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“L'AN EST MORT; VIVE L'AN.”

THE last day of a year which will be ever memorable in English history as the Jubilee Year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign is upon us as we issue our present number of the CHRONICLE to our readers, and 1887 is “in articulo mortis.” The glad national event which has been so joyously celebrated throughout the Empire naturally dwarfs many other great, though less important, occurrences; but there are amongst these, especially in connection with the Masonic Order, many which deserve reflection and consideration by our readers.

That the past twelve months have not been, with a great majority of our Brethren engaged in commercial pursuits, altogether of a “Jubilee” character, cannot, we believe, be gainsaid. In our experience, we do not remember a year in which so much complaining, and with so much cause, has been heard in trading circles. Nevertheless, as we may proceed to show, the fount of Charity has not been stayed, and it speaks well for the members of our glorious Craft that the exercise of benevolence, rendered without *material* detriment to individuals and their connections, has been such as to maintain the efficiency of our grand Institutions, even in the sad time of depression and scarcity of pecuniary means through which we have been, and still are, passing. The increase in the number of our Lodges, though such rapid growth as that which has marked the rule of our Most Worshipful Grand Master is not considered by all an unmixed blessing, has been as proportionately great in the expiring year as in its predecessors, and if it could be assured to us that the new Lodges have strictly attended to the recommendations of their respective Consecrating Officers in respect of “Quality *v.* Quantity,” there could be no cause to regret the continued expansion of our Order. But the frequent warnings of our Grand Secretary and other prominent Brethren, when launching a new Craft, as to the character of the crew to be chosen for a successful voyage, requires continued iteration if the “true morality” which our Institution professes is to maintain the standard we have set up.

Amongst the legacies which the dying year will leave us will be that of carrying into effect the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge for the presentation to our M.W. Grand Master of an address, and to his beloved wife H.R.H. the Princess of Wales of a suitable present of the value of £500 in token of the affectionate regard with which the Craft hails the approaching Silver Wedding Day of the Royal pair. Not a word against such a presentation, or the manner of it, can be said by any member of our Order, unless indeed it may be to enhance the value of the gift to the receivers, and gratify the desire of individuals who do not think the vote of Grand Lodge, as a body, a sufficiently personal expression of Masonic loyalty. In other words, there are those who think the Grand

Lodge vote excludes them from any personal share in the gift; and there are yet others who, reflecting on the present needs of our Charitable Institutions, more particularly the “Benevolent,” with its hundred or more applicants at the gates who must be turned away at the ensuing Election; and the Boys’ School, with the additional drain on its relatively small income caused by the recent epidemic (now, we fervently trust, happily at an end, and without a single fatality) consider that the sum involved might have been made better use of elsewhere. But not at the sacrifice of the pretty and sincere compliment which the Grand Lodge vote expresses! On the contrary, the desire appears to be to increase its force, and therefore there is much that is worthy of consideration, if there be yet sufficient time for the purpose, in the suggestion of an esteemed correspondent in a recent number of the CHRONICLE, who submits that a silver sixpence from each member in each of our upwards of two thousand Lodges could be easily collected, would produce more than £1,000, and consequently make the proposed gift of greater value as well in coin as in sentiment, whilst leaving the Grand Lodge funds for the purposes to which they are more appropriately devoted.

Another legacy of our departing friend is that of seeing to the disposition of the Grand Lodge vote on behalf of the unemployed. This has been so left in the hands of our M.W.G.M. that we may be assured the very utmost good which the amount voted can secure will result to those in whose interests it was granted.

In many respects in connection with Masonic work the old year has seen improvement. The ceremonies of consecrating and constituting new Lodges have been witnessed by many in our Lodges of Instruction under favourable circumstances, and to their edification. A departure from the hitherto almost universal custom of rehearsing ceremonial and sections in Lodges of Instruction has afforded opportunity for interesting addresses abounding in explanations of forms and symbols, which have greatly added to the Masonic acquirements of many earnest Freemasons. In the field of Masonic literature there has been much industry, and the names of our foremost authors and essayists, have frequently had honourable mention. As a new recruit in that industrious army may be mentioned Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler, whose “Masonic Facts and Fictions” recently published are worthy the perusal of every Masonic student. Want of space will prevent our here dilating on the excessively bad treatment which our Bro. Gould has received at the hands of Masonic publishers in America. We have already placed some pages of the CHRONICLE at the disposal of the controversialists on this subject, and may probably yet make our comments on the matter when fully informed thereon.

The inevitable loss of old and well-known enthusiasts in the practice and teaching of Freemasonry has during the year deprived us of Brethren who

have made their mark respectively as ardent supporters of our Charitable Institutions, as distinguished members of the Press, as literati (not the least of whom was our Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, whose Obituary will be found in another column of this issue), and as most efficient and well-beloved rulers. We make no invidious selection of names; one and all they were, in their respective degrees, useful and very worthy members of our Order, and of each there are certainly some among us who could wish

“For the touch of the vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!”

There are other circumstances and events of the past twelvemonths upon which, if it were not that we should exceed the limits of the space at our disposal, we might descant; but none of a more important character than those we have alluded to. It now only remains to give a fitting farewell to a period of time which, though it has undoubtedly brought to many the failure of anticipated hopes, has, in a larger number of instances, we trust, been fraught with happiness and comfort. In regard to the first-named, we would wish them stout hearts and sound minds to still look forward, and to have yet further reliance in that “anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast,” which may keep them from despondency, and enable them to ultimately overcome all difficulties; and to the latter a remembrance of the benefits they may have received, and an earnest consideration on behalf of their less fortunate fellow-creatures.

L'An est Mort! “Ring out the Old.”

“Ring in the New.” Vive l'An!

And as the joy bells sound gladly in our ears and fill our breasts with mingled emotions of regret for what, whether for good or evil, cannot be recalled,

“Not Heaven itself upon the past hath power,”

and of yearning desire for the practical performance of all that is good and true, let us reflect upon the opportunities which lie before us in that direction. Let 1888 see still further progress in the direction of Masonic benevolence, and the most strenuous efforts made not only to do honour to the Centenary Celebration of the Girls' School, but to provide for the pressing exigencies of both the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. Whilst not for one moment desiring to divert even the smallest subscription from the former Institution, on the occasion of its Hundredth Anniversary, we would urge upon the brethren generally the necessity for preventing the increase of the number of the aged “poor and distressed” beyond the vacancies at the disposal of the Institution for aged brethren and widows of brethren. At this moment the disparity is far too great, and it is to be hoped that the new year, before it is nearly old, may see a more favourable state of affairs. Nor should the very discouraging position of the Boys' School be permitted to remain long unaltered. Our readers have had an opportunity, afforded them lately by ourselves, for a more perfect acquaintance with the history of this Institution and the special reasons for a renewed appeal for further support, and we trust that the information thus afforded may bear fruit. We have referred in the foregoing remarks to the “Silver Wedding” present to our Most Worshipful Grand Master and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The exact date when that gift will fall due will be on the 10th March, three days after the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at which meeting the recent resolutions will require confirmation. If in the meanwhile it may be considered advisable to meet the wishes of the many who accord agreement to the suggestion for a “silver gift” from each and all members of the Craft, there would yet be time for the authorities to carry out the scheme; and even if it required a slight delay in regard to presentation, which might not however be the case,

the increased importance of the gift would justify such delay.

We might say much, having regard to the progress of Masonic work, in reference to recent correspondence in the CHRONICLE on “Work in Lodges of Instruction,” but must content ourselves by observing that the occasional departure from the hard and fast regulations as to Instruction work is highly advantageous to those who desire to have acquaintance with hidden meanings of far greater import than thousands amongst us are aware of, and we trust that the new year may record many more such departures, and the occasional substitution of interesting and instructive lectures and consecration ceremonies.

Again a desire to economise space interferes with a wish to refer to other matters which might be usefully put forward for consideration during the next twelvemonths, and these must have our future comments as opportunity may be afforded us. It will suffice for the present to say that as in the past year there have been many things done which have materially advanced the progress of the Order, so in that which is now about to open to us there will be, we trust, increased energy on the part of zealous Craftsmen to avail themselves of all opportunities which may arise for further promoting its best interests. To such workers amongst us, as well as to the many who have hitherto assisted us in our journalistic labours, and to the numerous readers who have given us support, we wish in all sincerity

“A Prosperous New Year.”

HIRAM LODGE.

Hiram Lodge F.A.M. v. G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M.
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SOME Lodges were willing to surrender, and some were not willing; entirely friendly but very diverse opinions prevailed. A feeling apparently not so especially in opposition to the Grand Lodge, as in favour and protection of themselves and their ancient privileges.

Experience had, moreover, shown that perfect harmony and co-operation might exist, even where the old Lodges continued under their old charters and without a new one.

The acceptance of a new charter even where the old one was retained came therefore naturally and practically to be considered an essential and sufficient acknowledgment of allegiance: at all events it was unwise and inexpedient to press the matter more urgently. Time and the felicities of the union, it was believed, would accomplish and perfect the consolidation they desired, and who shall say they were not wise in this.

Now the resolution first requires the “production” of the old charter to the Grand Master, that he may be satisfied that they are “regularly constituted Lodges in this State.”

He shall then issue to such Lodge a new charter. He has no alternative. His action is without condition or limitation, or the right to impose or require any restriction whatever.

Then the old and the new charters shall be recorded together by the Grand Secretary, if the Lodge requires its old charter to be returned, and they shall be sent, both the old and the new, to the Lodge; that is to say, if the Lodge does not require the return, the charter is absolutely surrendered and impounded; if it does require the return, then the charter shall be given up with the single limitation that a certificate of its registration shall be indorsed upon it. In the latter case the Lodge might live and work under its old charter, as it had been doing, its new one being a charter of recognition, or confirmation of its former power and authority.

Hiram Lodge required its charter to be returned, and about 1796 it was given up, certified according to the Resolve.

Now this Resolve tells the story, does it not, between the Grand Lodge and Hiram Lodge? and it is not subject to addition or abatement.

It was evidently, in the light of the concurrent facts which we have exhibited, a compromise, to which both parties assented, and with which they were satisfied.

The Grand Lodge endeavoured to have all these old charters surrendered or given up to it, but they had not been successful. Hiram Lodge was the oldest, largest, wealthiest and most influential Masonic body in the jurisdiction. They wanted Hiram Lodge in their organisation. It was exceedingly active and prompt, and efficient in all Masonic duties. They wanted Hiram Lodge, its activity and enterprise, its able and accomplished men, their labour and sympathy and support. They were ready to give up something, and they did give up something. They allowed Hiram Lodge to take back, or rather to *keep* its old charter, without any conditions. They did not stipulate that it should lie dormant or in abeyance.

Grand Lodge did not provide or suggest that its own charter should have precedence in authority or rank; it did not intimate, and we cannot "presume" that the "possession of the old charter was only permitted as an heirloom." There is no such fact in the Resolve, in any record of the history, or in any certificate of Grand Master or Grand Secretary.

It were easy to have made such a stipulation if they meant it;—easy to have indorsed upon the charter that it was only "memorial," or an "heirloom," or to be kept not as authority but of favour, or a thousand other conditional and limiting certificates if they had wanted and meant it, if they had made any. But the whole evidence is plain, unequivocal, decisive. They made no conditions, they could make none, and the action on either side is consistent with the evidence.

The Grand Lodge charter to Hiram Lodge although, as we believe, not issued till 1796, still reaches back and gives that Lodge the rank of seniority, which it *had had continuously before that time*. And it has stood upon their roll ever since as "No. 1." In a word, Grand Lodge by these acts made a legal confirmation of the Oxnard Charter, and recognized and avouched its validity.

Better, as it seems perhaps to-day, that they should not have passed the Resolve, or done the deed as they did; but not so, this even is not beyond question, for it would certainly seem that by the action of Hiram Lodge in 1796 they secured during the next year the constituency of the old Daubeny and Guilford Lodges—a result not to be lightly estimated. But better or not, they did it, and we must stand by what they did.

There is another piece of legislation by this Grand Lodge which indirectly confirms the view we have taken.

In this same year, 1796, they passed a Resolve which recognises and permits precisely this relation which existed between it and Hiram Lodge, as follows:—

"Resolved, that this Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with any Mason or Masons, citizens of any of the United States, Lodge or Lodges, who hold authority under and acknowledge the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodge, or who do not, by their representatives, communicate and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge of the State where they are constituted or where they reside." (Proc. p 82.)

Hiram Lodge held under the authority of a Provincial Grand Master appointed from the Grand Lodge of England. They did "by their representatives communicate and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge" of Connecticut, "where they were constituted," and "where they did reside."

Thus by their own Resolve of general legislation, six years after the relation of Hiram Lodge had been defined by enacted resolution, the Grand Lodge acknowledge Hiram Lodge to be within the circle of full and unrestricted communication and correspondence. Indeed, the Resolve seems to be almost felicitously worded to justify and cover the relations of a Lodge standing as Hiram Lodge is supposed to have done.

If, however, the new charter of recognition was not actually taken out till this year, and the precise fact I am unable to verify, then it may well be said, that Hiram Lodge was unwilling to come into the desired and more intimate connection of the Grand Lodge, except upon the unequivocal declaration of principal by that body, that they would consider a Lodge which, by their representatives, did communicate and pay dues to them, as in full communion and correspondence, though they might hold

a charter granted by other authority than themselves, but this is only suggestion.

These are the facts, and all the facts, so far as they appear of record in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The rights and the duties of both parties would seem to be settled by the plain and obvious sense of these recorded facts. It was in the power, and in the opportunity of the Grand Lodge to have prevented all question. They could have required the surrender and abolition of the Oxnard Charter. That would be the authorised and usual procedure in such cases.

But the Oxnard Charter was not surrendered. It was not arrested. It was not by any agreement abolished or vacated of power. There does not appear even any effort by that name or to that end to have been taken.

There are, we submit, four ways only by which a lawful charter can be invalidated: by arrest from the power which granted it; by surrender to some power qualified to receive it; by actual material destruction and obliteration, and by a disuse continued for so long a time that there shall not remain members of the Lodge, held under its authority, enough to form a Lodge and use it.

Neither of these invalidations has place respecting the Oxnard Charter. The Lodge has had a continuous and active existence since 1750, and has had all the time in their possession and custody this uncanceled charter, this Oxnard Charter, not a word against whose continuous vitality has ever been uttered by Grand Lodge in all the years preceding the existing difficulty.

With these facts before us, let us look at Hiram Lodge, and consider her position in the matter. Suppose the strongest case against her—that in 1790 or 1796, upon the receipt of her new charter from the Grand Lodge, she deliberately and purposely laid the Ancient Oxnard Charter aside, or only regarded it "as an heirloom," or piece of Masonic bric-a-brac, and that this estimate continued down to the time of the difficulty. How does this change the resultant fact? We submit, not at all. Unless the charter was by some lawful authority devitalized, or divested of potency, its vital and potential ability must abide in it and with it, and equally whether *de facto* used as the Lodge authority, or permitted to sleep while some other authority was practically adequate and was put to the front.

An example of fact will make the position perfectly simple.

A man has a watch that he has carried for years, and is in all respects an excellent time-keeper, and in perfect repair. A new make of watch comes upon the market, pretending to have many improvements, and his friends make him a present of the new watch, with the request that he shall wear it out of respect and favour to them. He complies; lays aside the old watch, and makes the new one his practical time-keeper. Now, if they had taken away the old watch, and broken it up, that would have been the end of it. But he lays it away, and looks upon it, if you please, as an heirloom, a curiosity that is to be transmitted to his posterity. What of it? It is still a watch, that will keep good time and is in repair; and if now his other and new watch be stolen or taken from him by violence, he will return it to its old service. It needs only to be put in motion—that is, put in the way and place of keeping time, and it will be just as complete, vital and perfect a watch as it ever was. The mere dormancy of a watch or charter is not its destruction; does not abate its life or transform its character.

Now, as Hiram Lodge holds to-day its old charter, without a word of obliteration or divestment upon the parchment, or in Proceedings of Grand Lodge, the suggestion of dormancy or heirloom is the strongest suggestion that can be made against her. But this, as we have seen, does not militate against the present and perfect vitality of the old charter for the authority and sustentation of the Lodge. The old watch has simply come back to service.

Again, we submit, upon credible information, that there are four things in history of the Hiram Lodge inconsistent with even such a continued dormancy.

First. The old charter was publicly displayed in the Lodge-room on all occasions for many years after the Grand Lodge charter was accepted.

Second. It was afterwards kept and preserved in a fire-proof safe, and with such jealous vigilance that my informant assures me it was only with the most exceeding difficulty that permission was gained for it to be used for

the production of a fac-simile copy, which could be used and referred to instead of the original. Such was the value of the charter in the estimate of Hiram Lodge and its members.

Third. There lies before me the written statement of a prominent citizen of New Haven, a Past Master of this Lodge nearly a quarter of a century ago, that during all this time he has regarded this old charter as of the utmost importance to Hiram Lodge, and as always a vital charter and a sufficient and lawful authority to Hiram Lodge to perpetuate its legal Masonic existence, should any exigency ever arise to require it.

Fourth. The fact that Hiram Lodge in its controversy with the Grand Lodge expressly based its refusal to comply with their order on the ground that it conflicted with the requirements which were obligatory upon them by reason of this same old charter. Whether they were mistaken in their sense of this obligation is no matter, they did rest their objection on the ground of their belief that the old charter was valid and binding upon their consciences.

The conclusion to which we seem to be compelled is that the Oxnard Charter, held by Hiram Lodge, is a valid warrant, and sufficient to support and sustain a legal Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, entitled to "communication and correspondence" with all other Lodges and Grand Lodges according to the manner of Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has permitted the charter to survive unrestrained by any agreement of the parties or by any legislative provisions of limitation, or surrender, or devitalization, and she is now by every consideration of justice and propriety estopped to deny it.

Hiram Lodge required the charter to be returned to them without diminution of its power or prerogative, and has by preservation and publicity in dormancy, by vigilant keeping and by conscious recognition of its vitality and possible necessity for use, preserved it alive, and in possession of its first and original investment.

And, finally, may we be permitted to say that while we believe in the relation of these two bodies as we have developed them, and in the impregnability of Hiram Oxnard Charter as now existing, and while we foresee with misgivings the dangerous lengths to which this state of facts may in the future develop, we at the same time believe in the narrowness and unimportance of the issues upon which the separation has taken place; and that if the whole matter in dispute could be left to a judicious arbitrament of Masonic sages, peace and harmony might soon be re-established, and these bodies consist as sweetly as before.

