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REFORM AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IN another column we publish a letter from Bro. Edward Hobbs, the present Accountant of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in reply to remarks under the above heading which appeared in our issue of the 5th instant. We should very much have liked the discussion on the points we then referred to—and which we consider are fair subjects for criticism—to have been conducted in a friendly and brotherly manner, but we are afraid Bro. Hobbs does not share our desire, as he starts off with the determination to save the Institution from “mis-statements and inaccuracies” contained in our remarks. We will not quarrel with Bro. Hobbs as to who has the greater desire to promote the welfare of the Masonic Institutions; he is comparatively young at the work to which he has set his hand, while we have a record of upwards of fifteen years to refer back to, and although we may have sometimes said hard things, and written in a severe strain, we venture to think there is no one who will accuse us of being actuated by unworthy motives. We have raised up enemies, because we have occasionally been a little more outspoken than the majority of English Freemasons, but we have generally had the satisfaction of afterwards knowing that those whom we have for the time offended have subsequently approved our actions. Brother Hobbs answers our remarks on behalf of the Committee entrusted with the publication of the accounts, and we thank him and his co-workers for the courtesy they have shown in recognising our criticism, but our thankfulness stops there. The system on which Bro. Hobbs replies to our criticism may be described as being founded on his professional ability, while we, on our side, profess to have the sentiments of the Craft, or at least a considerable section of it, to support us. Neither will do any good to the cause by making this discussion personal. We ask questions, and it is for Bro. Hobbs and those who instruct him to say, whether or no we are to be answered. Afterwards there will be the subscribers of the Institution to deal with; perhaps they will take no notice of our comments, while, on the other hand, it may happen they will demand some further explanation than has yet been given. Above all things let us avoid—we repeat ourselves—anything like personality or individual recrimination.

Our remarks were based on a statement,—which was pretty widely published,—to the effect that under the new régime the expenses at the Boys' School had been reduced to £39 5s per boy per annum. We then said that the information thus given was too good to be true. We repeat this; and, supported as we now are by Bro. Hobbs's letter, we are convinced that the average of the first six months under the new management will not be maintained during the first financial year. When we wrote it was merely a surmise on our part, now we regard it as an absolute certainty.

The “new system of book-keeping,” designed by Bro. Hobbs, and which has been in use since the 1st July last, is defective—when it is desired to show the average cost per boy per annum at the Institution; and although it may be founded on the system recommended by “a Committee of Chartered Accountants of great eminence” appointed to report upon the best form of accounts for Institutions similar to the Boys' School, it is none the less open to public criticism. The laws of England are framed

with the greatest care, and are based on the best of all authorities, but is there one-tenth part of them that does not possess some simple loophole, some absurd formula, or some impossible condition? Such being the case Bro. Hobbs need not be upset because his particular form of accounts, although founded on such eminent authority, are not absolute perfection. We are inclined to be somewhat old-fashioned, and admit we have not yet learned to grasp all the new fangled ideas of the present age. When we were taught book-keeping there was no grand array of chartered accountants to guide the ardent seeker after knowledge, so that we ask to be excused for any stupidity we may show; but we are sincere in saying there are others who share our stupidity, and who consider the accounts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys point to a different yearly average than is claimed for them by the Committee entrusted with their preparation. It is perhaps unfair to work on rumour, but considering the truth of the rumour in regard to the clothes of the boys, and which Bro. Hobbs admits are not reckoned in the expenditure account on which he bases his average of £39 5s per annum for each boy, we ask if the £27 19s 3d set down for milk represents the expenditure under that head for the entire six months? or whether it is not true that the £27 odd is one month's bill, and that as a consequence there is about £150 to be added to the Expenditure Account for the half year? A sum of £150 may not seem much on an outlay of upwards of £5000 each six months, but it puts up the average cost per boy nearly £1 3s per annum, and this, added to the one other item we have referred to (clothing), will make a wonderful difference to the annual average, erroneously set down at £39 5s per head.

We are afraid to say all we think, lest Bro. Hobbs should consider us hypercritical in our remarks, but he cannot be insensible to the effect these items will ultimately have on the “average,” and we venture to suggest to him and his Committee that it would be better to face the disclosure now than six months hence. We believe that economies have been introduced, without any falling off in the efficiency of the Institution; and probably the average may some day go down to £39 5s, but not yet. Why, therefore, raise false hopes, only to have them dispelled when the June accounts are published? May we venture to submit to the new management what is required of them,—although in all probability they already know it. The Craft desires the strictest economy, based on efficiency; and wants to know exactly what is being done with the money subscribed. They have an elaborate balance sheet before them, but, as we said before,—it is too good to be true.

We are ready to believe that everything appears in the accounts which legitimately belonged to them so far as Bro. Hobbs knew, but is he just in sheltering himself for any omissions behind the certificates of the Secretary and Matron? If so, it would seem there is a grave flaw in the system of accounts drawn up by the “Committee of Chartered Accountants of great eminence,” which should not rely on personal certificates of interested officials, but should provide a proper book to show exactly what comes into the Institution. We know, in our old-fashioned time, we had an invoice book, and if after any half year's balance sheet had been issued, a regular item—such as the milk we speak of—amounting to close upon £30 a month, had turned out to have been omitted from the accounts, there would have been a very unpleasant

half hour's conversation with the "chief" for some one, and we are still of opinion that a system of accounts that permits such an omission—assuming there is such an omission—is practically useless, and it is no answer to the complaint to point to a certificate, or any number of certificates, from the officials. Say at once an omission has occurred, and that steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the irregularity and the difficulty is half surmounted, but no amount of shifting of responsibility will satisfy us and those who think as we think.

There is one other point we may refer to as likely to seriously affect the yearly average as set forth by Brother Hobbs, but in this case we admit it is a matter that may not perhaps come under the special consideration of the accountant. We refer to the holidays, of which we believe our boys have nine weeks per year. Seven of these weeks fall in the half year July to December, and two in that of January to June. This makes a wonderful difference in a half year's expenditure at such a School as that associated with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as must be apparent when the annual returns and average are prepared. But it is a fair matter to leave out of consideration in drawing up a return showing average cost per boy for a stated period with a strong desire to make the cost show as low as possible. It will be found, however, to have a different effect on the next half year's accounts than it gets credit for in those recently issued.

After having perused these remarks the reader may ask what are the motives that have actuated us on the present occasion? We reply, that we desire to show that all the odium that has been showered on the past officials of the Charity is not deserved, and we also desire to prove to the reformers who are so enthusiastically working on their particular views of the situation that things are not quite so glowing as they are represented to be. We do not think it well they should be carried away by the apparent success of their efforts, only to awaken a few months hence to a far less satisfactory picture. Forewarned is forearmed, and it is well that our new management should be advised of rocks on which they may probably come to grief in the near future. Possibly we shall not get many thanks for our work, but if our utterances only lead to a little better understanding on the whole subject we shall be amply repaid.

GOD GIVEN WORK.

An Oration by Bro. James Albert Zabriskie, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Arizona, 13th November 1889.

"I AM NOT MASTER OF MYSELF," said Martin Luther; "God hurries and drives me to my work." It was this feeling that he had a God-given work to do, and that it was his duty to do it, and to do it well, that made him the strong, resolute, and successful reformer that he was. In his zeal for truth, as he understood the truth to be, it was not his but God's work that he was called to do.

Even a weak man, which the world knows Luther was not, becomes stronger of purpose when he really feels that he is called to be of service to his fellow men in a line that his genius and energies, feeble though they may be by nature, may be cultivated to the extent of rendering his efforts effective for good.

We all, whether strong or weak, feel more vigorous when under good than when under bad influences, whether these influences come to us by natural selection, or whether we have been lured by association with stronger natures to good or evil.

As we are not masters of ourselves, but are creatures of circumstances largely, and are driven to our work, how important is it, then, that the driving power that impels and hurries us to its performance should, so far as it lies in human power, be well chosen! This, Masonry is especially designed to assist in accomplishing, and does, in very many instances, accomplish for its votaries. If we place ourselves in its power, and are driven to our work by its precepts, we shall find that we are not apt to materially err. Striking instances may have presented themselves to your observation, as they have to mine, where a brother has been restrained from doing a contemplated wrong by the reflection that the eyes of the Lodge

were upon him, and that if he did right he would be in harmony with his brethren. He knew that it was expected of him that he should be an honour and not a disgrace to the Order, and that his obligation as a Mason required him to maintain a respectable character. He knew that the work that was marked out for him, as a Mason, to do, was in the interest of truth, charity, temperance, virtue, and all the graces and beautiful accomplishments that adorn mankind, and whether, consciously or not, he was driven to his work, saved from disgrace, and received the plaudits of his brethren not only, but of the profane world as well.

We are not masters of ourselves, but are hurried and driven to our work under the guidance of a humanising spirituality that is urging us to do right; that is holding up our hands and fortifying the weaker parts of our natures. These influences are not the peculiar property of any race, class or condition of people; nor are they confined to, or dependent upon, country, climate, or age. They are present in all lands, and have been in all ages. The same spirit of brotherhood and mutual dependence, one upon another, that actuates the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world to-day, and will, we trust, for all time to come, influenced, softened and humanised the hearts and consciences of the votaries of the ancient mysteries, ages before the Temple of Solomon had been conceived of by David, or even the foundation-stones of the city of Jerusalem itself had been disturbed in the beds where they had rested since the dawn of creation.

To-day should you go to Kamschatka, to the snow-clad Alps, the Apennines, the Andes, or torrid Sahara, or wheresoever it may or might be your fortune to wander on the face of the whole earth, there you would find brethren and realise that you are not masters of yourselves, nor should you be, but mutually dependent upon those about you, as they in turn are to a similar extent dependent upon you, and all entirely dependent on a higher power than either.

The part that Masonry has had in civilising mankind, in softening its harsh nature and bringing men into sympathy and fellowship with each other, it is not my purpose now to discuss. By methods peculiar to itself, untainted by bigotry or selfishness, it has ever peacefully gone along in the even tenour of its way, while other would-be reforms, and even religions, have resorted to persecutions, violence and intolerance to compel obedience to their dogmas.

