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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

THE last of our Anniversary Festivals for the year 1881 has come and gone, and the result in its main features was before our readers last week. If Bro. Binckes's achievement in this instance represents a considerable falling off by comparison with that of last year, it must be borne in mind that a steadily-progressive increase in the total of our subscription lists is a thing unknown in the annals of Freemasonry. There must and will be fluctuations in the yearly amounts subscribed, and what is equally clear to all who pay any heed to matters of this kind, it is in the order of things that one Institution will take the lead in one particular year, and another in the next. Last year for instance, it was the Boys' School which received the greatest share of support from the Masonic public, so far as the Festival was concerned, while the Benevolent Institution brought up the rear. This year the latter takes the lead, with over £14,300, while the Schools are about level, with, in round figures, £11,500 each. It is quite possible that next year, the Girls' School may occupy the post of honour, and then in due course the Boys' will repeat their triumph of last year. It is as well, indeed, there should be these fluctuations. It would be very disheartening to a Secretary to find that, no matter how constant and energetic his labours, he was invariably last in respect of the result achieved at his Festivals. These fluctuations, therefore, have a wholesome effect, and a disappointed Secretary, with the comparatively modest total of £11,000 in 1880, finds himself to the fore the next year, or year after that, with over £14,000, while the jubilant Secretary who has scored some £14,000 at one particular Festival, finds himself very much behind, with only some £10,000 or £12,000 at the succeeding. There are, likewise, several other causes which cannot fail to operate beneficially or the reverse on the amounts subscribed from year to year. Trade may be particularly flourishing now, and now be in a state of extreme stagnation. At one Festival there may be a chairman with a strong and influential Province at his back, which may be relied on to raise subscriptions to the extent of £2,000 or £3,000, while at another the chairman may be the head of a small Province, or have no Province whatever to give him any special assistance. However, after making every allowance for these and other contingencies, we shall find that taking one year with another, the Festivals of our Masonic Institutions are among the most splendid successes connected with charitable celebrations. It is quite excusable for any Mason to point with something like enthusiasm to the large sums annually raised by voluntary subscription towards the maintenance of our two Schools and Benevolent Institution. It may be some £33,000 one year, and only £30,000 the year following, but a good average, such as few other Institutions point to will be pretty generally maintained. Last year the total for the three Festivals was some £39,500, or about £2,000 in excess of what it is in 1881, while 1881 is some £1,500 in excess of the total for 1879. Yet if we take the three years together, and strike an average, we shall have little reason to be dissatisfied with the result for the current year. As regards the particular Festival we are considering, it stands alone in the series which have been held in aid of either of our Institutions. It is the first that has ever been held outside the limits of the Metropolitan area. The selection of Brighton for the celebration is an innovation, which appears to have found but little favour with some members of the

Craft; but, notwithstanding this, the day appears to have been a great success, and the Province of Sussex showed its sense of the unwonted honour conferred upon it by the action of the Board of Stewards and most loyally contributed a sum not far short of £800, while Durham aided its chief, the Marquis of Londonderry, by raising over £728, which, if short of what might have been looked for, is still a very satisfactory amount. It is early yet to speculate on the probability of holding the Festival of 1882 in one of the Provinces, but the experiment having been tried and proved successful, we see no reason why it should not be repeated. The Provinces do their share in supporting our Institutions, and some such consideration as in this instance has been shown Sussex will certainly be appreciated. However, it will be for the authorities to decide the point when the time for making the necessary arrangements is at hand, and that will not be till several months have passed.

We now enter on our usual task of analysing the result. The Board of Stewards was undoubtedly a strong one, if not the strongest, whose services Bro. Binckes has succeeded in enlisting. It consisted of 258 Stewards, of whom 110, or if we include Bro. Matier, the representative of the Allied Masonic Degrees, 111 belonged to London, and 148, or in the alternative case mentioned 147, acted for the Provinces. The result of the combined efforts of this Board was a subscription list amounting to £11,681 7s 3d, the London brethren raising among them £5,210 17s, and the Provinces £6,470 10s 3d. Taking the Metropolitan first, we find that of the 303 Lodges within its limits, eighty-eight were represented by ninety four Stewards, there being no less than six Lodges which sent up two Stewards; one Royal Arch Chapter was represented, and the Dinner Committee Club of the R.M.I.B. had for its Steward Bro. John Palmer. There were also fourteen Stewards unattached, while Bro. C. F. Matier did duty on behalf of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and may be looked upon as Metropolitan or Provincial, at the option of the reader, the Degrees in question being able to boast of several homes in the Provinces though their headquarters are in London. Of the several lists, as many as sixteen, are three-figure, the Pythagorean, No. 79, with a total of £215 5s, by the hands of Bro. Henry Roberts, being at the top of the tree as regards amount. After a considerable interval comes Bro. F. Binckes, unattached, with £163; Prosperity, No. 65, with £154 7s, per Bro. Daniel; and then Bro. T. J. Barnes, the well-known Preceptor, who in the capacity of Steward for the Doric, No. 933, gave in a total of £136 10s. Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., as Steward for the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, is down for £130 4s; Bro. J. L. Mather, of Lodge Perseverance, No. 1743, occupies a position close up, with £123 18s; and La Tolerance, No. 538, and Victoria, No. 1,056, gave £120 apiece. Confidence, No. 193, per Bro. W. Wood, stands well with £115 10s; Egyptian, No. 27, per Bro. Charles Atkins, contributing £114 19s 6d; Highgate, No. 1366, per Bro. John E. Cussans, £112 17s 6d; Bro. Edward Bowyer, acting independently of Lodge and Chapter, £108 3s. Friends in Council, No. 1383, per Captain W. A. Hicks, £107 6s; Justice No. 147, per Bro. George Bolton £106 17s; Evening Star, No. 1719, per Bro. M. Mildred, £105; and Royal Jubilee, No. 72, £103 3s 6d, per Bro. Dunn. Very many of these, and especially "Friends in Council," figure with regularity at the Festivals of all our Institutions year after year, and the remainder are more often than not conspicuous by their presence. Of the remaining Lodges which sent up Stewards very many, like Grand Master's, No. 1, Antiquity, No. 2, R. Somerset House and Inverness,

No. 4, British, No. 8, Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, Euoch, No. 11, Tuscan, No. 14, Old Dundee, No. 18, Emulation, No. 21, Britannic, No. 33, Constitutional, No. 55. Unions, No. 256, Prince of Wales, No. 259, make a point of being represented. The absence of others is explained by the fact of their having contributed at the Girls' or Benevolent Festivals, and there are yet others who are young, and having perhaps sent a Steward to one Festival, do not as yet feel themselves strong enough to appear a second time. One thing certainly surprises us somewhat, namely, that an 1878 Lodge is the youngest on the list. We should have liked to see a few of still more recent constitution, excepting, of course, those which may have done their "little possible" at the earlier Festivals of the present year. On the whole, the Metropolis had not far short of one-third of its complement of Lodges represented, and with a total of £5,210 17s, as the result of its Stewards' labours, is to be congratulated on its continued support of the Boys' School. Not that we, or as far as we know any one else, has ever dreamed of questioning its goodwill towards all our Institutions; still, in these days of perfunctory fulfilment of important duties, it is at least a satisfaction to find one's confidence has not been misplaced. Be it added that Bro. Edwin's Storr's list, as Steward for St. John's Lodge, No. 167, amounted to £75 12s, not as stated last week to £70 7s, and that Bro. Lasseter's amount should be entered as £42.

