years member of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, whose Father first introduced the Shampooing and Vapour Baths into England, in 1784. The son continued the Baths in the King's Road, Brighton, with the assistance of the present applicant, until his sudden death, in 1872. Up to the present time the candidate has earned her living as a medical rubber, but her health having broken down, she is compelled to apply for the annuity.

THE CASE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY

Bro. H. BRACMONT W.M., and the Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton.  
Bro. L. R. STILES, W.M. of Stamford Lodge, No. 1947, and Secretary Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton.  
Bro. W. R. MORRIS P.M. No. 263, M.E.Z. Caveac Chapter, 176, "St. John's," The Avenue, Upper Norwood.  
Bro. Dr. GALTON, Sylvan Road, Auckland Road, Upper Norwood.  
\*Bro. W. HOPEKIRK P.M. 179 1886 1956, P.Z. Crystal Palace Chapter, 76 Westow Hill, Upper Norwood.  
\*Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS P.M. P.Z., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Life Governor of all Masonic Charities, City Conservative Club, Lombard Street, E.C.  
\*Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE P.M. 511 and 1812, 152 Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, W.  
Bro. A. M. BETHUNE P.M. 1397, Anerley, Life Governor of Masonic Charities.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked \* or by the Widow, 2 Palace Road, Upper Norwood; or Mrs. Turner, "The Chase," Farquhar Road, Upper Norwood.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

Chief Patroness:  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:  
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place

On WEDNESDAY, the 11th MAY next,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

**Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart.**

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire.

Board of Stewards.

President.

R. G. VENABLES, Deputy Grand Master Shropshire.

Acting President.

A. C. SPAULL, Past Prov. Grand Registrar Shropshire.

Treasurer.

R. EVE, P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, G. Treasurer elect.

Secretary.

F. R. W. HEDGES.

Chairman of Ladies' Stewards.

Rev. J. W. PALMER, Grand Chaplain.

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

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 FREEMASONS' HALL,  
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

## APRIL ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

**JOHN FAWCETT,**

AGED NINE YEARS.

Whose Father, Bro. JOHN GASCOIGNE FAWCETT, late of the "Limes," Herne, Kent, was initiated in the "St. Augustine's Lodge," No. 972, on the 18th of May 1881, and continued a subscribing member until February 1886. He was one of the Founders of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, and was Senior Deacon of that Lodge up to the time of his death, which took place (after a protracted and severe illness) on the 6th of August 1886. He was always ready to help in the cause of charity and his fellow creatures. He has left a widow and six children almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Lodges:—  
**ETHELBERT, 2099, and St. AUGUSTINE, 972;**

Also by the undermentioned brethren:—

V.W. ROBERT GREY President of the Board of Benevolence, 41 Russell Square, W.C.  
\*C. F. WACHER P.P.G.D. Kent I.P.M. 2099 P.M. 1209, Wrayton House, Broadstairs.  
Geo. PILCHER P.P.G.D.C. Kent P.M. 972, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury.  
\*T. B. ROSSITER P.M. 972, Fleur de Lis Hotel, Canterbury.  
\*S. F. PRINGUER P.M. 972, 37 London-road, Canterbury.  
\*S. NEWMAN W.M. 972, St. George's-street, Canterbury.  
R. WESTWOOD S.W. 972, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury.  
\*H. F. PRINGUER J.W. 972, 70 Northgate-street, Canterbury.  
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\*HENRY GREY W.M. 1820, Ridley House, Herne, Canterbury.  
\*F. A. PULLBY P.M. 742, Herne Hill, S.E.  
\*F. S. ROTHSCHILD P.M. 1233, 7 Marina, Herne Bay.  
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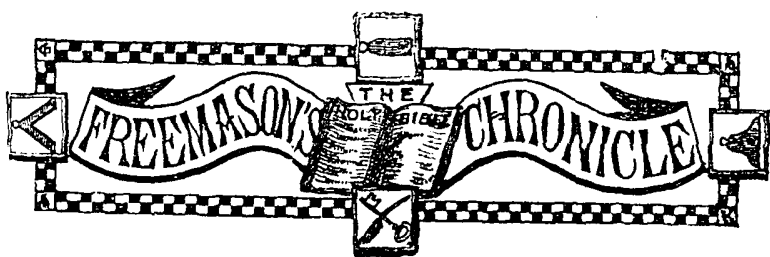
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### CAPITULAR MASONRY.