Nay, without arbitrament, if the bodies themselves would exercise the coolness and reason to expunge their respective votes of insistance, and leave the order of the Grand Lodge as at first promulgated to have its success by gradual assimilation, and through the avenues of sympathy and ambition, as the same thing has been effectively accomplished under other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, even then this disgrace to Freemasonry would be at once wiped out.

We are all, one side as well as the other, to remember that mere will, even law, as the promoter of reform, only breeds violence and delay, and never prepares the way of harmony or growth.

These are considerations of abstract law and historic example. Both as respects the power and value of legitimate Lodge charters, and the invasive authority of Grand Lodges, or how far a Grand Lodge, upon its formation, can compel subordinates within its territorial jurisdiction, but warranted from other jurisdictions, to submit to, or co-operate with, or be compelled by them, that we hope to see discussed by the Masonic students of the kingdom, who are presumed to have more leisure for such studies and to be more learned and familiar with the examples and technical science of Masonry.

JUSTITIA.

The Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, meets at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham Road, Hackney, every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Cusworth P.M.

The first number for the New Year of *Cassell's Saturday Journal* will contain special features of interest, including a complete story by Theo. Gift, illustrated; and the first of a series of humorous full-page illustrations from original drawings by Jas. F. Sullivan.

In Memoriam.

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THE death of Bro. the Rev. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford, who for so long a period occupied such a prominent position in our Society, was announced in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of last week, though as it occurred within a few hours of going to press, the account of our deceased brother's illness, together with a brief reference to the leading features of his Masonic career, have necessarily stood over until the issue of the current number of this journal.

The malady to which our brother succumbed was blood poisoning in a very aggravated form. So far back as June last he slightly hurt his right foot, but the ailment was totally neglected by him for a long while, and even when he sought medical advice this appears to have been done as it were perfunctorily, and in such a manner as to have almost precluded the chance of any benefit resulting. He continued to get up as usual until about a fortnight before his death, when he consented to remain one day in bed, but from this time the symptoms of blood poisoning increased in intensity, and it became evident that unless some great change occurred for the better his illness could only have one termination.

The last week but one of his existence was a period of great agony for our deceased brother, but his remaining days were passed with very little suffering, while his mind remained unclouded, until entire physical prostration set in.

Throughout this latter period he was very lovingly and tenderly cared for by those among whom he was residing, nor should I omit to state the extreme gratitude with which he spoke to me of the skill and attention of the trained nurse who was in attendance upon him.

The doctors did not abandon all hope of recovery until about Wednesday last, but the hope was at best a very forlorn one, and on Thursday there was a marked change for the worse, and from about the middle of that day he remained in an unconscious state until three o'clock on Friday morning, the 23rd inst., when he passed quietly and painlessly away.

Bro. Woodford's remains were interred in the Lower Norwood Cemetery, on Tuesday last, the 27th. Among the relatives present were Mr. John Woodford, (only surviving brother of the deceased) and his son; the Right Hon. James Lowther, and Colonel Hutchinson, R.A., while his Masonic brethren were represented by several members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and Bros. George Kenning and William Lake. Many others would doubtless have attended had there been any means of communicating with them, but the place of burial having only been finally decided upon on Saturday afternoon, the columns of the Masonic newspapers were not available for a public intimation that the funeral would take place on the 27th.

Bro. Woodford—born 9th July 1821—was the eldest son of the late Field Marshal Sir Alexander Woodford, and entered the Coldstream Guards in 1838. Leaving, however, the Army in 1841, he matriculated at Durham University in 1842, and was ordained Deacon in 1846, and Priest in 1847. In the latter year he was presented to the rectory of Swillington, Leeds, which he held until 1872.

He was initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, Gibraltar, No. 278, in 1842, and subsequently joined the following Lodges: Marquis of Granby, Durham, No. 124, in 1842 (W.M. in 1844 and 1845); Philanthropic, Leeds, No. 304, in 1854 (W.M. in 1858 and 1859); Antiquity, London, No. 2, in 1863 (Deputy Master in 1878, under the Duke of Albany W.M.); and was one of the founders of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, in 1884. He was exalted in Concord Chapter, Durham, No. 124, in 1848; joined the Philanthropic, No. 304, Leeds, in 1863, and was the first Z.; St. James's, London, No. 2, in 1874 (Z. in 1882); appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Durham in 1847, and of West Yorkshire in 1860; Prov. S.G.W., 1857, and finally Grand Chaplain of England in 1863.

It was during his tenure of the latter office that the foundation stone of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall was laid with Masonic honours, on 27th April 1864, by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, and in the official proceedings of that occurrence it is recorded, "that the Junior Grand Chaplain delivered an Oration on the Dignity of the Order and the Principles of Freemasonry."

This is again referred to in the printed "Proceedings the middle of the present year, when he resumed his pen

of the Grand Lodge of England" for 1st June 1864, from which the following is an extract:—

"Bro. McIntyre said he had a Third Resolution to propose, and hardly knew how to find words adequate to express the gratitude which he personally felt towards the excellent Brother Woodford, who he might designate as the *Vates Sacer*, and who delivered the Oration on that occasion [27th April]. All were delighted with the excellence of that Oration, and its applicability to the circumstances under which they were assembled. It was with great pleasure he moved—

"That this Grand Lodge desires to record its hearty and grateful thanks to the V.W. Brother the Rev. Adolphus F. A. Woodford, Grand Chaplain, for the eloquent and instructive Oration delivered by him on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone of the New Buildings."

"The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously."

In the preparation as well as in the delivery of Masonic Orations, Bro. Woodford, if he did not outshine, at least was not excelled by any Grand Officers of his own class. On this point, indeed, I express myself with diffidence, nor do I presume to pass judgment on Orations I have not listened to. Still with a vivid recollection of the style and manner of two Grand Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill and C. W. Arnold, in this section of Masonic labours—and if they have *confrères* of greater power as Masonic Orators, I hope it may some day be my lot to hear them—I trust that in placing the subject of this memoir on the same level with these eloquent speakers and most worthy brethren, a fitting compliment is paid to the dead, without detracting in the slightest degree from the respect which is due to the living.

Bro. Woodford served repeatedly as Steward to the Masonic Institutions, and was an invariable attendant at the Half-yearly Elections to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. In the Province of West Yorkshire he was the first Chairman of the Charity Committee there, and held the office from 1859 until 1870.

But it is as a distinguished man of letters, and the *dozen* of the (British) Guild of Masonic writers, that our brother will be chiefly remembered. For many years he edited the *Freemason*, and also the *Masonic Magazine*, and while from the ephemeral character of these publications—a quality common, it may be observed, to all periodical literature—much that was of great interest when originally printed in them has been long since forgotten, nevertheless, all readers of old standing of either of the journals named will I am sure bear me out in saying that no number appeared without its containing at least some little gem of literary workmanship, or an article which rivetted the attention of, and as it were went home to the reader, from the pen of the gifted editor.

In the comparatively few instances where he gave his abilities really fair play, and refrained from dissipating them in a variety of subjects, at one and the same time, the result was in each case a masterpiece, of which, as examples, I might quote several of his Orations, and shall also briefly refer to the Introduction to Hughan's "Old Charges of British Freemasons;" and to a very learned and exquisitely written *opusculum*, in "The Connection of York with the History of Freemasonry in England," which will be found in Appendix A of Hughan's "Unpublished Records of the Craft."

Many other specimens of what our brother could actually accomplish when he limited himself to the study of one subject, and the execution of a single design, lie scattered in the columns of the Masonic journals.

One of his most remarkable characteristics was the tenacity of his memory. Nothing he ever read seems to have been forgotten by him. In ordinary conversation or Masonic debate, this faculty was not only of great service to its possessor, but it had often the result of singularly discomfiting those brethren with whom he engaged in fraternal controversy, and I apprehend that the remark of one of the American Ministers accredited to this country, "that his best speeches were made going home in the cab," would be equally applicable if put into the mouths of those of us in the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, who from time to time ventured to encounter Bro. Woodford in debate.

Our brother's chief Masonic work was "the Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry," of which, regarded as a concise handbook of Masonic Archæology, History, and Biography, it is difficult to speak too highly. On ceasing to be the editor of the *Freemason*, in 1885, Brother Woodford refrained from literary work of any kind until

in order to review the sixth and final volume of my History of Freemasonry, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 25th June, and a more graceful, or more highly finished performance of the kind, I never read, nor has any other review of my work afforded me a like gratification. That my dear old friend praised me unduly I well knew. Nevertheless, I was much affected by the kindness of heart that breathed in every line of the article, and I told him at the time, that the object with which he must have taken pen in hand, viz. to convey pleasure to a brother writer, had been crowned with perfect success.

From that date, until interrupted by his last illness, he was a regular contributor to the CHRONICLE.

But our brother was not only a profoundly learned Mason, but also a very distinguished exponent of the Ritual of Freemasonry. At the establishment of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, he was appointed I.P.M., and in the absence of Sir Charles Warren presided over us with equal dignity and ability, both in Lodge and at the supper table.

The first installation was conducted by the Grand Secretary, but on the re-election of Sir Charles Warren, as well as on the recent occasion of my becoming his successor, Bro. Woodford acted as Installing Master.

In the success of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, he took the greatest possible interest, and it is a little singular, that Part II. of the first Volume of the Transactions of this body—which has only just appeared—was the last reading of a secular character in which he ever indulged. These "Transactions" were partly perused by him on the night preceding his decease, and I am informed by those who were in attendance upon him, that he talked a very great deal about the admirable purposes for which the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati was instituted, and expressed the greatest affection for its members.

Of the regard in which our deceased brother was held by the Lodge of Masonic Students to which reference has just been made, I cannot now write, because it will devolve upon me in a few days to allude to this more particularly from its chair—a circumstance to which I invite the attention of those readers, who may say with truth that I have not gone so fully into the details of our late brother's Masonic career as his eminent services appear to demand, and to which I shall thus reply, That with the time at my disposal before these remarks go to press, the memorial here presented is "*non quidem ut volui sed ut potui*," and that so far as lies in my power, the numerous deficiencies, of which I am myself only too conscious, shall be supplied in the record of our departed brother that it will become my duty to prepare for the ensuing number of the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

R. F. GOULD

THE SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must confess that I am somewhat taken aback by the appearance in the last number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of a communication emanating from a P.M. of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, in reference to what I consider a most magnificent and munificent gift of £500 from the Grand Lodge to the Princess of Wales on the occasion of her Silver Wedding, and I was under the impression that on no previous occasion had the Grand Lodge given its sanction to a greater act of generosity than in the present made to the Princess of Wales. We all know the interest the Prince of Wales, our beloved Grand Master, feels in promoting the interests of the Craft, and his readiness at all times to render assistance, but I have yet to learn how that interest can be in any way promoted by handing over to him a much larger sum than that already voted to the Princess of Wales, who in common with the wives of our brethren in general is not permitted to participate or take any part in our proceedings, and I believe that the Prince of Wales requires no stimulus like that proposed to encourage him to do his duty. Taking matters, however, on another ground, we find at the present time the greatest distress prevails throughout the Kingdom generally, and if an extra subscription is to be raised by the sixpences proposed from each member, I believe that many will agree with me, when I say, that such sums as they produce might be more usefully applied in relieving the distresses of members of the Craft who are outside the Board of Benevolence. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place in February next, and if there are any "sixpences" to spare Bro. James Terry will gladly receive them, as he states in his public appeal that funds were never more needed, that there are a large number of applicants for admission and few vacancies, together with the fact that the expenditure for annuitants alone approaches £15,000, and the permanent income is only £3,000. Therefore, the brethren will judge for themselves whether your correspondent has established the slightest claim to their consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours truly and fraternally,

27th December 1887.

P.M. P.Z.

A DECEMBER NIGHT IN THE TEMPLE

IN the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and in a number of other Masonic jurisdictions, the night fixed for the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year is the stated meeting occurring next before St. John the Evangelist's Day, 27th December. At the same meeting various other important Masonic duties are performed, so that the December meeting is by all odds the most important one in the year, and it is often styled the annual meeting, because of the annual election of officers at that time. We purpose taking a hasty view of the enlivening scenes which at this season occur in every Masonic Temple and Lodge Room in Pennsylvania, as well as elsewhere.

The first thing that strikes a brother on entering the Temple is the blaze of light which streams from every hall and room. Were an ancient Sabian from Persia to enter at this time, he would probably conclude that we were fire worshippers, so general and brilliant is the illumination. Once within the walls the stir is found to be universal. Brethren are passing in throngs into the various halls, exchanging fraternal greetings with old acquaintances, making new ones, and then passing on to their several Lodge, Chapter or Commandery rooms.

The election is the first business which excites universal concern. Interest in this has drawn a number of Brethren out who have not been accustomed to be regular attendants at the monthly meetings. Either through curiosity or solicitation, many old members, and not a few careless younger ones, come out at the December meeting only, and hence we may liken them to annual plants which flower but once a year. They are welcome, of course, thrice welcome, but why do they not come oftener? The Lodge needs them, and they need the Lodge. Each can do the other good. Let them be seen oftener together.

Any election is interesting. Somehow or other the average human mind is excited if there be an element of uncertainty, hazard, chance in any contention, fraternal or otherwise. There is, of course, each one's peculiar interest in behalf of the success of his personal friend; but over and above this there is the feeling of concern in the result of the teller's report on the election of each of the candidates. Uncertainty is an element which enters into almost every election, and so the interest in the result is one of the primary feelings which actuates every brother who is present with his Masonic body at its December meeting.

There is an event that occurs sometimes in which all take a melancholy interest, and that is the suspension from membership of a brother for non-payment of dues. We may say, however, that this never occurs where a brother is unfortunate and unable to pay his dues, and makes his situation known through any member of the Lodge. It is only where he pays no attention to the summons sent him (and remember the character of a summons, which he is in duty bound to obey), or where he is known to be unworthy, that he is cut off from membership. The Craft always exercises, or should exercise, charity towards its distressed worthy brethren, and it is ready to forgive them their dues if they are unable to pay, and ask to be forgiven, just as it is willing to actively contribute to their wants when in need of fraternal aid.

The election over, and the other regular business disposed of, the installation of Master and Wardens next engrosses attention. These are always interesting ceremonies. They occur so rarely that the closer attention is paid to them. Whether it be the advancement of new officers or the re-installation of the present ones, all behold the ceremonies with rapt attention; the obligations are serious, solemn and binding, and a pride is felt by all in the Officers assuming them, who are to preside during the coming Masonic year over the body of which they are members.

The Lodge, Chapter or Commandery having closed, the brethren proceed to the banquet hall. Let us suppose that one enters the Temple about ten o'clock p.m., just after all the brethren have been seated around the festive board. From all sides there come voices of merriment. There is not a plaintive tone to be heard, there is music and song, there is conversation and laughter, there is the rattle of dishes and the clinking of glasses. All is hilarity and mirth. Verily, the Craft has gone from Labour to Refreshment. We entered the Temple a few nights since while *five* banquets were in progress. Turn which way we would the sounds of fraternal festivity greeted our ears. From

one direction came the eloquent voice of a brother responding to a toast, from another the melody of the human voice in song, from another a lively recitation, and from still another such a round of innocent mirth that we thanked the Grand Architect that we were members of a Fraternity which could produce so much social and healthful enjoyment, and unite together in fraternal bonds so many of the children of men. With the lights blazing, the music playing, the human voice divine being heard high above all, and the Gavel of the Master commanding attention whenever it fell, the scene was one never to be forgotten. Such scenes can be observed as a rule only during one month in the year, and in this jurisdiction that month is December. Merry December, which includes not only a merry Christmas, but at least one merry Masonic gathering for every member of the Craft. All hail this glorious prelude, which leads up to St. John the Evangelist's Day! December, all hail!—*Keystone.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Once more Mr. Augustus Harris has shown us what kind of pantomime we may expect while he is lessee of "Old Drury." That his latest one is a success we need hardly mention; what with the amusing story that has been written, by Mr. E. L. Blanchard; the happy selection of popular tunes for the different songs, by Mr. Walter Slaughter; and last, but not least, the stage management of Mr. Augustus Harris, everything is up to the standard. One feature that is of advantage is that the pantomime is funnier than its predecessors, more attention having been directed, so as to make both young and old amused. Perhaps our best way to describe the many beautiful scenes that have been provided will be to give a description of the story. After an overture, comprising the latest music hall songs, the curtain goes up, and we are introduced to the den of the Demon Lawyer (Mr. J. B. Gordon); this gentleman has for attendants a number of fandish clerks. The lawyer pretends to have a will made out in his favour by a miller, two of whose lazy sons the lawyer has been making drunk. Another son, Jocelyn (Miss Lily Wadman), has, however, resisted the temptation. This young gentleman Cupid (Miss Jenny Dawson) promises to protect. Cupid declares that she will guard Jocelyn against the lawyer, and to do this sets to work, in scene the second—The Milleries, a most realistic picture. Here we are introduced to the two other brothers, William (Mr. Lionel Rignold) and 'Enry (Mr. Charles Danby). It is clearly to be seen that the lawyer has managed to get a firm grip on these young gentlemen. They are constantly meeting an old man and his donkey (the Brothers Griffiths), and this causes immense fun. It is in this act that we first see Puss (Mr. Charles Lanri jun.), who is constantly in attendance on his young master. Songs and dances take place, after which a royal hunting party arrives, at the head of which is the Princess (Miss Letty Lind). Jocelyn falls in love with the Princess, and receives much encouragement in his suit. In the next scene Jocelyn and his cat go to sleep, and here again the Princess appears, and after going through a most graceful dance, she kisses the sleeper. Cupid now puts in an appearance, and provides Puss with a pair of boots, of which the cat makes very funny use. Later on we are introduced to the King (Mr. Herbert Campbell) and Queen (Mr. Harry Nicholls), who give one of their topical songs. This was well received, and then follows one of the prettiest ballets ever seen at Drury Lane. This has been arranged by Madame Katti Lanner, and is executed by the children of the National School of Dancing! Needless to say it was highly appreciated. The Princess then proceeds to interview some of her admirers, but she refuses them all, her love having been secretly given to Jocelyn. A gorgeous procession follows, the dresses being most sumptuous. Puss puts in an appearance, and invites the royal party to the palace of his master. This they consent to visit, and during the journey to the castle we are shown some pretty scenery, representing the Park, the Vineyard, the Hayfield, the Giant's Stronghold, Love's Labyrinth, and then the Armouries. This latter set is the scene of the pantomime, all kinds of armour being displayed, the different patterns taking up the entire space of the stage. When all are grouped together we have a most effective sight. The Princess having married Jocelyn, the breakfast is given, during which the antics of the King and Queen cause roars of laughter. Jocelyn's happiness having now been secured, and the demon lawyer having been overcome, we are shown a magnificent transformation scene, with an immense fan of lace in the background. The Harlequinade, with Mr. Harry Payne as Clown, is amusing, and is sure to please the youngsters. In conclusion, we may repeat that the action is funnier than any of its predecessors, while the scenery and dresses are as gorgeous as ever. The scenery has been painted by Messrs. Henry Eaden, W. Perkins, W. R. Beverley, E. T. Ryan, and W. Telbin. The orchestra is under the direction of Mr. Walter Slaughter.

