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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE result of the One Hundred and First Anniversary Festival of this Institution, which was celebrated on Wednesday, comes as a surprise to a great many. It was fully anticipated the total of the subscriptions announced on the occasion would be widely different to anything the Craft has become accustomed to in connection with the Annual Festivals of the three great Masonic Institutions, but it was hardly expected the total would go quite so low as it has done, the actual announcement being £5,354. The immense falling off in the amount, as compared with the totals of recent years, is due to the special efforts made last year in connection with the Centenary Festival of the Institution, and it is perhaps unfair to consider the result of the meeting just held apart from the result of the corresponding one of last year, for it was universally recognised, as we have said, that the present year would be an exceptional one. So much so is this the case, that we hardly know whether to regard the £5,354 announced on Wednesday as a success or otherwise. Of course we know it is far below what is actually required to carry on the Institution for a single year, but on the other hand it is a large sum to be subscribed by the Craft, in face of what has been done for the Institution during the last eighteen months.

The Festival was presided over by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, who occupied the chair in the absence of the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, the chief of the same province, who had promised to preside, but who was unfortunately prevented from attending in consequence of the death of the Dowager Lady Henniker. Elsewhere we give further particulars of the Festival and of the various amounts subscribed, from which it will be seen that of the total of £5,354 15s, London contributed £2,979 13s, and the Provinces £2,375 2s.

We do not suppose any difficulty will arise, or that any complaint will be made in regard to providing for the current year's expenses—so far as the subscriptions just announced fail to meet them—from the funds already in the hands of the Institution, providing future years realise sufficient to provide for their current expenses, but as there is so wide a difference between the result of Wednesday's Festival and the annual requirements of the Charity, some anxiety is natural as to what will be the outcome of future appeals. It would be idle to frame any opinion as to what is likely to be subscribed next year, or in years to come, on the basis of what has just been done; but we cannot help feeling that it will be difficult for the Institution to recover the position it has so long enjoyed in regard to the amount of its annual receipts. We cannot believe that with the Festival just concluded the special efforts made in connection with the Centenary will be wholly adjusted, and on that account consider it is none too early to begin looking ahead, especially as the Institution has just undertaken considerable enlargements, which, as a matter of course, must add to the future annual expenses, unless the additions are to be allowed to remain idle, a condition of affairs far from what is desired.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

WE do not propose to say anything this week in regard to the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as we think it best to leave the subject just as it stands in the hands of the Governors and Subscribers, who will consider the various questions raised at a Special General Court of the Institution, to be held on Thursday, the 6th of June, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, at 12 o'clock noon. We hope this Special Court will be numerously attended, that the discussions on that occasion will be free from malice and recrimination, and that such resolutions as may then be agreed upon will result in lasting benefit to the Institution.

WASHINGTON AS A MASON.

THE event of the past month in the city of New York was the Centennial of the inauguration of Washington as the first President of the United States, and it is a fitting occasion to recount the debt of gratitude the nation owes to its great hero, not only as a great military chieftain, but equally as a sagacious and far-seeing statesman. So long as liberty has a votary, or Freedom a friend, the name, fame and deeds of Washington shall live. His great services, and his aid and wisdom in founding and inaugurating a republican government will go down into uncounted ages.

The eulogies of Washington have been pronounced in every land and in every tongue of the civilised world, by the greatest of orators and the most distinguished of poets. He was the first of soldiers, was likewise the most exemplary of citizens, and the wisdom which gave him pre-eminence in the field was equally useful in guiding the ship of state. Now, those who fought for and saved the Union see in him not simply the patriot, but the lofty statesman, with prophetic vision pointing out the path of national power, greatness and happiness.

It is conceded that one of the glories of Freemasonry is that the greatest, the wisest and the best men of all ages have been enrolled under our banners; and among the honoured names which are recorded in Masonic annals there is none more high, none more honoured by our American and foreign Brethren, than that of Washington. The time when he received his first lessons in our Institution is fully and accurately authenticated.

Washington was born in the year 1732, and the recorded facts of his Masonic history are to be found in the records of Fredericksburg Lodge in the State of Virginia. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on 4th Nov. 1752; advanced to Fellow Craft on 3rd March 1753, and was exalted to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 4th August 1753. This is the record of his entrance into the Institution. Some years later he was Master of Alexandria Lodge.

After the admission of Washington as a member of our Fraternity, and through all his subsequent career, he maintained his connection with our Fraternity, keeping up his Lodge in the tented field, through all the war of the Revolution, and frequently visiting Lodges in the various cities of our land. He honoured our Fraternity with his

occasional presence, and the Craft delighted to point to him as a Master Workman among them, in which the Fraternity for generations, have been so long engaged. Bro. Washington laid the Corner-stone of the Capitol at Washington, D.C., in 1792. He was buried with Masonic honours by the Lodge of which he was the first Master, in 1799.

The Great Masonic principle of preserving Fidelity, in appointed duty, shone most conspicuously in Bro. Washington. Never was a man more truly right upon principle, or more systematically persevering in following his chosen principle of right. A perfect recognition of the great subordinating rule of order governed him in every act. And from the time that he became a member of the Institution, to the day when, as a wise Master builder, he set the key of his arch, and brought forth the capstone of his excellence as a man, he was eminently distinguished by the most modest fidelity in every duty which he was called upon to perform.

As an example of greatness for the rising generation, it is our privilege and duty to commemorate the name of Bro. Washington, to contemplate and revere his character, and to transmit to each generation, not only the memory of his excellence, but also the example and the evidences of our estimation and appreciation of it, in each succeeding age—for the love and reverence for the memory of the "Father of his Country" seems to grow every year. This spiritual presence in our country was never so vivid and powerful as to-day.

The character, the living example and influence of Bro. Washington we should perpetuate—a character which the people of this country should ever venerate, and to the utmost of our power should exalt and honour. Never may a member of the Fraternity violate the principles or stain the reputation of Bro. Washington. May the glorious Union be perpetuated, which his fidelity in war obtained, which his wisdom in administration cemented, and which his life and character honoured and adorned.

—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE 101st Anniversary Festival took place, on Wednesday evening last, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, when a large number of brethren assembled to celebrate the event, a goodly show of the fair sex filling the gallery. In the unavoidable absence, through domestic affliction, of the Lord Henniker P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, the V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, presided, and was supported by Lord Euston, Sir John Monckton, &c., &c.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and acknowledged, Lord Euston proposed the health of the Chairman in felicitous terms. The Chairman, in rising to give the toast of the evening, was loudly applauded, and his subsequent speech was also frequently interrupted with cheers. He said that the Institution had been established 101 years that very day, and had done a grand and noble work in its time. He wished all the brethren would go down to the School and judge for themselves of the wonderful way in which the girls were cared for and their comfort studied. The success of the girls in the Cambridge Local Examinations was highly satisfactory, no less than 18 per cent. passed; on the other hand they were taught domestic work and cookery, so that they would be fitted for any position it might please God to call them to. Owing to the grand success attained last year, the Committee did not feel it was right to compete with the other Institutions, so they left it to the brethren to do what they could. The Anniversary of the Boys' School would be shortly coming on, and he hoped it would receive large support, that every one would put his shoulder to the wheel, and would sympathise with those who are carrying on that noble work. Bro. E. Letchworth, a member of the House Committee, responded, and said that though they could not expect more than a moderate amount of subscriptions, this year there was no lack of energy, and he could assure the brethren and the Craft generally that they were all animated by one desire—to render the Institution as admirable as possible.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, the Secretary, then read the various Stewards' Lists of Subscriptions, amounting to a

total of £5,354 15s, of which sum £2,979 13s was contributed by London, and £2,375 2s by the provinces. The announcement was heartily received.

Sir John Monckton gave the other Masonic Charities and success to them, to which Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, who was most cordially greeted, replied. He said it would be difficult to say how many times during the last 28 years he had responded to this toast; but at the present time it was a source of intense gratification to him to be called upon. He hoped he could rely upon the numerous friends he had made during past years for support in the future. He congratulated the Girls' Institution on its success, and would remind the brethren that all the three Charities belonged to the Craft, and as they increased so the brethren must be called upon for increased support.

Bro. James Terry also responded, and stated that though his Institution had had a hard struggle, he trusted a sufficient amount would be raised to pay the Annuitants during the coming year.

Bro. Peter Lande de Long acknowledged the toast of the Stewards, and Bro. St. Clair responded for the Ladies, which toast was proposed by the Rev. H. Whyte, Chaplain of the Savoy Chapel.

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a capital concert was given, under the direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

IN the unavoidable absence of Lady Henniker, through a domestic bereavement, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, distributed the prizes on Tuesday. A large number of the supporters of the Institution were present. Among these were the Earl of Euston, Bros. Edward Terry Grand Treasurer, Rev. Richard Peck P.P.G.C. Suffolk, C. F. Matier, Thomas Fenn, Frank Richardson, Kingston, George Gardner; Mrs. Edward Terry, Miss Nellie Terry, Miss Kingston and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The proceedings commenced at four o'clock, when the following was the Official Programme:—

The "Old Handreth" to be sung by all present.