Address delivered in the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter  
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Philadelphia, 27th of December 1886. By Companion  
Matthias H. Henderson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

I DO not address you with the desire to discharge  
perfunctorily a duty which custom has made it  
necessary to perform; but because I consider the occasion  
of his installation the proper time at which the Grand High  
Priest should express whatever appreciation he may feel of  
the honours which his associates have conferred upon him,  
and give his views concerning the condition and proper  
government, under the Constitution, of Capitular Masonry  
in his jurisdiction.

Four years ago, at a time when I had no expectation of  
such action on your part, you elected me Grand Scribe.  
The circumstances of that election were gratifying in the

extreme. The names of other worthy Companions had  
been mentioned for the office, and when at the eleventh  
hour mine was suggested, the Grand Chapter responded so  
kindly and so promptly that it never will be effaced from  
my memory. With one exception there never had been  
in the history of this Grand Chapter a Grand Officer elected  
outside of the shadow of this Masonic Temple, and that  
exception occurred twenty-five years ago. At each  
succeeding election I have received continued assurances  
of your confidence, the last elevating me to the highest  
office in your gift.

Just here it may be well to consider whether it would not  
be wise to elect at intervals an officer from some portion of  
the jurisdiction outside of Philadelphia county. By the  
returns to the Grand Secretary on 27th of December 1885,  
it appears that the Philadelphia Chapters have a member-  
ship of 4293, while those outside of the city have 7067,  
or nearly twice as many. The amount of dues paid to the  
Grand Chapter by the Philadelphia Chapters and those  
outside of the city are in the same proportion. It would  
seem that that portion of our jurisdiction that has a  
majority of the membership and contributes so largely to  
the revenues of the Grand Chapter should be represented  
among the elective Grand Officers more often than it has  
hitherto been. Aside from the justice of the country's  
claim I believe it would tend to the benefit of the Grand  
Chapter, by binding the country Chapters more closely to  
the parent body, and making them realize more than they  
do at present their ownership in it. The country has not  
asserted itself in this matter as it might have done, and  
has no right to reflect upon the city, and I feel sure that  
if they would present at intervals the name of a Companion  
who in his private character and Masonic record deserves  
the honour, the city would assist in electing him. I leave  
the subject for your consideration.

Honourable as the stations of the Grand Scribe and  
Grand King are, there is but little responsibility attached  
to them when compared to the station of the Grand High  
Priest, and I assume the mitre and sceptre with a full  
realization of all the exacting cares which they bring with  
them, but with a firm and steadfast purpose to discharge  
my duties as faithfully as I can, and not to prove recreant  
to the trust you have given me, through any fault of my own.

The distance at which I am situated from Philadelphia  
may prevent me from giving that close personal attention  
to the Chapters and Mark Lodges meeting in this city  
which they have had. They have been so thoroughly  
inspected during the past four years by my two immediate  
predecessors, whose reports of their condition are so  
favourable that I am persuaded they will not need further  
attention, for a time at least. Let them not think, however,  
that they will be neglected, or that they will suffer for the  
want of proper advice and inspection of their work. I  
shall have that general supervision over them and take  
that interest in their welfare which they have a right  
to expect of me.

As I am just entering upon the administration of the  
affairs of this office, I have no record of duties done to  
submit to your consideration, but I desire to call your  
attention in a few plain words to some points in regard to  
the working of subordinate Chapters which have at various  
times come under my observation. Our Chapters are  
sometimes applied to for the degrees by brethren who are  
members of Lodges in other jurisdictions. Some of these  
applications—and the word application in this sense does  
not mean petition—are to frontier Chapters by brethren  
residing across the line, who are nearer the Pennsylvania  
Chapter than they are to one in their own jurisdiction;  
the remainder are from brethren residing in our own  
territory. The obstacle to the reception of these petitions  
is, that the applicants have not passed the chair. We call  
it "Passing the Chair," while our contemporaries call it  
the "Past Master's Degree," and for the purposes of this  
address we will adopt that form of expression. In  
Pennsylvania this is done in the Lodge. In all the other  
jurisdictions of this country it is conferred in the Chapter,  
except in the comparatively few instances where it is given  
to the elected Worshipful Master of a symbolic Lodge.  
Our Constitution, in section 107, says that an applicant  
for the degrees must be a "Past Master either by election  
or dispensation." The case of an applicant who holds  
membership in a foreign lodge is therefore governed by  
three different conditions, as follows:

First. If he is not a Past Master he cannot present a  
petition.

