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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The ninety-first anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, Grand Treasurer of England. About 500 brethren were present, and from 200 to 300 ladies. The Chairman was supported on his right and left respectively by Bros. Col. Burdett, John Hervey, Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, A. J. Duff Filer, Col. Peters, W. Winn, Rev. Dr. Morris, Rev. R. P. Bent, H. A. Dubois, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. J. P. Dumas, James Lewis Thomas, H. G. Buss, Thos. Cubitt, Edw. Cox, Dr. Barringer, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Constantine Burke, Prov. G.M. Jamaica (S.C.); James Terry, F. Binckes, and Herbert Dicketts.

The list of Stewards comprised the following names:—

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The Ladies' Stewards were:

Bros. Rev. J. Amos, 256; R. Arnison, 296; G. G. Bell, 144; Capt. H. A. Bennett, 4; R. Berridge, 21; E. Bowyer, Chap. 1471; A. Brookman, 1657; A. G. Browning, 33; T. W. C. Bush, 1728; T. Collinson, 139; H. W. Dalwood, 1589; H. A. Dubois, 1777; G. P. Festa, 834; H. J. Gabb, Chap. 813; W. J. Garrod, 435; N. Gluckstein, 185; C. Hammerton, 144; W. Hopekirk, 179; E. Johnson, 140; George Kenning, T. J. Maidwell, 27; W. R. Marsh, 1805; H. B. Marshall, 1777; C. F. Matier, J. H. Matthews, 143; W. H. Morson, 1320; J. F. Moss, 296; C. J. Perceval, 174; J. T. Pilditch, 1420; W. Ramsey, 1745; G. Smith, D. Steinhauer, 1326; E. Terry, 1319; R. B. Webster, 140; A. Withers, 211; A. C. Woodward, 1538; E. C. Woodward, Chap. 77; Capt. J. Wordsworth, 60.

When dinner had been disposed of grace was sung by the professional brethren and ladies, and the toasts were proposed.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said: "The first toast I have to submit to your notice is one which is always given in every assembly of Englishmen and Masons—the health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. (Cheers.) It requires no words of mine to commend this toast to your notice. I will simply tell you, which probably you all know, that the Queen is the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of three distinguished members of our Craft. (Cheers.)"

The Chairman: The second toast I have to offer to you is that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Patron, the Princess of Wales, Patroness, and the other Members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) The Prince of Wales has endeared himself alike to his own countrymen and to all with whom he has come in contact abroad, by his geniality, courtesy, friendliness, consideration, and attention to all the minutiae of business. (Cheers.) I call upon you, as loyal Freemasons, to drink the toast, with one cheer more for the great grandchild born yesterday. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: I now call upon you to drink "The Healths of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest

of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." (Cheers.) All those who are in the habit of attending Grand Lodge are well aware how nobly and well the Earl of Carnarvon presides over it. (Hear, hear.) Lord Skelmersdale likewise is a favourite, and does his work well when it becomes necessary for him to preside. The rest of the Grand Officers are ever anxious to uphold the honour and dignity of Grand Lodge. I will couple with the toast the name of Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. (Cheers.)

Col. Burdett, in reply, said: M.W. Bro. Chairman, in responding for the Grand Officers whom we have around us, and whom we see in such large numbers, you may be sure I feel rather diffident and bashful in addressing such a large assembly of brethren. Still, at the same time, you will, perhaps, excuse me for saying a few words about the Grand Officers Past, as well as those who are Present Grand Officers. It is a great satisfaction to the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge generally that we have such a Grand Master as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Still, though he is not the first Prince of the Royal blood that we have had to preside over Grand Lodge of England, I do not believe there has been any Grand Master who has presided over it with greater satisfaction or pleasure to himself and that of Grand Lodge than the present Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) The Pro G.M. and the Deputy Grand Master you know so well that I need say nothing in the world about them; but as long as we are able to keep them in the position they now hold we shall be glad to see them, no matter how many years it may be. (Cheers.) With respect to the Grand Wardens, you may be sure that in the hands of the Prince of Wales proper appointments are quite safe. During all the time he has had the appointment of Grand Officers no one has come forward and cast a single word against the appointments. I am quite satisfied that the Grand Officers he has appointed as yet are quite willing, and endeavour to do their duty as earnestly, zealously, and well as those that have preceded them; and I believe that those who have preceded the present Grand Officers have given the greatest satisfaction, both to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge, as well as to the whole of the Craft. (Hear hear.)

Bro. Col. Creaton then rose, and said: Brethren, I feel sure that I can rely on the courtesy and consideration of my brethren, which I have so often experienced, and of which I am always sensible, to bear with me while I endeavour, "though imperfectly," to commend to their notice the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Cheers.) It is in the knowledge of all why, in default of a more distinguished brother, I occupy the post of your Chairman, and I need hardly add that that fact constitutes another claim, a claim which I know will not be made in vain, on your kindly forbearance and lenient criticism. We are here to-night to celebrate the ninety-first Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, instituted Lady-day, 1788. I, for one, rejoice to remember a fact, which all present will rejoice in too, that whereas in 1788 the School was under the patronage of H.R.H. the Duchess of Cumberland, wife of the then Grand Master, it is now under the patronage of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, wife of the present Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) Happy coincidence, and full of gratification to the always loyal members of our Order. It seems needless on such a festive occasion as this to occupy your time with elaborate statistics or a long speech; it may suffice us all gladly to remember that, making a small beginning, our School has grown, as the years have run away, until it has become a great and important Institution, perhaps unique amid existing educational establishments in England for the thoroughly good, useful, practical, and sound instruction which it imparts, and the homely care it takes of the poor orphan or destitute children of our brotherhood. (Cheers.) There is no institution, I make bold to say—and I know it well, having worked for it long—which more commends itself to our sympathy and support than the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Owing to constant claims for admission, and long lists of unsuccessful candidates, we have successively added to the school buildings, and increased the number of its inmates, until 200 girls are receiving a thoroughly satisfactory training and fostering care within the sheltering walls of a happy home. Those of us who have lately visited the School will be struck, as all must be, with the cleanliness, order, and system every where apparent, with the brightness, vivacity, and happiness of the children, all betokening the assiduity of the governing body, the skill of the teachers, and the practical value of the general system of management, supervision, and instruction. (Cheers.) With regard to the lists about to be read, I cannot help saying a few concluding words. In 1859, Lord Panmure at the festival of the School considered £1500 a most remarkable return; what would he have said, had he lived till now, when the hundreds of 1859 are changed into the thousands of 1879? As a very old Mason now, I feel proud, I do not hesitate to say, at the liberality of our Order, which nothing interferes with, and nothing wearies, and feel sure we shall shortly listen to a return which will redound alike to the liberality of the Craft, zeal of the Stewards, the good of the Institution, and the labours of Bro. Hedger. I call on you to drink with hearty good wishes, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Loud cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., in reply, said: Ladies and Brethren, it has pleased the Chairman of this evening to nominate me to respond to the toast which you have just drunk. I am inclined to think that the duty is imposed on me to return thanks on behalf of the Institution for the honour that you have done it in drinking success to it, because I am the oldest member of the House Committee of the Institution. As such oldest member you may suppose that I have seen very great alterations and changes. When I was first a member of the House Committee there were something like 100 or 120 children at the School; there are now 200 within its walls, as our Chairman has

told us, and the education and care of those 200 children are carried on with the same regularity, the same care, and the same punctuality as when the 120, or the 80 of a few years before, were in the Institution. How this Institution should have continued to increase from year to year it would be difficult now to go back and say; but I have no doubt when the announcement of the lists by Bro. Hedges is made to-night, it will be a proof of the earnestness and sincerity of the brethren on behalf of the Institution for which I am now responding. I have not the slightest doubt that as years go on and the brotherhood increases, there will still be, year after year, at the several festivals a sufficient sum supplied to meet the needs of the more needy brethren, and that they have no occasion to fear that their children will not be looked after in the future. (Hear, hear.) I thank you on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and particularly the Stewards of this present evening, for the manner in which they have brought this festival to a successful issue, and at the close I am sure we shall have to thank them still more.

Bro. Hedges then read the following lists of subscriptions:—

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Lodge.		£	s. d.
1 Bro. Bradshaw Brown	...	26	5 0
2 " E. H. Letchworth	...	113	9 0
" J. A. Batley	...	10	10 0
Chap.			
2 " Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	...	15	15 0
Lodge.			
4 " Capt. H. A. Bennett	...	5	5 0
5 " Major Horace W. Scriven	...	45	3 0
7 " Percy F. Sutton	...	18	17 6
8 " E. J. Beale	...	15	15 0
9 " Thomas Moring	...	50	8 0
10 " Rev. R. P. Bent	...	40	7 0
Chap. and Lodge.			
19 " Joyce Murray	...	68	0 0
Lodge.			
21 " Robert Berridge	...	56	14 0
" Thos. Meggy	...	15	15 0
22 " J. P. Collings	...	18	18 0
23 " Jean Reinhardt	...	15	15 0
25 " G. R. Shervill	...	175	7 0
26 " W. C. Beaumont	...	23	2 0
27 " T. J. Maidwell	...	125	0 0
28 " T. Jeremy Thomas	...	51	9 0
29 " H. C. Barker	...	31	10 0
33 " A. G. Browning	...	42	0 0
58 " W. Smithett	...	101	17 0
60 " Capt. J. Wordsworth	...	10	10 0
65 " E. W. Braine	...	11	11 0
Chap.			
77 " E. C. Woodward	...	10	10 0
Lodge.			
96 " W. V. Morgan	...	59	17 0
99 and 1159 Bro. Charles Cheston	...	112	2 0
140 " E. Johnson	...	36	15 0
" R. B. Webster	...	10	10 0
142 " J. W. Lambert	...	35	0 0
143 " J. H. Matthews	...	58	16 0
144 " G. Graham Bell	...	68	9 6
Mark.			
144 " C. Hammerton	...	100	0 0
Lodge.			
157 " L. J. Drew	...	63	0 0
162 " Major Williams	...	21	0 0
169 " George Brown	...	75	0 0
173 " John Finch	...	35	4 0
174 " C. J. Perceval	...	115	10 0
179 and 1586 W. Hopekirk	...	111	6 0
180 " E. Farwig	...	78	15 0
181 " E. W. Stanton	...	33	12 0
185 " N. Gluckstein	...	21	0 0
194 " W. J. Compton	...	63	0 0
197 " F. Donnithorne	...	17	17 0
201 " Jas. Smith	...	34	2 6
211 " Alfd. Withers	...	115	4 0
222 " F. W. Forrester	...	58	16 0
235 " T. C. Chown	...	15	15 0
256 " Rev. J. Amos	...	34	2 6
259 " Alfred Cooper	...	61	19 0
435 " W. J. Garrod	...	30	14 0
511 and 1767 George Read	...	73	10 0
554 " T. J. Barnes	...	97	2 0
569 " A. D. Everingham	...	53	11 0
657 " Edw. Cox	...	111	0 0
715 " W. Birdseye	...	25	4 0
742 " Henry Cox	...	29	8 0
754 " David Roberts	...	52	10 0
765 " J. C. Perkins	...	26	5 0
813 " James Blyth	...	58	16 0
" W. Pierpoint	...	23	2 0
Chap.			
813 " H. J. Galb	...	141	15 0
Lodge			
822 " L. Phillips, jun.	...	24	3 0
834 " G. P. Festa	...	36	15 0
871 " J. G. Vohmann	...	13	13 0
902 " Charles Young	...	32	10 0
907 " T. Hastings Miller	...	61	19 0
1260 " J. H. Southwood	...	74	10 0
Chap.			
1275 " Govan Macdonald	...	57	15 0
Lodge			
1278 " C. K. Crouch	...	52	10 0
1319 " E. Terry	...	51	9 0
1320 " W. H. Morson	...	71	8 0
1328 " F. West	...	53	11 0
1365 " J. L. Cozan	...	89	5 0
1381 " H. Higgins	...	45	13 0

Lodge			
1383 " J. M. P. Montagu	...	175	7 0
1420 " J. T. Pilditch	...	81	15 0
1421 " T. S. Taylor	...	131	5 0
1421 " G. Levick	...	49	7 0
Chap.			
1471 " E. Bowyer	...	84	0 0
Lodge			
1507 " J. Douglass	...	64	6 6
1538 " A. C. Woodward	...	26	5 0
1563 " B. H. Swallow	...	51	9 0
1572 " J. Cowan	...	171	13 6
1589 " H. W. Dalwood	...	31	10 0
1602 " J. Weston	...	50	0 0
1614 " A. J. Ireton	...	74	11 0
1615 " H. J. Sparks	...	45	1 0
1623 " W. Malthouse	...	12	12 0
1629 " H. Otley Wakeman	...	31	10 0
1657 " A. Brookman	...	27	6 0
1668 " W. Rutherford	...	63	0 0
1681 " R. Burleton	...	94	10 0
1695 " W. T. Purkiss	...	35	14 0
1707 " J. Tanner	...	18	18 0
1728 " T. W. C. Bush	...	141	15 0
1744 " J. Willing	...	63	4 0
1745 " W. Ramsey	...	10	10 0
1772 " J. Palmer	...	21	0 0
1791 " J. I. Cattle	...	238	1 0
1805 " W. R. Marsh	...	25	0 0
" W. Morgan, jun.	...	63	0 0
" A. E. Gladwell	...	4	15 0
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207 Bro. R. Roberts	...	29	8 0
574 " S. Knight	...	21	10 6
BRISTOL:—			
Bro. Bowden	...	37	16 0
CHESHIRE:—			
104 Bro. T. Burrows	...	...	...
" Herbert Finch	...	...	...
" W. Harrison	...	...	...
" J. Kirk	...	...	...
" G. Naylor	...	...	...
" J. Stafford	...	...	...
" J. Wood	...	126	0 0
295 and 321 G. H. Holden	...	26	5 0
477 " John Dutton	...	15	15 0
" William Bennett	...	63	0 0
537 " J. P. Platt	...	75	12 0
605 " R. C. Mellor	...	10	10 0
721 " J. J. Cunnah	...	19	2 0
979 and Chap. 321 John Blackhurst	...	20	0 0
CORNWALL:—			
131 Bro. W. J. Hughan	...	367	10 0
330 " S. G. Bake	...	10	10 0
DERBY:—			
253 Bro. W. H. Marsden	...	52	10 0
353 " H. E. Diamond	...	10	10 0
DEVONSHIRE:—			
112 Bro. Samuel Jones	...	117	11 0
328 " Fulwood	...	21	0 0
444 (Rose Croix and Red Cross also) W. R. Woodman, M.D.	...	103	10 0
DURHAM:—			
764 Bro. C. S. Lane	...	227	17 0
GLOUCESTER:—			
592 Bro. John Hide	...	53	11 0
855 F. J. Blake	...	43	1 0
The Baron de Ferrieres (representing the Province)...	...	99	15 0
Col. H. G. Basevi	...	64	1 0
HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT:—			
35 Bro. A. Barfield	...	47	5 0
257 " J. R. Hayman	...	10	10 6
723 " R. Eve	...	42	0 0
HERTFORD:—			
1327 Bro. J. Tydeman	...	54	12 0
1385 " F. Venables	...	73	10 0
1479 " J. N. Edwards	...	4	9 0
1757 " S. Haddock	...	11	11 0
KENT:—			
199 Bro. J. D. Terson	...	180	12 0
784 " A. F. S. Bird	...	68	15 6
1223 " E. J. Dodd	...	16	16 0
1273 " H. Tuff	...	68	5 0
1324 " H. L. Lovett	...	73	10 0
LINCOLN:—			
712 Bro. J. Fowler	...	21	0 0
LANCASHIRE (Eastern Division):—			
44 and 62 Bro. Capt. H. A. Bennett	...	63	0 0
Representing the Province—	...	...	...
Bro. C. F. Matier	...	222	0 0
LANCASHIRE (Western Division):—			
241 Bro. T. Salter	...	115	10 0
580 " J. Wells	...	36	15 0
613 " J. Wainwright	...	21	0 0
Chap.			
913 " J. F. Roberts	...	21	0 0
Lodge			
680 " W. C. Deeley	...	126	0 0
823 " J. Houlding	...	10	10 0
925 " G. Remington	...	13	14 0
1313 " J. Platt	...	26	5 0
1375 " G. D. Pochin	...	48	6 0
1496 " E. B. Harding	...	17	17 0
Province			
Bro. R. Wylie	...	105	0 0
Lodge			
32 " H. R. Robertson	...	53	0 0
MIDDLESEX:—			
778 Bro. R. G. Glover	...	19	19 0
1194 " F. R. W. Hedges	...	31	10 0