Selections by the Pupils.

Distribution of Prizes.

Calisthenics and Marching.

"God Save the Queen."

PRIZE LIST.

BY THE INSTITUTION.

Maude Hill, the gold medal for proficiency, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Norah Besly, the silver medal for good conduct, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Cambridge Local examination, 20 entered, 18 passed. Class III. Honours—Maude Hill, Ethel Fallding, Helen Foxall. Satisfied Examiners—Georgiana Smith, Mary Sherington, Isabel McLeod, Caroline Weare, Annie Brockbank, Amy Cutbush, Edith Matthews, Hannah Inglis, Kate Wortley, Florence Habgood, Daisy Capon, Dorothy Ainsworth, Louise Haigh, Marion Warner, Norah Besly.

College of Preceptors' examination, 30 entered, 29 passed. Prize winners—Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, Lucy Smith, Jane Turner, Beatrice High.

General Proficiency. 3rd Class—Ettie Chapman; 4th Class—Ellen Grammar; 5th Class—Hester Burt; 6th Class—Ethel Sanders; 7th Class—Helena Tims.

Mary Hirst, Ethel Hippey, Kate Allatt, for Needlework.

Florence Dunlop, Ethel Gothard, for Order and Attention, as proved by conduct marks throughout the year.

Kate Sharland, for Personal Neatness.

BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Religious Knowledge—Maude Hill.

By Bro. William Winn, for General Proficiency—Ethel Fallding, Helen Foxall.

By Bro. Thomas Fenn, for Arithmetic—Ethel Fallding.

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Music (first prize)—Louisa Pincombe.

"Wentworth Little" Memorial, for Music (second prizes)—Gertrude Greenwood, Jane Hutchings, Maud Keily.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music (third prizes)—Kathleen Gibson, Amy Cutbush.

By Bro. Eugene Montessuis, for French—Maude Hill.

"John Boyd" Memorial, for Drawing—Ruth Byers, Maud Skurray, Matilda Bennett.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Elocution—Maude Hill, Evelyn Conti, Bertha Dean.

By Bro. Col. Ward, for the best Perfect—Georgiana Smith.

By the Supreme Council 33°, for Good Conduct (first prize)—Florence Mason.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (second prizes)—Hilda Newman, Kate Wortley.

By Mrs. D. P. Cama, for Needlework (first prize)—Millicent Wotton.

By Mrs. D. P. Cama, for Cookery (first prize)—Ruth Byers.	By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (selected by her School-fellows)—Mary Tanner.
By Bro. Ralph Clutton, for Cookery (second prize)—Esther Robey.	
By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (third prize)—Minnie Wedgwood.	
By "Yates" Memorial, St. James's Lodge, No. 842, for Usefulness in Domestic Duties—Esther Robey.	
By Bro. Col. James Peters, for Calisthenics and deportment—Charlotte McMillan, Hetty Wrightson.	By Bro. Frank Richardson, for General Proficiency—Winifred Chinneck.
By Miss Godson, for Swimming—Mary Nicholson, Jane Smith, Lucy Smith.	By "Henry Levander" Memorial, for Arithmetic—Margaret Carter.

The following is a list of the amounts contributed at the Festival of the Girls' School.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

	£	s	d
Br Ralph Clutton	16	16	0
Thomas Fenn	15	15	0
Robert Grey	36	15	0
Charles Hammerton	100	0	0
H A Hunt	21	0	0
E Letchworth	31	10	0
P de Lande Long	32	11	0
H B Marshall, J.P.	10	10	0
J H Matthews	10	10	0
Sir John B Monckton, F.S.A.	10	10	0
James Moon	10	10	0
Colonel James Peters	105	0	0
Frank Richardson	21	0	0
Aldmn. Joseph Savory (also Lodge No. 7)	24	3	0
Lodge			
1 Br Col. Frederick Gadsden	26	5	0
2 C R Rivington	33	12	0
3 John Larkin	25	4	0
4 Herbert de Stern	10	10	0
5 John Chandler	36	4	6
6 Bonamy Dobree jun.	21	0	0
8 Edward E Cooper	42	0	0
9 Wm H Holroyd	60	0	0
11 Louis Polak	15	15	0
14 Walter E Sampson	5	5	0
18 J H Champness	21	0	0
21 Capt W C Woollett	28	17	6
26 William B M Bird	10	10	0
29 P H Waterlow	27	6	0
33 William Matthews	29	8	0
46 and 2127 Russell Gole			
55 Herbert W Roach	45	3	0
91 Thos Geo Nicholson	16	16	0
101 Frank Williams	26	5	0
172 W H Bailey (see also Staffordshire)	42	0	0
181 Edmund Yates	56	14	0
193 Samuel Smither	40	14	6
197 and 1118 Br Wm Masterman, D.C.L.	78	15	0
198 William Webber	26	5	0
222 A R Stenning	31	10	0
235 Ashurst Morris	15	15	0
259 O T Hodges	67	9	0
534 Edwin Bowley	21	0	0
822 Henry G Heather	27	6	0
879 C H Freyer	78	15	0
901 W R Haylock	96	11	6
902 John C Cross	43	1	0
969 and 1361 Br G D Lister	58	15	0
1383 Major-Gen E C Sim	111	6	0
1397 Nowell Stanhope Stott	54	12	0
1420 John Merry	46	0	0
1441 F J Eedle	152	5	0
1539 Fredk B Smith	37	5	6
1571 Joseph T Dormer	15	15	0
1586 Geo Henry Finch	36	15	0
1615 Br Lieut-Col V Bailey	21	0	0
1629 Rev C J Martyn, M.A. (see also Suffolk)			
1707 John Webb	41	7	6
1719 David W Sugg	26	5	0
1745 H J Lardner	27	6	0
1772 Hubert J Poole	26	5	0
2060 Ernest St Clair	68	5	0
2291 James Boulton	102	7	6

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1804 Br R R Green	102	12	6
Duke of Cornwall Benevolent Association Bro Max Mendelssohn			
	42	10	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro Asher Barfield	10	10	0
W Belchamber	15	15	0
Robert Berridge, F.R.G.S.	21	0	0
Thomas G Bullen	13	13	0
Charles Corby	10	10	0
T H Gardiner	11	11	0
W Kendal-Grimston	16	16	0
R J Harnell	15	15	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Lodge	£	s	d
357 Br Rev H Sayers	60	18	0
357 J W S Godding			
357 R G Pearson			
357 P Colville Smith			
1895 Edward Carlisle	15	15	0

SHROPSHIRE.

Unattached, Bro A C Spaul	55	13	0
SOUTH WALES (West Division).			

Unattached, Bro John Bourne	52	10	0
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STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province, Bro W H Bailey (see also Lo. 172, London).	89	5	0
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SUFFOLK.

The Right Hon the Lord Henniker	23	5	0
Unattached, Br Rev C J Martyn, M.A. (see also Lo. 1629, London)	68	5	0

Lodge	81	Br Edward Smith	53	0	6
114 Robert Tidbury, M.D.	47	5	0		
114 W Clarke	5	5	0		
225 Rev Samuel Maude	21	0	0		
332 Joseph C Norman	31	10	0		
376 N Tracy	32	11	0		
388 Eaton W Moore	21	0	0		
516 C G Hayward	36	15	0		
555 S G Carley	42	0	0		
936 James M Harvey	12	1	6		
959 John White				36	14
1008 William Pead				37	16
1224 W Inglis Mason				63	0
1452 Hugh W H Elwes				11	11
1592 James Hodges				31	10
1663 H Gedny				0	10

SURREY.

452 Daniel R Wise	21	0	0
889 William Drewett	27	6	0
1638 Harry Curtis	30	0	0
1920 James Easterbrook	18	7	6
Unattached, Br H M Hobbs	42	0	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Unattached, Bro A F Godson M.P.	15	15	0
Unattached, Bro Thos R Arter	21	0	0

YORKSHIRE (North and East).

The Province, Bro W Holder	42	0	0
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YORKSHIRE (West).

Lodge	289	Br Alfred Williamson		

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COMMITTEES OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WITH the exception of Massachusetts, every Grand Lodge in the United States has a Committee of Correspondence. The Committee usually consists of three brethren; but in reality the Chairman of the Committee is the Committee. One would naturally suppose from its name or title that its function was to correspond with Foreign Grand Lodges, that the reports of the said Committees are filled with translations into English of all the letters they sent or received; but this is not the case, for they neither send nor receive any letters. In short there is no correspondence carried on between them and any one. Their title is a *mismomer*; it ought to have been named THE ILLUMINIZING COMMITTEE, for its function is to make known the doings of other Grand Lodges, both at home and abroad; their information is collected from the printed Proceedings of said Grand Lodges; these Proceedings are arranged by the Chairman in alphabetical order, he begins with a report of a Grand Lodge whose first letter is A, for instance, Alabama, and so goes on to the end or near the end of the alphabet.

