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A FLAW IN ENGLISH MASONRY.

FREEMASONS have always been enjoined to visit other Lodges, so that mutual advantage may result, and different ideas may be expressed with a view to ultimate improvement, where such is possible; that the initiate and his sponsors had formed thembut it is not often we hear much at a Lodge gathering selves into a clique for the purpose of excluding the in response to the toast of the visitors to supply food for reflection, or open the way for improvement. The generality of speeches under this head are of the goody-goody character, mere expressions of stupid flattery, or thanks for having been hospitably entertained; thanks we consider very much out of place, when we bear in mind that the first care of an enter- to the admission of a joining member. He was tainer should be to secure the comfort and enjoyment of his guests, and who, in very many cases, does not working of English Freemasonry, which he was tainer should be to secure the comfort and enjoyment care to be commended in public for having done his induced to act upon nearly upset the Lodge wherein duty. But then, it may be urged, there is so little to talk about in connection with Freemasonry that the it caused prevented all harmony, and banished comordinary visitor truthfully expresses his thoughts fort from among the members. when he says the subject has been so thrashed out as to leave him nothing further to say. This is undoubtedly the case nine times out of ten, and when the tenth visitor happens to be called upon he either succeeds in creating a most favourable impression, or is voted a bore, for having touched upon some subject admitted we do at times have the opportunity of knobs and excrescences in modern Freemasonry forces itself upon our thoughts, and gives us a topic would be removed were it not considered worse than for future consideration, and such occurred at a recent meeting when an American visitor told his listeners that there were many variations between American Craft would do well to consider.

He regarded the principle of admission to full benefits immediately on initiation as a flaw in English Freemasonry, and explained that in America all business was transacted in the third degree, thus shutting out Initiates and Fellow Crafts from the actual management of the Lodges. This certainly sounds rational, and although we should be the last to advocate any change to upset the principle of equality, which should govern every action in Freemasonry, the system they have handed down to us is incapable we have long entertained the opinion that it seems of improvement. There are many points which somewhat out of place to call on the newly admitted brother, five minutes after his initiation, perhaps, to vote on some technical matter, or as to the admission or rejection of a candidate. He cannot possibly be in a position to form an opinion for himself, and must rely on the advice of his introducer or some other friend in the Lodge. This should not produce any serious results, but it opens the way to an irregularity Grand Master of Freemasons for Somersetshiro will be per-which, if not frequently practised, is none the less formed at Bath, on Thursday, 14th May, when a Provincial ready to hand, and has no doubt been made use of on Grand Lodge of Somerset will be held for the purpose. more than the one occasion which came under notice. After his installation his lordship will appoint and invest Some years back a brother was initiated in a Lodge, his Officers for the year.

and one of the first items of business after his admission was to take a ballot for the election of a joining member. The ballot was adverse, and although, of course, there was no certainty as to who deposited the black balls, it was subsequently proved to the general satisfaction of the members joining candidate. Had the American system of taking the ballot in the third degree been in vogue, this irregularity could not have occurred, and it certainly was a grave irregularity, for it is certain the newly admitted member was in no position to judge of the merits or domerits of the rule in regard it occurred, and for some time afterwards the distress

Here we have the opinion of an enlightened Mason, backed by our own experience to prove that the system we refer to is an actual flaw, and one which might reasonably be considered in its several features, with a view to some sort of report on the point being submitted to the Craft. We do not like changes outside the ordinary routine. Still, it must be merely for the sake of change, but there are little listening to a visitor who expresses a sentiment which which might profitably be removed, and no doubt high treason to advocate change.

It is something for Freemasons to be very proud of, to be able to say that the Craft exists to-day and English Freemasonry, with advantages and virtually as it existed upwards of a hundred or a drawbacks in each, which the two great bodies of the hundred and fifty years back, and yet the boast stamps itself as somewhat bigoted when we consider that little or no improvement has been attempted on the system formulated by our ancestors, who, living in such different times, can hardly be regarded as capable of forming rules for the governance of modern ideas. They were, however, fairly successful in establishing the system of Freemasonry under which we at present work, but it is wholly unwise to regard them as incapable of error, or to imagine

> might be profitably considered, and among them is the flaw pointed out by our American visitor.

The installation of Viscount Dungarvan as Provincial

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Conrt of Subscribers and Governors was held on Thursday, in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D. Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, C. H. Driver, Captain Homfray, E. M. Money, Peter de Lande Long, Hedges (Secretary), &c.

After Bro. Hedges had read advertisement of meeting, and submitted copies of daily papers and copy of notice sent to Provincial Grand Secretaries, the minutes of Special General Court of 12th February were read and verified. The summaries of minutes of General Committees were read for information.

Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., in proposing the reelection of Bro. Henry Smith as Treasnrer, said he had great pleasure in doing so; it was quite unnecessary to dilate on his excellent qualities; they were well known.

Alderman E. G. Harwood, Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The following brethren were elected the General Committee for the current year:-Bros. E. J. Anning, E. Almack, J. W. Berrie, C. H. W. Biggs, J. J. Corney, Colonel Wolseley Cox, J. French, T. G. C. Gambrill, R. C. Green, J. R. Harnell, H. Nicholls, and C. G. Slawson.

Scrutineers of votes for the election of 19 out of an approved list of 25 candidates for admission to the Institution having been elected, the poll was declared open, and the election was proceeded with.

In due course the successful candidates were declared. The names will be found in our Advertisement columns.

The following unsuccessful candidates polled votes, as below :---

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
Turner, Olive Lilian (last)	33	365	398
Wilson, Edith Grace		383	383
Le Gros, Agnes	300	15	315
Scholes, Mary Beatrice Woodroffe	42	28	70
Carter, Minnie Kate (last)	8	58	66
Johnson, Florence (last)		23	32

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, yesterday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Brother Richard Eve, Patron, Past Grand Treasurer, when the ordinary business of the Institution was considered.

The Final Report of the Provisional Management Committee, as follows, was received and adopted :---

Although our proceedings have been from time to time fully reported, by minutes and reports read at the regular meetings of the Quarterly Court and General Committee, we think it desirable before closing our labours, to shortly summarise the progress we have been able to accomplish in the work with which we were entrusted, when the administration of the affairs of the Institution was committed to our care.

It will be within the recollection of the Court that the Provisional Management Committee was appointed for the purpose of managing and carrying on the Institution, and to report from time to time the mode in which the recommendations of the Committee of Investigation could best be carried into effect. We have endeavoured to carry out in every detail the duty placed upon us, and feel that we can confidently leave to our successors the task of continuing the work of perfecting the Institution.

hands, been in touch with the daily life of the School, and given special personal attention to all matters relating to the Institution.

The playground accommodation at the School has been enlarged, although more requires to be provided, and proper appliances for the health and cleanliness of the boys have been secured.

The Finance Committee have been thorough in regulating the expenditure of the Institution, and in investigating in the strictest possible manner all the accounts.

The accounts have been kept on a new and complete system, laid down by an accountant of experience, and the duties of the Secretary have been altered and defined.

Having thus brifly dealt with the recommendations of the Investigation Committee, we may point out to the Court the further reforms that have been effected.

The whole of the main buildings at Wood Green have been thoroughly examined and repaired, and the sanitary arrangements placed in an effective condition.

The Lavatory and Washing accommodation has been extended and improved, and whilst affording increased facilities for cleanliness, waste of water has been prevented. The present arrangements enable every boy to have at least one hot bath a week.

Additions have been made to the Fire Appliances, and new escapes and shoots provided and fixed to prevent loss of life in the event of an ontbreak of fire.

The dietary and clothing have been altered and improved, and as a result the boys are healthier and happier.

A sound system of technical education has been introduced, which already promises to bear good and useful practical results.

The School has now been appointed one of the centres for holding the Cambridge Local Examinations, and also for the Science and Art Department of South Kensington. The result of the Cambridge Local Examination recently held at the School was very satisfactory, out of 25 candidates 23 having been successful.

The course of study has been modernised, and is gradually being extended, so as to give wider openings for the various tastes and abilities of the boys.

A printing press has been established, and all the printing for the School is done there in the hours of recreation.

A School Magazine has been started, printed by the boys, in order to give full information of what occurs at the School, to maintain the interest of old boys, and to excite the interest of the subscribers and friends of the Institution.

Many of the boys employ themselves in play time in gardening, engineering, and carpentering, under proper supervision.

Greater freedom is given to the boys, hence we look forward to the growth of something like public spirit and sense of responsibility.

The enlargement and use of the field in front of the Institution has provided an excellent cricket and football ground.

A series of evening entertainments in winter have been started quite a new departure—with excellent effects on the spirits and character of the boys.

There is an undoubted improvement in the tone of the School.

These and other minor but no less necessary improvements have been effected with rigid economy, and although involving extraordinary expenditure the saving in other departments has enabled the cost per boy to be materially reduced.

There is still great need for increased class room accommodation, the desirability of which has been fully recognised and considered. The completion of this very essential work has remained in abeyance owing to the want of funds.

One of the most important tasks undertaken by this Committee was the revision of the Laws of the Institution, a work ultimately passed by the General Committee, substantially in the form submitted for their approval. By the broader representation created in the Managing body of the Institution, it will, doubtless, receive from both London and the Provinces greater support than heretofore.

The Institution is to be congratulated upon the particularly fortunate selection that has been made in the appointment of the principal and other officers of the establishment. The Head Master more than fulfils the high promise that his previous career led the Committee to hope for. The Assistant Masters are discharging their duty in a satisfactory and loyal manner. The Matron is efficient and careful in her department.

With regard to the Secretary of the Institution, we especially

It will be observed that the whole of the recommendations of the Committee of Investigation have been dealt with, although some not yet as completely as could be desired.

Since our appointment an entire alteration in the administration of the Institution has taken place, the whole of the staff has been changed, and it will be observed, from the report and balance sheet recently published, that economy in the expenditure connected with the Institution has been effected.

If the Head Master has been established as the one head authority at Wood Green, and the entire establishment there has been made subject to him.

We have taken and kept the control of the Institution in our own

desire to emphasise the peculiar ability and energy Bro. McLeod has brought to bear in conscientiously discharging the duties of his important office, and to record that we are strongly of opinion that this officer's salary should be increased to £400 per annum from the commencement of the year. It will be remembered that at the time of his election it was generally felt that the salary then stated was inadequate to allow the Secretary to maintain an equal position with those holding similar appointments.