If we turn from the Metropolis to the Country we shall have much on which to felicitate ourselves. The total number of Stewards was 148 with Bro. Matier included, or 147 without him, and the aggregate of their lists so far as was known on the day of the Festival amounted to £6,470 10s 3d, which, though less considerable than last year, must be set down as a most serviceable result. But if the total is less than it was in 1880—and that is not so very surprising when we bear in mind that in the latter case the chair was taken by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, one of our largest Provinces—there is one very gratifying feature, namely, that the result is distributed among no less than thirty-four Provinces out of the forty-four Provinces and Districts without a Provincial Organization into which England and Wales, &c. are divided. There are, consequently, but ten Provinces or Districts unrepresented. The first in alphabetical order is, almost as a matter of course, Beds, with its five Lodges. A glance at our three Tabular Statements of Provincial Contributions 1871-81 will show at once how much, or rather how little, it has done in aid of our three great Masonic Institutions. Bristol is not frequently an absentee, the work done by its eight Lodges, under the strong influence of its chief, the Earl of Limerick, being excellent as far as it goes. Cambridgeshire (four Lodges) is in the same boat as Beds—a fact which it is very painful to note so regularly. It has given some £40 in round figures to our three Institutions in the course of the last seven years—a sum considerably less than many a young Lodge of but yesterday's creation will give in the first year of its existence to each of our three Charities. Herefordshire, with four Lodges, is also a very constant absentee, but as it is only lately it has had a new chief appointed to preside over its destinies, it cannot as yet be said to have had a fair opportunity of accomplishing any great things. No doubt Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., will urge upon those he has been called upon to rule over the duty of contributing freely to our Central Institutions. Neither Leicestershire and Rutland nor Lincolnshire is parsimonious in its gifts. The former has ten Lodges, and the latter twenty Lodges, and both have figured in previous lists for most welcome amounts. Norths and Hunts, too, is a frequent, if not a constant, contributor, the support it gave its respected Grand Master the Duke of Manchester, when he presided some time back at the Benevolent Festival, being highly commendable, especially as the two counties together are only able to boast of nine Lodges. As to Northumberland (twenty Lodges) we must plead guilty to a very strong feeling of surprise at its being one of the absentees. Being contiguous with Durham, whose Prov. Grand Master presided, we certainly expected it would have given substantial aid on the occasion of this Festival. However, when it has been represented by one or more Stewards, it has given with no niggard hand. Wilts (ten Lodges) and the Isle of Man (three Lodges) are the other non-contributing Provinces. Of the latter, as we have over and over again remarked, we are hardly justified in expecting

anything, it is so far removed from the headquarters of the Craft; while as to Wilts, its contributions have been on a very liberal scale. Thus, of the absentee Provinces no less than six are fairly mindful of their duties; of one but little can reasonably be expected, while from the other three, whatever the Charities may expect to receive from them, they cannot be said to engage a very large amount of support, however great may be the sympathy they arouse.

Turn we now to the Provinces that were represented, the first in order, Berks and Bucks, with its eighteen Lodges, seven of which were represented by eight Stewards, the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, sending up two, of whom Bro. Dick Radelyffe took up the capital list of £210, while his colleague Bro. Schiemann supplemented this with a useful £36 15s. The Union, No. 414, and Grey Friars, No. 1101, both of Reading, gave £73 10s and £56 3s 6d respectively. Loyal Berks Lodge of Hope, No. 574, is down for £22 11s, and the Vale of the White Horse, No. 1770, per Bro. Thickens, contributes £15 15s. These five are Berkshire Lodges, while but two of the nine Bucks Lodges appear in the list, namely, St. Barnabas, No. 948, of Linslade, for £45 2s 6d, and Scientific, No. 840, of Wolverton, for £19 6s 3d. Thus, of the total for this Province, namely, £479 3s 3d, all but £64 8s 9d is contributed by Berkshire—a somewhat unequal arrangement, which it would be as well if the Bucks brethren would do something to rectify in future years. However, speaking generally of this interesting Province, there is not the slightest doubt that it is one of the most liberal, as it is one of the most regular and devoted, supporters of all our Charities. Cheshire (thirty-seven Lodges) is entered for a modest £26 5s, being the amount of Bro. James Hamilton's list as Steward for the Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, of Altrincham. But, as we have frequently pointed out, this Province, considering it has a flourishing Educational Institution of its own, which of necessity relieves our Schools of a portion of the pressure on their resources, must be regarded as a liberal supporter of our Central Charities. It has figured at six out of the last seven Festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of its contributions thereto being only a few pounds short of £800. At the Festival of the Girls' School it has regularly sent up one or more Stewards, whose joint lists exceed £875, while the Boys' School has not been forgotten, as will be seen from the Table we publish elsewhere, which shows a regular attendance, with a total of nearly £800. Cornwall (twenty-eight Lodges), when it has set its heart on supporting one or other of our Charities, does the thing handsomely. Thus in 1876, when it assisted "Our Boys," it gave, by the hands of Bro. W. J. Hughan, £453 12s. In 1879 the Girls' School received £378, the bulk of which was raised through the exertions of the same worthy brother, while in the year 1878, Lord Mount Edgcumbe Provincial Grand Master with £460 and Bro. Hughan with £110, between them made up the considerable sum of £570. Small contributions have been sent up at other Festivals, the amount this year being £38 17s. Cumberland and Westmoreland (nineteen Lodges), like the preceding Province, has the good fortune to possess a Craftsman of great energy in the person of Bro. George McKay, whose list at the recent Festival amounted to £210. Last year it gave, by the same brother's hands, £200 to the Girls' School, while in 1878 the Boys' School received per the same Bro. McKay £150. Smaller amounts on other occasions, not omitting the Benevolent Institution, make up a respectable total, having regard to the number of Lodges in the Province. Derbyshire (nineteen Lodges) has been represented six times in the past seven years at the Festivals of the Benevolent, and five times at those of the Girls' School. The Boys have been even more highly favoured, as it has not once missed a Festival in aid of that Institution. Three of its Lodges are represented in the present instance by as many Stewards, and their joint efforts have resulted in a contribution of £142 5s. In 1875 they received over £271, and in 1879 over £277, the Girls being credited in 1880 with £175, and the Benevolent in 1878 with £170, and in 1880 with £132. Devonshire, with fifty Lodges, gives £27 16s 6d, but in 1875 its contribution was close on £290, in 1876 £173 (with one list outstanding), in 1877 £63, in 1878 £220, and in 1879 £68. It has given the Benevolent, at six out of seven Festivals, over £1,122, and the Girls in the same period a little short of £700. Dorsetshire has but thirteen Lodges, but thanks to Bros. Guest, M.P., P.G.M., and J. M. P. Montagu Past D.P.G.M. and Prov. G. Supt. (R.A.) it is both a frequent and a liberal

supporter of all three Charities. This year its two Stewards have together raised £231 for the Boys; last year the figure was £169. In 1879 the result was still more gratifying, its one Steward at the Boys' Festival taking up over £295. In 1878, when Bro. Montagu served the office of Steward for all three Institutions, his Boys list exceeded £400. In 1877 its contribution was more modest, but in 1875 it was second only to West Yorkshire, the list of its one Steward being slightly in excess of £633. Our Girls have received in the same period £515, and the Benevolent £1,054. We offer Dorsetshire our congratulations on the valuable assistance it accords our Charities.