Second. If he is a Past Master and resides within our jurisdiction he can present a petition.

Third. If he is a Past Master residing outside of our jurisdiction, the consent of his own Grand High Priest must be obtained in the usual manner before he can present a petition.

The remedy for those who are not Past Masters is to withdraw from their Lodge, unite with a Pennsylvania Lodge and pass the chair by dispensation, when they will be qualified to make application to the Chapter. It is to be regretted that uniformity of usage regarding the Past Master's Degree cannot be established, and as this is the principal point of difference between the other American Grand Chapters and ourselves, for which we have been mildly referred to as "conservative," "old fogey," and our position alluded to as an isolated one, it may be well to contemplate the subject and ascertain to what extent our practice is supported by common sense and ancient usage and custom. I have taken pains to examine authorities and find that some very eminent ones express views inconsistent with the practice of their respective Grand Chapters. A well known author of New York says:

"In point of fact, the degree of Past Master is out of place in the Chapter, and has no right there. It belongs to the Blue Lodge. \* \* \* In the Chapter it has no significance nor pertinence whatever—it is simply an act without meaning, and mars greatly the beauty of 'Royal Arch Masonry.'"

A distinguished writer of the District of Columbia says, that originally it was always conferred in Lodges and that "the jurisdiction over it by Chapters is altogether an assumed one."

An English author, in a letter to Grand High Priest Meyer, dated 1st October 1872, and published in our Proceedings of that year says:

"It seems to have been the custom (in fact was) of the Grand Lodge according to the Old Constitutions (called the 'Ancients') to confer the Past Master's Degree in a Craft Lodge to candidates for Royal Arch Masonry."

which is precisely what we in Pennsylvania do to-day. In another part of the same letter he says:

"Until recently, in Scotland the system of Capitular Free Masonry prevailing in the United States was adopted, but at the Grand Lodge held 5th of February last, it was decided to return to the old English system, and hence the Grand Chapter of Scotland has retired from the control of the Past Master's Degree, and left it entirely in the hands of the Grand Lodge."

I regret that I have not space to quote this letter in full, and would refer those to it who desire to pursue the subject further. Its whole tenour is that the degree originated in the Lodge, that it was designed for the use of the Lodge, and that it is out of place anywhere else. I might multiply quotations and enlarge upon them, but enough has been said to show that the practice of conferring the degree in Chapters is a modern innovation, and that our Grand Chapter is the only one in this country that has observed that time-honoured precept which admonishes us to reject all attempts to improve Free Masonry and to adhere strictly to ancient usage, custom and landmark. The name, Past Master, signifies that it is an honorary distinction given to a brother who has passed through the office of Master, and as Lodges are the only Masonic bodies governed by Masters, a sensible view of the matter would indicate that it should be given to the brother entitled to it by the body in which he has attained the distinction, and why it should be conferred by any other authority, or how two different bodies can consistently exercise jurisdiction over the same degree is something which our friends have never explained.

In connection with the Past Master's degree, a point of law demands notice. A Chapter has no right to receive a petition for the degrees and membership unless it has Masonic knowledge that the applicant has passed the chair and is in reality what he professes to be, a Past Master Mason. In order to expedite matters and enable an applicant to become a Royal Arch Mason two or three weeks earlier than he otherwise would, Chapters have been known to receive a petition, and the signer has passed the chair after the petition was presented, and before he came forward to take the degrees. This is a violation of the law which cannot be permitted to go unnoticed. A brother cannot conscientiously sign a petition stating that he is a Past Master until he is one, nor can a Chapter acting in the same spirit receive it.