Chap.			
1194 " Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette	...	16	16 0
Lodge.			
1326 " D. Steinhaver	...	10	10 0
1423 " J. W. Baldwin	...	5	5 0
" John Faulkner	...	10	10 0
1549 " G. Tidcombe, jun.	...	42	0 0
1579 " T. J. Cusworth	...	21	0 0
1656 " J. W. Ockenden	...	17	17 0
1777 " H. A. Dubois	...	10	10 0
" H. B. Marshall (as the work of a F. C.)	...	105	0 0
" H. C. Levander (Province and Chapter 1293)	...	56	3 6
MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
1429 Bro. W. Watkins	...	63	0 0
NOTTINGHAM.			
402 Bro. C. F. Jacoby	...	...	...
N. WALES AND SALOP.			
1674 Bro. Coxhead	...	...	...
Representing the Province—	...	...	...
Ephraim Wood	...	66	3 0
OXFORDSHIRE.			
340 Bro. F. R. Hall	...	14	0 0
357 " E. L. Hawkins	...	20	6 0
478 " Fentham Hedges	...	21	16 0
599 " T. W. Holland	...	30	0 0
1703 " John Coles	...	10	10 0
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
As representing the Province—	...	...	...
Gen. H. E. Doherty, C.B.	...	247	16 0
SOUTH WALES (Eastern Division).			
Province—Bro. Thos. Phillips	...	105	0 0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
Lodge and Chap.			
418 Bro. J. Lovell Hamshaw	...	133	12 0
419 " James Walker	...	94	10 0
451 " H. Parker	...	148	1 0
SUFFOLK:—			
1592 Bro. W. J. Nunn	...	49	7 0
SURREY:—			
889 Bro. H. W. Linton	...	26	5 0
1395 " G. B. Smallpiece	...	22	1 0
SUSSEX:—			
271 Bro. Gerard Ford	...	90	6 0
723 " S. Solomon	...	65	2 0
811 " Geo. De Paris	...	76	13 0
WARWICKSHIRE:—			
284 Bro. J. G. Moore	...	47	5 0
395 " Nathaniel Merridew	...	15	15 0
" Herbert Stanley	...	10	10 0
587 " C. F. Rowe	...	28	7 0
925 " E. Worrall	...	63	0 0
" Jas. Stevens	...	57	15 0
938 " E. Handley	...	47	5 0
1180 " M. Joseph	...	21	0 0
" M. Steyermann	...	21	0 0
1431 " B. Allsop	...	36	15 0
1551 " T. Hands	...	31	10 0
WORCESTERSHIRE:—			
377 Bro. G. Taylor	...	141	15 0
YORKS (W. D.):—			
139 Bro. T. Collinson	...	...	...
" Dr. W. T. Hyme	...	...	...
" J. Shaw, jun.	...	...	...
149 " W. T. Sugg	...	...	...
" J. W. Sykes	...	...	...
154 " J. H. Cadman	...	...	...
275 " C. W. Keighley	...	...	...
296 " R. Arnison	...	...	...
" J. F. Moss	...	...	...
302 " J. R. Armitage	...	...	...
" Thos. Hill	...	...	...
495 " H. M. Edwards	...	...	...
827 " Allison W. Shaw	...	...	...
904 " Fredk. Cleaves	...	...	...
" R. J. Evans	...	...	...
910 " John Simpson	...	...	...
" T. W. Tew	...	...	...
1019 " A. W. Stanfield	...	...	...
1211 " G. F. Crowe	...	...	...
" J. W. Fowmess	...	...	...
1283 " R. D. Kendall	...	...	...
1462 and 1513 John Bustard	...	420	0 0
INDIA:—			
Bro. Major Marmaduke Ramsay	...	51	5 0
MISCELLANEOUS:—			
18 " J. Mowlem Burt	...	31	10 0
657 " Edw. Cox	...	5	5 0
" G. Smith	...	17	17 0
" H. Dicketts	...	10	10 0
" J. Leggett	...	10	10 0
SUMMARY:—			
London 119 Stewards	...	5850	8 0
Provinces 131 Stewards	...	5826	0 0
Since sent in...			
			£11,676 8 0
			36 15 0
			£11,713 3 0

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.: The toast which I am now privileged to propose

without a chairman, our Grand Treasurer, with that kindness and zeal which always distinguished him, stepped forward to fill up the breach, and placed his services at the disposal of the Board of Stewards, following the precedent of another Grand Treasurer. If any one should contend that the selection which has been made was not a good one, the answer to it is to be found in the fact that, under his presidency the lists of Grand Stewards amount to £11,700—£3000 in excess of last year, and £2000 in excess of any previous anniversary of the Institution. (Cheers.) We all know the services—and we all appreciate them highly—which our brother, Col. Creaton, has rendered us in presiding at the meetings of our charitable institutions, and, above all, to that Institution which it was our privilege and happiness to visit on Monday. (Cheers.) Under the labours of the Building Committee we have seen great additions made to that Institution, rendering it second to none of all the educational institutions in England. (Cheers.) Those who, on Monday, saw the happy faces of the children, and observed the order and exactitude with which every duty was performed—those who admired the recitations, and, above all, the calisthenics, and noticed the cleanliness and system which prevailed in every part of the Institution, must have felt that a deep debt of gratitude was due to the Building Committee, which has so successfully enlarged the School. (Cheers.) I am unwilling to add another word to the toast, which, I am sure, commends itself to the sympathy, the remembrance, and the heart of every brother present. I will, therefore, content myself with asking you to drink a bumper toast to our Chairman, to whom we must all feel thankful for having come forward, at a moment of great emergency, to preside at this, I am happy to say, most successful anniversary. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Col. Creaton, in response, said: I feel it difficult to express myself sufficiently consonant with my feelings for the kind way in which Bro. Woodford has spoken of my humble services, and to you, brethren, for the very handsome way in which you have received my name. I assure you it has been a source of great gratification to me to-night to be here and to receive that kindness from my brethren, which, I must tell you frankly, I had anticipated, but not to the extent which I have met with to-night. I can assure you that it is always a great pleasure to me, especially in regard to our Charities, if my humble services can be made available in any way. I do not think I need say more, brethren, than heartily to thank you, as I do at the present moment from the bottom of my heart, for the kind and handsome reception which you have given me to-night. (Cheers.)

The Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers of the Institution." In doing so he said: "The toast which I have the honour to propose to-night is in favour of our Charities, and you know when the Chairman commands, I am too good a Mason not to obey. The toast embraces a large number of persons, and I wish you to drink their health. Every one of the persons embraced in the toast has done the best in his power to advance the success of the Institution. I am not going to dilate on their respective merits in a long speech, but I will select one among the whole body, the Medical Officers, and I am sure what I say will meet with your sympathy when I tell you that they have conscientiously and devotedly discharged the duties of their office. All the other brethren comprised in the toast also perform their duties in the same manner. I shall ask you to join me in drinking this toast, and I shall couple with it the name of a brother who is almost new to Masonry, but who has shown his hearty zeal and wish to support our noble Charities, by making himself in a few years a Vice-Patron of our three Institutions. He is almost new to London Masons, and when I mention the name of the Baron Ferrieres, I have no doubt it is one you are not accustomed to hear. It is a name of a thoroughly good man, as I myself know. I don't care what he has done in other things, but he has done much for his fellow-creatures and brother Masons, and has thrown himself most heartily into the work of our Charities, and you know very well they are the gem of our Order."

Baron de Ferrieres, in reply, said: Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Brethren, I feel somewhat diffident in having to respond to this toast after the very complimentary and undeserved terms in which Bro. Martyn has been pleased to propose it. However, I cannot refuse to respond, as my name has been mentioned, and I must say this, that having only lately had the honour of qualifying as Vice-Patron of the Institution, I felt I could no longer trust merely to report, but must go and see for myself what the Girls' Institution was like. I went there last Monday, and I must at once be allowed to say that I was very much struck with the appearance of the girls in that Institution. Their pleasing and lively and healthy look, so different from what the children often are in large institutions, struck me very much, and when I remained there for some time, and heard their recitations and their music, and saw how well they were instructed, I felt satisfied that that was an Institution which deserved the support not only of Masons, but of all those who wish to benefit the children and the rising generation. I am sure that the instruction given there is a credit to Miss Davis and all those who are responsible for the instruction, and I am also sure that the girls trained in this school will be a credit not only to their sex, but to Masonry, because I hold this, that as the fact of being a Mason is an honour to any man, which is proved by his upright walk and conversation, and his desire in all things to be a credit to manhood, so I believe the fact of being the daughter of a Freemason will be a credit to womanhood in general. I trust that all the girls brought up there will be a credit to Masonry, and that in fact any young man wanting a wife will be sure to find a good one there. I will not take up your time any further, but I am sure that all those associated with this toast,

and in fact all those connected with this Institution, must feel highly gratified that their labours and efforts have not been thrown away, but that they are helping to carry on an Institution which in every way is a great success. (Cheers.)

The Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., proposed "The other Masonic Charities, and Success to them, viz., the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." If the Craft could boast of its loyalty, it could also boast of its charity. The Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, laid down that dictum at his installation, and that had been the principle on which the Craft had acted ever since. We had it on the highest authority, that charity was a virtue greater even than faith and hope, for in that wonderful trinity of virtues "the greatest of these is charity." He would not at that late hour make a long speech, for the toast he was proposing did not require it. He would alter the old proverb and say "what is least said is soonest commended" to the notice of the brethren. They had every reason to be proud of what they had done for charity, although he did not say it boastfully. The Masonic Charities had no rich endowments and no landed estates to fall back upon. What was done for them was done spontaneously by the willing hearts of the brethren. The Benevolent Institution Festival last February had the largest sum ever brought in at a Masonic festival, and the Girls' School was creeping up in that direction, and he hoped the Boys' School would do the same. He wished that each and all of the brethren did still more for the Charities, and this was what he wished impressed on the minds of every Entered Apprentice, and if this was done, as Bro. Terry said, there would be no need of festivals or elections, because all applicants could be met.

Bro. Binckes replied, and congratulated Bro. Hedges on the success which had just been announced. The other Institution could by no possibility grudge success to it. The little girls were very dear to the brethren, and they were most generously and heartily supported. He, knowing the generosity of the brethren, had no fears for the success of the festival of the Boys' School. It had also, like the Girls' School, not been able to get a chairman till lately, but he had the pleasure of announcing that the Earl of Rosslyn would take the chair at the forthcoming festival. The Boys' School deserved every sympathy that could be shown to it, and, with intense feelings of gratitude for what the brethren had done for it in the past, he doubted not that they would support it in the future, and give it all that assistance which it so urgently needed.

Bro. James Terry also replied, and ventured to hope that in June next Bro. Binckes would have a great increase on the sums he had yet announced as the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School had had this year. In that case, the year 1879 would have to be recorded as one of the greatest successes that had ever attended the efforts of any of the Institutions in the Craft. He begged the brethren would do all they could for the Girls', as the oldest Institution, to remember the Boys', which had also a claim on their charity; but, above all, remember that they never would have had the girls or the boys if they had not had the old men and women.

Dr. Jabez Hogg proposed "The Stewards," to which toast Bro. Edward Cox replied, and after Bro. H. J. P. Dumas had proposed "The Ladies" the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was given, in which, under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmeyer, Madame Liebhart, Madame Madigan Bilharz, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Helene Arnim, Miss Ellen Marchant, Bro. Wilford Morgan, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. Walter Clifford, and Mr. Herbert Mayhew took part. Madlle Victorina De Bono and Miss Helen Hopekirk also performed, the former on the violin, and the latter on the piano, with exquisite taste and skill, to the delight of the whole of the visitors. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz conducted.

Bro. James Hayho was toastmaster at the dinner.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The May meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. J. Turnbull, P.M., Prov. Grand Purs., Durham; Thomas Elwin, P.M., Past Grand Purs. Durham; J. S. Pearson, P.M., Past Grand Purs. Durham; J. Mitchinson, P.M.; M. Frampton, W.M. 94; T. Sharp, P.M. 97; W. Hawdon, S.W.; R. Kinmond, J.W.; Thomas Godfordson, Treas.; T. G. Curry, Sec.; Charles McNamara, S.D.; R. Seymour, J.D.; Edward Garvey, Steward; J. Thompson, Prov. Grand Tyler, Tyler; Thomas Lemon, John Musther, John Cook, Thomas Bamlett, Wm. Kilvington, J. Waller, Wm. Brown, J. R. Smart, J.W. 94; G. C. Watson, 97; Joseph Sprout, 178 (S.C.); and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. John Newton, the lodge was opened by Bro. Past Master Mitchinson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Lemon and Cook were separately and respectively passed to the degree of F.C. by Bros. J. S. Pearson, P.M., and Thomas Elwin, P.M., the charge to the two candidates being most impressively delivered by Bro.

