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THE FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS'
SCHOOL.

IT is not often the Masonic world is called upon to celebrate, within a few days of each other, two such events as will occur during the month of June next, when the Anniversary Festivals of the two Educational Institutions will take place, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 7th of the month, and that on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the 27th. It does not require any strong argument on our part to convince our readers that it would be injudicious to allow these celebrations to regularly occur at such short intervals as will happen next month, as the one which came last would stand a poor chance of securing its share of patronage; but there are exceptional considerations which have this year brought about a special state of affairs, and have created no small amount of anxiety in the minds of those particularly interested. In face of them there is nothing to be done but to make the best of the short time which is left to us before the days of celebration arrive, for, as usual, the success or failure of those events will in a great measure depend on the amount of preparation made beforehand. We have already referred at some length to the arrangements which have so far been completed in connection with the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; to-day we direct attention to the gathering to be held on behalf of the companion Charity—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will celebrate its Ninetieth Anniversary Festival on Wednesday, the 27th June next, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire.

Our remarks so far will explain our reason for departing from a long established rule, and will be sufficient excuse for our speaking of the Festival of one Masonic Institution before the completion of its predecessor. In previous years there has been sufficient time after one celebration to direct attention to the next, but the short interval of twenty days which will this time elapse is certainly not enough for the purpose; and as it is the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls which may be said to be encroaching—through no fault of its own, we admit—its warmest supporters will not blame us for an innovation, or for saying a few words on behalf of the Boys' School, even though we have not yet been able to proclaim the result of the annual gathering on behalf of the sister Charity.

The special features surrounding this year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will undoubtedly secure for it a most unqualified success, but the question arises, how far the good fortune of this one Institution has, or will affect, the contributions to the other two, and particularly that one whose celebration follows so close on what we may

term the grand event of the year—the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. It has been urged that it made no difference in the total contributed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the Craft is quite capable of making a special effort on behalf of one Fund without neglecting the others; but we consider it yet early to give such a decision, as we should not be surprised if the effect of the special efforts which are being exercised on behalf of the Girls' School is not made much more apparent during the next few months than has been the case in connection with the Festival which has passed.

There can, however, be no question that the Festival of the 27th June, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will be most seriously affected by the exceptionally strong counter attractions of its immediate predecessor, and we again express our regret that the Executive of the School does not see the desirability of permanently altering the time of their Festival, so as to make it fall more in the height of the Masonic season, which cannot be said to extend to the latter part of June. But it is no use speaking on that point now, the date of this year's celebration has been decided upon, and whether it be for better or for worse it will take place—in accordance with the custom of years gone by—as a summer gathering, on the result of which the future of the Institution will in a great measure depend.

No doubt many who read these lines are as fully acquainted with the work which is being carried on by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as we; but there are some not so well posted, and others who require to be reminded of what is going on and what is needed year by year to ensure the success of the undertaking. It is our desire to address all these classes, and to each we appeal for such assistance in the good cause as it is possible for them to bestow. In doing so we can vouch for the genuineness of the help afforded to the scholars, and the urgent need there is for continued and ever increased sympathy from the Craft, more especially when we consider the other attractions which are being put before its members this year.

At the present time the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is maintaining, clothing and educating two hundred and fifty-eight sons of Freemasons, and the sum annually required to meet the charges in connection with this family is little short of thirteen thousand pounds, the ordinary expenditure showing an average outlay on behalf of each boy of £35 18s 3d in connection with the School establishment, and of £5 15s 7d as his share of the general office expenses—a total of £41 13s 10d per head, without taking into consideration the various items included under the head of Special Expenditure. For this outlay the 258 lads on the books of the Institution receive a sound education, and what is of greater moment, good food, clothing and attention, until they reach the age of fifteen years, when they leave the School well prepared to battle with the world on their

own behalf, and are not unfrequently helped towards securing their first situation by a grant of money or something else equally necessary. To meet these heavy charges the Institution has virtually nothing in the way of permanent income—we can hardly consider the interest on its £17,000 invested Funds as any set-off against the outlay of which we have just spoken, and which last year amounted to £12,873 12s 9d,—for the dividends only reached a total of £622 10s 5d, showing a difference of upwards of £12,250 to be raised from the free-will offerings of the Craft.

The year 1887, to which we have just referred, presented no special features in connection with the expenditure of this Institution, and unfortunately there has been no chance of adding to the amount of the invested funds, so that we may take the figures of the past year as a fair criterion of what will be required during the current twelve months. Such being the case we have a sum of £12,250 which the members of the Craft are asked to subscribe, in order to maintain the Institution for the present year. From the accounts of 1887 we learn that a total of £1,287 18s was received in the form of annual subscriptions, while the United Grand Lodge of England made its annual grant of £150, and Grand Chapter its periodical contribution of ten guineas. Now, even supposing that all these annual subscriptions and grants will be repeated during the current year—and although there is no reason to expect they will be discontinued there is no knowing what may happen—we yet have a deficiency of nearly eleven thousand pounds, which sum is absolutely required to pay the expenses of the Charity up to the close of the present year—1888. It is to meet this £11,000 that the executive of the Institution makes its annual appeal to the Craft, and it is with the hope of securing it that the Anniversary Festival is arranged. Who shall predict the result of the meeting?

We have already said enough to explain the object for which this annual appeal is made, but we must once more impress on the Craft that the figures we have given only show the amount actually required for current expenditure. There is no provision in them for increase or exceptional outlay, nor do we know of any suggestion under those heads, but the absence of such proposals must not be accepted as evidence that there is no need for extension, or that the Craft can afford to rest on the reputation of past achievements on behalf of the Boys' Institution. We should be the last to advocate any additional responsibility in this quarter at the present time, but a few moments consideration of the state of affairs will add additional weight to our appeal, and will, we trust, open the heart of more than one reader, to the claims of this Institution. For the last election there were sixty-five approved candidates, and the vacancies at the School only allowed of fifteen of that number being elected. There were, therefore, fifty lads sent away for whom nothing could be done, and although, as we have already said, we do not advise any immediate extension of the School, we cannot omit a consideration of those who are eligible: worthy to receive benefits similar to those enjoyed by the two hundred and fifty-eight lads at present on the Funds of the Institution. It is for those at present elected to the School, for the fifty sent away from the last election unsuccessful, and for the ever increasing number of claimants that the appeal of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is now addressed to the Craft. Similar appeals have been nobly responded to in years past, and we have little fear that this year's will be disregarded, although we are told that the outlook is more gloomy than has been known for many a long day, and it is next to impossible now to anticipate anything like as large a result as is desired—in short, a total of not less than eleven thousand pounds, which, with annual subscriptions, grants, dividends,

&c., will be about sufficient to meet the calls of the year.

We have stated above that the Festival will be held on Wednesday, the 27th June, under the presidency of Viscount Ebrington, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon. We may add that the Board of Stewards for the meeting already numbers one hundred and seventy-three brethren, and that it has been decided to hold the Festival in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, London; the custom which has so long been observed in connection with this Festival—of Ladies and Brethren dining together—being observed on this occasion. The Stewards have chosen R.W. Bro. Colonel Edward C. Malet de Carteret, Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, Vice-President of the Institution, as President of the Board; while the following other officers were unanimously elected on the occasion of the first meeting of the Stewards, on the 7th inst.:—Honorary Presidents: Bros. Asher Barfield, Grand Treasurer, V. Pat. of Inst.; the Baron de Ferrieres P.G.D., P.Prov.G.Reg. Gloucestershire, V.-Pat. of Inst.; Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., P.G.Treas., Patron of Inst.; Robert Grey, P.G.D., Pres. Lodge of Benevolence, V.-Pat. of Inst.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., V.-Pres. and Trustee of Inst.; Acting-Presidents: Bros. J. A. Farnfield, P. Assist.G.D.C., V.-Pat. of Inst.; A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Worcester, Patron of Inst.; Major George Lambert P.G.Swd.B., Patron of Inst.; John L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.G.D.C. Herts, V.-Pat. of Inst.; Hon. Treasurer: Bro. Robert Berridge J.G.D., V.-Pat. of Inst.; Hon. Secretary: Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.Std., P.G.Swd.B., Sec., and V.-Pat. of Inst. In addition to these a sub-committee was appointed to arrange the music for the Festival, and special Stewards have been chosen to attend to other matters of exceptional interest.

It will thus be seen that every preparation has been made to secure a grand gathering, and a successful result. It only remains for the Craft to respond, as we hope its members will do, to render the approaching Festival everything that is desired, and if all who read these lines will consider for a few moments the claims of the Institution, and think what would be the result of a serious falling off in the receipts, we are sanguine enough to believe a very large addition will be made to the roll of Stewards ere the date of the Festival comes round—a result we fervently hope to see achieved, as we know it is essentially needed.

RECKLESS MASONIC ASSERTORS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

EVER since 1874 Bro. MacCalla has asserted and re-asserted that there was a Chartered Lodge in Philadelphia in 1732, hence Philadelphia was the mother of American Masonry. In 1876, Bro. Tisdale, of New York, asserted that a Lodge in Quebec (Canada) had a charter dated 1721. Not many weeks ago a friend of mine in Baltimore was informed by somebody that he found in a history of Masonry, printed in 1785, that in 1723 or 1725 the Grand Lodge of England sent £200 to a Lodge located somewhere in Maryland, hence Maryland is the mother of American Masonry. Within a month a manuscript history of Freemasonry, covering about 1130 folio pages, was sold at auction in Boston, which was described on the catalogue as follows:—

Manuscript Universal History of all forms of Association on the Secret Principle, Ancient and Modern, especially the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Compiled and prepared by Rev. James D. McCabe, D.D., in two parts, Ancient and Modern, covering 1131 foolscap pages, complete and ready for printing. * * * Dr. McCabe was engaged many years in its preparation, and scoured both Europe and America in his researches for material. Nothing of the kind has ever been published in America.*

* Dr. McCabe was citizen of Delaware. There is no date on his MSS., but as he referred to C. W. Moore as still living, also to

Well! Brother McCabe discovered another mother of American Masonry. He is very sure that Lord Weymouth granted a deputation, in 1730, to Bro. Lacy, as Provincial Grand Master of Georgia. Now, I must say briefly, that all the above assertions about American Masonic Motherhood are simply groundless. Bro. McCabe made, however, other curious assertions; a couple of his assertions will serve as fair specimens of our great Masonic searcher and scourer's recklessness; he says:—

Among the social innovations sought to be introduced by modern reformers, and godless blind demagogues, is the elevation of the African Race to equality, Political and Social, with the Superior and Ruling Races. Some have been found to advocate amalgamation of races, by intermarriage of the African with the other races. But the effort to force the African descendants of Canaan, by affiliation, upon the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasons is the plan of reform to which we direct attention. There has been for some years a body of free Negroes in the United States, chiefly existing in the northern portion of the country, previously to the Civil War; but since the restoration of Peace it extended into the Southern States, assuming the badges and claiming to be free and accepted Masons, appearing in the streets in public processions, and in some States (as we have been informed) asking recognition and affiliation of the Grand Lodges. They designate themselves African Freemasons, and claim to have been legally chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

This body of Negroes, in part and in whole, is spurious, irregular and clandestine. The Grand Lodge of England never did grant a charter for an African Lodge, on the continent of America. The pretence is false, it has no foundation in fact. Some years ago, the Grand Lodge of England granted a charter to a Sea Captain from Boston (we think). They ascertained that this Captain had established a Negro Grand Lodge in the City of Boston. As soon as this fact was ascertained, the Grand Lodge of England re-called the charter and struck the Lodge from her rolls. This was substantially the origin of Negro Masonry in the United States.