Globe.—In deciding that "The Golden Ladder" should inaugurate his management at this theatre, Mr. Wilson Barrett has acted wisely. A drama not without its humorous side, and yet possessing stirring and touching incidents, is sure to find favour in the eyes of a London audience; indeed of any audience. Such characteristics are to be found in "The Golden Ladder," which was produced for the first time on Thursday of last week. The drama is written by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Wilson Barrett, and extends through five long acts. Mr. Sims' recognised ability as a dramatist

is not for one moment to be disputed, and in "The Golden Ladder," as in other of his dramas, he has catered to suit all tastes. In the first scene he gives us a study of English domestic life, in which humour, love and villainy are all personated. Then in other scenes we see the husband persecuted, the wife wrongly accused, and convicted of a crime of which she is innocent, and villainy and roguery, for the time, in the ascendant. But not for long; in the last act all these positions are reversed, happily for all concerned. The plot is not difficult of comprehension, though the details are somewhat unusually varied and numerous. The Rev. Frank Thornhill has just returned from missionary labour abroad; he has inherited a large fortune, and, in his altered circumstances, woos Lillian Grant, his sweetheart of two years ago. Lillian is the daughter of a rich banker, whose ruin and disgrace are being rapidly brought about by one Michael Severn, Mr. Grant's chief cashier. This Severn has persuaded Jim Dixon to steal certain securities, which had been entrusted to the banker. In the midst of merriment and jollity, it being Lillian's birthday, the owner of these securities appears on the scene, to seek their restitution. Mr. Grant cannot restore them, nor pay the requisite amount, £20,000. Legal proceedings are threatened, but are stayed by the sacrifice of Thornhill's fortune, which is placed by him at the disposal of Mr. Grant. The disgrace and ruin that would have ensued are happily averted, and the honour of the house is preserved. Frank is accepted by Lillian, and they are married. Six years hence finds Frank and his devoted wife at work among the blacks in Madagascar. When Thornhill saved Mr. Grant's house from ruin he became the owner of certain mortgage deeds relating to the Madagascar gold mine. Severn and M. Peranza, an accomplice, are aware of this. They are on the island in search of the mine, and hearing of Thornhill's presence in Madagascar, at once determine to encompass his ruin and death, and thus remove from their path the one obstacle to their claim. Chance has it that Frank is going to supply some wine to the commander of the French war vessel. The two conspirators hear of this, and suggest to Rao, a Malagasy servant, to poison the wine. This Rao has an intense hatred to the missionary. The wine is poisoned; Thornhill is threatened with arrest by the French, but in an opportune moment is taken on board an English man of war and conveyed to England. Now, Severn and Peranza have also returned, and are trading under the assumed name of Keith and Co. They have discovered the gold, and are trying to sell shares in the mine. Whilst in their office, they receive visits from James Dixon and Thornhill. Frank sees through their evil designs, and hears of their having been mixed up in the matter of the poisoned wine. He defies their machinations, and tells them of his intention to investigate this trumped up charge of poisoning the wine, clear his own name, and ensure them just retribution. Severn and Dixon now conspire to waylay Thornhill, on Hampstead Heath, and have him put out of the way. M. Peranza, though acquiescing in the plot will have nothing to do with murder. In course, Dixon entices Frank to Hampstead Heath on a pretended mission of mercy, having previously, however, possessed himself of Thornhill's revolver. Once on the Heath, Severn and Dixon do not hesitate. Frank is felled by a blow from Severn, and the revolver is placed in his hand to support a theory of suicide. The two villains hear some one approaching, and decamp, but not before Thornhill has rallied and identified Severn as his assailant. Lillian opportunely arrives on the scene, and prevents Severn's escape. In taking the revolver from her husband it goes off accidentally, and Severn gets shot. Despite all her protestations of innocence, Lillian is arrested, tried, and convicted of an attempt to murder. Whilst in prison she receives a visit from her husband, and hears of the illness of her child. Her brain is in a turmoil, and she is pushed back to her cell, and the door closed upon her by the pitiless matron. Her sobs and entreaties are loud, passionate and prolonged, but stubborn duty prevents the jailors from assisting her. One Mrs. Freyne, however, is touched by her appeals for mercy and repeated declarations of innocence; and, in a moment of courageous self-devotion, changes clothes with the poor convict, who then and there passes out of the prison as Mrs. Freyne. Lillian at once flies to her husband and child. She finds Frank in conversation with the rascally Severn and Peranza. They are trying to induce him to enter into an arrangement by which all three can share in the Madagascar gold mine. Their amicable entreaties and otherwise pretended friendliness are of no avail. Frank treats them with scorn, and bids them go. These villains then try to make Lillian's escape serve their purpose. Whilst threatening to make her whereabouts known to the authorities, the prison chaplain enters with a free pardon for Lillian, and as a suitable conclusion to their villainy, Severn and Peranza are brought face to face with Dixon, who has informed against them. Their arrest follows, Lillian is proved innocent, and the curtain falls. As Lillian Grant, and afterwards as the young missionary's wife, Miss Eastlake's abilities are displayed in a manner quite equal to any of her previous efforts. In personating the character of a wronged and persecuted woman she has again shown us how, when under the most depressing influences and surrounded with enemies on all sides, she can rise equal to the occasion, and defeat the most diabolically concocted villainy. In the prison scene her acting was so realistic as visibly to affect several of her audience. As the hero of the piece Mr. Wilson Barrett magnificently acquitted himself. His acting was at times as near perfection as perhaps it is possible to bring it. In the part of Lillian's lover he was passionate and sincere; as the persecuted husband he never despaired of finally bringing his persecutors to justice; and as an accused murderer his indignation was most realistically displayed. In the Hampstead Heath scene, Mr. Barrett's recovery from the blow that felled him was somewhat rapid; making due allowance for what is done on the stage, we are necessarily forced to presume the blow miscarried. Of course, the lion's share of the applause was accorded to the hero and heroine of the piece. Still, we are bound to admit that Mr. George Barrett and Mrs. Henry Leigh, in the respective characters of Mr. and Mrs. Peckaby, were fully entitled to a

considerable amount of the cheers, applause and bravos that fell, on the final descent of the curtain. What humour there is in the drama was occasioned by the matrimonial disputes and squabbles between this worthy couple. As Mr. Peckaby, Mr. George Barrett showed to great advantage; his humour all through was perfectly genuine, and served as a splendid antidote to the otherwise sombre nature of the piece. His concern for the education of his daughter, Victoria Alexandra, and his revision of the Rev. Frank Thornhill's bill for board and lodging caused infinite amusement, and was thoroughly appreciated. The two villains, Michael Severn and M. Peranza, were very creditably rendered by Mr. Austin Melford and Mr. Cooper Cliffe. A like remark is also applicable to Mr. Elliott, in the character of a rough and ready Yorkshireman. In the scenery for the piece; Messrs. Tellbin, Smith and Hann have rendered very good service, the Hampstead Heath set being especially good. Altogether, we believe this drama has a long and successful run in store for it.

Gaiety.—The reception accorded Mr. G. Edwardes' Christmas burlesque was both surprising and unaccountable. Long before the curtain went up the piffites showed signs of displeasure, and for some time after the commotion did not cease. During the second and third acts the noise was simply deafening, so much so that the "tag" had to be curtailed. Why this should have been we cannot say, for nothing so magnificent as "Frankenstein" has ever before been seen on the Gaiety stage. Richard Henry has written the story with his usual humour, while the music, composed and selected by Meyer Lutz, is both tuneful and effective. All praise is due to Mr. Charles Harris for the way in which he has placed the piece on the stage. Every available opportunity has been seized to make the scenes picturesque, while the dresses are lovely. The plot at times is entirely lost sight of, but this is compensated for by some pretty choruses and dances, capitally arranged and perfectly executed. The story commences at the village of Villazuburba, in the pass of Pizzicato. Here Frankenstein has been working wonders, the principal one being the making of the monster (Mr. Fred Leslie). When this gentleman comes to life he gives us, with the help of the model (Mr. George Stone), an amusing burlesque of the present aspect of the prize ring. This is most laughable, the two or three rounds causing much merriment. There is very little plot in the second or third acts, but as we have already said, this is well made up by scenic effects. A charming "set" is the second act, and here dances and songs are given in abundance. The last scene is laid out as a cavern at the North Pole, and here a most effective review of the planets takes place. The groupings in this scene are perfect, the different colours mixing most harmoniously. Most of the Gaiety favourites are back, and Miss Nellie Farren and Mr. Fred Leslie work hard to be amusing. What little there was for them to do they did well; Miss Farren's vivacious and inimitable ways are as prominent as ever. These two favourites were backed by Mr. E. J. Lonnen as a vamp re-viscount. This gentleman has a good song, entitled "The Dispensing Doctor," and he renders it in capital style. Mr. George Stone, as the model, was amusing, while Miss Marion Hood's singing thoroughly charmed the house. Miss Sylvia Grey has one or two dances, which she executes in graceful fashion. Mr. Charlie Ross also has a capital dance, which he makes the most of. Misses Camille D'Arville, Emily Cross, Jenny Rogers, Jenny McNulty, and Messrs. Cyril Maude and Frank Thornton all do well in their several parts. Notwithstanding the unfavourable verdict of a part of its first night audience we feel sure, with a little working up, "Frankenstein" will prove a great success.

Terry's.—Those who are fond of seeing children enjoy themselves, play blindman's buff, sing nursery rhymes, and such like, cannot do better than visit this theatre, where Mr. Charles Arnold is giving matinées of "Hans the Boatman." Not very long since this charming little piece was presented at the now defunct Grand, at Islington, and during its short stay there delighted each one that went to see it. Mr. Arnold's loveable way with children is very amusing, while his style is most taking. Hans is one of those fellows who will do anything for a romp with the "kiddies," with what result we have before shown. The happy ending of the piece banishes the tears, and makes every one go home happy. Mr. Arnold has some delightful songs to sing, his "catchy" style being most pleasing. Two of the mites that lend such a pretty aspect to the story are very amusing. These are Master Frank Reed and Little May Hamman (both are exceedingly clever). Miss Helen Leyton is Jessie Thursby, while Miss May Gurney embodies the part of Gladys Farwell. Messrs. Walter Russell, Robert Medicott and Joseph Pearce are good in other parts. A more charming piece than "Hans the Boatman" cannot be found; the children's scenes are especially effective.

The New Years' Entertainment to the "Old Folks," at Croydon, will be given on Wednesday next.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Henry Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 215, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, Bro. Dr. James I. Laco P.G.J.D. was elected W.M., and Bro. James Harper P.M. P.G.J.W. Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 66.

At a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., Bro. E. Coppin in the chair, Bro. George Dimier S.W. was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, Bro. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.M.O. as Treasurer, and Bro. James Gidley P.M. P.G.T. Tyler.

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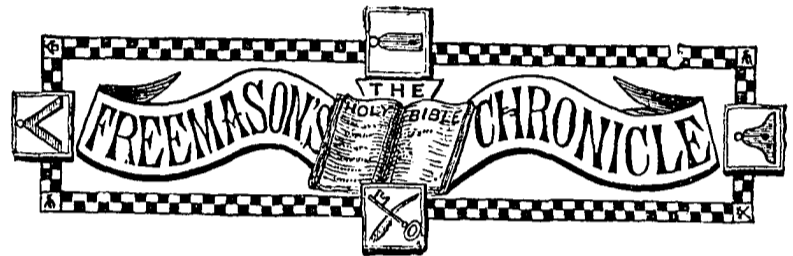
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**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
DERBYSHIRE.**

AT the Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held on Tuesday, 20th December, at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby, there was a large and influential gathering, every Lodge in the Province being represented. It had been hoped that the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., would have made it convenient to attend on this occasion, but at the eleventh hour the noble lord found himself unable, by reason of important business which called him to London, to be present. In his absence the chair was occupied by the genial and popular Deputy Grand Master, Brother Haughton Charles Okeover, who was supported by a large number of distinguished Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present. The chair of the D.P.G.M. was filled by Bro. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W. The annual reports presented from the various Lodges indicated a steady growth of Masonic strength, it being particularly noticeable that the Charities of the Order were receiving a very hearty and liberal recognition. On the latter point, it was mentioned by Bro. G. T. Wright, Chairman of the Charity Committee, that during the past year the Province had subscribed £557 5s 6d towards the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions, and that during the past three years no less than £2,400 had been sent up from Derbyshire. An interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. William Naylor, who has for a great many years most zealously and efficiently discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. It was reported by Bro. Percy Wallis, who had acted as Honorary Secretary to the Presentation Fund, that the proposal to recognise Bro. Naylor's services had been most liberally responded to from all parts of the Province, and that after purchasing for him Full and Undress Grand Lodge clothing, and also clothing for Grand Royal Arch Chapter (in both of which Bro. Naylor has been made the recipient of honours), the Committee were able to hand over a cheque of the value of £175 for presentation. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in investing Bro. Naylor with the handsome new clothing, and presenting him with the cheque referred to, bore eloquent testimony to the great services he had rendered to the Province of Derbyshire, and wished him an abundant measure of health to continue his honourable Masonic career. Bro. Naylor, in returning thanks, referred to the enormous strides made by Derbyshire Freemasonry during the 17 years he had been connected with the Province.

The number of Lodges had increased from 15 to 22, and the number of members from 465 to 1023. The Province had also increased the number of its votes for charities ten-fold; and during the period named they had erected a Masonic Hall, and furnished it beautifully. What was of even greater moment, the building was entirely free from debt. In other respects there had been great progress, and it was to him a source of pride and satisfaction to know that he had played some part in the work which had been going on. Bro. Naylor, amid the general applause of the brethren, expressed the hope that he might long be permitted to serve the interests of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In recognition of the Jubilee year, and by the authority of the Prince of Wales, past rank was conferred on four brethren of the Province. The recipients of these honours were:—

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| Bro. J. H. Lawson | - | - | P.P.G. Senior Warden |
| John Howell | - | - | P.P.G. Junior Warden |
| J. Hall | - | - | P.P.G. Senior Deacon |
| H. Barber | - | - | P.P.G. Senior Deacon |

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed the Officers of the Province for the ensuing year, in the following order:—

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| Bro. E. R. Ward | - | - | Senior Warden |
| D. Upton | - | - | Junior Warden |
| Thomas Cox | - | - | Treasurer |
| William Naylor | - | - | Secretary |
| Revs. H. Price and C. W. Groves | - | - | Chaplains |
| Edgar Horne | - | - | Registrar |
| T. N. Turner | - | - | Senior Deacon |
| W. Fletcher | - | - | Junior Deacon |
| Arnold Bemrose (re-appointed) | - | - | Dir. of Cers. |
| W. Davis | - | - | Assist. Dir. of Cers. |
| W. Silver-Hall | - | - | Assist. Secretary |
| J. Copestick | - | - | Pursuivant |
| Henry Carr | - | - | Assist. Pursuivant |
| E. J. H. Hoskyns | - | - | Sword Bearer |
| J. Cholerton and J. McLeod | - | - | Standard Bearers |
| William Forman | - | - | Organist |
| G. Sutherland, W. H. Wright, J. S. } Saunders, Wm. Hart, W. Prince, } J. H. Cooke | - | - | Stewards. |

After the transaction of formal business, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where they partook of dinner, which was well served by Mr. Keyl, the manager. A pleasant evening was spent.

NEW MASONIC HALL IN PLYMOUTH.

IN reference to the laying of the foundation-stone of this new building the *Western Daily Mercury* says:—It was a happy thought which suggested itself to the mind of Bro. W. Derry P.M. 156 P.P.G.S.W. early in the year that the Masonic fraternity of the Three Towns could not better celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty than by erecting a new Masonic Hall, sufficient for all purposes, and a Club to meet growing demands. As the result of Bro. Derry's suggestion a few of the more active and prominent of the Masonic body met together under Bro. Derry's chairmanship. It was decided to erect a Masonic Hall and Club, and a Limited Liability Company was formed for that purpose, but the question was to find suitable premises or a fairly good site. A small but select committee was appointed, and Bro. J. H. Keats P.M., the eminent architect, was called in council. Two good sites were fixed upon and negotiations entered into respecting the same. After a good inspection it was resolved that No. 1 Princess Square was the more desirable of the two, and although the committee felt hampered by not being able to take possession of the property as early as they could wish, a price was agreed upon and money paid to settle the bargain. Bro. J. Keats worked most assiduously with the plans, and the result was that by the time the premises were vacated the contract had been signed and the arrangements so perfected that the work of alteration and building was practically commenced at once. "Success sweetens labour," and after all the energy, time, and ability which the Committee have thrown into the work, it must have been exceedingly gratifying to them to see the Prov. G.M. (Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P.) lay the foundation stone of their new hall, although at the end of, but in, the Jubilee year, which it was feared at one time would have been prevented by circumstances over which they had no control. The ceremony passed off most successfully.