Christianity itself, in its earlier and more crude forms, was bigoted, cruel, and intolerant to a degree that now a mere allusion to the undisputed truths of history with regard to it, and the early practices of the church, is enough to bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of the professed followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene.

Masonry has never made war, nor countenanced oppression; neither has its people claimed the absolute mastery of themselves or others. It is authoritatively stated that the foundation-stones of many of the synagogues of ancient times, as well as of the cathedrals of a later day, with other temples of worship in different ages of the world, were saturated with the gore of brave and undaunted victims of religious cruelty, tyranny and persecution. Also that the escutcheons of the Saints were trailed in blood, and that the walls of one, at least, and perhaps scores of the early religious temples of worship on this continent, represent the enforced labour of the aborigines during more than half a century, and that every stone in its ramparts is cemented with the blood of a victim.

As with the Cross first came civilisation to these shores, so also came with it persecution and intolerance to the extent of brethren burning each other, hardly more than a century since, in the service of him whom Masonry invokes, but by whom Masonry was never taught bigotry or martyrdom. Instead of these, the same God who taught the Pagans, the Buddhists, the Jews, the Christians and Mohammedans, at various periods of the world's history, to persecute, torture, and murder their fellow men in His service, taught the earlier exemplars of Masonry to place upon their trestleboard that other more humanitarian sentiment, "Love one another," which we interpret to mean, "Love the whole human race, but more especially those to whom we are bound by the peculiar ties of Freemasonry." The Scriptural exclamation, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," has been adopted as a "watchman's cry" in our Order, and, while it is especially applied to the brethren of the mystic tie, they recognise the right of humanity in general to a place in their affectionate regard,

and deny the right of any individual, or aggregation of individuals, to set a limit to God's purposes, or prescribe the methods by which they shall be observed.

The creeds have sought to be masters of themselves not only, but of others as well, and have adopted lines of conduct for the guidance of the Almighty Himself. The humble Craftsman has meanwhile been, and still is, content to do right—deal justly with all mankind, but more especially with his Masonic brethren, in a spirit of charity to all—over remembering that he is not master of himself, but is driven to his work by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, to be in whose service is better than earthly command, to be in whose thralldom is a triumph and an infinite pleasure.

While we are thus hurried and driven, and are not masters of ourselves, being dependent upon and subject to each other, and all under control of Divine power, it does not follow that, under our system of brotherhood and fellowship, we must all adopt the same or a similar theology. It is enough that we recognise the existence of one All-Creative and All-controlling Power, higher than our own reason and more sublime than the whole universe—that Spirit which is alone self-subsistent, from which all truth proceeds, and without which there is no truth—and leave the rest to individual conscience.

While Masonry is as nearly unchangeable as any human institution can be and retain its usefulness, it is, nevertheless, progressive to the extent of recognising and adopting the new truths that science has revealed to the world since its organisation; truths, some of which were not even suspected as late as the time of Solomon and the Hiram. Among these are the existence of the great laws of universal motion, gravitation and attraction. Where philosophers of more modern times have made clear that which in the infancy of Masonry was regarded as miraculous, Masonry has been alert to let go the false and embrace the true, and to accord to the Creator the credit of having produced these laws as a part of His Divine plan; or even to rise above these laws to their great Author, and ascribe to them nothing more than the uniform expression of His will, whereby not only are the ephemeral things we see around us governed and controlled, but worlds and systems of worlds are not masters of themselves, but are hurried and driven to do the will of their Creator.

"The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky
And spangled heavens—a shining frame—
Their great Original proclaim;
The unwearied sun, from day to day
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an Almighty Hand.
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In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice—
For ever singing, as they shine,
'The Hand that made us is Divine.'"

Not one of all the shining hosts of heaven is master of itself. All matter is attracted by all other matter, just as all spirit, or all intelligence, is attracted by all other intelligence.

Masonry, as an Order, recognises but one God and Father of us all, though individual members may believe in many, if their conscience and judgment so dictate. As the Order recognises but one God, so, in obedience to the revelations of modern science, it recognised but one kind of matter, governed by one law, and that applied by Infinite Wisdom to the control of atoms as well as of worlds without number, crowding illimitable space, all moving harmoniously in obedience to its inflexible mandate.

The great philosopher, Pythagoras, who is credited with having received several degrees in the "ancient mysteries"—and these are now generally conceded to have been the forerunner, or beginning of Ancient Freemasonry—taught his benighted people, two thousand years before the birth of Copernicus, that the planets revolved about the sun;—in direct and flagrant opposition to the universally received opinions of scholars, priests and people, who taught and believed that the sun, moon, and all the stars, made daily excursions around our world—a notable instance of one, at least, of our ancient brethren who had the courage of his convictions, and was willing to accept and proclaim the truth, as it presented itself to his mind; and this in face of the power, bigotry, and fanaticism of his time, when innovations upon the faith and teachings of the fathers were usually punishable by torture and death. Thousands of

years have passed since Pythagoras lived; darkness has given way to light. His great discovery lay dormant for many centuries, until another, in a more enlightened age, revived it, and by the aid of geometry, which Masonry still holds in high esteem, and which was the basis upon which the ancient mysteries, as well as the philosophy of Pythagoras was founded, proved to the world the great truth which his ancient brother knew, but was unable to verify.

Science is itself necessarily progressive, else no new truth would be revealed. As the old philosophy of Ptolemy gave way to that of Copernicus, only to be improved upon by Aristotle and further elucidated by Galileo, and again by Tycho, until astronomy, another of the liberal sciences much revered by all intelligent Masons, has been brought to its present state of approximate perfection by the laborious investigations of Kepler, supplemented by the wise discoveries of Newton, so the patriarchs of Masonry, as age has succeeded age, have abandoned the mistaken theories of their fathers in matters that have been disproven by science, but have ever clung, and still cling with undying tenacity to the great unchangeable principles upon which the superstructure of Masonry was first erected, and of or about which every well-informed Mason is too well instructed to require further explanation.

It is upon these that the order has maintained so honourable and useful an existence, while empires and nations have arisen, flourished and sunk into oblivion; religions, more or less true or false, according to the wisdom, honesty, or inspiration of their founders, have come and gone before the advance of human knowledge, or progressed into better or more enduring forms. Masonry, nevertheless, in this regard, has remained unchanged, and will so remain unto the end. Yet, notwithstanding the tenacity, not to say obstinacy, with which it holds its ground and adheres to these vital tenets, it deems it manly and Masonic in the highest degree, to acknowledge its dependence on a higher than earthly power, and that its wisest and noblest are not masters of themselves, but are hurried and driven to their work by an authority whose edicts kings, priests, and Grand Masters of earth, however reluctantly, must obey.—*Voice of Masonry.*

INQUIRY OF THE NEAREST LODGE.

WHEN a *profane* desires to receive initiation and membership in the Masonic Fraternity, there is no usage or custom of the Craft which requires him to present his petition to any particular Lodge. The field is the Masonic world. An applicant living in Philadelphia may, at his pleasure, present his petition to a Lodge in Pittsburgh, Pa., or Baltimore, Md., or Trenton, N.J., or New York City, or London, England, for example. He alone is the judge in this matter. It is his petition; he may present it where he will, and the Lodge so receiving it will, in due course, accept and act upon it. This right of an applicant to select his Lodge is unquestionable. There is no exclusive jurisdiction in any Lodge over the material for initiation residing within its territorial boundaries, but there is concurrent jurisdiction, for the purpose of receiving petitions, in the Lodges of the Craft throughout the Masonic world. The place of residence, however, must be correctly and truly stated.

Now let us consider the Lodge action which follows.

While the Masonic Fraternity recognises, to the fullest extent, the right of a *profane* to choose which Lodge in the wide, wide world he will petition, it never makes, or at least it never should make, a Mason of any applicant without first instituting proper inquiry, at his place of residence, concerning his physical, mental and moral character, his standing in society, and his general fitness to be made a Mason.

This inquiry is made, not directly, but through the local Lodge—the Lodge of his place of residence. No Lodge possesses the authority to make a Mason of a mere sojourner. It cannot do so without peril to the universal Craft. One who is a fitting traveller, and merely *in transitu* through a country, cannot be surrounded by those persons who are familiar with his real character, and able to impart reliable information to a committee of inquiry concerning his fitness to be made a Mason. All Grand Lodges which regard and maintain the universal Land-

marks of the Craft recognise this fact, and adopt the usage to which we refer. The Lodge of the place of residence of an applicant alone can determine whether he is qualified for Masonic initiation.

We will suppose a Lodge to receive this inquiry, in due form, from a distant Lodge: Is there any Masonic objection to — Lodge, No. —, at —, acting on the petition for initiation and membership of —, age, &c.

We will here premise, that such an inquiry, while proper to be addressed *directly* to a subordinate Lodge where both Lodges are in the same jurisdiction, if the inquiring Lodge is in a different jurisdiction, it should be sent through the Grand Lodge channel of the Grand Secretary's office.

How shall the Lodge inquired of proceed to act? The thoughtful and skilful Secretary at once makes the inquiry known to the W.M. of his Lodge, who directs the Secretary to place proper notification of the inquiry upon the notices to the members for the *next* stated meeting of the Lodge. This expedites the inquiry. The Lodge may, at that meeting if prepared so to do, directly vote upon the question, or, if there be a doubt in the matter, a Committee of Inquiry should be appointed by the W.M., to report at the next stated meeting, and the inquiring Lodge should be notified that proper action will then be taken.