This Lodge, thus illegally constituted, chartered several Lodges, and especially in the State of New York these spurious Lodges sought recognition; their claims were examined, and they were by the M.W. Grand Lodge of the States of Massachusetts pronounced illegal and clandestine. This body, calling themselves a Grand Lodge of Masons, and located in the City of Boston, is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. That erudite Mason, M.Wor. C. W. Moore, editor of the *Freemason's Monthly Magazine*, in a reply to inquiries in relation to a Negro Grand Lodge in Boston, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, says, there is no such a Lodge in Boston. There is a body of black persons in the City, which assumes to be a Grand Lodge, and having under its authority one or two subordinate Lodges, but they are not recognized by the Grand Lodge of this State; no communication whatever is held with them, nor are black persons received into our Lodges. There is not a regular Lodge of Black Masons in the United States. There are many coloured persons who claim to be Masons, and from what we learn, from distant correspondents, they sometimes succeed in gaining admission into Lodges; but they are not lawfully entitled to the privilege of sitting in any Masonic body of competent authority. So much for Buckingham! All Lodges styling themselves Lodges of Freemasons and conducted by Negroes are spurious and clandestine. This appears from their own showing, and secondly from the facts of the case. The descendants of Canaan are not a free race, they cannot be said to be free born in the technical sense of the Masonic term. This fact excludes the Negroes and establishes their so-called Lodges as spurious and clandestine.

2nd.—The Grand Lodge of England never did charter an African Lodge on the continent of North America. The pretence therefore to chartered existence is false and unfounded in fact. Therefore the whole concern is rotten, from turret to foundation stone. We refer the reader to the *Freemason's Magazine*, 1st March 1847, pages 139-42.

I shall here add, that Bro. C. W. Moore himself told me, 1842, that he saw the African Lodge Charter, and that it was genuine, and I saw it in 1868, and what is more, the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in 1868, pronounced the said charter genuine in 1869. The Grand Orient of France, as well as the United Grand Lodges of Germany, have respectively acknowledged the colored Masons in America as legitimate, and I hope that the Grand Lodge of England will at some near future do the same.

Bro. McCabe is of opinion that Henry Price received his authority in 1733 from a schismatic Grand Lodge, so, after giving about half a score names of the York Grand Masters from 1705, he goes on with Buckingham No. 2, he says:—

During all this period (1705-24) named, the Craft in the North of England enjoyed great prosperity; these facts are extracted from the old records of the Grand Lodge. There is during the years following, and previously for some time, no evidence of unpleasant, unfraternal feeling or unkindness on the part of the Masons of York towards the other Grand Lodge. They had not been satisfied with the breach of comity of fraternal courtesy and absolute infraction of Masonic

the restoration of peace, which brought Negro Masonry into the Southern States, I therefore infer that the MSS. was written between 1868 and the end of 1872.

usage practised by that [the London] body in the beginning, and simply desired for safety [of the] institution, acknowledgment of error; not in terms, but in corrected procedure. It is probable this lenient and fraternal feeling would have grown into intimacy had the London Grand Lodge confined itself to a strict observance of the ancient landmarks and issued charters for institution of Lodges within its own proper jurisdiction only, but, no doubt with sentiments of contempt for the rights of York, and provincial Masonry, in violation of ancient landmarks, they invaded the jurisdiction of York, introduced innovations into the body of Masonry, and assumed superior wisdom. The testimony of the three oldest Lodges in London is, on this subject, clear, positive and conclusive. Had not her jurisdiction been wantonly violated? Such was the desire of the Grand Lodge of York to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace and harmony that it would have overlooked all these other departures from Masonic propriety, and sought by mild and fraternal kindness to correct the evils, but the London Grand Lodge of England seemed determined to provoke a breach by actual insult, and continued an insolent encroachment.

The lines of conduct pursued by the London Grand Lodge was inexplicable on any other ground than desire and purpose of provoking, by unmasonic conduct, a breach, while both bodies were enjoying unbounded prosperity. A few discontented and unworthy bad Masons of York, moved by lust of praise, with undeserving deeds, in utter disregard of law, and wickedness of heart, applied to the Grand Lodge at London for a charter to form a new lodge in the City of York, and in utter violation of all law, usage, landmarks, ignoring the spirit of Masonry. The petition was granted and the Lodge chartered.

This was indeed bearding the lion in his den. The Douglas in his halls.

The Masonic world launched their censures against the London body, and forbade all Masonic association with them, placing them beyond the pale of recognition. The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland were prompt and decided in their action, sustaining the Grand Lodge of York, and prohibiting intercourse with the Masons or Lodges affiliating with the London body, Lodges chartered by it, and Masons made under its authority. The London body, however, had wondrous local prosperity and strengthened influence, verifying the adage, evil weeds grow apace.

The Grand Lodge of York was entitled to receive the sympathy and support of the entire legitimate Masonic family. It was the oldest organised body of Masons that ever issued charters for constitution of subordinate Lodges. It had ever held sacred the original tenets of Masonry, and the proudest boast of Lodges, of members of the fraternity, throughout the Masonic world was,—I am an Ancient York Mason. It is so to this day. The Grand Lodge at London has time and again trampled under foot and disregarded the ancient usage of the Craft. It assumed (at the time) the doubtful right of publishing its proceedings, it removed an ancient landmark by throwing off all connection with operative masonry; it chartered a Lodge or Lodges in the very City in which the old Grand Lodge held its assemblies; it innovated upon speculative work; it added to the number of those who had ever constituted the Grand Lodge. No one pretends to deny that, up to the period here alluded to, the Master and Wardens of the particular Lodges alone constituted the Grand Lodge; but the Grand Lodge at London added thereto, first, Past Grand Master, then the Past Deputy Grand Masters, then the Past Senior Wardens, and not only the Masters and Wardens of Stewards Lodges, but fifteen of the members also. Nor was this all; at a later period, viz., A.D. 1813, even Past Masters of particular Lodges were made members of the Grand Lodge. Who then will wonder that, with the sober and discreet Masons, the Grand Lodge at London was looked upon with distrust. But such is the power and influence of money and birth; for it was composed principally of nobles, wealthy commoners, men of the Army and the Robe (who, ignorant of the issues and the principles involved, innovated boldly. Such persons once initiated and not troubling themselves about controversies (used their great wealth and influence to advance the cause with which they were identified. The very Grand Lodge who committed the first and only violations of Masonic usage and Masonic law, trampled under foot the ancient landmarks, and introduced novelties unknown to the fraternity, was ere long destined to triumph, over all opposition, and stand forth before the world as the only Grand Lodge in England with the assumed title of the Grand Lodge of all Masons.

Our readers need not start at this declaration, for it is true; look to their proclamation of the election of Grand Master, and it will be seen that they always declared him to be, not Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, but the Grand Master of all Masons. The Grand Lodge of York styled itself the Grand Lodge of all England; while that of London was styled the Grand Lodge of England; The Grand Lodge of York declined as operative Masonry declined, and from the period just named it preferred death to breach of faith, and sacrifice of Masonic consistency. Early in the nineteenth century, it was dissolved, and the Grand Lodge at London, alias the Grand Lodge of England, has since enjoyed undivided authority over the entire Island. The Grand Lodge of York still lives in her descendants. In the United States, the York Rite is the only legitimate Masonry acknowledged. In the test applied to all strangers seeking to visit a Lodge, they must show that they have been regularly initiated, passed and raised in a legally constituted Lodge of Ancient York Masons.

I shall only add, that if Bro. McCabe's history had been printed thirty years ago, his nonsense about the Grand Lodges of England, and of York, would have been believed by the then best informed American Masons, just as they believed that the African Lodge in Boston was never chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

BOSTON, U.S., 3rd May 1888.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

THE members held their last Lodge of this session on Tuesday 1st inst., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, under the Mastership of Bro. G. J. Caldwell. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. T. Smith P.G.S.W. delivered a Masonic lecture, for which he received a vote of thanks. On the Lodge being closed, about two dozen of the brethren stayed to supper, at which they honoured the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 164.

AN incident almost unique in the Masonic annals of the Province—the completion by Bro. Wm. Pile (on whom the Prov. Grand Master has been pleased to confer, as a Jubilee honour, the rank of P.P.G. St. B.) of a period of 50 years' membership of the Lodge Perseverance, during which time he has filled the various offices, and been most punctual in his attendance—was celebrated at Sidmouth, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when this much respected brother was presented with a collar and apron and P.M. jewel, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, who also unveiled his portrait, which now hangs on the walls of the Lodge. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Pile, at the request of Bro. Berwick, the W.M. of the Lodge, occupied the chair during a portion of the evening, and performed certain portions of the ceremony with great clearness and precision. Bro. J. A. Orchard P.P.G.D.C. read the minutes of Wednesday, 2nd May 1838, the night on which Bro. Pile was initiated, and after referring to his zeal and punctual attendance throughout the intervening period of 50 years, Bro. Orchard, in the name of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. Pile with the Provincial Officer's collar and apron and Past Master's jewel, and later on in the evening the W.M. Bro. Berwick unveiled the beautiful enlarged chromo portrait of Bro. Pile. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, supplied by Bro. H. T. Bolt in his accustomed satisfactory style.

LODGE OF AMITY, No. 171.