Fully 600 Brethren met at the special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was held at the Assembly Rooms, and after the transaction of certain business marched in procession, headed by the band of the Cameron Highlanders, to St. Andrew's Church, where a special service was held, the Prov. G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. T. Tyacke) being the preacher. At the conclusion of the service, the Brethren proceeded to No. 1 Princess Square, standing at the bottom of Windsor Lane, where the foundation stone was laid by Lord Ebrington, M.P., the Prov. G.M. A handsome silver trowel was presented to the P.G.M. by Bro. W. Derry, Chairman of the Board of Directors. The foundation stone was a good one, and in a cavity underneath was placed in a lead box (kindly given by Bro. W. T. Hocking W.M. 70) copies of the day's *Western Daily Mercury* (containing a preliminary notice of the proceedings), the *Western Morning News*, the *Freemason*, Articles of Association of the Company, Devon and Cornwall Masonic Directory, a book of the Constitutions of the Order, and some coins. The ceremony was an impressive one, and at the conclusion successful photographs of the party were taken by Bro. John Hodge, of Union Street, Stonehouse. The Brethren then returned to the Royal Hotel, where the Jubilee "collars" were distributed, Bro. J. B. Gover, who received the collar of P.G.A.D.C. at the hands of the present Lord Ebrington's grandfather, being appointed P.P.G. Secretary. The Brethren dined together in the evening at Bro. Roger's Newmarket Hotel.

The new hall is likely to be of an exceptionally imposing character. It is classical in design—the lower story being rusticated and the top with Corinthian pilasters. It will face Windsor Lane and will be three storeys high. On the ground floor will be a banquetting hall 48 feet by 28 feet. On the first floor will be no less than three Lodge rooms, while the dressing rooms and lockers will be on the mezzanine floor. On the top floor there will be a Prov. Grand Lodge room 68 feet by 29, with a height of 24 feet. Our limited space will not permit us of writing an extended notice of the building to-day; we shall reserve that for a future occasion. The existing premises in front of the site of the new hall has been converted into a Masonic Club. It is beautifully furnished throughout, and there is every reason to believe it will be a great success.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their Annual Festival on St. John's day, at the Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire. Bro. T. C. Deuham, as installed as Wor. Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by V.W. the Hon. W. T. Orde. Powlett P.G.W. England, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. J. March I.P.M., J. Gibson S.W., J. H. Scholes J.W., the Rev. J. E. Torbett Chaplain, J. Westgarth Smith Treasurer, Stephen W. Close Secretary, R. Spence jun. S.D., Sidney Pearson J.D., H. Poctor D. of C., E. Schofield Organist, R. Murray I.G., J. Tennet Steward, and W. Grieves Tyler. There was a large attendance of the members of the Lodge, and the visiting brethren present were Bros. Bungay 561, Stewart 602 P.G. Organist, and Brown 1932. On the conclusion of the ceremonial the brethren dined at the King's Head Hotel.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street, Plymouth, on the 20th inst., to instal Bro. P. H. Bridgeman S.W. as W. Master for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Hannaford, Bros. W. Browning P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Hildy P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and J. W. Cornish P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. Hannaford I.P.M., W. Stonlake S.W., John Lavers jun. J.W., F. R. Goodyear P.M. Treasurer, W. Browning P.M. Secretary, H. Earl S.D., G. Payne J.D., H. Rogers I.G., W. Hutchings D.C., J. A. Court A.D.C., C. B. Gale Orgt., P. Hannaford Sen. St., S. Yeomans Jun. St., S. W. Saunders 1st Assist. St., W. Biscoombe 2nd Assist. St., and T. Mairs Tyler. Bro. J. Neno P.M. was appointed Charity Steward. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, the usual Masonic toasts being duly honoured. The annual banquet will take place on Tuesday, 10th January.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 376.

THE R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, attended the anniversary meeting of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday, 21st inst., when Bro. Frank A. Bales was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The members of the Lodge present included:—Bros. John Hunt W.M.,

F. A. Bales S.W. (W.M. elect), N. Tracy P.M. P.G.S., S. R. Anness P.M. P.P.G.J.D., W. P. Mills P.M. Treas. P.P.G.S.W., A. A. Bennett P.M. P.P.G.R., J. H. Staddon P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Fraser P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Hy. Sidney P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.A.D. of C., R. E. Younger J.W., Fred C. Atkinson S.W., H. E. Leach J.D., Geo. Turner I.G., A. Spalding Steward, E. T. Read, J. Goodhew, Richard Anness, H. Campion Monteith, A. C. Hayward, John Tibbenham, W. Darby. The visitors, in addition to the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, included Bros. J. Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson P.M. 114 P.G. Chap. Eng., Dr. Tidbury S.W. 114, Edgar S. Scrivener W.M. 225, W. Pearson P.M. 936, S. Snow P.M. 959, C. H. Scriven S.W. 1663, Robert Titlow J.W. 388 and 1982, G. T. Pick J.W. 959, A. E. Chaplin 88, John H. Baxter 194, W. Kemp 959, M. A. Butcher 959, and W. Leathers 959, &c. W. Bro. Terry acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Younger S.W., Atkinson J.W., Mills Treas., Sidney Secretary, Leach S.D., Turner J.D., Campion Monteith I.G., Wright D. of C., Thwaites and Spalding Stewards, Gould Tyler. After the Officers had been invested, the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Lord Henniker expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present at the installation of Bro. Bales, who was the son of a very old and esteemed friend of his. He also desired by his presence to do honour to Bro. Tracy, who had done so much for Freemasonry in Suffolk, and who was, he believed, one of the oldest members of the Perfect Friendship Lodge. He had, however, attended at great personal inconvenience, and he hoped the W. Master and Brethren would excuse him if he left earlier than he would otherwise have done. He was always glad to come to Ipswich, where he had received so much kindness, and he greatly regretted that he was not able to make a longer stay on the present occasion. The Prov. Grand Master then retired, and shortly afterwards the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. T. Hardwick, of the Queen's Street Restaurant. The Wor. Master (Bro. Bales) occupied the chair. The Wor. Master proposed the Loyal toasts and "The Present and Past Grand Officers." He thought the Perfect Friendship, as a Provincial Lodge, ought to feel highly honoured by the presence of two Grand Officers, Bros. Sanderson and Terry. Bro. Boby would also have been with them, but for the lamented death of his brother. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, in response, expressed the interest he had always felt in the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and the pleasure it had given him to be present at the installation of Bro. Bales, who was not only an old pupil of his, but also the son of a much esteemed friend. The Wor. Master next proposed "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Lord Henniker, the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past." He expressed his regret that the Prov. Grand Master was unable to stay for the banquet, but said they must be thankful that he did them the honour of being present at the Lodge. He was Lord-in-Writing on the Queen, and he had come down from Windsor, at great personal inconvenience, in order to be with them that evening. With regard to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, he was beloved throughout the Province, and nothing but prior engagements of an important nature prevented him being present. The toast was responded to by Bro. N. Tracy for the Present, and Bros. J. B. Fraser and J. H. Staddon for the Past Prov. Grand Officers. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Installing Master, said he esteemed it a great honour to have been installed by such a distinguished Mason as Bro. Terry. On behalf of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and on his own behalf, he thanked Bro. Terry for the honour he had done them by his presence, and for the impressive manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Terry, in response, said he had installed some hundreds of Worshipful Masters in different parts of the country, but he had never experienced more pleasure in performing the ceremony than he had that evening. He knew well Bro. Bales's zeal for Freemasonry, and he was quite sure he would not have undertaken an office the duties of which he did not feel competent to discharge. He was sure Bro. Bales would add fresh lustre to the chair which so many eminent Masons had filled in past times. The I.P.M., Bro. Hunt, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. A. Bales. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. The Worshipful Master responded in appropriate terms, and expressed the hope that at the end of his term of office he should hand on to his successor the Mastership of the Lodge pure and unsullied as he had received it. The Worshipful Master proposed the Immediate Past Master, and referred to the great prosperity the Perfect Friendship Lodge had enjoyed under the Mastership of Bro. J. Hunt. Bro. John Hunt, in response, thanked the Officers and Brethren for the support accorded to him during the past year. Bro. Tracy, in an impressive speech, proposed the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Terry. Bro. Terry, in response, said upon the success of the Masonic Charities depended the welfare of over 900 persons. For the support of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions over £26,000 a-year was required, and in connection with the Benevolent Institution £11,800 was expended every year. There were eighteen annuitants in the Province of Suffolk, the aggregate amount they were receiving being over £1000 a-year, so that he thought he might fairly say that the Masonic Charities had great claims upon their sympathies. The other toasts were the Past Masters of the Lodge, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. S. R. Anness and A. A. Bennett; the Visitors, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bros. Clarke, E. T. Read, Baxter, E. S. Scrivener, G. T. Pick, C. H. Scriven, R. Titlow, Campion and Pearson; the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bros. F. C. Atkinson J.W., H. Sidney Secretary, and H. J. Wright Dir. of Cers.; and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations by various brethren. Bro. G. E. Barwell very ably presided at the pianoforte.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woodbridge, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when Brother Horsey was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. There was a numerous attendance of Brethren. Bro. William Clarke acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. The Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Tracy and Phillips. Having been duly installed, Bro. Horsey invested his Officers for the year, as under:—Bros. Phillips S.W., Booth J.W., Rev. J. Beck Chaplain, Gall Treasurer, Parrett Secretary, F. W. W. Gross S.D., Gall D.C., Loveless Organist, Brooke I.G., Sheppard and Tomlinson Stewards, Hall Tyler. Hearty good wishes were tendered to the Worshipful Master, from the Grand Lodge of England, the Province of Suffolk, and the Visiting Lodges. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the Brethren adjourned to the Ball Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Miles. After the choice viands had been duly discussed, the Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the usual Masonic toasts. Bro. Clarke, England, responded for the Grand Officers. The W.M. proposed the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Tracy responded for the Present Officers, and Bro. Gall for the Past. The W.M. next proposed the Installing Master, and expressed great satisfaction at the admirable manner in which Bro. Clarke had performed the ceremony. Bro. Clarke, in response, said it was always a great pleasure to him to attend the Doric Lodge, and to instal such worthy Masters as had filled the chair of that ancient Lodge in times past. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Collins, in felicitous terms, proposed the Worshipful Master of the Doric Lodge, and expressed the hope that Bro. Horsey would have a happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master suitably responded. The other toasts were the Immediate Past Master, the Masonic Charities, the Visitors (for whom Bro. Hayward responded), the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with some capital songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

ON Tuesday, the 27th inst., the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, for the purpose of transacting the usual business and to present Bro. John Brewer with an address and a gold Prov. J.G.W. jewel. W.M. Edwards presided, and among those present were the Prov. Grand Master Viscount Ebrington, M.P. The first business was the presentation of the gold jewel and address, by Lord Ebrington. The address was as follows:—

"Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Loyal Lodge, No. 251. Presented, together with a gold Prov. J.G.W. jewel, to Worshipful Brother John Brewer P.M., on his retirement from the office of P.G. Secretary and appointment to that of P.J.G. Warden, by brethren of his mother Lodge, in accordance with the following unanimous resolution passed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on Monday, the 4th July 1887:—That a testimonial be presented by the Brethren to Bro. John Brewer as a small token of their esteem and regard towards him, and to mark their appreciation of the distinction with which he has discharged the duties of P.G. Secretary for a period of eight years."

In answer to the well-deserved remarks of Lord Ebrington, Bro. J. Brewer made a suitable reply. Bro. W. A. Roberts was then installed as W.M., and he subsequently appointed his Officers. In the evening a large company dined together at the Fortescue Hotel.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when there was an exceedingly large attendance of brethren from various parts to witness the installation of Brother Mugford, the S.W. for the past year and W.M. elect. The following were amongst those present:—Bros. Ebrington 248 W.M. P.P.G.C., Dr. Searles 218 P.M. P.G.S., Stanley 395 P.G. Sword Bearer, Martin 910 P.M., and others. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Grant, and after the minutes were read and confirmed a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation was most effectively performed by Bro. Grant P.M., after which the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bro. Richards I.P.M., Hill S.W., Renwick J.W., Harland P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Taylor P.M. Secretary, Grant P.M. Chaplain, Beckett S.D., Searle J.D., Naber P.M. D.C., Brooks Organist, Taylor I.G., Beer S.S., Millard J.S., Burt Tyler. After transacting other business, the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the Brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where the spread reflected great credit on the cuisine of the host, Bro. Harrison.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

THE Festival of St. John and the installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Chipping, Hanley. There was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren. Bro. Tomlinson W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Grubb I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Bickley, Jackson and Gupper. A large company of installation the W.M. appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Windle S.W., Johnson J.W., Rev. H. E. Waters Chaplain, Hales Treasurer, Gwynne Secretary, Hampton S.D., Barlow J.D., Jackson Dir. of Cers., Barlow Organist, Jones I.G., Jones and Godson Stewards, Wilkes Tyler. After the ceremony a banquet was held at the Town Hall, provided by Bro. Munro.

LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge, for the installation of the W.M. elect, took place on Monday, the 26th inst., at Callington. After the initiation of a candidate, Bro. Dawe S.W. was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bros. Pearce P.M. P.P.G.D., and George Morgan P.M. P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bros. Williams P.M. P.P.G.P. and Bond W.M. The W.M. invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Bond I.P.M., Betty S.W., Philp J.W., Pearce Treasurer, Turner Secretary, Normington S.D., Gibson J.D., Davey I.G., Hosken Tyler, Lakeman Organist, Bale D.C., Geake S.S., Phillips J.S., and Bennett A.S. The annual banquet will be held at Bro. G. T. Lakeman's, Bull's Head Hotel, on Thursday next, at 5 p.m.

UNITY LODGE, No. 613.

ON Monday, the 19th instant, the Annual Installation in connection with this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, East-bank Street, Southport, there being present a large number of Officers, Members, and Visitors, among whom were Bros. Cory P.M. 613, Hatch P.M. 613, Hope P.P.G.C., Sutton P.P.G.D.C., Newsome P.P.G.S.B., Hesketh P.M. 1070, Pye P.M., and others. After the usual Lodge business was disposed of, the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with by Bro. Gale, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Kidstone P.M. The ceremony was most impressively rendered, the W.M. elect being Bro. Sherrington. The Officers were afterwards invested with their respective insignia:—Bros. Gale I.P.M., McFeeter S.W., Seidenstricker J.W., Bradshaw P.M. D.C., T. Adams P.M. Treasurer, Duxfield P.M. Secretary, Hope P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Wilkinson Organist, Blundell S.D., Scott J.D., Marsden I.G., Hayward S.S., Williams J.S., Rockliff Tyler, Kirkbride Assistant Tyler, Kershaw P.M. Almoner, Cory P.M. R.B.B. In the evening the Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Bro. Wilkinson fully maintaining the reputation of the hotel. A most interesting evening was spent, presided over by the W.M., Brother Sherrington. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and enthusiastically received, which were followed by the Masonic toasts in due order, the gathering being most enjoyable, as was evinced by the cordiality which prevailed amongst the brethren.

ST. PETROC LODGE, No. 1785.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Padstow, on Friday, the 23rd instant, to instal Bro. W. H. Martyn jun. as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Thomas Hicks P.M. P.P.G.J.W. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Stribley I.P.M., Major C. R. P. Brune S.W., J. B. Williams J.W., Rev. John Dannt Chaplain, F. Bray P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant Treasurer, W. H. Pope P.M. Secretary, R. S. Langford S.D., P. Blake J.D., J. Hawken D.C., H. F. Marley I.G., G. B. Stribley O., W. H. Pope jun. and W. Brown Stewards, and J. D. Lobb Tyler. Brother William Knight was elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Amity and Benevolent Fund. The Visitors were Bros. R. Drew S.W. 1529 and E. Rickard S.D. 1529. The banquet was held at the St. Petroc Private Hotel, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton, under melancholy circumstances, owing to the lamentable death of Brother Goldsmith, the out-going W.M., a few days after the Lodge elected his successor in November last. A second cause of grief was the sudden death of Bro. Frederick Saunders, an initiate of the Lodge, on the very day of the funeral of Bro. Goldsmith. The Lodge was draped in deep mourning, and the installation banquet was dispensed with. The chair was taken by Bro. Charles Pardon, the late W.M.'s I.P.M., and there were present Bros. J. C. Duckworth S.W. W.M. elect, Dr. Griffiths J.W., H. Massey P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Albery Secretary, W. M. Duckworth P.M., Thomas Minstrell P.M., Herbert Wright S.D., W. T. Perkins J.D., Robert Hancock I.G., J. H. Thomas P.M. D.C., Basil Cooke Assistant D.C., F. H. Gale Organist, E. E. Peacock Steward, James Macintyre, W. Potts, W. Macdonald, John Bane, George Welsh, C. Greenwood, James Adair, J. W. R. Brown, C. K. Moore, Peter Bruce, F. W. Pattison, J. C. Manning, John Allan, W. J. Innes, Charles Lock, George F. Babington, H. J. Sanderson, S. James, and Masson. Visitors: Bros. E. L. Horne P.M. Secretary 227, H. M. Read P.M. 720, L. F. Gowling 423 (S.C.), W. E. M. Hancock 1588, and J. Laidlaw Cross P.M. 90. The Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. L. F. Gowling of 423 (S.C.) was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Albery, the Secretary, reported that, by the direction of the W.M. elect and the Permanent Committee, memorial wreaths had been placed upon the coffins of Bros. Goldsmith and Saunders, on behalf of the Lodge. A large number of Brethren had attended the funeral of their late W.M. at Brockley, and the Lodge was properly represented at Bro. Saunders' funeral at Woking Cemetery. It had also been determined to raise a subscription for the widow and four young children left by Bro. Saunders. The Permanent Committee had started the list with a donation of 20 guineas from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bro. Pardon said it was seldom that a Lodge met under such depressing circumstances, but the W.M. elect and the Officers had done wisely in dispensing with the usual banquet, which could not be enjoyed without conviviality. Some amount of sympathy, however, was due to the incoming W.M., who naturally had looked forward to his installation as a joyous festival, when, surrounded by his friends and a brilliant circle of Visitors, he had hoped to inaugurate his year of office in a pleasant and genial manner. With reference to the five guineas

voted for a P.M.'s jewel for Bro. Goldsmith, but now, alas! not required, he would suggest that the sum be made up to ten guineas, and a perpetual "Goldsmith" vote be purchased in one of the Masonic Charities. That would be a real and permanent memorial to the worth and esteem in which the Lodge held their late W.M. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed that the Lodge was financially in a prosperous condition, was received and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Duckworth, was afterwards installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. H. Massey, the first W.M. of the Lodge and Treasurer. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Dr. Griffiths S.W., Wright J.W., Perkins S.D., Hancock J.D., Albery Secretary, Cooke I.G., Thomas P.M. D.C., Peacock Assistant D.C., Gale, Greenwood, Moore, and Pattison Stewards. Bro. Massey was re-invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Very as Tyler. The investiture of Officers being ended, Bro. Duckworth rose and said that almost the first duty he had to perform as Master was one which he would rather had not fallen to his lot. The minutes of the Lodge during his year of office would commence with a melancholy record. They were all aware of the sad fact that a few days after their last meeting their Master, Bro. Goldsmith, passed away. He had been in poor health for a long time, but they had no reason to expect that his end was so near. He actually fulfilled his professional duties the day before his death. In losing Bro. Goldsmith, the Gallery Lodge had lost one of the most accomplished workers in Freemasonry in the Home Counties, and many of them had lost a colleague who was always genial, upright, and respected by all with whom he came in contact. Although Bro. Goldsmith had been troubled with a racking cough, he died without suffering. Peaceful and gentle in life, his end was peace. Although they felt his departure very keenly, there were others left behind whose grief must be very great indeed, and he proposed that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Goldsmith and her children. This was seconded by Bro. Griffiths and agreed to. The W.M. again rose and said ill-fortune seldom came alone. On the day their late Master was buried, death, with his sickle keen, swept away another much respected member—Bro. Saunders. These two deaths in one week were enough to shake the nerves of the strongest of them. He proposed that a similar letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Saunders. Bro. Griffiths seconded this, and it was adopted.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering uses of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.