Passing over Durham for the moment, for the obvious reason that, as its Provincial Grand Master filled the chair on the eventful Wednesday just past, its proper place in the array of Provinces is in the rear, we come to Essex, which, under its present respected Chief, Lord Tenterden, has been doing good service. It has nineteen Lodges, three of which have together made up close on £164. At the six previous Boys' Festivals its contributions figure up to £725—in round figures—while the Girls at five out of seven Festivals have benefited to the extent of £623, and the Benevolent at the same number to that of close on £404. The aggregate for all three Charities is a good £1,917. Gloucestershire is another Province which has been greatly distinguishing itself. As it can only boast of fourteen Lodges, all told, and as at the Girls' Festival in May last, when its Provincial Grand Master, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided, it gave the munificent sum of £1,000, we should not have been surprised had it relaxed in its efforts for this particular Festival. Yet, with seven Stewards, on behalf of five of its Lodges, we find it contributing no less considerable a sum than £283 10s; while at the Benevolent in February it gave £263 11s, so that in this current year of grace 1881 this small Province has raised for our three Institutions no less than £1,547. If we take the 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880 Festivals of the Girls' School, we shall find the sum of its contributions in excess of £1,123. At the Benevolent Festivals in the same four years it raised some £383, while at the six preceding Festivals of Our Boys it figures for £1,647. There are only four out of the twenty-one Festivals at which it has been unrepresented, and the total it has given to all three Charities is but a fraction over or under £4,700—a result of which even a far larger Province would have good reason to be proud. Hants and the Isle of Wight has thirty-five Lodges, five of them being represented by seven Stewards, whose lists are only a few shillings short of £300. At the six previous Festivals on behalf of Our Boys it has contributed in all (say) £1,672. To this must be added £583 for the Girls' School, and (say) £1,276 for the Benevolent, the aggregate of its contributions to the three being £3,830. The occasion on which it figured most conspicuously was at the Boys' Festival in 1877, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. presided, and his Province subscribed a little over £624. "Little" Herts, with its eleven Lodges, would certainly not rest contented if one or more of them did not send up Stewards. On this occasion Lodge No. 1757 and the R.A. Chapter attached to the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, together contribute £106 1s, the Chapter having the lion's share, as its two Stewards' lists amount to £87 3s. Its previous subscriptions to the Boys amount to £614, while the sister Institution at Battersea Rise has been favoured to the extent of over £552; but its greatest efforts have been directed in aid of the Benevolent, which in the last seven years has received in all over £1,960. This makes the total for all three £3,232, so that with the addition of some twenty guineas, this would give for the Province an average per Festival of £150. Bravo "Little" Herts!

The Province that next claims our attention is that of Kent, a county which, to judge from the experience of the last seven years, is as fruitful of contributions to our Masonic Charities as it is of cherries and cob nuts. It has five and forty Lodges, and can boast of a most admirable organisation for the distribution of its charitable funds. Only three of its Lodges, represented by three Stewards, appear in the list, but they make up among them the satisfactory total of £221 11s. This for a Province of the strength we have described would seem to be a mere "flea-bite," but a solitary contribution is no criterion of the liberality of a Brother, Lodge, or Province. We must look at him or it as spread over a term of years, that is, of course, at the works by which he or it is distinguished. Thus

judged, Kent will be found to stand famously, as will be seen from the following simple statement. It has been represented at every Festival during the period 1875-81, in which time it has subscribed to the Benevolent Institution £2,547, to the Girls' School £1,860, and to the Boys' School £3,316, making a grand total for the three of, in round figures, £7,723. Further comment is superfluous.

It is not of course to be expected that our strongest Provinces will always show to the greatest advantage, and our readers will not be surprised at finding the two Lancashires down for comparatively small amounts. East Lancashire has ninety-one Lodges, yet only eight of these are represented, the number of Stewards being sixteen, and the total sum subscribed £154 7s, with two lists apparently outstanding. However, it never allows a Festival to pass without doing something, and though it has only given "Our Girls" a fraction over £762, "Our Boys," faring somewhat better, have received £1,338, while the R.M.B.I. has had over £4,179, making the total close on £6,280. The preference for the Benevolent is explained by the fact that, in 1879, Lt.-Col. Starkie P.G. Master, presided at the Festival of the Institution, and the sum contributed was £3,542. Somewhat similar must be our remarks as to West Lancashire with its eighty-one Lodges. It never misses being represented, and on occasion is prepared to exert a strength commensurate with its fame and position. In the last seven years it has given to the Girls' School over £1,389, to the Benevolent over £2,431, and to the Boys' School over £3,486, making a total of just £7,308. In 1876, its Grand Master, then Lord Skelmersdale, now Earl of Lathom, presided at the Benevolent Festival, when it subscribed over £1,508, and last year he discharged a similar duty on behalf of the Boys' School, when close on £2,665 rewarded his efforts.

Middlesex, which stands next on the list, is a Home County, which boasts of thirty-one Lodges, and like the last three Provinces we have described, makes a point of always figuring in the list of Stewards. That the Girls' School should have claimed the largest share of its attention is but natural from the intimate association between it and the late Secretary, Bro. R. W. Little, who was Deputy Grand Master of the Province. This will account for the contribution of £3,293 at the last seven Festivals of the Girls' School, while the Benevolent in the same period has received £2,063, and the Boys' School just on £2,034, the three amounts making together £7,390—a result which must be set down as worthy of any county. Monmouthshire, eight Lodges, is represented by Bro. Crawshaw Bailey, and figures for £157 10s. In 1878 it gave £166 19s, and is entered for a small amount both in 1879 and 1880. The Benevolent has received from it £445 15s, and the Girls the greater portion of £721 15s, there being, in 1875, a sum of £464 10s which has been set down to Monmouthshire conjointly with the two Divisions of South Wales, and it is impossible to apportion this among the three joint contributories. Norfolk, sixteen Lodges, is down for £75 12s, the result of the joint lists of three Stewards representing as many Lodges. In 1878, when Lord Suffield, its then newly installed Prov. G. Master, supported the Duke of Connaught, the amount of its contributions to the same Institution was over £279, and last year it gave £208. It has figured at three Festivals of the Girls, the aggregate of its contributions reaching over £429, while at four Benevolent Festivals it has given in all over £448, its largest amount being upwards of £306. Notts, twelve Lodges, gives £191, by the hands of Bro. S. G. Gilbert of the De Vere Lodge, No. 1794, of Nottingham. In 1876 it gave £63, and in 1877 £64 1s. It has subscribed to the Girls just over £274, of which £178 10s belongs to last year, while the Benevolent has received two small amounts. But it occurs to us that more might be done by the Province, though it may seem churlish to say so in the face of so substantial an amount as the one for which it figures on the present occasion. North Wales and Salop (twenty-six Lodges) may as well be taken next in order. Evidently Bro. Bodenham, of the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, has considerable powers of persuasion; he has charmed his brethren into helping him raise a most sensible £179 11s. This is not so large a sum as it subscribed last year, when its five representatives among them handed in over £265. In 1879 it gave close on £151, in 1878 £169, in 1877 over £175, in 1876 £71, and in 1875 not far short of £95. Thus, North Wales and Salop has given to this Institution over £1,106, while at the seven Girls' Festivals its contributions

are but a few shillings short of £460. Its Benevolent subscriptions are trifling.