M. Frampton, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when the names of a candidate for initiation and one for joining were received. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment, the usual toasts being given and responded to.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Station-street. The following members were present: Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; J. Black, I.P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (Freemason); J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; S. Thwaite, J. Towers, I. Evening, J. Borrowscale, T. Mason, and H. Ritson. The W.M. not having arrived, the lodge was opened by the I.P.M., and the minutes confirmed. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Mr. Henry Carruthers, which being unanimous, he was regularly initiated into Masonry by Bro. Lamonby, P.M., by previous arrangement with the W.M., the candidate, like the officiating W.M., being old members of the Order of Odd Fellows, M.U. The E.A. charge was subsequently delivered by the W.M., Captain Sewell. Bro. T. Mason was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate, and it was stated by the Secretary that another certificate had been procured for his son, Bro. T. C. Fearon, to replace that lost with his effects, when shipwrecked some months back, in the Bay of Biscay, on the voyage to Valparaiso. Bro. Fearon again embarked a week before the lodge meeting. On the proclamation being put, Bro. Lamonby, P.M., presented the lodge with a large Biblical chart, for which he received a vote of thanks. The labour of the evening was concluded with the hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing."

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, on the evening of the 1st inst., the W.M., Bro. Thomas Longmire, occupying the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, when the unanimous vote of the members was given in favour of Bro. William Longmire, S.W., whose installation will take place early in the ensuing month, the Installing Officer being Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., &c. Some other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

STAINDROP.—Rose of Raby Lodge (No. 1650).—The members of the above lodge held their annual installation in the Scarth Memorial Hall, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., when Bro. the Rev. J. M. Shepherd, M.A., and Provincial Grand Chaplain, Vicar of Ingleton, was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation was performed by Bro. Babington Boulton, P.M., P.G.D., with accuracy, vigour, and eloquence. After the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers, as well as those appointed by the lodge: Bros. Rev. W. Stuart Harris, B.A., S.W.; John Hawdon, J.W.; Joseph Lax (re-invested), Secretary; R. H. Dixon, Treasurer; John Fawcett, S.D.; C. T. Stephenson, J.D.; C. J. Spence, D.C.; P. W. Dixon, I.G.; Wm. Davidson and Wm. Close, Stewards; Thos. Pyburn, Tyler. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and several Past Masters, as well as distinguished visitors from other lodges. After the ceremony of installation and the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Queen's Head Hotel, which was of an excellent character, and served up in Mr. Hart's usually good style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given and duly honoured. A most happy and harmonious evening was spent, which was much enlivened by the effective singing of some of the brethren of the lodge and visitors.

BRIDGEND.—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Wyndham Arms Hotel on Monday evening, April 28th, and the proceedings were invested with additional interest, as a testimonial was made to Bro. Podmore, Treasurer, who is leaving the district for Barnsley. The testimonial, a handsome clock, bore a suitable inscription; and this very useful article was selected from the choice stock of Bro. L. Beha. Prior to the closing of business, Brother J. S. Woolley, W.M., made the presentation on behalf of the lodge in a felicitous speech, expressing the satisfaction felt by the members at being able to acknowledge the services of Bro. Podmore as Treasurer, and in testimony of his Masonic qualities generally. They all, however, felt much regret that his business engagements would cause a speedy separation. Bro. Podmore, in a few suitable remarks, acknowledged the testimonial and the kind expressions which had accompanied it. At this meeting the brethren of the Ogmore voted five guineas to the Masonic Girls' School. The following visitors were present on the occasion:—Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., and D.P. G.M. Monmouth; W. T. Canton, I.P.M. 237; R. Southern, W.M. 36; J. C. Sladen, W.M. 1573; G. Bradford, P.M. 237; Wm. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.W. Monmouth, 818; John Jones, S.W. 1578; W. F. Betty, 1388. The presence of the above was acknowledged in hearty Masonic fashion, and the visitors generally expressed much satisfaction at the marked progress of the Ogmore Lodge, and the very able and efficient way in which the W.M. performed his onerous duties. A most agreeable hour was afterwards spent at the supper table.

INSTRUCTION.

BROADSTAIRS.—Broadstairs Lodge.—This lodge, which is held under the sanction of the Lewises Lodge, No. 1209, met to celebrate its annual festival in the Assembly Rooms, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren from the different lodges in the Isle of Thanet. Bro. Edmund F. Davis, of St. Peter's, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. L. G. Finch, P.M. 429; W. Call, P.M. 1209, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Fenwick, P.M. 429; T. Hillier, W.M. 492; C. Andrews, P.M. 429; G. Page, P.M. 1209; T. B. Eve, P.M. 1209, and others. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Davis, after thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by asking him to preside on that occasion, said the first toast which he had to propose was one which took precedence of all others. It was the health of that lady whose name was always received by every one in this country with the greatest enthusiasm, the greatest love, and the greatest respect, "The Queen;" and he felt sure that there was no body of men who received the toast with greater or more genuine love than the Freemasons of this country. When they thought of the way in which she had reigned for upwards of forty years, a period of British history unparalleled for its prosperity and progress, and when they thought how she had always endeavoured to win respect for this country abroad, and which she had especially done of late by her visit to Baveno, where he was sure they all trusted she had been much benefited in health, they could not but entertain feelings of the deepest love and admiration for the Sovereign lady of these realms. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He begged to couple with the toast "The Craft." The National Anthem having been sung, the President, again rising, said it was with feelings of much humility that he rose to propose the next toast, not because he believed it was one which would not be received with the greatest acclamation, but because it was one which he could not speak upon in such terms as ought to fall from the mouth of a Freemason. He felt he could not do this because he was not so well versed in Masonic matters as those who sat around him, and, therefore, could not perhaps so well appreciate the services rendered to their Order by the subject of the toast. He had the honour to propose "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." If he had been asked to propose this toast at any other meeting, he should have felt that he could not do it justice; but when he came to combine with it the honour and benefit which had been conferred upon the Craft by the M.W.G.M. since he had joined it, he felt the difficulty of his position intensified. The Prince of Wales was well-known to them all, not only for the acts he had done to express his love of, and admiration, for the ancient Order to which they belonged, but for the able manner in which he had filled the chair of the M.W.G.M. of England. (Hear, hear.) During that period he had been actuated by every thought which, he ventured to think, should predominate in the breasts of every Freemason. He had shown them not only by his acts daily throughout England, but also abroad, that he was ever anxious and willing to further the interests of any institution that was for the benefit of mankind, and he (the speaker) would go the length of saying that every Freemason would acknowledge that this was one of the true principles of their Order. (Hear, hear.) Not longer ago than last week, for instance, they saw his Royal Highness presiding over the Cab Drivers' Association (hear, hear), because he deemed that that was an institution not unworthy of his support and recognition, and, in fact, there was scarcely a week passed in which he did not preside over some kindred institution. He (the speaker) felt that in Freemasonry they should all have this one thought constantly in their minds, that one of the principles of the Craft was charity, not only in act, but charity in thought. (Hear, hear.) This was the feeling with which he entered the ranks of the Order, and he trusted he would ever be actuated by it. (Cheers.) When they came to think that there were upwards of 1700 Masonic lodges under the English Constitution alone, not to mention the fact that every civilised country in the world had lodges of its own, they could conceive in some measure the powerful influence which must be spread abroad by Freemasonry; and when they came to add to this the list of distinguished and honoured names, such as the Prince of Wales and his two brothers, the Emperor and Crown Prince of Germany, and Prince Frederick of Denmark, and many more who stood at the head of the Order in their respective countries, they must admit that theirs was a no mean brotherhood. There could be little doubt that since the accession of the Prince of Wales to the office of M.W.G.M. Freemasonry had been very much raised in the estimation of the outside world (hear, hear), as might be inferred from the increased number of members who had joined the Order during the last few years, and the number of lodges that had been recently consecrated. Notwithstanding all that its enemies had said against it, Freemasonry was now stronger than ever it was before, and while it continued to boast of such distinguished brethren as His Royal Highness it must ever go on prospering. (Cheers.) The toast having been duly honoured, "God save the Prince of Wales" was sung, after which Bro. Eve, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," remarked that the noble lord was not merely a Mason in name but in thought and act. (Hear, hear.) He (Bro. Eve) had had the pleasure of being present at Grand Lodge when the M.W. Pro G.M. took his position in the chair in the absence of the Prince of Wales, and the very excellent manner in which he performed the duties devolving upon him was a proof that he evidently took the greatest interest in their Order, and while they had such men guiding them they need have no fear of the Craft in any way decaying. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Page briefly proposed "The L.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" after which Bro. Finch said it was with a great deal of pleasure that he

rose to ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Viscount Holmesdale." There were a great many present who had the pleasure of knowing his lordship, but, perhaps, no one knew him more intimately than he (the speaker) did, and he, therefore, felt it an exceedingly grateful duty to bring his name under their notice that evening. Viscount Holmesdale had been Prov. Grand Master of Kent for nearly twenty years, and during that time he had performed the duties falling to his position with entire satisfaction all through the province. (Hear, hear.) And it was no slight work that he had to perform, considering that at the present time there were forty-three lodges to preside over, and when he (Viscount Holmesdale) took upon himself the responsibility of office he (Bro. Finch) thought there were only seventeen lodges in the province (hear, hear), thus increasing the number of Freemasons in Kent about threefold. Whether it was in East or West Kent, or wherever they went throughout the province, the name of Viscount Holmesdale was always received with very great pleasure, but not more than what it really deserved. He hoped that many of the brethren would have the opportunity of meeting the M.W. Prov. G.M. in about a month's time. He would be at Margate on the 11th of June, and whoever had the pleasure of meeting him there would be perfectly satisfied that his lordship was the right man in the right place. Bro. Hillier having proposed, in a happy speech, "The D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Finch acknowledged the toast in equally felicitous terms, remarking that it was not a very easy nor a very pleasant task which fell to the lot of the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes. It devolved upon him more than upon any one else to select those brethren on whom the M.W. Prov. G.M. conferred the honour of being his officers during the twelve months that they held the purple, and out of forty-three lodges there were, as a matter of course, some worthy in each of those lodges deserving of his lordship's favour. But when they considered that there were only eleven purples to be distributed amongst forty-three lodges it became a very difficult task for Bro. Eastes to judge who those eleven favourites should be. (Hear, hear.) But he sincerely believed that Bro. Eastes as far as possible did his duty conscientiously, and chose the brethren according to the ability and fitness which they had shewn during their Masonic career. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Finch concluded by earnestly urging the younger members of the fraternity to look upon their connection with Masonry as an honourable one. It was a society that they might all justly be proud of, and even the outside world, so far as it knew the objects of the Order, were bound to admit its right to popular gratitude and esteem. Bros. Fenwick and Page having also briefly responded, "Prosperity to the Broadstairs Lodge of Instruction" was proposed by Bro. Page. Bro. Hillier appropriately acknowledged the toast on behalf of the lodge. At this stage of the proceedings, the sum of £10 10s. being available for two life subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, was drawn for, the ballot resulting in favour of Bros. Walter Searles and C. J. Ayton. Bro. Call then proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Lewises Lodge," to which Bro. Ayton gracefully responded. Bro. Hillier, in a few complimentary remarks, next proposed "The Health of the Chairman." Bro. Davis, in reply, said he felt deeply indebted for the way in which Bro. Hillier had proposed his health and the cordial response which it had called forth. He had felt very much flattered in being selected to be their President, that evening especially, as he was painfully convinced of his own shortcomings in Masonic knowledge. But he knew that with all his faults they loved him still. (Cheers.) He ventured to hope that in time to come they would see him elected to the chair, when it might reasonably be expected that some of his defects would vanish. He now had another and more pleasant duty to perform before resuming his seat. He did so with particular satisfaction, because he felt it was a duty of which any man might be proud; it was to propose "Success to the Masonic Charities." Bro. Finch had asked him to take that toast, although it was one which did not usually fall strictly within his province as Chairman. It appeared to him that the main principle and fundamental teaching of Freemasonry was charity. If he was right in that observation, then the most important duty which they as Freemasons had to perform was to support the noble and benevolent Institutions of the Craft. (Cheers.) When he thought of the circumstance that there were more institutions belonging to the Masonic body than, perhaps, to any other corporation in existence, he ventured to say that they had much reason to be proud of their connection with the Craft. When they could feel that their lives had not been wasted, when they knew that they were following the Divine teaching which said, "teach me to feel another's woe;" when they felt that by supporting these Charities they were doing incalculable good, that they were doing that which Providence had decreed that they should do, it was a matter which they as men should be very proud of. (Hear, hear.) When they bore in mind that they had Institutions for the decayed and aged poor, and Schools for the young of both sexes left unprovided for they could not but be convinced of the utility of their common brotherhood. To his mind there could be no nobler mission in life than to support philanthropic institutions such as they boasted of (hear, hear). Bro. Davis concluded with an eloquent appeal in behalf of the Charities, reminding the brethren that this was an exceptional time of distress from bad trade and war, and calling for exceptional liberality on the part of Freemasons. He trusted that every one would, as far as his means would allow, contribute his quota, and thus fulfil one of the purest and finest principles taught by the Craft. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Bro. Finch. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Finch replied for the Charities, which he

characterised as the foundation of the Order. The more the brethren did towards supporting the Institutions, the more they carried out, as their President had said, the principles which they undertook to maintain at their initiation. (Hear, hear.) The remaining toasts, "The Visitors," and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," were then drunk, and the brethren separated about eleven o'clock. During the evening several capital songs were sung by members of the company. The arrangements for the festival were admirably carried out by Bro. Clarke, of the Lord Nelson.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—A convocation of this flourishing chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals, and investing the officers for the ensuing year. Companions present: G. Waterall, M.E.Z.; M. H. Larham, H.; T. Poore, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., S.E.; Samuel Poynter, 1st A.S.; Henry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; Thomas Meggy, D.C.; John Gilbert, Janitor; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; H. C. Levander, P.Z.; John Watts, Thos. Preston, John Walmsley, George T. Thornes. Visiting companions: Comps. G. W. Dixon, Z. 771; S. Lazarus, P.Z. 53 and 188; E. P. Albert, P.Z. 188; W. W. Morgan, 141; John S. Terry, J. 140; N. B. Headon, 145; and W. Lake, H. 131 (*Freemason*). The chapter having been duly opened, and the minutes of last convocation confirmed, the election and installation of officers was proceeded with. On this occasion Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., undertook the duties of Installing Principal, and those who know his admirable working in Craft Masonry will understand how impressively the beautiful ceremony of installation could be rendered by him. We can only say that we have rarely seen it so well done, and have no doubt Comp. Stevens's services will be often sought for on similar occasions. The first business was the installation of E. Comp. Mark S. Larham, H., as M.E.Z.; Thos. Poore, J., as H.; and Richard N. Field as J. The M.E.Z. then appointed his officers as follows: Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., as E. (twelfth re-appointment); Samuel Poynter, N.; Thomas Meggy, P.S.; Henry Smith, P.Z., Treasurer; J. Watts, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Janitor. The appointment of 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners was postponed. After a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to the Installing Principal, the chapter was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. After the usual loyal toasts had been disposed of, the M.E.Z. presented, in the name of the chapter, a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel to Comp. Levander, who had acted as Treasurer for several years, and expressed his regret that his valued services could not be continued. The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by the M.E.Z., who said that the members of the Panmure Chapter were always well pleased at the presence of visitors. Comp. Lazarus responded on behalf of the visitors, and took occasion to expatiate on the grandeur and sublimity of the Arch Degree, showing how closely its rites resembled those of the Jewish Synagogue. The toast of "The Past Principals," responded to by Comps. Stevens and Levander, "The Press," "The Officers of the Chapter," responded to by Comps. Poynter and Watts; and songs from Comps. Poynter, Meggy, and others, brought this interesting meeting to a close.