Note the significance of the inquiry. It is,—Is there any *Masonic* objection? Not,—Would you prefer to have the applicant as an initiate for your Lodge? but,—Does he possess the requisite moral, mental and physical qualifications for initiation in any Masonic Lodge? The members decide this question by their Masonic consciences. Mere jealousy of another and distant Lodge should never enter at all into the question. The interrogatory is,—Is there Masonic objection? and not,—Is there objection? Of course, we may not fancy losing local material, but we have no absolute right to it, and as we had the option to apply to any Lodge, we should accord that same option to all others. The provisions governing this class of cases in Pennsylvania are fully set forth in the *Aliman Rezon*, Article XVII., §§ 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65, to which we especially refer Pennsylvania Brethren. The principles we have outlined are enunciated therein, and by the usages and customs of the Craft incident thereto. The points are:

(1) The right of an applicant for initiation to petition any Lodge, anywhere.

(2) The duty of a distant Lodge to inquire of the Lodge of the place of residence of the applicant: Is there a *Masonic* objection to the applicant?

(3) The duty of the Lodge inquired of to acknowledge the receipt of the inquiry, notify its members of its details, inquire of the Grand Secretary, act promptly upon it, and as promptly notify the inquiring Lodge of the result.

These are the fraternal duties which Lodges and Freemasons owe equally to each other and to the Craft.

—Keystone.

Bro. Joseph Cox (813, P.M. 1766), proprietor of the *Hackney Express and Shoreditch Observer*, has again been elected premier member of the Shoreditch Board of Guardians, polling 152 votes beyond any other candidate. Bro. Cox having conducted the local journal for the past twenty years, and taken a foremost part in social, educational, and parochial movements in the district, is to be honoured with the presentation of a testimonial. John Beauchamp, Esq., of 15 Sun Street, Finsbury, is chairman of the Testimonial Committee.

Bro. James Stevens (of Bristol), son of Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., was passed to the second degree in the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457, at Loughton, Essex, on the 13th inst., by the W.M. Bros. William James Shadrake, who also on the same occasion raised Bros. Godfrey Lawford and Walter Sydney Cuff, and initiated a new member. The perfect working of the W.M. in all the ceremonies gave the numerous brethren present great satisfaction. The after proceedings were characterised by a musical entertainment of no mean order, the several performers in which were all members of the Lodge.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SUN, SQUARE AND COMPASSES LODGE, No. 119.

A CONTROVERSY arose a short time ago respecting the claims of the above Lodge to Centarian honours. Owing chiefly to the exertions of Bro. R. W. Moore P.M. the matter has been brought to a satisfactory issue, Grand Lodge having emphatically declared that the Lodge was founded in 1768. At a special meeting of the Lodge, held at Whitehaven, on Monday last, Bro. C. J. J. Harris W.M. in the chair, Bro. J. Barr P.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. Moore with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge in connection with the dispute about its age.

LODGE OF JUSTICE, No. 147.

THE closing meeting for the season took place on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, when Bro. the Rev. T. W. Emblerton Thomas, Curate-in-charge St. Nicholas, Deptford, was invested by the W.M. Bro. John Dixon as Chaplain of the Lodge.

ALL SOULS' LODGE, No. 170.

AT a meeting recently held at Weymouth Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, Past Grand Deacon, on behalf of the local members of the Craft, presented Bro. Zilwood Milledge P.G.D.C., and one of the most distinguished Masons in the province, with his portrait in Masonic clothing, painted by Mr. T. Wallis, of Yeovil. In making the presentation Sir R. Howard alluded to Bro. Milledge's valuable services to the Dorset Charity and to the Craft in general. Having acknowledged the gift, Bro. Milledge requested that the painting should be hung on the walls of the lodge.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 276.

THE Centenary of this Lodge, W. Bro. Thomas Rymer Jarvis W.M., was celebrated at Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 3rd instant. The exceptionally interesting proceedings attaching to the function commenced in the Corn Exchange, where the Lodge was held by dispensation, when the Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, M.P., presented the charter which had been granted by the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the brethren received from him the Centenary jewels, which they are now entitled to wear. Amongst the distinguished Provincial brethren present were the D.P.G.M. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar England, Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G. Secretary, and Bro. Sadler P.G. Treasurer. The banquet was subsequently held at the White Hart Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Hipkin serving in first class style a *récherché* repast. The W.M. presided, and in the course of the evening gave the toast of the R.W. P.G.M., which was received with the utmost enthusiasm. Lord Brooke, M.P., in responding, expressed his gratification at taking part in so important a ceremony, and warmly congratulated the brethren upon the event. He had perused with great pleasure in Lodge some records of faithful fidelity of the brethren in the early history of 276, and he fully appreciated the assistance so freely given to the work of the Province over which he had the honour to preside. He was deeply sensible, too, of the feeling terms in which reference had been made to the illness which had necessitated his absence at recent Provincial ceremonies. The W.M. proposed the health of the V.W. D.P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers past and present, mentioning the fact that Freemasonry had been practised in Chelmsford for nearly 200 years; and although continuous records were not forthcoming, there was no doubt the Lodge of Good Fellowship had a much older history than the date of the charter (1789) under which they now worked. From 1810 to 1820 was a period of Masonic decay throughout the Province, but the W.M. showed, by extracts from the old Minute books, that there were certain brethren of the Lodge who, by constant efforts to promote active organisation, were at length rewarded by the required D.P.G.M. being appointed, a Provincial Grand Lodge being held at Chelmsford, and the appointment of Provincial G. Officers. The W.M., in comparing that period with the present time, alluded to the exceptional talents of the D.P.G.M., and to the efficiency of the Prov. G. Secretary and P.G. Treasurer, and submitted that it was owing to the efforts of the Provincial Grand Officers present and past that such great progress had been made by the Craft in Essex. He especially instanced the recent additions to the roll of Lodges in the county, the constant increase of members, and the marked success which had attended the efforts of the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The D.P.G.M. (Bro. Philbrick, Q.C.) replied in eloquent terms, and pointed out that Masonic precepts, faithfully applied, brought peace and prosperity to Lodge, Province, and Nation. The Prov. G.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated him upon occupying the chair during a year of such great interest to the Lodge, and wished him a successful term of office, assuring him and the brethren that he (Lord Brooke) should retain a most pleasing recollection of his visit to the Lodge.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, when Bro. William Odel Swetman was installed as Worshipful Master. There was a large gathering of members of the Lodge, together with the following Visitors:—F. E. Corfield P.M. 1592, T. W. Venner 90, C. N. Fox S.D. 1349, E. W. Clements S.W. 1816, H. Sinclair W.M. 1816, W. C. Thorne 65, L. Taylor 554, B. Wicking 1076, E. H. Johnson S.D. 169, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, W. J. Upton 1421, E. G. Cherry 861, E. Goshorn 193, W. J. Sampson 1716, J. Swanston 117, W. J. Bassett 212, Dormer 1571. The business of the day comprised two ceremonies,

in addition to the Installation and appointment of Officers, which were carried out in due form. The petitions of two brethren in distressed circumstances were received, and grants made from the Lodge Funds to meet their immediate needs. Other business was then transacted, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother James Oxley the retiring Master and Installing Officer of the day. In presenting this the Worshipful Master said he was making a presentation to a worthy brother, who had performed the work of Worshipful Master in their Lodge as well as any ruler who had passed through its chair, or at least so far as he was aware of or had been able to gather from the older members of the St. John's Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where, under the presidency of the New Master, the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment. The Loyal toasts having been disposed of after the banquet, the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Oxley, rose to propose the health of the Wor. Master. He felt that no words of his, however strongly they might be expressed, would serve to recommend Bro. Swetman to the Lodge better than he was already known. He felt he could speak of the present Master as one who was fully capable of following on in the good work that had already been done in the St. John's Lodge. He was well deserving of all the respect and esteem the members could afford him, and he hoped he would have an ample amount of work to perform so that he would be able to prove his efficiency in the ceremonies of Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his gratitude for the kindly reception that had been accorded him. He felt greatly indebted to the members for having elected and installed him to preside over the Lodge of St. John for the coming year. He hoped to do his duty in the high office to which he had been appointed as well, he hoped he might say, as he had done in the minor offices he had filled in times gone by. He trusted he should so conduct the affairs of the Lodge as to win the satisfaction of its members, especially as he felt they had reposed a great trust in him by appointing him as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Looking back, he felt he was justified in saying he had tried all in his power to win the esteem of the brethren, and work up to the post he had now the gratification of filling, while, as regarded the future, he should strive that in no particular could it be said he had neglected his duty. He only hoped he should have frequent opportunities of showing his ability to work the ceremonies of Freemasonry, and that the Lodge would prosper under his management. The next toast was that of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Oxley. The brethren of the Lodge were well aware how well he had discharged the duties of the chair, which he had filled in the Lodge with infinite credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members. It might be said he had laboured under many difficulties during his term of office, but he had surmounted them all, and had always shown himself capable of performing the work entrusted to him. Bro. Oxley replied to the toast, thanking the brethren for the kind way in which he had been treated in the Lodge, and urging them to use every effort to uphold the true principles of Freemasonry. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. J. J. Berry, who, in the course of his reply, expressed the very great pleasure he had derived from the meeting that day. The Lodge might be regarded as one of the older ones of the Metropolis—we note it was established in 1870, so that the present is the twenty-first Master—yet he could well remember being present at its consecration, at its old quarters at Wapping. In its earlier days he was a frequent visitor at the Lodge, and also at the Lodge of Instruction, which was held under the presidency of their dear old friend Bro. Mortlock, the proprietor of the house at which their Lodge was consecrated, and at which it met for many years. He also remembered acting as an Officer on many occasions in their Lodge, and had just been reminded by the first initiate of the Lodge—who he was pleased to see still among the members—that on the occasion of his initiation he (Bro. Berry) had occupied the chair of Senior Warden. That was a long time back, it was true, but it was very gratifying to refer to the past, especially with such pleasurable associations as surrounded his connection with the Lodge of St. John. The present Master, Bro. Swetman, was well known to him, and he regarded him as a man worthy of all the honour the members of the Lodge could confer. Bro. Oxley had left the chair with honour, and had installed his successor in a very able manner. He ventured to think the present ruler of the Lodge would also be found capable of performing that task, and that he would look after the welfare of the members, and also of the Charities during the time he was at the head of the Lodge of St. John. In conclusion, Bro. Berry again tendered his hearty thanks for the reception that had been accorded to him and his brother visitors, as well as for the toast that had been given in their honour. The toast of the Past Masters was next given. The Master said that his immediate predecessor, Bro. Oxley, had had a most successful year of office, and had marked that success by leaving the Lodge with the largest balance it had ever known. He was pleased to say their surplus exceeded £107. This, and the general appearance of the Lodge, led him to believe that it was rising in reputation. It had recently done well for the Charitable Institutions of the Order, and had contributed a sum of twenty guineas during each of the last three years from its funds in their behalf. This, for a small Lodge, was very creditable. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge, with which was coupled the health of the Secretary and Treasurer, was given, and this having been replied to, the Master gave the toast of the Masonic press, which Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. acknowledged. This concluded the toast list of the evening, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion.