In conclusion, we earnestly desire to express our cordial appreciation of the manner in which the Craft and the supporters of the Institution have recognised our work, as well as the ready manner in which they have from time to time given effect to our recommendations.

By order of the Provisional Management Committee.

Euston, Chairman.

FRED. A. PHILBBICK, Vice-Chairman.

RICHARD EVE, Deputy-Chairman.

STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, Wood Green, 20th March 1891. Honorary Secretary.

The Notices of Motion standing in the names of Wor. Bro. John Slyman P.P.G.D. West Lancashire, Vice-Pres., and Wor. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks, L.G., were withdrawn. Wor. Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer, for the ensuing twelve months.

The Election of Twenty-eight Boys from an approved List of Thirty-five candidates was then proceeded with. The names of those successful will be found in our Advertisement columns. Particulars of the voting for those unsuccessful will be given in our next issue.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. John Newton Vice-Patron, presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., James Brett P.G.P., Joseph Freeman, W. H. Hubbert, S. Brooks, William Smith, George E. Fairchild, T. B. Purchas, R. Griggs, C. H. Webb, A. Mullord, L. C. Haslip, C. J. Perceval, John Bulmer. J. S. Cumberland, H. J. Strong, M.D., R. Turtle Pigott P.A.G.D.C., C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, R. Pittam Stevens, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., A. Durrant, A. Forsyth, Henry Smith P.G.D., W. H. Making, Hugh Cotter, and James Terry P.G. Sword Bearer (Secretary). The minutes of previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. Farnfield (Treasurer of the Institution), Newton and Berry were appointed a Committeee to prepare the Annual Report, and it was agreed that the Stewards for the recent Festival'should be invited, as usual, to visit the Institution. The application of the widow of a recently decased annuitant to be allowed half her late husband's annuity having been granted, the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF INVER-**NESS-SHIRE**.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., in St. John's Lodge Rooms, Inverness, the initiatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for Inverness-shire was held, Sir Henry Macandrew in the chair. The Lodge was attended by representatives consisting of Right Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of St. John's Lodge, Inverness; St. Mary's, Inverness; Spey Lodge, Kingussie; and St. Andrew's, Fort-George. Sir Henry presented his commission as Provincial Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The following brethren presented commissions from Sir Henry Macandrew :---

Provost Ross	Depute Master
John Ellis	Substitute Master
Baillie J. H. Forsyth	S.W.
Alexander Mackenzie	J.W.
T. G. Henderson	Secretary
William Mackay	Treasurer
Crerer	Senior Deacon
D. Gordon	Junior Deacon
F. T. C. Keeble	Dir. of Cers.
R. P. Jenkins	Inner Gaard
James Hay	Tyler.

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BRO. COLONEL TAYLOR.

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THE death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. E. Taylor occurred on Saturday, the 4th inst. Bro. Taylor joined the Bristol Rifles on their formation, and became captain of No. 1 Company, which had the credit of being the smartest in the regiment at that time. He was promoted to the rank of major on the retirement of Lieut.-Col. Payne, and on the death of Col. P. W. Taylor, in 1881, he succeeded to the command of the battalion. A few months later he retired, owing to the state of his health, after twenty-two years' service, and he was allowed to retain his rank on retirement. It may be mentioned as a noteworthy incident in his volunteer service that the Royal jubilee review of 1881 occurred during the short period of his command, and that, therefore, he was in command of the battalion at Windsor. Colonel Taylor was one of the oldest Freemasons in the Provinces, and his record covers a period of forty-six years. In 1845 he was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, and he afterwards joined the Beaufort Lodge, in which he served as Master. He was the founder and the first Master of the Jerusalem Lodge, and one of the founders of the Beaufort Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. In the Province of Bristol he served in the office of Senior Grand Warden, and held the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer for thirty-three years, resigning in January last, on account of failing health. About six years ago he was appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales to the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England. In other grades of Freemasonry he was a Past Commander of the Order of the Temple and a member of the 31st degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

On the 2nd inst. the remains of Bro. Joseph Janaway, draper, of Prescot Street, for many years a member and a Past Master of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, were interred in Kirkdale Cemetery, Liverpool, in the presence of the members of his sorrowing family and a number of Masonic brethren who assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory. The late Bro. Janaway died suddenly, of apoplexy, on the 30th ult. He was highly respected. not only among Masonic circles, but as a straightforward and hononrable business man.

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At an early hour on the 3rd inst. Mr. James England (of the firm of England, and Sons, ironmongers) died, at his residence, parliament-street, Harrogate, after a short illness. The deceased, who was in his 74th year, was born at Pontefract in 1817, and had resided for over 40 years in Harrogate, where he first commenced business. He was one of the early founders of the Harrogate Cottage Hospital, and Institution, in which he evinced much interest. He was also one of the founders of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, and for many years was an active member of the Craft.

The installation meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, was celebrated on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. Bro. Walter F. Potter was placed in the chair by the outgoing Master Bro. Fredk. Dangerfield. Welpropose to give a full report in our next issue.

arers were all formally installed, and the remaining offices were left vacant until next meeting. The following dates were fixed for quarterly Communications to the Provincial Grand Lodge, namely :-- The first Fridays of May, August, November and February, the last mentioned date being fixed for the annual election of office-bearers. After the meeting Sir Henry Macandrew entertained the Lodge to supper.

The vacancy in the list of Provincial Grand Masters created by the death of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., is, we learn, to be filled up. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., of Vigo House, Weybridge, has been nominated for the appointment by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Under the auspices of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, a successful concert was given, on the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne Street, in aid of the Charities. An extensive and well. selected programme had been prepared by the brethren, and was brought to a very happy conclusion. Mrs. F. Wilson, though indisposed by reason of the influenza, sang two songs, besides taking part in three or four concerted numbers with Miss L. Scrimgeour, Mr. Bruton, and Mr. D. Cross. Mr. A. N. Newton made a great hit with "The song that reached my heart," and had to respond to a well. deserved encore. Many would have liked more of Bro. G. A. Shaw, whose interpretation of Grossmith's "See me reverse," suited their fancy immensely. Bro. G. Latus S.W., toc, was humorously inclined in his song, while Bro. E. Corris P.M. P.P.G.R. recited, with much taste, "The Schoolboy's Romance." Among others who participated in the vocal portion of the entertainment were Messrs. Brnton, Thrall, and Cross, each of whom sang one or more songe. Bro. F. J. Harper gave a pianoforte solo in his usual finished style, and also joined Bro. F. Wilson in a duet. Bros. J. R. Stringer P.P.G.O., Fred J. Harper, F. Wilson I.G., and H. J. Oldroyd officiated as accompanists during the evening.

WHAT CAN DO MORE?

HAT is Masonry and why these ceremonics? is the question asked by hundreds of earnest inquirers at every festival; and the question is entitled to an answer. Such as I give shall be frank, candid, sincere, Mesonic, as I understand it. If I do not raise the well that conceals the hidden mysteries, I shall at least take you to its entrance, and show you so much as in my limited time I may of that which it is permitted the profaces to know. The opinions I may express, though perhaps not entertained by all my brethren, if they reflect upon their connection with other organisations, will, I feel sure, be approved by them as Masonic.

First, then, Freemasonry is not a religion. It does not profess to be; and yet it inculcates religious thought, and feeling, and duty, but not religious doctrine. Still less is it a theology, though it inculcates duties men owe to God, and even has a creed. It is not a political organisation; though many political struggles, some oven bloody and deadly, have occurred in various lands over its right to existence, and the rights of its members; and though politicians have thronged and still throng its Lodges, and use, or rather abuse, its favour and influence for political and personal ends. It is not a reform-school for adults, though its constant solicitude and ever watchful care and earnest teaching is to make mankind nobler, better, manlier. It is not a mutual aid society, though its members, just like all other civilised social human beings, with the milk of human kindness in their veius, and enchained in a bond of sympathy and common purpose and destiny, are daily ministering to the wants and necessities of each other, doing good unto all men, but especially to those of the household of faith. It is not a school of philosophy, though its ritual and ceremonies abound in carnest teachings of the importance of wisdom and urge upon its members the study of the liberal arts and sciences, and the use of all leisure time in the acquisition of every kind of useful knowledge. When then is it, and what its reason for existence? Let me answer in most approved and wellchosen words:

Freemasonry is a moral Order, instituted by virtuous men, with the praiseworthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime traths in the midst of the most innocent and social pleasures -founded on liberality, brotherly love, and charity. It is a beantisystem of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Truth is its centre-the point whence its radii diverge and show to its disciples a correct knowledge of those moral relations which man may know, and of those moral laws ordained for the government of the world.

It dwells exclusively in the domain of duty, and deals with man as a free moral agent, "cabin'd, cribbed, con-fined, bound in to saucy doubts and fears," and yet with a sublime faith in his origin and destiny.

> So near to grandeur is our dust, So close is God to man, When duty whispers low-"Thou must," The soul replies-"I can."

It touches upon theology and religion at only one point The tendency of this age is towards a negation of all in the whole circle of its teaching and thought, and then faith. It abhors the cant and hypocrisy on which the only touches. It has a creed, but recognising how in the souls of men have been fed, almost to starvation of all history of mankind creeds have been forged as fetters for nobility and truth; it laughs at the superstitions which the human mind, and used by tyrants to enslave the good enslaved our grandfathers; it defies the power of that and great, in all ages and everywhere, it has the shortest. ecclesiasticism which has impeded all progress in science. simplest creed ever formulated: "I believe and trust in incarcerating Galileo because he saw and said that the earth moved, and deposing Professor Winchell from his God." It is the faith of humanity in all ages-the creed of the universe. From Adam till now it hath been prochair of science, because in public lectures he approved fessed. It is the property of no race or religion or era or the scientific truth of evolution. It detests the narrow dogmatisms which men have used to crush out truth, and clime, but as universal and free as the sunlight--and as beneficent. No other creed, no other formula of faith hath it hesitates not, in the zeal of its contest with them, to Masonry. But everywhere, in all tongues and among all accept even atheism itself. It has declared war against religions, it is the same; and every Mason, whether the church because the church has declared war against Christian or Parsee, Buddhist or Mohammedan, bath this science; and it is not in the nature of things that the Masonic creed and none other; and in it he rests with church shall be able to restrain it. What order or organicheerfulness and confidence. If you ask, "In what God ?" zation can more properly and effectually restrain the youth I reply, "There is but one." Was He the God of Israel? of this scientific age from the folly of atheism than Yes, and of Islam, too, and of all people everywhere; not | Masonry? In the days when tyranny, ecclesiastical and the God of one man, or one nation, but of all men and all political, dominated the world, the light of liberty was nations; not of ancient times, but of all times. He, in never permitted to go out upon the altar of Freemasonry; whom all good men have believed, and to whom He hath and now when the pendulum of thought has swung across revealed himself: Moses, Elias, Confucius, Buddha, lits arc, and liberty may degenerate into licence, it is the Socrates, Seneca, Mahomet, Zoroaster, John and Paul; right of Masonry, in the name and for the sake of that He in whom men believe on Calvary as well as Sinai; in liberty it has so sacredly preserved, to warn men of the India, and China, and Egypt, as well as Judea; in peace folly and danger of the negation of that simple faith of as well as war; in sunshine as well as in storm; in daylight | humanity, which is greater and older than creeds and con-