THE members met at The Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. A ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and was declared unanimous in favour of Bro. H. Dipple S.W. Bro. J. Clever P.M. was also unanimously elected as Treasurer. At the banquet, the W.M. (Bro. J. Van Essen) proposed the usual toasts which were duly honoured. The musical arrangements were efficiently carried out under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Frederick Perkins, R.A. Mus.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

BRO. G. M. Lion W.M. presided over the regular meeting on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The W.M. was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Botibol S.W., Garner J.W., T. Meyers S.D., H. Lazarus J.D., L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Rev. S. J. Roco Chap.; P.M.'s Spiegel, L. and M. Alexander, Obed Roberts, Abrahams, Dewsnap, L. Meyers, Dodson; Bros. Van Stavert, Van Volen, Weigel, Hunt, Ansell, C. H. Wallis, Ernest Smith, Rozenberg, Cohen, Saqui, Chamberlain, W. Thomas, Barnes, Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), &c. Visitors—Thomas Berg W.M. 1613, J. S. Taverner 1044, Montague Smith 253, Nightingale W.M. 193, &c. Lodge was regularly opened and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Ernest Smith. Bro. L. W. Kershaw, of St. Ann's Lodge, No. 593, who is about to proceed to Ceylon, was, by kind permission of the W.M., also raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A ballot was taken to initiate Mr. Paul Franz, of the United Dramatic Club, 133 Upper-street, Islington. The ceremonies of the day were most ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Wall I.P.M. proposed that the sum of two guineas be subscribed from the Lodge, to form a nucleus to present Bro. Dodson P.M. D.C. with a testimonial for services rendered as D.C. This was seconded and carried unanimously. After other important business had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form. Between fifty and sixty brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in admirable style under the superintendence of Bro. Silver; the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently given by the W.M., and received with enthusiasm. Bro. Wall proposed the health of the W.M., which was warmly honoured and replied to. The W.M. next proposed the toasts of the P.M.'s, Officers, and Visitors. Appropriate replies were made. The health of the Initiate was proposed and suitably responded to. The proceedings were enlivened with a most enjoyable musical programme, under the direction of Bro. Frank Isaacson. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 242.

THE annual meeting of the brethren was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic-rooms, Nether Hall Road, Doncaster. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, and some other business transacted, Bro. G. G. Wilkie, who had been duly elected, was installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being well and ably rendered by Bro. F. D. Walker, who acted in the capacity of Installing Master. During the proceedings some music was performed by Bro. Pawson, and an anthem was sung in excellent style by Bro. F. Webb. The W.M. having been placed in the chair, proceeded at once to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow, viz.:—Bros. Goldthorpe I.P.M., Fretwell S.W., Forth J.W., Ross Chaplain, Hartley Treasurer, Pawson Org., Athron S.D., Webb J.D., Dalanoy Secretary, and Hurst Tyler.

At the close of the proceedings the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, provided by Mrs. Grant, at the Reindeer Hotel, consisting of an abundance of every delicacy which the season can produce, and in which no pains had been spared to give satisfaction. Several visitors were present from Rotherham, Grimsby, Thorne, Goole, &c. The chair was occupied by the newly installed W.M., and the vice-chair by the S.W. Bro. Fretwell.

LILY LODGE OF RICHMOND, No. 820.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Richmond, Surrey. Among the large attendance of visitors present were—Bros. J. L. Dale W.M. 948, C. P. Langford W.M. 21, B. B. Joy W.M. 715, J. J. Jewitson W.M. 857, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, J. Cockburn P.M. 209, W. Pierpoint P.M. 813, B. E. Blasby P.M. 2032, J. A. Robson P.M. 1445, G. T. Holdom P.M. 1306, J. G. Twinn P.M. 1306, R. P. Forge P.M. 1693, J. Hobbs P.M. 749, J. L. Cogan P.M. 1365, and 22 other visiting brethren of various ranks, in addition to the Past Masters and Members of the Lodge. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last regular Lodge and of the Lodge of Emergency were confirmed. After the election of three lay members on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M., Bro. Pye, retired from the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., who having previously opened and constituted a Board of Installed Masters in due form, installed Bro. Charles Robson, the Master Elect. The Officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. R. Pye I.P.M., A. Combes S.W., G. Cook J.W., W. H. Myers Treasurer, J. Heath Secretary, W. T. Laws S.D., A. Oliver J.D., A. Copping I.G., G. C. Young P.M. Musical Director, R. E. W. Marsden D.C., W. F. Reynolds P.M. Steward, C. E. Osman Assistant Steward. The usual addresses were then effectively rendered by the Installing Master Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. All business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The brethren proceeded to the Banquet room in the large hall, and after the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given and responded to. The proposal of those of the W.M. Bro. Robson and the I.P.M. Bro. Pye being received with enthusiasm by the Visitors and Brethren of the Lodge. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Charles Townley, of the Savage Club, who rendered the "Song without words" in an effective manner. He was assisted by Bros. Combes, R. E. W. Marsden, and Percy Phillips. Miss Thomas presided at the pianoforte. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE LODGE, No. 839.

THE annual installation festival took place on Friday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester. Bro. Dr. Needham was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed by the I.P.M. Bro. J. L. Bretherton. The Officers for the year are Bros. Dr. Campbell S.W., Sumner J.W., the Very Rev. Dr. Spence Chaplain, Bruton Treasurer, Mayer Secretary, Summers S.D., Wood J.D., John Bryan Director of Ceremonies, Hill I.G., and Pike Steward.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE last meeting of the present session of this spirited Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 9th instant, when there were present Bros. Creed W.M., Ravenscroft I.P.M., Slaughter S.W., Greenaway J.W., Ridley Secretary, Hakin S.D., Sparrow J.D., Pulley P.M. Dir. of Cers., Sherwin Organist, Brown I.G., Smallwood and Stewart Stewards, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Ferguson, Margrett, Blackwell; Brothers T. C. Margrett, Loam, Treverton, Reed, Hodder, Brown jun., Long, Biddles, Salmon, Hickie, Silver. Visitors—Houghton 153, Hawkes W.M. 414, Scrivener 1490, Bonny 414. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Daniel Norton Heron, proposed and seconded as a candidate for initiation at the last regular Lodge, and he was declared to be elected. Bro. Lewis, a candidate for the third degree, having replied to the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted, and retired. Later on the candidate was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., who gave the traditional history and lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Ravenscroft gave the charge. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Margrett P.M. proposed the resolution of which he had given due notice, viz., that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of this Lodge to the list of Bro. Creed on the occasion of his Stewardship for the Masonic Institution for Girls at its Centenary Celebration. Bro. Ferguson seconded, and the motion was carried. A candidate was regularly proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, after which the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a *récherché* supper was provided by Bro. Flanagan P.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, a very agreeable evening being the result.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THE installation meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on 2nd May. Bros. Collings P.M. D.C. in the chair, Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Harding S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Coombes Steward, Stacey P.M. Organist, Walkley Tyler; P.M.'s Pardo, Boehr, A. Mansell, and about thirty-six other brethren; also some seventeen visitors, among whom were Bros. Cause P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Canon Floyd P.G. Chaplain Ireland, the Masters of several Lodges and other distinguished Craftsmen. After Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. G. A. Knight was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., in Bro. Collings' best and most impressive manner. Lodge having been resumed to the second

degree, Bro. Secretary read the dispensation of Grand Lodge, permitting Bro. Williams to be installed W.M. of this Lodge, although his term of office as W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge had not expired. Bro. Williams was then installed into the chair of K.S. with all due formality and solemnity by Bro. Collings. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, and the Autient Charges given to Master, Wardens, &c., the W.M. was pleased to appoint his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Wing S.W., Harding J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Collings P.M. D.C., Sandalls S.D., Oliver J.D., Coombes I.G., Page P.M. Steward, Stacey P.M. Organist, Gordon Assistant Organist, and Walkley P.M. Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee having been read by Bro. Grundy, and supported by Bros. Gordon and Stern, and some other formal business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. At the banquet which ensued about fifty-eight sat down, and after doing excellent service on the good things provided by the worthy host, Bro. Page, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with enthusiasm, and accorded musical honours. Bro. Robinson proposed the health of the W.M., and congratulated the Lodge on having such a thoroughly good Mason as its Master. Bro. Boehr gave a well-executed solo on the zither, and the W.M. responded in a very short but pithy speech. Apologising for having to be short, on account of the lateness of the hour, Bro. Williams proceeded to propose the Visitors. Bro. Higham gave a brilliant pianoforte solo, "La petite Reine," and Bros. Cause, Canon Floyd, Morrow, and others responded, all of them speaking in flattering terms of the reception they had met with, and of the excellent working of the Lodge. The next toast was the Installing Master, proposed by the W.M. Bro. Morrow sang "Good night, beloved," and Bro. Collings responded. The Past Masters came next. After a cornet solo by Bro. Heath, Bro. Boehr responded. The Treasurer and Secretary was the next toast, and then a song, "Give me the man of honest heart," by Bro. Gordon. Bro. Watkins replied. The Officers were next complimented. Song, the "Lads in red," Bros. Page, and then the S.W. replied. The Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and interesting evening. The musical arrangements of the banquet were under the direction of Bro. Gordon.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual meeting on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent Street, under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Miller W.M. Bro. B. Fuld was installed as Worshipful Master, and the following were appointed as the Officers for the year: Bros. J. S. Miller I.P.M., S. Lancaster S.W., H. Moss J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett P.M. Sec., J. Van Praagh S.D., A. F. Casperd J.D., J. Segenburg I.G., E. Hahn D.C., J. Nash Steward, and Oberdoerffer Tyler. The other business of the meeting comprised the balloting for three candidates and the initiation of two of them, Messrs. N. Nersessian and Thomas Mudge Lamble. At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Fuld, the newly installed Master, and in due course the usual toast list was honoured. Bro. Miller I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, a toast always welcome in every Lodge. The present ruler of the Samson Lodge was one of the oldest members, and had served through the several offices. He felt convinced Bro. Fuld would conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a manner as to give entire satisfaction. In reply the Worshipful Master tendered his hearty thanks for the toast and trusted he might always deserve so pleasing a welcome. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, giving the newly admitted brethren a hearty welcome, in the name of the Lodge. The Initiates having replied, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Miller. In the course of his remarks Bro. Fuld referred to the way in which his predecessor had conducted the affairs of the Lodge, and hoped he would long be among them as a Past Master. He had great pleasure in presenting to Bro. Miller the handsome jewel the members had prepared for him, and he trusted he would long have good health to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668, W.M. 1887-88.

Presented by the members of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668,
To Bro. J. S. MILLER P.M.

As a mark of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of
his valuable services as W.M. during his year of office.
8th May 1888.