CHORLTON LODGE, No. 1387.

THE installation of Bro. Charles Martyne took place at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Thursday, the 10th inst. There was a numerous attendance of Visitors, owing to the popularity of Bro. Martyne, who is the embodiment of everything genial, kindly,

and courteous, and who possesses naturally the qualifications necessary for a Worshipful Master, being easy of address, courteous and affable in demeanour, and steady and firm in principle. It therefore goes without saying that the Lodge will lose none of its prestige while under the presidency of so able a Master, and that a prosperous and happy year of office will be the result. Amongst those present were Bro. Samuel Locke W.M., Dr. A. E. Pownall I.P.M., Chas. Martyne S.W., F. Renshaw J.W., John Chadfield Treasurer, Chas. Heywood P.M. Secretary, F. S. Bedford S.D., F. Pugh Organist, A. H. Pownall I.G., W. Chessyre Tyler, J. Crompton P.M., Thomas Schofield P.M. P.P.G.S.D., W. Hall P.M. Jas. Batty P.M., Hy. Hall, John Chadwick, E. Ireland, J. B. Wolstenholme, W. H. Milner, A. Williams, H. Cooper, P. Tenacky, John Coygnany, and Harry Martyne. Visitors:—G. A. Myers W.M. 1730, W. H. Bibby I.G. 1009, S. W. Leathley W.M. 1126, John Roberts S.D. 2231, R. G. Partington S.D. 852, C. H. Beever S.D. 1375, E. Faulkner S.D. J. Wilson 2231, H. Pugh I.P.M. 1565, W. A. Simpson 44, S. C. Lorne S.W. 815, F. G. Goodacre W.M. 2231, A. Shirley S.W. 2231, David Conway I.P.M. 152, J. Cantrill S.D. 152, E. A. Ehlenger W.M. 1161, J. Robert 1583, C. H. Waterhouse J.D. 480, Stephen Jupp 1140, E. W. Southam I.P.M. 1140, W. Crompton, Unity, Canada, J. L. Smith P.M. 1417, J. L. Statham (St. Georges), K. Stewart 1140, S.A., Jas. Beresford 1773, E. Heyman 102, Robert Dottie 1161, B. Hopkinson S.W. 1459, Chas. Mackay 2231, John Allen 2231, John L. Tiller W.M. 1375, J. Beardmore S.D. 852, and R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened at 4.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report on the Balance Sheet was taken and adopted. In the second degree the W.M. elect Bro. Charles Martyne was formally presented to the Installing Master (Bro. Samuel Locke), and after the usual preliminaries, and with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a large number of installed Masters. On the re-admission of all M.M.'s the usual proclamation was made, and the newly installed W.M. was saluted in the customary manner. The following brethren were invested Officers for the ensuing year by the W.M., and addressed and placed in their respective positions by Bro. J. Crompton P.M., viz.—F. Renshaw S.W., F. S. Bedford J.W., J. Chadfield Treasurer, Chas. Heywood P.M. Secretary, A. H. Pownall S.D., H. H. Martyne J.D., Thos. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., T. M. Fernley Organist, J. B. Wolstenholme I.G., J. Bratherton and J. Heyman Stewards, and W. Chessyre Tyler. Bro. Chas. Heywood P.M. Secretary delivered the three addresses in a most impressive manner. A handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. (Bro. Samuel Locke), for his highly appreciated services during the past year, for which the recipient returned thanks in appropriate language. Another presentation, in the form of a handsome tea and coffee service, was made to Bro. F. Pugh, the late Organist, who has rendered valuable assistance to the Lodge with his accompaniments upon the organ and piano for a considerable time. Bro. Pugh is leaving the Lodge and his home, having received an appointment under the Duke of Hamilton, at Hamilton. The brethren, to show their appreciation of his services, thought it a fitting opportunity to present this token of their esteem and regard to Bro. Pugh, with sincere wishes for his future welfare and happiness. Bro. Pugh acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms, and there being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.45. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, the preparation of which reflects the highest credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Langford, who are the joint custodians of the Masonic Hall, and it is only doing them and their assistants justice to say that their efforts, in conjunction with Bro. Beresford's able and experienced staff of waitresses, gave universal satisfaction. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, Bro. Nall singing "God save the Queen," and Bro. Stewart 1140, who has a pleasing tenor voice, "God bless the Prince of Wales." In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Samuel Locke I.P.M. spoke very highly of his geniality and earnest efforts to creditably perform whatever duties had been imposed upon him, and expressed his firm conviction that the Lodge would prosper in every way under Bro. Martyne's presidency. Bro. Locke concluded by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and called upon the brethren to rise and drink his health. It is scarcely necessary to say the invitation was promptly and heartily responded to. Bro. Nall then sang "Here's to his health in a song," very feelingly, and the refrain of this beautiful song was caught up and repeated with great gusto by all present, after which Brother Martyne, whose rising was the sequel for loud applause, tendered his sincere thanks to Bro. Locke for his kindly expressions, and stated his intention to practise in every possible way the tenets and principles of Freemasonry. His idea was that the duty of every brother was to maintain and carry out the grand object of their Order, viz., Charity to the best of their ability, and as far as their means would allow, not only amongst their brethren, but outside the precincts of Freemasonry, and considered it incumbent on every member of the Craft to practically illustrate the grand principles, viz., Brotherly Love and Relief, whenever a deserving case presented itself. He would endeavour, whilst occupying the honourable position to which they had elected him, to do his duty, and leave the chair in the same untarnished condition as he had found it. The health of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. J. Crompton P.M., in complimentary terms, and heartily drank, Bros. J. L. Smith (South Africa), W. Crompton (Canada), and David Conway I.P.M. 152 (Manchester) responding. Bro. Hall proposed the Installing Master and Past Masters of the Lodge, and deservedly praised the efforts of Brother Locke, who had so successfully performed the duties that day. Other toasts, including the Officers, the Masonic Charities, &c., were proposed and responded to, and a most successful and enjoyable meeting terminated shortly after 11 o'clock. A high meed of praise was awarded to Bro. Hall for arranging and contributing to the musical programme, as in addition to the songs already referred to, Brother Hall composed and sang, with great zest, a song that set forth the

qualities and peculiarities of most of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and caused much merriment. Bros. Stewart 1140, Beever 1140, Robert Dottie 1161, John Allen 2231, R. R. Lisenden, and E. Ireland enlivened the intervals between the toasts with some capital songs and recitations, that were much appreciated. Bros. F. Pugh, T. M. Fernelley, and B. Hopkinson alternately presided at the piano.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

ON the 9th inst. the members celebrated the beginning of their twenty-fifth year by installing the new W.M. The Lodge has had a most prosperous time under the guidance of the retiring W.M. Bro. W. Pye, who leaves the chair with a handsome balance to the credit of 1094. The W.M. elect Bro. Geo. Alexander S.W. was presented by Bros. Dr. Kellet Smith and Dr. Johnson, and the installation ceremony was excellently rendered by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Smith, after which the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. W. Pye I.P.M., A. J. Lett S.W., W. Sutherland J.W., H. B. Jones P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), J. Alexander P.M. Secretary (re-appointed), W. S. Dodson S.D., J. R. Day J.D., C. Knowles I.G., R. R. Martin P.M. Dir. of Cers., C. Scott S.S., R. C. Yelland jun. J.S., and J. Wylie A.S. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler for the twenty-fifth time. Before the Lodge closed a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Pye, on behalf of the Lodge, and suitably acknowledged. The dinner was catered for in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Casey, and during the subsequent proceedings a valuable and chaste silver tea and coffee service was given, on behalf of the members, to the I.P.M., in trust for Mrs. Pye, as a recognition of his unusually successful government of the Lodge during the past year. A capital musical programme was admirably rendered by Bros. Kirkham, E. Edwards, J. Heginbotham, N. F. Burt, T. Shaw, A. Neighbour, and H. Whittingham.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2068.

