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THE EARL OF ROSSLYN, K.T.

T is no ordinary member of the great Masonic brotherhood who has kindly undertaken to preside on Wednesday next at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On the contrary, the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, can boast a Masonic pedigree such as it is given to few even of the most distinguished Craftsmen to be able to point to. Into the merits of the question whether the Sinclairs from whom his Lordship is lineally descended were or were not hereditary Grand Master Masons of Scotland, in consequence of an alleged warrant, issued by James II. of that country, constituting the Earl of Orkney of that time and his successors as such; or hereditary patrons under the well-known Roslin charters ofaccording to Bro. Murray Lyon, to whom we are indebted for most of these particulars—1600-1 and 1628, as granted by the Masons themselves, it is not our intention, nor have we space, to enter. Let it suffice that among the ancestors of his Lordship is that William Sinclair who, by the resignation in 1736 of whatever Masonic rights he possessed, prepared the way for the constitution in the same year of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. A part of the family name of St. Clair-Erskine sufficiently indicates this. But his Lordship has inherited a further claim upon our respect. His grandfather, the second Earl of Rosslyn, was Depute Grand Master of Scotland in 1808, and Grand Master Mason 1810-11, besides which he held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Fifeshire for the period of thirty-six years ending in 1837. But while we attach due importance to his hereditary claims, we infinitely prefer taking him on his own merits, which are both many in number and considerable in respect of their importance. He has, in fact, walked honourably in the footsteps of his ancestors, and though a man of only middle age, has filled or fills the majority of those positions of dignity, which it has been in the power of his Scottish brethren to bestow; and not only has he filled or does he fill them, but he is among the foremost of the Scottish Masons who have helped to elevate the tone and character of the Craft north of the Tweed. A brief sketch of his Masonic career will show this.

Rosslyn, Knight of the ancient and honourable Order of with their wives, daughters, and sweethearts, at his domain a member of the Supreme Committee of the Supreme Grand

of Roslin, near Edinburgh; there being present, besides the Grand Master, Past Grand Master, and various Masonic dignitaries, the Countess of Rosslyn and many other ladies of distinction. In 1870, on the retirement from the Masonic throne of the Right Hon. Fox Maule, eleventh Earl of Dalhousie—better known among us as Lord Panmure—the Earl of Rosslyn was chosen as his successor, and he had hardly entered on the duties of his office when he announced his intention of doing all in his power to promote charitable institutions in connection with Scottish Freemasonry. The "Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence" fell short of its object, and Grand Lodge was unfortunately hampered by a serious amount of debt, amounting at the time to which Bro. Lyon refers to over £13,000. Accordingly, his lordship submitted various proposals to this end, the principle of which was warmly approved by Grand Lodge, and the seed thus sown, especially as it has been so carefully watched over and cherished by his lordship's succesor, the present Grand Master Mason of Scotland, will, no doubt, in time produce the desired result. The chief events of his Grand Mastership, which lasted to the close of 1873, deserve to be recorded. In May 1871, he visited the Lodge of St. Andrew, Kilmarnock, No. 126, on the occasion of its centenary celebration; when he was supported by, amongst other distinguished brothren, Past Grand Master Mason the Earl of Dalhousie, and Colonel Mure of Caldwell, Prov. Grand Master of Ayrshire. In the course of the same month his lordship made a visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Haddingtonshire or East Lothian, and installed Major Hope of Luffness as its Grand Master. The jubilee communication of the Lodge Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, No. 291, held in November, was honoured with his presence, and in the same year he presided at the annual festival of the Lodges in the Province of Glasgow, among the principal guests being Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., M.P., then Depute Grand Master, and now Grand Master Mason; Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson of Queenshill, Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow; the Lord Provost of Glasgow, the Sheriff of Lanarkshire, &c. During his visit he was made a member, by honorary affiliation, of the Lodge of St. Mark, No. 102, of Glasgow. At its February Communication in 1872, Grand Lodge for the first time recognised the Past Master's Ceremonial Francis Robert St. Clair-Erskine, fourth Earl of of Installation, not, as Bro. Lyon points out, for the purpose of introducing a new degree in Freemasonry, but the Thistle, and Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to with a view to authorising the ritual of Installed Masters as the Church of Scotland, was born in the year 1833. He used in England, and so removing the disqualification which was initiated in the Lodge Kirkcaldy, No. 72, in the year had before stood in the way of Scottish Past Masters being 1851, and subsequently became its R.W.M. Some time present at the installation of Masters in English Lodges. afterwards he filled a similar position in one of our In the summer of this year he expressed a wish that he English Lodges at Malta, and so highly were his services should not again be nominated for re-election to the Grand preciated in this capacity that the brethren presented Mastership, but in deference to the wishes of the brethren, him with an elegant collar and jewel. He was called to as conveyed to him in a requisition signed by between six office in the Grand Lodge of Scotland as Senior Grand and seven thousand Craftsmen, his lordship consented to Deacon in 1853, and in the year following he filled the serve if re-elected, and he was re-elected accordingly. In office of Junior Grand Warden. In 1855 he was elected October 1872, he laid the foundation of the Watt Institute, Substitute Grand Master, a post he held for eleven con- Edinburgh, and in honour of the occasion was entertained secutive years. Moreover, it was in the year of his election at a banquet presided over by Lord Ardmillan. His lordto this high position that his lordship presented to Grand ship, in addition to being Immediate Past Grand Master Lodge a magnificent camel's hair altar-cloth, which he had Mason, is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland brought from the Temple at Mecca, and which bears at our English Grand Lodge, and is likewise a member by several Mahometan devices. In 1866, on the death of his honorary affiliation of Lodge No. 1 of Edinburgh (St. father, he succeeded to the title and estates. In 1869 he Mary's Chapel). He is an ex-officio member of the Fund of became Depute Grand Master, and in that capacity enter- | Scottish Masonic Benevolence, and one of the Trustees of tained, in the month of August, about six hundred brethren Grand Lodge. He is Past First Grand Principal, and as such,

T. of the Royal Order of Scotland, Preceptor of the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland, V. P. Lieut. Gr. Commander of the Supreme Council for Scotland of the 33° of the A. and A. Rite, and representative at the said Council of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. It will also no doubt be in the recollection of our readers that his lordship, in the absence through domestic affliction of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, headed the deputation from that country which was present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master of England, that he attended the banquet which followed, and which may indeed be considered to have been a part of that auspicious event, and that he returned thanks, in his capacity of chief representative of such deputation, for the Masons of Scotland.

Such, in brief, has been the career of the distinguished brother who will preside on Wednesday next at the Boys' Festival. Considering that he is an English as well as a Scotch Mason, and having regard to the deep interest he has evinced in the Charitable Institutions of what we must describe as more immediately his own section of the Craft universal, we take leave to congratulate Bro. Binckes on having enlisted the support of one so distinguished. trust that English Craftsmen generally will show their sense of Lord Rosslyn's kindness in accepting the onerous and by no means enviable task of presiding at one of their Festivals by supporting him loyally. If possible, let the result exceed anything that has been done before, on the one hand out of compliment to his lordship, and on the other because the money is so sorely needed.

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

RXCEPTION has recently been taken to a statement of ours in our analysis of the last Subscription List on the ground that Northamptonshire and Hunts was among the absentee Provinces, whereas it was, in truth, a contributory. We must, however, be permitted to point out that the only materials that are available for making our analysis are the particulars, officially supplied us, of the subscriptions announced at the Festival. These particulars, which are furnished for publication in our columns take the form of a list of the amounts of the several Stewards' Lists. They are arranged under headings—" London" and the Provinces, which have sent up Stewards, in alphabetical order. It would be ultra vires on our part if we took upon ourselves to make the slightest alteration either in the names or amounts, except in cases where it was clear that an error had accidentally been allowed to creep in. Now a reference to the List of Contributions to the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which appeared in the Freemason's Chronicle for 17th May last will show that the Province of Northamptonshire and Hunts was not included. If, as we have some grounds for surmising, and as, indeed, not unfrequently happens, a Steward hailing from London or elsewhere sought and received contributions or promises to contribute from Lodges or brethren in this Province, and included them in his list, that must be known to the officials of the School, and the amounts would of course be credited to the Lodges or brethren so contributing in the next published list of Governors, &c., of the School. But unless we also had been informed of this, we could not venture on taking cognizance of it. We repeat that we can only deal with the names and figures before us; if we went beyond this, we should be continually in hot water. However, our analysis of Festival lists are not, as a rule, intended to convey strictures on unrepresented Lodges and Provinces. We have always made it a point to offer such reason as seemed to us most probable for a Lodge or Province not being included in a particular list. They supported the Benevolent at its last Festival, or they are reserving all their strength this year for the Boys or the Girls. It is only when we have found Festival after Festival and year after year passing by and that a Lodge or Province makes no sign that it takes the slightest interest in our great Central Charitable Institutions, it is only in such cases as these, when we feel there must be laxity somewhere, that we make bold to chide the Lodge its absence. As regards Northamptonshire and Hunts it innumerable warbled in joyous unison with the happiness and con-

Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, Deputy Grand Master and has been our duty—a duty, we say unreservedly, that we have fulfilled with a great deal of pleasure—on several occasions to note its contributions to this or that Institution, and to show that we bear in mind what has been done during the last five years, and therefore that we should only have been committing a grievous wrong had we even for a single instant thought of casting a slur on its fair fame, we append a list of its contributions to the different Charities since January 1875 :--

| 1875 | R.M.B.I. Lodge 360 (Pomfret) | £15 | 5 | 0 |
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| 11 | R.M.I.B Province | 113 | 8 | 0 |
| 1876 | R.M.B.I | 121 | 0 | 0 |
| 1877 | R.M.I.G. " | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| 1878* | R.M.B.I. " | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| 1879 | 33 31 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, + | R.M.I.G. | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| " † | R.M.B.I. (1880) " | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| | | £7.16 | 13 | 0 |

Thus, Northamptonshire and Hunts in the last five years—the current year being of course included—has raised a total towards the Charities of £746 13s, giving an average per year of as nearly as possible £150; or, if the amount had been equally distributed among the three Institutions almost enough to have constituted the Province a Vice-President of each, that is, on the assumption it had all been sent up in the name and on behalf of the Province. We feel certain that after this explanation our brethren of Norths. and Hunts will acquit us, not only of having been guilty of any inaccuracy in our last analysis, but likewise of having conceived the intention of wittingly causing them any annoyance.

- * On this occasion the Duke of Manchester, Grand Master of the Province, was the chairman of the Festival.
- † These amounts have come to our knowledge since the time we made our analysis. The latter of the two was raised at the recent meeting at Wellingborough of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and is intended to form the nucleus of a subscription towards the Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution in 1880.

AN HOUR AMONGST THE "OLD PEOPLE."

WHERE is this Benevolent Institution of ours, that we hear so much about?" enquired a young friend of mine who had just caught the enthusiasm which fires the newly-initiated; and for the life of me I could hardly say exactly where. I expect, like many more of my brethren, I had been content to hear and read all about the substantial benefits towards which we had subscribed our little mite—to know that the Institution is ably and economically managed, and that it would far extend its sphere of usefulness, if it had the means. I had pictured to myself a stately and superb edifice, where "want and age sit smiling at the gate," and was quite satisfied to believe that those who had, through "unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune," been compelled to throw themselves upon the bounty of the brethren were tenderly cared for, and the autumn of their lives made happy through the instrumentality of the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

My provincial friend, however, was not to be put off in any such fashion. A sturdy north countryman, with a big heart, and a big pocket too, had come up to "see the sights o' town," and paramount amongst these was the Benevolent Institution on whose behalf he

had promised his Lodge to become a Steward for next year.

It was "somewhere down Croydon way," a brother told me; and accordingly Croydon-ward we turned our attention. Down across the emerald meadows, beyond the din and the bustle of great London; past smiling gardens and lawns, skirting the clumps and wooded knolls that are just now speckled with the blossom of the chestnut, and powdered with scented may, a pleasant half-hour's ride from London-bridge brought us to the bustling station at New Croydon. A more charming spot could nowhere be found, even in the very heart of the country, for the recent showers had freshened Dame Nature, so that she looked quite young and proverbial band-box.

Nearing the station we had noticed, as of course most observant travellers along that much frequented "iron road" have done, a handsome building in the Tudor style of architecture, before which staid old ladies and gentlemen were sauntering contentedly, amidst a perfect parterre of flower-beds, enjoying a bath of glorious sunshine in this bright "leafy month of June." It was very little trouble to find the place, for everybody hereabouts knows the Masonic "almshouses;" and after about three-quarters of a mile walk, past the bandsome and well-appointed villas which grace this favourite suburb of the metropolis, we came upon the object of our visit.