SUNDERLAND.—Do Lambton Chapter (No. 94).—The annual convocation of this old chapter was held last Tuesday, in the Masonic Hall, Queen-street. There were present Comps. R. B. Lutert, M.E.Z.; John J. Clay, H.; James D. Todd, J.; James S. Pearson, P.Z.; George Wandlass, P.Z.; W. W. Collie, S.E.; and a number of other companions belonging to the chapter. Visitors: Wm. H. Crookes, P.Z., and Provincial G.S.E.; and E. Comps. Robt. Hudon, Fred. Maddison, Wm. Liddle, M. Douglas, H. Turnbull, and Wm. Craven, all of No. 80; Comps. Thos. Watson and Chas. Macnamara, No. 97. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bro. Wm. Watts, of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Watts was then exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. At this meeting the Principals elected at the last quarterly convocation were duly installed and placed in their respective chairs by M.E. Comp. Robt. Hudon, in a very able manner. John J. Clay, Z.; J. D. Todd, H.; M. Frampton, J.; and the following officers were invested: Wm. W. Collie, S.E.; R. Wilson, S.N.; M.E. Comp. Robert B. Lutert, Treasurer; Comps. S. Sutherest, P.S., by proxy; John W. Brown, Janitor. The companions then retired to refreshment, which was served up in the usual excellent style.

BRO. C. B. PAYNE, GRAND TYLER.—The funeral of Bro. Payne took place on Monday, at Abney Park Cemetery. Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; Pendlebury, and Dodd. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Richards W.M. 27; J. B. Poole, P.M.; W. H. Libbiss, Bingemann, W. Stephens, Jas. Brett, Thos. Cubitt, Figg, (brother-in-law), Charles Atkins, and Henry Young.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold will take the chair at the annual meeting of the Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, to be held at Grosvenor House on Friday.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., will preside at the annual breakfast of the Lord's Day Observance Society, to be held to-morrow at St. James's Hall.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The visit of the Stewards for the ninety-first anniversary festival of this Institution to the Schools at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, was paid on Monday last, when between four and five hundred brethren and ladies attended to see the pupils give proofs of their proficiency, and the successful competitors of the year receive their prizes. The weather was well suited for the occasion, a sudden change in the bleak winds of the last six months having taken place in the course of the previous night, and a beautiful spring temperature prevailing in their stead.

The company began to assemble soon after three o'clock, and shortly after four the pupils were arranged in the handsome new hall, which accommodated without any inconvenience the whole of the large company, which but for the new building would have been unable to witness the performances. The small gallery was appropriated to the use of those of the pupils who did not take part in the exercises, while those who did were seated in the centre of the hall, on the south side of which was erected a dais for the Chairman, the House Committee, and Miss Davis, the Head Governess. The arrangement was admirable, and by means of it every one in the room was enabled to see and hear all that passed.

Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer of England, and Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, and Chairman of the present year's festival, presided, and was supported by Bros. J. A. Rucker, E. H. Letchworth, Edward Cox, Dr. Jabez Hogg, the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, Baron de Ferrières, H. A. Dubois, Col. James E. Peters, Louis Hirsch, J. H. Southwood, James Terry, Griffiths Smith, and Constantine Burke, District Grand Master of Jamaica, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

The list of the brethren, ladies, and gentlemen (non-Masons) who were present, comprised the following names:—Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths Smith, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Culmer, Miss Pendlebury, Miss Hayes, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Crick, Miss Crick, Miss Pepper, Bro. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Williams, the Baron de Ferrières, F. R. W. Hedges, A. J. Ireton, Julius Brustodt, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brookman, Edith Brookman, Charles Whichels, J. W. Baldwin, T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.G.D. Herts; Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Caswell, A. C. Halestrap, D.C. 1471; H. Higgins, P.M. 1381; J. Tanner, P.M. 1707; Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Tyerman, Mrs. Clements, W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; R. B. Webster, G. W. Watson, John Green, 889; W. B. Weeks, 1076; F. E. Thompson, 1076; Charles Hammerton, Edward Terry, Mrs. Terry, R. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Colson, Mrs. Ireton, W. Moring, 9; J. F. Weber, P. S. Weber, E. Farwig, L. E. Wilkinson, A. Jolley, Jas. Terry, W. J. Crutch, Mrs. Salton and daughters, Miss Harland, Miss Taylor, J. A. Perkins, 765; W. H. Morson, 1320; John H. Southwood, P.M. 1260; A. E. Gladwell, J.W. 172; Mrs. P. L. Bradley, Mrs. A. E. Gladwell, H. J. Amphlett, 1511; L. Lygo, L. C. Page, L. Page, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Chamberlain, H. A. Dubois, Henry Birdseye, Miss Birdseye, James Blyth, Miss Stephenson, Mr. H. Lucking, Lizzie Ward, M. Clayton, H. M. Levy, J. J. Berry, John Hill, John W. Saunders, G. Bertridge, J. T. Pilditch, Capt. J. Wordsworth, Mrs. Wordsworth, John Henry Leggett and Mrs. Leggett, W. H. Saunders, Mrs. L. Hedges, C. Buckingham, W. Wright, M. Steyermann, Henry W. Dalwood, Mrs. Poole and family, John Wells, Mrs. John Wells, N. Gluckstein, M. H. Hammond, F. E. Finley, John Cinnery, Henry Brooks, Charles Castell, A. C. Castell, Samuel G. Baker, W. H. G. Rudderforth, W.M. 1668; Dr. Jabez Hogg, Charles J. Preceval, W. Hammond, F. W. Lawrence, L. Hammond, J. Hammond, W. J. Hammond, F. Sanderson, M. A. Crouch, H. A. Bennett, E. C. Woodward, Robt. Roberts, F. A. Roberts, G. Browning, Constance Giraud, Gretchen Browning, W. H. Gritten, Constantine Burke, Prov. G. Master for Jamaica; Mrs. Burke, the Misses Burke, Eliza Hookham, Esther Dodd, Thomas Gunning, W. Gawse, J. V. Mitchell, H. Gluckstein, James Smith, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. F. C. Moutrie, James Davey, R. Bertridge, F. B. Williams, W. E. Williams, E. W. Braine, J. R. Armitage, W. G. Weber, W. Farmer, Miss Moutrie, Miss Hoxell, Miss Ashforth, Miss Dormer, G. Gillangell, 1329; George Kenning, Mrs. G. Kenning, Miss Kenning, Miss Elsie Kenning, Miss Florence Kenning, W. Pierpoint, Wm. Paas, S. J. S. Mathews, J. A. Watson, H. Walker, M. Chapman, Mr. Massey, Miss Massey, Mrs. Lydia Harris, Alice Roberts, J. F. Roberts, Mr. John Elliott, Miss Elliott, B. Britten, Wm. Honyball, 1681; Thos. Ball, Thomas W. White, D. Haslett, H. J. Gabb, Mrs. Gabb, B. H. Swallow, G. P. Festé, W. Malkhouse, Mrs. Levander and party, Henry Muggeridge, Miss Kezia Muggeridge, Mrs. James White, Mrs. Kennard, Mrs. Rudderforth, Mrs. James Smith, W. Smith, W. W. Morgan, jun., Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Mather, J. Kennard, F. Townsend, 1703; Edw. Johnson, W.M. 190; F. W. M. Elves, John Faulkner, 1423; Fredk. Keiley, 1293; J. S. T. Wright, 1421; F. Knight, 1685; J. Wright, 1440; H. J. Farley, H. Tuff, 1273; Miss Mather, Miss V. Mather, H. L. Mather, Frederick Venables, 1385; J. W. Prance, W. Lake, A. J. Murray, J. S. Chancellor, P.G.S.; G. Saker, P.M. 22; R. G. Shute, G. Bolton, G. J. Bolton, Mrs. Farmaner, Miss Mitchell, J. E. Collins, 1614; Mrs. and Miss D'Oyley, Mrs. Chas. Perceval, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graham Bell, Louis Hirsch, T. W. C. Bush, 1728; Mrs. Bush, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master Royal Masonic Institution for Boys); H. Cox, Colonel Creaton, W. Clifton Crick, W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; Herbert Dickerts, J. L. Slothinte, P.P.G.W. Somerset; Bro. Thos. Massa, Mrs. Massa, Miss Massa, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The following is the programme gone through:—Selection of music and recitations by the following pupils

(the music on six pianos) Melora F. Goodridge, Ethel Hinson, Lily Bellamy, Grace Colvill, Frances Gardner, Beatrice Bindon, Agnes A. Nash, Lizzie Lapington, Maud Cowley, Laura Spurr, Ada B. Tanare, Agnes Barron, Christine Oates, Violet H. Lang, Mary A. Hartness, Florence Redford, Edwina R. Jones, Margaret Allison, Ada Clase, Helena Pidduck, Minnie Morgan, Alice W. Cecil, Eleanor Peele, Dora C. Bowles, Laura Stransom, Annie Pattison, Edith M. Patten, Alice Newbould, Lucinda Broadbent, Agnes Jenniags, Josephine Herlan, Clara Wright, Alice Pike, Cecily Jardine, Amelia Saunders, Eliza Beveridge, Edith Nash, Beatrice Wray, Kate Mackay, Maud H. Bursey, Mabel Bingham, Florence Hart, Mary Johnson, Gertude May, Clara Kingcombe, Eveline Pelham.

4 p.m.—Chant, "Psalm 150," duet, "Hallelujah Chorus," 24 hands; anthem, "God is a Spirit;" trio (little girls), "Airs Suisses," 36 hands; recitation, "The Spider and the Fly," Alice W. Cecil and Mary A. Johnson; solo (little girls), "Batti! Batti!" 12 hands; recitation, "John Gilpin," Colina Sharp; duet (little girls), "Don Giovanni," 24 hands; recitation, "Athalie," Act II, Scene VII, Annie Pattison, Eliza Beveridge, and Frances E. Gardner; solo, "Andante and Minuet," 12 hands; recitation, "The May Queen," Edwina R. Jones; solo, "Polacca Brillante," 12 hands; recitation, "Liebesprobe," Frances E. Gardner; duet, "Symphonie XV," 24 hands; recitation, "Antony's Oration over Caesar's body," Edith M. Nash; solo, "Fantaisie in F Sharp Minor," Melora F. Goodridge. 5.30—Distribution of prizes by Lieut.-Col. Creaton. 6—Tea and coffee. 7.30—Calisthenic exercises and marching.

List of Pupils who received prizes:—

Francis Elizabeth Gardner, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Dora Cressy Bowles, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Ellen A. Cates, Alice M. Thornbury, Letitia D. Whalley, and Helena Meacock, each a fourth of £5, for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

For passing Cambridge Examination:—

Class II.—Honours.—Francis Elizabeth Gardner.

Class III.—Honours.—Ellen A. Cates, Alice M. Thornbury, Letitia D. Whalley, Dora C. Bowles, Helena Meacock.

For Passing Satisfactorily.—Elizabeth Roberts, Annie Pattison, Catherine Emery, Eliza Beveridge, Edith M. Nash, Beatrice M. Wray, Dora M. Jennings.

For Music.—Melora F. Goodridge, Agnes Barron, Ethel Hinson, Lily Bellamy, and Violet H. Lang (among the little girls).

For French (Recitation).—Annie M. Pattison.

For Calisthenics and Deportment.—Dora C. Bowles.

For Drawing.—Beatrice M. W. Wray, Dora C. Bowles, Charlotte White, Bessie L. Morris.

For General Usefulness.—Eliza Johnson and Louisa M. Taylor.

For Needlework.—Florence Faithful and Ellen Harryman.

For Machine Work.—Mary Annie Hartness and Kate Briggs.

For Order and Attention.—Florence Hill and Edith Potts (among the little girls).

Class II.—Margaret W. Allison, general proficiency; Ethel Ida Seaton, perseverance; Laura Stransom, good conduct.

Class III.—Edith E. Daly, general proficiency; Fanny G. Osborne, general improvement; Mabel Sanford, perseverance.

Class IV.—Mary A. Johnson, general proficiency; Mary S. Norrish, perseverance; Alice Boyd, writing; Annie Scott, writing.

Class V.—Lucretia Wilton, general improvement; Matilda Hothersall, perseverance.

Class VI.—Eveline E. Pelham, perseverance.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work.—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. the Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, for French.—Eliza Beveridge.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution.—Edith Mary Nash, Edwina Russell Jones, and Colina Sharp.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Religious Knowledge, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination.—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct.—Elizabeth Roberts and Florence M. Hart.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music.—Grace Colvill.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German.—Francis Elizabeth Gardner.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music.—Louisa Christine Oates.

"The St. James 'Yates Memorial Prize'" (per St. James Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery).—Mary A. Chapman.