Bro. Miller replied. He thanked the brethren very much for the presentation which had just been made to him, and considered they had given him a very beautiful jewel; but what he prized more than all was the secret which attached to it—the secret that it was proof he had given them satisfaction and had won their approval. The jewel would really have no value in his eyes if he did not feel that it carried with it the approbation of the members of the Lodge. As it was, he should value it as a memento of the very pleasant duties he had fulfilled in the Samson Lodge. He assured them he did not that day give up his interest in the affairs of the Lodge simply because he had retired from the chair, for he should continue to do all that lay in his power for its benefit, and in doing so he hoped he should merit the approval of the members. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, there being present, in addition to those already named, Bros. I. Quincey, C. Hochse, and R. S. Kingsbury. Without the services of the Past Masters the W.M. felt the Lodge would make but poor progress. Bro. Loewenstark replied. He hardly knew how to thank them for the kind reception he had ever received in the Lodge. He was very proud of his position, and hoped the Lodge would have the help of many more Past Masters in years to come. Bro. Barnett also acknowledged the toast, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Visitors. He hoped he and the other members of the Lodge had given their guests such a welcome as would induce them

to desire to again visit the Samson. Bro. Marks W.M. 185 and others acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Barnett replied to this, and said both he and Bro. Loewenstark tried to do their best, and were always pleased when their efforts called forth a word of commendation from the Lodge. The toast of the Press was given, and acknowledged by Bro. Morgan jun., after which the meeting was brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors were Bros. S. J. Heilborn 463, A. R. Marks W.M. 185, J. G. Albert J.D. 227, J. Fuld 917, G. B. Yepp 21, B. Hergels 188, Turle Lee 1922, H. Yates 2182, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, J. Stroud S.W. 1227, C. J. Smith 1658. During the evening some excellent songs were given, the following programme being carried out, under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee:—"National Anthem"; piano solo, Bro. Turle Lee; song, "When other lips," Balfe, Bro. Henry Yates; humorous song, Bro. Fred Cozens; song, "The Bugler," Pinsuti, Bro. Kingsbury; song, "I'll sing thee songs," Clay, Bro. Henry Yates; humorous song, Bro. Fred. Cozens (with, during the evening, obligato accompaniment of bones and banjo by serenaders outside).

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 14th inst. at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when the chair of K.S. was (in the absence of Bro. Cannon W.M.) occupied by Bro. C. R. J. Evans I.P.M. Amongst the brethren present, and who signed the attendance book, were Bros. C. Sims S.W., J. M. Spencer J.W., A. Runacres P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Taylor P.M. Secretary, J. W. S. Chapman P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. G. Albert S.D., L. C. Shipton J.D., Wm. Burrige I.G., R. Clare and W. C. Codman Stewards, Albert J. Clarke Asst. Dir. of Cers., P.M.'s E. Witts and G. W. Evans, Bros. O. Lemere, R. Peachey, G. Helyer, R. R. Willson, A. Blenkarn, R. M. Gatliff, J. A. Gaze, Francis Moss, Francis Moss jun., J. K. Boddy, T. Bowler. Visitors—J. D. E. Tarr W.M. 1293, Jas. Stevens P.M. 1216, 1246, &c., C. B. Cutler 1949, H. Windlatt 1793, T. B. Boujour 2060, R. J. Vincent P.M. 1641, 1963, &c. The business comprised the raising of Bros. Helyer and Peachey and the passing of Bros. F. Moss and F. Moss jun. (father and son), the ceremonies were most admirably conducted by the acting W.M. Bro. Evans. After closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to a capitally served dinner, and toasts, recitations, songs and bright speeches occupied the remainder of a most agreeable Masonic reunion. We specially noted the efforts of Bros. Boddy, J. W. S. Chapman ("Bill Adams") and James Stevens to add to the interest of the gathering by their excellent recitations.

PRUDENCE AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 1953.

THE annual meeting took place at the Masonic-hall, George Hotel, Chard, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when Bro. F. H. Warren was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Toms I.P.M., Indge S.W., Mitchell J.W., Dominy S.W., Norrington J.D., England Treasurer, Derrick Sec., Plank D.C., Gawler and Symes Stewards, Drower Org., and White Tyler. The banquet took place at the George Hotel, at which a goodly number sat down, including visiting brethren from Nyanza Lodge, Ilminster, and also from Lodge Virtue and Honour, Axminster. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Town Hall Buildings, King-street, Manchester, on Saturday, the 28th ult., when Bro. L. J. Griffiths was installed as Worshipful Master, and the following invested as the Officers for the year. Bros. Robt. Beresford I.P.M., C. Crowther S.W., J. McCallum J.W., J. W. Rattray Chap., D. Edwards P.M. Treas., J. Hatton P.M. Sec., Henry Darbyshire P.M. D.C., J. W. Wilcock S.D., N. Holyoake J.D., W. W. Siddell Org., G. Redfern jun. I.G., J. Dean, E. P. Ridgeway, Jno. Wilson, J. Crampton, W. Holland, G. S. Smeeth Stewards, and J. Forrest Tyler. The addresses following the installation were given by Bros. Walker, Harris, Edwards and Darbyshire respectively. A banquet followed the Lodge meeting, the usual toasts being honoured.

THE PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

THE Installation meeting was held in the old and historic building known as the Berrymead Priory, situated near the High Street, Acton, on Monday, the 7th instant. There were present Bros. J. A. Cammell W.M., E. Monson jun. S.W., J. Ward J.W., C. W. Francis S.D., A. B. Phillips I.G., E. H. Sugz Sec., F. Botley I.P.M., P.M.'s C. E. Botley and G. Wright; C. Pearce, Owen, P. Check J. Adams, Braden, E. J. Acworth, S. Parkhouse, P. Monson, W. J. Marlis, W. Regester, H. W. Blake, Capt. R. Grey, Major Michod, Rev. A. H. Dicker, Fountaine, Danvers, W. Eydmann, J. A. Craven, E. E. Geflowski, Sutton, W. M. Shirreff, H. R. Hezuan, W. Hurst, Raynham Stewart P.G.D., F. Binckes P.G.S.B., Norton, S. J. Longton, Williams. The W.M. elect received letters of re-reat at their inability to be present from Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Frank Richardson P.G.D., J. M. Case P.G.D., T. J. Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the 2nd degree, when Bro. E. Monson was presented as W.M. elect, and with all formalities duly observed installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. A. Cammell. The Installing Master presented and explained the working tools of the various degrees. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Ward S.W., C. W. Francis J.W., W. Roebuck P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, E. H. Sugz Secretary, C. E. Botley D.C. F. A. Russell S.D., A. T. Phillips J.D., Gissing Skelton I.G., W. Hurst Steward, and Harrison Tyler. After the investiture, the Installing Master gave the usual addresses. Later

on, it was proposed and seconded that a Lodge of Instruction be formed and held in the Lodge-room at the Berrymead Priory. Bro. C. E. Botley P.M. proposed that a vote of condolence be offered by the Lodge to Bro. W. Roebuck P.M. P.G.S.B., sympathising with him in his recent bereavement; this was seconded by Bro. G. Wright and carried unanimously. Lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the Grand Banqueting Hall where a very recherché banquet was provided by the Steward of the Priory Constitutional Club, the tables being prettily decorated with flowers and ferns supplied by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. For Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and rest of Grand Officers, Bros. Raynham Stewart P.G.D. and F. Binckos P.G.S.B. responded. Bro. Raynham Stewart was pleased to come to the Priory Lodge once more, he had officiated at the consecration of the Lodge and was gratified by the progress which had been made. Bro. F. Binckos said he was not able to be present at the working of the Lodge; having to attend a Board of Stewards, he was unable to get away in time. He expressed a hope that the Charity which he had the honour to represent might receive their support; as the Centenary of the Girls' School was the only topic just now on the tapis, he was afraid the Boys' Institution would be in a fair way of running short of funds. The I.P.M. now took the gavel; the brethren knew for what purpose; we have come to the toast of the evening, the health of your W.M. He Bro. Cammell was proud in having installed so worthy and distinguished a brother, and all the Brethren who had seen the working of the W.M. must admit he comes fully prepared for all duties he may have to carry out. He has always taken a great interest in the Lodge, and boasts of being one of its founders; he is also I.P.M. of his Mother Lodge, and stands a high chance of office in the Provincial Grand Lodge. He would now ask the brethren to drink a right good bumper, wishing their W.M. health and every prosperity during his year of office. Bro. Monson thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received; he had looked forward to this evening for a long time, it was one of the happiest moments of his life; he felt proud at being their W.M. He had always taken great interest in the Lodge, and now it had reached its natural home (the Lodge being named after the Berrymead Priory), he trusted it would thrive and prosper. The W.M. in giving the toast of the I.P.M. thanked Bro. J. A. Cammell for the assistance he had rendered him. The I.P.M. had taken a great deal of trouble in getting the Lodge removed to its present quarters, and this the members were to be congratulated on. He concluded by pinning on Bro. Cammell's breast the P.M.'s jewel presented by the Brethren, as a mark of esteem and appreciation for the services rendered during his year of office, and expressed a wish that he might long be spared to wear it. Bro. Cammell thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind way in which the toast had been given and received; he had always taken (and he hoped to continue to take) great interest in the Lodge. He had intended saying a good deal, but the kindly remarks of the W.M. had completely taken the wind out of his sails; he thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him; he need hardly say he should look upon it as a great treasure, at the same time it would not need a jewel to remind him of the very pleasant and enjoyable year he had spent with the brethren of the Priory Lodge. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the names of Bros. Lanvers W.M. West Middlesex Lodge, J. Adams W.M. Villiers Lodge, H. W. Blake I.P.M. Ranelagh Lodge, Fountaine and W. J. Murlis, who suitably responded. With the toast of the P.M.'s reference was made to our absent Bro. W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. Bro. G. Wright P.M. responded; he was pleased to fill the office of Treasurer that evening for so worthy a brother. He trusted that before their next meeting Bro. Roebuck would be with them. Bro. E. H. Sugg Secretary trusted he should carry out the duties better in the ensuing year than in the past. Bro. Francis J.W. responded for the Officers, and then the Tyler brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. 452 P.P.G.O. Surrey.

TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

THE annual festival was held at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, on Saturday, 9th May. Bro. C. R. Walker W.M. was in the chair. Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. T. F. E. Ayles was passed, and Bros. A. Maxwell Todd, Geo. Brooke, and F. H. Davies were raised. The accounts, showing the Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial condition, were approved; and a discussion on proposed rules for a Benevolent Fund was again adjourned. The W.M. then proposed that some mark of appreciation be offered to Bro. W. H. Lockey for his efficient services to the Lodge from its foundation. The motion was seconded, and unanimously carried; a Committee was appointed to consider and recommend the form which the mark of appreciation should take. The ceremony of installing the W.M. Elect (Bro. E. H. Bailey) was then performed most impressively by Bro. Crump, and at its conclusion the W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Kirby S.W., Barber J.W., Rev. Canon Whittington Chaplain, A. J. Dudgeon Treas., W. I. Dudgeon Sec., Bradshaw Brown D.C., Crump S.D., Johnson J.D., Lockley Steward, and Martin Tyler. The W.M. was appointed the representative of the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and a candidate for initiation having been proposed, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. As the greater part of the Tilbury Hotel is closed, the brethren afterwards crossed the water to Gravesend, where, at the New Falcon, the annual banquet was served, under the presidency of the W.M. The menu sustained in every way the reputation which Mr. Hubbard's Hotel enjoys; whilst the wines, which were selected by Bro. Steward, a well-known connoisseur, were of choice brands. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly proposed from the chair, and heartily drunk, with Masonic fire. In responding for the Grand Officers of England, Bro. Albert Lucking said that, standing there, he was