Whatever opinons we might have formed beforehand of the style and character of our Old People's home, I must confess the sight of it far surpassed my most sanguine anticipations. A settled air of quiet and refinement pervaded the whole scene, as our aged brethren and or Province which has been so regularly conspicuous by sisters paced the trim terraced walks, or lounged upon convenient seats placed here and there for their accommodation. Song-birds tentment that reigned around, and their music was in keeping with the brightness of the flowers, the luxuriance of the trees, and the subdued spirit of rest which seemed to have settled upon this spot, hallowed to the hearts of the brethren of the "mystic tie."

"Upon my word, old fellow, this is a magnificent place," exclaimed my enthusiastic companion; "If there is one spot on God's earth to which I should like to retire to spend my declining years, here it is." And, truly, this is the sentiment which must be inspired in the mind of any one who takes an interest in this noble branch of our Masonic Charities, and who visits it, as we did, for the first time. The only wonder is that the brethren do not more generally and personally acquaint themselves, as some have done, with the good work in progress at East Croydon. Not only would they be more emphatic in its praise, as they point to it in answer to the oft-repeated question as to what Masonry does, but they would be stimulated to a far more intense and practical determination to enlarge the basis of its beneficent work in every conceivable way.

We have dropped down, as Artemus Ward would say, quite "promisenous like"—uninvited, and thus come upon the place in its sober normal aspect, without any furbishing up or excitement,—such as may be supposed to precede a formal visit of the Stewards, or even the House Committee. We therefore see the House and its residents in their normal condition, and are able to speak of the place as it may

ordinarily be found.

At the principal entrance door stands a venerable brother, whose snowy beard rivals in its whiteness the steps from which he smilingly bids us welcome, as he beckons us along the neatly gravelled Nor is any formal introduction needed to the oldest living Mason in the kingdom, who for nearly eighteen years has ruled discreetly and well as the Superinterdent of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Norris, though verging on ninety years of age, "carries himself," to say the least, "remarkably well." Clear-headed, well-informed, sparkling with anecdote, and possessed of a perspi cuity which many a much younger man might envy, you are imme diately at home in his companionship. He is not so young, or so nimble pins," as he used to be; but still there is an intelligence beaming on his open countenance that sets you at once at ease with him. In the course of our tête-a-tête he informed us with unaffected freedom that he was the oldest Mason in the country - about a month or so older than the venerable Sir Moses Montefiore, whom I had hitherto regarded as our oldest brother-having been initiated as far back as March 1812. With the aid of an estimable daughter who plays the rôle of matron, he has, as I have already stated, superintended the Institution now for nearly eighteen years; and may his shadow never

Bless you, what changes he has witnessed in that time, living hale and hearty amidst the many vicissitudes which have befallen his large and happy family! He may be almost likened to the brook in the song, which says—

"Men may come, and men may go, But I go on for ever."

When first, by fortuitous circumstances, Bro. Norris was instated there as Superintendent, the Benevolent Institution occupied but a comparatively insignificant place amongst the noble Charities which are the pride and boast of English Freemasonry. Thanks to our excellent Bro. Terry, who, as the brethren well know, is indefatigable, both in season and out of season, in its behalf—surrounding himself with such an earnest and hearty following—the home at Croydon has reared its head far above most of the great benevolent institutions which are among the landmarks of Britain's greatness. The establishment of a House Committee has been one great outcome of his exertions, and by which the machinery of the interior economy of the Institution has been developed and perfected.

But let us take a stroll around the place, and try to picture it as it now stands. Entering by the canopied doorway we are struck by the speck and span cleanliness everywhere apparent, the apple-pie order in which everything is found. Ascending the broad staircase, in the centre of the pile, we are ushered into the hall, where the House Committee sit in conclave and devise their schemes for the comfort and happiness of the "residents." A spacious vaulted chamber, with panelled ceiling, and cornices pierced in quatrefoil, with walls painted a delicate blue, and through its stained glass windows the sun rays shine as with a "dim religious light." In the quarries of the windows are the mystic symbols, blended with the initials of the founders and others who have taken an active interest in the Institution, and the light falls softly on the many pictures which adorn the

sides of the cosy and luxurious apartment.

At one end of the room is an oil painting of the venerable Dr. Crucifix, who may be ranked amongst the founders of the building, and who smiles mutely from the canvas upon such a development of his early conception as probably he little dreamt of in his philosophy. Amongst the pictures also were pointed out a couple of capitally executed crayons, representing the exterior and interior of the Institution, from the pencil of Bro. T. J. Kilpin who, having outlived his profession as an architect, is now amongst the members who repose in their latter days upon the well-earned bounty of their fellow Craftsmen. Adjoining the hall is a small but compact library, from which the residents have the privilege of drawing books suited to their tastes and inclinations; and in the ante-rooms are lavatories and other convenient offices.

Tarn we now to the "homes" of the dear old people, and hear from their own lips the story of their peace and happiness, and the overflowing of their gratitude for the blessings they enjoy under the benign influences of our Order. With hearty freedom they invite you to come and see and admire the exquisite neatness and perfect comfort of their domiciles. And before we go farther, let us inform those who are not already aware of the fact that two rooms "with the use of a kitchen," are allotted to every resident—our aged brethren having in addition an annuity of £40, and every widow £32, a year. These good people have all of them "seen better days," and disorder, their use alon and, as a rule, bring their own furniture and household gods with

which to make themselves at home in their new abodes. But, in case they have not sufficient of their own, the society grants them a table, a bedstead, and four chairs by way of "housewarming;" though these accessories are scarcely over needed.

Accepting a couple of hearty invitations to "come inside," we may describe them as a sample of the rest, and these for comfort and convenience left nothing to be desired. The front apartment, overlooking the beautiful gardens, is used as the sitting-room, and on the walls we were pointed out, with a glow of pride and satisfaction, the trensured reminiscences of our departed brethren in the Craft. and which their relicts regard as the credentials by which they were helped to gain the haven of their present rest. Comfortably, and even luxuriously, furnished are some of these rooms, whilst "my lady's chamber "presented an appearance of comfort and ease absolutely perfect and unique. The domestic arrangements are settled upon the principle of mutual help: and it is almost past belief-from a cynical point of view-that never during Bro. Norris's long reign as Superintendent has a word of angry altercation been heard amongst the ladies who occupy these suites of apartments! In the case of a married couple being admitted, and the husband dying, the widow is allowed three years' residence pending her own election, which invariably happens before the time has expired. Indeed, when once a needy brother or widow is admitted within the sheltering portals of this Institution it is regarded as a life interest, and from the moment of taking up their quarters here all care or anxiety for the future takes to itself wings and flies away. Such an event as any one leaving the Institution on account of separation of husband and wife by the death of either of them is unknown in the history of the Institution. All the good ladies whom it was our pleasure to interview, and who were profuse in their courteous acknowledgements of our visit, were the very picture of health, happiness and contentment; and it made the heart light to receive the expressions of their gratitude for the blessings which had been thus secured to them through their connection with the Craft.

A word must be said for the comfortable-looking old widowers who are jogging along the downhill of life in this snug retreat. It may be very easy and natural for the opposite sex to minister to their own personal requirements in the way of making beds and the manufacture of puddings. But how do our brethren adapt themselves to those household duties to which in their days of affluence they must have been strangers? Splendidly, sir. They take to it most naturally; and if there is any accidental dilemma in matters of culinary importance, the "ministering angel" appears in the person of a friendly and compassionate widow, who lends her sisterly aid in the most delicate and sisterly way imaginable. One jolly old fellow, a ship's carpenter, can manipulate his "duft" or wash his own shirt in masterly fashion; and does it, too. Another old gent we saw was "not going to dine at home to-day," but having received a polite invitation from a widow neighbour, was going to share the frugal meal and an hour's agreeable chat at her residence. Thus the etiquette and the amenities of society are exemplified by respectable old age, and the picture is a pleasaut one to gaze upon.

We could dwell with satisfaction upon the scenes which arrest the attention of the visitor to this retreat, at every step, but the train does not wait, and it would be unwise to tire the reader. Let those who would learn more, and profit by it, do as I have done—see for themselves, and hear from the lips of the grateful recipients of our aid the story of their happiness, comfort and peace. Let them read for themselves eloquent sermons in the flowers which peer through every pane of those cosy apartments, where age and want are cared for so tenderly—in the peaceful countenances of those men and women who have been raised to new hope and life by the instrumentality of our Order. Even for this alone it is worth while belonging to the ancient and honourable Institution of Freemasonry, which in this, as in thousands of other instances proves the value of that Charity which is twice blessed—in him who gives equally with him

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

who receives.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett, and J. M. Pulteney Montagn occuping the three presiding Officers' chairs. The other brethren present were Bros. Rawson, Cottebrune, Case, Perryman, Atkins, Hogard, Christian, Garrod, Griffiths Smith, S. Burnley, Alfred Withers, Hammond, Moore, Britten, Deane, Dairey, Hamilton, Burt, Haigh, Dawson, Larlham, Matthews, Grant, Tanner, Stahn, Watts, Holden, Edmonstone, Koch, Freeman, Squirrell, Potter, Hilton, Harman, Hobson, Fountain, Walters, F. Smith, and Parkhouse. After the confirmation of the recommendations made at the last meeting, the brethren made grants to the amount of £635, to twenty-four new cases, and deferred the consideration of the remaining six on the list.

The new work on which Canon Farrar has for some years past been engaged will be ready for publication next month. It will be entitled "The Life and Work of St. Paul," and will be published by Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin, in two volumes, uniform with the Library Edition of Canon Farrar's "Life of Christ."

Holloway's Pill'.—The greatest wonder of modern times—They correct bile, prevent flatulency, cleanse the liver, purify the system, renovate the debilitated, strengther the stomach, increase the appetite, invigorate the nerves, promote health, and reinstate the weak to an ardour of feeling never before expected. The sale of these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, convincing the most sceptical that there is no medicine equal to Holloway's Pills for removing the complaints which are incidental to the human race. They are, indeed, a blessing to the afflicted, and a boon to those who suffer from any disorder, internal or external. Thousands of persons have testified that by their use alone they have been restored to heath after other remedies had proved unsuccessful.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Thursday 12th inst., at Wellingborough. The Wentworth Lodge, No. 737 being on this occasion the entertaining Lodge. Previous to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a meeting of the Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee was held at the Hind Hotel. The brethren having assembled at the Corn Exchange, Lodge was duly opened, and on the Provincial Grand Officers being announced they were received in due form. Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, assumed the chair, appointing Bro. E Cox P.P.S.G.W. to act as Deputy Prov. G. Master. The acting P.G.M. announced that he had received a letter from His Grace the Duke of Manchester, the Provincial Grand Master, stating that he was unable to be present, and requesting him to express to the brethren of the Province his regret thereat. The minutes of the brethren of the Province his regret thereat. last meeting were confirmed, and the roll of Lodges called over by the Secretary; representatives from each of the Lodges of the Province answering to the call. The following brethren were then appointed the Officers for the ensuing year:—J. H. Hale W.M. Wentworth Lodge 737 S.W., H. Norton W.M. Merit Lodge 466 J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Pomfret Lodge 360 Chaplain, Rev. S. Wathen Wigg Eleanor Cross Lodge 1764 Assist. Chaplain, H. J. Mann S.W. Socrates Lodge 373 Registrar, Henry Pank S.D. St. Peters Lodge 442 S.D., W. H. Parker W.M. Pomfret Lodge 360 J.D., E. Hale W.M. Perseverance Lodge 455 Superintendent of Works, R. H. Griffin St. Peter's Lodge 442 Director of Ceremonies, T. W. Tustin Fidelity Lodge 445 Sd. Bearer, J. D. Witherspoon Cricheley Lodge 607 Pursuivant, H. Hill S.D. Eleanor Cross Lodge 1764 Organist. In appointing Bro. Wigg as Assist. Chaplain of the Province, the R.W. Acting Prov. Grand Master considered the appointment would reflect credit, not only on Bro. Wigg, but also on the Province. He referred to the oration delivered by that brother on the occasion of the consecration of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, and considered that Bro. Wigg had thereby established his claim to preferment. Bro. F. G. Buckle of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 412, having been appointed as Prov. G. Secretary for a term of three years, it was only necessary to again proclaim him as such, on doing which the Acting Grand Master expressed the pleasure he experienced in conferring the honour on so distinguished a brother for another year. The Deputy Grand Master hoped that the appointments he had been directed to make would meet with the approval of the members of the various Lodges concerned. The following brethren were then nominated by the Lodges to serve as Stewards for the year: -Bros. G. Ellard, Pomfret, A. F. Cox, St. Peters, Frank, Fidelity, Ireton, Perseverance, Slimm, Wentworth, H. Brown, Eleanor Cross. The Director of Ceremonies and nounced that the appointment of Assistant having been placed in his hands, he had great pleasure in calling on the Worshipful Master of the Eleanor Cross Lodge to nominate one of his members for that Accordingly, Bro. Atkins, on behalf of the Master, recommended Bro. G. Ellard for the office, and that brother was accordingly appointed, Bro. Atkins thanking the Provincial Grand Lodge for the honour that had been conferred on him. The annual state. ment of account, which showed the Province to be in a most flourish. ing condition financially, was passed, and then, on the proposition of Bro. Cox, Bro. Richard Howes, of the Fidelity Lodge, was re-elected to discharge the duties of Treasurer, an office he had filled with the greatest satisfaction to the Province for several years past. In acknowledging this further mark of favour, Bro. Howes expressed his hope that the Province would continue to prosper in the future as it had during the past year, and so be the means of making his annual statement as Treasurer satisfactory to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The next matter that required the attention of the brethren was the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the past year; these, the acting P.G.M. stated, had been most carefully examined by the Board of Benevolence at their meeting that day, and were, on being put to the members, unanimously adopted. The minutes being put to the members, unanimously adopted. The minutes of the Board of Benevolence of the Province were then read and accepted. Among the grants were sums of £5 5s in aid of the restoration of the west front of St. Albans Abbey, £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £15 and £20 respectively to a brother, and the widow of a brother who were in distressed circumstances. Bro. Cox hoped that should there be any candidate from the Province at the coming elections for either of the Charities, the members generally would assist in carrying the case, and so prove that the Province was united in this respect. On these grants, with several minor payments, being confirmed, Bro. E. Cox tendered, on behalf of the Committees of the which had to be raised for the Charities was, he said, a very large and and only could be got together by the exertions of the Secretaries of the Charities, with the assistance of very many kind, hard working friends throughout the country. If the Province wished to be successful with their candidates for the benefits of the Charities, it was necessary they should acquire more votes, which could only be done by more systematic support. Secretary referred to a circular he had received from the Boys' School, announcing that the Festival of that Institution would shortly take place, and asking for the support of the Craft on behalf of the boys of deceased brethren, who were, unfortunately, obliged to claim the assistance of their fellows. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Hind Hotel to a banquet, which was served by the host in first rate style, the whole of the appoint. ments and the ample supply deserving especial praise. At its conclusion, and after grace had been said, the Acting Prov. Grand Master proposed the usual loyal toasts. Before giving that of the Queen he announced that the Prov. G. Master had expressed his wish to hold the next meeting of Grand Lodge at Kettering, and the brethren of