as well as in darkness; in market as well as in church; on Monday as well as on Sunday; the God in whom men instinctively, intuitively believe; whom no man or age of church or people can monopolise, the omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent Spirit, approving good and reprobating evil, the witness of truth and avenger of falsehood, the living, loving Father of all, who not only plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm, but who delights in that still small voice, which all may understand. In time past men have sought to comprehend and to picture Him so that they might convey their conceptions of Him to each other. Different phases and manifestations of divine character and attributes have been variously pictured, sometimes in wood, in stone or brass, sometimes with pencil upon canvas, and as often with pen in words; and even to this day, and among those of the same faith we have, even in our own midst, as various and inconsistent conceptions of him as are the faces and minds of men. And whether this conception be hewn, or carved, or painted, or printed, it is the eidolon, picture, idol of the man, and thus all worshippers are idolaters: but each is sure that his is the true conception, and those who have another are idolaters only. So far bas this practice been carried, and so intolerant have men been of each other, that a witty writer of our time, paraphrasing Pope, has said, "An honest God is the noblest work of man.'

Recognising the impossibility, so long as men's minds are as different as their faces, of bringing them, even good men, to the same conception of God, Masonry has contented itself with its single faith and simple formula, and thus has preserved its universality and its power through the changing thought of centuries, and all efforts at the destruction of this simple creed, whether by persecution from without, or so-called reform from within, as by the Adoptive Rite in our time, adding an article requiring belief in the plenary inspiration of the Bible, have failed : and we stand to day as we have stood through all the ages, upon the common faith of humanity-" I believe and trust in God." Bigots and fanatics, pharisees and hypocrites, kingcraft and priestcraft, have prescribed and persecuted in vain. Our liberality, while it has invited persecution from tyrants, political and ecclesiastical, has been our strong fortress and sure defence against it, and has been the great Masonic secret which, like a loadstone, has ever drawn the liberal, noble, great-souled men of all creeds and sects to our Order; and we see now, in this evening of the ninetcenth century, that catholic spirit of liberality and humanity which Masonry has borne through all the dark ages of oppression and tyranny of church and state, even as Israel bore the ark of the covenant through the wilderness, pervading all society and freeing men from that mental bondage, whose chains are more galling and degrading than corporal slavery. It remains now to be seen whether Masonry can preserve this pure, simple faith against the nil admirari spirit of modern thought and inquiry, more subtle, more powerful, more dangerous than kings' dungeons or priests' racks.

fessions, and doctrines and dogmas, which binds men together in a universal brotherhood, and which in all time is the surest defence against man-worship and consequent human tyranny, as it is the aid and comfort, the abedor and compass of weak humanity in its voyage of life, upon that oceau whose billows break here upon the shores of Time, and yonder-who can tell?

A society thus liberal in its religious faith cannot fail to be so in other particulars. Since mankind had a history, two great opposing elements have waged porpetual warfare for the mastery-liberty and authority; and upon the side of the latter ecclesiasticism, whether pagan or Christian, has always been arrayed. It has ever been the most potent foe of freedom of speech and of thought; and whenever its influence has been so far overcome as to insure religious liberty, there be sure that civil and political liberty abound. Hence, in Masonry, our liberality in creed insures liberality in politics, and men of every party and faction, of every shade and variety of political doctrine, meet in Lodge upon the most fraternal and kindly terms; and, so jealous is the Order of the entire freedom of all its members, and of the harmony of the Lodge, that all kinds of political conversation and discussion are positively interdicted in the Lodge-room. Nor does Masonry prefer any man because of his birthplace or kindred, his clothing or his mansion. It looks him squarely in the face and asks him, Do you keep the golden rule? If you do not, neither ancestry nor wealth, place or power, friends or family, will commend you; but if you do, the door of Masonry is open to you. "Worth makes the man; want of it the fellow," is the axiom upon which it acts in selecting its membership and strengthens its Lodges. But, while thus eschewing party politics, Masonry is not, cannot be, indifferent to those questions of public interest, on which the welfare of the people and the country depend. On the contrary it especially inculcates the duties of good citizenship, and encourages all its members to be "true to their government and just to their country." It also bids them labour to secure the accomplishment of such political ends as will result in peace and harmony, liberty and fraternity in all our borders. It is not sectional or provincial, but broad, liberal and generous in all its teachings; and, brethren, I have often thought that upon us at last depends the solution of the great sectional controversy that has so long disturbed and divided our country. We had war, in which even Masons took the lives of each other; men professing the same faith, having the same name, speaking the same language, and bound by the same obligations, loving peace and hating war, stood in serried ranks and strenuously sought to destroy each other. But that war has passed away; and for a quarter of a century we who survived it have been favoured citizens of a common country. And yet we allow, aye, sometimes I fear encourage, men in our presence to teach, unrebuked, the doctrines of strife and hate and fill our minds with distrust and jealousy of each other. Men in the South say that Southern ideas must prevail, because they are Southern; and men in the North, that Northern ideas must dominate because they are Northern, as though ideas took their value from the points of the compass; and each urges that the other must not be tolerated, but that there must be strife and contention till one or the other is destroyed; when the truth is, and every intelligent patriot knows it, that, by the elimination of what is bad in each, and the selection and union of what is good in both, a superior civilisation will be produced, and a true union and harmony be restored to the people. I conjure you, brethren, of whatever party, do not tolerate those of your own number, who teach that strife is good for the spoils it brings, or the victory that follows; but rather encourage those of true Masonic and liberal views, whose ideas are not bounded by the mountain-tops of their own natural horizon, or the wants and necessities of their own party faction, but who maintain truth and justice, liberty and right for all. Again: Masonry teaches men to be good husbands and fathers, and also good workers. Not only as Masons in the Lodge and within the Order in matters Masonic, but its first lesson is that a Mason is not, even for the sake of his attendance at Lodge, to neglect his ordinary vacation. He must be diligent in business and eat no man's bread for nought. "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat," is an apostolic injunction which Masonry has adopted and in its higher orders inculcates upon its members. The first duty of a man in any society is to earn an honest living. No matter what his ambitions, his plaus for the his attendance at Lodge, to neglect his ordinary vacation.

future, his necessities or his expectations, he who fails to provide for his family is worse than an infidel. And he who does not earn his own living, but allows, as I have seen, his mother or sister by daily or nightly toil to support him in idleness, deserves the execration of all honest men, and a daily castigation at the hands of every mother and sister in the land, and then a place in the workhouse.

Not the least of the virtues Masons are taught to practise is temperance; and yet it is not a "temperance society," so-called, nor does our code require total abstinence, though in modern parlance this scems to be the common understanding of this word. As we define it, temperance is that due restraint upon our affections, desires and passions, which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice, and woe to the Mason who maddens or besots himself.

I believe that intemperance is one of the greatest evils which curses American society; and there is a call upon the best thought and will in the land to repress it-not only intemperance in drink; but also in food, in dress, in speech, and in thought. Intelligent and right sentiment is the basis of all true reform, and I am persuaded that, after all, no better plan or precept has been devised than the simple teaching of Masonry: "Circumscribe your passions, and keep your desires within due bounds."

In short, the sole purpose of our Order is to produce a nobler, purer, higher, truer manhood in its membership and in all men. What can do more? The church might have made this all unnecessary, had it been entirely true to its purpose and mission. If it had strived with half the energy to keep hell out of men that it has to keep men out of hell, perhaps Freemasonry would not have had its present place and power. If the sects had fought each other less, and fought the devil more, men might have felt less need for Lodges and Chapters and Councils and Commanderies. Less of creeds and more of deeds would have won more of the hearts of men. When the fires of religious persecution were hottest, the seeds of modern Freemasonry were sown. When the rack and the screw were torturing men and women for the sake of the church, Freemasonry was exclaiming, "Behold how pleasant and how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and was proclaiming the Gospel of Faith, Hope and Charity-but the greatest of these is Charity."

But why have Lodges and secret words and grips for this purpose, do you ask? I will tell you. When Hannibal was making that fearful pioneer crossing of the Alps in ancients times, he was informed one day that the cause of the army's halt was that the vanguard had come to a swollon mountain stream, which no man dare cross. Riding to the front he summoned the soldiers and gave the order, "Join hands by fifties and march across," and the forty thousand passed over without the loss of a single man. It was madness for one to try the Alpine torrent; and ten, or perhaps twenty, would have been swept away and lost; but the combined efforts of the united fitty, and their mutual confidence and support, sufficed to take all safely through. Thus it is in life. Through its tempests and torrents, over its quagmires and quicksands, in temptation and danger, we might sink alone in darkness and despair; but the strong grip of a brother's hand, the cheering tone of a brother's voice, the steady support of stout arms and brave hearts, give us hope and courage and strength and salvation.

> There's a world where all are equal, We are hurrying towards it fast, We shall meet upon the level there When the gates of death are past: There's a mansion and a welcome, And a multitude is there, Who met upon the level here And were tried upon the square. Hands round, ye faithful Masons! Form the bright fraternal chain-We part upon the square below, To meet in heaven again. --- Voice of Masonry.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317 (MANCHESTER)

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 2nd instant. Present—Bros. Vultchoff W.M., Staton S.W., Read J.W., Cunliff-P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Garside Secretary, Spencer S.D., Bussell P.M. I.G.; P.M.'s Walmsley, Garside, Chesworth, Lisenden and Mountain; Bros. Paterson, Allen, Ashe, Marsh, Veder, Field, Rottinager, Ward, and Whittaker. Visitor—Bro. Hepworth 163. Lodge was opened at 5:45, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Holland, 1357, as a joining member, and was declared favourable, after which the brethren adjourned to tea. On re-assembling, Bros. Whittaker and Veder were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Ashe raised to the sublime degree of M.M. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peaco and harmony at nine o'clock, and a pleasant evening spent at the social board, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 633 (MANCHESTER).