From the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct.—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Zoology, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination.—Francis Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. Charles White, for Proficiency (Lower First Class).—Fanny Ashby and Alice M. Newbould.

The Memorial Prize of Three Guineas, given by the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, in memory of the late Bro. John Boyd, was awarded to Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

At the conclusion of the children's performances Col. Creaton, said, that after the entertainment the company had just had he could not allow this opportunity to pass without thanking Miss Davis, the Head Governess of the Institution, to whom they owed so much. It was entirely due to her exertions that the efficiency of the school and its high state of perfection had been reached. The opportunity was a fitting one for thanking Miss Davis, and on behalf of the Committee, the subscribers, and all those who

were then assembled he thanked her for her exertions, and hoped they might have her services for many years to come.

Col. Creaton then distributed the prizes, and when this had been done, he said he had had great pleasure in doing what he had done, and in congratulating the children sincerely on having earned them so well. He trusted that those children who were not prize-takers, and who were seated in the gallery looking down on their successful schoolfellows, would exert themselves, and come to the front next year and try to obtain the reward of merit. Before the company adjourned to refreshment he wished to inform them that Miss Jarwood, the Matron to the Institution for many years, had lately not been very well, but he was happy to say that she was now much better. He was glad to tell the subscribers in that great assembly that the benefits which had arisen to the Institution from the management of Miss Jarwood were very numerous, and that in the course of the number of years during which she had been matron her management had done wonders. He trusted that she would live many years to see the fruits of her labours.

The Honorary Chaplain of the Institution proposed the thanks of the meeting to the Chairman for his kindness in coming to distribute the prizes, which he had performed to the satisfaction of every one concerned. He (the Hon. Chaplain) was very glad indeed to have the opportunity, as they all had, of welcoming Bro. Colonel Creaton there, inasmuch as he (the Hon. Chaplain) had had the opportunity of officiating in that capacity when Bro. Col. Creaton laid the foundation stone of the new wing in which they were assembled. It had not been formally opened yet, but they all hoped and trusted that on another occasion it would receive the presence of the high lady whose name it was about to bear, that of the Princess of Wales. Bro. Col. Creaton from the time he laid the foundation stone had given the greatest attention to the erection of the buildings, and it must be a great gratification to him to be present now in a room such as that in which he was now speaking. The thanks of all the officers of the Institution, the audience, the House Committee, the teachers, and every one else were due to Bro. Col. Creaton for giving them so much space, and they would all feel gratified that they had had more space. They knew how essential it was to have plenty of air for the lungs, and the children could not have acquitted themselves so well if they had not had such a quantity of fresh air. He begged to express his own gratification at being there that day, and he hoped all the company would join in expressing their thanks to Bro. Col. Creaton.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg seconded the motion, and testified to the great zeal of Bro. Col. Creaton with regard to the welfare of this and the sister Institutions, over all of which he spent a great deal of time and attention.

Bro. Col. Creaton thanked the company sincerely for the vote, and said it was quite by accident he was there that day as President of the meeting. He was Treasurer of the Institution, and in that capacity had been called on to take the chair.

The company then adjourned to tea, after which they accompanied the little girls in walking about the grounds, and in the course of the evening witnessed the calisthenic exercises, and wound up the day by joining the children in dances, which continued till about ten o'clock. On no previous occasion has such an unqualified success been attained for the Stewards' visit to this Institution. The additional building prevented any crowding, and the dances, which were carried on in the old school-room as well as in the new, were not sufficient to fill both. Consequently there was no undue heat, and the comfort of the visitors and children was maintained throughout the day and evening.

Bro. Hedges, we were informed, had up to that day 247 Stewards for his festival, and expected that his subscriptions would exceed £10,000.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton presiding. There were also present Bros. James Brett, John G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stuart, J. A. Farnfield, Wm. Hilton, S. Rawson, Wm. Stephens, Edgar Bower, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Erasmus Wilson, C. G. Dille, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry reported that the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire, had consented to preside at the festival of this Institution for 1880. Bro. Terry also read letters from Col. Starkie and J. L. Hine acknowledging receipt of votes of thanks passed at last meeting in February. He also reported the death of three male annuitants, and read the Warden's report for the past month. Cheques in payment of annuities and salaries for the ensuing quarter were directed to be signed, and the draft annual report was submitted and approved. The list of attendances of the Committee for the year was read, and the three brethren who had attended least retired. Two were nominated for re-election, and a third for election. The application of the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted, and leave of absence from the asylum for three months was granted. The Committee then adjourned.

A Grand Council of Illustrious Knights, K.H., 300, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was held at the hall, 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday last, when several new members were admitted.

Bro. Locock Webb, of the Chancery Bar, has been elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

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BIRTHS.

FREDERICKSON.—On the 12th inst., at St. Hubert's, Beckenham, Kent, the wife of Mr. A. D. Frederickson, of a son.

PENFOLD.—On the 9th inst., at the Royal Dockyard, Portsmouth, the wife of Mr. F. Penfold, Secretary R.N., of a son.

STRETTON.—On the 12th inst., at Saxe Coburg-street, Leicester, the wife of Clement Edwin Stretton, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

HAMILTON—SCHOFIELD.—On the 12th inst., at Kensington, James F. Hamilton, son of the late Lieut.-Col. Thomas Talbot Hamilton, to Ellen Bertha, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Schofield, of Rochdale, Lancashire.

DEATHS.

MANTEL.—On the 3rd inst., at Jersey, Bro. Edward Mantel, P.M. 491 and 958, P.Z., P.G.J.W.

THOMPSON.—On the 11th inst., at his residence, 94 Rye Hill, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bro. George Thompson, P.M., &c., aged 66 years.

SPECIAL EDITION.

A Special Edition of the *Freemason* will be ready early on Saturday Morning, containing a full report of the Committee Meeting and Election of Candidates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1879

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The anniversary on Wednesday last was, indeed, a triumphant success. £11,700, with nineteen lists to come in, was truly a grand total, £3000 ahead of 1878, £2000 more than any previous festival. With nineteen lists yet to come in, it is more than probable that before the close of 1879 the returns for the Girls' School will not fall far short of £12,000. Again, we repeat, a magnificent totality. Despite the badness of trade, despite the complaints of the agricultural interest, despite hasty prophecies and doubting valuations, the zeal of English Freemasons betrays no lessening, points to no falling back; and we agree with Bro. Binckes, when, as he truly and tersely puts it, "bad times and hard times do not seem to affect the hearts and hands of Freemasons." It is, indeed, a subject of great rejoicing to all members of our Order to note how nobly our great Charities are supported, year by year, by the spontaneous and hearty offerings of our large-hearted fraternity. We venture to repeat what we have remarked before, that there is no earthly society, that we are aware of, essaying, or succeeding to accomplish, what English Freemasonry yearly brings about, for the great cause, the goodly claims, the needs, the work, the "outcome" of charity. Some of the circumstances attending the Festival of 1879 deserve to be noted and remembered. Three weeks before the Festival there was no Chairman found, or even apparently findable, and then it was that our gallant and energetic Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton placed himself, in a most fraternal and commendable spirit, and following a good precedent, in the hands of the Boards of Stewards. It was felt for many reasons, that under the then circumstances of the case, the actual position of affairs, this was an offer not lightly to be rejected, or hastily ignored. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton possessed advantages for the post which none others, we make bold to say, are endowed with. He was Trustee and Treasurer of the Institution, he was Chairman of the Building Committee, his services to all the Charities have been conspicuous and unceasing. He had recently, also, been elected Grand Treasurer of England, and it was not unreasonable, to expect that the brethren, mindful of his Masonic career, and glad to recognize his undeniable claims on their sympathy, good will, and respect, would rally round our distinguished brother. And the result has proved how sound these views were, and how seasonable was the action of the Board of Stewards. If it be true that a "more distinguished brother" in mere social position might have been found, yet we venture to think that a "more distinguished brother" in Masonic services, and zeal, and sacrifices for the Charities cannot be found than our kindly friend, the Grand Treasurer. And hence, no doubt, the warmth of his reception, and the success and prestige of the gathering. We congratulate all concerned—the Stewards, the Managing Committee, and, above all, Bro. Hedges. As the old adage runs, the "proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we are glad to find that the anniversary of 1879 affords the most complete vindication of those many brethren, who in the election of Bro. Hedges, sought to carry out true Masonic teaching, in "commending industry and rewarding merit." We reserve for next week an analysis of the return,—the more so as we shall probably have to say a good deal on the subject, and we refer our readers to the full and faithful report of the Festival.

THE LAST MEETING OF GRAND CHAPTER.

The last meeting of Grand Chapter was an important one in all respects, in that it dealt with a case, not uncommon just now, of the application for a charter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706. The lodge it seems had not been in existence three years, and as three years should elapse, we are told, before a charter to a lodge be granted, the Committee recommended that the "prayer of the petition be not complied with." This recommendation of the Committee was carried on a division by 24 to 10; the application for a chapter was therefore lost. The term of "three years" is not forced by the Royal Arch Constitutions, but by a resolution of the Committee of Grand Chapter in 1875, approved of by Grand Chapter. We think, with all deference to Grand Chapter, that such a resolution is a mistake, and requires amendment, and for these reasons. In the first place, we object to the government of the members of the Royal Arch Grade by a "resolution" of the Committee; any such provision ought to be inserted in the "Constitutions." In the next place, the resolution is, in our opinion, a mistake, and one not suited to 1879, whatever it may have been so late even as 1875. Twelve months is quite a sufficient term of delay to prove the stability of a lodge, and the present system is a great practical hardship on lodges and brethren, and is the cause of the paucity of Royal Arch Masons as compared with Craft Masons. A charter is granted in a provincial town, for instance, where there is only one lodge. A large influx of members takes place. They are all eligible for exaltation at the expiration of twelve months, but as the lodge cannot get a charter for three years, they either go to another town, or they stop where they are, and never are exalted at all. Hence, at this moment, not one quarter of our Master Masons are members of the Royal Arch. We venture to think that an injustice is thus done to Master Masons, and Royal Arch Masonry is kept back, evidently by a "resolution" which certainly seems to ignore, whenever put in force, the wants and position of our lodges to-day. In the case of the "Orpheus," it has eighty-five members, and twenty of the members are P.M.'s. So that there is, indeed, plenty of support to be in it found for the more limited area of Royal Arch Masonry. If in former times, when Royal Arch Masons were fewer, and lodges were less numerous, such a restriction was not improper, it has ceased to have any reason and meaning when Royal Arch Masonry is increasing rapidly in favour and numbers amongst us. We hope soon, therefore, to hear that this resolution is amended in the sense we have ventured to indicate, and that the provision, be it what it may, be incorporated in the Constitutions. The Committee was, no doubt, perfectly justified in upholding a previous resolution, approved of in Grand Chapter, and still unrepealed, but we are, nevertheless, distinctly of opinion that, with the best motives in the world, such a resolution is an interference with the just rights and lawful claims of Master Masons, and is, above all, most antagonistic to the proper development and increase of Royal Arch Masonry. We beg respectfully to call the attention of our rulers to the subject, anxious as we know they always are to do what is right and fair to all."

SERVICES OF THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND TREASURER.

Lieut.-Col. Creaton was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge in 1852, and joined the Lodge of Antiquity in 1857. He was exalted in St. James's Chapter in 1857, and is a P.Z.; and was W.M. Lodge of Antiquity 1860 and 1861. He was Grand Steward in 1860 (President of the Board); Grand Deacon in 1862; Grand Sword Bearer Grand Chapter in 1862, and is Steward for all the Charities. He is Vice-Patron and Trustee to all the Charities, Treasurer Girls' School; and President Grand Chapter Committee; Chairman Building Committee Girls' School, and Grand Treasurer. Has been Member of

Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board four years.

GRAND SECRETARY FOR GERMAN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Ernest Emil Wendt, now re-appointed Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, was initiated into Masonry on the 1st of November, 1843, at Stettin, Germany, in the lodge of The Three Compasses, working under the system of the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes. Having been passed on the 18th December, 1844, and raised on the 25th November, 1846, he was admitted on the 25th January, 1850, to the Old Scotch Master's Degree, which, under the above system, is considered equivalent to the Royal Arch. Having, in the interim, removed to England, Bro. Wendt, in the years 1860 or 1861, was delegated by the two senior Grand Lodges of Berlin to arrange with the Grand Lodge of England a mutual interchange of representatives, such intercourse having up to that time taken place only with the Grand Lodge, Royal York of Friendship, the youngest of the three Berlin Grand Lodges. The lengthened negotiations which this important change entailed were not brought to a conclusion until the year 1869, after Bro. Hervey had become Grand Secretary, in which year the late Bro. Dundas was admitted as representative of the three Grand Lodges of Berlin, and in the following year Bro. Wendt was appointed Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, in which office he has now for the tenth time been re-invested. Through his intermediation an equally cordial Masonic intercourse has been established between the Grand Lodges of Berlin and those of Scotland and Ireland. Bro. Wendt was promoted on the 2nd of July, 1860, to the first steps of the so-called Inner Orient of the Three Globes; on the 23rd of May, 1864, to those next following, and on the 30th of the same month to the highest Degree in that system, which is understood to combine everything that Freemasonry undertakes to teach. In April, 1870, he joined English Craft Masonry, in the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, and while in the chair of that lodge in 1873 delivered a series of lectures upon Freemasonry in Germany. In 1877 he was exalted in the Belgrave Chapter, and in the same year became one of the founders of St. Mary's Chapter, No. 63, at the consecration of which, in May, 1878, he was installed Second Principal, and he is at the present moment M.E.Z. elect. He was appointed Grand Scribe N. at the meeting of Grand Chapter on the 8th inst. Bro. Wendt is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, and served as Steward to two of them in 1872 and 1878. He also enjoys the rare distinction of being an honorary member of the Three Globes Grand Lodge, and of the Countries of Germany Grand Lodge, both these honours being conferred for eminent services to the Craft.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MASONIC GRAMMAR, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to call your attention to the use of a word in last report of the Committee of Grand Chapter, which I hardly think is correct. It is said—"except in very exceptional cases."

Is this a proper use of the word "exceptionable?"

Exceptionable, or exceptional, according to Dr. Johnson, means "liable to objection," though, I admit, it is often incorrectly used in common conversation, to denote "special," and the like. It seems, however, a pity in Masonic public documents to use words which are not strictly correct, and as a stickler for the purity of our English tongue, I venture to call attention to this misuse of words. The word "special" or "peculiar" would be the proper term to apply. As it is, the sentence is bad English.

I am, yours fraternally,

LINDLEY MURRAY.