Lodge, it might be assumed that the next gathering would take place in that town. After the toasts of "The Queen" had been honoured the National Anthen was sung, and then the toast of "The G. Master" was given, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales." The Acting Prov. G. Master next proposed "The health of the Prov. G. Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," referring in a few well chosen words to their continued activity in the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. T. Cook P.M. 737, proposed "The health of the Provincial Grand Master the Dake of Manchester, the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of P. Grand Officers Past and Present." He did so with great pleasure, but was exceedingly sorry that his Grace was unable to be present. All respected the Prov. G.M., whether as a Mason, a gentleman, or a neighbour. They had, however, a very good Deputy in Bro. Butler Wilkins, who was in every respect worthy of the position he occupied. Bro. Wilkins, in his reply, again expressed the regret of the Duke at being absent. He could easily understand the disappointment the brethren must feel, but he hoped they would not for that cause look any lighter on the reception they had met at the hands of the brethren of Wellingborough. He reminded them that such a disappointment might befall all or any of them, and therefore they should show to their hosts that the exertions made were in themselves appreciated. He likewise sympathised with the new Officers, and was exceedingly sorry they did not receive their honours at the hands of the Prov. G.M. personally; he was aware that compliments given by deputy were shorn of a great part of their lustre. He was gratified at being able to state that during the year peace and harmony had prevailed throughout the Province. In one part --- Northampton-they had had an addition to their roll, which promised to become a most successful Lodge. The sympathy of the Province was due to the members of the Fidelity Lodge, who had, during the past year, lost their Master; and he felt that if any proof was needed of the merit of that deceased brother, the regret expressed at his death would supply it. Bro. E. Cox proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," compared the support given by other Provinces with that of their own. He considered that every Province should at least contribute a sum to the funds of the Institutions equal to the benefits they received therefrom. No brother around him, he felt sure, wished to receive more than they gave, yet such was what had been done by the Province; he would like to see this reversed. They must remember that the Charities cost a very large amount to keep up, and could not continue without the universal assistance of the Craft. He hoped that the representative of the Benevolent Institution (Bro. Terry) who was there among them would have as much cause to rejoice over the liberality of the brethren on the present occasion as he did after that of the last meeting of Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Cox continued, urging the brethren to assist in helping Bro. Southam to repay the votes he had borrowed to assist the candidature of his nephew at the last October election. Bro. Terry forcibly replied, detailing the requirements of the various Institutions which relied on Freemasons for their support, and urging the brethren to do all in their power to assist the various Committees in keeping up the efficency of those Charities. The name of a Steward from the Province for the 1880 Festival of the Benevolent Institution was given, and the result of a collection among the brethren announced as £10 10s, which amount will be placed to the credit of the Province on the above named list. Bro. T.M. Percival P.M. 455 proposed the toast of the Visitors. This he considered one which required very few words from the introducer. If it were not the custom of the Craft generally, it certainly was the rule in the Province of which he was a member to use every effort to make any guest who might attend their meetings as comfortable as possible; he hoped those present had enjoyed themselves. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. replied. Bro. John Green gave "the Treas. and Sec. of the Province." These two brethren he said were a great honour to the Province, and he hoped would be among them in their respective capacities for many years to come. Bro. Howes, in his reply, tendered his thanks; he could assure the brethren that so long as he was able, and had the honour of being elegible, they would never be without a Treasurer at their meetings to present the statement and collect their fees. Bro. Buckle also replied to the toast, he would always make an effort to conduct the affairs of the Province satisfactorily. The W.M. and brethren of the Entertaining Lodge were deservedly complimented by the Acting Prov. G. Master for the exertions they had made to render the visit to Wellingborough successful. We certainly consider that the arrangements of the day—whether as regards the trains, the comfort of Prov. G. Lodge, or the conduct of the banquet—merited the heartiest thanks of those who took part in the proceedings. health of the Ladies, and the Tyler's toast concluded the business.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex is summoned for Wednesday, 2nd July, to meet at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at one o'clock. The special business to be transacted on that occasion is the installation of the newly-appointed Master of the Province, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., after which the usual business of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be proceeded with. It is expected that the Rt. Hon. Lord Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England will preside, and induct Lord Tenterden into the chair. A banquet at the Corn Exchange will follow, at 4 o'clock. Tickets for same, to include wine and dessert, can be had—10s 6d each.

and the brethren adjourned to the Hind Hotel to a banquet, which was served by the host in first rate style, the whole of the appointments and the ample supply deserving especial praise. At its conclusion, and after grace had been said, the Acting Prov. Grand Master proposed the usual loyal toasts. Before giving that of the Queen he announced that the Prov. G. Master had expressed his wish to hold the next meeting of Grand Lodge at Kettering, and the brethren of Perseverance Lodge having signified their readiness to entertain Grand provided is ample to ensure enjoyment.

In Memoriam.

THE LATE BROTHER CHARLES H. PULHAM, W.M. UNA LODGE No. 773, NEW YORK.

IT was our melancholy duty to place on record, in our issue a fortnight since, the death of the above highly esteemed brother. Since then the following truly fraternal address has been forwarded from New York to the parents of the deceased, who are resident at Frome, Somersetshire:

Una Lodge No. 773 F. and A.M.

Livingston Room, Masonic Temple, Twenty-third-street, and Sixth Avenue, New York, 16th May 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pulham.

Dear Friends,-The members of Una Lodge No. 773 F. and A.M., of which your son, Worshipful Brother Charles H. Pulham, was the honoured and beloved Master at the time of his decease, desire to express to you a world of sympathy in this your hour of trial and bereavement. By the death of your son Masonry has lost an earnest and untiring advocate; society "a gentleman by nature," a warmhearted and loving friend, and the Press a zealous and indefatigable labourer. By his kind and affable nature he gained many friends, who keenly feel his loss, and while life lasts will ever keep a place in their heart's affection dedicated to his memory, for

"To know him was to love him."

"He has passed to his final rest, And his slumbers are peaceful and sweet; The Christian's light did guide him aright, And he dwells at his Saviour's feet."

Very truly and sincerely yours,

JOHN O'MOTT, Acting Master, DANIEL B. HOPKINS, Junior Warden, WM. N. PENNEY, Past Master, HENRY S. VAN FLEET, GEORGE BARTHOLOMEW,

Committee.

Attest

Marion H. Gowdy, Secretary.

On Saturday last, the 14th inst., the remains of our esteemed Bro. Adolphus C. Burrell P.M. 1416 were interred in Paddingtou Cemetery, Willesden-lane. Amongst those present we noticed the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. Ough P.M. 1446 P.G.P., E. Farwig W.M. 180, B. Swallow P.M. 382 and 1563 P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, W. Maxsted 180, A. Souttar, Honeyman P.M. 1238, T. Palsford P.M. 1158, J. Detraz 145, C. Rose 1446, T. Cull J.W. 1446, W. T. Morphew W.M. 1585, J. B. Docker J.W. 1687, Iriuth 1507, Mucklow, T. A. Hammond 1563, H. Stewart 780, E. J. Scott P.M. 749, &c. &c.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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How to Avoid the Doctor. Being plain and practical remarks for General Readers on the Causes, Prevention, and Rational Treatment of Disease. By J. R. Greenway, M.D., L.R.C.S., L.S.A., Lond.; L.R.C.P., Ed. Formerly Assistant Physician Aberdeen Royal Asylum, Surgeon Superintendent Australian Emigration Service, and Surgeon General Royal Mail Service. Tunbridge Wells: W. Nash, Library and Post Office, Royal Parade; St. John College Royal Library W. Nye Greener Gallery Colbran, Royal Library; W. Nye, Grosvenor Gallery.

WE always welcome works of this description. They are intended to be, and when, as in this instance, they are written by men of large and varied experience, are of the greatest service to the public. It is within almost every one's knowledge that at some period or other of his lifetime he has escaped a serious bout of illness because he had learnt, directly or indirectly, and so had been in a position to apply practically, certain preventive measures, by which a serious and perhaps a fatal disease had been scotched in its very inception. The man who can tell with accuracy that certain symptoms are indicative of the earlier stages of a certain illness can summon medical aid with a view to checking it altogether, or if that be impossible, to alleviating it in its progress and making it less acute. And if to this knowledge of symptoms he is in a position to add that of the neces. sary preventive or remedial measures, he not only saves his health but his pocket likewise. Not that we gradge a medical man his fees, for none earn them more honourably. As in accordance with the familiar saying, a stitch in time saves nine, so a dose of simple medicine will oftentimes prevent a long, tedious, and trying illness. It is in this that lies the value of this work, which, as its title states, contains "plain and practical" suggestions, such as an ordinary reader may benefit by, as to the "causes, prevention, and rational treatment" of the commonest forms of disease. After a brief history of the Healing Art, Dr. Greenway gives certain general rules for the preservation of health, laying especial stress on Diet, Dress and Clothing, Exercise, and Sleep, as contributing thereto.

order, seeing that no one is so likely to prevent, or will so thoroughly succeed in preventing, disease as he who understands the organic functions of the body, and the food and drink necessary to sustain it in health. This section may also be considered as an introduction to that which follows "on the Restoration of Health," for as those who understand the techniques of a section of the later which the later which the techniques of a section of the later which the l the body are the best able to prevent it getting out of order, so, when it is out of order, are they the best able to restore it to its normal condition. Then follow remarks on Nursing the Sick, on Epidemic Disease, the Classification of Diseases, and Diseases in general, with brief notes on what to do when a casualty or emergency overtakes us. The remainder of the work is general in its character, and deals with medicinal waters and baths, bathing, domestic remedies, extracts, foods, meats, and jellies for invalids, with a list, alphabetically arranged, of "Health Resorts and Climates." Thus everything we associate with the causes, prevention, and treatment of disease finds a place in the pages of Dr. Greenway's little volume. We must not forget to make special notice of the various tabular statements it contains, those showing the "Digestibility of different kinds of Food," according to Dr. Beaumont's observations, and of "Food Equivalents," being especially valuable. We are glad to have had this opportunity of offering these remarks in testimony of what, in our humble, non-professional judgment, is calculated to be of essential service to the whole community; and we do this with all the greater pleasure because Dr. Greenway is one of us, and it is always the more gratifying to be able to speak in terms of well-deserved praise of a member of one's own Craft.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