THE last regular meeting of this Lodge, which took place at Leeds, on the 11th instant, was a most successful function. The W.M. Bro. Chas. Middleton occupied the chair of K.S., and he was supported by Bros. Fretwell S.W., Atkinson J.W., Abbott Secretary, Trevor P.M. D.C., Butterworth S.D., Bailey J.D., Smithson I.G., Begbie Abbott Assistant Secretary, Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain, Charles Mason P.P.G. Treasurer, and others. The visiting brethren included several members of Leeds Lodges, and also Bro. J. W. Mason I.P.M. Prince Alfred, No. 956, Pietermaritzburgh, Natal. The tracing boards in the two degrees were given by Bros. Dr. Smyth and C. H. Mason respectively. When hearty good wishes had been exchanged Bro. Tudor Trevor called attention to the presence of Bro. J. W. Mason, of the Province of Natal, and said how heartily they would all join in welcoming their distinguished colonial brother. Bro. Middleton, in endorsing Bro. Trevor's remarks, moved a formal vote of welcome, assuring Bro. Mason that it was a source of gratification to all that he had found himself in a position to visit Lodge Prudence, and all hoped that his stay in England might be a happy one, and that his health might be completely restored. Bro. Dr. Smyth seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation. Bro. Mason, in the course of a fitting reply, said how pleased he was to make the acquaintance of those present. He had heard of Lodge Prudence in Natal, and had read with pleasure the reports of its meetings which had appeared in the Masonic journals. Especially had he been struck with an address delivered by Bro. C. L. Mason, and not only his own Lodge, but the Durban Lodge, had perused it with interest and profit. Speaking of his own Lodge, he said it numbered 65 members, and its average attendance last year was 31. During the year he was W.M.—last year—they held 18 meetings, had 16 initiations, 17 passings, and 18 raisings—a fair amount of work. He wore on his breast a handsome jewel presented by his Lodge, and he was proud to wear it. He had a telegram that at the last meeting of his Lodge they initiated 2 Wesleyan Ministers, rather an unusual thing in the Colonies. He assured all present that he deeply appreciated all that he had seen in the Lodge, and he should not forget to carry back home a report of the fraternal feeling he had observed.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE installation of Bro. T. B. Redfearn as Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic Hall, St. Luke-street, Hull, on the 8th inst. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of members of the Lodge, and also by visitors from the sister Lodges in Hull and district. The Installing Master was Bro. J. Mackail, and the proceedings throughout were characterised by marked success. After being inducted in King Solomon's chair, the new W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the next twelve months:—Bros. T. T. Davis I.P.M. and Lecture Master, J. L. Turner Senior Warden and Treasurer Benevolent Fund, Geo. Leigh Junior Warden, J. Strickland Chaplain, W. D. Keyworth P.M. Almoner, T. Heaton Haller Secretary, A. Spring S.D., H. Tiplady J.D., R. L. Kemplay Dir. of Cers., N. King Organist, G. C. Cartois I.G., W. Harrison Steward, J. T. Belt, R. Barn, H. Feldman and F. D. Barrett Assist. Stewards, W. Gillett Tyler. A banquet followed.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

A MEETING of this popular Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Criterion, Piccadilly. There were present Bros. Frederic Kedge W.M., Adolphus Clark I.P.M., J. J. Woolley P.M. as S.W., J. B. Grieve as J.W., John B. Cumming Treas., George Reynolds Sec., Walter Hancock S.D., George H. Reynolds J.D., James Woodward D.C., T. C. Seary as Organist, Harris and Jackson Stewards, and R. Potter Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. G. Nuttage I.P.M. 771, Ang. Cogliati 1559, C. T. Hills 15, C. Foon S.D. 164, E. P. Day W.M. 771, Ph. Bernard 9, T. C. Seary Organist 1987, T. Hudson 2331, W. Ball 45, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, R. N. Oakman jun. (Mass. U.S.A.), P. L. Warner 1987, A. Hamilton 917, A. L.

Butler 1614, J. R. Perks 205, W. L. Croft 771, W. Norcross 1505, A. R. Temple 1614, F. W. Noakes J.D. 2148, &c. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 1819 were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report was received and adopted, and then Bro. Webster Norcross, of 1505, had the degree of Fellow Craft conferred upon him by the courtesy of the W.M. The ballot was then taken for two candidates for initiation, viz.:—Mr. George Thomas Atkinson, proposed by Brother J. J. Woolley J.W., seconded by Brother George Reynolds Secretary; and Mr. Frantz Johan Hansen, proposed by Bro. H. F. Dessen seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds Secretary. In each case the result was in favour of the candidates, who were regularly introduced and initiated. Bros. Henry Vilain and Henry Bagge were then raised, and after other business Lodge was closed. The work of the evening was admirably carried out by Brother Kedge, who we regret to say was not quiet up to his normal state of health. Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited supplied a capital banquet, over which Brother Kedge most genially presided, Bro. Bettini superintended the service. The Loyal toasts having been disposed of, the Master gave what he said was a toast peculiar to the Anglo-American Lodge, having been first introduced in it by Bro. Brackstone Baker, and since then regularly honoured; it was the Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada. He considered it a toast particularly fitting in their Anglo-American Lodge, which was established for the purpose of entertaining American Masons on this side of the water. At past meetings of the Lodge they had had many distinguished Masons from the United States, and they had among them that night a distinguished American Grand Officer—who, he might say, was heartily welcome—in the person of Bro. Oakman, a Past District Grand Master of Massachusetts. Bro. Oakman, in replying to the toast said, a Yankee did not feel very much at home on his legs, especially after having sat down to dinner at an English table. He could but thank them most heartily for the pleasure he had experienced in being present that evening. In America they did their work on quite different lines to what he had witnessed that day in the Anglo-American Lodge, but he was pleased to see that neither of them lost sight of the landmarks that united Freemasons all the world over. There might be divergences in the method of conducting the work, but the basis on which the two systems were established was substantially the same. No doubt the same applied to Masonry all the world over. He had received his various degrees in the State of Alabama, and he had always thought there was no Masonry like the system practised there. Since then he had joined other jurisdictions, and was at present associated with that of Massachusetts, where, if he might say it, there was one point they especially prided themselves upon; that was a careful observance of the ritual and ceremonies of the Order. They held annual exemplifications of the work and ritual in the several degrees, and a year since had decided to make their Grand Lecturer a paid official, whose duty it was to go from one Lodge to another and correct any slight divergences. He was sure it would give those present great pleasure to see the work as performed in the States, and he hoped it would be his pleasure to meet some of them there. He could assure them they would get a hearty welcome from their American brethren, who would make no difficulty of entertaining them, even if they all went at one time. In conclusion he might add a few words, taken from their Lodge teachings, and impress on them that it was in vain to attempt the vindication of their most excellent Institution if their actions belied their teachings. They should remember they were the associated friends of humanity, and that Charity and its kindest exercise should be their largest consideration. If they had any true love for Freemasonry, and if they had at heart any respect for the Institution, they should be at all times careful to act as true Masons. Bro. Adolphus Clark proposed the health of the W.M. It was very difficult to know what to say in that assembly in praise of Bro. Kedge. He was well known and respected by every member of the Lodge, and had carried out the duties connected with the office of Master in an excellent manner during the period he had occupied the chair. Seldom had the work of Freemasonry been better performed than had been the case in their Lodge that day. Bro. Clark impressed on the minor Officers and brethren the necessity of helping the Master to uphold his position, and felt that if all combined things would prove most successful under the capable rule of Bro. Kedge. The Master tendered his thanks, not only for the kind way in which he had been received that day, but for the hearty greetings he always met in the Lodge. He had endeavoured to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability during the time he had been Master, and should strive fearlessly to complete the work that had been entrusted to him. The toast of the Initiates was next proposed. The Lodge had been particularly favoured in regard to new members since its establishment, both in point of number and quality, and he felt there was no falling off in either respect that day. He assured the new members that if they made the practice of Freemasonry their study they could not be aught else than good men. If they persevered they would rise to the highest positions in their Lodge, and would have the gratification of receiving the congratulations of their fellows, such as had been showered on him that day. The initiates replied, and then the Master proposed the Past Masters, regretting he overlooked their toast in its proper place. He was sorry that two of their Past Masters—Bros. Brackstone Baker and George Lambert—were absent that day, but he felt that their good wishes were with the Lodge, for which they had both done very much. He congratulated the Lodge on the presence of the I.P.M. Bro. Clark, who had only once been absent since the consecration of the Lodge, and then through illness. He was grateful for the aid he had received from Brother Clark, and hoped the Lodge would long enjoy his support. Bro. Clark replied, regretting as much as any one could do that he was there alone to respond for the Past Masters. Both Bros. Baker and Lambert were Past Grand Officers of England, and were worthy brethren, of whom any Lodge might be proud.

Personally he did not feel he had achieved much for the Lodge, but what he had done he had undertaken conscientiously, and he hoped it had proved beneficial. He should continue to strive for the advancement of the Lodge. He was one of the founders of the Anglo-American Lodge, and took great interest in its affairs. He hoped it would continue successful for many years, and occupy a prominent position in the Order. The Visitors' toast was next given, and in the responses there was ample evidence of the kindly feeling entertained towards the Lodge, and frequent references to the peculiar mission its founders have set themselves to accomplish—the creation of increased friendship and the extension of good fellowship among those who are entitled to regard themselves as Anglo-Americans.

MILITARY JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2195.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, on the afternoon of 27th ult., and there was a large muster of the brethren from Dover and district to witness the ceremony. The brother installed in the chair was one of the most popular officers of the Order, being *Lient.* and *Quartermaster* W. Simpson, and the ceremony of installation was faultlessly carried out by the Immediate Past Master Bro. Major-General T. Cumming, whose intonation was impressive, clear, and given with precision. The members and visitors assembled shortly after three o'clock, and the Lodge was opened in due form. After the opening hymn had been sung, the ceremony of installation took place, and the brethren saluted the new Worshipful Master. During the proceedings the anthem, "O Lord, my God, hear Thou the prayer," was sung by the choir—Bros. Highly, Igglesden, Kennett, Barclay and Spicer, with Bro. F. A. Clarke as Organist. A presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. Bro. Major-General Cumming was then made from the chair, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to that brother for the able manner he had conducted the business of the past year and also the ceremony of installation. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Major-General T. Cumming I.P.M., Major W. P. Thring S.W., Battery-Sergeant-Major H. G. Drake J.W., Surgeon-Major C. Walter Treasurer, Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Westropp Secretary, Captain W. L. Forbes S.D., Sergeant-Major H. Dockrell J.D., W. Pearse P.M. D.C., Barrack-Sergeant-Major W. A. Barron P.M. Steward, H. Herbert Assistant Steward, Staff-Sergeant A. Baring I.G., and L. Marsh Tyler. The visitors included:—Bros. Capt. J. Watkins P.M., W. W. Burkett W.M. 1208, W. Claydon W.M. 1449, W. Bardles W.M. 1096, G. E. Allan W.M. 784, S. Saunders P.M. 1915, J. S. Boyton P.M. 199, G. R. Igglesden P.M. 1208, W. Cessford P.P.G.P., W. O. Kennett P.M. 1208, W. A. Smeeth P.M. 1208, J. W. Bussey P.M. 199, J. J. Wright P.M. 1208, Captain Thackwell 1971, F. A. Clarke 199, P. W. J. Mackenzie 1208, H. Warren 1208, C. F. Heyworth 1093, E. W. Barclay 1208, A. Highley 1208. The Lodge closed at 6.30 o'clock, after which the members adjourned to the adjoining building, where a banquet was served, and the usual Masonic toasts were given.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—