After an American Grand Lodge is opened, and some necessary matters are disposed of, the Grand Master delivers an oration: if he is very pious the oration will be peppered with piety, if he has a taste for history he will enlighten the Grand Lodge in that line. As during his one year office he receives numerous questions about all kinds of Masonic laws, &c., some pages are filled with his answers or descriptions; and if he is a Gourgasite, he will endeavour to prove from history, jurisprudence, &c., &c., that the Cerneanites are bogus, spurious, illegitimate, and what not, and they therefore ought to be expelled from all rights and privileges of Masonry. As a rule, however, every Grand Master in his oration is apt to stickle for "ancient landmarks." Now in 1869 I heard a G.M. of New York deliver his oration—of course he believed in ancient landmarks—and among his jurisprudence decisions there was one derived from the laws of the old operative Masons about "sound limb." But the New York Grand Master went even further than the requirement of the bricklayers and stonemasons of olden times, he said: If a man has a speck in one of his eyes he is disqualified for Masonry. The G.M. was a lawyer, but he reasoned like a parson of the last century, viz.: because Moses wrote in Leviticus that a "blind, broken, or maimed animal shall not be offered to the Lord," therefore, said the G.M., a defect in one eye disqualifies a man from being offered to the Lord at the Masonic altar. Another Grand Master has recently decided that if a man has lost one finger he cannot be initiated into Masonry, and another G.M. went even so far as to disqualify a man for Masonry (as I shall show hereafter) who lost only a joint of one of his fingers. Of course, we now and then find here and there more sensible Grand Masters than those above described, but I have met with very few who do not believe in some kind of ancient landmarks.

The same variety of sensible and foolish may be found among the Chairmen of Committees of Foreign Correspondence, and of course a sensible Chairman of such a Committee will point out the faults of a foolish Grand Master, and a foolish, superstitious, or prejudiced Chairman will censure a sensible Grand Master. The majority, however, of the Chairmen of said Committees either lack courage to argue or feel themselves unable to do so, so they content themselves with merely giving extracts from the various Proceedings, and acknowledge some compliments they received from some other Chairmen. Sometimes they try to show off some wit, and more than once a Chairman makes a "new departure," viz., in *guessing* historical events, as our Bro. Fellows, of New Orleans, has done.

Now, the Grand Lodge of Dakota appointed, in 1887, Bro. F. J. Thompson for Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and his first Report appeared in 1888. It has produced a commotion among the pious and Conservative Chairmen of said Committees. I will just give a few specimens from his Report. The Grand Master of Montana, in 1887, began his address as follows:—

"Since our last meeting, another year has come and gone."

Bro. Thompson—"This is a very strange occurrence, and with peculiar force. The following is very remarkable."

G.M. of Montana—"Again we are permitted to meet in an annual convocation for purposes of the future."

Bro. Thompson—"Did this Grand Lodge ever meet in annual convocation for purposes of the past?"

G.M. of Montana—"The right of individual opinion and the grand principles of civil and religious liberty, in the maintenance of which Past Grand Master Washington and his followers gained a crown of glory, are fundamental axioms among enlightened Masons."

Bro. Thompson—"A good many things have been laid to George Washington, but this is the first time we have ever heard him accused of having been a Grand Master."*

The Grand Lodge of Texas always was a model of piety, and it has during the last thirty-five years expelled from Masonry a number of brethren for disbelieving in the inspiration of the Bible. Now this, if consistently carried out, every Mason who disbelieves in witchcraft or driving out of devils, &c., &c., ought to be ignominiously expelled from Masonry. Bro. Thompson makes the following comments thereon:—

"The Grand Master [of Texas] declares that a belief in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable pre-requisite to Masonic admission. I would recommend that in addition to the questions now required to be asked the candidates, that the following be added: 'Do you believe in the divine authenticity of the Scriptures?'"

Bro. Thompson thus continues:—

"The case of a brother who was charged with the heinous offence of asserting that he did not believe in the divine authenticity of the Bible, was brought on an appeal before the said Grand Lodge, and because the Lodge had acquitted him, the committee, to whom the question was referred, said that a fair trial cannot be had in that Lodge [it therefore] reversed the decision of the Lodge, and ordered the D.G.M. to attend the new trial and to see—as we read through the lines—that the brother was found guilty."

There is a specimen of Texas jurisprudence which I referred to above, viz.: that "the loss of a joint of one finger is a physical disqualification." Upon this Brother Thompson remarks:—

"As to the physical qualification question, that is a mixed one, but our observation leads us to believe that the more intelligent the members of a Grand Lodge are, the more liberal it is in its constructions of qualifications."

Bravo, Bro. Thompson! there never was more truth given in as few words as the above paragraph contains. You have indeed called things by their right name, viz.: if leading men of our Grand Lodges were sensible, they would not have such foolish laws. Our brother then goes on to say:—

"As to the requirement of belief in the divine authenticity of the Bible, we are led to but one conclusion, that such a regulation makes a farce of the word 'Ancient,' as Masonically understood, and substitutes either the word Jewish or Christian; to either of which I have no personal objection, if applied to the proper thing, but for an Institution which declares that it knows no creed; either one of the above appellations would be out of place. Our understanding in this matter is that belief in a Supreme Intelligence is required only, and we have thus far failed to see or hear from any legitimate source anything connected with Masonry which requires a person to believe the Bible is of divine authenticity. If such a belief were to be required, then we could not as a logical sequence recognise a person as a Mason who had taken for himself our obligations with his hand upon any other sacred writings except that of the Bible, and thus it would make our much vaunted claim to the universality of Masonry but an idle dream."

Some two or more years since, I referred to a Grand Master who expelled a Mason for being an agnostic, and Bro. Wheeler Grand Secretary, and also Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, approved of the doings of the Grand Master of Canada, while Bro. Thompson deals with him even shorter than he did with the Grand Master of Texas. He says:—

If it be essential to believe in God, is it necessary to believe in the God of Adam? Thus, "He made man in his own image," consequently is similar in form to man.

If it is necessary to believe the Old Testament to be an inspired revelation from God? We mean, is a belief in these things necessary for the Masonic admission. If they be true, then God must be like a man in form, or else it is untrue.

Bro. Wheeler does not believe that Masonry came to us through

* Bro. S. D. Nickerson, on perusing the above, assured me that he saw a medal to commemorate Washington's Grand Mastership. It was struck off, he believes in 1797, and it is not impossible that the Grand Master of Montana may have seen the medal in question and supposed it all right.

Solomon. If so, then it is unnecessary to believe in the God of the Old Testament, for reason that Masonry is not of Jewish origin.

We would further ask, is it necessary in order to be eligible for the degrees that one must have a blind, unquestioning faith in a personal God?

Is it true that as soon as one's faith begins to wane, and he can no longer positively and conscientiously assert that there is a personal God, he can be tried and expelled from Masonry, or is it not eligible for Masonic admission?

Is it a Masonic crime to say, I don't know whether there is a God or not?

We mean by God, not the laws of nature as understood by that term, but a personal God.

What proof have we that such a Being exists? We want proofs, not sentimental talk about a blade of grass and how it grows and that sort of thing, nor the question, "How did all these things come if there was not a God?" nor do we want theories, for we are full of them.

What Bro. Wheeler, of Connecticut will say to the above questions I do not know. But I do know that Bro. Thompson's predecessor in the chair of the Foreign Correspondence Committee moved, in the Grand Lodge of Dakota, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Thompson for his very able Report, &c., and that the motion was unanimously passed or approved by the Grand Lodge.

BOSTON, U.S., 6th May 1889.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1024.

ON Tuesday, the 14th inst., the members met at the Masonic Hall (the tower of St. Peter's Church), to elect a Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. Joseph Sadler S.W., Mayor of Maldon, to be W.M., and Bro. H. J. Sansom was again unanimously elected Treasurer. It is expected that Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Essex, will be present at the installation, on the 11th prox.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