ELECTION OF GIRLS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I by no means agree either with "Investigator" or "A. H." in their strictures, implied or direct, on the recent election of members to serve on these Committees. I deny in toto that the fact of a brother having served so many Stewardships, or constituted himself a Vice-Patrou, Vice-President, or Life Governor, is any test of his fitness to fulfil certain important duties, such as aro required of those who serve on the House or Audit Committees. This will be the case, no doubt, when all other things are equal. But to leave one to infer it as your opinion that Bro. A. B. C. is better qualified to serve on the Honso Committee than Bro. D. E. F., because the former has served four Stewardships and is a Vice-President, while the latter has served only one Stewardship and is only a Life Governor, is a proposition too monstrous to be entertained for a single moment. The daties of the House Committee include the meeting and taking counsel together for the purpose of regulating, to the best of their ability, the internal economy of the School. The duties of an Audit Committee require a knowledge of figures, perfect freedom from all bias in favour of or against the officials who have been charged with the expenditure of moneys, and a resolution to see not only that the moneys expended are supported by vouchers, but also that they have been duly authorised, and are rightly appropriated under the different heads of service. What, may I ask, has length of purse to do with fitness for a position on either or both of these Committees? What we want is the service of good men and true, who will do their duty strictly and with perfect impartiality; and if I consider Bro. D. E. F., who is but a Life Governor, answers this description better than Bro. A. B. C., who is a Vice-Patron, I am perfectly justified in casting my vote for him. Indeed, as I hope I should do in all cases, according to my conscience, I should be under moral compulsion to prefer the claims to my support of the former over the latter. I am perfectly well aware that inside as well as outside Freemasonry personal influence and popularity will exercise weight, but I know that lasons are merely men, and until I find them to be angels I must, like a sensible man, make due allowance for the exercise of such influence.

Yours fraternally,

COMMON SENSE.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DRAR SIR AND BROTHER, -What are we coming to? Elections take place for children into the Masonic Schools twice in each year. As regularly as the elections come, so do demands for a scrutiny. In fact, so much is the liability on the part of the scrutineers to err recognised, that the rules by which the Institutions are governed contemplate a return not consistent with facts, and the success is ensured of candidates erroneously returned as having been elected in addition to those in whose favour a majority of votes was polled. An election for House and Audit Committees takes place, and "INVESTIGATOR" amuses himself by analysing the position of the various candidates on the list of subscribers to the Girls' School. This is supplemented by a letter from "A. H."-a letter both caustic and severe in its terms—suggesting that past exertions avail nothing, and that reward is not offered to those who exert them-His next section is devoted to a variety of considerations for the Prevention of Disease. We may consider the third part or section entitled "The Structural View of Man," as following naturally in

the anticipations which have been formed by the Craft generally, that the infusion of new blood into the Committees will work wonders in the administration of affairs. The saying, "that there is as good fish in the sea as was ever drawn from it," is a truism, and doubtless those members, whose qualifications are now on the minor will speedily increase them to the major scale, and so evince their good feeling towards the Institution, in favour of which their services have been placed at the General Committee's disposal. I take it for granted that each brother nominated was duly qualified to become a candidate, and that the selection by the General Committee was not confined to those who either possessed a multiple of votes or had served an excess of Stewardships. If this latter view prevailed, the Special Committees might be composed of brethren whose arrangements might possibly be of such a nature as to preclude them from keeping the many appointments which would follow their election, but if both a readiness to give, and a willingness to rigidly perform the duties pertaining to the coveted office be united in the same candidate, the possessor should be welcomed as an acquisition to the Board. On the other hand, I am bound to concede that it is only reasonable to expect that those members, by whose contributions the Institution has been greatly enriched, should feel an anxiety in its internal management, and also a jealousy at the elevation of such as have been more chary of their donations.

Yours fraternally,

L. F.

18th June 1879.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—As to which is correct whether Masons meet on the level and part on the square, I consider there can be very little doubt. When we meet in Lodge we do so on a level of equality, as in the Lodge we are all on a level as brethren, no matter what rank or distinction in life we may hold; but there I opine the level or equality ends, for though we are still brethren, the G.A.O.T.U. has assigned to each of us a different station in life, therefore I say the level on which we meet within the Lodge terminates at its close. But we can all, no matter who or what we are, part on the square, that is to say, with the full determination of acting towards one another on the square, doing as we would be done by, a maxim I think no one will dispute holds good on all occasions, and is a duty incumbent upon all to observe.

Apologising for troubling you with my ideas on this point,

I remain, yours fraternally,

F. K. S., P.M. AND P.Z.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Sir,—I think every one who has ever been in a hospital ward will agree with me that hardly a greater boon could be conforred on the suffering inmates than the establishment of a lending library for their use. The gift of a little book to some suffering one has often induced a look of gratitude that has lived in our memory for days afterwards, and it appears to me that the establishment of a series of permanent libraries in our London hospitals should be an easy and a pleasant duty. I will give, as a first donoation, a hundred volumes of my own publications, and I have no doubt the London publishers will respond most liberally from their wealth of literature; but my object in writing is to ask those of your readers who have readable books, for which they have no further use, to send them to me, and so form the nucleus of a system that will, I trust, become prodigious in its proportions. Those who cannot send books will perhaps help us in pecuniary donations towards the same object, and I shall be happy to receive and acknowledge all such. I shall be glad if donors will kindly send all parcels to my address, carriage paid, advising me by post-card of their despatch. Cheques and P.O.O. should be crossed London and County Bank.

Yours very truly,

F. E. LONGLEY.

39 Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

The Consecration of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, will take place on Tuesday next, at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, at three o'clock precisely. The Cercmonies of the day will be performed by Bro. James Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, &c., assisted by Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, and W. Clarke P.G.D.C. Suffolk as Director of Ceremonies. The Officers designate are Bros. Louis Hirsch W.M., Dr. Charles T. Pearce S.W., and Archibald Fairlie J.W. Among the founders may also be mentioned Bros. Robert F. Fairlie, William Worrell, Alfred Pocock, William C. Hale, and R. Clay Sudlow. The musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bro. F. H. Cozens. We expect a very pleasant meeting, and hope that the Lodge will prove as great a success as its inauguration seems to portend.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

T might have been thought that the annual distribution of prizes announced for Wednesday would be interesting only to the boys entitled to receive the rewards of merit, provided either by the Institution, the House Committee, or private donors, and awarded by the Examiners; but on glancing at the programme of the day, it was evident that the Masters and Boys had determined to try if they could not entertain those who should favour the School with their company on the occasion, and right well they succeeded. Lovers of choral music need wish for nothing sweeter than the rendering of Pinsuti's "Spring Song," Lemmen's "Drops of Rain," or Barnby's "Sweet and Low," which formed part of the contributions of the choir; admirers of three-part songs must have been delighted with the trios by Swallow, Steddy, and Allinson; the first named also very effectively singing as a solo "Roaming at the break of day," and, with Steddy, fairly enchanting the company by Sullivan's duet "Sweethearts." The pianoforte playing of Stansfield, Carter, and Dunaway elicited hearty applause, and the instrumental band discoursed sweet music to willing listeners. The greatest interest seemed, however, to be evinced in the desire to see how "Our Boys" would acquit themselves on the stage, and here again a most auqualified success must be recorded. We do not know whether P. Heaviside or H. J. Wellington aspire to becoming the Charles Matthews or the Toole of the future, but we may well doubt if either of those artistes could have displayed greater dramatic talent at so early an age. As Mr. Tittums in Maddison Morton's "Steeplechase," and in the part of Tim Bolus in Williams's well known farce "My turn next," P. Heaviside kept the audience in one continual roar of laughter. He was admirably supported by H. J. Wellington in the respective parts of Dr. Clipper and Farmer Wheatear. Special reference is also due to J. Hazeland for a capital make up and excellent conception as Alderman for a capital make up and excellent conception as Alderman Slowcoach and Mr. Taraxacum Twitters, and if we do not allude individually to the efforts of the remaining characters, it is only because the demands upon our space prevent us saying more than that all did well. We heartily congratulate Dr. Morris and his assistants on this signal proof that almost unprecedented success in educational work—as evidenced by the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination -- is not incompatible with the development of more than ordinary powers of mutual entertainment. The effects of so pleasant a reunion must be to stimulate the boys to increased exertions, and cannot be lost upon the visitors, but

> "Make those subscribe who ne'er subscribed before, And make the old subscribers still give more."

The chair on this occasion was occupied by the president of the Board of Stewards of the coming Festival, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, who in due course, distributed the various prizes which had been awarded to the pupils, of which the following is a list:—

The silver medal for good conduct, presented by the Institution—Charles Sage. The Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. No. 657—Frank Allinson. The Silver Watch and Chain for general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° to a pupil on leaving the Institution—John Innes Hazeland.

General prizes presented by the Institution. First Class—Scripture:—E. Ralling and T. H. Wellington. Classics:—C. Sage, P. Heaviside, and J. Hazeland. Mathematics:—P. Heaviside and E. L. Price. French, German:—W. Davenport and A. Pearson. English:—E. L. Ralling and W. Davenport. General Improvement:—W. Evans, E. Price and F. C. Gates. Second Class.—Classics:—W. Cole. Mathematics:—J. Buttrey. French, German:—J. S. Francis and H. Williams. English:—J. S. Francis. Third Class.— Latin:—S. Woodhouse. Mathematics:—W. Meacock. French:—A. J. Green and G. Dawson. English: A. C. Featherstone. Fourth Class.—Latin:—A. Routledge. Mathematics:—E. Browning. French:—R. Duff. English:—W. Pow. Fifth Class.—Arithmetic:—C. E. Stone. Latin, French, English:—E. Taylor. Sixth Class.—Latin:—R. Riley. French:—P. Gedge. English, Arithmetic:—T. Hall.

Special Prizos presented by the House Committee.—Writing:—A. Pearson and C. Stead. Dictation:—J. Hazeland and E. L. Price. History:—H. Brock and W. Davenport. Geography:—H. J. Wellington and C. Sage. Mental Arithmetic:—E. Price and H. Fenemore. General Attention to Studies:—E. L. Ralling and H. Pinson. General Proficiency:—P. Heaviside and C. Sage. Efficiency as Monitor:—W. Evans and A. Pearson. Proficiency in Drill:—A. G. E. Hibberd and H. Wood.

Presented by Private Donors.—By Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris—Attention to Studies:—H. J. Wellington. Proficiency in French and German:—G. Tanner and H. N. Tayler. Elocution:—J. Hazeland. Perseverance:—T. Taylor and R. Chandler. By Mr. E. V. Gardner:—Mechanics:—A. Nutt. By Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Vice-President of Institution, P.M.:—Drawing:—J. Hazeland. By Mr. Sylvester. Drawing Master. Drawing—Freehand:—T. Harding and D. Dove, Painting:—A. Pearson. Shading:—H. Brock. Architecture:—A. Parker. Improvement:—W. Jackson. By Mr. Holmes, Musical Instructor:—Music (Piano)—Stansfield, Dunaway, and Carter.

Archibald Fairlie J.W. Among the founders may also be mentioned Bros. Robert F. Fairlie, William Worrell, Alfred Pocock, William C. Hale, and R. Clay Sudlow. The musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bro. F. H. Cozens. We expect a very pleasant meeting, and hope that the Lodge will prove as great a success as its inauguration seems to portend.

This part of the proceedings being completed, Bro. Right. Hon. Lord Henniker expressed the pleasure he had experienced at the entertainment thus far. He was extremely gratified at the success of the Boys at the Cambridge Local Examination, and as an incentive to future exertions offered an annual prize of £5 to the boy who possed that Examination the best. Bro. Edgar Bowyer expressed his desire that his prize should in future be presented for Book-Keeping, instead of Drawing; Bro. Meggy still further advocated the importance of this branch of study, and offered a second prize for

Book-Keeping, which we hope will be an inducement for the Boys to persevere with this, in our opinion, the most important part of commercial education.

The usual cold collation was provided for the guests, and various entertainments were arranged in order to make enjoyment as easy as possible. The meeting throughout was most successful.

BRO. DICK RADCLYFFE'S DRAWING.