REGULAR meeting was held at the Clarence Hotel, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. This is the first time the meetings have been held in the new abode of the Lodge, and although the genial manager of the hotel (Bro. Braun) received a very short notice to prepare for his tenants, the extensive alterations necessary for their comfort and convenience were very nearly complete on Thursday. By the time the next meeting takes place everything will be satisfactory, and there is no doubt of Bro. Braun's intention to do all in his power to make the Lodge comfortable. The Lodge-room has a cheerful and imposing appearance, and can comfortably seat seventy persons. A good sized ante-room will be made in every respect comfortable for candidates, and will lead directly into the Lodge-room. On the same floor as the Lodge-room there is a cloakroom and lavatory, and the whole suite of rooms will be secluded from the public portion of the hotel. Among those present were Bros. Darwen W.M., Gardner S.W., Broadbent P.M. acting J.W., Sallon P.M. Chaplain, Cartwright P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, Gnymer S.D., Hughes P.M., Davidson P.M., Wilson, Aitken, McElroy, Searle, McConochie acting Tyler. Visitors-Bros. Cairns 1140, Mackay 2231, Law 1357, 2363 and Thompson. After the Lodge had been opened in the usual manner and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, Mr. Pleasance, who had been balloted for on a previous occasion, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., and Bro. Broadbent P.M. delivered the E.A. charge. There being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which a pleasant evening was spent.

EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342.

THE first installation meeting was held at Kelvedon, on Wednesday, Ist inst. There was a lower attended 1st inst. There was a large attendance of the members, and many visitors accepted invitations to be present. The Lodge was opened at 3:30 by the W.M. Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.P.G.Chap. Staff., and some routine business having been transacted, Bro. Lloyd proceeded to instal as his successor Bro. Salter, performing the ceremony in a manner to call forth the encomiams of all present. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested as under :-Bros. Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.C., Staff. I.P.M., Ogier S.W., Curzon J.W., Rev. Thos. Lloyd Chaplain, Darell P.M. 1591 Treasurer. Meade P.M. 1977 P.G.Sword Br. Sec., Thorn S.D., Moss J.D., Eustace P.M. 697 Sec. 1977 P.P.G.Sword Br. D. of C., Galpin Organist, Siggers I.G., Livermore, T. King, Beanmont, and H.T. King Stewards, Inifer Tyler. Bro. Rev. Thomas Lloyd was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Between forty and fifty brethren afterwards dined together at the Angel Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by Messers. Wright and Son, of Colchester. After dinner the usual Masonio toasts were duly hononred. In giving the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the W.M. said all the members of the Easterford Lodge recollected with pleasure the recent visit his Lordship paid to their Lodge. The W.M. next gave the toast of the D.P.G.M. and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, remarking that they felt under a deep obligation to Very Worshipful Brother Philbrick for his eminent services to the Lodge at its consecration, twelve months ago, and they much regretted his inability to be present at the meeting to day. Bro. Rev. T. Lloyd gave the Wor shipful Master of the Easterford Lodge, predicting a prosperous year under the Mastership of Bro. Salter, who possessed all the qualifications needful for so important a post. The W.M., in acknowledg-ment, said there was no chance of his being able to carry out the duties of the chair in the able manner that Bro. Lloyd had done, but seeing they had elected him to the position he would do his best, which was all that could be expected of any man. The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M., remarking that he had felt very proud to hear the praises of Bro. Lloyd sounded wherever his Masonic work was known. Personally he had considered it a great privilege to have been an Officer under their I.P.M., who he greatly admired, and whose example he should endeavour to emulate. It was a comfort that he should have Bro. Lloyd on his left hand during the ocming year to give him the help he should so sorely need. The to ist having been most heartily received, Bro. Rev. Thomas Lloyd retarned thanks. He said he was very proud of the position the Easterford Lodge had taken during the short time it had been in existence. They had no fewer than thirty-two subscribing members on the books, and others in prospect; they were all working with one heart and G. Wood.

one sonl; and they were determined that the Easterford Lodge should be second to none in the Province of Essex. It was with some anxiety that he undertook the office of Installing Master, but he felt that the work ought to be done by a member of the Lodge, and he trusted that it would be a long time before they had to go outside their own members to find an Installing Master. At a later period of the evening the I.P.M., in responding for the Charities, said, as their Charity Representative, he should shortly be round with the hat on behalf of one or other of the great Charities of the Order. One Brother (MacColla) had started his list with two guineas, and he trusted other members would follow suit, so that the Easter-ford Lodge would be well represented. The Visitors was proposed in a happy speech by Bro. Carzon, and acknowledged by Bros. Rev. T. S. Raffles Prov. G. Chaplain, Turner Prov.G.S.W., Sadler P.P.G.Treas., Smith W.M. 1877, and Bro. Watts (Mayor of Colchester). During the evening several brethren contributed to the harmony of the meeting by some excellent songe. The visitors present on the interesting coexision were Bros. Ralling P.G.A.D.C.Eng. P.G.Sec., Tarner P.M. 51 P.G.S.W., Green P.M. 107 52, Shedd P.M. 276 P.P.G.Reg., Grimes P.M. 51 P.P.G.Supt.Wks., Gowers W.M. 1024 P.P.G.O., Ablitt W.M. 51, Watts 51 (Mayor of Colchester), Sadler I.P.M. 1024 P.P.G.Trens., Bailey P.M. 697 I.P.M. 2339 P.P.G.P., Smith W.M. 1977, Skingley P.M. 697 P.G.A.D.C., Williams W.M. 276, Bradbury W.M. 1312, Bright I.G. 1024, Motum Steward 697, Beaumont 1024, and Shiers I.G. 1977. The members of the Lodgo present in addition to the Officers already mentioned were Bros. Herbert Surtees, Hicks, Bawtree, Beaumont, Smith, MacColla, and Turner.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—The membors, according to annual custom, met on Good Friday evening, at the Somerset Arms, 214 Falham-road, for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. There were present:—Bros. Collings P.M. 1585 W.M., Carlstrom 733 S.W., Moody S.W. 1853 J.W., Markland P.M. 144 I.P.M., Tucker S.W. 144 Secretary, Cursons 1681 S.D., Blyth 1861 J.D., Bullen 160 I.G.; also P.M.'a Mulvey P.G.SwordBr. Surrey, Cobham 141, Kirk 1608, Sedgwick 180, Cleghorn 1287, Alexander 1257, and Bros. Cox 1585, Holland 141, Whyman I.G. 2046, Morrish 1585, Gunton-Ham 858, Reid 1910, Ambler 1585, Foster 975, Hargrave 66. The whole of the sections were worked in a very satisfactory manner, and the brethren had a most enjoyable evening. Before the Lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was accordedthe Worshipful Master for the able manner in which he had con ducted the proceedings. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday evening, at eight o'clock.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.— The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 2nd inst., when there were present :—Bros. Baxton W.M., Foan S.W., Broadey J.W., Greenway Preceptor, Carsons acting as Secretary, Horgins S.D., Gilbert J.D., Warwick I.G., Weeks Tyler; Kirk, and Lillier. After preliminaries, Bro. Hoggins offered himself as a candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the coromony of initiation. Bro. F. Kedge offered himself as a candidate to be raised, and answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The Lodge was resumed. Bro. J. Gilbert, Dake of Fife Lodge, No. 2345, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. G. H. Foan was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, when the work will be in the second degree. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192—The weekly meeting was held on Monday, 6th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow, when there were present — Bros. Westfield P.P.G.S.B. W.M., Smith S.W., Horst J.W., Shurmur Prov. Grand Treasurer Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Taylor S.D., Bestow J.D., Fuller I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Steward, Wilson, Stacey, Spurgeon, A. W. Stacey, Past Masters Ives, Inman-Hallows, Pinder, Eustace, Bromhead, Maynard, Short, Trickett, Clark, Herbert, Wildish, Alcock, James, Pock, Jeremy, Kempthorne, Stanffer, King, Francis, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Westfield discharging his duties with the greatest possible accuracy and precision; he was admirably supported by the Officers. Bro. Fortescne delivered the ancient charge in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. Bros. Kempthorne, Clark, and Short, of No. 2374, were elected members. The third Walthamstow Charity Association was

inangurated, Bro. Whittingham, O.C., No. 2256 and 2374 President. Bro. Fortoscue Treas. 2374 Treasurer, Allen D.C. 2374 Secretary. A large number of brethren were enrolled members.

Many members of the Craft from Battersea and Wandsworth met at Finchley on Wednesday, the 1st inst., to pay a last tribute of respect to Bro. P.M. Jefferys, who was well known in South London Masonic circles. The circular asking brothren to assemble was signed by Bros. John Beddoes W.M. and Geo. Gabb P.M.

The annual ball held in connection with the Albert Edward Lodge took place in the Town Hall, Hexham, on Tuesday, 31st ult. There was a large company present, including representatives from other Lodges. The ball had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion with hanging draperies. Messre, Robb and Son carried out the general decoration, while Messre, Fell and Co. were responsible for the floral portion. The music was efficiently supplied by Mr. J. H. Amers' band. The M.C.'s were Mr. W. J. Stephenson and Mr. T. Ellie, and the Stewards were Brog. H. Bell, Dr. Steward, and G. Wood.

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CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

A MEETING was held, on the 31st nlt., in the Freemasons' Hall, Darham, for the purpose of installing the three Principals and investing the other Officers of the Chapter for the ensning year, when Comps. Thomas Bell was installed Z., J. Todd H., and Thomas Dann J. The following Officers were invested :--Comp. Richardson S.E., Turnbull S.N., Fenny Treasurer, Palmer P.S., Fowler (Mayor of Durham) 1st Assist. Soj., Brown 2nd Assist. Soj., and Grant Janitor. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the rest of the evening was spent.

SEGONTIUM CHAPTER, No. 606.

THE annual installation took place at Carnarvon, on the 3rd inst. the retiring M.E.Z. being Comp. the Rev. W. Morgan. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Comps. C. H. Rees P.Z., and C. Davies P.Z. were the Installing Principals. Comp. T. E. Harris H. (Bangor) was duly installed M.E.Z., and he appointed his Officers, as follow :- Comps. Roberts H., Poole J., Davids Treasurer, Williams Scribe E., Burton Scribe N., Davies P.S., Evans Assist. P.S., Davies Assist. P.S., Watkins Janitor. Subsequently the Companions banqueted at the Royal Hotel.