reminded of the cheerless day when they trudged across the marshes to consecrate the Lodge, at a spot, now covered by the Docks. But although it was cheerless outside, everything was most cheerful within, and he ventured to say that the hospitality of the Tilbury Lodge upon that occasion would never be forgotten in the Province of Essex. The Provincial Grand Officers found an excellent sponsor in Bro. Barrett, who, in the course of a neat little speech, expressed the pleasure they felt at finding the Lodge in such a prosperous condition. In a flattering speech the I.P.M. then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whose popularity among the brethren was conclusively demonstrated by the warmth with which the toast was received. In replying, Bro. Bailey (who was only initiated four years ago) said he felt it to be a very great honour to have been placed in the chair that day. He would do all he could to prove himself worthy of the distinction they had conferred upon him, and he hoped he should have the support of all in any efforts he might make to improve their work. Bros. Walker and Nead responded for the Visitors; and the W.M. then proposed the Installing Master. It was, he said, always a pleasure to see work done in the way Bro. Crump performed the ceremony that afternoon. Personally he thanked Bro. Crump most heartily; and, in concluding, expressed the wish—which was emphatically endorsed by the brethren—that they might have Bro. Crump long with them. The Installing Master, in acknowledging the compliment, tendered a little practical advice to the brethren upon working the ceremonies. They should always be ready, he remarked, to do their duty in any office to which the W.M. might appoint them. He felt sure the Lodge would go through the year with the utmost possible credit, and that the Officers would show to the other members of the Lodge who are coming on the way in which the work of Masonry really could be done. The W.M., in giving the Past Masters, said they only numbered four, but four better and cheerier men could not be found in a day's march. Bro. Walker, whose name was coupled with the toast, modestly remarked that he was not a very good specimen of their Past Masters, and then proceeded to allude to the necessity of the members attending the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Donald Baynes (who rose in response to the unanimous wish of the brethren) happily remarked that there were four old chickens in the Past Masters' nest, and he congratulated Bro. Bailey upon being cock of the walk. Bro. A. J. Dudgeon, another popular Past Master, also replied, and expressed himself as confident that the Tilbury Lodge must succeed. Their W.M. was the second initiate of the Lodge, and the Inner Guard he himself initiated during his year of office. The W.M. proposed the Officers, and spoke in favour of the Lodge of Instruction being held every fortnight. Bro. Kirby, the S.W., assured the W.M. that the Officers would help him in every possible way; he thanked him most heartily for the kind way in which he had proposed their health. The Tyler's toast was then given by Bro. Martin, and brought to a close a most enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which were greatly facilitated by the arrangements made by Bro. Bradshaw Brown, the Director of Ceremonies.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 4th inst., there were present Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D., W. M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer S.D., Professor T. Hayter Lewis J.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott I.G., W. H. Rylands P.G. Steward, Rev. C. J. Ball, F. H. Goldney P.G.D., and Edward Macbean; Correspondence Circle—Richard Eve P.G.T., C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Stephen Richardson, F. A. Powell, Rev. O. C. Cockrem, J. W. H. Thompson, Rev. W. W. Lemon, Colonel J. Read, J. Barber Glen, C. Kufferschmidt, S. Martin, Rev. J. F. Downes, R. A. Gowan, and B. A. Smith; and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. K. R. Cama, and R. Langley. Brothers Edward Jas Castle, Q.C., P.M. 143, author of "The Origin of Parochial Relief, the Law of Rating," and other works, Edward Macbean, Glasgow, St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis, author of "Symbolism," and numerous addresses in Lodge, and F. H. Goldney P.G.D., author of "The History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire," were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. The London Library, St. James's-square; the Supreme Council, A. and A. S. Rite 33°, 33 Golden-square; the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab; five Lodges, one Masonic journal (New Zealand), and 38 brethren, were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle, which it was stated had reached a grand total of 308. It was moved by Bro. Westcott I.G., and seconded by Bro. Bywater S.D., "That no lecture on Masonic History, nor any lecture, nor discussion on Masonic Degrees, their origin and secrets be given or permitted in the Lodge, except when it is opened in the 3rd Degree, and that the summons for the Lodge shall specify the delivery and discussion of Lectures in a Master Mason's Lodge," to which the following amendment was proposed by Bro. G. W. Speth Secretary, and seconded by Bro. F. H. Goldney P.G.D.—"That it be left to the discretion of the W.M. to require Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to retire from the Lodge whenever there shall appear to him, to the lecturer, or to any brother, the least chance of Masonic secrets being improperly divulged." After an animated discussion, which was well sustained by the four brethren named, and enlivened by a speech of great power from Bro. Eve, who pointed out that if no lecture or Masonic History could be delivered in the Lodge, except before Master Masons, any future essays or papers dealing specifically with either the first or second degrees would have to be read before an audience from which was excluded the class of brethren whom it chiefly concerned. The W.M. said he was personally very much in favour of continuing to transact all the business of the Lodge, except the actual ceremonies, in the first degree. In the United States, since the Baltimore Convention of 1843, the practice had been different. Business was there transacted in the third degree, and brethren only became members of their Lodges on attaining the rank of Master Mason. But to him (the W.M.) there was something very repugnant in the idea of excluding any Mason in good standing from

a full participation in the special labours of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. In the Grand Lodge itself, to refer to the earliest precedent, there was in ancient times an express proviso that even the work of legislation could not proceed without all the brethren, including "The youngest enter'd Prentice," being taken into Council. He would, however, admit freely, that much might be said on both sides of the question, and as several of the members, absent that evening (including Bro. Hugban, whose opinion he felt sure they would like to hear), were expected to be present at the June meeting, he thought the best course they could adopt would be to adjourn the discussion until that date. This suggestion having been accepted by the movers of the resolution and amendment, the Secretary, Bro. Speth, proceeded to read a paper on "Scottish Masonry before the Era of Grand Lodges." This was followed by a discussion, in which Bros. Rylands, Goldney, Macbean and the W.M. took part, and written contributions from Bros. Hugban and Ramsden Riley were read from the chair. Some further presents to the library—Bro. Cama P.G.T. again figuring as a liberable donor—were announced by the Secretary, who also exhibited a photographed facsimile of the Scorbrough MS., kindly procured for the Lodge by Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary Canada. The proceedings were brought to a close about half-past seven, when the brethren adjourned to refreshment and the remainder of the evening was given up to social enjoyment,

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THE brethren closed their first Masonic year with a meeting on Saturday, 28th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, who is the W.M., presided. In the unavoidable absence of Bros. the Right Honourable W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and R. Clowes, the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. C. W. Hudson and Dr. H. E. Price. The principal business of the meeting was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Prov. G. Steward, was unanimously elected W.M., while Bro. W. Hallett was re-elected Treasurer. The first lecture on the Tracing Board was given in an admirable manner by the Rev. E. R. Currie. The Lodge having been formally closed the brethren adjourned to the saloon, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. D. Matton, and duly appreciated. The usual loyal toasts having been proposed by the W.M., the Officers of Grand Lodge, also given from the Chair, received an acknowledgment from Bro. J. Terry. The Rev. E. R. Currie next proposed conjointly the toast of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Prov. Grand Officers, and the W.M. of the Lodge. The Duke of Connaught would, he hoped, be soon amongst the brethren of the Province again, for he had won the golden opinions of all Masons and the esteem of all ranks of society. He trusted Bro. Ford would long be spared to occupy the high position of Deputy Prov. G. Master, which he so worthily and satisfactorily held. In speaking of the Officers of the Province he passed a high eulogium on the Prov. G. Secretary. The Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, in responding, said he felt grateful for the kind words which had been said about him. He would endeavour, as long as his strength lasted, to merit the approbation of the brethren. With their kind indulgence, and with increased experience, he hoped, in his arduous position, to merit their approval. He was surrounded by excellent Officers, and he wished particularly to bear testimony to the inventive mind, sources of knowledge, and nimble fingers of the Prov. G. Secretary, whose assistance to him had been invaluable. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. Rowland Plumb, and that of the Officers of the Lodge by Bro. C. W. Hudson, acting S.W. The Tyler's toast terminated the list. During the evening songs and duets were contributed by Bros. Slingsby Roberts, Major Mortimer Hancock, Cole, and King, the last named ably carrying out the duties of accompanist.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the Kings Arms Hotel, Grays, when the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. George R. Cobham W.M., James Howell I.P.M., W. B. Heagerty S.W., W. H. Rowleston J.W., T. S. Taylor P.M. Treasurer, H. C. Borradaile Secretary, J. H. Potter S.D., M. T. Tuck J.D., W. J. Godwin I.G., W. J. Mott Organist, E. S. Flinn D.C., A. J. Thompson and J. H. Sims Stewards.

MASONIC SERVICE AT SWINTON.

A SPECIAL Masonic service was held on the afternoon of Sunday last, at St. Peter's Church, Swinton, under the auspices of the Egerton Lodge. There was a large gathering of the brethren from Manchester and district, including several Provincial Officers. A dispensation was granted by the Earl of Lathom Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, for the wearing of Craft and Royal Arch clothing. The brethren, upwards of 200 in number, met in St. Peter's Schools, from whence they marched in procession to church, large crowds lining the streets. The Freemasons occupied the seats in the body of the church, and in the remaining portions there was a large congregation. The Rev. H. R. Heywood, vicar, read the prayers, the Rev. F. P. Nash the lesson, and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Earl of Mulgrave, vicar of Worsley, and Chaplain of the Worsley Lodge, No. 1814. Appropriate hymns were sung, an excellent choir leading the service. The sermon was from the words "Am I my brother's keeper." The speaker spoke in eloquent terms of Freemasonry as embracing every rank and condition of respectable men. A moral institution, promulgating fraternal charity, mitigating suffering, and advancing the moral and best interests of mankind. A collection was taken in aid of the Masonic Charities.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY AND THE ANGLO-DANISH EXHIBITION.

The following circular has just been issued:—

5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
17th May 1888.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to inform you that the Executive Committee have acquired the sole use of the Anglo-Danish Exhibition and Grounds for the night of the 7th June, between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m.

The brethren and ladies holding tickets for the Albert Hall will be admitted free, and will have the opportunity of seeing the Exhibition and hearing two military bands, in addition to the one in the Hall; the theatre, switchback railway, &c., will be open at the usual prices. All refreshments partaken of in the Exhibition must be paid for; in the Albert Hall they will be provided free, as already announced.

This arrangement places a much greater space at the disposal of the Committee, and enables them to offer more tickets to the Stewards. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will let me know, at your earliest convenience, how many (if any) more you require, by filling in the annexed form, and remitting the amount as before.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Hon. Secretary Board of Stewards.

N.B.—The tickets of admission for the 7th June, and the Stewards' dinner tickets will be issued very shortly.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—As on two or three occasions previously you have been kind enough to insert my letters, and I have been enabled by that means to assist and give pleasure to many seeking healthful recreation during short summer holidays,—inexpensively and out of the beaten tracks,—I shall be happy to again assist any hardworked denizens of London or elsewhere who may be desirous of making a pleasant tour through South Wales if they will write me, enclosing stamped envelope for reply, simply giving number of party, kind of scenery desired—whether sea-coast or valley—and length of holiday and starting point.