The General Committee of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. in the chair. Amongst others present were Peter de L. Long, E. H. Finney, G. H. N. Bridges, C. H. Webb, Thomas Massa, H. Massey, Charles F. Hogard, J. J. Caseley, John French, Samuel H. Parkhouse, J. S. Cumberland, and Bro. Peachey, in place of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary, who was unfortunately absent through illness. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, some grants and additions to salaries were made in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee. Eleven vacancies were declared for the April election, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques according to list. The brethren then considered the petitions for admitting children to the list of candidates for election into the School in April. Of these petitions there were 22. Two were deferred for further information, and one was rejected as not coming within the rules. The remaining 19 were accepted, and the list for April now stands at 42. 11 vacancies were recommended to the Quarterly Court in January 1888. On the motion of Bro. Webb, seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, a vote expressive of the regret of the Committee, at the death of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.Chap., Vice-President of the Institution, was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and a vote of regret at the Secretary's illness was likewise agreed to.

A reproduction in monochrome of a crayon study by Mr. Frank Miles forms the frontispiece to the January number of "Cassell's Magazine." Mr. J. Berwick Harwood contributes a new story to this number.

The sermon preached by the Bishop of Gibraltar at the consecration of the Memorial Church to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, at Canaze, is published in the January number of "The Quiver." An unpublished sermon by Matthew Henry, the commentator, also appears.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

- 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)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 1462—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1310—Asaph, 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)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1685—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)
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebbden Bridge
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrexham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 597—St. Cybil, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friedshill, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malton.
 R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 M.M. 9—Fortesque, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagg-r Lane, Hull
 M.M. 37—Wyntham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blks., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 144—Fench, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
 166—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powdull-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 831—Finsbury, King's Head, Three-in-the-Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1446—Mount Edgemoor, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 4 (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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1538—St. Martin-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 R.A. 1644—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Borwick
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortesque, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amble, Anglesea
 1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 3. (Instruction)
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Susssex Street, Rhyl
 1750—Coloridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JANUARY.

- 3—Fideity, Alfred, Roma Road, Barnsley, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lagard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Micro, Quarry Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leade Hall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Seabrook Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Girdiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instru)
 1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instru.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mace Street, Hackney at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensburne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1631—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Loytons one
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Girdiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 74—Athe, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 274—Tranquillity, Boat's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Rainesgate
 471—Siturnan, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 504—Dowwashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Cletham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersey, Faraworth, near Bolton
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Chesham. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich

- 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
- 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
- 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigau
- 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
- 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
- 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
- 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
- 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
- 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
- R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
- R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
- R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
- R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
- R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
- M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 5th JANUARY.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
- 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)
- 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
- 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bathnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1306—St. John, Thres Crows Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
- 1553—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)
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- 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
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- 950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
- 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)
- R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
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- 2043—Schulick, Masonic Hall, Greyhound's Road, Reading
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FRIDAY, 6th JANUARY.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
- 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.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 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, Kow Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
- 1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- 2040—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. —Pamure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
- R.A. 890—Horsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- R.A. 1489—Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N
- M.M. —Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Cambridge.
- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
- 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Donl
- 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
- 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherton, Warwick.
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-on-Medley
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salford-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
- South Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
- 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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ON Saturday last an influential meeting of Masons, members of various metropolitan amateur rowing clubs, was held at Putney, to consider the advisability of forming a Lodge for amateur oarsmen, much on the same principle as the Ilex Swimming Club was formed some years ago. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., an old member of the Committee of the London Rowing Club, was called to the chair, and amongst those present we noticed Brothers Eugene Monteunis P.M. 14 and 2060 P.G. Steward, J. C. Radford P.M. 177 and 1420, J. F. Savory 1635, T. W. Willis 1601, Gordon Smith W.M. 2011 and J.W. 14, Valentine Robinson S.W. 14, G. D. Lister P.M. 1412 and 1361 P.P.G.S. Surrey, H. J. Reynolds P.M. 91 and 101 P.G.S., S.D. Grand Stewards' Lodge, W. E. Smith 1891, Ernest T. Smith 1768, and many others. After some little discussion it was unanimously resolved that a petition should be presented to the M.W. Grand Master, praying for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be holden at Putney during rowing season, to be called the "Argonauts," and to be open to members of all metropolitan rowing clubs. It was agreed that the subscription should be small, so as to induce the younger members of the various rowing clubs to join, as well as the elder ones. Bro. Monteunis was nominated first W.M., Bro. Radford first S.W., Bro. Savory first J.W., and Bro. Frank Richardson was asked to act as Treasurer. Bro. Radford kindly consented to act as Hon. Sec. pro tem, and a Sub-committee, consisting of Bros. Monteunis, Savory, and Smith, were elected to act with him in carrying out details, and making necessary arrangements. The principal clubs represented at the meeting were the London, Thames and Twickenham, but we have little doubt that as soon as the fact becomes known in rowing circles an acquisition of members from all amateur clubs on the Thames will be obtained. The idea seems to us to be a very good one, and we wish hearty success to the cause.

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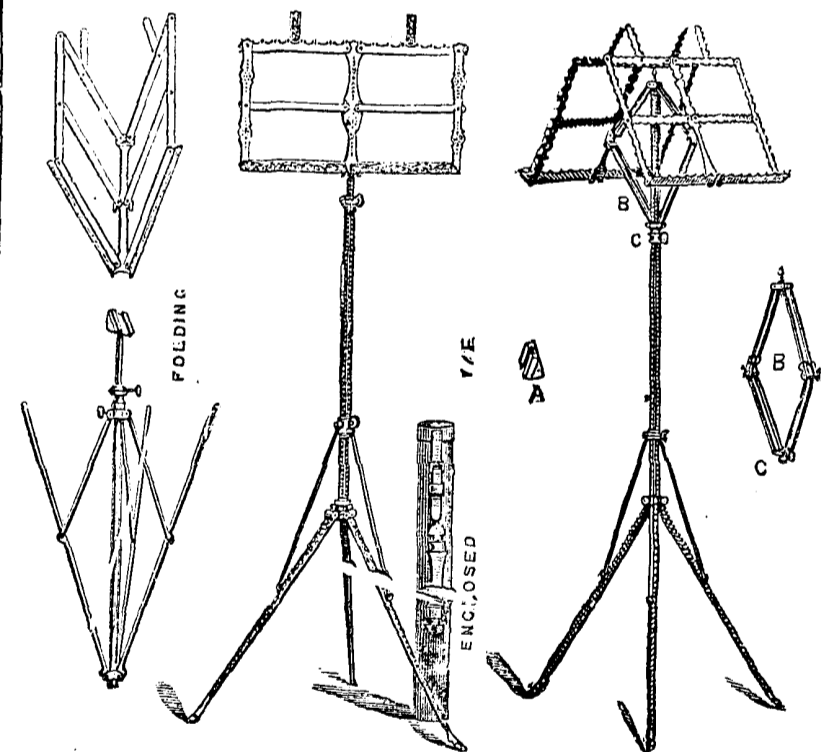
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raised was £3,650. Insignificant as that amount may seem in the light of more modern Festivals, it was a substantial advance on any previous contribution; and we are told that the services of Bro. Binckes were "promptly recognised by the Committee in a manner that was at once substantial and gratifying." It is impossible to speak of the subsequent career of the Institution down to the present time, its vast increase in dimensions, wealth and power for doing good, without mingling with our thoughts the name of Bro. Frederick Binckes. His name is, and for ever will be, so closely entwined with the History of the Institution that the one can never be mentioned without the other. Blessed with a robust constitution, clear judgment and foresight, urbanity of manner and eloquence of a practical, rather than of an ornamental character, Bro. Binckes began a raid upon the Provinces, stirring the brethren into a new life, and shaking up the hitherto "dry bones" to some purpose. The visits of Bro. Binckes to the Provincial Lodges excited the most popular enthusiasm, and his appeals on behalf of the Boys commended themselves to our country brethren by their sound reasoning and manly outspokenness. Probably few men amongst us could have stood the immense physical and mental toil which has marked the last twenty-five years of Bro. Binckes' life; yet we still find that his motto is "Excelsior," and in pushing forward the interests of the Institution what may be lacking in physical force—for we are all growing older—is more than compensated for by experience, and the deep-rooted affection in which the Secretary of the Boys' Institution is held by Masons everywhere, not only in the metropolitan district, but in every nook and corner of the English Masonic world. The Festival of 1863, presided over by Lord De Grey and Ripon, resulted in a subscription list of £4,679, of which sum, it was announced, considerably more than one-half was raised by the Provincial Section of the Board. Here, then, was an immediate proof of Bro. Binckes' active work amongst the Provincial Lodges; and so gratified were the Governors and Subscribers with the result—which at the time was entirely unprecedented—that it was unanimously resolved that, irrespective of his salary, an honorarium should be annually bestowed on him, amounting to Five per cent. on all Festival proceeds in excess of £2,000.

From this time forward the tide of prosperity flowed on and increased in volume. Bro. Binckes travelled the country, in all directions, organising Boards of Stewards, and enlisting the services of brethren to aid in the general work. The growing responsibilities cast upon the Institution rendered necessary increased efforts, and these were stimulated and encouraged by the unceasing energies of Bro. Binckes, whose new and improved system, as it became developed, was productive of the most gratifying results. Year by year the number of boys in the School was augmented, the dimensions of the buildings enlarged, and the scope of the Institution widened and strengthened in every respect. By 1867, the School had been increased to its "full strength" of one hundred boys; and some idea may be formed of what has been achieved in the last twenty years when we consider that there are now no fewer than two hundred and fifty pupils in the establishment, and that the Festival returns have run up to a threefold extent. We pass over the changing fortunes of the Festivals for the next few years, and of the gradual improvements which were made from time to time at the Wood Green Institution; but the happy results achieved during the first eight years that Bro. Binckes held the office of Secretary were shown by the fact that he had been mainly instrumental in raising, from Festival and similar celebrations alone, fully £50,000. It may readily be imagined that these successes aroused great enthusiasm amongst the brethren generally, and supreme efforts were made in 1869 to clear off the mortgage on the buildings, which, as already stated, amounted to £10,000. On the completion of the new building the House and Building Committee sent in their report, which showed that, irrespective of the amount of the mortgage, there was about £9,000 outstanding in respect of liabilities on this account. It was, therefore, determined to pay off only a moiety of the mortgage, while with the aid of a loan from the bankers, of £4,000, the contractor's balance and other similar liabilities were reduced by payment of £8,600, the total amount paid during the year 1869, including interest on mortgage and £8,400 for the maintenance of the Institution being £18,840. But, enormous as this reduction

appears, the Institution was still liable for the remaining moiety of the mortgage (£5,000) and for the moneys advanced by the bankers (about £5,900) with say £600 due to other creditors; and a further extraordinary effort became necessary in order to restore the Institution to a state of financial equilibrium as regards its income and expenditure. The Festivals of successive years were highly encouraging, and enabled the Executive to still further reduce their liabilities, while at the same time the number of boys admitted to the School gradually increased. In the year 1874 the time for holding the Annual Festival was changed from March to June, with the object of having the Anniversaries of the three Charities spread over a longer period, one effect of which was to give the friends of the Institution an extended interval in which to secure support. There is a rather wide-spread feeling now abroad that a further extension of time would tend to the benefit of the Institution; but it is as yet a moot point, that will require careful and deliberate thinking out. For the last ten years the amounts produced at the Festivals have fluctuated very considerably, but never has the product been less than £10,000. In 1877 it was close on £13,200; in 1880 slightly over £14,000; in 1883, when a supreme effort was made on behalf of the Preparatory School—another splendid conception of Bro. Binckes—the magnificent total of £23,000 was realised, a sum unprecedented in the annals of the Institution; in 1884 it was £14,060; in 1885 £11,746; last year it again rose, to £13,000; but in consequence it is alleged of depression of trade and the intervention of the Jubilee festivities, this year the "somewhat disappointing" total only reached £11,200. The wants of the current year are so fully set forth in this Supplement that it is unnecessary to prolong our sketch of the progress of the Institution; but we would commend to our reader's special attention the Qualifications of Individual Donors, Festival Stewards, Lodges and Chapters, &c., which we give in full, from the official annual publications of the Institution.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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THE Eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution, on Tuesday, 14th June 1887, attracted to the Crystal Palace a very numerous attendance of the brethren, with their friends of both sexes. The day was gloriously fine, and those who went down early had an opportunity of sauntering through the grounds, which are now in their brightest summer livery. Many Provincial friends had remained overnight, after attending the Jubilee gathering at the Albert Hall the previous day, in order to be present at the Festival, and to them the Palace no doubt presented especial interest. Additional attraction was vested in the event by the knowledge that a valuable testimonial was to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and universally popular Secretary of the Institution; and thus the company at dinner was somewhat in excess of that witnessed on some previous occasions. The banquet was served in a large *salon*, constructed immediately underneath and in front of the organ gallery, and the otherwise sombre aspect of the interior was enlivened by trophies, shields, and flags tastefully suspended from the pillars supporting the roof. By five o'clock the banqueting-room was well filled, tables being allotted to members of the various Provinces, an arrangement which invariably gives satisfaction. The occasion was graced by a large number of ladies, whose bright summer toilettes heightened the picturesque effect. By regulation, the brethren did not appear in Masonic clothing, but the majority of them wore the elegant Stewards' jewel provided for the occasion. Another feature of the day, and one we were pleased to witness for the first time at our Boys' Festivals, was the gathering of a numerous party of "Old Masonians," who had accepted the kind and considerate invitation emanating from Bro. Binckes, and judging from the hearty spirit which prevailed at this particular table, it was evident they thoroughly appreciated their "first appearance" at a Masonic banquet. A dais had been erected for the principal guests, and behind this was the orchestra, embellished with flowers and ornamental plants, palms, ferns, &c. The chair was

occupied by R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who was supported by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer; Revs. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, C. J. Martyn, Dr. Morris; Viscount Valentia, A. F. Godson, M.P., G. Plucknett, Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., George Cooper, W. Roebuck, Baron de Ferrieres, J. L. Thomas, Col. Peters, Major George Lambert, Magnus Ohren, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. Homfray, C. Else, Col. Lyne, W. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. O. Tagart, C. Belton, Alderman Savory, George Kenning, Raynham W. Stewart, Asher Barfield, A. Layton, H. Venn, J. Moon, T. H. Miller, J. J. Murray, Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. Derbyshire, C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., W.M. 731, Samuel Watkins, W. Watkins P.S.G.W. Monmouth, John Roberts, J. While, J. W. Dewsnap, S. Warburton, E. C. Massey, W. Pickford, J. M. Klenck, T. M. Humphries, W. W. Morgan, &c.