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to correct two errors in your last number; one in the letter of Bro. Perceval, the other in that of mine. Bro. Jas. Norris was born January 21st, 1790, not 1798. The name should be Norris, not Morris.

I enclose a letter, received this morning, from Bro. Coombe, of Hayle, Cornwall, on the subject.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HENRY J. STRONG, M.D.,
Hon. Surgeon R.M.B.I., Croydon.

May 5th, 1879.

Dear Bro. Strong,—

Referring to your letter, replying to my quotation and remark therein, you stated Bro. Norris was born 21st January, 1790. Bro. Perceval's letter in the *Freemason*, 3rd inst., stated that he was born January, 1798. Which is correct? You both agree with the date of his initiation, viz., 10th March, 1812.

I have no hesitation in saying that Bro. Norris is the oldest known Mason in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the United States of America. I would again refer you to my enquiry in America: "The oldest Mason, so far as is known, is Francis Brinley Fogg, now residing in Memphis, Tennessee. He was made in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, in 1817, and is one of the charter members of the present St. Paul's Lodge. Next come S. Aynault Robinson, now of Wakefield, who was made in St. John's Lodge in 1819; William S. Clarke, Providence, St. John's, 1822; Freeman Mayberry, Newport, St. John's, 1824. Capt. John Howland, of this city, was made a Mason in Mount Vernon Lodge, Providence, in 1821."—*Newport Mercury*, Rhode Island, U.S., January, 1877.

The second oldest in England is that of Bro. Nicholas Donnithorne, late Tyler of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, Cornwall, who was born 12th July, 1789, and was initiated in the Royal Cornwall Militia Lodge, No. 618, now 230 (One and All), Bodmin, 6th April, 1812. He came from and old Masonic stock, his father having been a member of the Craft for many years, and who died 1803. Bro. D. also enjoys excellent health.—See *Freemason*, vol. 8, p. 229 (Bro. Rich's letter, "Father of Freemasons").

The third is that of Sir Moses Montefiore, who is the oldest man, and seven days junior Mason to the last mentioned.

Bro. Marsh, initiated 1819 (I believe there are many of that age in England).

Bro. Norris, born 21st January, 1790, initiated 10th March, 1812.

Bro. Donnithorne was born 12th July, 1789, initiated 6th April, 1812.

Bro. Sir M. Montefiore, born 24th October, 1784, initiated 13th April, 1812.

If you think these hasty remarks are of any service to the *Freemason* you are at liberty to use them by making the necessary corrections, &c.

Apologising for the liberty I have taken in trespassing on your time, if you will kindly inform me if Bro. Norris was born in 1790 or 1798 I should feel obliged.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN COOMBE, P.M.; P.Z., 450.
P. Prov. G.D. Cornwall.

Reviews.

FREEMASONRY AND INTOLERANCE. By BRO. REV. J. H. SIMONSEN. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

This little "brochure," well-printed, and put forward for "private circulation" by Bro. Rev. J. Simonsen, deserves to be read and thought over. We have already alluded to the subject, and will only add that it is an address by the Rev. Bro. Simonsen to the Scandinavian Lutheran Synod at Lisbon, Wisconsin, U.S., condemnatory of certain intolerant proceedings against Freemasonry and against himself as a Freemason. It is both sad and strange to note that the persecuting spirit of Ultramontanism should be rampant in a Scandinavian Lutheran Synod, and that objections to Freemasonry should be made on a mournful misuse of a text of scripture, and complete and fanatical ignorance of the principles of scriptural exegesis. We commend Bro. Simonsen's pamphlet to the notice of our readers.

A DISSERTATION ON THE CELESTIAL SIGN OF THE RAINBOW. By PROTEUS. Hodges, Foster, and Figgis, Grafton-street, Dublin.

This is one of a class of works abounding just now on which we look with astonishment, we confess mingled with awe. It is, with all its excellences, too "transcendental" for us, and though it may be "caviare" to the initiated, is, we are free to admit, beyond our powers of comprehension, digestion, and assimilation. But then we speak with deference and with bated breath. This school of interpretation, philology, ethnology, is very popular just now, and it is just possible that we are wrong and the "novi homines right." As Freemasons we are always bound to be tolerant and trusting, no less than open to conviction, and friendly to free discussion, and we, therefore, note the appearance of a class of literature, remarkable in itself, and which seems to have many purveyors and readers in the present day.

DICKENS' DICTIONARY OF LONDON, 1879. By BRO. CHARLES DICKENS, 26, Wellington-street, Strand, W.C.

This most useful little hand-book has come before us, and we commend it unhesitatingly to the notice and approval of our readers. It is a hand-book and vade mecum, which worthy "provincials," and even acute "Londoners" may well possess, and the information if useful, valuable, and concise in itself, is conveyed in kind and forcible language, which none can misunderstand. Foreigners will also find it a very useful book to possess, and we feel forced to add that Bro. Charles Dickens deserves great "Kudos" for thus seeking to place be-

fore visitors and inhabitants alike a mass of information relating to our "great metropolis," difficult to put together, and yet most interesting and useful when thus summed up in so compact and handy a guide. We trust that the Dictionary of London will meet with the success that it so well deserves.

LIFE OF THE PRINCE CONSORT, Vol. IV. By THEODORE MARTIN. Smith, Elder & Co., 15, Waterloo-place.

This is a delightful volume of a very remarkable man, which we have taken up with pleasure and put down with a sigh, for it recalls to us most vividly, and makes us realize more than ever, the irreparable loss which the Queen and the country sustained in the premature death of that truly great man, the late Prince Consort. Mr. Martin, who is fulfilling his responsible task with great clearness, fidelity, and honesty, deserves the thanks of all who like to contemplate the biography of the good and the great, and survey the "causes" of "events," and realize the "arcana" of States, and the true explanation of the progress of those curious episodes which the sceptical term "fate," and the faithful consider "Providence." The lights and shadows, the "chiaro oscuro" which make up the picture so well limned, come before us, the more we are convinced how real, and true, and noble, as touched up by a master hand, as we ponder over them, was the man whom these faithful volumes attempt to portray. And not only this, but the singular virtues and gifts, and early training and matured intelligence of a constitutional monarch were never more fully represented than in these minute yet effective touches, which display the warm heart, the good sense, the rare discrimination, and the truthful judgment of the Queen. We await Vol. V. with the deepest interest.

CONSECRATION OF THE GRANITE CHAPTER, NO. 1328.

The chapter attached to the celebrated Granite Lodge, No. 1328, was consecrated on Friday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, by Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E.; who was assisted by Comp. Col. F. Burdett, Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, acting as H.; Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain of England, as J.; and Comp. H. G. Buss, Past Standard Bearer, acting as Director of Ceremonies. Comps. Seymour Smith, G. T. Carter, and Theodore Distin performed the musical portion of the ceremony, which being held in the Zetland Room, had the advantage of the use of the nice little organ that is placed there. The robes of the Principals were some of the most handsome and costly that could be employed, and the banners, staves, and other appointments of the chapter were such as to do the greatest credit to the manufacturers.

The ceremony commenced a little before five o'clock, and the list of companions attending comprised the names of Comps. Col. Francis Burdett, G. Supt. Middlesex; R. Giddy, G. Supt. Griqualand; S. Rawson, P.G. Supt. China; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.; Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; J. Hervey, G. Scribe E.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; F. Robinson, P.A.G.D. of C.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, Rev. P. M. Holden, Rev. J. Selb, Chaplain to the Forces; E. H. Letchworth, F. Richardson, Lieut.-Col. Peters, Fredk. Binckes, Jas. Terry, George Kenning, Dr. Kimber, Donald M. Dewar, H. C. Levander, G. R. Shervill, W. Battye, J. Lambert, J. A. Ibbetson, F. G. Bailey, G. E. Wainwright, Prov. G.J. Surrey, P.Z. 370; T. Ford, W. Woodward, J. Lewis, C. F. Hogard, Herbert Dicketts, J. Chyneweth, John Gibson, John Oliver, J. O. Gardner, J. Western, John W. Cox, W. Lake, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Officers: Comps. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B. of England, Z.; F. West, H.; D. W. Pearse, J.; W. H. Muggeridge, E. designate; Dr. J. H. Oswald, N.; Capt. J. Ritchie, R.A., P.S. designate; Woodstock, P.Z., Janitor.

After the formal opening of the convocation Comp. John Hervey, delivering the inaugural address, said: Companions, we are met here to-day for the purpose of consecrating this Royal Arch chapter, and I trust that, considering the strength of the lodge to which it is to be attached, we shall find that as a chapter it will progress not only in numbers but in good work. The Granite Lodge I believe is celebrated for its good work; I have not recently been there, and, therefore, I cannot of my own knowledge state what the work is; but I am quite sure that in confiding the sceptre, as I shall do this evening, to Comp. Thomas, I shall place it in the hands of one who will take care that the rules of Royal Arch Masonry are properly carried out, and that the regulations of the Royal Arch are strictly adhered to. We all know that the origin of the Royal Arch is a matter of some obscurity, and although I am not about to read you a long dissertation upon the Royal Arch, yet a day or two ago I came upon one or two memorandas about the Royal Arch which, perhaps, it may not be out of place to mention here. Mackey, the American, writes of Royal Arch Masonry being established before 1740, and states then that the Royal Arch formed a portion of the Third Degree, and was separated when the schism took place between what were then termed the ancient and the modern lodges, and then they made it a distinct degree for their own purposes. Dr. Oliver, who was also a man of considerable research, as we all know, thinks that it was fabricated by the Chevalier Ramsay between 1736 and 1740, and Dr. Dusing speaks of it as a degree of 1744. Those dates are not widely divergent, but, at any rate, there is a sufficient divergence among them to show that we have not at all

arrived at a period of certainty when the Royal Arch was first established—the first official allusion to the time of it is in the minutes of the Ancient Masons on the 4th March, 1752; and Dunkerley, a reputed son of George the Second, is supposed to have established the first Royal Arch chapter under the Moderns in 1779. This, however, must be a mistake, because the fact is that, from the books in the possession of Grand Lodge, there was more than one chapter warrant granted in the year 1769, ten years earlier. The first chapter in the register of the Moderns is 1768. The Grand Chapter of England is reported to have been formed in 1797, but no records can be found in proof of that statement. That a Grand Chapter did exist is incontestable, as at the Union in 1813 the degree was not only adopted in the Articles of Union, but on the 30th of Nov., 1813, a Grand Chapter was held, and the Duke of Sussex was nominated to conclude the union with the Duke of Kent and the Court of Ancients. On the 18th of March, 1817, the duke's report was read, received, and adopted, and a Committee was appointed to prepare laws which were to form the rules for the future. The next day the Grand Lodge met and formed the United Grand Chapter, under which name meetings were held until Feb., 1822, when the old appellation of Supreme Grand Chapter was renewed by which it is still called. In 1825 the total receipts of the Grand Chapter were £204. In 1837 they amounted to £166; in 1857 to £652; and in 1874 to £1441. That, we admit, is a large increase in a given number of years. Whether this increase will be maintained is another question. No chapter appears on the Grand Lodge Calendar until 1837, when the London chapters are mentioned, and, four years later, in 1841, a general list appears. The Ancients, in a register book in the possession of Grand Lodge, claim to have established their Grand Chapter in 1771, and Lawrence Dermott claims to have been exalted in 1746 in No. 26, Dublin. These are a few stray memoranda which have come under my notice which I have jotted down for use on a proper occasion, and I do not know that I could have made a better use of them than on an occasion when we meet together for the purpose of still again increasing the roll of chapters, and increasing, I trust, not only the roll of chapters, but also the respectability of the Order, and its numerical advance. At all times, as I believe you are aware, it affords me great pleasure when I have the opportunity of devoting my services to the benefit of the Craft or the Arch, and on the present occasion I have still that feeling of devoting my services to the Craft, although unfortunately not in very good trim for carrying out the duties of the office. I will, however, do my best, and I am sure I shall receive the support of all the companions who are here present in carrying out those duties in a manner which I trust will reflect credit on the Craft in general.

Following the usual formalities of the address of the acting Scribe E., the Consecrating Z.'s reply and directions, the reading of the petitions for the charter, the demand for the approval of the companions of the Principals named, and the assent of the companions, the oration was delivered, in doing which Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said:

M.E. Consecrating Officer, M.E. Comp. H., and Companions: I have been requested by the companions of this new chapter, through the kindly intermediation of our worthy and esteemed M.E. Comp. Thomas, to deliver the customary oration, and I shall, therefore, venture to trespass upon your attention for a short time. Greatly as I esteem the privilege of being permitted to address you on the present occasion, the pleasure is mingled with pain. I look round the chapter to-day and miss one familiar face, and one very worthy companion always associated with ceremonies of this kind. It is hardly three weeks ago that at the consecration of St. Dunstan's Chapter, we were assisted by the genial presence and truly cheerful aid of Comp. Charles Payne, and I feel sure, sir, we shall all sincerely feel that in his death we have lost an old friend, a most excellent companion, and a most faithful member of our Order. It is not without evidence of sadness that we recall the loss of old friends and companions, whose place know them no more, but the Masonic worth and meritorious services of Comp. Payne will long be remembered by all who valued his sterling qualities, and were witnesses of his kindly, calm, and untiring zeal for Freemasonry. Sir, it is not very easy, as you know well from your long and varied experience, to find the subject matter of frequent orations. Just now consecrations of chapters are not so uncommon as they used to be a few years back, then the exception to the rule, and it is difficult to avoid the always unwelcome process of repetition and of sameness; perhaps the wearisome reiteration of well-known truths, or the unedifying use of familiar verbiage. We are always in danger, we who have often to address meetings like these, of becoming heavy or commonplace, wearisome and turgid. Hence it became a serious matter for me to consider what I should say, when I sat down to put together a few thoughts suitable to this interesting occasion, and if, sir, and companions all, in what I am about to say I shall try your forbearance, or weary your patience, kindly bear in mind that I have done my best to speak as the heart dictates, what seems to me alike suitable and seasonable on an occasion like this. We are met, sir, to consecrate a new chapter. We are assembled, let us gladly note, in the fear of God and love of our brotherhood, reverencing and acknowledging T.G.A.O.T.U., the Eternal and Triune Jehovah, and with hearts beating, let us trust also, with true fraternal sympathy and goodwill for our companions and fellow workers, to constitute another Royal Arch Chapter to the honour of the Most High, and the happiness, unity, and concord of its members, one and all. On such an occasion the mind naturally turns to our foundation truths, as the best test of the value, as the truest criterion of the interest of Freemasonry, that so we may realize why we are here, and wherefore it is we seek to celebrate our mystic rites, and to increase and enlarge the borders of our excellent brother-