At the Criterion Piccadilly, S.W., on the 10th inst. Bros. F. W. Noakes W.M., G. H. Foan S.W., W. Hoggins J.W., J. Greenway Deputy Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, G. Rotter S.D., E. J. D. Bromley J.D., T. C. Seary Organist, G. Griffiths I.G., T. C. Weeks Tyler, W. Groves, R. Millican, H. Budd, C. W. Fromholtz, A. Cogliati, R. Kirk, A. L. Bullen, F. W. Baxton, C. O. Burgess, J. Gluckstein and J. Rowe. After preliminaries, the Deputy Preceptor worked the first section. Bro. G. Harvett offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The Deputy Preceptor worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Henry Budd, Wanderers' Lodge, No 1604, was elected a member. Bro. G. H. Foan S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ceremony of the third degree will be rehearsed. Brother T. C. Seary Organist said that, with permission, he wished to make the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction a recognised musical Lodge if arrangements could be made for the use of an organ. He proposed to organise a Choir, and that the first Thursday in each month be specially devoted to musical ceremonies. Any brother wishing to assist will kindly communicate with the Secretary. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.—This hospital, situated in Leicester Square, was one of the first to open its doors to out patients in the evening, so as to save artisans, shop assistants, and other wage-earners, from the loss involved in attending a hospital in their working hours. An addition to this boon has now been effected by the opening of the out-patient department on Saturdays, from three to six p.m. The necessity for this extension is shown by the fact that on the opening day, 87 patients were admitted for treatment.

The members of the Hayshe Lodge, No. 1099, Home Park, Stoke, at their monthly meeting, on the 10th inst., presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to their acting Secretary, with the inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. W. J. Stanbury P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., by members of the Hayshe Lodge, 1099, in commemoration of his fiftieth birthday, April 9th 1890."

DEATH.

STEWART.—On the 13th inst., at Colville Terrace, W., Bro. RAYNAM WILLIAM STEWART, aged 61.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, ELECTION, APRIL 1890.

The votes of subscribers are earnestly solicited for

HAROLD STREETER GOLDSMITH,

AGED 7½ YEARS,

YOUNGEST SON OF THE LATE BRO. W. O. GOLDSMITH

Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the Press Association, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

Bro. CHARLES KEDGLEY, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, S.E., W.M. 79, P.M. 1614, M.E.Z. 73.
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Any of the above Brethren will thankfully receive votes, or they may be sent to Mrs. GOLDSMITH, 71 Manor Road, Brockley, S.E.

APRIL ELECTION, 1890.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ERNEST CHARLES COATES,

AGED 8 YEARS,

The only eligible child in a family of eight, whose father, Walter William Coates, late of the Whittington Lodge (No. 862), and Shepherd's Bush Lodge (No. 1828), was a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and is now in the Banstead Asylum for Lunatics, and whom the Doctors pronounce incurable.

The case is earnestly recommended by the P.M.'s and Members of the Lodges he belonged to as above, and by the following brethren:—

F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M. 2030, 7 Cromwell Road, S.W.
J. Aird, M.P., Past Grand Secretary, 14 Hyde Park Terrace, W.
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*J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, S.W. 2150, 362 Edgware Road.
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*George V. Wood, J.W. 1608, 12 Hazlemere Road, Kilburn, N.W.
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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 25th day of April 1890, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution :—

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.
To elect as members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notice of Motion :—

By W. Bro. W. Masters, on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee: "That a Sum not exceeding £3,000 be expended in erecting Class-Rooms, and altering Dining Hall so that one Kitchen may be sufficient for the whole Establishment."

To elect Thirty Boys from a list of Sixty-eight Candidates, as approved by the General Committee.

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

N.B.—In addition to those cases described on the Voting Paper, the case of No. 58—Leeming, Charles Irvine, is a "Last Application."

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (V.-Pat., P.G. Steward, P.G. Sword Bearer),
Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
12th April 1890.

**The 92nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE 1890.**

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

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

INSTITUTED 1788.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President :
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A QUARTERLY 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 Saturday, the 26th April 1890, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider recommendation of General Committee as under, and to elect 21, or in the event of such recommendation being adopted, 22 Girls into the School from a list of 43 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE—

"That the temporary vacancy caused by the absence of Ida E. Strathern through ill health be filled at the forthcoming Election, making 22 vacancies in all."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
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19th April 1890.

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ON TUESDAY, THE 20TH MAY 1890,

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents,
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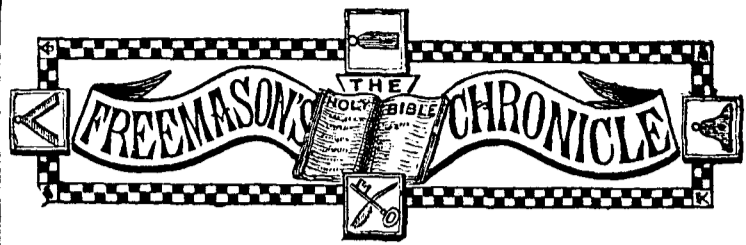
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SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL 1890.

BOMBAY.

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ENTERTAINMENT TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

A FAREWELL entertainment to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, as District Grand Master of Bombay, was given on the 13th ult., at the Secretariat, by the Lodges working under the English Constitution. The grounds of the Secretariat compound were illuminated with buttees, and the band of the 2nd Gloucestershire Regiment played a selection of music during the evening. The decorations in the Council Hall were under the direction of Mr. Alex. Mackenzie. While the guests were arriving, Mr. Laughton exhibited his phonograph in one of the side rooms, for the amusement of those assembled; and the experiments proved very entertaining. [About 9:50 p.m. H.R.H. the District Grand Master, accompanied by the Duchess, and attended by Colonel Cavaye, Military Secretary; Colonel Becher, Equerry-in-Waiting; and Captain Ferguson, Aide-de-Camp, arrived at the Secretariat, and was received at the landing by Bro. Harold King Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Sir Henry Morland Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry, Bro. Hussey District Grand Secretary, and Officers of the two Grand Lodges. The Duchess was escorted to the Council Hall by Bro. Harold King. The Officers of the Grand Lodges formed a procession, and the District Grand Master was conducted in due form to the dais specially prepared for him. The Grand Officers and the guests stood opposite the dais; when Bro. Harold read the following address:

Lieutenant-General His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., C.B., A.D.C., Past Grand Warden of England, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, &c., &c., &c., Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Bombay and its Dependencies.

May it please your Royal Highness,—We the Deputy District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, under the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, on behalf of the Brethren under your jurisdiction in India, beg permission to tender, for your acceptance, the expression of our sincere regret, that the time has arrived for your departure from our midst, entailing the severance of those personal relations which have subsisted so happily between your Royal Highness and the Brethren we represent. First of the Princes of your Royal House, who have resided in and taken part in the government of this country, your Royal Highness, by becoming our District Grand Master, has shown that no rank is too exalted, and no office too high, to prevent a recognition of our Brotherhood, and the discharge of the most important duties connected with its government. We are fully aware that the smallest details which have come before you in this capacity have received your most careful consideration. We trust that, as District Grand Master of Bombay, you have realized the accuracy of the forecast which you made on the occasion of your Royal Highness's installation, namely, that there is probably no more unique District than that of Bombay, comprising, as it does among its Brethren, men of so many nationalities and creeds, but all imbued with the same true spirit of devotion to Craft and of loyalty to our beloved Sovereign. On the same occasion, you were pleased to add that, if during the tenure of your office you succeeded in keeping the Brethren up to the mark, in increasing their numbers, and stimulating their enthusiasm, you would feel amply rewarded. And now that you are leaving us, we feel assured that your Royal Highness will not consider you have laboured in vain, for not only has the former standard of Masonic work been fully maintained, but the devotion of the Brethren has become strengthened by the example you have set them in aiding and encouraging every object tending to the advancement and good of the Craft. But believe us, Sir, when we assure you that the benefits which have followed your rule will not cease with your departure. The bright light which has shone on Masonry in this district during the period you have ruled so wisely and so well, will, we trust, continue to shine for many years to come, to enlighten the brethren in the path of duty; and we doubt not but that, though separated from us, you will still continue to take an interest in our welfare and progress. It is now nearly six and a-half years since your Royal Highness landed in India, with H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, and during half of that period you have held the distinguished office of Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Bombay Forces, in the discharge of the important duties of which post, no less than in your position as leader of Society, you have won the highest respect and good will of all classes. And we rejoice to think that the wide experience which your Royal Highness has acquired during your command in Bengal, and afterwards in Bombay, of the many varied races of this vast Continent, will, from the exalted position you hold, be of signal advantage hereafter no less in the interests of the Government of the British Empire than in the interests of India. The princely courtesy with which you have

moved amongst us—"modest kindly, all-accomplished, wise," has won for your Royal Highness a degree of affection on the part of those far removed from you in position, such as rarely falls to the lot of man; but wide-spread and general as is this feeling of affection, we assure you, that by none is your Royal Highness held in more affectionate respect and warm regard than by the Masonic fraternity. Out of the many recollections which you will carry with you, connected with your stay in this country, we trust that those associated with your rule over us will be some of the pleasantest. May we, in conclusion, express to your Royal Highness our gratitude that in spite of the numerous and important demands on your time, which your departure from India necessarily entails, you have afforded us this opportunity of once more meeting you as our District Grand Master, and of endeavouring to assure you of our loyal devotion to Her Majesty, to your illustrious brother the Grand Master, and to yourself our appreciation of what we owe to you in the past, and our earnest hope that you may long be spared to devote those qualities and abilities which we have witnessed in this Presidency to the interests of the Empire and the Craft. And wishing your Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught a prosperous voyage to England, we subscribe ourselves your dutiful brethren in the bonds of Masonry.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in reply, said:—