The Chairman, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said the first thought which rose from their hearts to their lips that evening was to do honour to our Sovereign Lady who reigned over the British Empire, which had grown to such magnitude by the splendour and industry of its 700 millions of people, and which had expanded to such dimensions by the energy and power of the inhabitants of this land. It afforded him the greatest satisfaction to have the honour and privilege of proposing this toast, and he ventured to echo the aspiration that it was the fervent prayer of every one of them that the Ruler of all nations, the King of Kings, the Great Architect of the Universe, might direct, preserve and guard our gracious Queen to reign for many years over this united Empire, and over a happy, prosperous, and contented people. The toast was received with great cheering, followed by the National Anthem, in the choruses of which all joined. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Chairman said, following on the great ceremony of the preceding day, they acknowledged their gratitude to the Prince of Wales for having so graciously presented himself at the Albert Hall and allowing so vast a body of Freemasons to render their allegiance to him as the head and ruler of our Order. That celebration had tightened the bonds and consolidated those feelings of attachment felt by Freemasons throughout the world to the Heir Apparent to the Crown of these realms. Loyalty, philanthropy, and fidelity to our country are some of the watchwords of our Order, upon which they heard admirable addresses yesterday. These were the essential conditions of the Craft, and bound together Freemasons throughout the world, of every country and clime, not only to him, but also to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and to his Royal Brothers, as well as to every member of the Royal Family. This attachment was founded on the devotion and affection of our hearts to His Royal Highness and to every member of the Grand Lodge. Let them hope that the work he had so much at heart, the Imperial and Colonial Institute, to which he had devoted so much time, thought, and labour, might meet with the success that had actuated his generous efforts in its behalf, and that the contributions of the Craft might be found an acceptable offering in his sight from them towards the consummation of his wishes. Brother the Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, Grand Chaplain, then rose to propose The Chairman, R.W. Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the toast being received with loud cheers. In doing so, he said he felt it a proud moment of his life to dine with them on the present occasion and to submit this toast to their notice. He felt, indeed, that it would have ill become any one connected with the Grand Lodge of England, and belonging to the Province of West Yorkshire, to have been absent from this great gathering. They all knew the regard and admiration they entertained for their Prov. Grand Master, which was second only to their feeling of loyalty to the Queen, second only to their devotion to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. That was the feeling of every one in West Yorkshire towards him who occupied the chair to-day; indeed, in the slightest wish or suggestion he made, to hear was to obey. Bro. Tew was a prince amidst his fellows; his purse was ever open to relieve the needy and destitute; he devoted his whole life to the interests of Freemasonry. His noble conduct to-day, in giving up a summer holiday for the purpose of coming there, was a proof of that deep interest he felt in the Craft, and for which they were all deeply indebted to him. He would not detain them longer, for he felt the toast needed no eulogy from him; though if he spoke according to the dictates of his heart he should detain them there till midnight. He trusted that all in West Yorkshire and elsewhere might follow Bro. Tew's noble example in maintaining the Masonic Institutions, especially the one in whose behalf they were now assembled; ever bearing in mind that charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, which merited the approbation of heaven, blessing not only him who received, but also him who gave. He proposed our Provincial Grand Master; he said "our" because he gloried in being a West Yorkshire brother. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The President, on rising to reply, was greeted with renewed and prolonged cheering. He commenced by observing that Miss Fanny Moody had just sung, in the most delicate manner, one of her charming songs, "It was a Dream." It was a dream to him to think the day had come when he should have had the unexpected honour conferred upon his Province, and upon himself as its Provincial Grand Master, of occupying the chair at one of the great Festivals. He thanked the rev. Chaplain for the manner in which he had proposed the toast; and felt grateful to every one present for the courteous way in which they had received that proposal. His only regret was that some one of elder standing in Provincial rank had not been able to occupy the chair

that evening; but he assured them his heart was cordially in sympathy, and his wishes were earnestly for the prosperity of every one of the great Masonic Institutions. Whatever deficiency they might detect in their Chairman, they might believe him when he said he cordially sympathised with the objects of the Institutions, and was glad in every way to co-operate with the brethren in promoting their best interests. He then proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents of the Institution, and the Provincial Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers. He desired to associate with that comprehensive toast the names of Colonel Lyne, Prov. Grand Master of Monmouth, who hailed from Oxford, and of Viscount Valentia P.G.W. He felt sure that after having listened to the most exquisite and beautiful speech of the Earl of Carnarvon at the Albert Hall he need say very little to commend the toast to their acceptance. That speech was worthy the deepest study, as a model of excellence, of the English language, and he (the speaker) need do no more than hope that they would show in the most unmistakable manner their appreciation of the beauty of that address, considering the circumstances of physical difficulty under which it was delivered. He might say the same of the Earl of Lathom, in seconding the resolution; his remarks were most appropriate and touching, and went home, he was sure, to the hearts of every one who heard them. With regard to the Vice-Presidents and Provincial Grand Officers, he believed every one had the utmost confidence in them, and were delighted with the manner in which they performed their responsible and arduous duties. This brilliant assembly was honoured with the presence of two distinguished Officers, whose names he had mentioned, and he asked the company to give the toast a most cordial reception. Bro. Orlando Harley here sang "When other lips," in such a manner as to evoke an undeniable encore, and he was compelled by the incessant applause to return and repeat the last verse. Colonel Lyne said as a Provincial Grand Master it afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast. Their Chairman just now remarked that the honour conferred upon him "was a dream;" he on his part could wish that "other lips" had to respond for this toast instead of his own. They were all very much gratified with the addresses given yesterday by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. He was sure they listened with unfeigned pleasure to those observations, which touched their hearts in every sense that they as Masons could desire. They all recognised the onerous responsibilities of those two Grand Officers, and he thought the Grand Secretary ought to have responded in his place, as he alone knew the difficult duties they had to perform. Provincial Grand Masters had also their responsibilities, because he was sorry to say the prizes they had at their command were few, while those who were deserving of them were numerous. However, they were always kind enough to receive the toast of the Provincial Grand Masters with cordiality and good feeling, knowing they did their best to discharge the duties that devolved upon them. Nothing could have afforded them greater gratification than what they heard yesterday, and that every one of the Provinces would share in the promotion to rank amongst the Grand Officers was a high compliment to them. Let him say that none amongst them were more deservedly promoted than the Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions. Viscount Valentia P.G.W. felt that he was hardly the proper person to respond for this important toast, as his services in the Grand Lodge of England only commenced yesterday. But he assured them his knowledge of Freemasonry was such that he knew the Grand Officers were not only assiduous in the duties they had to perform, but they took the greatest interest in the Craft; he knew also the interest which every true Mason took. If that interest could possibly be increased it would be so by having the honour of a Grand Officer's collar conferred upon him. It was a great pleasure to them all to see the Grand Officers yesterday, and to hear the eloquent words that fell from their lips; he hoped they would show their appreciation of those words by the thanks which they returned for the toast which had been so kindly given by the Chairman.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Chairman asked them kindly to give him a few minutes while he tried to do justice to it. He thought if ever a chairman had the right to claim a little consideration, and he hoped indulgence, that Chairman was himself on that occasion. Up to within a fortnight ago, or thereabouts, the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had been disappointed—after many applications to distinguished personages—in securing the services of an eminent member of the Craft to occupy the position which he had been so suddenly and unexpectedly called upon to endeavour to fulfil that evening. On the eve of a temporary sojourn on the Continent his sympathies were enlisted in this Institution, in correspondence with certain influential members of his Province of West Yorkshire, Vice-Patrons and Governors of the Boys' Institution, and he cordially consented to do what he could for it. He offered his co-operation in this position of difficulty—never anticipated by the Executive. That the result of such offer would be that he should appear before them in the prominent and responsible position he had the honour to occupy that evening he little anticipated. He knew what his generous Province had already done in support of each of the other noble Institutions during the past year. He remembered they had pledged themselves to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to raise a Jubilee Offering of £2,100 in addition to their usual annual support,—over £800 at the Festival in February last, and £400 at the recent Girls' School Festival. Lastly, their West Yorkshire Jubilee celebrations in the 42 towns of his Province. All these things had exacted additional heavy contributions from the brethren, and perhaps he might be pardoned for alluding to the large number of Craftsmen from that Province who, at considerable personal inconvenience, had come to London to show their loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty and their Royal Grand Master by attending the magnificent demonstration at the Albert Hall yesterday. Yet, guided by his advisers within the Province in such

things, he placed the matter in their hands, to exercise their discretion, and they felt justified in pledging this additional support of himself and his Province in an emergent difficulty. Thus it was he was in the chair that night, to redeem the promise he had made to the Executive of this Institution. The celebration of this Festival—whatever the result Bro. Binckes would announce—must be regarded as one in which the Northern Province of West Yorkshire had assisted by means of a diligent and lengthened process of organisation. Their Festival share in the success was that of sympathetic friends, who seeing those in London in whom they were all so deeply interested, and knowing the unlooked for position of difficulty they were in, as to the Chairman for the day, they readily accepted the responsibilities of the situation and came to the rescue, not inquiring too minutely how such help could be made available. That help, cheerfully rendered even at the eleventh hour, they cordially trusted would be appreciated, and would not be without substantial value to the Institution whose prosperity they had so deeply at heart. They looked upon the Festival in the Crystal Palace, after witnessing the magnificent Masonic Assembly at the Albert Hall yesterday, with feelings of thanks and gratification, heightened by the knowledge of the universal benefits which would be conferred by those gatherings upon the three Masonic Institutions. He thanked the United Grand Lodge of England for its magnificent contribution on the first day of this month, of £6,000, distributed in sums of £2,000 to each of the three Masonic Institutions. (This sentence was received with loud cheers). The Boys' Institution had in its turn derived benefit from those two sources, but still he felt perfectly justified in pleading with them for support on this occasion. On the Jubilee celebration of His Majesty George III. fifty boys were specially admitted to the benefits of these Schools. On the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—Grand Patroness of the Order, since 1852—258 sons of Freemasons were enjoying the full benefits of maintenance, clothing and education in that Institution. Further, there had been expended in the erection of School buildings and the purchase of freehold land, in round figures, a little short of £100,000. He was sorry to say that on the Building Fund for the Preparatory Schools and General School Sustentation Fund their account at the bankers' showed a serious liability, amounting to about £3,000. Urgent efforts were needed to reverse this state of things, and it was his duty specially to press upon the charitably-disposed in this assembly, to help to wipe out this deficit, and to restore the equilibrium in the finances of the Institution. The expenditure last year was £16,300, and the receipts some £13,000. He was anxious, therefore, that the Festival in this year of rejoicing should render the monetary course of this noble School one removed from all cause of anxiety to the Executive, and one of ease and smoothness in the future of its history. In conclusion, he urged upon them to do their utmost for the Institution, and place it in that position of prosperity worthy of so splendid an educational establishment. The toast was briefly acknowledged by Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Vice-Patron, Treasurer of the Institution.

The Secretary (Bro. Frederick Binckes) then read the list of contributions brought up by the Stewards, full details of which are given on another page. The total amount, with 13 lists to come in, was £11,100. Bro. Binckes said he was proud to be able, for the first time, to make a special announcement. His experience went back for thirty years, and in that time neither of the Masonic Institutions had ever received any contributions from the great City Companies. Brother Major Joseph, however, who was a prominent member of the Court of Common Council—and as Steward for Lodge No. 96 had given in the sum of £138—told him that while he would not guarantee anything further before the 31st of March next, that was only an approximate amount. He believed the amount of fifty guineas from the Goldsmiths' Company was mainly due to their constant friend Major George Lambert. This was entirely a new element of support, showing the magnificent Corporation of the first city of the first Empire in the world took an interest in works of benevolence. Again, the Skinners' Company had made a grant of £25—by an unfortunate misconception announced as five guineas. The Vintners' Company had also made a grant of five guineas.

Bro. Major Lambert, as Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, begged most respectfully to say that they were most delighted when Major Joseph applied to their Company for a donation towards the Boys' School. Had he consulted the Prime Warden, however, he would have received a far more handsome donation. Representing, as he did, one of the largest of the City Companies, he assured them he would endeavour to extend that donation still further. It was a rule with the City Companies that no second application could be made within three years; but he had no hesitation in saying that if the Companies of the great City of London were approached in a proper manner they would respond to the application with the greatest possible pleasure. He should go back to his Company and tell them what this noble Institution was doing in the cause of education, and should inform them also that it was in need of great accession to its strength. The Queen's Westminster Lodge had landed a sum of £100, and as the Treasurer of that Lodge he should do the best he possibly could to further the goodwill of the Society, which was so well ruled and governed by their good friend Bro. Binckes.

The Chairman said he was now about to submit to them a toast which was not on the regular list. They were aware that some time ago a most important and influential Committee was formed, having for its President the Earl of Lathom, with a great many Vice-Presidents, and having for its Chairman Bro. Raynham Stewart, the object being to recognise in some suitable manner the long services of a distinguished Officer of the Boys' School and to the Craft. It fell to his lot that evening, by request of various members of the Craft, on their behalf and in the name of the subscribers, to give expression to their appreciation of those long, able, and valuable services, and to present the recipient of it with the result of their labours, together with their best thanks for the services he had rendered to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

during the last 25 years. He need hardly tell them that the purse and piece of plate which had been subscribed for were to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and valued Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (This announcement was received with ringing cheers). Did time or patience permit, he could occupy their attention long in detailing those services to brethren who were not so well acquainted with them as he was. They would, however, find those services recapitulated in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, where a full record was given of Brother Binckes's Masonic work during that period of time. He asked them to procure the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and to read it for themselves, for there they would find the most explicit statement as to what Bro. Binckes had done during the last quarter of a century, more especially in behalf of this Charity. He asked Brother Binckes to accept, as an expression of their acknowledgment of his services, a piece of plate and a pocket-book containing a gift of no small amount, as a testimonial of his efforts on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The inscription on the plate was as follows:—

Presented to
BRO. FREDERICK BINCKES,
Together with a purse of four hundred guineas,
In recognition of his services for upwards of twenty-five years
as Secretary R.M.I. Boys,
and as
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge M.M.M.
14th June 1887.

Bro. Binckes, who was loudly cheered, said the brethren might very naturally imagine that on an occasion so important as that which had brought them together that evening, the main object was not to promote the interest of an individual, but—if he might use the expression—the imperial object of promoting the interests of one of the Institutions of their great Craft. He had the greatest possible pride and pleasure in the world in seeing so large a gathering assembled around those tables, although perhaps he had to a certain extent to express his regret that many good friends had not retained their places up to this moment. When he said he rose to respond to the handsome gift which had been tendered to him, his feelings were mingled with both gratification and regret—with intense gratification that the few friends who had contributed to that splendid testimonial had deemed his services worthy of recognition after a long period of 25 years; of intense regret that the presentation should have been made at this Festival, the realisation of the results of which—he had no hesitation in saying—he had looked forward to with so much anxiety, and still with fears as to the result—which had been realised—as to its being the least successful for a long series of years. He could himself wish, he assured them from the bottom of his heart, that this amount had been given to the Institution instead of to himself. The failure, or the comparative failure, which had attended their exertions that evening, was to him a source of unmitigated regret; but when they looked back to the earlier portions of the year, to the large success of their Benevolent Festival, and the success of the Girls' School Festival, and now upon the enormous claims made, in every district throughout their jurisdiction, for local celebrations in connection with the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, he felt perfectly assured this Institution must of necessity suffer. Grand Lodge had recently come to their relief with £2,000, and a similar amount would result from the magnificent gathering of yesterday; these aids would very materially compensate them for the comparative failure of their Festival, and go some way towards placing the Institution in a state of solvency and of hope for the future. Now, he could not forget a personal question, outside its own borders, reference to which had been made by their excellent friend who had done them the honour of presiding over them that day, as to their approval of his small services. He would not attempt to exhaust their patience with observations which he might have done under more fitting circumstances, but he asked them just to bear with him for a few moments, because he was not unmindful of the past, or ungrateful for the present. He had four classes to deal with—first those with whom he laboured in his early years, the majority of whom had left this world for another. He was satisfied with their encouraging efforts in his earlier days, and if they had been spared he should have been glad, for often he remembered what he owed to them, and how they had encouraged him could never be forgotten. Then there were those who knew his work—and did not approve of it; those who knew his work—and did approve of it; and those younger members who knew little, if anything, of it. Those who knew his work and did not approve of it, he asked to take the most indulgent view possible, and at least give him credit for trying to do his best. If they had not altogether approved his action, he assured them he had but one leading object at heart, and that was to promote the well-being of the School, to retrieve their magnificent Institution from the state in which he found it in 1861, and to make it take its proper place with the other Masonic Institutions. He had no doubt there had been dissentients from what he had recommended, but he had had independent Committees to deal with, who would not have passed what he recommended if they had not approved. To those who had cordially worked with him and appreciated his work—and there were many present—how could he tender his thanks for their acknowledgment of the services he had rendered? But there were many who regarded him only as a fossil, charged with old conservative notions. Let him endeavour to induce such to change their ideas. He was ingrained with Conservative notions, in all that was good; he had adopted all that had been good in the past, and pre-emptive of good in the present. He had endeavoured to profit by the experience of the past, and bring it to bear on the present. As to the extension of the Institution, it was done with their approval and by their practical support? Never mind their partial failure on the present occasion, under exceptional circumstances, he had no doubt of the future prosperity of the Boys' School? No. They had had before them as their guests that evening twenty-five sons of Masons, educated in the Institution,

now making their way more or less successfully in the world. He had hoped they would have had fifty, but they could not be released from their duties. He (Bro. Binckes) was not what he was twenty-five years ago; but he could tell them this—that he had a heart as sound and an energy as good as ever he had, now in his declining years, for advocating the cause of this Institution. He could this evening say what he had done had not been altogether without their approval, and that while he might not have given satisfaction to every one, yet to the great majority of those with whom he had laboured he had given satisfaction, or they would not have testified in that manner that evening. There was no one in this world, however gifted he might be, or however endowed with intellectual or physical powers, who could in any shape or way attempt to plead that he had given universal satisfaction. He had been, from the age of nineteen to nearly sixty-three years, an active worker in public life; he had stated his opinions; he had not been a neutral being, trying to please every one; and he would not give a farthing for the man who was not willing to stand by his opinions. He hoped to die in harness, and not to lose in Masonry those good friends whose sympathies had been testified that night. He then referred to the Albert Hall Gathering, at which he was made a Past Grand Sword Bearer, and said if he had not given satisfaction to every one, yet from the majority with whom he had laboured his work had met with approbation, and concluded by trusting he had consistently given satisfaction during the course of his public life.

The Chairman next proposed Success to the other Masonic Institutions. In doing so he expressed regret that Brother Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, could not be present, on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Hedges. He would therefore associate with the toast the name of Brother James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother Terry said, after the lengthened proceedings of the evening he would not detain the company; he congratulated Brother Binckes most sincerely upon the success of the meeting, as also upon the presentation that had been made to him. The last of the Festivals for the year had taken place, and the total contributions now amounted to nearly £43,000. He thanked them for the reception they had given to the toast, and hoped the support accorded to the Charities would be continued in the future. With the toast of the Board of Stewards was associated the name of the Grand Treasurer, Brother Richard Eve, and the Chairman returned his best thanks to them all for the excellence of their arrangements. Bro. Eve, President of the Board of Stewards responded; and the Ladies, proposed by Lieut.-Col. Bingham, C.E., Prov. G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, and responded to by Bro. Dr. H. Thomas, closed the list.

During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horcroft, assisted by Miss Fanny Moody, Miss Bertha Moore, Madame Raymond, Bro. Orlando Harley and Bro. Wilfred Price, Bro. James Kift presiding at the pianoforte. This part of the proceedings was a rich treat and tended very materially to enhance the pleasure of those present.

THE FESTIVAL RETURNS.

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THE outcome of last week's Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has caused widespread disappointment among those who take special interest in this particular channel of Masonic benevolence, but at the same time there is a feeling of thankfulness for what has been done, coupled with a determination to use every effort to do better in the future. In view of the substantial sum raised on this occasion it would be ungracious to actually grumble at the result, still we may express regret the amount was not larger, and seek for a means of increasing it in the years to follow, for there is no gainsaying the fact that a series of annual totals such as that announced last week would not be sufficient to meet the actual requirements of the Institution, which would, consequently, either get deeply into debt, or would be forced to curtail its operations. Undoubtedly there is not one member of the Craft who would desire either of these alternatives, and yet there are none who can say how one of them is to be absolutely avoided. The time has arrived when something special must be attempted in order to increase the income of the Institution, and perhaps some of those who read these lines may be able to submit a proposal which may produce the desired result. We believe that any tangible suggestion would be put to the test of practical trial, so that brethren need have little fear their advice would be actually wasted. We must not, however, forget that the first essential of success in such matters is to secure the co-operation of a large and wide-spread body of workers, all of whom shall take a direct and personal interest in the task they have in hand. On this account we wish that all who have the opportunity of perusing these remarks would at once show their heartiness in the cause by determining to do something on behalf of the Boys' School—say, for its next annual celebration.