The French Masonic Lodges are doing more damage to Free-masonry than the deadliest enemies of the Craft. So far, the hierophants of the "temple" of the Rue Cadet and elsewhere have been satisfied to pour out their wrath upon weak-kneed brethren, who allowed their wives to manage the religious side of their household, and who dared to have a sneaking desire for Christian burial. It appears now that the "Vrais Experts" and other Lodges are going for the Bonlangists. After some discussion M. Laisant and M. Goussot, two Deputies, who have offended in this respect, have been solemnly executed by M. Benoit-Lévy, who, needless to add, is an Opportunist. It is quite probable that the Boulangists would have used the broom handle in the same way if they had obtained what in French political life is called the "plate of butter." But two wrongs do not make a right, and the Freemasons of other countries ought once more to protest against the degradation of their world-wide brotherhood by the transformation of the Lodges into centres of political fanaticism. If this be French Freemasonry, it is probable that candidates will linger upon the threshold, and that brethren from England and America will give the Grand Orient and its branches a still wider berth than at present. A corporation which professes to hail the pioneers of liberty of conscience, and which is essentially religious without being sectarian, cannot afford to refurbish and use the weapons of the Spanish Inquisition. If so there will be nothing left for it but to institute a Masonic "Anto-da-Fé," and to frame a creed the ohief clauses of which will be slavish adherence to the majority. Imagine the excitement that would be created in Eugland, where the Prince of Wales is the Grand Master of the Freemasons, if a brother were expelled because he was known to hold Republican or even Socialistic views .- Galignani's Messenger.

A grand ball took place at the Town Hall, Dover, on Tuesday. It was well attended, over one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen being present, and it was successful in every way. The hall was most tastefully decorated with numerous flags, banners, pennons, and insignia of various kinds, and with a number of fine flowers and plants. At the lower end of the hall a miniature fish pond and fountain had been cunningly constructed, and this, with its surrounding evergreens and large blocks of ice, had an exceedingly pleasing effect and a cool and refreshing aspect that must have proved grateful to the heated dancers. The ball began about 9.15 p.m., to the strains of the fine string band of the Highland Light Infantry (under the able baton of Mr. John Auderson), and dancing was continued until four a.m. The floor was in excellent order, and the dancers apparently enjoyed themselves to the utmost, if we may judge by the spirit displayed. A portion of the old Maison Dieu Hall was set apart as a supper-room, and here the dancers retired at intervals to recruit their juded energies. A buffet

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The members of the Chough Lodge (No. 2264) held their annual election meeting, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. J. Judge. Bro. Charles Mussared, of Milton-street, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing Secretaries of Lodges of Instruction can be supplied year ; Bro. Waltor B. Marcus was re-elected Treasurer.

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H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

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A T A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thurs-day, 9th April 1891,

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. W. Yorks, Vice-Patron, Trensurer, in the chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 19 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 25 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED :--

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10	25	Brian, E. P.		•••	•••	3874
11	7	Payne, M. C.		•••		3832
13	23	Heastie, K. E.		•••	•••	3708
13	11	Collinson, A. M.				3515
14	24	Davis, M. E.		•••		3368 .
15	18	Gardner, E. L. M.		•••		3135
16	8	Vivian, M		•••		3008
17	14	Tomalyn-Potts, M.	A. V.	•••		1852
18	6	Constable, S. E.		•••	•••	1719
19	4	Blackler, A. L.		•••	•••	435

The number of votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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THE RIGHT HON. LORD CARRINGTON, G.C.M.G. M.W. Past Grand Master New South Wales, and R.W. Prov. Grand Master Buckinghamshire.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion are urgently needed, and will greatly oblige by sonding in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office-5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. P.S.-As the Chairman of the Festival is Past Grand Master of New South Wales, the Committee will be delighted to welcome all subscribing New South Wales Brethren, not only at the Institution on the Prize Day, Monday, 11th May, but also at the Festival.



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 a combination to to Full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application to the Office. By Order, J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary. 6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. 10th April 1991.

*** The Ninety-third Anniversary Festival will be held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on the 24th of June 1891, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Prov. G.M. West Lancashire. The services of Brothren as Stewards representing Lodges, or Provinces, are carnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknow-ledged, the present exceptional requirements domanding exceptional support.

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President :- H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A T A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS A. AND SUBSCRIBERS, held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 10th day of April 1891,

W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patrou, Past Grand Treasurer, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY-EIGHT BOYS from an approved List of forty-five Candidates, the following being declared SUCCESSFUL.

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SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL 1891.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-The optimistic exaggeration of what is, and the pessimistic exaggeration of what was, as displayed in the first of the two letters in your last number, calls for more lengthened notice than time will, at present, permit. Protest must, however, be at once made against the sweeping assertion that "pupils were sent to their homes carrying filthy contagion, and suffering from neglected festering sores;" the former meaning, if I remember aright, an obstinate case of ringworm, brought to the Institution; the latter, a case of chilblains, to which, it is notorious, many children are constitutionally subject to, as I can testify from early orucial experience, in spite of the application of every conceivable remedy! I further maintain, no matter what may have been reported to the contrary, that there never was a time during the last 30 years when the boys were not well provided for, well fed, well housed and well cared for. During that period something like 800 boys passed through the Institution. What is their record, physical and educational? With rare exceptions they have achieved careers more or less successful, many of them eminently so. Severe outbreaks of epidemic have been met, and successfully encountered. The deaths during that long number of years did not exceed six, all of which may be satisfactorily accounted for. In the vaunted results of the Cambridge Examination of December last, I fail to find any pass in Honours the number "successful" mainly consisting of those who "satisfied the Examiners;" a marked contrast to previous results.

The second letter deals with questions of account, and deserves and may receive, all due attention. The new system, however, of which so much is said in praise, is one of "theoretical accountancy," and may be left for the consideration of those who are satisfied with vouchers for the expenditure of each of the twenty shillings consti-tuting a sovereign, as supplied by the Audit Committee previous to 1889, and as is still the case in similar Institutions.

I do not seek controversy, but defamation is hard to bear. I have endured in silence, and regret the necessity, from my point of view, of advocacy of the cause of the old administrative and executive bodies, but they have been, and are, regarded as mon who "any shape of goodness could not take, being capable of all ill," and with the experience I possess it is impossible to tamely submit to continued misrepresentation. Of the personal hostility to myself, and of the springs of action by the exercise of which my retirement was determined on, I am fully aware and thoroughly acquainted with, and of these more may be said anon. With reference to the "Report," which I forbear to characterise, I will only remark, on behalf of the late Committee and myself, that while we did not desire "a coat of varnisb," we did, and do, object to layers of mud. Regretting want of opportunity for a more exhaustive reply.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

7th April 1891.

FREDERICK BINCKES.

near-by States, are arriving this morning to signalize the event by their presence. A special car filled with Owls arrived from Torio Han's this morning. Readquarters have been opened at the Grand Pacific Hotel, where Dr. G. F. Pounington, of Baltimore, the Supreme Sapient Screecher of the World, is being heartily welcomed. The Order is but three years old, but has a membership in the United States of nearly twelve thousand, restricted generally to the leading officers of the leading Masonic Bodies in the country. The initiation this evening will be witnessed by a large and distinguished audience, and after the Nest has been brought into existence, elections will take place to the offices of Sapient Screecher, Sapient Bagholder, Lord High Executioner, Tooter, Hooter, and Recording and Property Owls." In the course of conversation with a German Brother Mason, who had read my paper in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE about the Boston Masonic Red Men Tribe, and also, in the Masonic Review, about the Chicago Masonic Owls, as to whether there is a possibility of eradica-

ting the mania for more and more degrees from the Masonic fraternty? He replied : "The same mania existed in Germany up to about fifty years ago, but it has since then disappeared, and with the exception of one cranky Grand Lodge in Berlin, who claim to have received a Christian Masonry, with a number of degrees which they call higher degrees, the craze for higher degrees has died out, and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg even expels members from Masonry who belong to organisations which claim to work what they call higher degrees.

"Chicago, September 27th (Special) .- The first Chicago Nest of the Order of Owls will be constituted here this afternoon, and prominant members of the Mssonic fraternity from half a dozen

"And why," said I, "cannot our Masonic maniacs be cured of their craze also? For the same remedy which proved efficacions there

ought to produce the same effect here." "No, not necessarily so," said my friend, "Germans, as a rule, love to read, and their brains can be reached by means of the press, but Americans are too busy to read Masonic books, and all they know about Masonry they learn either from their rituals or from their orators. But our Masonic orators, as a rule, have read little or nothing, and the very few who do read are guided more by policy than truth. Hence in their orations they either ignore facts which they know to be such, or mis-state and pervert an opponent's argu-ments with their usual quibbles. Indeed, there is not one out of a hundred of their St. John's Day orations without downright lies, and every exploded humbug is reproduced by our luminous orators as unquestioned facts. Take, for instance, the speech made by Bro. Rassel, of Kane Lodge, New York, about the antiquity of Masonry, to which you called attention in a recent number of the American Tyler, and the address of P.G.M. Nickerson, of Massachusetts, at the dedication of Price's monument. These addresses are fair samples of information which Masonic orators in America palm off upon their hearers as historic facts; you see, therefore, that what proved successful as a remedy in Germany can do no good here."

Bat," said I, " is there no cure at all here for the Masonic craze ?" "Well," said my friend, "it is possible that a cure may be effected by humouring the cranks; that is, instead of writing and speaking sgainst the utility of high degrees, which only serves to irritate the afforted ones, let us try to magnify the importance of a multiplicity of degrees, and at the same time stimulate our manufacturers of rituals, degrees, and orders, to pile up more and more degrees, and cram their stomachs with them to such an extent as to bring on a nausea, which will not only rid them of their craving for more degrees, but will sicken them of the degrees they have already swallowed." My friend here noticed that I disapproved of his deceptive method. "Well," said he, "you do not agree with my proposition. But you must remember that a doctor cannot apply the same remedy to an insane man as he does to a sane one, and so your doubt about the method I suggest ;" said he, "I know that gluttons and drankards have been cured of their cravings by such methods, that is, by cramming them with more than enough. Now, I want you, therefore, to arge your English correspondents to supply us with the dialogue between the 'Hell-devil' and Judas, to which Toulmin Smith refers in his book on English Gilds. This dialogue will form a grand feature in the ceremony of the new "Order of the Holy Rood." The other stories you have given about miraculous crosses shall all be turned into Masonic degrees, for I know Bro. Wisencre, our American Masonic and all other kinds of degree makers, will do it, because money can be made out of it, and if you know of any more of such pretty pions stories, print them, and they shall be Masonized, and then, in the course of a few years, our cranks for more degrees will get rid of their cravings.