We hereby Certify that at the Drawing of Numbers in Bro. Dick Radclyffe's Ballot for Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held this day, Fourteen Prizes (£5 5s each) were balloted for, when the following were declared the winning numbers:-

| Prize No. | Ticket No. | From books supplied to- | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7 | 550 | John Bertram | Crouch End. |
| 5 | 3013 | C. Stephens | Woodley Hill, Reading. |
| 1 | 4206 | F. Eyre | 67 Tooley-street. |
| 10 | 4386 | C. A. Walter | Warwick-rd., Kensington. |
| 8 | 5304 | Young | 344 Oxford-street. |
| 6 | 5307 | Hill | 2 Princes.street, E.C. |
| 2 | 5605 | Swift* | Black Lion, Mold. |
| 3 | 6122 | H.R.H. Prince Leopold | l |
| 4 | 9911 | W. Hopekirk | Crystal Palace. |
| 13 | 12779 | G. Bigley | 65 St. Augustine's-rd, N.W. |
| 9 | 13296 | Jacoby | Nottingham. |
| 14 | 15681 | H. M. Levy | 24 Southampton-row, W.C. |
| 11 | 16283 | F. Binckes | Freemasons' Hall. |
| 12 | 17861 | W. Carter | Canterbury. |

Signed-Bros. F. BINCKES P.G.S.

- J. Constable P.M. 185.
- J. O. CARTER P.M. 209.
- G. W. DIXON P.M. 865.
- R. Roberts P.M. 742.
- DICK RADCLYFFE, J.D. 209.

W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211.

19th June, 1879.

Brother Radelyffe may be congratulated on baving thus completed the labour he had undertaken. We are aware that the result of his efforts in behalf of the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School has not, by a long way, reached his expectations, but we are not singular in the opinion that by the zeal and untiring energy he has exhibited he has brought prominently under notice the merits of our Charitable Institutions. He has distributed good seed broadcast; doubtless, in the fullness of time, it will produce an abundant harvest.

* The amount of this prize will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOME.

O'N Wednesday, the 18th inst., the annual fête was held at the Village House for Orphan and Destitute Girls, Barkingside, Ilford. Every convenience had been made for visitors, special trains being provided from Liverpool-street, on the Great Eastern Railway. On arriving at Ilford, we found waggonettes and vehicles of all descriptions waiting to convey the guests to the Home. The houses on the route were decorated with flags and banners; triumphal arches, decked with evergreens, and bearing inscriptions of all kinds, commanded attention on the way. The country folks seemed to consider it a holiday, and greeted us on all sides, and after half an hour's pleasant ride (though perhaps some found it rather dusty), we found ourselves at the pretty little village. Our attention was now drawn to a large marquee, where boys and girls from the Home at Stepney Causeway were singing, in a style that merited praise for several of their songs. The "Sleighing Song," and "O, hush thee, my Baby," deserve especial commendation. A selection of music was played at intervals by the Holdfast Handbell Ringers. The Princess Mary (Duchess of Teck) then formally opened three new cottage homes, named respectively, "Hyacinth," "Eaton," and "Beehive." Her Royal Highness then proceeded to lay the foundation stones of two others, while the Countess of Aberdeen laid that of a third; these will in all make thirty, and will complete the original scheme of the village, which when finished, will accommodate not less than six hundred children. Each cottage presents accommodation for twenty children, with a "Mother" at their head. We visited several of those already occupled, and found all to be in the best order, and their respective families as happy as could be expected by the most sanguine. We were also glad to see that the residents have a Steam Laundry, with every convenience desired; in connection with this feature is an artesian well, three hundred feet in depth. The promoters hope, before long, to be able to open a Mission Hall, which has been rendered absolutely

necessary by the absence of any suitable place of worship in the neighbourhood where the children can assemble on Sundays. It is also desirable to have a common kitchen, which will serve as a School for Cookery; and last, but not least, a swimming bath. The total amount already expended upon the land and buildings has been £30,500, and for fittings and furniture £3,500, making a total of £34,000; an amount which, considering the character of the buildings, and the general extent and appearance of the Institution, proves that Dr. Barnardo has gone to work economically; his aim has been to train girls for domestic service. Before concluding, we must not forget to mention that it is the most destitute candidates who are considered the most eligible, not by votes, as is the general plan adopted by similar institutions. A large bazaar was open during the day in the grounds, in aid of the funds, and we trust the sum realised met the anticipations of its projectors.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction.—The Fifteen Sections were worked at a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Lodge House, White Swan Hotel, Highstreet, Deptford, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren, chiefly members of Lodges in the vicinity. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, occupied the chair of W.M., the remaining offices being filled by Bro. J. J. Hutchings J.W. 147, S.D. 1531 as S.W., S. P. Catterson J.W. 548 as J.W., Fieldson S.D. 548 as S.D., Martin 879 as J.D., Price 1255 as I.G. The Lodge having been opened, the sections appertaining to the first degree were worked as follows:—The first by Bro. Waterman W.M. 147; the second by Bro. Gibson 1531, Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Instruction; the third by the J.W.; the fourth by the S.W.; the fifth by the W.M., the questions being put by the S.W.; the sixth and seventh by the J.D. After a brief adjournment from labour to refreshment, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees; being resumed in the second degree, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Tack 834 and 1531; the second by the S.W.; the third by Bro. Waterman; the fourth by the J.D.; and the fifth by Bro. Speight P.M. and Sec. 147. On the resumption of the Lodge in the third degree the remaining sections were worked—the first by Bro. Tuck, the second by Bro. Griffin P.M. 933, P.Z. 933 and 79, J.W. 1531, the Preceptor and Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction. The labours of the evening being thus terminated, the Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and in due time closed, after a unanimous vote of thanks had been accorded to Bro. Milbourn for his kindness in undertaking to preside, and as an acknowledgment of the ability displayed by him in discharging the duties of the office.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This Evening, LE PROPHETE. On Monday, UN BALLO IN MASCHERA. On Tuesday, TANNHAUSER. On Thursday, LE NOZZE DI FIGARO. On Friday, DUN GIOVANNI. At 8.30 each evening.

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GLOBE, -At 7.15, DON QUIXOTE, JUNIOR. At 8.5, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

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ADELPHI.-At 7.30, No. 1 ROUND THE CORNER. At 8.0, AMY ROBSART.

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LYCEUM.-LADY OF LYONS, HAMLET, or LOUIS XI., &c. PRINCESS'S .- At 7.45, DRINK.

COURT.-At 7.45, COUSIN DICK. At 8.15, THE LADIES' BATTLE, &c.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CUPS AND SAUCERS. At 8.30 H.M.S. PINAFORE, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.20, FARCE. At 8.0, NICETTE, At 9.0, CRUTCH AND TOOTHPICK.

CRITERION.-At 7.30, MEG'S DIVERSION. At 9.0, TRUTH.

IMPERIAL,-At 7.40, SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER. At 9.45, LADY OF

ALHAMBRA.-At 7.40, FARCE. At 8.15, VENICE.

DUKE'S .- At 7.30, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 8.15, NEW BABYLON.

STANDARD.—At 7.15, FAMILY JARS, LOVE WINS, &c.

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*** The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards can still be received, and additions to the present List will be most gratefully welcomed.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed at 3.0, and the Brethren will attend Divine Service in the Parish Church, where, by kind permission of the Rev. L. J. Bernays, Rector of Stanmore, a Sermon will be preached by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

The Banquet will be held at the Institute at 4.30. Tickets, One Guinea each, may be obtained before the 28th instant, from the Provincial Grand Secretary, or on the day of meeting from the Provincial Grand Stewards. Musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Louis Beck, Prov. G.O.

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A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden at the SHIRE MALL, CHELMSFORD, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd day of July next, at One o'clock, for the purpose of Installing the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., as Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Essex, and for General Business.

The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord CARNARVON, will preside.

The Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at Half-past One o'clock. The Treasurer's Accounts will be Audited at Half-past Twelve o'clock precisely.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M., THOS. J. RALLING,

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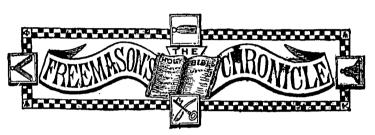
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ENGLISH MASONRY IN TUNIS.

THE closing of the various English Masonic bodies in the city of Tunis for the summer months received additional éclat from the presence of the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, &c., and several Malta brethren. The visit of Bro. Rosenbusch gave unqualified pleasure to all members of the Craft in Tunis, as it was entirely owing to his exertions that the "Ancient Carthage was founded in 1877, there being at that time only three English Masons in the country. A special meeting of the Lodge to receive him was held on the 25th May. Present—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. W.M., Bros. J. H. Stevens (Acting British Consul General) S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., G. Gardelle Acting Sec., Cavaliere A. Blanch Treas., Professor Souller Interpreter, Professor V. C. Clement D. of C., G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., A. Bokobsa Assist. D. of C., M. Le Gallais I.G., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., J. Eymon Tyler. P.M.'s Sulema and Mugnaini, and a numerous attendance of members, including the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Imperial German Consul. Visitors—Bros. Professor H. Stilon J.W. 515, A. Tagliaferro I.G. 515, and many Italian Masons. W. Bro. Rosenbusch was received with Grand Honours on his entrance into the Lodge. The W.M. addressed the assembled brethren and informed them that they now had the pleasure to see amongst them the founder of their Lodge, and paid a high eulogium to the Masonic character of W. Bro. Rosenbusch. The P.D.D.G.M. replied that no words of his could suffice to express his satisfaction at the extreme beauty of the arrangements of the Lodge, its influence and progress, and the harmony existing amongst its hundred members. He had certainly aided in laying the foundation stone, and his friend and successor as D.D.G.M. Bro. Broadley had indeed built up a Grand Masonic edifice on that foundation. He exhorted the members to persevere in their endeavours to carry out the work which had been begun so satisfactorily. The Lodge being duly raised, Bros. Bya and Bigneance received at the hands of the W.M. the sublime degree of The Lodge was lowered, and an adjournment took place, after which the W.M. initiated, in English, Messrs. William Pariente and Vincent Borg (who had been elected at a previous meeting) into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Lodge was then closed. On Monday, the 26th May, a meeting of the R.A. Chapter, "Ancient Carthage," took place. Present.—E. Comps. A. M. Broadley Z., Dr. Mugnaini H., Baron Castellnuovo J.; Comps. J. H. Stevens E., G. Pentecost N., Dr. Perini P.S., P. M. Paleologo S.S., J. B. Bourepaux J.S., Clement Registrar, A. Blanch Treas., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., and Eymon Janitor. Comps. Chevalier E. Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M., Curletto, Barsottie, They and others. A ballot was taken and proved favourable for the following Master Masons: -Bros. Professor Stilon J.W. 515, A. Tagliaferro I.G. 515, V. Finzi and N. Paleologo of 1717. The candidates, being present, were exalted to the sublime degree of the H.R.A. Comp. Chevalier Rosenbusch paid a high compliment to the M.E.Z. on the working of the Chapter in Italian, and the beauty of its appointment and furniture. The proceedings were closed by the charitable collection, and the Chapter adjourned till the month of October. On the evening of the 31st May, the installation meeting of the Kingston Mark Lodge No. 222 was held, and was followed by a banquet. Present—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley W.M.M., Bros. Pentecost S.W., Perini J.W., Paleologo M.O., Gardello S.O.,