Yours truly,

HENRY BARHAM.

4 High Street, Haverfordwest, 16th May 1888.

TRADE AND MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The following advertisement appeared in a recent issue of the *Daily Telegraph*.

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Yours fraternally,

INQUIRER.

Comp. H. Sadler P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor, has kindly consented to deliver a lecture on the "Banners and Emblems of the Royal Arch," at the Industry Chapter of Instruction, No. 186, held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, on Saturday, 26th inst., at 7:30 p.m. The attendance of Royal Arch Masons is cordially invited.

We understand it has been arranged that, on 29th inst., the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., will make a grand visitation to the Province of Aberdeen, accompanied by a deputation of officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

At a meeting of St. Maurice Lodge, No. 1855, held on the 9th instant, at Plympton, Bro. John Martin was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. R. Hambley was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gidley re-elected Tyler.

The design by Mr. H. A. Reid, architect, Port Elizabeth, S.A., has been selected in the competition for a proposed new Masonic temple for Kimberley. There were nine competitors.

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The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM DEPUTY G.M.,
Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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May 1888.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 18th May 1888,
W. Bro. J. L. MATHER, P.A.G.D.C.
Vice-President of the Institution,

in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 23 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 67 Candidates, and 15 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 64 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected :—

MALES.

No. on Poll	Votes	No. on Poll	Votes
1 Wharton, Henry	2408	13 Somerton, William	2049
2 Middleton, Thomas James ...	2306	*14 Inff, Henry	2036
3 Wallace, William Samuel ...	2233	*15 Whitehouse, Samuel	1939
4 Codd, Frederic	2214	*16 Seagrave, Isaac	1931
5 Haxthausen, Oluf	2211	*17 Hoile, James Stokes	1928
6 Smith, John (No. 9 on list) ...	2214	*18 Ingram, William	1923
7 Hyde, John	2148	*19 Homewood, Spencer	1881
8 Hogg, Henry Leggott	2145	*20 Currie, John	1813
9 Garland, Joshua	2116	21 Holdsworth, Joseph	1788
10 Bennett, William	2098	22 Bray, Samuel	1733
11 Vass, John	2080	23 Lasky, Joseph John	1715
12 Jobling, Matthias	2079		

WIDOWS.

1 Pullen, Mary Anne	2958	*9 Moss, Susan	2172
2 Cooley, Elizabeth L.	2797	*10 Ford, Mary Ann	2158
3 Read, Emma	2505	*11 Yeoman, Esther	2132
4 Harding, Selina	2496	*12 Somers, Elizabeth	1784
*5 Harrison, Mary Ann	2434	13 Griffiths, Anna Maria	1755
*6 Vasey, Alice	2351	14 Worley, Georgiana Sophia ...	1720
*7 Hartley, Isabella	2333	15 Thomans, Minca Amelia ...	1504
*8 Wright, Mary Ellen	2193		

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respective Lists, were awarded sums of money, the two highest in each case from the Committee of the John Hervey Fund, and the third from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, as follows :—

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Fry, Robert Henry	M. E. Franklyn

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT FUND.
Bro. Smith, Thomas

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the proxies were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll both (Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,
JAMES TERRY, P.G.Sword B., P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
Secretary.

Office:—4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th May 1888.

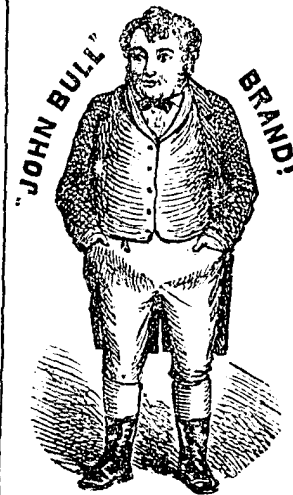
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, in Christ Church School, Heaton Norris. Upwards of 400 brethren attended, only two Lodges being unrepresented out of the long roll of 97 within the Province. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the R.W. Prov. G.M., was unable to attend, and his place was taken by Bro. George Mellor the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, Past G.D. and P. Prov. G.W., acted as Deputy Prov. G.M. Nearly the whole of the Provincial Officers answered to the call of their names, and the attendance of Past Provincial Officers was exceptionally numerous. Customary form having been observed in opening the Lodge, the report of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. J. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary. This stated that two boys, three widows of Freemasons, and two aged Freemasons had been placed in the Masonic Charitable Institutions. In proposing the adoption of the report, Bro. J. A. Birch P. Prov. G.J.W. said the committee had also succeeded in electing two girls to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. As many more votes were required for this than East Lancashire possessed, the committee had had to put forth great efforts, and they had had much assistance from the adjoining Province of West Yorkshire. The Jubilee contributions from the Province to the Masonic Benevolent Institution amounted to about £2,860. In addition to the adoption of the report he proposed that the lists of these contributions be recorded on the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.D. seconded both these propositions, and they were carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. J. Heelis, it was resolved that £50 be contributed out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. A report was submitted from the Bye-laws Committee, recommending various amendments of the Bye-laws. A discussion arose thereon, and in the end it was, on the motion of Bro. Colonel Aspland P. Prov. G. Registrar, seconded by Bro. Nicholl Prov. G. Treasurer, decided that the report be referred back to the committee to make a general revision, and that copies of the old Bye-laws and the proposed alterations be sent to every Lodge in the Province before the November meeting. Bro. Mellor, on behalf of the Prov. Grand Master, proposed that 100 guineas be contributed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and it was agreed to. Bro. Birch explained that this would make the Provincial Grand Master a patron in perpetuity of the Institution named.

The Treasurer's accounts showed receipts amounting to £968, and a balance in the bank after meeting expenses of £279. There had been a slight increase in the income and a slight decrease in the ordinary expenditure, apart from a special donation of 200 guineas to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. A resolution was passed adopting the financial statement, and the retiring treasurer (Bro. Nicholl) and the auditors were thanked for their services. For the office of Treasurer there were three nominations. On a ballot being taken Bro. Col. Allison, Alexandra, Levenshulme, was elected by 150 votes; Bro. J. W. Edwards, Affability, Manchester, receiving 90 votes; and Bro. Alfred H. Williams, Arthur Sullivan Lodge, Manchester, 45 votes.

Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested, in the following order:—

Bro. James Heelis 62	-	-	Senior Warden
J. J. Meakin 992	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. Parkinson 999	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot 62	-	-	
Col. J. W. Allison 993	-	-	Treasurer
Walter H. Vaughan 1030	-	-	Registrar
John Chadwick 44	-	-	Secretary
William Bagnall 204	-	-	} Senior Deacons
Nathaniel Nicholson 1723	-	-	
George Board 1798	-	-	} Junior Deacons
C. D. Cheetham jun. 993	-	-	
John Holroyd 1134	-	-	Superintendent of Works
A. Pemberton 1030	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas Parkinson 269	-	-	Deputy D.C.
Thomas Woodcock 191	-	-	Assistant D.C.
Joseph Mellor 1392	-	-	Sword Bearer
Samuel Warburton 1052	-	-	} Standard Bearers
William Cooper 146	-	-	
W. Tattersall 345	-	-	Organist
James Newton 37	-	-	Assistant Secretary

Joseph Harling 1948	-	-	Pursuivant
J. Heap 344	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
R. R. Lissenden 317	-	-	} Stewards
W. Cartwright 633	-	-	
E. W. Irving 1170	-	-	
Kenneth Maclean 1030	-	-	
E. G. Lingard 1030	-	-	
J. Cookson 1030	-	-	} Tyler
Thomas Higson 348	-	-	

After further formal business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. In the evening there was a banquet at the Pendlebury Institute.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting, held yesterday, the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., was presided over by Bro. J. L. Mather, Past Grand Assistant D.C., Vice President of the Institution. The following is the Report, which was presented and adopted:—

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held, by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 29th February last, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division) presided, and the Board of 276 Stewards, who gave him their services, were successful in raising amongst them the very handsome total of £15,296 7s 6d. This sum, though nearly £4,000 less than the result of last year's Festival, is considerably more than even the most sanguine friends of the Institution had anticipated, indeed it has been surpassed at only two previous Anniversaries of the Institution, and the Committee therefore is most anxious to place on record its heartfelt thanks to the Chairman, who so ably presided, the Stewards who so energetically and successfully supported him, and the brethren and others who contributed with such conspicuous generosity.

The Committee has likewise to express its deep sense of indebtedness to United Grand Lodge for the sum of £2,107, being one-third part of the proceeds of the fees for admission into the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the 13th June 1887, on the occasion of the great gathering of English Freemasons to congratulate Her Majesty the Queen on the Jubilee Anniversary of her accession to the throne; as well as for a grant in commemoration of the same joyous event of £2,000, payment of part of which, however, has been deferred in consequence of the prolonged absence from England on foreign tour of the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and one of the Trustees of United Grand Lodge.

The Committee has much pleasure in announcing further that the undertaking entered into last year by the Province of West Yorkshire to purchase the right of two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, has been completed by the payment of £2,100. That the Province has already exercised its right of nominating two Widows, who were candidates on the list for this election, and that in accordance with the rules of the Institution, the said Widows have been paid in advance the first quarterly instalment of their annuities of £32 each, from the 1st March last.

At the election in May 1887, there were upon the funds of the Institution 405 Annuitants, namely, 178 Men and 227 Widows, and to-day there are 129 approved candidates, of whom 67 are Men and 62 Women—the original number of 64 Widows having been reduced by the nomination of the two West Yorkshire candidates already referred to. But having regard to the very large increase in the number of annuitants last year, when 5 additional Male Annuities and 25 additional Female Annuities were created, and also to the fact this year's Festival returns are only slightly in excess of the total sum required to provide the existing Annuities, the Committee has not felt itself justified in recommending any further increase on either Fund. Seeing how large is the number of candidates, this decision will no doubt be the subject of very general regret, but as the permanent income of the Institution, when compared with its fixed expenditure is small, the Committee is unanimously of opinion that it would be both unwise and inexpedient to enlarge responsibilities which, notwithstanding the generous support of the Craft, it already taxes all their energies and resources to satisfy. Thus the number of vacancies as declared in February, namely, 16 men (13 immediate and 3 deferred) and 7 women (4 immediate and 3 deferred) will remain unaltered so far as the creation of any new annuities is concerned; but in the interval that has elapsed since then, there have died 7 Men and 8 Widows, so that the number to be elected to-day will be 23 Men and 15 Widows. There will consequently be during the current year, 178 Annuitants each receiving £40 per annum on the Male Fund, and 229 Annuitants each receiving £32 per annum on the Widows' fund, the total sum distributable annually amongst these 407 annuitants being £14,416. To this must be added a further sum of £340 divisible, under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 17 widows of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the expenditure for the present year in respect of annuities alone will amount to £14,756.