To the Editor of the FREEM SON'S CHRONICLE.

As my friend was serious and cornect in bollef that his scheme would be an natilate to the ball degree masis, and as I could

my letter under this aca has, and also for your editorial comment on the points raised. I am also in a bred to Bro. Class for my reply. I regret that I have bud no time this week to go further into the subject, but with your permission will express ayasit mier on.

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD READER OF THE CHRONICLE.

ABOUT THE MASONIC CRAZE FOR MORE HIGH recovered, and of eacher the king's joy was crust thereat. St. DEGREES.

T. the Editor of the Fanumason's Unucritical.

DEAR SIR AND BEGINSE -1 informed you in my article prints? 7th March, this was a load Boston Meaningh degrees they have show one one of the bast of the Boston Meaning high degrees they have show one observed as all as Boston Meaning to show one of the bast of money, transformed into a table of " Laproved Red March 1 have show show of the bast of the bast research then learned that on how one of the bast of the

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, - I sou much obliged as you for insertion and prove providely that he was using. I hented up a memoran aum y letter under this act and, and also for your editorial comments. I formatly explain term Margin's filterry of k ander as follows :-"S., Lonie, English Shink, while hous worsh pper of hely relice, and among his pullection of boly on inities he but one of the identical mails that Oblish was noted with to the Cros , and it was in how have less the best city of his P groun that the said hall. By offering an immensio seward, however, the precions hall was chanis she had the court of thates that "I read of in the New Is parely, but Respect Ludoin, of Constant of a claimed that to come or an end of the constant of the one owned by So, I win we and from the same bush from which the thorns of

then learned that we have now two Tribut of Musopic Learney 1925 "Constant Fact via Stating the state in the new straining the first of the correspondence to becaud B I all that be and in possibilities of a large portion of the cross on which Christ was crucified, the blade of the lance with which Christ was pierced, and the very identical sponge which was dipped in vinegar and presented to Christ when he was nailed to the oross, all which curiosities were bought by King Louis for a liberal sum. On Good Friday, in the year 1241, these relics reached the suburbs of Paris, where they were not by a pious procession. St. Louis, who purified himself for the occasion by three days fasting, walked in the procession, b we-headed and bare-footed, clothed in a flannel shirt without a girlle; his mother and his queen walked behind him, and, followed by nobles, prelates, and a great crowd, the orown of thorns was brought out to meet the cross, blade, and sponge; the king, of course, undertook the job of carrying the cross, but as the load was too heavy for his feeble frame, two nobles walked on each side of the king to support his arms. These holy treasures were first deposited in a church, but afterwards a special chapel was erected for them."

When I got through with the above narrative, my friend shouted "Bravo! it is capital, St. Louis, his nobles and prelates, as well as Emperor Baudouin, shall all be Masonized; as St. Louis was a Crusader, every Masonic Knight Templar will at once believe that St. Louis was a bonâ fide Freemason. Our American lovers of pompons titles will be delighted with the titles of Emperor, King, Saint, Noble, and Prelate; all the events above given will be introduced into the ceremonies; the king walking bare-headed, barefooted, and robed in a plain flannel shirt, will more excite the pious representative of the said kings in the new performance than the performances in K.T. Degrees, the Rose Croix Degree, or any other of their pious moonshine degrees, and I am satisfied that a couple of dozen of such exciting degrees will fill their stomachs to repletion, to such an extent, that Masonic cravings for more and more degrees will eventually disappear, even from the Boston Masonic Temple.

To all which I merely said, "Well, Brother, Go-ahead."

I am, yours fraternally,

Boston, U.S.A., 24th March 1891. JACOB NORTON.

ST. ANNE'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, STRATHPEFFER.

ON the 2nd inst. the foundation-stone of the beautiful new Episcopal Church, which is being erected at Strathpeffer as a memorial to the late Duchess of Sutherland, was laid in the presence of a large and fashionable company. The stone was laid according "to the ancient rites of Masonry." A platform was erected for the convenience of the visitors, but the weather was so bitterly cold that the ceremony, picturesque and interesting in its way, was quickly gone through, to the relief of all. The Masonic brethren assembled at the railway station, where, after being marshalled, they proceeded to the Pavilion. There was a very good muster of the brethren. All being in readiness the Lodge was duly constituted, and headed by the Dingwall Volunteer band, the brethren marched in procession to the church. As a memorial church it will be a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Duchess, who gave the site free. Already a sum of £1,500 has been subscribed, but according to the estimates the work will cost about £2,600 Bishop Kelly, delighted with the progress of the work and the cordial manner in which it is being taken up, gave an additional donation of £10 towards the building fund. The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone was undertaken by Sir Hector Munro, who was assisted by Mr. Tucker, Stornoway; Mr. Joass, Dingwall, and other brethren, and at the close he declared the stone to be well and truly laid, according to the rules of Masonry. Addressing the gathering, Sir Hector said it was customary on an occasion such as that for the presiding Mason to give an address. At the outset he was glad to say that the foundation-stone had been laid according to the rules of good Masonry, and he took that opportunity of congratulating all the inhabitants of Strathpeffer upon that auspicious event. The new church was dedicated to the memory of a lady who was beloved by all, and who in her lifetime took the deepest interest in the Strath and all in its neighbourhood, and he was sure it gave them all the greatest pleasure to see such a large gathering there that day. He was sure it was their earnest desire that the new church should be a credit to Strathpeffer, and a credit to Ross-shire, and that the spirit of unity and good fellowship should continue, and that they should all have reason to congratulate themselves upon this new addition to their places of worship. As a health resort, Strathpeffer was well known as one of the best in Great Britain, its beautiful scenery and lovely walks commanding the attention and admiration of all, and he was sure they all wished it increased popularity and prosperity. They were glad to see so many of their brethren from a distance present that day, and particularly their esteemed friend Sir H. C. Macandrew, the Provincial Grand Master of Inverness-shire. It was particularly gratifying to the Masons of Ross-shire to see such a large gathering, and to witness the cordial reception those present had given to them all. Mr. Gunn, on behalf of the family of the late Duchess of Sutherland, tendered his best thanks to Sir Hector and the Masonic brethren present for their attendance, and said they all regarded it as a touching mark of respect and esteem to the memory of the late Duchess. Sir Henry Macandrew in a word expressed his great gratification at being present, and seeing such a large gathering of his brethren. He hoped that the meeting of that day was but the beginning of many fraternal gatherings. The proceedings were then brought to a close in due form.

MASONIC LECTURE AT SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

SECOND visit to the Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1000, at Southend-on-Sea, Esser, was paid by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., on the 3rd inst., for the purpose of continuing his lectures on the Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry. Amongst the namerous brethren present were Bros. Hood W.M., Thomas S.W., Vandervord J.W., Lucking P.G.P. Treasurer, Dawson P.M. Secretary, Barnard S.D., Cumine J.D., Martin I.G., Walker Tyler, Bridgland P.M., Hon. P. G. Lambert P.M., Fearneide Organist, Berry P.M., Walton, Adams, Pritchard, Creswell, Bowmacher, G. F. Vandervord, Reed, Trigg, Bull, Forbes, Floyd, Val Mason, Brown, Cogill, Hobday, Armitage, Chignell, Brown, and others. Lodge having been opened, Bro. Stevens commenced at eight o'clock an extempore address which, saving only a brief "call off" for refreshments, rivetted the earnest attention of his hearers until eleven. The several Craft degrees and their ritual, with the allegorical and symbolic meanings attached thereto, were illustrated by the lecturer in a manner very different to that of the ordinary method of instruction by sections, and the quality as well as quantity of the valuable information, much of which was entirely new to many of the veteran Masons present, occasioned agreeable surprise. There can be no doubt that Bro. Stevens can both instruct and entertain his hearers, and judging from the hearty reception accorded to him on introduction, and the applause which followed his address, it may be fairly assumed that his lectures are doing good service to the Craft generally, and more particularly to the Lodges in which he may be heard. A vote of thanks to the lecturer having been unanimously carried, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated, well pleased with the ovening's proceedings.

PRESENTATION AT LEEDS.

W. BRO. J. Cooper Malcolm, the Leeds Borough Coroner, who is for the second time occupying the chair of K.S. in Lodge Alfred, No. 306, and Mrs. Malcolm, were on Friday afternon, the 3rd inst., the recipients of a most handsome and valuable token of regard from the Officers and Members of the Lodge. As a mark of esteem for their genial Worshipful Master, and as a token of regard to Mrs. Malcolm, his accomplished wife, the brethren had subscribed for a handsome silver salver and tea service, and also for a P.M.'s jewel; and on Friday afternoon these handsome and appropriate presents were handed over to the recipients amid general manifestations of good will and esteem. The Rev. C. A. Lambert, M.A., Vicar of Weston, who is Senior Warden, was the medium of presenting to Mrs. Malcolm the silver tea service, which is of chaste design, each article being engraved with suitable Masonic emblems. The silver salver bears the following inscription :--- "Presented to Mrs. J. C. Malcolm as a mark of esteem, by numerous brothren of the Alfred Lodge, 3rd April 1891." He bore elequent testimony to the lady's worth and expressed the deep sense of regard felt by his brethren at the graceful hospitality which Mrs. Malcolm had dispensed to the brethren and their wives. Bro. Malcolm, in feeling terms, acknowledged the present on behalf of his wife, and said they would never use that beautiful service without being reminded of the good will so pleasantly expressed by the members of the Lodge. Bro. Wedderspoon then presented to Bro. Malcolm a beautiful Past Master's following inscription :-- " Presented to W. Bro. J. C. Malcolm W.M. P.M. P.P.G.Reg. West Yorks by the following Officers:-C. A. Lambert S.W., D. Wedderspoon J.W., J. Dyson P.M. Treasurer, W. Towers Secretary, A. Neil S.D., J. F. Towers J.D., G. Darley I.G., C. Fenton S.S., E. Harlow J.S., R. E. Seanor P.M. Dir. of Cers. Bro. Malcolm heartily reciprocated the good feelings which the donors had shown towards him, and the proceedings terminated.

"The Tyler," in Liverpool Fairplay, writes :---

The editor of the Madras Masonic News informs his readers in a recent issue that items are very scarce to obtain, and asks for assistance, asserting at the same time that he travels about 300 miles per month per bullock coach to enable him to gatherh is notes. This brother has evidently a lively time of it.