(acting), Stevens R.M., Finzi S.D., Bokobsa J.D., Bridger Organist, and Eymon Tyler; Bros. E. Rosenbusch and other members. The minutes of the last meeting being duly confirmed, Bro. G. Pentecost was presented in the east, and duly installed by W. Bro. Broadley into the chair of A. The W.M. then made the following appointments. I.P.M. W. Bro. A. M. Broadley (P.G.M. designate), Dr. A. Perini S.W., Professor Souiller J.W., Professor Clement Sec., P.M. Paleologo M.O., E. Gardelle S.O., M. Le Gallais J.O., Enriquez R.M., L. Curletto D. of C., Finzi S.D., Bokobsa J.D., Bourepaux and N. Paleologo Stewards, Commandor Bridger, R.N., Org., and Barsottie I.G. Bros. Blanch and Eymon were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. The W.M. Bro. Pentecost returned thanks for the honour done him by the brethren, and said he hoped with the aid and support of his I.P.M. to maintain the interests of the Mark Degree in North Africa. On the proposition of Bro. Souiller, a vote of thanks to the I.P.M., for his untiring zeal and devotion to the work of the Lodge, and his efforts to place the degree on a firm basis in Tunis, was unanimously carried. Rosenbusch added that one of the pleasurable incidents connected with his visit to Tunis was his bringing a letter from the G.M. Sec., announcing the M.W. G.M.M.M.'s consent to the forming of Malta and Tunis into a Province under the rule of Bro. Broadley. He said the working of the Mark Lodge had given him unfeigned pleasure, and he hoped to centinue always an active member of No. 222. These remarks were much applauded by the brethren. Bro. Rosenbusch, whose popularity in the district is very great, has conferred a favour on the brethren of the Mark by accepting the office of P.G. Registrar. The Lodge being duly closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the toasts appropriate to Mark Masonry were duly honoured. On the 7th June, the last regular meeting of the Lodge of "Ancient Carthage" before the summer recess took place; the Masonic Hall was densely crowded, the whole of the Officers being at their posts. The D.D.G.M. delivered a lecture, detailing the History of English Free-manning from the year 1717 up to the present time, and describing its influence on European Masonry generally. He then gave an exhaustive account of the Masonic Charities, and proceeded to trace the progress of the "Ancient Carthage" Lodge since its foundation. The W.M. incidentally mentioned that during the two years he had occupied the Eastern chair he had initiated 87 candidates, passed 72, and raised 65 brethren, while 26 foreign Masons had enrolled themselves as joining members. The "Ancient Carthage" Lodge had now a considerable balance in the hands of its Treasurer, and had furnished and adorned the Masonic Hall in a manner to excite the admiration of visitors. During this period, he remarked, their work had been chiefly directed to consolidate the foundations on which the future of the Lodge was to rest. They had become Life Subscribers to the Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Lodge had published its bye-laws, both in English and Italian, as well as a translation into the latter language of the greater part of the Book of Constitutions, a copy of which had been sent to several of the leading Masons in England, and very kindly acknowledged by them, especially by Bro. Collins on behalf of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who expressed himself deeply interested with the spread of Masonry in Tunis, and sent his fraternal greetings to the brethren. They had also relieved some of their own members who rendered assistance to many foreign brethren. One of the fruits of their labour was the foundation of the "William Kingston" Lodge at Goletta, for which the D.G.M. had granted a provincial warrant in date the 31st May. This Lodge possessed a peculiar interest, as existing on the actual site of the ancient city of Carthage, in a town, which, in the middle ages, became famous from the exploits of St. Louis of France, and still later from its occupation by Charles V., and the Knights of Malta, many of whom found an untimely grave beneath its walls. The Goletta bears the same relation to Tunis as the Pirceus does to Athens, and, as its population was almost entirely European, he had great hopes of the success of the new Lodge. The W.M. then concluded his lecture by exhorting the brethren to uphold the time-honoured principles of English Freemasonry, and trusted that they would endeavour, in the foundations he had laid, to render English Masonry a permanent institution in the ancient city where they dwelt, and that if they did so he assured them they would earn the gratitude of their children and of the generations which would succeed them. At the conclusion of the address the W.M. informed the brethren that having served in that capacity for two years, he was no longer eligible for election, but he felt no anxiety as to the future of the Lodge in the hands of either of his Wardens. The S.W. Bro. Stevens (acting Brisish Consul General) proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the part of the Lodge to the W.M., who had worked so indefatigably during the past two years. The proposition was warmly seconded by the J.W. and Bro. Tulin de la Tunisie, Imperial German Consul General, and carried unanimously by acclamation. The Lodge was then formally adjourned till the 20th September.

Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349 E.C., Malta.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 2nd June, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta. Present—The W.M. Bro. Coffee, several P.M.'s and a large number of brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form in the first degree, Bros. Noyes, Chapman and Freeman were entrusted. Mr. Thomas Steele being in attendance and duly prepared was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Noyes, Chapman, and Freeman were passed. Lodge was closed to the first degree. The newly initiated brother then re-entered; two brethren were proposed as joining members, some routine business transacted, and Lodge was closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourning to the refreshment room, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

At a meeting of the Society of Antiquarians of London, held at Burlington House, on the 12th inst., under the Presidency of the Earl of Carnarvon, Brother James Lewis Thomas, Past Grand Le Gallais J.O., Clement D. of C., Souiller Secretary and Treasurer Assistant Director of Ceremonies, was elected a Fellow.

OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL EXPENDITURE.

AVING absolved ourselves in our issue of the 7th inst., as in duty bound, from all responsibility for the figures previously furnished to us by our correspondent "H.," we take an early opportunity of demonstrating more partiticularly to our readers the utter fallacy of the charge he appeared to bring against the authorities of our Girls' School—namely, that the cost of their management was unduly heavy in comparison with that of other similar Institutions in the metropolis. To this end we have collated in Table A, from the Reports for the last six years, the items of "ordinary" and "other" expenditure, and then taking the number of girls borne on the strength of the establishment in each year, we have determined the annual average cost per girl. We have omitted all expenditure relating to new buildings, furniture, purchase of land, &c., &c., for the obvious reason that this is not proper to the year in which it is incurred, but must

be spread over a period of years, and it would not be easy to determine offhand the number of years over which it should be spread. We have in Table B taken the principal items of "ordinary" expenditure—namely, those for Provisions, Clothing, and Salaries and Wages—and reckoned the average per girl per annum first separately and then together; and we have further noted any special items in the "ordinary" or "other" expenditure which may have unduly increased one or the other. When our readers note these accumulations of figures and calculations of averages, we have reason to believe they will be satisfied with the management of the School.

Table A.

| Year | No. of Pupils. | Ordinary Expenditure | Average per Girl | Other Expenditure | Average per Girl |
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| 1874 | 140 | 4772 6 8 | 36 1 9 | 386 7 O | 2 15 2 |
| 1875 | 148 | 5042 2 5 | 34 1 4 | 420 5 10 | 2 16 9 |
| 1876 | 155 | 5572 9 0 | 35 19 0 | 492 2 2 | 3 3 6 |
| 1877 | 164 | 5870 13 7 | 35 15 11 | 783 12 8 | 4 15 6 |
| 1878 | 195 | 7085 6 11 | 36 6 8 | 1556 2 8 | 8 0 0 |

| | | | | Table B. | | | | |
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| Year. | No. of Pupils. | Total. | isions Average. | Total. | ing Average. | Salary and Total. | Wages Average. | Total Average. |
| 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 | 118 140 148 155 164 195 | £1,503 13 3 1,495 0 10 1,569 17 5 1,717 18 0 1,896 14 4 2,186 14 3 | £12 14 10 10 13 7 10 12 1 11 1 8 11 11 3 11 4 3 | £495 19 5 595 2 6 612 14 4 773 9 11 919 3 10 1,196 18 4 | £4 4 0 4 5 0 4 2 9 5 0 0 6 12 1 6 2 6 | £1,878 6 8 1,065 6 3 1,142 18 10 1,255 0 0 1,369 18 4 1,717 5 8 | £7 8 10 7 12 2 7 14 5 8 2 0 8 7 0 8 16 1 | £24 7 8 22 10 9 22 9 3 24 3 8 25 10 4 26 1 9 |

Taking Table A and the "other" expenditure noted therein we find that in 1873 of the £703 6s 9d so expended, no less than £592 was absorbed in "Seven years' policy on £25,000" (£120); commission and pension to late secretary (£312); gratuities to the late clerk, the collector, and the secretary (£160). In 1874 of the £386 7s expended, pension and income tax, late Secretary, took £201 10s; grants for invalid girls £43 16s 8d, funeral of late cook £18 10s 6d; altogether £264 17s 2d. In 1875 there were included in the £420 5s 10d, Pension to late Secretary, £200; Gratuity to Assistant Governess, £15 15s; Stewards' visit, £23 7s; Grants to invalid Girls, £37 8s; Funeral of late Gardener, £8 18s 6d; total, £285 18s 6d. In 1876 the £492 2s 2d included Pension of the late Secretary, £200; Gratuity to late Assistant Governess, £52 10s; Stewards' visit and gratuities to workmen, £42 2s 9d; Grants to invalid Girls, £36 10s; "Votes of Thanks" to Stewards for three years, £71 0s 6d; or together, £402 2s 6d. In 1877 of the £783 12s 8d, "Laundry Expenses during Building of New Laundry" required£73 17s 7d; gratuity to Senior Clerk, £26 5s; Pension to late Secretary, £200; ditto to late Collector (three quarters), £112 10s; Stewards' visit and gratuities to workmen, £32 1s; Grants to invalid Girls, £18 10s; Pianos and Music, £132 1s 4d; "Votes of Thanks" to Stewards, £33 2s; Special Nurse and Infirmary Expenses, £46 2s 8d; making together, £674 9s 7d. In 1878 the "other" Expenditure amounted to £1,556 2s 8d; but the large increase is easy of explanation :—"Laundry Expenses during Building of New Laundry" amounted to £85 17s 7d; Gratuity to Junior Clerk, £20; Pension to late Secretary (five quarters), £250; ditto late Collector (five quarters), £187 10s; Pianos and Music, £226 7s 3d; "Votes of Thanks" to Stewards, £29 15s; "Interest to Bankers," £123 5s 11d; "Insurance (Royal Exchange)," £17 17s 6d; "Solicitor's Charges," £163 17s; "Salary of deceased Secretary," paid to Mrs. Little (two quarters), £250; "Election of Secretary," £30 1s; or, together, £1,384 12s 1d.

Turning to the ordinary expenditure in Table A, of which we have given only three heads of service in Table B, we find the other principal items included:—

In 1873:—Coals, Gas, &c. £259 6s; Furniture and House Linen, £126 14s 5d; House Utensils, &c., £92 6s 6d; Painting and General Repairs, £123 11s 7d; Drugs, &c., £40; Laundry Expenses, £57 12s; School Stationery and Books, £69 11s 5d; Tithes and Taxes, £76 14s 7d; Office Expenses, Rent, &c., £38; Stationery, Advertisements, Books, Postage, &c., £235 10s; Election Expenses, £43 5s 2d; Commission to Collector £191 12s 9d.

- In 1874:—House Utensils, &c., £130 9s 6d; Furniture and House Linen, £272 9s 7d; Coals, &c., £197 7s; Painting and General Repairs, £84 18s 7d; Drugs, &c., £40; Laundry, £42 4s; School Stationery and Books, £40; Tithes and Taxes, £176 10s; Office Expenses, £38; Stationery, Printing, Postage, &c., £213 5s 8d; Election Expenses, £71 2s 5d; Collector, £180 1s.
- In 1875:—House Utensils, &c., £291 4s 10d; Furniture, &c., £48 18s; Coals, &c., £260 2s 4d; Painting, &c., £137 0s 4d; Drugs, &c., £55; Laundry, £35 10s; School Stationery, &c., £54 17s 9d; Tithes and Taxes, £141 18s 4d; Office, £38; Stationery, Books, Postage, &c., £251 16s 6d; Election Expenses, £42 3s 3d; Collector, £204 11s 6d.
- In 1876:—House Utensils, &c., £215 17s 6d; Furniture, &c., £120 12s 10d; Coals, Gas, &c., £244 8s 6d; Painting and General Repairs, £121 2s 4d; Drugs, &c., £60; Laundry, £16; School Stationery, &c., £74 16s 9d; Tithes and Taxes, £135 8s 4d; Office Expenses, £38; Stationery, &c., £242 14s 3d; Advertisements, £75 7s 8d; Election Expenses, £24 14s; Collector, £254 18s 8d.
- In 1877:—House Utensils, £207 2s 4d; Furniture, &c., £28 16s 9d; Coals, &c., £260 5s 9d; Painting and General Repairs, £227 13s 6d; Drugs, &c., £60; Laundry, £31 5s; School Stationery, &c., £93 14s 7d; Tithes and Taxes, £139 8s 3d; Office Expenses, £38; Stationery, Books, Postages, 288 16s 1d; Advertisements, £59 5s; Election Expenses, £30 8s 8d; Collector's Poundage, Christmas Quarter 1876, £54 8s 6d.
- In 1878:—House Utensils, &c., £203 13s 3d; Furniture and Linen, £166 0s 6d; Coals, &c., £380 5s 11d; Painting and General Repairs, £204 12s 7d; Drugs, &c., £60; School Stationery, &c., £77 1s; Tithes and Taxes, £203 10s; Official Expenses, £38; Stationery, Books, Postage, &c., £314 9s 5d; Advertisements, £62 18s 10d; Election Expenses, £29 8s 6d.