ON Thursday, the 16th inst., the monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, Bro. Thomas Russell W.M. presiding. There was a large attendance of members, and the following visitors were present:—Bros. J. T. Hansell W.M., Frank Hansell S.W., P. Buchanan J.W., Dr. Longford P.M., Z. Bright P.M. Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, T. Smith P.M., Smith W.M., William de Grey, Restoration Lodge, Darlington. Bros. Sam May and Jacob Henrick were raised to the third degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Russell W.M., assisted by Bros. J. S. Walton P.M., J. S. Winn P.M., and Joseph Fairburn P.M. The brethren afterwards took supper together.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 14th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W. There was a very large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. Miller W.M. was supported by Bro. S. Lancaster S.W., H. Moss J.W., Joseph van Praagh S.D. A. F. Casper J.D., J. Siegenberg I.G., Baron B. D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, Loewenstark P.M. Treas., H. Casper P.M., Kinsbury P.M., B. Fuld I.P.M., Quensey P.M., Oberdoerfer P.M. Tyler. There were also present Bros. Thomas Bond, J. Poppmacher, A. Fish, J. Lamber, L. Schaler, S. J. Mugson, Rev. Larter, A. P. L. Tebbett, Necessarian, Samuelli, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. I. Botibol W.M. 188, Henry H. Meyer I.P.M. 1017, A. Levy 65, Jowitt Lans 185, J. Hebron 462, William Van Praagh 1491, E. Bibra 1669, A. H. Sanger 1280, S. C. Kaufman 1766, A. H. Atkiu 1016, Jacques Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the usual preliminaries observed, Bro. S. Lancaster was presented for the benefit of installation. Having assented to the usual interrogatories and accepted the responsibility of the high office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Lancaster was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. On the readmission of the brethren the new W.M. was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours. Afterwards he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. B. Fuld I.P.M., H. Moss S.W., Joseph van Praagh J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, B. D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, A. F. Casper S.D., J. Siegenberg J.D., E. Hayn I.G., J. Nash Dir. of Cers., A. F. Levy and Tebbitt W.S. The ancient charges were delivered very impressively by Bro. Baron D. Barnett, who acquitted himself in a masterly manner throughout the ceremony; the addresses to the newly-installed Master and Officers were especially well rendered. Some routine business having been transacted, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the party now adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent menu was provided. The following toasts were duly honoured:—The Queen and the Craft, H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Afterwards Bro. Fuld I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He might congratulate the Lodge on having so popular a man and Mason as their new W.M. to rule over them. The toast was received with great applause. The W.M., after returning thanks, said with the assistance of such an able body of Past Masters and Officers he would strive to give the brethren every satisfaction. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. the W.M. said that there could be but one

opinion—that Bro. Fuld had fulfilled his duties to the satisfaction of every member. The I.P.M. suitably thanked Bro. Lancaster for his kindness in proposing his health; he also thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they received the toast; he also assured the W.M. that the jewel presented him that evening would be prized as long as he lived. The toast in honour of the P.M.'s came next. Bro. Kinsbury thanked the W.M. for his kind references, and congratulated him on the excellent way he was installed by P.M. Barnett. He (Bro. Kinsbury) was very sorry he could not attend regularly, but no doubt the W.M. would receive the assistance of the other Past Masters and Officers, and thus make the Lodge prosperous. Further, he wished the W.M. a successful year of office. Bro. Baron D. Barnett said it was with the greatest of pleasure that he had had the honour of installing the W.M.; he had been ably assisted by Bro. Lancaster. What the W.M. had already done was done in an admirable manner. Bro. Barnett thanked the W.M. for his good wishes; as Secretary he would do all in his power for the benefit of the Lodge and the comfort of the visitors. Several other P.M.'s also responded. The W.M. now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Visitors. All were pleased to see so many present; he felt sure every member of the Lodge agreed with him in this. Bro. Levy was the first to reply. He returned sincere thanks for coupling his name with the toast. He had known the W.M. many years, and was at his initiation. He did not doubt for a moment but that the W.M. would give the greatest satisfaction. Bro. Heilbron 462 also replied; he was very much impressed with the excellent working of the installation ceremony, and should look forward to being invited again. Several other visitors responded. In proposing the health of the Secretary and Treasurer, the W.M. said they were brethren who had Freemasonry at heart, and did everything in their power to advance its interests. Bros. Barnett and Loewenstark suitably responded. Bro. H. Moss S.W. thanked the W.M. for having appointed him Senior Warden. In time to come he hoped he might occupy the honourable chair in which the W.M. now sat. After other replies, the Tyler was summoned, and he concluded the proceedings. A capital programme of songs, &c., was rendered during the evening.

TORRIDGE LODGE, No. 1885.

AFTER the general business of this Lodge, on Monday, the 13th inst., at Torrington, the W.M., Bro. H. Holwill, on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bros. H. L. Mallet P.M. P.P.G.S.B. and P.M. Tapley P.M.'s jewels as a slight token of appreciation of the services rendered by these brethren in connection with the late election of a candidate for the benefits of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

CORDWAINER WARD LODGE, No. 2241.

THE 1st anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, 1st at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., Col. P. Cowan, Alderman, being installed in the chair as second Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Among those present were Bros. Frank Tayler, the W.M. of the past year, F. West P.G.D. acting I.P.M., Col. P. Cowan S.W., W. T. Buck J.W., Rev. R. Colvin Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, H. J. Adams P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Henry Lovegrove P.M. Secretary, C. S. Buck S.D., J. F. Hepburn P.M. J.D., E. J. Jones P.M. I.G., J. R. Reep D.C., F. J. Laughlin Organist, H. Carter Steward, together with the following visitors:—Alf. Buck P.P.S.G.W. Essex P.M. 453, H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928, R. Tilling P.M. 765, E. H. Quicke W.M. 1017, G. Watson P.M. 21 P.G.S., C. B. Lorne, W. Eldridge Johnson P.M. 134, J. W. Jeffery I.G. 134, J. Solomons P.M. 20 P.P.S.G.W. Ken', R. Ellis 1910, A. F. Aslow P.M. 1395, H. H. Montagne 1718, M. Brown S.D. 1997, J. L. Sadler S.W. 1024, C. Bennett 22, W. H. White 1589, J. Tatloch P.M. 142, J. Wild P.M. 96, J. H. Parker Wilson 259, W. Hunt 172, S. N. Challoner 1427, J. Renals W.M. 1657, Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., C. J. Inglis, &c. Bro. Tayler performed the ceremony of installation in efficient style, and later in the day was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the way in which his services to the Lodge were appreciated by its members. The assistant officers for the year having been appointed, and matters of routine business disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. At its completion the Worshipful Master gave the customary toasts, that of "the Queen and the Craft" being followed by the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the Grand Master, Col. Cowan referred to the great interest taken by the Prince of Wales in the affairs of Freemasonry, which had prospered marvellously since His Royal Highness had so prominently associated himself with it. He had always evidenced a sincere desire to promote its welfare, and his thorough love for the Craft was amply demonstrated by the early introduction of his son among its members. The toast of the Grand Officers was next given. The W.M. regretted the Lodge had been deprived of the several Grand Officers who had been expected, either on account of ill health or other engagements, among them being the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell Cleke, Sir Reginald Hanson, and others. But they were fortunate in having among them Sir John Monckton, Bro. West, and Bro. Adams; with such a goodly array of Grand Officers they had good reason to be proud of the interest taken in their Lodge by those at the head of the affairs of Freemasonry. Sir John Monckton replied; it was very gratifying to him to hear from the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Frank Tayler, that the Lodge had prospered so well during the first year of its existence, and he was sure the Grand Officers shared with him in this gratification. The Lodge started only twelve months back with sixteen members, and had since doubled, its present roll being thirty-two. This was a fair and desirable increase; it was not, perhaps, so great an increase as some Lodges could point to in their first year, but it was a very satisfactory growth, and probably more to be commended than a much more rapid one. He considered the Lodge now stood in a splendid position, and he hoped it would continue to represent Freemasonry in the Ward of Cordwainer as well as it did at present. He was very much privileged in being allowed to propose the toast of

the evening—the health of the newly-installed Master of the Lodge. On behalf of the members and visitors he tendered to Bro. Cowan the heartiest of good wishes, and hoped he would have a cordial and happy year of office. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the kind and brotherly love that had been shown in the toast just honoured. If his remarks had been short in proposing the health of others, how much more so was it likely they would be in speaking of himself; besides which, it was his constant desire to follow in the footsteps of one whom he regarded as his guide in such matters—his paternal brother, who, among other matters, had taught him that the expression of gratitude should be brief. In accordance with this injunction he simply said he thanked them most sincerely. The health of the Installing Master was next on the list. Had he only to introduce this toast to the members of the Lodge the Worshipful Master felt it would merely be necessary to mention the brother's name to secure a hearty reception, but they had visitors present who were, perhaps, unaware what Bro. Tayler had done for them. He had sat under his ruling, he had seen what he was capable of, and he knew how to appreciate him. The Lodge itself owed its existence to the inception and hard work of Bro. Tayler. There was no doubt he had been assisted in the work by others, but it was he who had first introduced the matter and had seen everything properly carried out. Bro. Tayler replied. He could not take all the credit to himself for the foundation of the Lodge. There were two or three members who had been quite as enthusiastic as he, and who had worked quite as hard in bringing the Lodge to its present state. The success of the Lodge was really due to the many kind friends and brother Masons they had met with in the Ward of Cordwainer, and he hoped it would always occupy a proud position among them. He was especially indebted to the members, and particularly to the officers, for the support they had given him during the past year, and particularly for the jewel they had been good enough to present him. He should always regard this with pleasure, as being a mark of esteem from his fellow workers in the Ward. The toast of the Visitors followed, the Master thanking those present for their attendance and support. He regarded so large a gathering as a compliment to himself and a mark of honour to the Lodge. Bros. Renals, Solomon, and Jacobs having replied, the Master gave the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, eulogising the way in which those brethren discharged the work of their respective offices. He thought they were particularly fortunate in having such a Secretary as Bro. Lovegrove, a Mason who brought with him great and varied experience, and seemed to take an interest in efficiently performing the duties which devolved upon him. Bro. Lovegrove replied. He had had the honour of presiding over twelve different Masonic Orders, and might claim that he had taken great interest in the work of Freemasonry. He had devoted himself zealously to the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, and should always do all that lay in his power to advance its welfare. The next toast was that of the Officers, who were thanked for their past, and urged to continue their efforts in the future. The Senior and Junior Wardens acknowledged the toast, and then the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. An enjoyable programme of music was provided for the meeting, and its rendering gave satisfaction to all present.