The Festival of the present year had more than one

unfortunate surrounding; but the one which has perhaps had the greatest effect on its total, and has done it more harm than any other has been the round of festivities in connection with the Jubilee of Her Majesty's accession, which has attracted such attention during the last few months as to place all minor matters in the shade, more especially those of such a public character as one of the Masonic Charity Festivals. It may be urged that the other two Institutions equally had to suffer in this respect, but this is not the fact, as the first two Festivals of the year were concluded before active preparations for the Jubilee were in progress. Again, the decision of Grand Lodge to devote the proceeds of the Masonic Jubilee Gathering to the three Charities has kept back support from various quarters, where it might have been expected, as brethren felt a handsome sum would accrue to the Boys' School from this source, thus rendering extra contributions from the Craft unnecessary. No doubt the £2,000 which the Boys' Institution will receive as its share of the Albert Hall celebration will more than make up the deficiency under this head, but it cannot be overlooked that the other Institutions get similar sums without having had their support curtailed beforehand on account of it. Then the Institution was unfortunate in not having secured the services of a chairman until really the eleventh hour; this fact alone made no small difference in the total, and our only regret is that when our esteemed Bro. Tew did undertake the office it was not deemed expedient to postpone the Festival in order to give his friends an opportunity of rallying more strongly than they were able to do in his support. This consideration brings us to what we consider the main drawback of the Festival. This is not, however, a disadvantage peculiar to this year's gathering, but one which is common to every Festival of this Institution; we have referred to it in the past, and again urge the rulers of the Institution to give the matter their serious consideration. We allude to the time of year at which the Festival is held. The disadvantages which surround the present arrangement are, we think, of such a character as to warrant an immediate alteration, more particularly in view of special features in connection with next year's Festival of the Girls' School, to which we shall refer later on.

There are, of course, considerations which may be urged in favour of a continuance of the Boys' Festival as a summer gathering, but there are, in our opinion, weightier arguments available on the other side. The winter months are essentially the working months of Freemasonry, and for this reason alone we would urge the advisability of a change. Then we have to consider the effect of crowding the three Festivals, as is now done, into a third of the twelvemonth, instead of, as we think more advisable, distributing them over the whole year, while the short interval available between the Girls' Festival and that of the Boys' School—usually little over a month—is wholly inadequate for a canvass of the Craft. We are decidedly of opinion that two Festivals cannot properly be pushed at one and the same time. The Benevolent Institution now has the run of the winter months, and the first claim on the new year, and until that gathering has been held we hear comparatively little of the Girls' Festival, which usually follows at an interval of about three months. For similar reasons the Boys' celebration is kept in the background until after the holding of the Girls' Festival, and then there are but four or five short weeks in which to make a stir—and, be it remembered, as most important of all, during these four weeks Masonry is virtually a dead letter, as something like nine out of every ten Lodges have adjourned for the summer vacation. We should like to see the date of the Boys' Festival altered to the end of October or the beginning of November, and believe that such a departure from established custom would prove beneficial to the cause of Charity in general, and of the Boys' Institution in particular. If November was decided upon, we should actually have Quarterly Festivals, leaving out of consideration the three summer months, during which Freemasonry may be said to be virtually at rest. There is one special feature connected with next year which should afford additional argument in favour of a change, as it may be expected to materially interfere with the support to be given to both the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School, but particularly the latter. The next Festival on behalf of the Girls' School will be the One Hundredth Anniversary of that Institution, and we already hear of the most elaborate preparations being made for a Royal celebra-

tion of the Centenary. Anything of so special a nature as this must have an effect on the other Institutions, and it behoves the supporters of each of them to prepare accordingly. It is not really too much to expect that the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School will be the grandest Masonic Charity gathering ever known, and we simply ask,—Will it be wise to let the Festival of the Boys' School follow such a gathering as may then be expected within the space of a brief month? Would it not be far better to give the Centenary—which in all probability will be the Masonic event of 1888—as wide a berth as possible?

We are afraid we have wandered far away from our original intention—that of reviewing last week's contributions; but whatever we may now say will not improve the result of this year's Festival, while there is hope that something may be suggested to advance the totals of the future. For this reason we feel no misgiving that our actions will be misunderstood on the present occasion.

The result of the Festival, as announced by Brother Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution, was a total contribution of upwards of £11,000. The figures published in our last issue were, as usual, amended up to the time of going to press, and, totalled up, they show an aggregate of £11,059 3s, with, apparently, seventeen lists outstanding. The Stewards were 287 in number, and may be said to have been equally distributed between London and the Provinces, if we include the "unattached" among the former, 142 brethren serving for each, with the remaining three accredited to Foreign Stations. The contributions were also about equal, for we find a total of £5,346 6s 6d to the credit of the London and unattached brethren, with £5,683 8s 6d from the Provincials, and £29 8s 0d from abroad. These figures place the Boys' School third among the three Craft Institutions for the current year in regard to total amount contributed, and second in regard to number of Stewards, which, to our mind, conclusively proves that the Boys' School in having the last of the three Festivals stands at a disadvantage. The average per Steward for the year was, in the case of the Benevolent Institution close upon £49 10s, on behalf of the Girls' School £42 7s, while in the case of the Boys' School it dropped down to a trifle over £38 10s. Is this very wide difference merely accidental, or is there a reason for it? In the answer to this question will really be found the solution of the difficulty under which the Boys' School at present labours, and as in our opinion the difference is to be accounted for on the grounds we have already mentioned, there should be no reason why a change should not speedily bring about an improvement. It is only necessary to point out the difference which exists in the average per Steward in the case of the Benevolent Festival and in that of the Boys, £11 per head, and to multiply it by the number of Stewards, to show that the Boys' Festival would have realised upwards of £3,000 more had the Stewards been as successful as those who served on behalf of the Old People, and is there any tangible reason why they should not be, if they had equal facilities for working? We urge there is not, and until actual proof to the contrary is forthcoming we shall be disinclined to alter our opinion. So far as we can see the Boys' School has been second favourite for the year, but it has been too heavily handicapped, with the result that it takes the third place.

We will now devote ourselves to the individual lists, which afford further evidence in support of what we have already urged. London, with the Committee Dinner Club, and those who figure as unattached, has but ten three figure lists, and only one of these exceeds the second hundred, the contribution being one of two hundred guineas from the Committee Dinner Club, at the hands of Bro. Richard Eve. Where is the "London list towering far above the others" which we last month said was seldom missing from the Festival returns? As if in mockery of our statement, it is missing now, for large as the Committee's donation is, we do not recognise it as "towering far above the others." What we should have liked to see, and hope to see in the future, is one or two lists of about £400 each, such as the Girls' School had the good fortune to announce in May. Then, again, the number of large lists is woefully small as compared with the preceding Festivals of the year, when one in eight among the London Stewards exceeded the century. The Boys' Festival only shows one three figure total to each fourteen London Stewards, which alone accounts for a large part of the falling-off in the general total.

However, we will give the Stewards the credit we know they are justly entitled to. We are convinced they have done their best, and we trust it may some day be possible for them to labour under more favourable circumstances; if it is, they will then prove there is no lack of sympathy throughout the Craft on behalf of "Our Boys."

The list which, in point of amount, follows that of Bro. Eve, is the contribution of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, which sends up £162 15s, at the hands of Bro. C. P. Bollerby jun. The representatives of this Lodge are no strangers at the Festivals, as past returns will show; let us hope the kindly feeling and practical sympathy already displayed by the members may long be continued. The Lodge has been represented at each of the Festivals of the year, sending up £58 16s to the Benevolent, £28 7s to that on behalf of the Girls, and, as we have just said, £162 15s to the Boys. This gives a total for the year of £249 18s—a result sufficient to entitle the Lodge to the esteem of the whole Craft, even if it never did anything more, but we know enough of its members to feel that its good deeds are not yet at an end. The Burlington Lodge, No. 96, was represented, to the extent of £138, Bro. Major H. A. Joseph being the Steward; then follows the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with the veteran Bro. Fredk. Binckes as its representative, and a total of £132 12s as its contribution; after which we have £117 12s from Lodge No. 1178, £106 11s 6d from No. 1328, £106 1s from No. 1901, £105 each from Nos. 1383 and 1900, and a level £100 from No. 1076.

From the Provinces we have to record £687 10s from the Chairman's district of West Yorkshire, which appropriately heads the list, although we are convinced the sum is far below what it would have been had Bro. Tew's intention of presiding been made known to the brethren of his Province at an earlier date. The whole of the Provincial donations were distributed as follows:—

| Province. | No. of Stewards. | Amount. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|
| West Yorkshire | 37 | 687 10 0 |
| Kent | 7 | 475 2 6 |
| Somersetshire | 3 | 425 5 0 |
| Middlesex | 11 | 400 15 0 |
| Norths and Hunts | 4 | 350 0 0 |
| Monmouthshire | 7 | 305 12 0 |
| North and East Yorkshire | 5 | 294 13 0 |
| Staffordshire | 3 | 245 14 0 |
| Wiltshire | 1 | 250 0 0 |
| Nottinghamshire | 2 | 234 0 6 |
| Cornwall | 1 | 194 5 0 |
| Sussex | 4 | 172 4 0 |
| Berks and Bucks | 5 | 164 0 6 |
| Derbyshire | 4 | 159 10 6 |
| Surrey | 7 | 156 19 6 |
| Suffolk | 3 | 156 8 0 |
| Essex | 7 | 148 9 0 |
| Cambridgeshire | 1 | 137 11 0 |
| West Lancashire | 7 | 131 5 0 |
| South Wales (East Division) | 1 | 120 0 0 |
| North Wales | 3 | 102 18 0 |
| Durham | 1 | 101 17 0 |
| Oxfordshire | 5 | 86 1 6 |
| Gloucestershire | 2 | 80 17 0 |
| East Lancashire | 5 | 73 10 0 |
| Bedfordshire | 1 | 36 15 0 |
| Worcestershire | 2 | 36 15 0 |
| Hertfordshire | 1 | 64 1 0 |
| Foreign Stations | 3 | 36 15 3 |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight | 2 | 21 0 0 |

In conclusion, we desire to address a word to those brethren who are accustomed to judge of work done by its result—and fortunately they are numerous in Freemasonry, as elsewhere. We think that we have shown conclusively that a larger and a wider circle of supporters was secured for the Boys' School Festival than was enrolled for the other educational Institution, and in spite of this the result has been less satisfactory. It is therefore useless to urge that the Boys' School is less a favourite, or that its executive do not work as energetically as those of the sister Charity. The falling-off is in the results achieved by the Stewards, on whose behalf something must be attempted at an early date. They can only perform the work set them to the best of their ability, and any shortcomings on their part must be attributed to the work itself rather than to the workers.

THE BOYS' FETE AT WOOD GREEN.

SATURDAY, 26th June, was a gala day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, the occasion being the annual *fete*, visit of Festival Stewards, distribution of prizes, and athletic sports. This event always attracts a considerable amount of interest in Masonic circles, not merely in the metropolis but throughout the Provinces, in proof of which it may be mentioned that over a thousand applications for tickets were received by the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, prior to the date fixed. It is estimated that about eight hundred of that number assembled on Saturday, a large proportion of the company being ladies, whose summer costumes tended much to heighten the effect of the gathering within the precincts of the School premises and grounds. During the early part of the day the weather maintained a threatening aspect, the sky being obscured by clouds that portended the downfall of rain which had been looked for for some days; but as the afternoon advanced the sun shone with the warmth and brilliancy that have marked his "Jubilee" behaviour, and the appearance of the grounds was picturesque in the extreme. Flags floated on the breeze at different points, and the band of the Institution, under the direction of Bandmaster Whare, played lively airs as a prelude to the business of the day. Each successive train brought its contingent of visitors from the City, whilst many living nearer took advantage of the fine afternoon to drive over to Wood Green. It is impossible to give the names or even a tithe of those who were present, but amongst them we noticed Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire (President of the day), W. Rayham Stewart, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, C. F. Hogard, Henry Venn, James Moon, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Frederick Binckes (Secretary), J. Terry (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), Thos. Cubitt, Edward Terry, H. Young, Gray, J. Roberts, G. P. Nightingale, Major Lambert, W. A. Scurrah, W. W. Morgan, W. J. Murlis, Gillard, W. Dale, E. W. Nightingale, Wilkinson, &c. At two o'clock the large hall rapidly filled, and considerable attention was paid by the visitors to the drawings of the pupils which were placed around the walls for their inspection. The programme for the day opened most appropriately with the National Anthem, sang with loyal vivacity by the choir, who were seated in a gallery at the end of the hall, the chorus being taken up enthusiastically by the audience. The musical portions of the proceedings were conducted by Bro. H. J. Dutton, whilst Bro. Turle Lee officiated as accompanist. A pianoforte solo by Mendelssohn "Lieder ohne Worte, No. 30," was played in good style by W. Conway; after which the choir sang the "Soldiers' Chorus" from *Faust*, with all the requisite gusto. The prizes presented by the Institution were then distributed, an interval being filled by W. Conway, who sang very nicely "The Mermaid's Song," by Haydn. Before coming to the special prizes there was another interlude, during which the choir sang Mendelssohn's part song, "Behold the woods in verdure drest;" W. Conway and J. Hewett played the "War March" from *Athalie*, as a pianoforte duet; the choir following with Vincent's part song, "A Holiday." Then came a "wee song by a wee boy," as the Chairman put it, and J. Bloomfield, a diminutive little fellow, came in for round after round of cheering for the way in which he sang Berger's pretty ditty, "The Elf." So persistent was the demand that, in spite of the length of the programme, and the usual prohibition of encores, Master Bloomfield was compelled to return, and in equally sweet tones he gave "Home, Sweet Home." When, at a later stage of the proceedings, the little fellow went up for his prize for vocal music, Bro. Binckes said the Executive made singing part of the education imparted in the School, and there could be no difference of opinion as to Bloomfield being deserving of the prize by his splendid efforts at vocal music that day. The prizes presented by the House and Audit Committees, by private donors, and by the "Old Masoniaus," were next given, Bro. Binckes observing that the House Committee gave a large amount of valuable time in supervising the affairs of the Institution, and cheerfully every year gave a number of valuable prizes in the various educational competitions. The same remarks applied to the Audit Committee. Referring to the private donors, he expressed regret that Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer a Vice-Patron of the Institution, who annually gave a valuable prize for book-keeping, was prevented from being present with them that day, in consequence of a domestic calamity. For the second time Brother Augustus Harris, Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, and lessee of the Drury Lane Theatre, had presented two prizes, for the best English essay and for dramatic ability. The former had been awarded to F. Lewis, but the latter awaited the result of the histrionic representations named on the programme. (This was afterwards announced, the prize falling to R. F. Reynolds). The quartette and chorus "Hail to the Chief," and the part song, "Merry June," were then sung by the choir; after which the silver and gold medals, the silver watch and chain for good conduct, and the University Local Examination prizes were distributed, in accordance with the printed list. Brother Binckes said, coming to the important prizes given by the Institution, he was only repeating the observation he had made many times before, when he pointed out how essential it was in a large establishment like this to promote good conduct. The silver medal for good conduct was regarded as the blue riband of the School, and he was pleased to find that it had this year fallen to the lot of Charles Jesse Sanderson. [The Chairman, after investing the recipient with the "blue riband," cordially shook hands with him, amidst loud cheering from the boys.] The Canonbury gold medal, presented by the late Brother E. Cox, Vice-Patron, was awarded to the recipient by the unbiassed votes of his schoolfellows. It did not always follow that the winner of this prize was superior to his comrades in all points, but to be popular in a school of 250 boys must of itself argue the possession of a certain number of good qualities. Richard Frank Reynolds was this year the recipient of the gold medal, by the unbiassed suffrages of his fellows, and he congratulated

that young gentleman upon having ingratiated himself into their favour, although the company would sympathise with him in the condition in which he appeared to secure his prize, being lame and walking with two crutches and his left foot in a sling, rendered necessary by an abscess. With reference to a special good conduct prize given by their good friends the members of the Supreme Council 33°, to a boy on leaving the Institution, originated by Bro. Montague, this was awarded to Arthur Durham Ashdown, who had left the School, but had received the watch and chain. The next series of nice prizes were for the results of the University Local Examination, Cambridge, in December last. The sum of £525 was invested, and the interest, £23, of the fund was apportioned in prizes. This feature of the Institution was founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657, Vice-Patron, who used to come amongst them frequently; he was sorry not to be able to give Bro. Winn the welcome he deserved, inasmuch as he was prevented from coming to-day on account of ill-health, which compels him to keep perfect retirement. One of the boys, A. J. Kennedy, who had left the School, had by his abilities obtained a position as an engineer's student, and the Committee presented him with a grant of £30 towards his outfit, in addition to the £5 prize to which he was entitled. Bro. Binckes having read the prize winners, according to the published list, the choir sang with heartiness a Jubilee ode, entitled "All honour to the Empress Queen," by Carter; and W. Conway played a pianoforte solo, "Frohlichkeit."