The Committee begs to express its thanks to the United Grand Lodge for the renewal of its annual contribution of £70 towards pro-

viding the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

It is also desirous of thanking, as it does most cordially, the honorary surgeons of the Institution, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those of the annuitants, whether residents or non-residents, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their medical advice and assistance.

It is with the deepest regret that the Committee draws attention to the great loss sustained by the Institution through the unexpected death in March last of Edgar Bowyer, Esq., Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, and Patron, Treasurer and Trustee of this Institution. He was one of its most generous benefactors, besides being a most efficient Officer, and the Governors and Subscribers, like the Committee of Management, will probably derive some consolation in the midst of their sorrow from the knowledge that his last official Masonic act was to preside at the final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival.

The Committee has to report that the building at Croydon will need this year the usual cleansing and reparation, which all such buildings require, in order to preserve it in a sound condition.

The audited Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March 1888 is appended. It has been compiled with the utmost care, and has undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee of Management is confident the Governors and Subscribers, on inspecting it, will find the funds of the Institution have been administered with a due regard to economy.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to express its earnest hope that the efforts of the general body of English Freemasons in supporting this valuable Institution will be as successful in the future as they have been in the past. As was remarked in the Report of last year, it is inevitable there should be at all times a considerable number of brethren and widows of brethren in a condition of distress, more or less serious, which it is not in their own power to alleviate, and the Committee is firmly persuaded that there is no existing Masonic organisation which is able to cope so readily and efficaciously with all such cases as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For this reason the Committee has every confidence that the earnest appeals which it is compelled to renew annually for the means to fulfil its work will always be responded to with a generous hand.

The ballot for annuitants was then proceeded with. A list of those who were successful will be found on page 312 of our present issue. We shall give further particulars of the day's proceedings next week.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STIRLINGSHIRE.

THE quarterly communication was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Falkirk. In the absence of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Bro. George Christie P.G.D.M. occupied the chair. There was a fairly good attendance of brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The minutes of last quarterly communication were read and approved of. The treasurer's abstract statement of income and expenditure for past year was submitted. There being a few suggestions made as to arrears in dues, consideration of the statement was deferred until next quarterly communication. Lodge Carron, 139, applied for permission to alter their place of meeting from Grahamston to Lorne Hall, Falkirk, but the majority of the brethren disapproved of the application. It was ultimately agreed that the matter lie over until next meeting, a recommendation at the same time being made that Lodge 139 in the interval look out for suitable premises in Carron or the neighbourhood. The preponderance of opinion, freely expressed, seemed to be that Lodge 139 could not be allowed to come to Falkirk, as their charter, granted in 1881, authorised their working in Grahamston until suitable premises could be procured in Carron district. The P.G. Lodge was duly closed after a sitting of an hour.

THE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY.

IN 1886 Mr. John Chapman P.P.G.D. (of Devonshire) delivered a lecture on this subject in the Grand Lodge Room, Philadelphia, U.S.A. It has been admirably printed, in pamphlet form, and published, by request, copies being now on sale at 4 Bank Buildings, Hastings, for the benefit of "The Devon Masonic Educational Fund." The lecture, illustrated with coloured plates, by the kind permission of the Astronomer-Royal for Scotland, is evidently the product of laborious study, and although it is specially addressed to members of the Masonic Order it has points of general interest to scientific students at large, and, indeed, to all who are interested in the facts connected with one of the wonders of the world. As an indication of the line of thought taken by the author we cannot do better than quote his own words. In his introductory remarks he says:—"In treating upon the Great Pyramid and its inimitable masonry, we propose to deal with the important truths it delineates, rather than with the links that connect it with the present system of speculative Masonry, under whose "benign influence" we are so happily met. In dealing, therefore, with the deductions that may be drawn from the proportions of this huge pile of masonry, it must be distinctly understood that it is not our intention to try and prove that Freemasonry is inseparably connected with the Great Pyramid. If, however, it is that the sacred truths it teaches have been inspired by "The Great Architect of the Universe," and that the architect of the Great Pyramid has tabulated those eternal truths in a Masonic form in this unique building, then the inference is that it is left for us to apply the connection that exists between the two."—*Hastings Times*.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Chapter and general communication of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, 9th inst. (on the invitation of the Old Globe and Denison Chapters, Nos. 200 and 1248), in the Masonic Hall, Scarborough. Companion the Earl of Zetland was present, and there was a large attendance. A draft of the revised by-laws for the Provincial Grand Chapter was adopted, after which officers were appointed and elected for the ensuing year, and other business transacted. The Companions afterwards lunched at the Royal Hotel.

HOPE AND UNITY CHAPTER, No. 214.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Friday, 4th inst. It was resolved that the sincere sympathy of the Companions be given to Comp. Adlard, on the irreparable loss he had sustained on the death of his wife. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Comps. then proceeded to elect the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Comps. Imbert Terry M.E.Z., Page H., Dr. Wiles J., Cooper P.A.G.S. S.E. (19th year), Rev. N. Bromley S.N., Baron P.G.S.B. Treasurer (22nd year), Quennell P.S., Hobson 1st Asst. Soj., Dr. Gayton 2nd Asst. Soj., Very Janitor. The Principals having been installed, the M.E.Z. invested the Officers. The Companions then adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

ST. ANNE'S LODGE, No. 357.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, to instal Bro. John Hill S.W. as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bro. J. Doney the retiring W.M. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Doney I.P.M., Shapcott S.W., Cook J.W., Hunter M.O., Lillierapp S.O., Maddock J.O., Olver Treasurer, Trehane Reg. of Marks, Henwood P.M. Secretary, Shapcott S.D., Congdon J.D., Cook I.G., Walters Dir. of Cers., Hoeken Asst. Dir. of Cers., Edgumbe S.Stwd., Streather J.Stwd., Oliver Tyler. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to Bro. Cook's, Ship Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided.

BRENTWOOD LODGE, No. 377.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on Thursday, 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., W.M., Cooper S.W., Imbert Terry J.W., Binckes G. Secretary. Visitors—Bros. Ramsay, Page, Landon, Earle, Quennell, Cowell, Missen, Wills, Meggy, Baston (Bon Accord Lodge). Bro. Binckes took the chair, and in his usual faultless manner installed Bro. Cooper as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were appointed Officers:—Imbert Terry S.W., Ramsay J.W., Graves M.O., Page S.O., Earle J.O., Landon Secretary, Quennell Reg. of Marks, Goode S.D., Morant J.D., Wallis Organist and D. of C., Cowell I.G., Mallett Tyler. The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Obituary.

BRO. ARTHUR F. ROBERTS P.M.

P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Middlesex.

WE regret to have to record the death of the above well-known brother, after a brief but severe illness, on the 10th inst., at the age of 49. Bro. Roberts was initiated in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, in January 1876, and subsequently joined the Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, in which he obtained the rank of Past Master, and was honoured by appointment as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Province of Middlesex. His interment took place at Lee Cemetery, on the 16th inst., and was attended by numerous brethren, amongst whom were Bros. J. Stevens P.M. representing The Great City Lodge, W. T. Buck P.M. 1792, P. Prov. G. Supt. Works., representing his Lodge and Province, R. W. Bilby, P.M. 615, Nelson Reid P.M., G.W. Strawson P.M., and members of sundry other Lodges.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health's Fountain.—It cannot surely be necessary to remind any intelligent reader that the purity of the blood determines every person's health and vigour. Holloway's medicine searches out the slightest taint in the vital fluid, and neutralises or expels it, so that the circulation supports the system in place of sowing the seeds of decay. When epidemics are advancing, and disease is steadily on the increase, it behoves every one to have a restorative, like these Pills, ready to set right any irregularity in stomach, liver, bowels, or kidneys. Holloway's treatment is especially suitable for the young, delicate and nervous, who are most susceptible of any prevailing sickness, and whom violent measures would endanger little less than the epidemic.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Terry's.—The advisability of an author dramatising her own work was clearly evidenced on Monday afternoon, when Mrs. Hodgson-Burnett produced her version of "Little Lord Fauntleroy." It was manifest to all who had witnessed Mr. Seeborn's effort how superior was that under notice to the one written by that gentleman. This may be accounted for in many ways. Mrs. Burnett invented the part of Little Lord Fauntleroy, and knew how to work to make it as acceptable on the stage as it is in her novel; and in this she has been most successful. The frank, innocent boy that made the proud Duke love him, is so natural, yet so original, that it is sure to win the favour of every theatre-goer, while the loveable nature and tender heartedness of this little fellow is most happily conceived. Mrs. Burnett, thoroughly understanding her characters, has managed to transform them to the stage in a most happy fashion, and was amply rewarded in the way all authors love—that of success. The company thoroughly realised their parts, acted up to them, and helped might and main to achieve this result. A more surprising performance than that of little Miss Vera Beringer we do not remember ever witnessing. Her Little Lord Fauntleroy was in every way a great and triumphant success. Young as she is, this child managed to grasp the subject thoroughly, and without a slip of any sort went through the long part allotted her in a way that would do credit to many of her elders. Her every action was what it should be, her child-like ways going straight to the sympathies of the audience. No amount of training could possibly have made the child more natural, her every action and word was delivered in as unconventional a style as the most ardent of her admirers could have desired. Another natural character was Mrs. Errol, charmingly portrayed by Miss Winifred Emery. Loveable and devoted to her child, the sacrifice she makes in giving him up was capitally conceived. The Earl of Dorincourt was another painstaking portrait. Always a careful and sound actor, Mr. Alfred Bishop added another to his already long list of successes. His love for the boy was admirably portrayed, while in every action Mr. Bishop did not fail to remember what kind of character he was enacting. Mr. Brandon Thomas showed a careful study of the solicitor, while Mr. Albert Chevalier cleverly caught the ways of Mr. Silas Hobbs. Miss Fanny Brough acted well as Mrs. Errol's helpmate; she alternately caused laughter and tears. Miss Helen Leigh scored a distinct success as the American adventuress, Minna. This lady attacks this disagreeable part in a way that should make managers wishful to keep her in view. Miss Esmé Beringer was excellent as Dick Tipton, the shoeblick; still the part was rather too much for her. It now remains to be said that the piece was produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal, whose masterly handiwork was to be seen everywhere.

A complimentary benefit is to be given to Mr. T. E. Smale, on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd instant, at the Savoy theatre, which has kindly been lent by Mr. R. D'Oyley Carte. A most liberal and amusing programme has been provided, including "London Assurance," compressed into three acts, and "High Life below Stairs." Numerous favourites are down for songs, recitations and sketches, so that a pleasant afternoon is sure to be spent.