Table C.

| Year | No. of | | SALARIES | | Average per |
|------|--------|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Tent | Pupils | Office | School | Total | Girl * |
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| 1873 | 118 | $390 \ 16 \ 8$ | 487 10 0 | 878 6 8 | 7 8 10 |
| 1874 | 140 | $500 \ 0 \ 0$ | 565 6 3 | 1065 6 3 | 7 12 2 |
| 1875 | 148 | 500 0 0 | $642\ 18\ 10$ | 1142 18 10 | 7 14 5 |
| 1876 | 155 | 617 10 0 | $637 \ 10 \ 0$ | 1255 0 0 | 8 2 0 |
| 1877 | 164 | $692 \ 10 \ 0$ | 677 8 4 | 1369 18 4 | 8 7 Û |
| 1878 | 195 | 663 6 8 | 1053 19 0 | 1717 5 8 | 8 16 1 |

If, now, we average (Table C.) the amount for Salaries

and Wages for the years in question under "Office" and members in good standing of other Lodges it is with the expectation "School;" we shall satisfy our readers that, as we previously suggested, the expenditure under this head has not increased commensurately with the increase in the number of pupils.

If, however, we take into consideration that the late collector was a member of the "Office" staff, but received not salary, but a commission in the shape of poundage, we find that, including the amounts so paid him, the salaries and wages for 1873 amounted to £1069 19s 5d, giving an average per girl of £9 1s 4d; in 1874 to £1245 7s 3d, giving an average of £8 17s 10d; in 1875, to £1347 10s 4d, giving the average of £9 2s 1d; in 1876, to £1509 18s 3d, being at an average of £9 14s 9d; and in 1877 to £1454 6s 10d, being at an average of £8 13s 8d; while in 1878, with an "Office" staff of Secretary and two clerks, the amount is only £1717 5s 8d (School staff included), giving the aggregate of £8 16s 1d. In other words, if we exclude the collector, the increase in the number of pupils has been 77 in these six years, namely, from 118 to 195, while the average per girl has increased from £7 8s 10d to £8 16s 1d, or by £1 7s 3d. That is, the rate of increase in the former case is about 65 per cent.; in the latter under 20 per cent. On the other hand, if we include the collector, there is a reduction from £9 1s 4d in 1873 to £8 16s 1d in 1878, that is, of 5s 3d, or a little under 3 per cent.

Many, of course, will argue, and we readily admit there is great force in the argument, that just as when a man buys goods in any quantity, he pays for them at a lower average than if he bought a single piece; so, when the number of pupils is increased, the average per pupil of educational cost should be diminished. Thus a teacher in charge of one hundred pupils at a salary of £100 per annum would take under his care two hundred for, we will say, £175 per annum, consequently the average—excluding collector -should have shown not an increase, but a decrease. But there are other matters to be taken into account. In 1873 the educational Staff included a Head Governess, two Assistant Governesses, three Teachers, three Pupil Teachers, and a Drawing Mistress (non-resident). Now, there are a Head Governess, five Assistant Governesses, two Teachers, three Pupil Teachers, and a Drawing Mistress with a Teacher of Cookery, both non-resident. Then in the case of the Governess, Assistant Governesses, and Teachers, who were in 1873, and are still on the Staff, as their services have become more valuable, so their emoluments have increased. The hope of reward sweeteneth labour, and though honourable men and women will always conscientiously give a just quid pro quo, they will exert themselves the more readily, when they have before them the prospect of an improving remuneration. Again, a glance at the Reports for 1873 and 1878 will be sufficient to show that the course of study has been considerably enlarged. Under these circumstances, we deem it a subject for congratulation that the increased average cost per girl under "Salaries and Wages" is less than one-third of the increase in the number of pupils. This feeling is enhanced when we call to mind that in 1873 the invested moneys were £28,500 Government Stock, while last year they had reached £39,000, in spite of new buildings, purchase of land, &c., &c., which represent in fact an important increase of capital.

RE-IMBURSEMENTS. LODGE

From The "Freemasons' Repository."

N some localities a good deal of interest has gathered about the e matter of afford-Lodges in ing the necessary aid to sojourning brethren in distress. And in the discussion of this broad subject of Lodge responsibility a second question has presented itself, viz.: Shall a Lodge incurring expenses is behalf of a needy sojourner expect to be re-imbursed for such expenses by the Lodge in which the brother holds membership? As there is no general regulation or understanding governing in this matter, the practice of different jurisdictions exhibits a wide margin of difference. Thus in California the Grand Lodge has put itself on the record by declaring "it is the duty of a constituted Lodge under this jurisdiction, in the event of a member thereof requiring and receiving pecuniary assistance at the hands of a Lodge in a sister jurisdiction, to re-imburse the Lodge so rendering assistance, the amount thus advanced." It is also declared by the same authority that re-imbursement should be made for burial expenses under similar circumstances.

On the other side California claims that the Lodges in its jurisdiclike purposes. If they extend pecuniary relief to sojourners who are addition to the funds of this deserving Institution,

of re-imbursement. But Ohio takes a different position, and puts the rule of its own action in the following resolution: "That the burial of a deceased brother is an exercise of a Masonic charity, which gives the Lodge dispensing such charity no claim against the Lodge of which such deceased brother was a member; the exercise of charity and brotherly kindness is a duty incumbent on all Masons, and toward every worthy member of the Fraternity, and cannot be made the foundation of a pecuniary demand." Ohio, therefore, does not expect re-imbursement in the case of relief extended to sojourners, albeit there is no indication in the above resolution that a Lodge in Ohio would be upheld in resisting such a claim for expenses when incurred by a Lodge in a sister jurisdiction where a different practice prevails.

In Indiana, however, the Grand Lodge has sustained one of its subordinates in refusing to re-imburse a Lodge in Nebraska for expenses incurred on account of the sickness and burial of the members of the Indiana Lodge. A sharp controversy has arisen, two very different views being taken of the case.

One of the Lodges in Montana — a small Lodge of seventeen members—recently received from a California Lodge, a bill for over nine hundred dollars, this sum having been spent in caring for the sojourning Montana brother. We do not know Montana's position on the vexed question of Lodge responsibility; but in this special case the action taken was directly opposite to that of Indiana. The feeling was that the bill presented must be paid. The first movement made was the voting of all money in the Lodge treasury toward liquidating the claim. The Lodge then raised two special assessments of four dollars on each its members, after which an appeal was made to the Grand Lodge, which voted the last dollar in its treasury to complete the payment of the bill.

Not to make further reference to special cases, nor to the different views that find favour in different localities, we have only to express our conviction that it would be vastly better for the just administration of the charities of the Craft if such varying ideas and practice could be harmonised, and some general understanding reached whereby the same usage should be adopted in all the States. The Grand Master of Nebraska suggested that the difficulty between the Lodge in Nebraska and the one in Indiana be referred to the arbitration of distinguished Masons from other jurisdictions. If his thought was followed out, the result might be the indicating of some definite

plan which would meet the approval of all sections.

Whatever complications, local interests, or opposing precedents may be in the way of a settlement of this question, there are yet two underlying propositions which must be kept steadily in view. In the first place a Lodge cannot get rid of a special responsibity to care for its own members. It must follow them with a watchful love, and afford needed help, wherever they may go. This view of the case is strengthened where dues are exacted, for then it is most evident that Lodge membership and Lodge responsibility go hand in hand—that a pecular claim is imposed upon the Lodge to care for its own members. If then a foreign Lodge renders necessary pecuniary assistance to a sojourning brother should it not receive re-imbursement from the Lodge in which the brother holds membership?

But another fundamental principle is equally deserving of being remembered. Brethren in sickness and destitution must be cared for even where there is no ground for expecting a re-payment of the expenses incurred. It is the sacred duty of every Lodge to extend needed help to the worthy brothes far absent from his own Masonic home, and this aid should be given quite irrespective of the question whether or not re-imbursement will be made by the Lodge in which the sojourner has membership. The Masonic Institution is a benevolent organization in contradistinction from a "beneficial" society; hence there are larger obligations devolving upon Lodges, and upon individual Masons, than anything set forth in precise rules and out-

lined in definite terms of requirement.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday, 17th June. Bros. Lloyd W.M., Johnson S.W., Smith J.W., Holloway S.D., Barker J.D., Glasspoole I.G., Worsley Sec.; also Bros. Dunsmore, Dixon, Spencer, Sadler, White, Burr, Pavitt, Wright, Paver, Hamilton, McFarlane, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Spencer answered the questions leading to the third degree, and Bro. Barker took the chair, and worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Spencer being the candidate. Bro. Pavitt kindly acted as Preceptor; he worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge was then resumed to the first, when Bros. Wright 1349, and Paver, of Power Lodge, Canada 141, were elected members. Bro. Johnson was unanimously elected W.M. for this day fortnight. On Tuesday next sections only will be worked, in accordance with the byc-laws of this Lodge of Instruction, when Bro. P.M. Musto, the Preceptor, vill preside. Bros. P.M. Cundick will officiate as S.W., and Shepherd W.M. of 1349 as J.W.; the working will be done by the following brethren: -Spencer, Holloway, Lloyd, Johnson, Cundick, Andrews, Musto, Barker, Pavitt, Worsley, Smith; to commence precisely at seven, finishing by 9.30. The Lodge was then closed in due form. We trust that next week the members will attend in good time. On Tucsday last the Preceptor and the W.M. of the mother Lodge were absent, attending to their Royal Arch duties.

On Wednesday morning next there will be a grand morning concert at Her Majesty's Theatre, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Hospital, at which the principal artistes of the opera have kindly volunteered their services. We hope that their efforts will be supported tion should be repaid for any necessary expenses by them incurred for by the public, and that the result will be a material

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 21st JUNE.

193-Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.) 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.) 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. R. A. 308-Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 23rd JUNE.

MUNDAY, 2370 JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)

180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)

548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)

704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)

1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)

1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)

1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)

1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)

1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Donmark-street, Gateshead. 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction) 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 24th JUNE.

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14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)

65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)

141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)

177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)

753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)

1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)

1448—Mount Edgeumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)

1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)

1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)

1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapterof Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

K. T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (Inst.) K. T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In. 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.

299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1560—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire.

WEDNESDAY, 25th JUNE.

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Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Alexandra Palace, at 4.30.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8.(In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1041—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1538—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instrict 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley. 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. 972—3t. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.) 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk. 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield. 1033—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester. 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.) 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester. 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction) 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge. 1392—Zgerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire. 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.) 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough. R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire. R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 26th JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

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Provincial Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks, Abingdon, at 1.30 p.m.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Mason's Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
318—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Norwich.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1450—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, Nowth Shields.
R. A. 216—Sacrod Deta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 341—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 27th JUNE.

Summer Festival, Domatic Lodge, Star and Garter, Richmond.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.) 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.) 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle. General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7. R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster. R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. R. C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 28th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge Middlesex, Great Stanmore, at 1.30 p.m.
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood. 1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe. 1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—The Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Bros. J. Da Silva W.M., Woodward S.W., Chapman J.W., Beedell S.D., L. Norden J.D., Maidwell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor. Moss, Valentine, and other brethren. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions, and the W.M. efficiently rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history. Bro. Moss worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woodward was duly elected W.M. for ensuing week. Bro. L. Norden was unanimously elected Hon. Sec. of the Lodge, in place of Bro. Grammer, who has been obliged to resign on account of other engagements.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction No. 45.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday 16th June 1879.

Present—Bros. Willison W.M., Halle S.W., J. W. Smith J.W.,

Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pelikan S.D., Hirst J.D., Lardner I.G., also Bros. Wing, Gibbs, Hallam Sen., Greene, and Parkinson. Ceremonial was observed in opening. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the second. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wing. Bro. Willison proved himself an efficient F.C. and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Willison as candidate. The W.M. Bro. Willison resumed the chair and Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam sen. worked the seventh section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Halle was appointed to preside at next meeting.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 17th June, at Bro. Bond's, the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn. Present:—Bros. Abell W.M., Lister S.W., Willey J.W., Dickins Sec., T. B. Dodson S.D., Cornu J.D., Soper I.G., Watts, Hallam, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed; the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Linscott candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. The Lodge was resumed to the first, and Bro. Lister was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hermes Chapter, No. 77.—The annual Convocation of this popular Chapter took place on Wednesday, the 11th of June. The Companions met at the Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, at three o'clock, when the following were present:—Companions Alexander Cameron (P.Z. 180) Z., Edwin C. Woodward H., Rev. P. M. Holden (M.E.Z. No. 538) J., C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. S.E., T. W. Murphy S.N., W. C. Hall P.S., B. Swallow P.Z., E. Scott P.Z.; a fair attendance of members, and several Visitors. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. election for Officials was unanimous, and Comp. Edwin C. Woodward was installed into the first Principal's chair by Comp. Rev. P. M. Holden P.Z. The following are the Second and Third Principals and the Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden H., Alexander Cameron J., C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. S.E., T. W. Murley S.N., W. C. Hall P.S., H. E. Forscutt First Asst. Soj., J. B. Docker Second Asst. Soj., George Martin Janitor. The ballot was brought into requisition in behalf of Bro. Matthias Crook, of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, proposed by Comp. B. Swallow P.Z., and seconded by Comp. E. Scott P.Z.; and for Bro. Festa, of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, for whom the same two Comps. acted as The result was favourable, but a telegram was received from the former candidate, regretting that illness prevented his attendance. Bro. Festa was introduced, and Comp. Cameron conducted the ceremony of exaltation, much to his edification, and gaining golden opinions from all who were present. On the Chapter being closed, Comp. Skilleter provided a capital banquet, which was served in excellent fashion. The M.E.Z. Comp. Woodward, presided, and conducted the proceedings with his accustomed geniality. Amongst those present as Visitors were Comps. Belfrage, Morgan, &c.