hood. In the Royal Arch Grade we have, as we often say esoterically, the "summum bonum" of Masonic teaching and excellence. It seems to connect and compact the whole building "fitly-framed together," into one consistent whole, and to lend its colouring of religious reverence, and its tone of faithful service, to every legend, every axiom, every dogma, every declaration of Freemasonry! It is, however, unnecessary for me in this distinguished assembly, to dilate upon the goodly principles, and living truths of Freemasonry, on its pure morality, its genial philanthropy, its sacred precepts, or its benevolent aspirations, because they are not only well known to all present, but because, above all, in the Royal Arch Grade, we seem almost, as it were, if I may so say, to stand on higher ground, to have reached to the pinnacle of our goodly Masonic Temple. All that Craft Masonry proclaims in edifying clearness and graceful diction is enforced in the Royal Arch Grade, and with this addition, that the veil is, as it were, lifted for a moment, which the eyes of human reason cannot penetrate, unless assisted by Divine light, and we look with reverence and gratification combined on that sacred and illuminating scroll, which points out to us the pathway of our feet here below, in reverence of and obedience to God, in love for man, in loyalty and devotion to our civil duties, and in careful compliance with the decrees and resolutions of our own supreme authority. But this is not all. Though we are thus bid look up with trusting submission to the providential rule of God, through all the intricate windings of this mortal life, our hopes are raised, our hearts are elevated, our minds are cheered, with the promise of the futurity of the being of this crumbling mortality of ours, when dreams and shadows all are ended, and we stand in the full light, perfect illumination, and unfading happiness of a better life, in a better world. It is I think always affecting for us to bear in mind, that unless we are the most dull or the most apathetic of beings, we cannot enter our lodges or our chapters, without having our moral sense impressed and warned, our minds enlightened and expanded, our hopes raised and bettered, and we ourselves taught the once needful lesson of kindness, goodwill, tenderness and interest, sympathy and forbearance for others, mortal, suffering, and dying, too, like ourselves. And do not think, companions, that I take too sombre or severe a view of our teaching. I feel sure that he is the best orator on such occasions who tries to bring out fully the reality of the admirable teaching of our ceremonial, and who is not so much intent on the mere use of eloquent words, as to say that which may commend itself to the feelings and good sense of all present. I do not for one, sir, consider those idle ceremonies, for which you have come to preside over us to-day. I do not consider it my duty merely to let the occasion pass with a few trivial remarks, a few stereotyped passages, a few oft repeated sentences. Let me illustrate what I mean by two remarks. It seems to me, sir, I may be wrong, that we are in danger just now of two great evils, which we may term the "Scylla and Charibdis" of present Masonry. The first is "indiscreet haste of admitting members into our body," the other is a "more material view of what Freemasonry is and is meant to be." In Royal Arch Masonry, which is more limited, and in one sense more select, we do not run in danger of the evil of indiscriminate admission, but my remarks on this head have rather a general application, as seasonable and as reasonable, I make bold to say, on any such occasion as this, because they have a practical bearing on our whole Masonic system, of which, as I have before pointed out, the Royal Arch is the completion and the apex. Is it not, sir, quite clear to us all now that we are suffering in many ways from a too hasty and indiscriminate admission? from a want of selection? from a desire to increase our numbers, in season and out of season? Would it not be better for us in every respect if fewer in numbers, we knew more of each other? saw more of each other? were really brethren and companions of our good Order? rejoicing in each other's happiness, sorrowing in each other's sorrows? bearing each other's burdens, and thus developing the true teaching and the inestimable value of the internal as well as the external brotherhood of Masonry? Is it not too true, that when we talk of brotherhood and sing praises of fraternity, and boast of our intimate union, harmony, and concord, we all of us feel that we might yet be drawn closer together than we are in the bonds of genuine and mutual interest and goodwill? Let us then keep before us this one maxim to stop a growing evil, and to stop then our whole system, "that no one, be he who he may, has a right to claim admittance to a lodge or a chapter simply because he wishes to join one, or has means to pay the fees, but that it is a privilege to be sought and obtained with much care, consideration, and knowledge of the applicant." Freemasonry from various causes is popular in the world at this moment, has great attractions for some, and greater benefits for others, and too many I fear are knocking at our doors who do not seek admission from love of Masonry or a wish to render themselves more extensively useful to their fellow creatures, but because it possesses attributes, and good things, which either flatter their pride or suit their convenience, or can be made to minister to their temporal benefit. And then, sir, let us glance for a moment at that too material view which lowers Freemasonry to a benefit club or a convivial assembly. I am the last person in the world to object to moderate and befitting use of the good things which a benign Creator has provided for us, His creatures here. I believe, reverently, that all things here are "good" if used and not abused, if profited by in a proper spirit and within due bounds. I object to that fanaticism which calls the needful and lawful things of this world "evil," and would lay down arbitrary laws, as incumbent upon all, of renunciation and rejection, of innocent pleasures, legitimate amusements, and social enjoyments. But, I fear, sir, a good many of our companions, not penetrated by the mysteries of even the Royal Arch Grade, prefer to be adepts in a still

more exalted and energetic grade, a fifth degree, lost in the antiquity of years and the sublimity of association, namely, the "Knife and Fork Degree." Over its "chaste mysteries" let you and I, sir, draw a discreet veil to-day. Suffice it to say that it has many votaries, and is very often, strange to remark, more admired and more appreciated than any other portion of our mystic ceremonial. Nay, it has a literature of its own, highly æsthetic, I may almost say ritualistic, and I should not be surprised if even some members of this new chapter preferred to share its secrets, and rather penetrate its mysteries than listen serenely to the orator. Sir, while we maintain and uphold the hospitality of our lodges and chapters, let us not lose sight of this great truth, that Freemasonry is and means something more, something higher, and that if that is all the good we find in it we are abusing it, and not using it. Some of us have read a famous balance-sheet of a Masonic body in which £155 were spent on "creature comforts," and the enormous sum of £4 4s. on our Charities and all other Masonic charity. Is this not a parody on all Masonic professions? But, sir, as the old adage has it, "verbum sat sapienti." Let it be our endeavour to enable Masonry to minister to its true purpose, by carefully remembering its higher duties and its exalting characteristics. Charity emblazoned on its banners is its great and distinguishing feature, its ornament and its reality; the test of its usefulness and necessity; and whether we assist our great Charities, such as our noble educational establishments, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, or pour the balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted, or help a poor, destitute, or struggling brother, we are doing the best in our time or generation to make our good old Order useful to mankind, a pride to its members, and the admiration of contemporary non-Masons. Sir, I have done. May all of good attend the Granite Chapter. May its excellent First Principal long continue to receive the support of his companions, and the esteem and regard of his many friends and brethren, and may you, sir, in your official capacity, and amid your multifarious and onerous duties, remember the ceremonies of this eventful day with gratification and happiness, because they may, perhaps, enable you to realize once more that goodwill, regard, attachment and respect with which your companions in Royal Arch Masonry, as well as your brethren in the Craft, regard your faithful services and your untiring efforts to extend and uphold the prestige and reality of English Freemasonry.

The remainder of the consecration ceremony was then performed, and Comp. Hervey installed Comp. James Lewis Thomas, Past Sword Bearer of England, P.Z. No. 13, as M.E.Z. Comp. James Terry installed Comp. Frederick West, P.M. No. 1328, as H., and Comp. David W. Pearce, P.M. 1293, as J.; Comp. Dr. J. W. Oswald was appointed Scribe N.; and Comp. Thomas Woodstock, Janitor.

Letters of regret at unavoidable absence were read from Comps. General Studholme Brownrigg, Grand Supt. Surrey; Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W.; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Capt. Platt, P.G.W.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; Dr. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.O.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.A.S.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.S.N.; H. J. D. Dumas, P.G. Standard Bearer; Col. Somerville Burney; Col. Wilson Randolph; J. Aird, P.G. Steward; F. J. Macaulay, Dr. Kempster, W. Beattie, G. Hackford, R. C. Mount, F. T. Dubois; a telegram from Comp. R. Grey, P.G.D., regretting his being suddenly called away; and a telegram from Comp. Oliver, one of the petitioners, regretting unavoidable absence.

The Consecrating Officers, Comps. Hervey, Burdett, Woodford, Buss, and Terry, were elected honorary members of the chapter, and the names of twenty brethren seeking exaltation at next meeting of the chapter, with a list of six members for joining, were read by Comp. J. Lewis Thomas, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a very superior banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The usual toasts followed.

In giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, the M.E.Z. of the Order," Comp. James Lewis Thomas said that all the companions knew how admirably his Royal Highness fulfilled his duties, both Masonically and socially. At one time he was in a foreign country endeavouring to advance art and science; the next day he might be presiding over some of the humblest individuals in our own country, as he was some few evenings since. Whatever he did was with his heart and soul, and the companions, as Masons, recognised the excellent way in which he presided over Craft and Royal Arch Masons.

The toast of "The Rest of the Grand Principals, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord De Tabley," which was proposed in eulogistic terms by Comp. J. Lewis Thomas, was responded to by Col. Burdett, who said there were a great many officers of Grand Chapter present, and he felt confident it gave them the greatest pleasure to attend when a chapter was to be consecrated that was attached to the celebrated Granite Lodge. They were all aware of what the Granite Lodge was; they had all seen its working, and he believed all the members of the Order had the highest respect for it, not only because its members were brethren they could respect, but because the performance of the lodge ceremonies was always satisfactory. The lodge had now been in existence a long time, and its members now came forward to hold a chapter. Their petition had been readily granted by Grand Chapter, and the consecration had just taken place to the satisfaction of every one. Although almost an inactive Principal at the consecration he might say that he was as much pleased as any one could be with it. Comp. Wood-

ford had delivered a most valuable oration, and in other portions of his duties as J. had impressed the companions with the value of good working at a consecration; and Comp. Hervey and the other companions who had assisted had also discharged their duties most ably. He referred particularly to Comp. Terry, who had installed Comps. West and Pearce in the H. and J. chairs. In conclusion, he repeated that no working could have been better than they had witnessed that evening.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," who, he said, had performed their duties in a way that would long remain in the memory of the companions, and establish the day as a very remarkable one in Masonry. He did not think he had ever seen a consecration performed more admirably. Comp. John Hervey, who had been obliged to leave already, had consecrated the lodge under very trying circumstances; his health being very delicate, his presiding had been a great effort. The companions ought, therefore, to take it as a very great compliment. However much debility had interfered with his performance, the consecration had been marked by that earnestness and feeling which always characterised everything that was done by the Grand Secretary of England. Although their modest companion, Col. Burdett, endeavoured to ignore the part he took in the ceremony, the companions must always appreciate very highly the excellent way in which he discharged the duties of H. But what should he say of Comp. Woodford, who was a tower of strength in Masonry, in the Craft, in the Royal Arch, and in fact in everything connected with Freemasonry. Although it required no words from him (Comp. Thomas) to extol a companion whose name was a household word among Masons, he could not help referring to the magnificent manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair of J., and the splendid oration he gave, which ought to be engraved in letters of gold. He could only say he was exceedingly obliged to Comp. Woodford, and to the other Consecrating Officers, with whom all the companions were highly delighted.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in responding, said he deeply regretted on the present occasion Comp. Hervey was not there to return thanks for the very kind way in which Comp. Thomas had proposed the health of the Consecrating Officers. They would all have been pleased to listen to the kind words which he would have delivered, and which always came from his heart, and were always acceptable to the companions or brethren. He (Comp. Woodford) for one most deeply deplored Comp. Hervey's absence, because it compelled him (Comp. Woodford) to return thanks for the toast which Comp. Hervey, in his usual effective manner, would have rendered more justice to than he (Comp. Woodford) was capable of doing. But as Comp. Thomas had coupled his name with the toast, he from his heart was very grateful, as he was sure Comps. Hervey and Burdett were, for the honour which had been done them. It gave them, as it gave himself, great happiness at all times to assist in the extension of the Royal Arch among Masons, because, like himself, the more they knew of it, the more they liked its principles, and the more they wished to see it extended through the length and breadth of the land. Unfortunately, for some years past Royal Arch Masonry had been in abeyance, but he hoped the time was coming when in Grand Chapter the restriction of former years would be removed and every lodge allowed after twelve months to have a chapter if so it wished. (Cheers.) He had always considered it a great injustice that brethren who in new lodges were advanced to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason were obliged to go to chapters attached to other lodges for the Royal Arch Degree because their own lodge was unable to have a chapter attached to it for three years. He trusted that the time was not far distant when Grand Chapter would be induced to rescind the present rule. He was not a young man; he had served Masonry a great number of years; and the longer he had lived the more he felt its great charm was to make Masons a band of brothers, caring for one another, sympathising with one another, supporting one another in their absence as well as in their presence, and always ready to assist in the great cause of charity, which was the true characteristic, as they said themselves, and as he hoped it ever would be of every Freemason's heart among them. It was a very great pleasure to him to think men of different views, men of different professions, men of very different feelings on many subjects, yet animated by this one great feeling, reverence for God, and love for their brother man, joining together in this great bond of union in Masonry. (Cheers.) Long might it flourish, and long might it expand and extend in the world. He had had a hint given him that night that long speeches would not be acceptable, and he was quite certain that a pleasant evening might often be spoiled by making speeches a little too long. Therefore, he would conclude his observations with a toast which had been placed in his hands, and which he was certain the companions would do full justice to—"The Health of the First Principal." The First Principal of the new chapter which the companions had had the pleasure of assisting in consecrating, Comp. J. Lewis Thomas, was well known. His career in Masonry and his zeal in the Craft had been rewarded by the greatest honour the Grand Master could bestow. In this new chapter he would still maintain the same brilliant services to that Order of which he was a distinguished ornament. The warmth of his heart, and his zeal to serve a brother, would maintain the success of the chapter. The Granite Chapter would revive the harmony and good feeling which, he knew, prevailed in the Granite Lodge. He (Comp. Woodford), therefore, asked the companions to drink, with their heartiest good wishes for the success of the Granite Chapter, "The Health of the First Principal, Comp. James Lewis Thomas."