The office of District Deputy Grand High Priest is not second in importance to any in the gift of the Grand High

Priest, and not the least of his responsibilities is the selection of competent Companions for these appointments. The ideal officer should be so thoroughly conversant with the ritual as to be able to detect and correct errors in it, and so well acquainted with the law as to be able to decide questions submitted to him. These things he should know, but these are not enough; he should know how to discharge his duties with tact, and his deportment should be so gentlemanly that intercourse with him will be agreeable to the Chapters in his charge. He should never lose sight of his allegiance to the Grand Chapter and should with gentle firmness insist upon strict conformity to its Constitution and edicts. As he is supposed to be better acquainted with the condition and necessities of his District than any one else, the Grand High Priest is disposed to defer to a great extent to his opinions, and therefore the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in his District will depend upon his judgement and discretion. He is the representative of the Grand High Priest, and his Chapters should address him upon all questions affecting their interest. Although the Constitution, in section 21, defines his powers and duties, my own experience is that many Chapters have very crude ideas concerning them, and for the benefit of all concerned I will endeavour to explain them more fully. It is his duty to visit his Chapters at least once a year, and oftener if he deems it necessary; to examine their condition and give them such counsel as the peculiarities of each case demand. He should examine the minutes annually, observing that the Proceedings of the Chapter are fully expressed, and that nothing improper is committed to writing. Irregularities are sometimes discovered only by an inspection of the minutes. He should make a written report in the minute book, commending the Secretary when he finds his duties well performed, or suggesting such improvements as may be needed. He should see that the annual returns and dues are forwarded to the Grand Secretary at the proper time, and he should, at the close of each year, make a full report of his official acts to the Grand High Priest. He should visit the Grand Chapter at least twice in each year, to become familiar with its working and details, and should read its annual reports, which will assist him to decide questions submitted to him. He has no power to grant dispensations for any purpose whatever. He is not appointed for the purpose of doing the work of his Chapters, such as conferring degrees, and it must not be expected of him. It is a popular error that he alone has authority to instal newly elected officers. While there can be no objection to his doing so, it is no part of his duty, either expressed or implied, and if High Priests who sometimes ask whether it would be lawful for them to instal their own successors would read the warrants of their Chapters they would not ask the question. He should see that each High Priest in his District is in possession of the order of High Priesthood and is competent to give it to his successor when installed. He should be energetic and active, and constantly on the alert to protect the interests of the Grand Chapter, and of the Chapters committed to his care. If he proves incompetent, or neglects his duty, or any one feels aggrieved by his action, the remedy lies in an appeal to the Grand High Priest, and no Companion need fear that an appeal when properly presented will be unheard.

The Chapter is not sufficiently appreciated and does not receive that consideration and attention which its importance deserves. Too many regard it only as a passage way and probationary station between the Lodge and Commandery. Too many Master Masons, attracted by glittering swords and waving plumes, bewail their fate because obliged to pass through the Chapter, and do so without any proper realization of the beauty and importance of its degrees. Too many Chapters are regarded as necessary nuisances which must be tolerated for the purpose of repairing material for what they are pleased to term the higher body. This is not as it should be, and no intelligent Free Mason holds such an opinion. The Lodge is the source of all Masonic light, and is the trunk which supports and gives life to the different branches of the Masonic system, and while we acknowledge its supremacy with loyal hearts, we must not forget that the Chapter has an individuality of its own, a place to fill and a mission to accomplish; and that were it placed in the background or torn bodily from the fabric that the beautiful proportions of our majestic fraternity would be disfigured beyond repair. In richness of ritual, Masonic significance, and historical importance, the Chapter degrees

rank second to none but those of the Lodge. The Mark degree in its symbolism and teaching exemplifies the most beautiful trait that can animate the human mind. The Most Excellent degree is the reverent celebration of the completion of the great work of our ancient brethren, and where can be found the equal in sublimity of that matchless invocation in which Israel's King asks the blessing of the Almighty upon His chosen people and the superb creation of their hands? The Royal Arch, the crowning sheaf of ancient Free Masonry, has an historical importance which cannot be estimated. What thinking Free Mason ever failed to contemplate with wonder and admiration that which perfects and completes the Master Mason's degree and makes him a better Mason than he could ever be without it? A writer already quoted says:

"If we except the Master's, there is no other degree in Masonry that has been so extensively diffused, or is as important in its historical and symbolical import, as the Royal Arch, or, as it has been called, on account of its sublime significance, the 'Holy Royal Arch.' It is called 'the root, heart and marrow of Masonry,' and is indescribably more august, sublime and important, than any which precede it, and is, in fact, the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry. It is found, in fact, in every rite, in some modified form, and sometimes under a different name, but always preserving those symbolic relations to the *Lost Word* which constitutes its essential character."