Percy Lodge of Instruction No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 14th inst. Present-Bros. McMillan W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Brasted J.W., Fenner Sec., Hallam sen. acting Preceptor, J. Lorkin S.D., Fidler J.D., Gilham I.G., also Bros. Isaac, Gibbs, Slaiter, Ross, Hallam jnn., and Hirst. All ceremonial was strictly observed. Bro. Slaiter underwent examination, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, Bro. Hallam sen. the third, and Bro. C. Lorkin the fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned. interest many of our readers to know that Bro. R. Pearcy, the esteemed Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, who has been suffering from a very severe illness, is now making steady progress towards recovery.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday last at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Forse W.M., Clark S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Smyth S.D., Williams J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Christian, Morgan, Hand, and Greenwood. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Polak answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was called from labour. On resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1255.—At the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road. The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation were rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Saturday 14th June, by Bro. James Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228. There was a large attendance of brethren, and a most instructive evening was spent. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday evening, and we can assure those of our readers who may pay a visit that they will find competent brethren assembled here to conduct the proceedings.

Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607.—The regular meeting of this Ledge was held at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday, 14th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. C. H. Webb W.M., supported by Bros. C. J. Perceval S.W., Bedell J.W., J. Newton P.M. Sec., E. J. Legge P.M. Treas., Knill S.D., Jones J.D., and several members. The minutes having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Atrill and Frey passed, and Bros. Perceval jun., Morgan, and Gittens were raised. This completing the business part of the meeting, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-hall, where an excellent repast was served. At the conclusion thereof, Bro. Webb W.M. briefly proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Brown I.P.M. expressed his regret at the near approach of the time which would place him among the Past Masters pure and simple, and hoped that the brethren would therefore specially honour the toast he, in his present position, was called upon to propose, as he had but one more occasion on which he would have that honour. The W.M. was deservedly popular among the members of No. 1607, and he therefore called upon them to drink his health. This having been done most heartily, Bro. Webb expressed the great pleasure he felt at the reception he always met with at the hands of the brethren of the Loyalty Lodge; he hoped his conduct in the future would be of such a nature as to merit a continuance of their kind sentiments. He next gave the health of the Visitors; this was a toast which was looked upon as really the principal one of the evening; their efforts were ever exerted to make their guests enjoy themselves as much as was possible. Bros. Wallington P.M. 860, W. W. Morgan jun., and Thomas replied. The health of the Past Masters was next given;

on its behalf, and from his position as first Master of the Lodge of Loyalty must ever be respected by its members. Of Bro. Brown he could only say that no one was more ready to assist in any matter than he. Bro. J. Newton, in reply, said he most heartily appreciated the expressions of esteem that had fallen from the W.M., and which had been so heartily joined in by the brethren. The memory of his connection with the Loyalty Lodge, and the kindness of its members, could never fade from his mind. It had been one of the most pleasurable occupations he had ever embarked in. Bro. Brown followed; he had, and always should use, his utmost endeavours to promote the welfare of the Lodge, which he hoped would continue to be as prosperous as it was at the present time. The W.M. said the next toast was one he gave with great satisfaction. It was the duty of every Master to honour the brethren who assisted him in the ruling of the Lodge; but in this case it was a pleasing duty. The Lodge, though in its infancy, even now bade fair to take up a good position among its fellows. This was in a great measure owing to the support of those whose duty it was to occupy the various positions of trust, and so long as brethren could be appointed who made it a pleasure to properly perform their duties, the Lodge was secure. Bro. Perceval S.W. replied. Should it be his good fortune to be elected to fill the office of W.M., he felt assured that, like the present W.M., he could rely on sure support from every member. He thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had responded to the call of the Officers. After other toasts and some songs, the brethren separated.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction. — At the meeting of this Lodge, held on the 5th instant, at the Feathers, Ealing, there were present—Bros. Seward W.M., Fisher S.W., Acworth J.W., Porter S.D., Jones J.D., Murch I.G., Tink Brown, Stephens, Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor. The Lodge was opened and advanced in proper form to the third degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony, Bro. Tink Brown candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Jones gave notice of his intention to call attention to bye-law No. 17, at the next meeting, and to move a resolution in regard thereto. On the motion of Bro. Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Acworth, Bro. Fisher was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 19th instant, and the Lodge was then closed in due form, with solemn prayer.

Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452.—The brethren of this Lodge—one of the most popular and ably conducted in the Province of Surrey-met for their Installation meeting, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The brethren were presided over by the W.M., Bro. Charles Henry Edmands, who opened his Lodge at half-past four Charles Henry Edmands; who opened his Lodge at half-past four o'clock, supported by Bros. P.M.'s J. Walter Sugg, James Robins (Treasurer), Magnus Ohren (Secretary), Arthur Thomas Jeffery (I.P.M.); Bros. Charles Pawley, Thomas Ovenden, W. G. Davis, E. T. Zohrab, E. H. Sugg, F. A. Manning, C. M. Ohren, G. Robins, John Methven, D. W. Sugg, J. C. F. W. Rogers, D. W. Sugg, Charles George Scott, Daniel R. Wise, William George Batchelor, Joseph Steele. The Visitors were represented by Bros. Farrand Davies Evening Star Lodge, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, W. Clouston P. M. Britannic, C. J. Pawley (late of Britannic) H. H. Davis Ste P.M. Britannic, C. J. Pawley (late of Britannic), H. H. Davis St. Mary's Lodge, J. Pettengill Friendship Lodge. In due course, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for Mr. Gerald Palmer, proposed by the W.M., seconded by the Secretary; and for Mr. Robert George Smith, proposed by the W.M., seconded by the Treasurer; in each case the result was satisfactory. A telegram was read from the latter gentleman, who regretted his inability to be present on this occasion. Mr. Palmer was introduced, and Bro. Edmands worked the ceremony in his behalf, performing that task in a careful and impressive manner. Two brethren—Joseph Steele, of the Royal Kensington Lodge No. 1627; and William Ackland, of the St. Mary's Lodge No. 63—both proposed by Bro. P.M. Magnus Ohren, and seconded by the W.M.were ballotted for, and accepted as joining members, and this was followed by some routine work and the collection of dues. The worthy Treasurer—who, by the way, is a model of industry—having affirmed that his children had ably responded to his "pipe," Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M. took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Pawley S.W., was introduced for the purpose of Installation. Bro. Sugg administered the obligation, and those not qualified to assist at the Board of Installed Masters were requested to withdraw. On readmission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted, and he invested the following as his Officers for the year: Bros. E. H. Sugg S.W., F. A. Manning J.W., James Robins P.M. Treas., Magnus Ohren P.M. Sec., J. C. F. W. Rogers S.D., J. Methven J.D., Charles M. Ohren I.G., Rev. D. J. Drakeford Chaplain, J. W. Sugg P.M. D.C., Edwin H. Sugg Orgst., D. W. Sugg Steward, C. T. Speight P.M. (re-elected) Tyler. Bro. P.M. J. W. Sugg then proposed, "That a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Charles H. Edmands on his the chair, as a mark of respect from the members." This was unanimously agreed to; the presentation was duly made, and Bro. Edmands made a suitable acknowledgment. The next business was a notice of motion by Bro. P.M. Magnus Ohren, "That the members of this Lodge having heard with deep regret that the widow of our late Bro. W. Clarke Watson (a subscribing member of this Lodge is, through the death of her husband, left in straitened circumstances, do pledge themselves to use their votes and interest to secure the admission of her youngest child (a boy of seven) into the Masonic School." And further, "That the sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Boys' School, the amount to be placed on the list of the Steward from this Lodge serving that Charity for 1880." After this had been seconded by Brother Zohrab, it was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. Amongst other matters referred to during the evening was the loss both had proved themselves true Masons and worthy friends. Their the Lodge had sustained by the death of Past Master W. Stanley oldest P.M. was well known throughout the Craft for his exertions | Masterman. The Secretary reported he had sent, as requested by

the members, to the widow of their late brother, a letter of condolence, and had received an acknowledgment from Mrs. Masterman. Letters of regret were read from Gen. Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master, and from the Rev. C. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Grand Master, regretting inability to attend, and after a proposition had been made for a joining member, Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down and partook of a capital banquet, over which the W.M. presided. On removal of the cloth he gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Speaking of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Bro. Pawley said the Queen had had many heavy trials to contend with, but in all she had exhibited a strong interest in the welfare of her subjects, and he had great pleasure in calling on the brethren to drink her health; with the toast he would couple the sentiment, Prosperity to the Craft. The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales was next offered for the acceptance of the brethren. The Prince had carried on his duties in Freemasonry in a manner satisfactory to the Craft at large, and he (the W.M.) had equal pleasure in offering this toast for their acceptance. The W.M. next gave that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand After full honour had been done to this toast, the Worshipful Master gave the one that belonged more particularly to the district in which they were assembled, namely, The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, and other Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. After a song, "The Gauntlet," rendered admirably by Bro. Charles Ohren, Bro. Jeffery replied: As the reigning Prov. Grand Officer he thought this would be the last opportunity he should have of addressing them. He trusted ere he had the opportunity of meeting the brethren of the Frederick of Unity again, another of their members would have received an appointment as Prov. Grand Officer. Bro. I.P.M. Edmands proposed the health of the W.M. It was a pleasure to know the brethren would have a good Master. As he (Bro. Edmands) stood there addressing them, he, with all around him, could hear the joyous ring out of the bells; he could not say they were ringing expressly in honour of their W.M.'s advent to office, but he thought they might take it as a happy omen of the future that was in store for them. Bro. Pawley undoubtedly possessed qualities that would make him an acceptable Master, and he would therefore ask them to drink heartily to the prosperity of the Lodge under that brother's rule. After a song—"Maid of Athens" -by Bro. Zohrab, Bro. Pawley rose: He felt it a great honour they had conferred upon him in electing him as their W.M. He fully realised his own shortcomings, but assured them he would strive to uphold the dignity and best interests of the Lodge. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the initiate, Bro. Magnus Ohren favouring with the Entered Apprentice song; the Installing Master, the Visitors; to these toasts Bros. Palmer J.W., Sugg, and Clouston replied; next came the Past Masters, and this afforded Bro. Edmands an opportunity for offering a few remarks of acknowledgment for the way in which the toast had been offered. The worthy Treasurer and Secretary received their due meed of praise; and the other Officers' claims were not overlooked. Bro. Speight was then called on for the final toast, and the brethren separated, after spending a most pleasant and agreeable day.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—This Lodge held a meeting on Wednesday, 18th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, Bro. H. R. Hallam occupying the chair, Bros. J. S. Brown as S.W., Vizzard J.W., Gush S.D., Marston J.D., Abell I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and others. On the Lodge being opened and advanced to the second degree, Bro. Jeapes offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, his examination proving satisfactory, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony completed in a masterly manner. The whole of the lecture was then rehearsed, with the assistance of Bro. Brown S.W., who, on the resumption of the Lodge, was elected W.M. for the 2nd July. The Lodge was then closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 25th June 1879, commencing at seven o'clock in the evening. Bros. H. R. Hallam S.W. 1349 W.M., Gush 1541 S.W., J. S. Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE— Bros. Pate, Gates, Drury, Abell, Long, J. S. Brown, Thompson. Second Lecture—Bros. Vizzard, Marston, Tate, Kidder, Dickins. Third Lecture—Bros. Welsford, T. Dodson, Gush.

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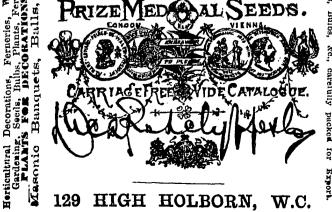


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