LODGE OF HOPE, No. 2153.

AT the meeting of this Lodge at the Lodge-room adjoining the India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. H. Crisp was installed as the W.M. for the year ensuing, in succession to Bro. T. Stretton. The ceremony was performed in a skilful and impressive manner by Bro. F. Powell, who received high compliments for the manner in which the duties of the evening were carried out. The following were appointed as the Officers for the year:—Bros. T. Stretton I.P.M., W. J. Pawsey S.W., T. W. Holdstock J.W., Rev. R. Measham Chaplain, G. Dunbar Treasurer, R. W. Downing Secretary, H. Apps S.D., E. Braham J.D., C. Seidenstucker D.C., J. M. Graham Assist. D.C., W. Leonard I.G., E. H. Buck and R. G. King Stewards. The newly-installed W.M. presided at the banquet, held subsequently to the proceedings in Lodge, and was supported by a large and influential gathering of the Craft, representing the various Lodges in the District. The proceedings were enlivened with some excellent singing, in which Bros. G. F. Lancaster, T. F. Wilton, Buck, King, and others took part.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Gauden-road, Clapham; Bros. W. W. Westley Preceptor, Folkaard W.M., Mitchell S.W., Harvey J.W., Andrews Secretary, Beavan S.D., Ellison J.D., Donaldson I.G.; Bros. Livitt, Russell, Steele, F. Hill, Cochrane, Smith, Colman, W. Hill, J. P. Wright, Poole, Windsor, Spencer, Woods, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Evans candidate. The first and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, and the second section by Bro. Donaldson, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mitchell was elected W.M. for the 27th inst.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington. Present:—Bros. Altman W.M., Mathews S.W., Cruttenden J.W., Chalfont P.M. Assist. Preceptor, Read Treasurer, Dehane Secretary, Goslin S.D., Milnes J.D., Buckwell I.G., Corrie Steward, Craig, Hakim, Wood, Death, Major Ferris, Battley, Conway, Spyers, and Smith. Bro. Jones 1441 was a visitor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being the candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hakim was duly installed. Brother

Altman, after investing the Officers, gave the addresses in a very able manner. Bro. Jones was unanimously elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. A vote of congratulation to Bro. C. A. Bond W.M. elect 1425, on the occasion of his marriage, was unanimously passed. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed with the family of the late Bro. F. G. Baker. After "hearty good wishes," the Lodge was closed.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1873.—On Thursday, the 9th May, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., Bros. Hobbs Preceptor, Brewer W.M., C. W. C. Webb J.W., Mapleton Secretary, Hall S.D., De Paiva J.D., Godfrey I.G.; Bros. Barne and Leaver; Visitor—Bro. Wood. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leaver candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed in the second. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Burne acting as candidate. Bro. Marshall was re-elected W.M. for the next meeting; Officers in rotation. The ceremony of passing will be rehearsed, and the explanation of the tracing board given. Bro. Wood was elected a member. Lodge was then closed.

Our gallant Brother, Captain Hamilton Murrell, was the guest, on Thursday evening, of the United Northern Counties Lodge, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields. Bro. Murrell was presented with a jewel, in commemoration of his gallant conduct, while in command of the s.s. Missouri, in rescuing the passengers of the disabled emigrant vessel the Danmark, whereby he was instrumental in saving the lives of 735 individuals. We hope to be able to give a full report next week.

The Masons of West Bromwich have begun to erect new buildings in Edward Street, adjoining the District Hospital. There will be Lodge rooms, ante rooms, and a large banqueting hall. The foundation stone will shortly be laid by the Mayor (Councillor Heelis). The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., and the Freemasons of the Province of Staffordshire, will take part in the proceedings.

The preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at the Apollonian Hall, and the Dinner at the Town Hall, Dover, on Wednesday next, the 29th instant, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst. Both the S.E. and L.C. and D. Railway Companies have kindly consented to issue return tickets at a single fare for distances over 10 miles, on presentation of circular or certificate.

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S. G. KIRCHHOFFER P.P.G.W. Surrey.

Sir POLYDORE DE KEYSER G. Swd.

C. KUPFERSCHMIDT P.M. 233.

WILLIAM LAKE P.P.G.R. Cornwall.

G. F. LANCASTER P.P.G. Reg. Hants.

JOHN LANE P.P.G.R. Devon.

H. J. LARDNER P.P.G.A.D.C. Surrey.

Prof. T. HAYTER LEWIS S.D. 2076.

WILLIAM LOGAN P.P.G. Reg. Durham.

EDWARD MACBEAN 2076.

C. L. MASON P.P.G. Treas. West Yorks.

G. J. MCKAY Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland.

J. H. MCQUEEN P.M. 11.

JOHN MILLER W.M. 723.

W. W. MORGAN P.M. 211.

JAS. NEWTON P.P.G.D. E. Lancashire.

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

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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Free-masons' Hall, London, on Friday, 17th May 1889,

W. Bro. Captain S. G. HOMFRAY P.A.G.D.C.
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 20 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 62 Candidates, and 13 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 81 Candidates. The following have been declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Bro. Knill, Henry Charles	3175	Bro. Holmes, Graham	2197
Dodson, Edwin	2918	Pigot, Joseph	2175
Fry, Robert Henry	2803	Briggs, Henry	2031
Ward, Henry John	2553	Stevens, Frederick K.	2029
Moss, Thomas	2551	*Jennings, James M.	2015
Anderson, Ralph	2474	*Johnson, John	1993
Oliver, William G.	2431	*Freeman, John I.	1982
Warren, Charles	2415	Rogers, James T. (Defd.)	1907
Taylor, John Daniel	2193	Stevens, Joseph (Defd.)	1861
Wilkinson, Francis	2187	Mills, Robert (Defd.)	1857

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Holland, Mary A.	3693	*Mrs. Franklyn, Mary E.	2905
Jackson, Elizabeth R.	3591	*Weston, Julia	2885
Adkins, Lucy A.	3557	*Horsfield Sarah	2677
Godtschak, Clara	3392	Whitehead, Eliza (Defd.)	2634
Manson, Mary B.	3028	Munro, Eliza (Defd.)	2485
Truslow, Jemima S.	3025	Shemmonds, C. J. (Defd.)	2146
Mahomed, A. M.	3007		

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 voting papers 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, Vice-Patron, P.G. Sword Bearer,
P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
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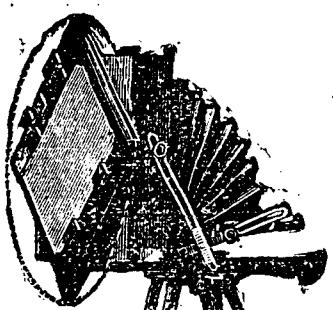
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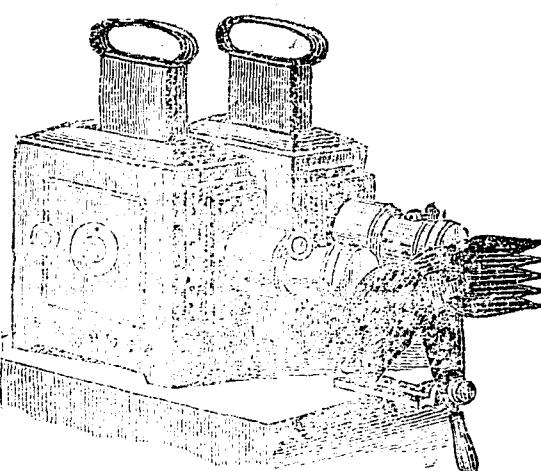
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IN compliance with a requisition delivered to me, and signed by a Trustee and several other Brethren, being Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life-Governors, and Subscribers, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 30th May 1889, at three o'clock p.m. precisely, to consider the following resolution, viz.:

"That the minutes of the Special Court, held on 16th May 1889, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

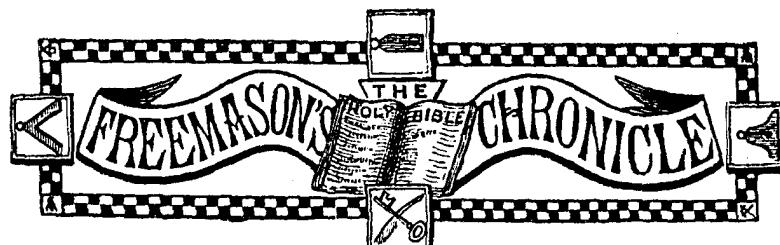
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23rd May 1889.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

BRO. H. C. KNILL desires to thank his numerous supporters who, by their Votes, placed him at the head of the Poll at the recent Election of the above Institution.