The activity of Oxford is recognised on all sides, and though it has but nine Lodges on its roll, it always shows to advantage, and always makes a point of having over one or two Stewards at least to represent it. This year three, or just a third of its Lodges, have contributed over £88, which added to its subscriptions at the six previous Festivals makes a total of £566 for the Boys' School alone. However, the Girls' School has been more highly favoured, having received £742 and odd shillings, while the Benevolent has fared even better, with an aggregate for the seven Festivals of over £867. The latter facts may be accounted for owing to Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, having promised to preside at the Benevolent in 1877, and only failed to carry out his promise at the very last moment through indisposition, while last year he did preside at the Girls' Festival, and Oxford supported him to the extent of close on £310. Somersetshire has twenty-two Lodges, and one of these, Agriculture, No. 1199, of Congresbury, contributes £69 6s. It has been regularly represented at all the Festivals of this School since 1875 inclusive. Its principal service to the Boys was in 1875, when its chief, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, occupied the chair, and the sum raised was over £540. It has given altogether just over £1,033 to this Charity, to the Benevolent a fraction over Five hundred guineas and to "Our Girls" over £1,041, its total to the three Institutions being nearly £2,600. It has only missed one Benevolent and one Girls' Festival during the seven years now concluded. Staffordshire, with its twenty-three Lodges, though boasting such well-known places as Burton and Stoke-on-Trent, Walsall and Wolverhampton, has since the death of the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot in 1877, laboured under the serious disadvantage of having no chief, it being impossible the Grand Registrar in charge could render much service, save in general terms, in stimulating Lodges to deeds of Charity. Its subscription in this case is only £36 15s, and it gave a like sum last year, but it did extremely well in aid of the Wood Green School in 1875 with £221, in 1876 with close on £290, in 1877 with over £149, and in 1879 with £216. In fact, it has subscribed in all over £985 to Bro. Binckes's Institution in the last seven years, having never once been conspicuous by its absence. To the Girls, though unrepresented at the Festivals of 1875 and 1878, it has subscribed as nearly as possible £1,347, while the total raised for the Benevolent in 1875, when its late Chief presided; in 1877, when at the last moment he did duty for Prince Leopold; in 1878; and this year, is £751, making together for the three some £3,083. Suffolk, though by no means a strong Province, has three able and enthusiastic Craftsmen in Lord Waveney Provincial Grand Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Lucia P.G.S.B. Provincial Grand Secretary. It has twenty Lodges, of which four meet in Ipswich, two in Bury St. Edmunds, and two in Lowestoft, and it is greatly to its credit that it has never missed supporting a single one of the last twenty-one Festivals. Its latest contribution to the Boys is £135 14s, which, with the sums given in 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880, give an aggregate to this Institution of over £746. The Benevolent at its seven Festivals has fared just a little better, the sums it has received amounting to over £751; while the Girls' School is credited with, in round figures, £494, giving a grand total of £1,991. Surrey (twenty-two Lodges) is in the same category with Suffolk, having been regularly represented during the years we have been travelling through. This time the Surrey, No. 416, of Reigate, upholds the honour of the Province to the extent of £56 14s, but last year it gave our Boys' £123 18s, in 1878 over £205, and in 1876 over £210. Its total for the Boys' is just over £812, for the Girls' £437, and the Benevolent £533, or together for all three Charities £1,782. Sussex, twenty-four Lodges, though it missed the Girls' in 1876 and the Benevolent in 1875, has done gloriously. That it should have exerted its utmost strength in recognition of the honour paid it in selecting Brighton for this year's Festival was only natural, but our readers can hardly have expected it would head the Provincial poll, surpassing even Durham itself, the Chairman's own Province, with over £771. However, it has done this, and we heartily congratulate it on its success. Adding this to £920 and odd shillings, being the result of six previous Festivals, we have a total for our Boys' of £1,691. Our Girls' have been supported

to the extent of over £807, while the influence of Bro. Terry's eloquence has induced the county to support the Benevolent to the extent of over £1,250. This makes £3,748 in seven years to the three central Masonic Charities. We will content ourselves with adding—May the county of Southdown continue its liberality in the next seventy or seven hundred years—though we may not be alive to record it—on the scale it has exhibited during the seven years that are just completed!

Turn we next our attention to the Eastern and Western Divisions of S. Wales, the former with fifteen and the latter with nine Lodges. The contributions of the two Divisions are unequal, but not more so than are the respective numbers of their Lodges. South Wales East is down for £105, having given last year £126 5s, in 1878 £84, in 1877 £132 15s, in 1876 £210, and in 1875 £236 5s. Thus, at six of the seven Festivals it has subscribed in all £894 5s. On the other hand, South Wales West, which figures for a modest ten guineas this year, gave £300 in 1880, £168 in 1877, and £130 4s in 1875, or together £608 14s. For the Girls' School they are much closer, the Eastern Division having given £558 2s, and the Western £536 5s, while it must not be overlooked that in 1875 both Divisions are set down, conjointly with Monmouthshire, as having raised among them £464 10s. To the Benevolent they have also given about the same, the Eastern Division contributing £250 in 1876, and the Western £225 in 1879, and £10 10s in 1880, or together £235 10s. Summing up these figures, we find that South Wales East has enriched our Charities to the extent of £1,702, and South Wales West to that of £1,380, which, as we have said, is in a somewhat fair proportion to their respective Lodge rolls.

Warwickshire has thirty Lodges, of which fourteen hail from Birmingham. Of these fourteen four sent up Stewards, the senior of the two Warwick Lodges and the Leamington and Rugby Lodges being also represented. There were in all fourteen Stewards, and their joint lists amounted to a fraction over £232. This raises its total contributions to "Our Boys" to £3,215 12s 6d, its great achievement belonging to the year 1876, when its Provincial Grand Master presided, and the eighty and odd Stewards made up the excellent total of £2,000. The Girls have benefited to the extent of over £1,121, and the Benevolent to that of close on £629, making for all three Charities an aggregate of £4,966. At the Schools' Festivals it has been invariably represented, but it deputed no brethren as Stewards at those of the Benevolent Institution in 1876 and 1878. Here, again, we have the case of a strong Province giving evidence of its earnestness and strength. We have the greater pleasure in bearing this testimony to Warwickshire's efforts, because, in one memorable instance, we had the misfortune to bring down on our devoted head a somewhat severe criticism by its able and justly-respected Chief. Worcestershire, with two Stewards doing duty for two of its eleven Lodges, gives £57 15s. The amount it contributed last year to the Boys is not stated in the list, but in 1879 it figured for £580 13s. The Girls' School received nearly £142 in 1879, over £364 in 1880, and in May last over £68, or, together, nearly £574, but only the sum of £42 has found its way all these seven years into the coffers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Still we must remember that Worcestershire has bestirred itself "muchly" since 1879, though the four preceding years were, as happens now and again with some of its coverts, drawn blank.

The Province of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire with twenty-seven Lodges, gives £151, the joint result of the efforts of four Stewards acting for as many Lodges, namely, Bro. J. Walton for Lodge Humber, No. 57, Hull; Bro. J. W. Woodall for the "Old Globe" Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough—not, as was announced by us last week, Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby—our learned contributor Bro. T. B. Whytehead as representing Eboracum, No. 1611, the junior York Lodge, which has thus figured at all three Festivals this year; and Bro. H. Preston, Lodge De la Pole, No. 1605, Hull. The aggregate of its lists for 1875, 1877, 1878, 1880, and 1881, is just £398, there having been no brethren acting on its behalf in 1876 and 1879. To the Girls it has contributed £239 8s, together with an unknown, or, at least, at the time unstated, amount at the 1878 Festival, but the Benevolent has been a very large recipient, the aggregate of its lists for the six years 1876-1881 both inclusive being within a few shillings of £1,076, of which over £855 belongs to last year, when the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master presided as

Chairman of the Festival. The general result as regards all three Charities represents a total of over £1,713. West Yorkshire has sixty-six Lodges, and in this respect is third among our Provinces, but as regards the total of its contributions it takes precedence of all of them. In fact, in the past seven years it has given more than the two Lancashires put together, and upwards of £500 more than Kent and Middlesex combined. Former Tables of ours have already shown that during this period it has given to the Benevolent £6,426 15s and to the Girls' School £4,748 13s. To these amounts must now be added in respect of the Boys' School £3,461 9s, making together £14,636 17s. It was set down last week as having given the Boys this time £155 5s, but a sum of £10 10s was added almost at the last moment, thus raising the sum to £165 15s. In May it subscribed a round £500 to the Girls, and in February, when Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M., took the chair at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, its total was £3,560, making an aggregate of £4,225 raised during the present year. The picture, indeed, is still in a measure incomplete. The Bentley Shaw Memorial of one thousand guineas to the Girls' School, when added to the aforesaid £14,636 17s, gives £15,686 17s. A grand picture indeed, with, let us hope, many another to follow in its wake.