Bro. A. F. Godson M.P. then addressed the boys, observing at the outset that his remarks should be very brief, though he wished to speak of the character of this Institution, and what it had done during the past twelve months. First, he might be allowed to thank the friends of the Institution, on behalf of the House Committee, for their great kindness in coming there to support and to encourage the boys. They felt it most deeply, and were always glad to see those who took an interest in them. He assured the ladies and gentlemen present that for the little trouble they took in coming to Wood Green on such occasions they were well rewarded by the thought that they encouraged the boys and helped forward the Institution. There was a unanimous feeling here in favour of the Institution—a state of things which, he was sorry to say, did not prevail in some places he had visited during the last few weeks. It gave him great pleasure to come down there, and to find himself in the realms of kindness and fraternal feeling. It was the second time, he believed, this splendid hall had been used for the purpose of distributing the prizes, and he thought they would all agree with him the more they saw of that place the more deeply they appreciated it. Those who could remember the time when they had to hold all the meetings of the day in the drill-shed would know the great inconvenience—difficulty in fact—experienced in going through the whole of the programme. Now, thanks to the possession of this noble and acoustically successful hall, they were able to have part of the proceedings there, and another part—which if not quite so intellectual was still more satisfactory to the human appetite—in the Gymnasium. It was not the lot of every Chairman to be so well supported as he had been to-day, and they would congratulate him upon having two "Terriers" on either side of him—referring to Bros. James Terry and Edward Terry—who were two as "jolly dogs" as could be found. Now, it was considered by some as part of the duty of a Chairman to lecture boys. It was the sort of thing he used to "like" when he was a boy; but he always carefully avoided hearing the lecture. He had them all safe and fast, and would say a few words to them, though he would be as merciful as he could. Whenever he advised boys to do anything he said let them put their heart into it. If they were at cricket, let them do their best; and the same when struggling in their athletic and other exercises. If they were at work in their intellectual studies, let them do the best they could. Be thorough, and they would find it the great means to success in life, if they put their shoulder manfully to whatever they attempted. Some boys were very fond of saying, "Oh! that's good enough." He assured them there was nothing more dangerous in a boy's life than using the expression "it's good enough." Was it the best they could do? If so, nobody could blame them; they could not blame themselves; and the head-master could not blame them. But if they did not act up to that principle they would in after life blame themselves very considerably. Another point struck him—what were they going to do with themselves in the holidays? Some boys seemed to think holidays were made to do nothing in. He did not suppose their head-master, Dr. Morris, wished them to take up their books and work at them nine hours every day; but they would save themselves a great deal of work when they came back if, when they had nothing particular to do, and did not feel inclined even to do that, they were to take up their books and lance through them, just to keep their memories fresh as to what they had done during the last half-year. By doing that for, say a quarter of an hour every day, they would come back and astonish the Doctor at the wonderful amount they had remembered. Dr. Morris was not the man to be astonished at small things, but if anything would amaze him it would be that they came back to School not having forgotten a single thing he had taught them. Let them all come back and astonish the Doctor! The company had seen the work of the boys on the walls of the hall, and it showed, by their progress in geometrical drawing, they were doing justice to the masters who taught them. There was one point which had never before arisen on an occasion of this sort, and that was the giving of prizes to boys who had come into the Upper School from the Preparatory School. Although they had given prizes to the boys of the Preparatory School, yet this was the first time they had been given to boys coming from there into the Upper School. He was sure this would be a great satisfaction to the head mistress, Miss Hammond, and be a proof to her that she had done her work so well, considering the short time she had occupied that position. She sent one boy—Churchill—so carefully and well drilled that he went at once into the fifth class of the

Upper School, and took two prizes. Not only that, but in the sixth class a boy named Higginson came up and took a prize. This would encourage her and her able assistants to persevere in the work they were doing. As the plays had to come on, and he and others on the platform had to "clear out"—to use a schoolboy's expression—he did not propose to add anything to the few remarks he had already made, except that the company would give themselves and the boys pleasure by according a hearty vote of thanks to their head-master, the Rev. Dr. Morris, for the satisfactory manner in which the educational portion of the establishment conducted by him had been managed. He was quite sure the Committee were too anxious and willing at all times to accept at his hands any suggestions he could make which might improve, from a practical point of view, the educational system of their School. He trusted that in times to come, however successful he had been in turning boys out for the Middle Class and University Examinations, that success would be even surpassed in the future. The vote of thanks was carried amidst ringing cheers. Brother the Rev. Dr. Morris, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the company very heartily for the kind way in which they had responded to the proposal of the Chairman that a vote of thanks should be given to him for the good conduct of the boys during the past year. He hoped they had given the friends of the Institution some pleasure by their singing, and would give them a little more with regard to their plays. He must ask their indulgence to-day, as one of the chief actors, Reynolds, was, as they had seen, partially disabled by an abscess which had formed on his foot during the past few days. He would not be able to move about so nimbly as he did a few days ago, and he asked the audience to exercise a little patience and forbearance with him on that account. Loud cheers having been given for the Chairman, head-master, teachers, the ladies, &c., the platform was cleared, and two English plays were presented, the first being a farce by Hugh Moss, entitled "P.U.P.," the characters being sustained by R. F. Reynolds as Samuel Skinner, a fellmonger; D. T. Platt as Harry Hyde, his clerk; and R. Groombridge as Baby. The other farce was "Beautiful for Ever," by F. Hay, with the following cast:—Mr. Simpleton, C. J. Sanderson; Tom, R. F. Reynolds; Mrs. Simpleton, E. T. Platt; and Jelly, T. M. Nicholas. Both pieces were capitally enacted, the latter especially keeping the "house" in roars of laughter, the "make-up of the lady artistes" being especially funny. The remainder of the items on the programme were, "Who killed Cock Robin?" a ballad dialogue, sustained by E. B. Green, as the sparrow; F. W. Hennab, as the fly; J. B. Bloomfield, as the beetle; H. M. Hare, as the owl; and A. Bowes, as the bull; part song, "The Dawn of Day," by the choir; and the duet, "When Bee and Bird are singing," by J. Bloomfield and K. Bowes. The company then moved away in the direction of the Gymnasium, where a sumptuous cold collation was served, and which was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, who, on account of the numbers, had to be served in batches. In the interval between this and the sports, opportunity was taken of inspecting the interior of the Institution, with every department of which the utmost satisfaction was expressed. At half-past six the party adjourned to the recreation ground in rear of the Schools, where a number of keenly contested athletic sports took place. Seats were placed all round the enclosure for the spectators, who took the liveliest interest in the various items on the "card," the pleasure of the evening being enhanced by the performances of the band, whose players were scarcely bigger than many of the instruments they carried. At the close of the sports tea, coffee, and light refreshments were dispensed in the Gymnasium, and soon after nine o'clock the party gradually withdrew, to catch the homeward trains, their unanimous verdict being that this had been one of the most successful and enjoyable gatherings ever held at Wood Green.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

President, Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, Vice Patron; Treasurer, J. L. Mather, Vice Patron; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. J. Bere, M.A.; Committee, R. F. Reynolds, T. M. Nicholas, C. J. Sanderson, E. H. Simpson, A. Bowes and J. Williams; Starter, Mr. J. E. Mansell, B.A.; Judges, Mr. F. Cleaver and C. W. Davidge; Clerks of the Course, the School Monitors. Results:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—E. Simpson, 1; C. Sanderson, 2.

100 Yards Flat Handicap (over 13).—First Heat—C. Sanderson, scratch, 1; G. C. Willett, allowed 6 yards, 2; E. Green, 3 yards, 3. Second Heat—H. P. Richardson, scratch, 1; H. M. Hare, 4 yards, 2. Third Heat—C. E. Myring, 2 yards, and W. Clarke, 3 yards, dead heat. Final—C. Sanderson, 1; H. P. Richardson, 2.

100 Yards Handicap (under 13).—First Heat—E. Hobson, 3 yards, 1; C. Barter, 9 yards, 2; H. Graves, 6 yards, 3. Second Heat—C. Whitehead, 6 yards, 1; second not recorded. Third Heat—J. Brown, 9 yards, 1; G. Ker, scratch, 2; C. J. Roddam, 4 yards, 3. Final, E. Hobson, 1; C. Whitehead, 2.

High Jump (open).—C. Sanderson, 1; T. M. Nicholas, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. Simpson, scratch, 1; W. Clark, 20 yards, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (under 13).—R. Beaumont, scratch, 1; W. Tappenden, 25 yards, 2.

Long Jump (Open).—W. Williams, 1; F. Christensen, 2; C. Sanderson, 3.

Egg and Spoon Race, 220 Yards (Open).—C. Myring, 1; H. Hare, 2.

Band Boys' Race, 300 Yards.—Blunt, 1; Tettenborn, 2; Mayne, 3.

Tug of War (under 13).—Brown's team beat C. Whitehead's team.

Tug of War (over 13).—E. H. Simpson's team beat T. M. Nicholas's team.

Half Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. H. Simpson, scratch, 1; E. B. Green, 50 yards, and R. W. Delafons, 60 yards, dead heat.

220 Yards Handicap (under 13).—E. W. Hobson, 6 yards, 1; W. Tappenden, 12 yards, 2.

Obstacle Race.—Jortison, 1; B. Farrar, 2; F. N. Christensen, 3.

The last item created much amusement, the struggling of the lads through and over many intricate "obstacles" provoking great fun. We would suggest that the management of the sports should be conducted in a more business-like fashion another year; it was very loose on Saturday, and to hear spectators shouting from all quarters of the field for the winning numbers was decidedly bad form.

The following is a list of the Brethren who served as Stewards for the Boys' School Festival 1887, with the respective amounts collected by each.

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| Grand Stewards, per Bro. Fred. | | | 101 | Edward J Altman | - | 13 | 13 | 0 | 1178 | Henry Stockwell | - | 112 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Binckes | - | 132 | 12 | 0 | 140 | W C S Burney | - | 48 | 5 | 6 | 1269 | John H Lane | - | 38 | 6 | 6 |
| 1 Br F G Brown | - | 21 | 0 | 0 | 141 | Charles Dairy | - | 57 | 15 | 0 | 1328 | J L Thomas, F.S.A. | - | 106 | 11 | 6 |
| 2 C O Tagart | - | 52 | 10 | 0 | 142 | J L Thomas, F.S.A. | - | 23 | 2 | 0 | 1329 } | D D Mercer | - | 43 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 A G Sandberg, M.D. | - | 25 | 4 | 0 | 162 | Thomas Burne | - | 25 | 4 | 0 | 1641 } | J J Wedgwood | - | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| 4 F T Bennett | - | 21 | 0 | 0 | 165 | G A Vennell | - | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1361 | R W Galer | - | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| 5 Edwin T Hall | - | 29 | 18 | 6 | 172 | John Whaley | - | 31 | 10 | 0 | 1666 | Dep. Inspector-Gen. T. B. | | | | |
| 6 Philip C Novelli | - | 21 | 0 | 0 | 179 | Walter Dickeson | - | 59 | 17 | 0 | 1383 | Purchas, M.D. | - | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 Thomas Skewes-Cox | - | 10 | 10 | 0 | 180 | T M Denne | - | 57 | 14 | 6 | 1420 | T Wilkinson | - | 26 | 17 | 6 |
| 10 Samuel Green | - | 23 | 2 | 0 | 188 | E J S Layton | - | 36 | 15 | 0 | 1426 | F W Potter | - | 73 | 10 | 0 |
| 14 Walter J Ebbetts | - | 19 | 8 | 6 | 197 | J W Dewsnap | - | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1445 | Hy Seymour-Clarke | - | 44 | 12 | 6 |
| 19 John Glenn | - | 72 | 19 | 6 | 205 | C Barry, F.S.A. | - | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1475 | R Boddy | - | 46 | 13 | 6 |
| 21 Marcus R Sewill | - | 36 | 15 | 0 | 255 | Joseph Da Silva | - | 37 | 14 | 0 | 1475 | William Gray | - | 28 | 7 | 0 |
| 23 F Pinches | - | 15 | 15 | 0 | 259 | N D Francis | - | 15 | 15 | 0 | 1489 | T G Fluck | - | 39 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 James Boulton | - | 40 | 8 | 6 | 259 | C Godson, M.D. | - | 31 | 10 | 0 | 1538 | J S Stacy | - | 79 | 16 | 0 |
| 29 John R Dunlop | - | 27 | 6 | 0 | 435 | D Belinfante | - | 50 | 18 | 6 | 1572 | A Escott, F.R.A.S. | - | 36 | 15 | 0 |
| 33 W Sugg | - | 29 | 18 | 6 | 534 | Oliver Bryant | - | | | | 1593 | Alfred Thompson | - | 42 | 16 | 6 |
| 34 S J Attenborough | - | 66 | 3 | 0 | 548 | Henry Carman | - | 27 | 6 | 0 | 1601 | T A Dickson | - | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| 46 Ed W Stanton | - | 60 | 18 | 0 | 657 | F A Warner | - | 44 | 7 | 0 | 1614 | Capt. F S G Moon | - | 27 | 6 | 0 |
| 49 E Anderson jun. | - | 36 | 15 | 0 | 720 | J D Arnold | - | 54 | 0 | 0 | 1615 | Alfred Hudson | - | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 55 Edward H Brown | - | 57 | 15 | 0 | 733 | C R Wickens | - | 26 | 15 | 0 | 1627 | Rev. C J Martyn | - | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| 59 F J Tyler | - | 47 | 5 | 0 | 822 | C F Grandvig | - | 28 | 7 | 0 | 1629 | W W Bnckland | - | 57 | 15 | 0 |
| 60 W H Kempster, M.D. | - | 26 | 5 | 0 | 871 | John J Pakes | - | 37 | 16 | 0 | 1642 | James Hill | - | 48 | 3 | 6 |
| 63 Arthur Baume | - | 63 | 0 | 0 | 898 | G Graveley | - | 52 | 10 | 0 | 1658 | Carl Erhardt | - | 46 | 4 | 0 |
| 87 E W Nightingale | - | 103 | 16 | 6 | 907 | Thomas Griffiths | - | 56 | 14 | 0 | 1670 | G P Minett | - | 29 | 11 | 0 |
| 90 T Abbott Smith | - | 66 | 3 | 0 | 957 | Charles Corby | - | 48 | 16 | 0 | 1672 | Joseph Rayner | - | 23 | 2 | 0 |
| 91 Fred. C Watts | - | 29 | 8 | 0 | 1076 | Henry Taplay | - | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1681 | John M Klenck | - | 26 | 5 | 0 |
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| 1707 John Webb . . . | 27 | 12 | 0 | ESSEX. | | | A F Warrillow . . . | | | | |
| 1708 J P Hamilton . . . | 56 | 3 | 6 | 160 Geo L Wood . . . | 14 | 0 | 0 | William Vernon . . . | | | |
| 1716 Snowden Kirk . . . | 21 | 0 | 0 | 453 Robert Martin . . . | 23 | 2 | 0 | SUFFOLK. | | | |
| 1718 Lient.-Col. E T R Wilde | 13 | 2 | 6 | 650 Richard Clowes . . . | 15 | 15 | 0 | 81 Br Edward Smith . . . | 35 | 13 | 0 |
| 1719 J Manwaring . . . | 29 | 8 | 0 | 1024 Edmund Gowers . . . | 52 | 10 | 0 | 936 James M Harvey . . . | 57 | 15 | 0 |
| 1724 Major S P L Konarski | 24 | 3 | 0 | 1343 Charles C Petter . . . | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1631 Major W Dods . . . | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| 1766 James Tames . . . | 61 | 10 | 0 | 1817 George J Glasscock . . . | 22 | 2 | 0 | SURREY. | | | |
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| 1900 W H Gardener . . . | 110 | 5 | 0 | 82 R Prowde-Smith . . . | 17 | 17 | 0 | 1016 Harry Loveless . . . | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| 1901 Elijah Eagle . . . | 111 | 6 | 0 | 246 R V Vassar-Smith . . . | 63 | 0 | 0 | 1362 Henry Trower . . . | 43 | 11 | 6 |
| 1924 S W Hooper . . . | 40 | 8 | 0 | HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT. | | | 1638 John Henry Taylor . . . | 22 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1963 F Kerry . . . | 42 | 0 | 0 | 723 Br H Lehmann . . . | | | | 1714 Robert Bunce . . . | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 2021 C P Bellerby jun. . . | 162 | 15 | 0 | 2068 Geo F Bevis . . . | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1872 Reginald Piper . . . | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 2030 F Seager-Hunt, M.P. . . | 21 | 0 | 0 | HERTFORDSHIRE. | | | SUSSEX. | | | | |
| 2128 H J Giller . . . | 48 | 6 | 0 | Lodge and Chapter | | | | 40 Br W H Russell . . . | 51 | 9 | 0 |
| 2150 W T Farthing . . . | 33 | 12 | 0 | 404 Br C E Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., | | | | 732 W Nell . . . | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| 2191 Major G Lambert . . . | 22 | 1 | 0 | J.P. . . . | 64 | 1 | 0 | 732 Charles Nye . . . | | | |
| 2192 { Alderman J Savory . . . | 48 | 6 | 0 | KENT. | | | 1466 Henry E Price, M.D. . . | 68 | 5 | 0 | |
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| 65 Comp John Roberts . . . | 42 | 0 | 0 | 558 S Joseph . . . | 50 | 18 | 6 | WORCESTERSHIRE. | | | |
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| 1642 Samuel Smout . . . | 18 | 18 | 0 | Lodge and Chapter | | | | wick | | | |
| Lodge of Instruction. | | | | 1414 Br Rev T S Curteis . . . | 8 | 8 | 0 | YORKSHIRE.—NORTH AND EAST. | | | |
| 1425 George Read . . . | 22 | 1 | 0 | Lodge | | | | Bro Wm Holder . . . | 112 | 7 | 0 |
| Brixton Lodge of Instruction | | | | 1464 Thomas Peace Staley . . . | 65 | 2 | 0 | 57 Edward Corris . . . | 107 | 15 | 0 |
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| Bro Stephen Richardson . . . | 76 | 13 | 0 | LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION). | | | 250 W C Whiteside (see Br. Holder's list) | | | | |
| Committee Dinner Club. | | | | 221 Br James Walker . . . | 10 | 10 | 0 | 566 W N Cheesman . . . | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Bro Richard Eve . . . | 210 | 0 | 0 | 938 John Stovold . . . | 10 | 10 | 0 | YORKSHIRE (WEST). | | | |
| UNATTACHED. | | | | 938 C D Cheotham jun. . . | 42 | 0 | 0 | Bro. T. W. Tow, J.P. . . . | | | |
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| William Belchamber . . . | 21 | 0 | 0 | Thomas Oakden . . . | | | | W F Smithson . . . | | | |
| Charles Belton . . . | 15 | 15 | 0 | LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION). | | | 139 John Shaw . . . | | | | |
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| J L Mather . . . | 21 | 0 | 0 | MONMOUTHSHIRE. | | | 1019 Herbert G.E. Green . . . | | | | |
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| 1101 W Ravenscroft . . . | 70 | 7 | 0 | 1478 Rt Hon Viscount Valentia . . . | 21 | 10 | 0 | 1513 C W Fincken . . . | | | |
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| 1770 Charles E Belcher . . . | 40 | 2 | 6 | 1515 E F Greenwood . . . | 16 | 5 | 6 | NORTH WALES. | | | |
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