SATURDAY, 25TH MAY 1889.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Are we in the "silly season" prematurely, or has the crop of "big gooseberries" failed? The way the Report of the Boys' School Inquiry Commission has been dealt with by the journals of the day, or the week, as the case may be, would lead me to suppose there is nothing but stagnation afloat as regards topics of the day. I have not the honour of being personally acquainted with the redoubtable Secretary, "Bro. Binckes," but I should like to make his acquaintance. A man who can "lead by the nose" the members of his Committee, and keep them so abjectly in control, as we are led to believe he has done, from my point of view is a man to be admired. I have heard him designated as "Our Hercules," but that worthy, did he live in these degenerate days, would have to take a back seat as against Bro. Binckes. Freemasons often dine out, are the members of Bro. Binckes's Committees the dummies or the imbeciles the writers for the hour would lead us to believe? I know two or three of them;—I say they are not.

Yours faithfully,

A LOOKER ON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me to reply to Bro. Tudor Trevor's first inquiry in his letter of the 11th inst., viz., "Had not Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, with each and all the members of their respective Committees, ample opportunity and every facility afforded them of assisting in the recent investigations?"

I received an intimation from the Secretary of the Institution that I, as a member of the Audit Committee, could attend the meetings of the Committee of Inquiry, but on the 3rd November 1888, when I presented myself at the meeting, I was informed by the Chairman, Bro. Philbrick, that they had decided that the inquiry was to be considered private, and that I could not be allowed to be present at that stage, but that I could do so when the question of accounts was under consideration. I heard nothing more until I received the following letter from the Chairman:

"Lamb Building, Temple,
"19th November 1888.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you, as a member of the Audit Committee of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, kindly attend the Committee of Investigation, at Freemasons' Hall, at 11 a.m. Tuesday

27th, or Wednesday 28th, as best suits your convenience, to explain to us the course of business adopted at the audits, &c.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"(Signed) FRED. A. PHILBRICK."

"C. F. Hogard, Esq.

I accordingly attended the Committee and explained all matters that were put to me. I was not informed that any exception was taken to the accounts or the manner in which they were presented, either each quarter or the annual statement as laid before the General Committee. This was the only invitation I received during the course of the Inquiry.

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

21st May 1889.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since my letter to you of the 11th inst. I have had an opportunity of reading the whole of "The Report of the Committee of Investigation" appointed under Resolution of the Quarterly Court of the above Institution, held on 27th July 1888. I have also read the reply, dated 13th inst., of V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick to the remonstrance addressed to him by W. Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, together with the rejoinder thereto, dated 16th inst., signed by Bros. Murray and Hogard respectively on behalf of the House and Audit Committees. May I, therefore, briefly state my opinion on these three documents, holding over, as I have already said, my final judgment until I have read "the shorthand writers' notes of the evidence," the immediate publication of which seems to be rendered imperative by the contradiction direct given by the House and Audit Committees to the conclusions of the Investigation Committee.

1. The Report of the Investigation Committee strikes me throughout by its strictly judicial and moderate tone, and a painstaking desire to avoid all undue or unnecessary reflections upon individuals, and to confine itself to the allotted functions of the Committee.

2. Bro. Philbrick's reply, dated 13th inst., to the remonstrance addressed to him by Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, reveals a most trenchant fact which, as he pithily remarks, "speaks for itself, and needs no comment." The inference of that remonstrance most undoubtedly was, that the evidence given before the Investigation Committee was unknown to the House and Audit Committees, either as a whole or in part. It now appears that the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. Binckes, had possession of the whole 15 vols. of the notes of the evidence for six days before, and even at the very moment of penning the remonstrance in question.

3. The rejoinder of the House and Audit Committees, dated 16th May, to Bro. Philbrick's reply of the 13th inst. to their remonstrance, I find most difficult to characterise. My first impression of it remains undisturbed, though I have re-read it over and over again, and is best described by the single word "shuffle." If this view of it is justifiable, then I think the establishment of the truth of the conclusions of the Investigation Committee has been materially assisted by this last utterance of the House and Audit Committees.

Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR, P.M. 2069.

Leeds, 20th May 1889.

ROYAL ARCH.

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HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 309.

THE annual meeting for installation of Principals took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, Comp. G. F. Lancaster conducting the ceremony, with his customary ability. The Principals installed were:—Comps. J. W. Gieve M.E.Z., A. R. Holbrook H., and W. A. Hill J. The other Officers were appointed as follow:—Comps. the Rev. A. A. Headley Treasurer, H. Cooke S.E., W. H. Bolitho S.N., H. E. Bate P.S., C. O. Smith and T. E. Smith A.S., E. Izod Organist, T. H. Williams D.C., R. Eames Janitor. Two interesting presentations have been made to the Chapter. The retiring M.E.Z. (the Rev. A. C. Hervey) has presented three candlesticks, made by himself from wood taken from the chancel of Fareham parish church, and estimated to be 800 years old. Mrs. H. Cooke has presented a very handsome pedestal cover, worked on white silk from a design by Comp. Lancaster.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, the 17th inst., at Camberwell. Present:—Comps. Lyon P.Z. M.E.Z., Moore Z. 169 H., Neeld P.Z. 169 J., C. H. Stone S.E., Stone S.N., T. Grumman P.Z. 1275 P.S., C. Woods A.S. 1275, and V. S. Murché A.S. 1329. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Woods candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was unanimously decided to close the Chapter during June, July, and August. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Woods for an act of kindness towards the Chapter.

The opening ceremony of the Al Fresco Fayre and Floral Fête, in the Albert Hall, has been fixed for three o'clock on Wednesday, 29th inst., and the Committee have decided to keep the show open an extra day, namely, Saturday, 1st June.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire. After preliminaries, the Report of the Auditors was read, agreed to, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The following is the Annual Report of the Committee of Management:—

The Committee of Management have 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., Vice-Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 27th February last, the Right Honourable the Earl of Euston, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire being in the chair. The Board of Stewards which assisted his Lordship consisted of 361 brethren, who voluntarily gave their services on the occasion, and had the satisfaction of raising amongst them the very considerable total of £13,508 4s 6d. This, though less by between £1,700 and £1,800 than was obtained at the Festival of 1888, and probably also far less than many may have been led to expect from so numerous a Board of Stewards, must nevertheless, it is hoped, be regarded as a satisfactory result considering how heavy had been the demands made upon the Craft during the previous year; and, therefore, the Committee is most anxious to record still more prominently than it has yet had the opportunity of doing its heartfelt thanks to the noble Chairman who presided with so much zeal and ability; the Stewards, who exerted themselves so energetically and with what, under the unfavourable conditions just mentioned, must be declared to be such conspicuous success, as well as to the brethren and others who contributed with their accustomed generosity.

The Committee has, likewise, to express its thanks to the United Grand Lodge for the payment of the sum of £2,000, which was voted in 1887, in commemoration of the Jubilee Anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne; but which had not been paid in consequence of the absence from England of the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and one of the Trustees of Grand Lodge. It also expresses its gratitude to the same body for the renewal of its annual contribution of £70 towards providing the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the Winter months.

At the election in May 1888 there were upon the funds of the Institution 409 Annuitants, namely, 180 men and 229 widows; and to-day there are 140 approved candidates, of whom 61 are men and 80 widows—the numbers as stated in the Voting Papers having been reduced by the death, since their issue, of one male and two female candidates. This is a more formidable number than has ever been known before during the existence of the Institution, and the Committee is greatly afraid that as matters stand at present there is every likelihood of its being increased rather than diminished in future years. But the very frequent additions to the number of Annuities on the two Funds that have been made during the last few years have so largely increased the permanent expenditure, while the falling off in the Festival receipts since 1887 has been so considerable, that with every desire to afford as much relief as possible to the distressed candidates, the Committee consider it would involve too severe an increase of responsibility, and one for which no adequate justification could be offered, if it recommended any augmentation of the numbers at present on the Male and Widows' Funds. There will consequently be no additions made to the number of vacancies as declared in February, namely, 17 men (14 immediate and 3 deferred), and 10 women (7 immediate and 3 deferred), so far as the creation of any fresh Annuities is concerned; but during the period that has elapsed since then there have died 3 men and 3 widows, so that the number to be elected to-day will be 20 men and 17 widows. There will consequently be, as there was after the election of 1888, 409 Annuitants provided for by the Institution, namely, 180 men each receiving £40 per annum, and 229 widows each receiving £32 per annum, the total sum distributable amongst these old people being £14,526. To this must be added a further sum of £400, divisible under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 20 widows of recently-deceased male Annuitants, so that the expenditure in respect of Annuities will be £14,926.

The Committee is desirous of expressing thus publicly its most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those of the Annuitants, both resident and non-resident, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their advice and assistance.

The Committee has much pleasure in announcing that it has purchased the narrow slip of land between the Asylum grounds and the adjoining railway, over which Mrs. Morland, owner of the field rented by the Institution, had retained the right of way—this was rendered imperative, as the field, since her death, has been sold for building purposes, and the use of the right of way for the cartage of materials, &c., would have been most objectionable. The Committee has caused the necessary fences for the protection of the property thus newly acquired to be erected. The arrangements for the purchase were entrusted to Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, who has carried them out satisfactorily.