Comp. James Lewis Thomas, M.E.Z., in reply, said

that the compliments of Comp. Woodford were very undeserved, because the chapter was a new chapter, just consecrated, and there had been no opportunity of telling what the merits of the chapter were. He had, however, the interests of the chapter very much at heart, and he hoped it would come to a successful issue; as Col. Peters, whom he was glad to see present, often said, "Nothing succeeds like success." There was one thing he had to deplore, that in the short career of the chapter it had had several vicissitudes to go through. It was started with the co-operation of their esteemed Comp. Bosworth, who was to be its Second Principal. He shook hands with that companion one day at five o'clock in the evening, and at ten o'clock he was dead. That sad event threw them back a good deal. There was another dear old companion who was also a petitioner for the chapter. Comp. Boyd, they knew, devoted himself almost entirely to Royal Arch Masonry, on which he was a great authority, and he promised he would be the first Scribe E. of the Granite Chapter. With Comp. Boyd's kindness, and his knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry, the chapter would have floated very well indeed. But Comp. Boyd, poor fellow, had gone to his rest. These were peculiar vicissitudes. The charter was granted by Grand Chapter in May, 1878, and twelve months had elapsed before it could be consecrated. It was utterly impossible for him to attempt to put together any words which would touch the companions' feelings so completely as the very eloquent expressions of Comp. Woodford, who was constantly before them in Masonry, and told them truly what they ought to do, and what was expected of them in Craft and in the Arch; and the very kind way in which Comp. Woodford had expressed himself in regard to him (Comp. Thomas) he was quite sure was far more than he deserved, but at all events he should aspire, if he possibly could, to act up to Comp. Woodford's standard—not that it was really in his power to attain to it, but he should do his best to do so. If he did that, the companions would have launched the little barque successfully, of which they had seen the birth that evening, and at the end of two years would be able to say that it was really well founded. He hoped that he would for many years be able to stand up and speak of the success of the chapter. It consisted now of but five members, but at next meeting he expected to have the gratification of exalting twenty brethren, and welcoming six joining members. The Principals were exceedingly obliged to so many kind friends for coming forward to assist at the consecration, and under such good auspices he did not think it at all impossible the chapter might arrive at a successful issue.

Comp. J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., in replying for the toast of "The Visitors," said he felt it a distinguished honour to be asked to do so. He was deeply grateful to his friend the M.E.Z. for having invited him to be present at the consecration of this chapter. It was a most interesting ceremony, and to him most instructive. Not the least instructive part of it was the lecture delivered, and he thought the companions who were present ought to bear the lessons that were conveyed to them in that lecture in their memories. One of the parts that struck him most was the impressive way in which they were told that they ought to remember the sacred link that bound Masonry, and particularly Royal Arch Masonry, to truths revealed in the Word of God; also the impressive way in which the duties were instilled into them, of love to brethren, whether they were in or out of the Order. On an occasion like that he believed that brevity was the soul of wit, and he had the advantage of wishing to be brief because the M.E.Z. conveyed to him the notice that he was going to ask him to return thanks for the visitors, and since that time he had been in a state of utter confusion. (Laughter.) He never was able to prepare a speech, and he was always taken by surprise if he got a notice of ten minutes, but he thought it did not require to compose a speech to answer on the present occasion. The wonderfully good way in which the ceremony was performed, and the well-known character of the Granite Lodge, promised a glorious future for the chapter, which he thought none of them should be doubtful of. He did not wish to trench upon the office of H., who was the prophet, but he thought he might venture to say the future of this chapter, if it was to be at all in consonance with its first step, must be a grand one. Their Excellent Z. had said that only for the absence of some one member whom he expected that evening, the chapter would be floated much higher. He (Comp. Macartney) doubted that. He did not think that granite was a substance that could float. (Laughter.) If it could be kept above the surface of the water, as by the assistance of some other substance the needle of Cleopatra was conveyed to England to prevent it from sinking, it was all right. He did not think the Granite Chapter would sink, and if it was composed of the same materials as the Granite Lodge, it must be prosperous. One could not wish the chapter a more prosperous career than the lodge. If the two combined together, as he supposed they would, they would offer a bright example to all Masonic chapters and lodges. He returned on the part of himself and the other visitors his most heartfelt thanks, and he was sure the visitors would be most happy on future occasions to attend and see the progress of the Granite Chapter.

Comp. F. West replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Comp. F. Binckes and James Terry to that of "The Charities."

The Janitor's toast was then given, and the companions separated.

Bro. Edward Terry has announced his annual benefit at the Gaiety Theatre for Monday evening, May 19th, on which occasion he will appear in H. J. Byron's comedy, "Cyril's Success and 'Little Doctor Faust,'" and deliver an original address, written by F. C. Burnand, Esq.

CONSECRATION OF THE ZION (HEBREW) LODGE, No. 1798.

This, the first Jews' lodge in East Lancashire, was consecrated in the lodge-rooms, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester, on Monday, the 12th inst., by Bro. George Mellor, Wor. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. the Rev. E. H. Aldridge, Prov. G. Chap.; E. Hardon, P.G.S.D.; T. Lancashire, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Kenyon, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Sillitor, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. R. Fletcher, P.G. Org.; and J. Newton, acting P.G. Sec.

A Craft lodge was opened by Bro. Elias Nathan, P.M., at 2 o'clock, and there were present a large number of brethren.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Professor Prag, 1502; W. Aronsberg, J.P., 1055; Shuheshhaft, W.M. 1502; M. Hart, P.M. 1502; Tobias, J.W. 1502; J. Vertigans, P.M. 865; H. Rocca, S.W. 865; W. Bostock, P.M. 1633; Jacob Meyer, 1633; D. Donbavand, P.M. 317; N. Dumville, P.M. 252; J. Haarbleicher, 204; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Hudson Sister, W.M. 1011; T. R. Williams, P.M. 1147; F. Peel, P.M. 1147, and others.

The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master and his officers entered the lodge. After having assumed the chair, and receiving the customary greetings, he commenced the ceremony of consecration by requesting the P.G. Chap. to offer up a prayer.

The acting Prov. Grand Sec. produced and read the warrant for the new lodge, and the promoters having testified their approval of the officers named therein, the Consecrating Officer called upon Bro. J. H. Sillitor, P.P. G.D. of C., to deliver an oration, which was as follows:—

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother: Without entertaining any extravagant opinions respecting the antiquity of our Order, it will, I think, be appropriate on this auspicious occasion if we take a short retrospective glance at our early history, and refer to some of the secret Jewish societies existing in the olden time and not mentioned in our traditional ritual; and, as they bear so remarkable a resemblance to Freemasonry of the present day, both in usages and customs, as well as their fundamental principles, I think we are justified in assuming that we are descended from, if we are not now an exact counterpart of those societies, and that the Jews have been instrumental in preserving and handing down through succeeding generations the tenets and principles of our venerable order. It must, however, be admitted that considerable changes in our Constitution, as well as modifications and additions in our customs and ceremonies, have been made during the intermediate periods of time. The Jewish historian tells us that the Levites practised in their grand Sanhedrim in three degrees of initiation, consecration, and ministration, and were presided over by one chief and two assistant chiefs or wardens. The Essenes were a mysterious Jewish order, whose doctrines were contained in certain mystical interpretations of the Hebrew Scriptures, received from ancient tradition, handed down from time immemorial by oral transmission, and preserved with the most profound care and secrecy, and their members wore white aprons or girdles, and they had also a cable of tow around their necks. They observed three degrees of probation, and they were required to bind themselves by most solemn obligations to do justice, to do no wrong, to keep their hands clean from fraudulent dealings, and not to communicate any of their secrets to the profane, even though it should be to save their lives. After the destruction of the Jewish nationalities by the legions of Rome, the Jews were widely scattered throughout Persia, Mesopotamia, and many parts of the Roman Empire, where they founded academies and institutions of learning. In whatever province they settled they became famous as profoundly learned astronomers, mathematicians, and geometers. Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher, acquired a material portion of his knowledge of geometry while sojourning amongst the Babylonish Jews. On his return to Greece he founded a secret society or lodge of geometers; he communicated his instructions by symbols and parables. The fundamental principles of his society were—Reverence to God, filial piety, conjugal love, chastity, probity, the forgiveness of injuries, and constant employment. The philosophy of the Egyptians, the manners, principles, and customs of the Hebrews, so far as they form part of our system, having reference to the reverence of the Almighty Creator, were introduced into this land by the Phœnicians, and we still retain in our lodges many Mosaic emblems—such, for instance, as the Mosaic pavement; and let our minds now return to that original which it copies. Let it remind us that to-day our feet tread in prosperity, to-morrow we may totter on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation, and adversity. Let us all, therefore, endeavour to live in brotherly love, faith, hope, and charity. Faith is the foundation of justice, the bond of amity, and the chief support of society. Hope is the anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast. Charity is the keystone of our mystical fabric—it is the brightest gem that can adorn our Masonic profession. It embraces more than mere almsgiving. It is not enough to regard it in the practical and substantial light of giving liberally to our institutions, although this forms an important part of our system. Money is not the only thing the poor and unfortunate stand in need of; compassion points out to those who are not blessed with riches many ways by which they can befriend and assist a distressed brother, such as to soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, to give advice, consolation, and protection, and to make known their wants and distresses to those who are in a position to relieve them. So shall the blessings of Him who was about to perish rest upon us, even though we give but the good-will of our recommendation. By

the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, created by one Almighty being, and sent into the world to aid, support, and protect each other. Relief is another tenet of our Order; to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon every man, but more especially upon Masons, who are bound together by an indivisible chain of sincere affection. Truth is the foundation of every Masonic virtue; to be good men and true is a lesson we are taught at our initiation. Temperance is that due restraint upon our passions and affections which makes the body tame and governable, and frees the soul from the allurements of vice. Fortitude is that steady and noble purpose, equally distant between rashness and cowardice, which enables us to undergo any labour, and overcome any difficulty. Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions according to the dictates of reason; it is that habit of mind by which men wisely and prudently judge and determine on all things relating to their future, as well as their present happiness. Justice is the boundary of right, and constitutes the cement of civil society; it teaches us to do right unto all, and to give to every man that which belongs to him. It is to these fundamental principles and cardinal virtues that I would direct the attention, and recommend to the serious study of those who are about to form this new lodge. May its government be founded in concord and unanimity. Every member has unerring rules laid before him whereby to form his conduct. The volume of the Sacred Law, our acknowledged Masonic law book, is placed before him, so that he cannot say that he has erred in ignorance. Upon its open pages are laid the compasses to limit and direct the progress and circumference of his work; also the square, to prove whether his manners and conduct are uniform and regular, intimating that from high to low a Mason's mind should be inclined to good works, above which no man is exalted by his fortune. All your jewels and ornaments imply that in sensations, passions, and pleasures, in infirmities, maladies, and wants, all men are equal and on a level; nature has given no superiorities. To be an upright man is to add lustre to a Mason's character. To do justice and to have charity are excellent steps in Masonic life. By such means may you be proved, and testify that your emblematical jewels are but ensigns of the inward man, so shall you stand approved before heaven and before men, purchasing honour to your profession, and felicity to yourselves as members of the Masonic body.

The Consecration Ceremony was then proceeded with by the Consecrating Officer and Provincial Grand Chaplain in a most impressive manner, at the end of which Bro. Maurice Hart assumed the Chair of Installing Master. Bro. Elias Nathan, P.M. 204, was presented as the W.M. designate by Bro. Sillitoe. The ceremony of installation was most beautifully rendered by Bro. Hart, and the newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as officers:—Bros. Julius Aronsberg (P.M. 1161) as I.P.M.; Rev. H. Davis Marks, S.W.; L. A. Cohen (by deputy), S.W.; Rev. M. Klinkowstien, Chaplain; M. Newman, Treasurer; S. Mameloh, Secretary; A. M. Hart, S.D.; D. A. Davis, J.D.; F. Retter, Organist; S. J. Jordan, I.G.; E. Wise, Steward; J. Siv, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Hart in a very impressive manner, and after six propositions for initiations, and twelve for joining members, were made, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Biance, of the Caté Royal, and not only a sumptuous feast, but one of the most intellectual evenings was enjoyed. The speeches of Bros. Prag, Klinkowstien, and Mark, as to the Hebrew origin of our society, were well appreciated and listened to as Masonic lessons. The musical arrangements, which were in the hands of Bro. Retter, assisted by Bros. W. Dumville, H. Miller, W. Dumville, and H. Lister, were all that could be desired, the members of the new lodge contributing materially to the enjoyment by their musical talents.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.G., Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, M.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland, has, in the kindest manner, consented to preside at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival, to be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 25th June next.

Bro. Councillor Thomas Sutton, J.W., was last Tuesday evening, unanimously elected W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250, Warrington, for the ensuing year. Bro. D. W. Finney, Prov. G.T., the retiring Master will perform the ceremony of installation at the next regular meeting in June (2nd Tuesday).

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan counties of the Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. was held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday last. Several brethren were admitted members of the Order.

NORTH YORK FOLKLORE AND DIALECT.—Mrs. C. M. Tweddell, of Stokesley (whose "rhymes and sketches to illustrate the Cleveland dialect" have gained her "golden opinions from all persons") has been encouraged by the well-merited success of her former volume to prepare another for the press, which is shortly to be published by subscription, under the title of "Mrs. Fernbrake's Lucky Bird," and other pieces, or tales and poems to illustrate the folklore and dialect of North Yorkshire. The leading tale has already appeared in one of the Christmas numbers of the *Masonic Magazine*, where it was much admired.

The regular meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity will be held at the Grey Hound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 20th instant, when the election of W.M. and Treasurer will take place.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft has forwarded a donation of £50 to the Masonic House Fund in aid of the forthcoming Agricultural Exhibition in London.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 23, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
" 1320, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 857, St. Marks, S.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea-Old-Brdg.
Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 610, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E.
Cnap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Regent-st.
" 181, F. Burdett, Albany, Twickenham.
K.T. 135, Bosbury, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clekenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, D.B. of Wks., Office, Catford Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers' Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 24, 1879.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverstone.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H. Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

Lodge 1393, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. Indigestion, Stomach, and Liver Complaints.—Persons suffering from any derangements of the liver, stomach, or the organs of digestion should have recourse to Holloway's Pills, as there is no medicine known that acts on these particular complaints with such certain success. Its peculiar properties strengthen the stomach, increase the appetite, and rouse the sluggish liver. For bowel complaints it is invaluable, as it removes the every primary derangement, thereby restoring the patient to the soundest health and strength. These preparations may be used at all times and in all climates by persons affected by biliousness, nausea, or disordered liver; for flatulency and heartburn they are specifics. Indeed, no ailment of the digestive organs can long resist their purifying and corrective powers.—[Adv't.]