His editor thus comments :---

In reading over "The Tyler's" notes, I cannot pass the reference be makes to the editor of the Madras Masonic News without adding the remark that it would be well if the wortby "Tyler" himself took a hint from the industry and perseverance of his Indian confrère. Think of "The Tyler" lolling in the lap of luxury, sucking ninepenny eigers all day long, to say nothing of the expensive liqueurs he consumes, and the use of an always attendant hassom. Then think of the Madrag editor doing his 300 miles on a bullock coach in order to pick up few "pars." What a moral and a contrast ! Surely such as example is enough to make even "The Tyler" turn from his wicke indelence and procrastination !

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From New York we learn there has been much remark in Roman Catholic circles respecting the fact that Father Sherman, a wellknown priest, administered the last sacraments to Lawrence Barrett—whose death was recently announced—notwithstanding he was a Freemason, and therefore not entitled to receive them. Father Sherman's reply is that Archbishop Corrigan consented to his administering the sacraments on condition that there should be up Masonic rites at the funeral.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual meeting of the subscribers of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. A large attendance included Bros. Powell P.G.C. (a Vice-President of the Fund) who presided, Lord P.P.G.T. (Treasurer of the Fund), Gover P.P.G. Secretary (Secretary) Cornish P.P.G.T. (Anditor), Burrett P.P.G.S.D. (Vice-President), Pengelly P.P.G.A.D.C., Griffin P.P.G.J.D., Trovenn P.P.G.D.C., Jew P.P.G.T., Allsford, Hooper P.P.G.D. Cr., Goodall P.P.G.O., Macey, and Wallis, Roberts and Dillon Assistant Secretary (Life Governors), Atherton 248, Hendry 189, Cawsey P.P.G.J.D., Burt 230, Titherley W.M. 1550, Radmore 150, Olver 1247, Wilson 1205, Aitken-Davis P.P.G.S. Works, Hambly P.P.G.S. Works, Bird 1550, Horswill 105, Barber 1247, Payne 223, Whitley P.P.G.O., Stanbury P.P.G.D.C., Hoyten 223, Moysey P.P.G.J.D., Hocking 70, Matten S.W. 1550, Sweet S.W. 1212, Tacker 202, Warren 159, Uglow 1247, Sloman 159, Corrick 159, and Coleman 1550. The reports of the Treasurer and Auditors were presented and adopted. They shewed the fund to be in a prosperous condition. At the close of 1889 the fund stood at £974 16s; at the close of 1890 it had risen to £1,018 10s. There were at present sixteen children on the fund, each receiving £15 per annum towards their education and clothing. The fund was raised entirely by voluntary aid, its management was gratuitous, the-only expenses incurred being for printing and postage. Bros. Lord the Treasurer, Gover the Secretary, and Dillon the Assistant Secretary, were unanimously re-elected to their offices, and heartily thanked for their past valuable services. Bros. Cornish and Hambly were elected Auditors. The Finance Committee were appointed to be :---Bros. Lose sen. P.P.G. Pursivant, Warren P.P.G.O., Stocker P.P.G.T., Powell, Brewer P.P.G.J.W., Fulford P.P.G.T., Jew P.P.G.T. Whittley, Allsford, Bird, and Leonard. The Educational and General Purposes Committee will consist of Bros. the Rev. Whittley P.P.G.S.W., Jones P.P.G.J.W., Brewer, Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. Major Davie P.G. Secretary, Gover, Jew, Cross P.P.G.T., Westlake P.P.G.S.D., Lord, Lethbridge P.P.G.S. Works, Powell P.G.T., Pen-gelly, Gregory, Aitken-Davies, Lacey, Cornish, Goodall, Knight P.P.G.S.B., Cawsey, Hambly, Hooper, Stanbury, Trevena, Gray 105, Fulford, Jerman P.P.G.T., Stocker P.P.G.T., Whittley, H. Stocker, Macey, Taylor P.P.G.D.C., Chalice 1855, Watson P.P.G.A.D.C., Griffin P.P.G.J.D., Allsford, Bird, Horswill, Kinton Bond P.P.G.D.C., Radmore 159, Cocks 106, Hannaford 223, and Mutten and Dillon. The proposition "That the Trustees of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund be instructed to transfer the £500 of that Institution now in the hands of the Devon and Cornwall Bank, to the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, at [3] per cent.," was discussed at some length and ultimately adopted, but will have to be confirmed at the next meeting of the subscribers and donors in October before it can be carried into effect. The election of candidates to the fund was then proceeded with. There were two candidates, both boys, one aged 81 years, the son of a deceased brother of Lodge Hauley, No. 787, Dartmouth, third application; the other aged 9, son of a deceased brother of Lodges 1247 and 223, Plymouth, second application. Bros. Griffin, Goodall, and Allsford were appointed scrutineers. At the close of the scrutiny Bro. Griffin announced that there had been 1686 votes recorded. For the candidate from Lodges 1247 and 223 there had been 463 votes brought forward, and 1223 given-total 1686; for the candidate from 787 there had been 422 votos brought forward and 463 given-total 865. The former was therefore declared elected. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all the Officers for their zealous services.

BAZAAR AT BATLEY.

TN connection with the new Masonic Hall, which has just been erected in St. James's-street, off Branch-road, for the brethren of the Trafalgar Lodge of Freemasons, a three days' bazaar was opened on Saturday afternoon by R. I. Critchley, Esq., J.P., in the presence of a large gathering. Amongst those present were Walter Critchley, Esq., J.P., Dr. Broughton, Messrs. W. Sheard, Miles Armitage, J. W. Bannister, W. Brcarley, Geo. Hollies, &c. Mr. Critchley, after some jocular remarks, thanked the committee and brethren of the Trafalgar Lodge for the kind invitation they had given him to open the bazaar, and said he had great pleasure in being present to perform that function. He was pleased to see that the ladies had taken such great interest in the matter, and had collected such a magnificent stock of beautiful things for sale. The object of the bazaar was a very good one, and well deserved the support of the ladies. He knew that there were some cases in which ladies had shown some little prejudice about Freemasoury, simply where all are so good it would be bad form to mention any one in because it took away their hu hands from the domestic he did not think those husbands were very particular about the time they returned. But that was not the the fault of Freemasonry, the three grand principles of which were-brotherly love, relief, and truth. It had been said that there were other principles in Freemasonry, but not one so good as those. It was like many other things, sometimes abused. It was the abuse of good things that gave them a bad name. However, he was not going to give them a lecture on Freemasonry. He would simply say it was a very good thing in itself. It was founded on religious principles—piety, virtue, and everything that was good—so that, as a rule, Freemasons were charitable and good citizens; in fact, the precepts of Freemasonry taught nothing but was honourable and true. He then went on to refer to special cases in which substantial assistance had been given to people who had not been prosperous in business, and who, but for such timely assistance, would have been in distressed circumstances. After complimenting the ladies on the beautiful display of artic leson put by Mr. M. Armitage, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to be had from Messrs. Cassell.

Mr. Critchley. The cost of the new building will be from £1,100 to £1,200. It has been erected from designs prepared by Mr. J. H. Brierley, architect, of Batley. The object of the bazaar is to clear off the debt existing on the building. The patrons were the Right Worshipful Bros. T. W. Tew; J.P., P.G.D. of England, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Hy. Smith D.P.M., P.M. 387, P.G.D. of England, P.P.G. Secretary, and the rest of the W. Provincial Grand Officers, Bros. R. I. Critchley, J.P., P.M. 208, Past Provincial Grand Warden West Yorkshire, J. W. Blackburn, Mrs. I'. W. Tew, and other ladies of the district. The Committee of Management consisted of Bros. W. Akeroyd W.M., S. S. Baines S.W., A. W. Broughton, and the brethren of the Trafalgar Lodge, with Bro. George Hollies as hon. Secretary. The following were the stall holders:-Stall No. 1: Mesdames I. Parker, Jos. Colbeck, J. W. Banister, W. Sheard, A. W. Broughton, Jas. Colbeck, J. O. Pickles, G. H. Wilks, S. S. Baines, H. Owen, Willoughby, W. B. Armitage, A. C. Clegg, S. Hartley, and other ladies. Stall No. 2: Mesdames George Hollies, Jos. Kemp, John Thompson, Wm. Brearley, S. Mower, W. Akeroyd, W. Saville, D. I. Blakeley, W. H. Riddlesworth, Jacob Harry Sheard, Mark Lee, Miss A. Pearson, Messers. Blamires, Sykes, G. Cowling, Peace, and other ladies. Refreshment Stall: Mrs. Joseph Colbeck, Mrs. Joseph Kemp, Misses Hollies, Banister, Pearson, Saville, Sheard, Frost, Thompson, Blakeley, Lee, Pickles, Akeroyd, Baines, Blamires, Colbeck, Walker, Bell. There was also a gentleman's stall, in charge of Mr. W. H. Riddlesworth; a post and parcels office, post mistress, Miss Kate Binns; a cloak-room, &c. Entertainments of a miscellaneous character were provided, in-cluding pianoforte recitals by Mr. F. W. Brooke, of the Hull Concerts, Ethiopian entertainments by the Bros. Parfitt, Shakespearian recitals by the Misses Blamires, humorous songs by Bro. A. Fearnsides, feats of legerdemain by Professor Link, tableaux vivants, &c. The bazaar was continued on Monday and Tuesday.

MASONIC BALL AT HEREFORD.

THE first Masonic ball which has taken place in Hereford for some L years occurred on the 1st inst., at the Shirehall. The large ball-room was tastefully decorated for the occasion by Mr. George Holloway. At the entrance to the room was placed the banner of the Herefordshire Provincial Grand Lodge, and the tracing board of the Palladian Lodge, 120-under whose auspices the ball took placeand on each side of the doorway stood a Tyler, armed with a sword. The orchestra was decked with palms, ferns, and flowering plants, lent by Bro. J. Palley, and in the centre of the orchestra was a section of a Lodge, consisting of a Worshipful Master's chair, a podestal, and two columns, belonging to the Palladian. Behind these were the banner of the Palladian Royal Arch Chapter, and at the rear of this again was the city banner, which, for the nonce, was adopted as that of the Lodge. Included in the display of banners, of which there was a considerable number, were nineteen Knight Templars' banners, four Royal Arch banners, and two Lodge banners, from Worcester, those of the Knight Templars being lent by E.C. Bro. H. Rowe, the Royal Arch flags by the Chapter of the Worcester district, and the Lodge banners by Bro. J. S. Wood. Other banners also found places on the orchestra and about the room. Bro. E. F. Mitchell W.M. of the Arrow Lodge, Kington, also lent the handsome banner of his Lodge, and the Hunt Club gave the use of the settees and other furniture. The Committee of Management were Bro. W. Cullwick W.M. of the Palladian Lodge and the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. The band was under the direction of Mr. W. James, and played an excellent selection of music.