Worshipful Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, Deputy District Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren,—I am indeed deeply sensible for the very kind and flattering words which you have read to me in the address which I now hold in my hand. I think I need not assure the brethren whom I see around me of the deep interest I take in the Craft. I have had many instances of experiencing the loyal support which I have received from all those over whom it has been my pleasure to hold jurisdiction. It is a source of sincerest regret to myself that I am now standing here for the last time amongst you as your District Grand Master. As I had hoped, when you first gave me the honour of appointing me the District Grand Master, we have all worked together in brotherly love, and in a manner in which we wish all Masons, under whatever jurisdiction they may serve, to act. I can only hope that my connection with this Grand Lodge will have been one that may have done much to promote the interest of the Craft, which it has been my greatest wish to further, and in so doing to mould together the different parts of which this District Grand Lodge, and the Lodges under its jurisdiction, are maintained. We are in an exceptional position of having amongst us men of all nationalities and all creeds, and I have always felt it to be a very great privilege to be enabled in any way, however small, to help in welding those different elements together in loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign the Queen-Empress, and in devotion to the Craft. When I go home to England it will be my great pleasure to report to His Royal Highness the Grand Master of all English Freemasonry how loyal you are to him and to the Grand Lodge of India, and how anxious you are to carry out the tenets of our Craft in all its sincerity and in all its strictness. I feel most deeply grateful to you for the very kind support you have given me during the time I have been filling the office of District Grand Master. I thank the District Grand Officers for their loyalty and assistance. I see around me men who have long been connected with the Craft, and who have striven in every way they could to uphold its dignity and its cause. I thank you for the very flattering words in which you have referred to my services in this country. I think you all know it has been to me a source of the greatest pride to have been for the last few years connected with one of the public services which has done so much to maintain our Empire in India. I can never forget the six and a half years I have served in India, and especially those last three and a half years during which I have had the honour of commanding the Bombay Army. I thank you also for your kindly reference to Her Royal Highness the Duchess; and I hope her presence here this evening will show you the interest she takes in the work which I as a Mason have been carrying on in the Presidency. I have nothing further to add except to thank you one and all for your kindness, and for the good will you have shown me ever since I have been amongst you; and I can assure you honestly and truly that although I may be far removed in England from you, it will always be to me a source of the greatest pleasure to hear how you are getting on. I hope the Craft in the Bombay Presidency will go on increasing in numbers and in efficiency, and that you will always be true to the great tenets which we hold so dear.

Their Royal Highnesses shortly afterwards departed.

The annual installation in connection with the Segontium Chapter, No. 606, took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in the Lodge Room, at Carnarvon Castle, Comp. the Rev. W. Morgan being installed M.E.Z. The banquet was served at the Royal Sportsman Hotel.

Bro. Solomon J. Lewis was unanimously chosen as Worshipful Master of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161, at the meeting held on Tuesday, the 1st inst.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The ills of life are increased tenfold by the mode of life so many have to lead. Most especially is this the case amongst the toilers in our factories and huge workshops of the manufacturing districts, whose digestions become impaired and nervous systems debilitated by the protracted confinement and forced deprivation of healthy out-of-door exercise. The factory workers may almost be said to have diseases of their own, readily amenable, however, to treatment if not allowed to proceed unchecked. Holloway's Pills are the most effectual remedy ever discovered for the cure of liver and stomach complaints, as they act surely but gently, regulating the secretions without weakening the nerves or interfering with the daily work.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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REFORM AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The attention of the Committee entrusted with the publication of the accounts has been drawn to the article on the above subject, contained in your issue of 5th instant, and I have been requested to reply thereto, in order that the Institution may not suffer from the mis-statements and inaccuracies contained therein.

Having designed the new system of book-keeping, which has been in use since 1st July last, and having audited the books since that date, I think I should be admitted to know something of their working and accuracy.

You state that "the information given is too good to be true." Permit me to say you have no justification for such a remark. The accounts, as published, are full and true, and correctly stated in every particular.

In past years the annual accounts have simply comprised "Receipts and Payments," ignoring altogether liabilities incurred during the period but unpaid.

The Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the six months ended 31st December last, prepared and certified by me, includes every known liability at that date, as the certificates of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, and the Matron, which are in my possession, clearly prove.

With regard to your query as to whether the large reduction in expenditure is the outcome of "more efficient" book-keeping, you are possibly unaware of the fact that, prior to 1st July last, no proper system of book-keeping existed. Since that date the result has been achieved by a faithful and correct record of the facts.

Personally I am unacquainted with the method of producing "a Statement which at first blush shall prove anything that is desired." Having regard to the full and unqualified certificate signed by me at the foot of the Accounts, and to the full and fair statement of the Accounts themselves, I am surprised at the boldness of your assertion, and unhesitatingly say that your insinuation is devoid of justification or fact.

With reference to your allusion to the "numberless books and voluminous account-keeping," I would inform you that a Committee of Chartered Accountants of great eminence were appointed to report upon the best form of accounts for Institutions similar to this. Their report was published on 29th March 1890, and upon reference thereto it will be found that the Books and Accounts of this Institution are in nearly every particular identical with that Committee's recommendations.

It is an error to state that the cost per boy for the first six months of the year is £48 0s 5d, for the simple reason that many liabilities pertaining to that period were not included in the cash account of receipts and payments to 30th June last, upon which the above calculation is based.

"Sundry Creditors" means nothing more nor less than the universally accepted interpretation of the expression in commercial circles, viz., "the liabilities." £1418 3s 10d was owing to sundry persons at the end of the year, and every farthing thereof has been properly charged against the Income in the Income and Expenditure Account.

Your queries as to any part of the provisions or clothing, &c., having been left out of the accounts are answered by the certificates of Bro. Binckes and the Matron. An invoice for clothing was eliminated from the accounts of 1889 by me, on the ground that the Matron had certified that such clothing was not received into the Institution until February 1890. Your informant must therefore have misled you.

With reference to the cost per boy I find that with 262 Boys to be provided for and an expenditure of £5142 2s 3d for the half year (including all unpaid liabilities) it averages per annum £39 5s 0d.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

EDWD. HOBBS,

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants
in England and Wales.

11 Old Jewry Chambers, London.

14th April 1890.

At Driffield, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., Bro. W. Highmoor was installed Worshipful Master of the Driffield Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 290, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Colonel R. G. Smith P.G.D. Eng., Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorks. Bro. H. O. Piercy P.G.S.W. is the Immediate Past Master.

COLEMAN'S LIEBIG'S EXTRACT OF MEAT and MALT WINE.—A 2s 9d bottle of this celebrated wine sent free by Parcels Post for 33 stamps. Over 2,000 testimonials received from medical men. COLEMAN & CO., LIMITED, NORWICH. Sold everywhere.

Obituary.

BRO. RAYNHAM W. STEWART.

THOSE of our readers to whom the late Bro. Stewart was most intimately known will not be surprised to hear of his death, which occurred on Sunday last. For months past his state of health had been so critical that scarcely any hopes could be entertained of even a partial recovery of strength. Bro. Raynham Stewart had long been associated with Freemasonry, and very few of the notable events connected with the Craft during the past thirty years have been celebrated without his having taken some share in their proceedings. He was promoted, in the year 1871, to the office of Grand Deacon by the Earl of Zetland, at that time Most Worshipful Grand Master. Bro. Stewart was looked up to as a staunch advocate for the "Blue" section of the Craft. He it was who proposed that the annual grant from Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be increased to £1600. He also took upon himself the propositions of the welcome annual grant from Grand Lodge to supply coals for the residents at Croydon. Again, he proposed the Jubilee grants of £2000 each to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. For years he had been a constant attendant at the several Quarterly Courts and Committee meetings, while for the Boys' School he held the responsible position of Trustee. His funeral took place on Thursday.

BRO. WILLIAM SIDE.

By the death of this worthy brother the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, has lost one of its most esteemed Past Masters. Bro. Side had been afflicted with a painful disease for some months past, and his sufferings—which he had heroically borne—terminated only with his death, which occurred on Wednesday last. In addition to his association with the Metropolitan, Bro. Side was a founder, and the first W.M. of the Wharton Lodge, No. 2045; he was also a Past Master of the Zetland, No. 511. In Royal Arch Masonry, Comp. Side joined the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, and went through the Principal Chairs. The funeral has been arranged to take place to-day (Saturday), at Willesden Park Church.

BRO. G. GOAD P.M. No. 1855.

THE funeral of Bro. G. Goad took place, on the 9th inst., at the Cemetery, Plympton. He was a P.M. of the Saint Maurice Lodge, No. 1855. The funeral was numerously attended. Among those present were Bros. R. Hambly P.M., J. B. Skinner P.M., T. J. R. Chalice P.M., Dr. R. Ellery P.M., W. H. Lister P.M., Jno. Lavers sen. P.M., Jno. Folly S.W., F. Hunt J.W., G. Osborne, S. Hicks, J. Pearce, Jas. Williams, J. Hellings, all of 1855, J. Gidley P.M. 2025, and J. Lavers W.M. 223, besides a number of Oddfellows. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. Cranswick.

BRO. RICHARD MADDOX.

THE funeral of this worthy brother took place at Anfield Cemetery, on 13th inst. Bro. Maddox died on Thursday, the 10th inst., after a brief attack of congestion of the lungs. Bro. Maddox until lately was connected with the Liverpool Licensed Victuallers' Association; and he was also a highly-respected member of the Downshire Lodge, No. 594. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends, representative of the Freemasons and Oddfellows, and the following members of the Committee of the Licensed Victuallers' Association: Messrs. J. T. Bramley (Chairman), L. Bramwell (Vice-Chairman), T. Armstrong (Trustee), J. Sewart, W. H. Curwen, T. Dodd, W. J. Marshall, T. Saxon, J. Harrison, and J. Leech (Secretary).