From Jersey and the other Channel Islands we can hardly expect to receive much support for our Charities, yet the former gives £105, per Bro. Abner Torkington, and Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, of Guernsey, contributes £85 1s. Jersey gave exactly the same amount to the Girls' School in 1876, and it favoured the Benevolent with £57 15s last year, and £241 in February, making for all three over 509. Such subscriptions as these are all the more welcome being, as we have suggested, unlooked for from districts so remote. The Allied Masonic Degrees, be they London or Provincial, give £78 15s, per Bro. Matier.

The Province of Durham alone remains to be considered. It has twenty-six Lodges, and for reasons which we cannot venture to explain, the Boys' School would seem to have established itself as first favourite with the brethren of this northern county. At all events while the Benevolent can point to support received at only one of the seven Festivals since 1875, namely that of the current year, when it was benefited by £174, and while the Girls' School, though it has been assisted more frequently, was overlooked in 1875, 1876, and 1878, every one of the Boys' Festivals has included some Durham representative in its Stewards' list. The Girls' School received £286 2s 6d in 1877, £227 17s in 1879, and £178 10s in 1880, and in May £121 15s 6d, or together £814 5s; but the Boys' contributions to last year inclusive were as follow, viz.: £372 19s 6d in 1875, £275 2s in 1876, £158 11s in 1877, £155 8s in 1878, £130 4s in 1879, and in 1880 £136 10s: total £1,228 14s 6d. Last week we stated £602 2s as the amount of its contributions for its four and twenty Stewards, but this does not do justice to worthy Durham and its Grand Master. This £602 2s does not include a further £52 10s which the Marquis of Londonderry almost at the last moment announced it to be his intention of giving, nor the £52 10s subscribed by the noble Marchioness. There is also an item of twenty guineas which Bro. Binckes had received, but which is not in the list we published. Thus, no less than £126 must be added to the £602 2s as announced in our columns last week in order to give the Province the full benefit of its praiseworthy efforts in support of its Prov. G. Master. Consequently Durham must be credited with £728 2s, which added to its previous six years' contributions gives the excellent total of £1,956 16s 6d. The total subscriptions to all three is £2,945 and a fraction, of which that for the current year only is but slightly under £1,024. Well done, Durham!

We have now completed our task, and if it should be our good fortune to record a second series of contributions during another period of seven years, we trust our remarks will be, on the whole, even more complimentary to the majority of the Lodges and Provinces.

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THE PRECEDENCE QUESTION, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

11 Bridge-street, Westminster, S.W.

4th July 1881.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A severely sprained ankle having laid me up, I can "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" all papers and periodicals which come under my ken with more than ordinary care; and in your last issue there are one or two points I should like to make a few remarks upon. First, with regard to the friendly discussion between Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, and Bro. Newmarch. I am inclined to agree with the latter. Taking the Book of Constitutions as "The Authority"—Bro. McIntyre's usual acumen is, methinks, wondrously at fault when he says that, according to Bro. Newmarch's reasoning, "A Provincial Grand Master would take precedence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Pro, or Deputy." On the contrary, Bro. Newmarch states most clearly that "the equivalent rank of Grand Lodge takes precedence of the equivalent rank in a Provincial Grand Lodge, but that an Officer of inferior rank in Grand Lodge does not take precedence of an Officer of superior rank in a Provincial Grand Lodge," which certainly appears, according to my reading, to be the intention, and is the commonsense view, of interpreting the same. We profess equality when in Lodge, but a desire to practise the contrary is very forcibly and often inconsistently displayed; in case of social rank such an act of courtesy can be gracefully yielded, but not demanded as a right.

Another point upon which you have had numerous letters is, that there should be two elections for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Admitting it is hard that candidates should have to wait a twelvemonth for a chance of success, there are several factors to be taken into consideration. First, such a circumstance as that which occurred this year I do not believe has ever happened before. Secondly, it is very different with the Boys and Girls; their time goes steadily creeping on, and when they have reached the allotted age, out they must go to make room for others; that, however, is not the case with the Aged; there are only two cases whereby they can create a vacancy—First, should they be known to be receiving an income beyond a specified sum; secondly, the long journey whence no traveller returns. So that, in many instances, an extra election would find but few candidates to warrant the heavy additional expense,—which would be equivalent to some six annuities. If, in the opinion of the brethren, it is still desirable to lessen the interval, I venture to make a suggestion—or, rather offer one to others better able to put it into the proper shape; more accustomed to the work than myself. It is as follows:—That, from the — day of May to the — day of November, all vacancies should be filled in rotation, from the highest to the lowest polling of the unsuccessful candidates, the change to take place after the next May election, or, more fairly, the May election of 1883, as that would leave ample time for the complete change of tactics for voting that must necessarily ensue. By this means both the expense of an extra election and six months' waiting would be saved, while the petitions for the next May election could still be received as heretofore.

There is another hardship, greater than the above, and I, for one, am surprised that none of the many eminent brethren who constitute the Lodge of Benevolence have not seen proper to have the ill-advised law altered. What I allude to is this:—When the Board of Benevolence meets, certain applicants for assistance are presented to its notice for help, which, with very rare exceptions is given more or less abundantly, according to circumstances. Where the unfortunate brother has rendered a good account of his Stewardship, the sympathies of the brethren go with him to an extent over £50, but the time he has to wait for this kindly benevolence reminds me of the monkey holding out his tail to almost within chain distance of the dog, or of the thirsty Tantalus and the water. It may be the applicant's last chance of redeeming his independent position; it may be matter of life or death. It does not signify, he must wait,—not till the next Quarterly Court is held, where the acts of the Board are almost invariably confirmed, but till the second Quarterly Court, or three months more, i.e., until the minutes of the previous Quarterly Court are confirmed. If that is not red-tapeism or circumlocution office-ism, where most uncalled for, I am at a loss to know what is. Can any one say there are many cases to equal it? Surely, after the applicant has been vouched for, and presented by his Lodge, or other responsible brethren, accepted by the Board of Benevolence, and promised relief; that promise, agreed to by Grand Lodge, should be quite sufficient authority. Look at his case; he can get £10, the utmost the Board are empowered to grant him; he may have to wait six months for the remainder; nobody will lend him the money, or any part, for fear he might die; and the result would be, he has to prolong his existence in anxious hope; possibly he misses a favourable chance that may present itself, or he may even lose his reason or his life through being unable to obtain that which the brethren have so cheerfully granted him, because the unmeaning formalities of the How-not-to-do-it-office have not been complied with. At the next meeting of the Board I intend to move the abrogation of this rule, should no better qualified brother relieve me of the onerous but needful duty.

Dear Sir and Brother, I hope I have not intruded too much on your valuable space, and soliciting you to wield your powerful pen in the two last causes, believe me to remain,

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL.

STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, FOR THE SEPTENNIAL PERIOD 1875-81.

WE are now in a position to complete the triad of statements of the amounts contributed by the Provinces to the several Masonic Institutions during the seven years from 1875 to 1881 both inclusive. It will be seen that West Lancashire stands highest among the contributories with £3,486 16s 6d, West Yorkshire following close with £3,461 9s, Kent being third with £3,315 10s, and Warwickshire next with £3,215 12s 6d. Middlesex stands well with £2,034 8s, being the first in a group of five whose totals are on a fair level, the other four being Hants and Isle of Wight, Gloucestershire, Durham, and Dorsetshire. Sussex and Berks and Bucks have also distinguished themselves. Herefordshire, a very small Province, is the only absentee, the Isle of Man, as we have repeatedly noted, being too remote to reckon among the probable or possible contributories. One noticeable feature must be called attention to. While Durham acquitted itself well in support of its Provincial chief on the 29th June, the Province of Sussex, in which the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for the first time held outside the Metropolis, was celebrated, sent up on that occasion £771 15s. We state further, that the figures are taken from the official lists furnished to us by the Secretary of the Institution, and that the chair was occupied at the several Festivals by the following distinguished brethren, viz., in 1875, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master Somersetshire; in 1876, Lord Leigh Prov. Grand Master Warwickshire; in 1877, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight; in 1878, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught; in 1879, the Earl of Rosslyn Past G. Master Mason of Scotland; in 1880, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire; in 1881, Marquis of Londonderry, K.T., Provincial Grand Master Durham. It will certainly not be amiss to add that the totals contributed by the Provinces to all three Institutions during the stated period make up an aggregate of £118,216 12s 5d; thus comprised, viz., to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £45,774 3s 4d; to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £39,046 4s; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £33,396 5s 1d.