THE THEATRES, &c. _:o:_

Mohawk Minstrels.-Enthusiastic audiences have witnessed with delight the capital programme provided by this troupe for the Easter holidays. Night after night crowds have been disappointed in their endeavour to get into the spacious hall at Islington, but those who have succeeded have been fully repaid for their trouble. The first part of the programme consists of the usual sentimental and comic songs enlivened by jokes and conumdrums, and certain it is Mr. Harry Hunter and his merry men have been in fine form. The "Bogie Man" brings the first part to a close, and here Mr. Johnny Danvers scores a great hit. Several interesting and amusing items help to make the second portion of the programme interesting; and

particular. It is, however, interesting to note that the Mohawks now rely on their own talent and do not call in artistes from the music halls to help them, and we can conscientiously say that the programme loses nothing by the change. The programme is brought to a conclusion by a performance of the "Red Brigands," in which the majority of the troups take part. We may mention that one or two special programmes will be given in the near future.

As number after number of Messrs. Cassell's "World of Adventure" is brought to our notice, the more regretful we feel that the work will soon be completed. Each story of adventore, hair-breadth 'scape. accident on land and sea, shipwreck and battle, are most interesting, and the more we read the more we want to. Certain it is that "The World of Adventure" may be looked upon as a standard work of reference, and one that should find a place in every English home. the stalls, he declared the bazaar open, and gave a donation of £20. We may conclude by saying that the issue just to hand is No. 31, On the motion of Mr. J. W. Banister, seconded by Dr. Broughton and and the whole is to be completed in 36 parts. All back numbers can

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

Saturday, 11th April.

- 108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 173 Phonix, Freemasons' Hall, W.O.
 1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
 1672 Research and street

- 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon M.M. 211 Hammersmith, Windsor Castle, King St.
- 1415 Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1637 Unity, Harrow 1900 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport 2006 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Groydon 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Monday, 18th April.

- Monday, 13th April. 5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C. 29 St. Albans, Albien, Aldersgate Street 58 Felicity, Ship and Tartle, Leadenhall Street 58 Felicity, Ship and Tartle, Leadenhall Street 50 St. John, Albien, Aldersgate Street, E.C. 136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C. 133 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C. 222 St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria Street 557 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1337 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield 1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion, W. 1571 Leopold, Bridgo House Hotel, London Bridgo 1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington R.A. 22 Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. R.A. 1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate M.M. 239 Royal Naval, 8a Red Lior Square, W.C. 40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings

- R.A. 1366 Highgate, Gatchouse Hotel, Highgate M.M. 239 Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings 75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth 88 Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridgo 104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport 151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields 262 Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury 292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield 297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Liverpool 296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield 297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Liverpool 298 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield 297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Liverpool 298 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield 297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Newcastle 502 Rectitude, Town Hall, Ruzby 687 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham 589 Druids of Love and Liberality, M.H., Redruth 665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis 671 Prince of Wales, Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanolly 721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester 797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth 893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook 949 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth 1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness 1069 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea 1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham 1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Sandgate 1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate 1439 Royal Millary, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds 1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate 1439 Royal Millary, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. 1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham 1502 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmands 1611 Eboracum, Musonio Hall, St. Saviourgate, York 1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea. 1066 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset RA. 154 Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Wakefield M.A. 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield M.A. 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield M.A. Egerton, Royal Kock, Rock Ferry, Choshire R.A. 495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield M.M. Egerton, Royal Hock, Rock Ferry, Choshire R.C. 12

Tuesday, 14th April.

- 96 Burlington, Albion Tayern Aldersgate Street

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 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.O.
 211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City
 548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 834 Ranelagh, Criterion. W.
 917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hotel
 933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1269 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1184 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 2127 Drury Laue, Drury Lano Theatre, W.C.
 R.A. 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.A. 185 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 M.M. 22 Southwark, Bridge House Hot, Southwark
 93 Social 23 St. Cillege Street Norwigh

2000 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Horae Bay
R.A. 70 St. John's, Hursho Mis, Tem. Plymouth
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Chib. Ksizhley
R.A. 268 Unite, Queen's Arms, Addonsmeler-Lyng
R.A. 260 Fidelity, Mas. Hell, Contra Hill, Loods
R.A. 500 St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Bolmin
R.A. 557 Zeon, 9 Hemilton Street, Bickenced
R.A. 553 Temole, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Excord
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M.M. 15 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 15th April.

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Thursday, 16th April.

23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
40 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
55 Constitutional, Inns of Court Ho el, W.C.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Floet Screet
181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wool
813 New Concord, Guiddhall Tavern, E.C.
1227 Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, D dlwich
R.A 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. Bon Accord, St. Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7 Carnaryon, Mitre Hotel, Humpton Court
42 Welief, Albion Hotel, Bury 23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 43 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury 42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury 58 Howard, High Street, Arundel 98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Barslem 100 Friendship, Grown and Auchor, Gt. Yarmouth 203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, faiverpool 268 Union, Queen's Arms Iun, Ashton-ander-Lyng 343 Concord, Militia Offic rrs' Mess Rooms, Preston 345 Perseverance, Old Ball Hotel, Blackburn 367 Probity and Freedom, Rod Lion, Smallbridgo 523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester 600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford 665 Wiltshire F-delity, Masonic Hall, Devizes 1041 Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford 1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds

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- 1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, E.C. 7.A.92 Moirs, Albion, Aldersgue Stever E.C. M.M. 176 Era, Sa Red Lion Squere, W C. K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Heed, Greenwich R.C. 10 Invice, 33 Golden Squere, W.

Saturday, 18th April.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C. 1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hull, Hackney 1614 Cr.chton, Surrey Masonic Hull, Camberwell R.A. 142 St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel M.M. 251 Tenterden, Auderton's Hotel, E.C.

*08 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1194 Villiers, Albany Rotel, Twickenham
 1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington

2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mury Cray, Kont R.A. 2096 Georgo Price, Greyhound, Croydon

INSTRUCTION. ---;0;---- , Saturday, 11th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Alberty, St. Catherine Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 Manchester, 8 Tottonham Court Road, W.C. 8
 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8
 Star, Dovor Castle, Deptford Causoway, S.E. 7
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1275 Star, Dovor Castle, Deptron Causoway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1301 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hacknoy, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hacknoy, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:39
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoo Street, Walthamstow, 8
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 13th April.

PAODGRY, 13th April.
22 Longhborough, G eiden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptien, Athenie Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Rentway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
155 St. Junes's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
213 True Lova & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
324 Reval Union, Caequers' Hotel, Uxbridgo
344 W. Bragtan, Waite Swan, High St., Deptford,
843 Evertan, Masonie Hall, Liverpool, 730
43 Dare, Duce's Head, 79 Whitechapel Bord, 8
945 Rose of De mark, Gauden Hotel, Chepana, 73
1247 Uaton, Three Naus, Allgub, E., 8

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12.7 U. ton, Three Naus, Al Latta, E., 8
13:9 Stockwell, Wirte Hitt, Abebare (Arne, 6:30)
1425 Hyde Pars, Pierce et al. Abebare (Arne, 6:30)
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1444 Prince Leopold, 2:2 Whitechapel (to t.t. E., 7)
1449 Royal Milliary, Maso re Hall Cauteratey, 8
1459 M. of Ripon, Queeo's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1597 Metropolitan, The Miongarta, B.C., 7 35
1595 Royal Common normation, Railway Ho, Patney
1693 Kilburu, 46 South M. Fon Steet, M., 8
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tivora, Highbury, N., 8:30
1704 Elennor, Rose and Cowa, Totonhain, 8
1743 Pergeverance, Dore at's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambroae, Buou's Ct. Hoy, W. Kensington, 8
1001 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Stat Dulwich, 3
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Maryleboue, the Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 14th April.

1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chartsoy 1897 Citadel, Radway Hotel, Harrow

- 152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester 271 Royal Charenco, Royal Pavilion, Brighton 317 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Tipton 316 Phonix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket 511 De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Nowenstle 993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulmo 1311 Zetland, Masonie Hall, Leods 1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton R.A. 61 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield R.A. 537 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon M.M. 65 West Lancushire, M.H., Liverpool M.M. 123 Callender, Dorby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire 152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich 131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro 184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Bromp-131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birningham
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Birningham
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495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
603 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton
526 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726 Staffordshire Knot, North Westera Hot, Staff
820 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidenp
892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903 Giosport, India Arms Hotel, Jironbridge
120 St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
126 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Warrington
3465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509 Madee, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoe
1515 Baidon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baidon
1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton

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25 Robert Burns, 8 Totteuham Court Road, 8
25 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Dunatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Real Cap, Cam on Towa, 8
214 Merchants, Masonic H.H. L verpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8.
554 Yardborough, Green Dragoo, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred, William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Mulderon Arns, Oalston, 8
864 Finsbury, King's Heal, Threath nedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Heavesta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Misonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Oansiag Town, 7:30
1454 Hount Edgeurane, Three Surge, Lambeth Rd, 8
1474 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
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 549 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
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 760 Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 751 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 903 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustino, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,

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Thursday, 16th April. 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8

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- 263 Charence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 435 Salisbary, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
 751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
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 1017 Monteflore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
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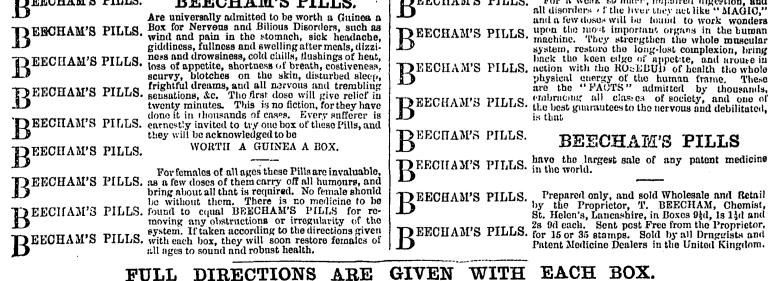
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