"Whoever carefully studies the Master's degree in its symbolic signification will be convinced that it is in a mutilated condition; that is, that it is imperfect and unfinished in its history, and that, terminating abruptly in its symbolism, it leaves the mind still waiting for something that is necessary to its completeness. This deficiency is supplied by the Royal Arch degree. Hence, when the union took place in England, in 1813, between the two rival Grand Lodges, while there was a strong and hereditary disposition on the part of the English Masons to preserve the simplicity of the Old York Rite by confining Free Masonry to the three symbolical degrees, it was found necessary to define Ancient Craft Masonry as consisting of three degrees, including the Holy Royal Arch."

Those superficial members of our fraternity with whom the essence of Free Masonry is public pomp and show might not miss us, but the Masonic scholar and student cannot spare the Chapter.

At the meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, held at Chicago, in August 1880, an amendment to the Constitution was offered, dispensing with the Chapter degrees and making a Master Mason eligible to the Orders of Knighthood; but to the honour of the Grand Encampment be it said, the loyal sons of the Chapter outvoted their disloyal brethren and the amendment met the fate it deserved,—prompt and inglorious defeat. May it ever be so, and let us hope the day will never come when the Chapter, shorn of her strength, sits sorrowful and forlorn among the neglected and forgotten. To him who desires it we say: "Blistered be thy tongue for such a wish."

The condition and status of our Grand Chapter is such that we have just cause to feel proud of it. Our financial resources exceed our most extravagant desires were we disposed to be extravagant, and we are enabled to contribute of our abundance to any worthy object. We are united among ourselves, and our relations with other Grand Chapters are fraternal and harmonious. Here, in the metropolitan city of our jurisdiction, her proper home; in the most magnificent building ever erected to Masonry, in any era or any country, our Grand Chapter sits in the quiet dignity of an honourable old age; acknowledging no superior, brooking no dictation; jealous of her own rights, but trespassing upon none; and from here her good influence extends, not only to the most remote portions of our own territory but even to the ends of the earth, for wherever Royal Arch Masonry is known, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is honoured and respected.

Let us appreciate the blessings we enjoy, and enter upon the duties of the new year with thankful hearts, enthusiastic for our cause, trusting in each other, and with a firm reliance on Him who holds us in the hollow of His hand and without whose blessing and guidance our labours will be fruitless.

THE Liverpool Exhibition will present some very attractive features. There will be gardens and an electric fountain like that so popular at South Kensington, and an accurate reproduction of an old Lancashire village. The refreshment contract has been secured by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who have had more of such experience than any other firm in the kingdom. A collection of old arms and armour will comprise contributions from the Government, and the war exhibits intended to illustrate the chief wars of the present reign will form a notable and novel attraction to the Exhibition.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**Vaudeville.**—The poetical one-act play by Mr. Robert Buchanan, "A Dark Night's Bridal," was duly produced at this theatre on Saturday last. The work, which is founded on a prose sketch by Mr. R. L. Stevenson, and as presented on Saturday, records a most improbable story, with but little interest, unless it be to mystify the audience. This it certainly did on its production. The scene is laid at Castle Chasseloup, in Burgundy, where an old baron resides, with an attractive niece, Blanche, who as a matter of course has secured a lover. Some idea of this state of affairs becoming known to the baron, he resolves to assist the lovers, and when a cavalier, Henri de St. Valery, seeks refuge at the castle from a storm, the baron at once mistakes him for his niece's admirer. He tells Henri that unless he agrees to marry Blanche in half an hour he shall die. Henri declares he would rather die than marry, and even when left alone with Blanche he is still of the same opinion. Nevertheless, as can be seen from the opening, the young couple find that after all marriage will be better than death, consequently they are prepared for the ceremony when the baron returns. That Messrs. Royce Carleton, Fuller Mellish, and Miss Kate Rorke have taken a wrong view of the story will readily be conceded; they were in doubt whether to make the thing serious or the reverse. That they acted well we cannot deny, but certainly they did not enlighten their audience as to the motive or idea with which the piece was written. "Sophia," now fast approaching its 300th representation, goes as well as ever.

**Gaiety.**—On Saturday evening last was celebrated the 100th performance of the popular burlesque "Monte Cristo Jan." Certain alterations have been made, but these are by no means numerous; still the fact that four ladies had been engaged for new parts helped to add to the attractions of the evening. The new comers—Misses Letty Lind, Jennie Hilton, Ada and Addie Blanche—all did well in the songs and dances allotted them. Miss Lind engages in a dance with Miss Sylvia Grey and Mr. Ross, and well, indeed, she acquitted herself. Miss Farrer once more delighted her audience by her inimitable acting and singing, while Mr. Fred Leslie, if possible, showed improvement as Noirtier. Mr. E. J. Lounen is a capital De Villefort, his song, "Ballyhooley," is always enjoyed. Altogether a more successful performance could not be wished for.