	1875			1876			1877			1878			1879			1880			1881			Total		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Beds . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	17	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	17	0
Berks and Bucks	287	3	6	152	15	0	171	18	6	47	16	0	326	14	0	105	18	0	479	3	3	1571	8	3
Bristol	114	9	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	18	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	196	7	0
Cambridgeshire . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	0
Cheshire	84	0	0	155	10	6	106	18	6	91	7	0	21	0	0	313	12	6	26	5	0	798	13	6
Cornwall . . . . .	...	...	...	453	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	17	0	492	9	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland . . . . .	...	...	...	147	0	0	...	...	...	150	0	0	...	...	...	63	0	0	210	0	0	570	0	0
Derbyshire	271	6	0	131	15	6	77	14	0	56	14	0	277	2	0	47	6	6	142	5	0	1004	3	0
Devonshire	289	17	0	173	5	0	63	0	0	220	0	0	68	5	0	...	...	...	27	16	6	842	3	6
Dorsetshire	633	3	0	...	...	...	80	17	0	401	12	0	295	2	0	169	1	0	231	0	0	1810	15	0
Durham	372	19	6	275	2	0	158	11	0	155	8	0	130	4	0	136	10	0	728	2	0	1956	16	6
Essex	68	5	0	144	18	0	82	1	0	238	10	7	103	7	6	89	5	0	163	18	0	890	5	1
Gloucestershire	42	0	0	276	14	0	338	2	0	379	13	0	378	10	0	234	3	0	283	10	0	1932	12	0
Hants and I. of Wight	371	7	0	176	8	0	624	1	0	105	0	0	173	5	0	222	3	0	299	5	0	1971	9	0
Herefordshire . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Herts	130	1	0	82	17	0	59	17	0	26	5	0	25	0	0	290	0	0	106	1	0	720	1	0
Kent	206	17	0	659	19	6	571	19	0	478	0	0	614	3	6	563	0	0	221	11	0	3315	10	0
Lancashire, East	178	10	0	88	4	0	202	2	0	315	15	0	21	0	0	378	2	0	154	7	0	1328	0	0
" West	244	13	0	105	0	0	185	17	0	57	15	0	90	6	0	2664	18	6	138	7	0	3486	16	6
Leicestershire and Rutland	181	13	0	12	10	0	400	18	6	...	...	...	42	0	0	194	5	0	...	...	...	831	6	6
Lincolnshire	73	10	0	245	14	0	53	11	0	16	16	0	64	1	0	44	12	0	...	...	...	498	4	0
Middlesex	410	11	0	121	5	6	315	10	0	194	7	0	122	7	0	403	2	6	467	5	0	2034	8	0
Monmouthshire . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	19	0	37	16	0	26	5	0	157	10	0	388	10	0
Norfolk . . . . .	...	...	...	45	3	0	...	...	...	279	6	0	25	4	0	207	13	0	75	12	0	632	18	0
North Wales and Salop	94	10	0	71	8	0	175	7	0	169	1	0	150	19	0	265	17	0	179	11	0	1106	13	0
Northamptonshire and Hunts	113	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113	8	0
Northumberland	110	5	0	303	9	0	304	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	638	17	0	...	...	...	1357	6	0
Nottinghamshire . . . . .	...	...	...	63	0	0	64	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	191	2	0	318	3	0
Oxfordshire	170	3	0	93	11	0	40	7	6	75	12	0	78	15	0	19	19	0	88	1	6	566	9	0
Somersetshire	540	12	0	72	9	0	58	16	0	52	10	0	133	8	0	106	1	0	69	6	0	1033	2	0
South Wales, East Div.	236	5	0	210	0	0	132	15	0	84	0	0	...	...	...	126	5	0	105	0	0	894	5	0
" West Div.	130	4	0	...	...	...	168	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	300	0	0	10	10	0	608	14	0
Staffordshire	221	0	0	289	16	0	149	2	0	35	14	0	216	6	0	36	15	0	36	15	0	985	8	0
Suffolk	102	18	0	33	1	0	120	15	0	120	15	0	133	7	0	99	15	0	135	14	0	746	5	0
Surrey	27	16	6	210	15	6	90	6	0	205	16	0	97	2	6	123	18	0	56	14	0	812	8	6
Sussex	112	7	0	206	5	6	270	18	0	118	13	0	128	1	0	84	0	0	771	15	0	1691	19	6
Warwickshire	380	2	0	2000	0	0	77	14	0	215	15	6	147	10	0	162	10	0	232	1	0	3215	12	6
Wiltshire	91	7	0	65	2	0	142	16	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	299	5	0
Worcesterhire . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	580	13	0	*	...	...	57	15	0	638	8	0
Yorkshire (N. and E. R.)	36	15	0	...	...	...	72	9	0	85	5	0	...	...	...	52	10	0	151	0	0	397	19	0
" (W. R.)	815	1	0	339	3	0	766	10	0	525	0	0	400	0	0	450	0	0	165	15	0	3461	9	0
Channel Islands . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	1	0	85	1	0
Jersey . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105	0	0	105	0	0
Isle of Man . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	7142	18	6	7405	13	0	6127	9	0	5166	18	1	4920	5	6	8619	4	0	6391	15	3			
GRAND TOTAL — £45,774 3s 4d.																								

In a recent number of the *Keystone* is mentioned a curious and very rare coincidence. It seems that St. John the Baptist's Day (24th June) just past was appointed for the laying of the corner-stone of Christ Church, Danville, Pa., and it was arranged that the ceremony should be performed, with the customary Masonic formalities, by the Most Worshipful Brother Samuel B. Dick Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Officers, and it was expected there Parish, be religious service, at which the Rector of the would the Rev. Brother Robert Piggott, D.D., would preach the sermon, as did that venerable Brother close on fifty-three years ago, at a similar service in connection with laying the corner-stone of the old Christ Church, Danville, now razed to the ground in order to make way for the new building. Bro. Piggott has filled the office of

Grand Chaplain Pennsylvania eleven years. What is still more singular is, that Bro. Past Master William Donaldson, who, as Worshipful Master of the Danville Lodge, laid the foundation-stone of the late Christ Church, on 23rd October 1828, and now resides at Pottsville, is likewise to be present. Some of our readers will probably call to mind a somewhat similar coincidence, though unconnected with Freemasonry. An Hon. Mr. Byng, who was a member of the Westminster Light Infantry Volunteer Regiment, which was formed at the beginning of this century, and as such took part in the review before George III., joined the present Westminster Rifle Volunteers, and marched past the Queen and late Prince Consort at the Great Volunteer Review, Hyde Park, in the summer of 1860.