It has also the gratification of being able to state that the building at Croydon is in a satisfactory state of repair, and will only need that cleansing and other attention which is necessary to preserve it in that condition.

The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 1889 has been prepared with the utmost care, and has under-

gone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee is confident that the Governors and Subscribers, on inspecting it, will find it is no idle boast on its part when it asserts that the funds of the Institution have been administered with the most scrupulous care, and a due regard to economy.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to express its most earnest hope that the general body of English Freemasons will be even more ready in the future than they have been in the past in supporting this valuable Institution, and more particularly as regards the present; that they will take note of the increase this year in the number of candidates, and the natural tendency which all such increases exhibit towards further and still more considerable augmentation.

It is greatly to be regretted that nothing can be done or recommended by the Committee which is likely to assist this increase, for the time being at all events; but the Committee is not without hope that the Craft, when it realises still more fully the difficulties of the situation, will make a more than usually vigorous effort to reduce the list of Candidates to more manageable proportions.

On motion made and duly seconded, this Report was ordered to be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. The following brethren were elected on the Committee of Management:—Bros. Bennett, C. H. Driver, Alex. Forsyth, Dr. Jabez Hogg, L. Stean, Raynham W. Stewart, E. West, C. L. Astley, and W. H. Makin. Bro. J. S. Cumberland was elected to fill the place of Bro. W. Hilton, whose death was announced at the meeting. Bro. W. Clarke Past Grand Pursuivant moved the re-election of Brother John A. Farnfield as Treasurer of the Institution. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry and Charles Kempton were elected Auditors, Bro. Charles Kempton to fill the place of Bro. John Newton, who retires, he having been elected on the House Committee. The election of 20 male and 13 female candidates was then proceeded with. On another page will be found the names of those successful. We append the list of unsuccessful candidates, and the number of votes each secured:—

MALES.

No. on List	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
27 Stevens, Joseph	835	1026	1861
23 Smith, Thomas	1340	428	1768
48 Faucquez, Adolphe			1745
47 Chase, Thomas Hayter			1717
54 Truman, John Osbertus			1563
17 Windus, Arthur Edward	711	620	1361
24 Robinson, Elmit	377	864	1241
31 Warr, James Richard	455	507	962
10 Cooper, George	541	343	884
59 Webb, Charles Gibbs			765
56 Philipe, Edmund Herbert de Rhs			736
9 Mole, Alexander	614	62	676
1 Sarl, Charles	500	146	646
50 Ware, George Robert			630
21 Deller, Thomas	35	522	557
33 Middleton, William			411
53 Hatt, Charles William			239
3 Nichol, Robert	118	108	226
37 Cloves, William			177
32 Stevens, George	—	143	143
4 McLean, William John	105	12	117
33 Higgs, Richard	46	62	108
6 O'Kelly, William	80	13	93
29 Chapman, Thomas	22	64	86
2 Musham, John	44	16	60
15 Glover, Richard	18	29	47
35 Horstead, James	8	39	47
13 Sellar, Alexander	22	16	38
7 Dale, Joseph Barker	23	12	35
12 Fox, George	12	5	17
19 Miller, Henry	3	4	7
51 Pitts, Robert			6
41 Winsor, Henry			5
16 Close, John	3	—	3
62 Nicholson, Samuel			2
43 Hall, William Dchown			1
52 Shepherd, William			1
39 Stourton, George William			—
42 Wright, Jonathan			—
55 Dickson, James			—
58 Gidley, Thomas			—

FEMALE.

36 Warren, Frances Elizabeth	1462	981	2443
27 Taylor, Rosetta Harriett	803	1593	2396
34 Cooke, Mary	1247	1100	2347
12 Coles, Emma	1271	829	2100
29 Ransby, Alice	873	1087	1960
5 Heppel, Mary	667	803	1470
60 Baab, Jane Hannah			1305
33 Page, Hesse	536	727	1263
11 White, Mary	894	304	1198
79 Hellmore, Jessica Sophia			1132
40 Jones, Caroline Sarah	480	610	1090
64 Clements, Sarah			1070
14 Haskins, Emily E.	717	275	992

28	Richmond, Rebecca	552	426	978
37	Gibson, Fanny	625	350	975
3	Tiunms, Susan	698	274	972
13	Vile, Maria	454	121	575
63	Radford, Ellen			543
69	Middleton, Louisa			523
55	Everett, Phœbe			520
1	Copeland, Charlotte	157	298	455
15	Baker, Ann E.	307	69	376
4	Lovelock, Louisa	228	97	325
57	Morris, Catherine			272
50	Morton, Clara			241
74	Young, Anna Emma			231
54	Welsford, Sarah			215
21	Thomas, Elizabeth	198	8	206
75	Howard, Eleanor Maria			182
20	Russell, Olivia	169	1	170
76	Luff, Rose			167
44	Faulkner, Catherine Ann	92	55	147
61	Schmidt, Fanny			147
10	Mannington, Eliz. Atkinson	96	29	125
18	Foot, Mary Ann	117	4	121
71	Lewis, Mary			110
42	Brooks, Ann	57	40	97
2	Rigarsford, Sarah	50	44	94
7	Redman, Mary	70	18	83
51	Thomas, Amelia			76
43	Green, Mary Ann	21	52	73
47	Parsons, Margaret	17	42	59
70	Rolfe, Hannah			56
80	Wills, Sarah			48
67	Meader, Sarah			44
39	Burfield, Sarah Ann	24	7	31
25	Cowell, Nancy	6	23	29
66	Stanton, Ann			26
23	Olive, Elizabeth	20	5	25
8	Salisbury, Jane	15	2	17
52	Polkinghorne, Jane			10
19	Ionn, Elizabeth	3	2	5
41	Best, Elizabeth	3	2	5
68	Eynon, Jane			5
56	Burke, Elizabeth			4
72	Mann, Sarah			4
77	Dyer, Mary Ann			3
78	Carter, Sarah			3
53	Cartledge, Annie			2
65	Eves, Ann			2
81	King, Louisa Lyford			2
62	Corson, Mary Ann			2
30	Lemon, Charlotte	—	—	—
38	Russ, Jane Mary Ann	—	—	—
48	Clarke, Elizabeth			—
49	Newman, Jane			—

The Monthly Meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, Past Grand Pursuivants, occupied their respective chairs. The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper of Grand Lodge of 5th June was read. The Board of Benevolence confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master at the April meeting to the extent of £260. There were forty cases on the new list, and during the course of the sitting four of these were dismissed and four were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £725, which sum was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £60, and two recommendations of £50 each. There were four recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, three of £30 each, ten grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, seven of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

The Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire has offered the Grand Chaplaincy of his Province to the Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, M.A., Congregational Minister at Crowle, Doncaster. This is the first time in the history of the Province that this honour has been conferred upon a Nonconformist.

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Obituary.

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BROTHER ALEXANDER WILLIAM ADAIR.

THE death of Brigadier-General Alexander William Adair is an event which may well claim notice in this column. Those who knew him well, we are sure, confirm our description of him as the beau ideal of an officer and a gentleman. His achievements in the "playing fields of Eton," like those of so many of his old school-fellows, were but the ante-types of greater distinctions gained in the world's broad field of battle in the bivouac of life. In his case they were considerable. After some years of active and distinguished service in the army, both in the Crimea and in India, he attached himself to the reserve forces of his native county—of which, by the way, he was a magistrate and a deputy-lieutenant, and had filled the office of High Sheriff—for many years holding the command of one of the Militia battalions. He will, however, be better remembered for his Masonic than for his military career. Freemasonry never had a more ardent disciple, and it is not too much to say that much of the *elan* which distinguishes the Craft in Somerset is due to "the Colonel's" influence and personal example. He first "saw the light" in the Apollo Lodge, at Oxford, but his first Mastership was, we believe, that of the Lodge of Honour, at Bath. It was in the fitness of things, therefore, that on his appointment as Grand Master of the Province, in succession to Colonel Tynte, he should choose Bath for his installation. It is an interesting, if melancholy coincidence that the week, almost the day, of his funeral should synchronise with the anniversary of his accession to the charge of the Province a quarter of a century ago. Brigadier-General Adair (Major he was then) was installed as Colonel Tynte's successor, at the Assembly Rooms, on the 23rd of May 1864, and on the same day the New Provincial Grand Master laid with Masonic ceremonial the memorial stone of the Albert Wing of the Royal United Hospital. The day and the scene are not to be forgotten by those who took part in it, but the number is gradually decreasing. We have mourned the loss of Charles Kemble, of Charles Raikes Davy, of John Elkington Gill, of Dr. Falconer, and Captain Bridges—and many less distinguished—and we have but now placed the wreath on the tomb of him who was the chief actor in that imposing function. *Requiescat in pace.* May his brethren in the Craft emulate his good deeds, and fulfil the precepts and follow the practices of which he was so worthy an exponent!—*Bath Chronicle*

BRO. J. RAYNER.