The latest issue of the popular Quatuor Coronati Lodge is a splendid *fac simile* reproduction of the 1738 Book of Constitutions. This forms Volume VII. of the series being issued under the careful supervision of Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary 2076. The work contains a scholarly introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G. Deacon England, and will undoubtedly secure a place for itself in all the popular Masonic Libraries throughout the world.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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At the Adelphi, to-night (Saturday), will be revived the celebrated drama, "The Green Bushes." In this Messrs. Frank Cooper, W. L. Abingdon, J. D. Beveridge, J. L. Shine, Lionel Rignold, Arthur Styan, Howard Russell, Marshall Moore, James East, Mesdames Mary Rorke, Ada Ferrar, Kate James, Brunton, Clara Jecks will appear. The drama will be preceded by "The Married Bachelor."

"She Stoops to Conquer" will be put into the evening bill at the Vaudeville to-night (Saturday), with Mr. Thomas Thorne as Tony Lumpkin, and Miss Winifred Emery as Kate Hardcastle.

"Master and Man" will be played at the Princess's for the last time to-night (Saturday). We are glad to hear that Sardou's masterpiece "Theodora," adapted from the French by Mr. Robert Buchanan, is in active preparation for production early in May.

A new play, by Mr. A. W. Pinero, is in active rehearsal at the Court, and will be produced on Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst.

The last nights of "As you Like It" are announced at the St. James's. We recommend our readers to see Mrs. Langtry as Rosalind ere it be too late.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* of the 16th inst. writes as follows:—

M. Floquet received a welcome last evening from the Freemasons of Bordeaux and the country round, who had assembled in the Temple of the Rue Ségulier to do him honour, and the Grand Orient of France was represented on the occasion by upwards of five Delegates. In the course of the evening the President of the Chamber made some remarks on the political rôle which the Masonic Lodges had played during the Empire. It was in them that Liberty had found a last asylum, and that the bold spirits foregathered who were destined to witness the triumph of Democracy in 1870. The Republic was now victorious, but this was no reason why Masonry should be neglected, as no one could say what the future might have in store for them, and by Masonry Liberty might again be saved. In conclusion, M. Floquet appealed in eloquent language to "the principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, which were those of Freemasonry, of the Revolution, and of the Republican party." This sentiment was greeted with enthusiastic applause and cries of "Vive la République!" Afterwards refreshments were served in the "Salle des Fêtes," the festivities being kept up until a late hour.

The death of Dr. Crawford Pocock will be felt as a distinct loss to Brighton for many memorable reasons. Although not amongst the list of fashionable doctors whose carriages may be seen driving rapidly up and down the King's Road, without apparently making stoppages, Dr. Pocock had succeeded to the old-established practice of his father, and numbered amongst his clients many notable people, of whom may be mentioned the recently deceased Chief Rabbi. He had also inherited from his father—who was Provincial Grand Secretary for Sussex for twenty years—an ardent love of Freemasonry, and his investiture only a month ago as Senior Grand Warden, to support Sir William Marriott when made Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was hailed with general acclamation. But outside the town and county Dr. Pocock had established a wide reputation for his very interesting collection of engravings and etchings. He not only possessed several original drawings of interest, by Turner, Ruskin, Prout, Hine, Scott, and other Sussex artists, but his collection of the *Liber Studiorum*, which was represented by as many as five complete sets of all the plates, was probably unequalled. He was also a great admirer of Cruikshank, and I have a lively recollection of a delightful morning spent with Dr. Pocock while he displayed his beautiful and complete collection of every work illustrated by this rare artist, whose great ability has never been quite sufficiently recognised. Lastly, I may express a hope that the unique collection of old drawings and engravings illustrating the history and growth of Brighton may be secured to the town.—*The World*.

THE MILITARY SALUTE.—The military custom of saluting by bringing the hand into a horizontal position over the eyebrows is supposed to date back to the tournaments of the Middle Ages, when, after the Queen of Beauty was enthroned, the knights who were to take part in the sports of the day marched past the dais on which she sat, and, as they passed, shielded their eyes from the rays of her beauty. The principal part of the officer's salute—kissing the hilt of the sword—dates also from the Middle Ages. When the Crusaders were on the march to the Holy City, the Knights were in the daily custom of planting their long two-handed swords upright in the ground, thereby forming a cross; and before these they performed their morning devotions. On all military occasions they kissed the hilts of their swords, in token of devotion to the Cross, for the prayers of the soldiers were formerly considered of such efficacy that they were made an essential part of their duty.—*Selectad*.

One of the leading principles of Freemasonry is the equality of all men before God, and in natural right, and in the eye of the law, and the exercise of that liberty of action, opinion and speech which, regulated by wise laws, is necessary to the pursuit of happiness.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 19th April.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1384 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 142 St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 308 Affability, Station House, Bottoms
R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon

Monday, 21st April.

1 Grand Masters', Freemason's Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1606 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney
K.T. 131 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
381 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Port and Hall, Portland
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973 Saye and Solo, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
R.A. 296 Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel Preston

Tuesday, 22nd April.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street
145 Prudent Brothers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
250 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
R.A. 1269 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
M.M. 3 Keystone, Snip and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.C. 67 Sudholme, 33 Golden Square, W.
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
788 Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1069 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675 Alliant Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover
R.A. 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168 Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall Canterbury
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds

Wednesday, 23rd April.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1318 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria
R.A. 13 Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich
R.C. 42 St. George, 33 Golden Square, W.
32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton
R.A. 1358 De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
K.T. 10 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

Thursday, 24th April.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H., 4
66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1583 The City of Westminster, Regent M.H., W.
1974 St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
2319 Sco's, Scottish Corporation Hall, Fleet Street
R.A. 531 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 97 Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
214 Hope and Unity, White Hart, Breatwood
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 129 Kandal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 216 Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266 Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 421 De Burgh, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
R.A. 431 Ogle, Masonic Hall, North Shields
R.A. 1098 Prince of Wales, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1603 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

Friday, 25th April.

Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
569 Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Co., E.C.
1601 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
R.A. 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Brixton
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1821 Athlughworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 61 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A. 630 Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1036 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
K.T. 125 Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

Saturday, 26th April.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871 Costling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293 Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462 Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Perstone
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965 Estates, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.C. Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Choster

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 19th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Porey, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 21st April.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Boll and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
618 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Forester Hot, Cleveland Gardens, 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1459 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Wallbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 22nd April.

24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7:30
25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
111 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.,
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cam' on Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7:45
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1448 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Jock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1639 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1930 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

Wednesday, 23rd April.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1691 Lodesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1791 Creton, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 24th April.

43 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
240 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
870 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1159 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1325 Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer St, Liverpool, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7:45
1614 Coven. Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshulton
1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 7 Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Deptford, 8
R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 25th April.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ho, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W., 8
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1155 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1299 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1412 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
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EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 1682.

A CONVOCAATION of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 10th instant, at Ladbroke Hall, W. Present:—Comps. J. Woodmason M.E.Z., J. H. H. Wood H., G. Rogers J., W. J. Marlis Treasurer, S. H. Parkhouse Scribe E., John French Scribe N., W. K. Hatton P.S., W. H. Wadham 1st Assistant S., J. S. Atkins P.Z., Reuben C. Green P.Z., E. M. Lander P.Z., F. C. Frye P.Z., C. J. Morse, J. J. Mackay, F. L. Chandler, P. Monson, A. F. Scholding, H. Holmes, E. J. Day Organist, G. T. Harris, J. Wakeham, G. C. Cassal; Visitor—J. W. Bilsham, Westbourne, P.S. 733. The important business of the evening consisted of the election of Principals, as follow:—Comps. J. H. Wood 1st Principal, E. Rogers 2nd Principal, Philip Monson 3rd Principal, W. J. Marlis Treasurer, S. H. Parkhouse S.E., Hatton S.N., Wadham P.S., E. Monson 1st Assistant, Webster 2nd Assistant, Chandler D.C., Morse Steward. A well-served dinner followed, after which the usual toasts incident to Royal Arch Masonry were honoured, and the remainder of the evening devoted to harmony.

MARK MASONRY.

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FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

THIS Lodge celebrated their annual Festival on the 8th inst., when Bro. James Buckle was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. R. G. Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, and Bro. John Marshall P.M. P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Treasurer. The newly-installed Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. T. M. Goldie I.P.M., M. F. W. Williamson S.W., A. J. Taylor J.W., E. K. Spiegelhalter M.O., W. R. Metcalfe S.O., C. R. Staniland J.O., Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, A. W. Walker Treasurer, W. J. Marshall Secretary, W. Wilson Registrar of Marks, J. W. Marshall Organist, W. H. Rose Dir. of Cers., S. Chadwick S.D., W. H. Winpenny J.D., S. Wallgate I.G., W. Stockdale Steward and Tyler. On the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to the Talbot Hotel, where a first-rate repast was served by Bro. J. Downe.

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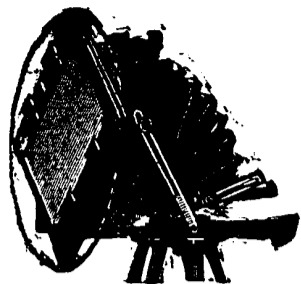
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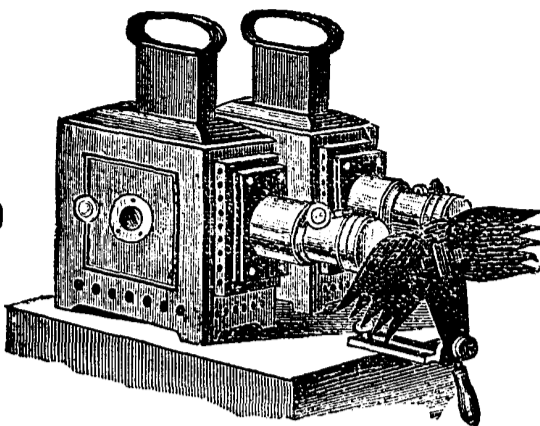
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