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THE annual convocation was held at the Masonic Rooms, Tywardreath, on 21st ult. The following Past Principals were present:—Companions T. C. Stephens, W. Tonkin, Dr. Henry De Legh, M.D., and Col. Bake P.P.S. of St. Petroc Chapter, Bodmin. A telegram was read from Companion Holmes, stating that owing to an accident he was unable to be present. The acting officers were Companions I. Polkinghorne Z., W. P. Smith H., Dr. H. De Legh, M.D., P.Z.J. The usual preliminary business having been transacted, Companion Tonkin P.Z. took the chair as I.Z., assisted by the following Board of Installed Principals:—Companions T. C. Stephens, Dr. H. De Legh, J. Polkinghorne, and proceeded to install the Principals elect for the ensuing year—W.P. Smith Z., Dr. H. De Legh H., and J. Stephens J. The following were then invested as subordinate officers:—J. T. Baker So. E., S. Trevail So. N., Dr. Tuckey P.S., J. Wellington A.S., and H. Elliott Janitor. At the conclusion, Companion Smith Z. stated that, owing to some misunderstanding, Companion Tonkin had not been informed of the duty which would devolve on him, but had kindly consented, almost at the last moment, to discharge the office of I.Z. He, therefore, should have great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Companion Tonkin, to be recorded on the minutes of the Chapter, for the able and efficient manner he had performed the difficult services required of him, and on this being seconded, it was carried unanimously. The Companions then adjourned to the New Inn, Tywardreath, where Mrs. Cook had prepared an excellent supper, which gave entire satisfaction to all.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 1st inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. Costelow W.M., Franckel S.W., B. Blasby W.M. 780 J.W., Tucker Treasurer, C. E. Botley Hon. Sec., Cordingley S.D., Beckett J.D., Monson I.G.; P.M.'s Goss, Gomm and Andrews; Bros. F. Botley, Dorey, Maton, Gunner, Hildersley, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. P.M. Goss candidate. Lodge was called off. On resuming, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Franckel. Questions leading to the second degree were put, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, P.M. Andrews candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Gunner was elected M.M. for next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday. Bros. T. Clark W.M., Catling S.W., A. Clark J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Forss I.G., J. Lorkin P.M. Secretary, Brasted acting Preceptor, Smyth Treas., also Bros. Carr, Cushing, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smyth acting as candidate. Bro. Forss worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Catling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

We have received a copy of "Horncastle's Newspaper List, 1881-1882," [London: Central Advertisement Offices, 61 Cheapside, E.C.] It is evident the greatest care has been taken in the compilation, especially with a view to ensure accuracy. The classification of papers under their several heads of London Daily Papers, London Papers, Suburban Papers, Provincial Papers—the last being arranged under the different counties—leaves nothing to be desired.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts met on the evening of Tuesday, 7th June, when a Report was submitted recommending all Chapters to keep an accurate register of Marks in the book provided for that purpose.

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The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order,

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THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT will be held at the Guildhall, Rochester, on Wednesday, 13th July, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers, and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, of the Lodges in the Province, are convoked to attend.

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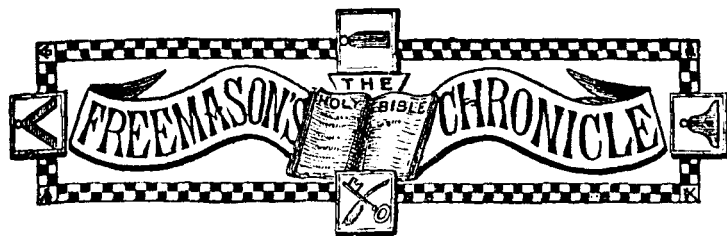
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THE Hundredth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held on Tuesday, 7th June, at the Masonic Temple, New York City, under the presidency of M.W. Bro. Anthony, Grand Master, who was supported by no less than ten Past Grand Masters and a large concourse of brethren. In the course of his address the Grand Master referred at considerable length, but in a very dignified and highly Masonic strain, to the unfortunate difference which had arisen between the Grand Lodges of New York, and which had induced the former to pass an edict of non-intercourse with the latter. Bro. Anthony, having reviewed the circumstances and expressed it as his opinion that his own Grand Lodge were in the right in the conduct they had pursued, suggested they should no further stand on mere etiquette, but should yield the point which was in the way of a settlement being arrived at. "Does the dignity of this Grand Lodge," asked Bro. Anthony, "require that we should not recede from our declaration of non-intercourse? I am as strenuous as any one to maintain our rights and occupy the position to which we are entitled as sovereign in our own jurisdiction, and yet I do say that I think it would be to our credit as Masons, and in no sense be considered as lowering the dignity of this Grand Lodge, to recall the edict of non-intercourse, and say to the brethren of Connecticut—to its Grand Lodge—we propose to submit this question of principle to arbitration by our peers. Earnestly desiring, as a member of the Craft, that a council of our peers should pass judgment on the case at issue, we recommend that this Grand Lodge consider whether it is not our duty to pick up the key and unlock the door, which the Grand Lodge of Connecticut now assumes stands as a barrier between them and arbitration." Better advice than this could not have been offered, and the Grand Lodge showed it appreciated it by unanimously passing the following resolution:

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of New York deeply deplores the unfortunate differences on the question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction which exist between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and the Grand Lodge of New York, and which led to the edict of non-intercourse with the Masons of Connecticut declared by the Grand Lodge of New York; and whereas the G. Lodge of New York heartily desires to be on terms of unity and fraternal comity with all the Grand Lodges of the United States; and whereas the Grand Lodge of New York believes that the matters in dispute between it and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut may be Masonically adjusted by a submission of said matters to arbitration; and whereas the Grand Lodge of New York is anxiously desirous that the said matter may be submitted to a commission for arbitration, therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Master be directed to terminate the edict of non-intercourse with the Masons of Connecticut, and be instructed to solicit the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to consent to a submission of the whole matter in dispute between the two Grand Lodges to a commission of their peers for arbitration.

The Grand Secretary's report showed the number of brethren in the jurisdiction to be 72,867, while in that of the Grand Treasurer, the receipts were stated as 83,556 dollars. According to the report of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, the indebtedness on the Temple had been reduced during the past year by over 32,202 dollars, so that the amount of debt now stands at, in round figures, 613,317 dollars. The Centennial proceedings included an elaborate and exhaustive sketch of the progress of Freemasonry in New York from its introduction into the State till now. This was followed by a concert and an oration by Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Chief Commissioner of Appeals to Grand Lodge, the proceedings being brought to a conclusion by the choir singing a Masonic ode and the Old Hundredth. Among distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions, there were present:—Bros. Samuel B. Dick Grand Master, Conrad B. Day Deputy Grand Master, Thos. R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Michael Nisbet Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. Robert Bingham Senior Grand Warden of North Carolina;

Bro. Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts; Bro. Charles Ingolsby Grand Secretary of South Carolina; Bro. Wm. B. Isaacs Grand Secretary of Virginia; and Bros. General Albert Pike, General Hobart Ward, and George Walgrove.