ON Saturday last the tidings reached us of the death of Bro. Joseph Rayner, of the Londesborough and Anglo-American Lodges. The sad event occurred on Friday, the 17th inst., after only a few days' illness. Bro. J. Rayner was well known at the West-end resorts of the members of the Mystic Tie, and was a staunch supporter of the Charities. We trust his widow may have strength to support her in this her bitter hour of affliction.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

THE annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Merrion-road, took place on the 16th inst., in the Leinster Hall, Hawkins-street. It was the ninety-ninth anniversary meeting in aid of the Institution, which, besides the school and home in the handsome buildings at Merrion-road, in which there are 74 girls, has now attached to it a school at Rich View, Clonskeagh, attended by 56 boys. The hall presented a brilliant appearance, the balcony, gallery, and a large portion of the area being crowded with visitors, all in full dress. At eight o'clock the Duchess of Abercorn arrived, and was conducted through the hall, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Shekleton, Q.C., and a large number of the principal members of the Grand Lodge and of the other Lodges of the city, all wearing aprons and insignia, according to their rank, preceding her Grace in procession. In the course of the evening a number of vocal and instrumental selections were performed by the pupils. After some observations from the Deputy Grand Master, who presided on the occasion, the prizes were distributed by the Duchess of Abercorn. A vote of thanks to the Duchess of Abercorn having been passed, the pupils went through calisthenic exercises, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung by the pupils first, and afterwards by the whole assembly. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

We are gratified in being in a position to announce that the Ninety-First Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 3rd of July next. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, will preside on the occasion. Bro. Eve is a Patron of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, and has at all times taken a lively interest in their proceedings. Upwards of 300 Stewards have already signified their intention to support the Boys' School on this occasion.

"Engaged to be Married" is the title of a new Serial Story, by L. T. Meade, which will be commenced in the June Number of "Cassell's Magazine."

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, 25th MAY.

178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, 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.
 1771—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1591—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. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 27th MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1628—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1893—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
 1743—Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1801—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 148—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixton, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
 982—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 224—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altringham
 M.M. 148—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 28th MAY.

25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.).
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Enphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Monks Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1448—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Istington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey 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.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Charter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 704—Camden, 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)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 252—Tyrion, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 289—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton

1479—Haisey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, 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. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY.

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, Brough, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 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.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell 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. 177—Domatic, 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)
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dersham, Norfolk
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Ficcadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Mincing
 1233—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
 R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
 R.A. 378—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
 R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
 R.O.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 30th MAY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bothal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing 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.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gt., Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canebury, at 8. (Instruction)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Brixton
 651—Lrecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherhithe
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Staffs
 1313—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1590—Cranboroune, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 1395—Wayside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1186—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Cauonbury, at 8. (In)
 1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
 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
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 510—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 1488—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
 1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1488—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1587—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
 2206—Pegasus, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

ROYAL MASONS.

CAPTAIN H. F. Beecher, Deputy Grand Representative-at-Large of the Sovereign Sanctuary, Royal Masonic Rite of the United States of America, is establishing, with the aid of assistance, Chapters, Senates and Councils in Francisco, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Fresno and other places throughout the State. They communicate from the fourth to the ninetieth degrees inclusive of the Rites of Mizraim, Rites of Memphis or Egyptian Rites, and the Ancient and Primitive Rite, all included in the Royal Masonic Rite. Already Chapters, Senates and Councils have been established in Washington Territory and Oregon, while the Order has now 550 Chapters, with a membership of 16,000, composed of Masons of all degrees, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite Masons, and York Rite Masons in the United States.

Said Captain Beecher, in talking over the matter with a *Daily Report* reporter: "This Rite is in no sense the Scottish Rite, nor is it the so-called York Rite. These bodies, being of the lesser degrees, can have and know nothing of the Royal Masonic Rite except by receiving the same in a constitutional manner. The larger proportion of Royal Masonic Rite membership is composed of Knights Templar and thirty-second degree members of the Northern and Southern jurisdictions of the Ancient and Accepted, or Scottish Rite. The organisation is recognised by all the Sovereign Sanctuaries of Egyptian Rite Masonry of the world, including the Sovereign Sanctuaries of Canada, France, Scotland, Italy, India, and the Argentine Confederation; also by the Imperial Confederation of Rites of the World at Naples, Italy, of which Count Giamb de Pessina is the Grand Master.

"I will now give you a brief sketch of the history of the Royal Masonic Rite.

"According to traditional and documentary evidence in possession of the Union Sovereign Sanctuary of the Royal Masonic Rite, Masonry had its origin in Egypt. All ancient Masonry is entirely Egyptian. All who take the higher degrees have convincing proof that many centuries before Christ Egypt practised Masonic work. Men of Tyre received their education by initiation into Egyptian Masonry. Hiram of Tyre gave Solomon King of Israel authority to establish and work the lower degrees.

"Masonic degrees were worked by the Colleges of Builders of Rome 715 B.C., and Masonry in Great Britain was derived from these Colleges. In A.D. 926, King Athelstan gave to British Masons a Constitution, now called the Charter of York, authorising the working and conferring of the lower or symbolic degrees. Edward III. revised this Constitution in A.D. 1350. In A.D. 1314, Robert Bruce King of Scotland gave Masons the right to work certain degrees, and in 1685 the Knights of St. Andrew were worked by authority claiming to have been derived from James III. King of Scotland. In 1754 twenty-five degrees under the name of the Rite of Strict Observance were worked at Paris, France, by Jesuit priests. In 1758 twenty-five degrees, under the name of the Emperors of the East and West, were worked at Lyons, France, by Jesuit priests. In 1789, twenty-five degrees under the title of a Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret Rite of Perfection, were worked at Bordeaux, France, by questionable authority. It is claimed that from these twenty-five degrees the so-called Scottish Rite of thirty-three degrees was arranged at Charleston, S.C., in 1801, but by what authority no one has ever been able to ascertain.

"It is a well-known fact that philosophers, kings and priests, prior to 1750, were generally instructed in Egyptian Masonry (Egyptian Mysteries); therefore it will be seen how easy it was for this class of men to establish new rites from the old mysteries.

"But all Masonic degrees came, directly or indirectly, from Egypt, and the Ninety-sixth degree of the Royal Masonic Rite includes all ancient Masonic work. The most direct transmission of the entire Ninety-sixth degree of Masonry from Egypt to Europe occurred about 1768, after which, for several years, a portion of the degrees were worked under different names in various countries. The first recorded work by Egyptian Rite Masons of high degrees in the United States was the establishment of Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, at Providence, R.I., in 1793, Thomas W. Morse, Twenty-eighth degree, Peleg Clarke, Twenty-eighth Degree, and Moses Seixas Forty-fifth Degree, Deputy Inspector General of all Masonry in Rhode Island officiating. These facts are now to be seen on the records of Providence Chapter. Ninety-degrees, under the name of the Rite of Mizraim, were established, under a self-constituted Grand Body, at Milan, Italy, in 1806. The degrees of this so-called rite were introduced into the United States in 1862. Ninety-six degrees, under the name of the "Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis," were established at Montauban, France, under a self-constituted Grand Body, in 1814.

This Sovereign Sanctuary was transferred to Paris in 1838, and established the first body of the rite in the United States in 1856. In 1865 a few of the members in New York claimed to have reduced the degrees of the Rite of Memphis to Thirty-third Degree, under the name of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, in consequence of which differences arose, and, in addition, three Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ninety-sixth Degree were finally organized in the United States—two of these united in 1883.

"In 1884 a careful and thorough investigation was made concerning the origin of the charters of these different sanctuaries, and it was thought best to organise anew, by a convention which was held in Boston 8th December 1884, in response to a summons, properly prepared and mailed to every person known to have received the Thirtieth, Thirty-third, Ninetieth, Ninety-fifth, or Ninety-sixth Degrees of these respective rites or bodies.

"At this convention all working bodies in the United States were represented; 1007 members were present, representing twenty-four States of the Union, and since the convention nearly all the working bodies have ratified its action. It was unanimously voted that the proposed union was very desirable; that the first three degrees (Craft Masonry) be left to the control of the Craft Lodges and Craft Grand Lodges, and that, as representatives of all the working bodies in the United States of the three rites, they ignore all former charters and constitute and proclaim themselves the Union Sovereign Sanctuary of the Royal Masonic Rite, controlling all degrees above the third, heretofore known as Egyptian Masonry, viz., fourth to the thirty-third, fourth to ninetieth and fourth to ninety-sixth. A Constitution was unanimously adopted and officers elected. Nearly all the officers are Knights Templar, and a large majority are members of the A. and A., or Scottish Rite.

"Of the entire membership (16,000) nearly all are Knights Templar. Charters have already been granted to Sovereign Sanctuaries in Turkey, India, France, Scotland, and the Argentine Confederation, and other applications are pending, while the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada has entered into a treaty of alliance and friendship with this Sovereign Sanctuary. The Royal Masonic Rite has no fight with any other Rite of Masonry. It does not in any way interfere with or confer the degrees of any other rite of Masonry, but adheres strictly to its motto—'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them'—and so far as is known, there is now no opposition to this rite from any respectable source.

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