**Globe.**—"The Private Secretary" was revived at this theatre last Saturday, and again secured acknowledgment of its popularity from a full audience. Mr. Penley resumes his impersonation of the meek curate the Rev. Robert Spalding; this gentleman seems to have benefited by the rest he has lately been compelled to take. Mr. Hill is still the bluff Mr. Cattermole. Miss Vane Featherstone and Miss Blanche Horlock are bright and winning as the cousins, while Mrs. Stephens and Messrs. Wilfred Dracott and A. G. Andrews resume their original parts. As we last week intimated, Mr. F. C. Burnand's "La Doctoresse" will be the next production here.

**Olympic.**—West-end playgoers have at last the opportunity of witnessing the much-talked of boat race at Henley, introduced in Messrs. James Willing jun. and John Douglass's sensational drama, "A Dark Secret." The gigantic tank has been brought from Shoreditch and set up here, though, as might have been anticipated, it has been made smaller. Still the interest of the race has not lost much; the representation is as complete as before. Messrs. Bassett Roe, Louis Calvert, Stanley Pringle, Misses Amy Steinberg, Stella Brereton, and Dolores Drummond repeat their finished renderings of the several parts.

Considerable interest is being manifested amongst local athletes in Southwark in a match, which has been arranged to take place on Jubilee day (20th June), between Mr. Phillips, the popular and esteemed manager of the "Colleen Bawn" Tavern—terminus of Willing's omnibuses—and Mr. F. Hill, a well-known engineer and patentee residing in the neighbourhood. The stakes are £10 a-side, and the contest is fixed to take place within the picturesque grounds of Southwark Park. First there will be a match of single wicket, and afterwards a flat race of 100 yards, Mr. Phillips giving his opponent 20 yards start. In spite of other attractions on that day, it is expected that the sport will be witnessed by a large number of spectators, both competitors being well known and deservedly popular in Southwark and the district. Mr. May has kindly consented to officiate as referee.

THE CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—We learn that the Editor of *Little Folks* magazine has, during the past few days, received many thousand literary, artistic, and other contributions from children residing in Great Britain and the Colonies in connection with the Special Scheme which he inaugurated to enable girls and boys to take part in the Jubilee Celebration. The Competitors range in age from four to sixteen years, and the list of successful candidates, together with various selections from their work, will appear in the number of *Little Folks* magazine, published during the Jubilee week.

An important work, entitled "The Australasian Federal Directory of Commerce, Trades, and Professions," has been in preparation some time, and will shortly be published in London under the direction of Mr. J. W. F. Rogers, of Melbourne and Sydney, at 57 Chancery Lane.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 16th APRIL.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finchbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1184—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent

## MONDAY, 18th APRIL.

- Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 1907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney  
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 424—Rorough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1908—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham  
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport  
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

## TUESDAY, 19th APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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, Fennell-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Thackeray-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.)  
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1361—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)

- 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)  
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 1385—Clanton, White Hart Tavern, Clanton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 860—Rute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1008—Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, St. Div. Scerrier, Coruwall  
 1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sharness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley  
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing  
 2045—Wharton, Willesden  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke  
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby  
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
 R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall  
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, The Lizard, Peckham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Barnsbury, at 8. (Inst.)  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 223—United Strength, The Hope, St. James's Park, at 8 (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdcage Walk, E. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instru.)  
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instru.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I)  
 1892—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1681—Londesborough, Bar and Arm, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)  
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 17—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Ladbroke  
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Ruabon, Cheshire  
 816—Roid, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 974—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthing  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1086—Waton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1443—Salen, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
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 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
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 1692—Hartley, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot  
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales  
 R.A. 78—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester

R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
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 R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 1347—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

## THURSDAY, 21st APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 49—Gibson, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 186—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 979—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bettan Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, 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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)  
 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)  
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 7—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
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 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
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 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
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 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
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 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralga Tavern, Plumstead  
 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

## FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)  
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1158—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth

1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1824—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 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. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

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