The Grosvenor Gallery.—Although the visitor to the Grosvenor will miss some old faces, some very quaint and eccentric faces in such work as Mr. Burne Jones', there is much to admire in this exhibition of 356 pictures. There are several large ones hung to advantage, as indeed are all the pictures, good hanging being one of the charms in these admirably constructed galleries. The quality of the works may be said to be a representative quality; and, so far, the exhibition will hold its own with any previous one. It cannot be otherwise, in so far, as in portraiture Mr. Frank Holl and Mr. Gregory are at their best, and Mr. John R. Reid, Mr. G. P. Jacomb Hood and Mr. Arthur Hacker have contributed large and ambitious work. Mr. John R. Reid's picture in the West Gallery (59), "Smugglers—Cornwall sixty years ago," depicts a very miscellaneous gathering of rugged people in the form of captured smugglers, coast guards, and villagers, closely grouped in a very dramatic situation. Whatever faults may be found with this work as to its colour and overcrowding, it is altogether sufficiently powerful to engross attention and take its place as one of the most notable works of the year. In the same gallery with this is Mr. Arthur Hacker's (93), "By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion;" it is luminous, full of dignity in conception, and although somewhat deficient in drawing, is essentially a bold and pleasing picture. Mr. Jacomb Hood's "The triumph of Spring" (170), is an idyll full of fine and fresh colour. Nude and semi-nude figures of all ages are gambolling amidst verdant surroundings. But whilst most of the figures are somewhat realistic, the landscape is too decorative. There is scarcely any need to criticise Mr. Frank Holl's portraits, his style is so well known, and the frame rarely encloses anything besides the faithful presentment of the sitter. But in the portrait of Miss Mabel Gallo-way (9), by E. J. Gregory, A.R.A., there is as much to admire in the exquisite treatment of the handsome surroundings as in the charming quality of the painting of a lovely child. The pose is not altogether happy; but although some critics have treated this fact as a great fault, and complained of bad drawing, it is not so; the drawing is correct, but the legs are not happily placed. There are a good many portraits, some very feeble; but Mr. W. B. Richmond, A.R.A., makes a goodly show of most refined and accomplished work in three of them; and we must not forget to draw attention to Mr. T. Graham's portrait of W. Q. Orchardson, Esq., R.A. If a little sketchy, it is yet delightfully and freely treated. Amongst many other notable figure subjects are Mr. C. N. Kennedy's "The Mermaid" (20), for good flesh painting and unpoetical realism; Mr. W. H. Bartlett's

"Returning from the Fair" (21), for its vigour and admirable composition; Mr. W. E. F. Britten's "Huguenot Refugees," for its unpleasantness both as to subject and colour; Mr. Yeend King's "Sentiment and Interest" (100), for its delightful humour and quality of work; and Mr. John Barr's "Consulting the Oracle" (54), as a real gem of colour. Mr. Mac Whirter's two pictures of Venice (66 and 277) are full of his well-known atmospheric qualities. Space will not allow us to notice all the sea pieces and landscapes; but this same charm of atmosphere will be found in Mr. J. Anmonier's "Silver Night" (6); Mr. Arthur Severn's "Signs of Clearing after Storm—Coast of Devon" (26); and Mr. Henry Moore, A.R.A.'s, "Frost in the Air" (39). The three most striking landscapes are Mr. Ernest Parton's "St. Martins—Summer" (176), almost more beautiful than nature, if that were possible, but of course no more beautiful than this poetical painter conceived it. To say that Mr. Keeley Haswell's work, as seen in "October Woodlands" (133), and "The Rainbow" (157), is of the highest quality, will be no surprise; but the visitor will do well to know that "October Woodlands" was rejected by the Royal Academy, and will congratulate Sir Coutts Lindsay on having secured it for the gratification of his patrons. And the visitor already acquainted with the secession from the spirited Sir Coutts Lindsay's enterprise of several eminent men, will note that Sir Coutts is loyally supported by Mr. David Murray with *seventeen* pictures.

IRISH EXHIBITION IN LONDON.—The design and plan of the Irish village to be erected in the garden of the forthcoming Exhibition at Olympia are now complete. The village, which will no doubt prove of remarkable interest to Londoners, is being organised by the Earl of Leitrim and Mrs. Ernest Hart, and will consist of a dozen cottages, built and thatched by native workmen in the true Donegal fashion. They will be arranged so as to form a picturesque village street, irregular in plan. In the centre of the street will be seen the "Holy Well" and a veritable cross, brought over from Ireland. At the western part of the village, facing the visitor on entering, will be the ruins of a low Irish tower. The cottages themselves will be occupied by native Irish workers, men, women, and children, who will pass in them their daily routine of life, and, of course, the familiar pig will be seen. The processes to be illustrated will be dyeing, carding, spinning and weaving by hand of homespuns and of linens; the weaving of damasks, lace making, sprigging, knitting, hemstitching, and the kells embroidery. The fires will be lighted with peat brought from Ireland, and the iron potato kettle, with the usual furniture of an Irish cottage, will give their characteristic features to the interior. Monday, the 4th June, is fixed for the opening ceremony.

By permission of Lord and Lady Arthur Hervey a sale of work and useful articles was held in the Palace at Wells last week in aid of the Bath and Bristol Colonial Emigration Society. Tables were furnished and presided over by the following ladies:—Lady Arthur Hervey and the Hon. Miss Hervey, Mrs. and the Misses Bernard, the Misses Jones, Mrs. and the Misses Meade King, Mrs. D'Aguilar and Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Manby and Mr. Harland Manby. The Committee table was furnished by Mrs. Eardley Wilmot, Miss Rideout, Captain Fownes, Captain Franklin, Mr. Robert Porter, Misses Plowman, Barbage (Rectory, Marlborough), and Mr. T. G. Stockwell, and was presided over by Mrs. C. N. H. Manby (hon. sec. for Bath). Several other ladies kindly assisted. Lord Bath, Right Rev. Bishop Hobhouse, and Sir Edmund Elton wrote, expressing their regret at their inability to be present, each enclosing a donation towards the expenses.

REVIEWS.

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

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Who is Sylvia? By A. PRICE. The Aldine Publishing Company, 9 Red Lion-court, Fleet-street, E.C.

THE above is the rather attractive title of a novel that has recently come under our notice. In it the plot turns chiefly upon a display of cowardice by a father, evidenced by his unwillingness to disclose to society at large certain particulars respecting his early career. These particulars, even had they been published, would have been regarded by the world as merely an act of indiscretion, not deserving of censure. The plot is one that will rank high amongst works of this class, not only for its striking originality, but also for the praiseworthy manner in which its most interesting points are brought out. Each chapter lends an interest to the story; the characters are portrayed in a manner faithful to nature, and it needs but slight effort of imagination to fancy the subjects of them are actually before us. There are a few weak points perhaps, but they are not of importance, and do not appreciably detract from the general merits of the book. The work is written in excellent style, and will be found very pleasant reading.

Messrs. Dean and Son have just purchased the copyright of Dr. Karl Russ' book on "Foreign Aviary Birds," which will form one of their Shilling Series of "Practical Guide Books."

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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, 19th MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge
 1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 R.A. 69—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, High Street, Harrow
 R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 21st MAY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1512—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
 R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyll
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd MAY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 312—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-r.
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma R.
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Channing Tow.
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stars, Lamb
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1942—Bristol, Prince Regent, Dalwick Road, East Brington, at 8 (Instruction)
 2103—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
 R.A. 704—Caunden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby

- 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1638—Browrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Scone-house, Devon
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton (Instruction)
 R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MAY.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppa's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cumberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 12—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Camerbury. (Instruction)
 1030—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Southwaite
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mistle-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 24th MAY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Collyer-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 35—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 395 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)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Ches or St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Beaulieu Green Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1396—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1430—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1560—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimpole-st., at 7.30. (In.)
 1626—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Oldburywell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1592—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Belling Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)

1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shophers Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clithoroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsualton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Buraley

FRIDAY, 25th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1842—E. Curmavyon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmbyrch
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

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, Hignbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zealand, Royal Edward, Crayke, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Special Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
 R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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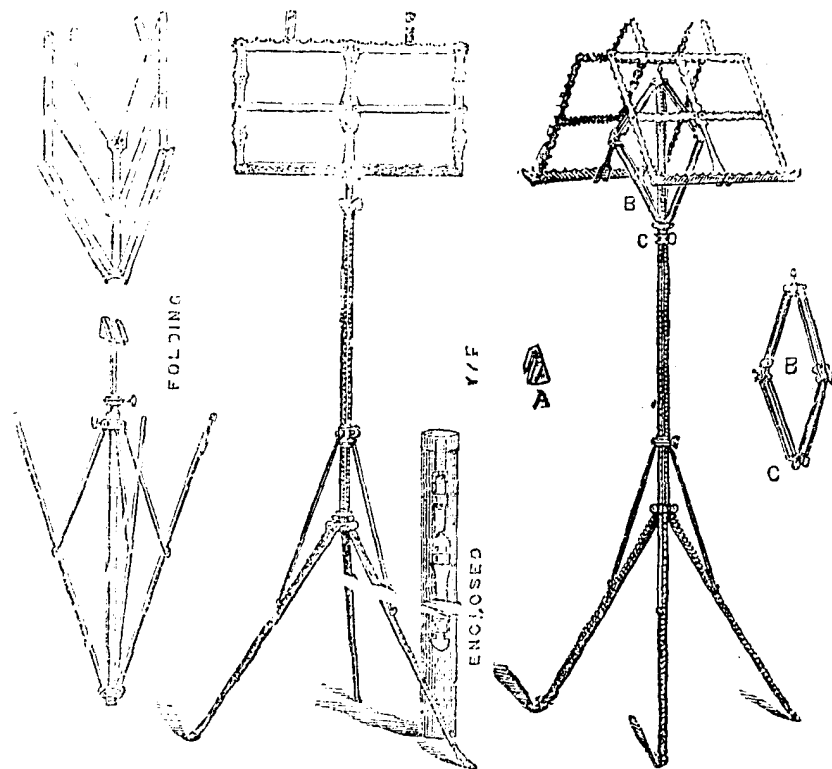
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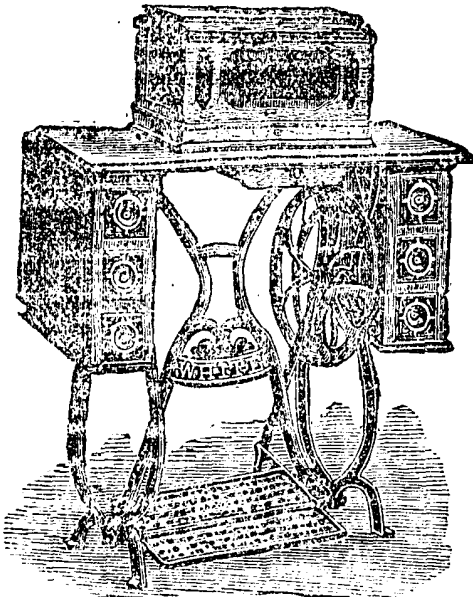
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