We may add that the following are the principal Grand Officers elected and installed at the Communication for the year 1881-2, namely—Bros. Horace S. Taylor M.W. Grand Master, Benjamin Flager R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Wm. A. Brodie R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. John W. Vrooman R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Bro. John Boyd R.W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. James M. Austin M.D. R.W. Grand Secretary, this being, it seems, Bro. Austin's twenty-ninth successive term of service as Grand Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Mark Lodge held its summer meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday last, the 2nd inst. It was not so largely attended as usual, consequent on the extreme heat of the day and the numerous pleasure engagements of many of its members. Nevertheless, the muster of brethren was not inconsiderable. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the V.W. Bro. Frederic Davison Deputy Prov. Grand Master (in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.), and amongst the brethren present were Dr. F. W. Ramsay Prov. G.S.W., C. Hammerton P.G. Treasurer, W. G. Brighton Prov. G. Secretary, Sir C. J. Palmer Prov. G.M.O., John Rhodes Prov. G. Org., T. W. Adams Prov. G.I.G., H. J. Lardner, W. Ackland and J. W. Baldwin Prov. G. Stewards, D. M. Dewar P.G.J.O. and Grand Mark Assistant Secretary (acting as Prov. G.J.W.), James Stevens P.G.J.O. Past Prov. G. Mark Secretary (acting as Prov. G.D.C.), C. W. R. Harrison Prov. G.M. Overseer, J. M. Klenck P.P.G. Reg., Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O., Chas. Pulman P.P.J.D., Henry Lovegrove G.S.W., George Lilley P.P.A.D.C., J. S. Batten P.P.G. Sword Bearer, W. J. Nicholls P.P.G.S., J. Inglis P.G.S., Jas. Cartis J.W. 234, A. Haynes S.W. 211, J. S. Gabriel 244, J. W. Willis 223, J. Cox J.W. 144, R. B. Lewis S.W. 3, H. C. Jepps S.W. 5, T. W. Bicknell S.W. 238, C. Hopwood 181, E. B. Florence, W. Basnett, F. Lawrence, J. Gilbert, Harrison, &c. &c. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting were confirmed. The roll call showed a list of 21 Lodges as attached to the Province, of which number 16 were represented, and five were conspicuous by their absence, viz: Percy 114, Studholme 197, Monatchin 224, Clapton 236, and Royal Naval 239. Although in some instances there had been a falling off in the number of members, the aggregate progress of the Order in connection with this Province was noticeable and encouraging. The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer V.W. Bro. Charles Hammerton were received, approved and recorded. The Officers appointed by the Provincial Grand Master to serve for the ensuing year were then named, and in all cases of presence invested, as follows:—

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Hugh H. Riach	-	-	-	"
H. C. Jepps	-	-	-	Master Overseer
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C. Hammerton	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
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T. W. Adams	-	-	-	Secretary
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J. C. Cox	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
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E. Hopwood	-	-	-	Assist. do.
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R. B. Lewis, James Mills,	-	-	-	Inner Guard
James Curtis, E. P. Florence,	-	-	-	"
J. W. Willis, W. Kipling	-	-	-	Stewards
John Gilbert	-	-	-	Tyler

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the newly-appointed Officers having been duly saluted according to their respective degrees, and a few matters of routine business disposed of, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in one of the large rooms overlooking one of the grandest landscapes in England. After the cloth was cleared, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who presided, gave the usual loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts, which were all duly honoured, that of the health of Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G. Mark Master being received in his absence with much enthusiasm. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, then presiding, in terms of warm eulogium, for his active efforts on behalf of the Mark degree, and his readiness at all times to fill any position which the circumstances of the moment might require of him. Bro. Davison responded with cordial expressions of thanks to the proposer and to the brethren generally, and of gratification that the important busi-

ness of the day had not suffered by the unavoidable absence of his chief, and his necessary discharge of the duties devolving on him in consequence. In response to the toast of Present and Past Grand Officers of Mark Lodge, Bro. Dewar P.G.J.O. and Assist. Mark Secretary, took occasion to enlarge on the extraordinary development of the degree, not only at home, but abroad, and stated that a Lodge warrant was about to be granted for Syracuse, in the district around which it was fully expected many Lodges would be formed. Subsequently, and in response to the toast of the Visitors, Captain Collum endorsed many of the remarks made by Bro. Dewar, and especially referred to his own experiences as to the increase of Mark Masonry in the Punjab and other parts of India. The gallant Captain assured his hearers of a cordial welcome in that part of the world if, as Mark Masons under the English Constitution, they or any of them had occasion to make sojourn there. For the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Brighton, Grand Senior Warden and Past Grand Secretary, replied, thanking the Provincial Grand Master for the respective appointments he had made, and promising for himself, and he trusted for all his colleagues, still further efforts on behalf of the progress of the degree in the Province. He took the opportunity to state that the roll of Lodges would be increased almost immediately by the adhesion of two private Lodges recently formed. Bro. Klenck, the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Secretary, also made excellent reply on behalf of himself and other officers. The Mark Benevolent Fund was not forgotten, and after very laudable exposition, from Bro. Dewar, of its purpose and operations, and an appeal for support on the occasion of its thirteenth anniversary, on the 6th instant, the charity box was circulated in its interests, and a liberal donation was the result. The remaining proceedings were shortened to admit of adjournment to balconies and grounds, where the remainder of a most pleasant day was spent in the enjoyment of cooling breezes, the views of woodland and river, the strains of military music, and that general contentment which the knowledge of good work performed and generous fare partaken of ever creates in the bosom of a true Mason. It is no mere platitude to say that on this occasion, at least, the brethren at last separated, "sorry to part" and hoping to "meet again."

MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Thirteenth Annual Festival of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons' Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason. Amongst the company present were V.W. Bro. Frederick Davison Deputy Prov. Grand M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, Bros. Binckes P.G.W. Grand Mark Secretary, D. M. Dewar P.G.O. Assistant Grand Mark Secretary, the Baron de Ferrieres, C. F. Matier, Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O., James Stevens P.G.J.O. Past Prov. Grand Mark Secretary Middlesex and Surrey, Octavins Pearson, T. W. Adams Provincial G.S.D. and Mrs. Adams, Lott, Massey and Mrs. Massey, &c. Dinner was served in the Marble room, soon after five o'clock. The M.W. Grand Master, who had undertaken a long journey in order to be present, having been unexpectedly hindered on his road, forwarded a telegram explaining the cause of temporary delay, and for a brief period his duties were undertaken by the V.W. Bro. Davison. On his Lordship's arrival, in course of the dinner, he was received with great enthusiasm. After the cloth had been removed and the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the W. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres proposed the health of the Grand Mark Master, as a ruler to whom the members of the Mark degree might look up with great pride and satisfaction; and without in the slightest derogating from the zealous and important services rendered by any one of his predecessors, he felt assured that under the present ruler the Order would still further flourish. The M.W. G.M.M.M. expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him by being called upon to preside over so large a body of Masons, numbering from between 15,000 to 16,000 of the most distinguished men connected with Freemasonry. That the degree of Mark Masonry would continue to enlarge he had reason to be assured of, for even in the brief period since his Installation he had signed several warrants for new Lodges, and there were at the present moment others in view. The W. Bro. Davison in introducing the toast of the P. Grand Masters stated there was a rumour as to the illness of the M.W. Bro. George Raymond Portal, which however he trusted might not be of serious moment. That the general sympathy of the brethren would be evinced in respect of any such event he was certain. (Bro. Davison's remarks called forth an expressive assent). To the toast of the Dep. G.M.M.M. and Grand Mark Officers present and past, Bro. Matier made response. The toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund," was proposed by the M.W. G.M.M.M., who said that the figures to be placed before the brethren would speak more than words of his as to the firm and sound basis upon which the Fund had been commenced and continued. Since 1868, no less than £2,777 had been contributed; forty-five petitioners had been relieved, with £541; £629 had been transferred to the Educational Fund, and £1,400 had been profitably invested. The Expenses of Management for twelve years had been but £65, and the balance at the bankers was £142. In connection with the Educational Fund, four boys were being assisted, besides one other under special arrangement with Bro. Dr. Percival. Perhaps this is not a large fund, but it certainly is an increasing one, and will increase year by year, and probably no better means for calling attention to its claims for support could be found than that which had been adopted in the annual recurrence of these Festivals, at once uniting sociality with charity. It was good for its promoters, managers, and friends to meet together on such occasions, and still better, that these gatherings should be graced and honoured by the presence of ladies. The meetings were always the more agreeable, and the object in view the better pro-

moted, when "wives and sweethearts" took interest in the enjoyments and practical results of such undertakings. Brother Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, read a list of subscriptions, amounting to £331 5s 6d, with eight lists yet to come in; in reference to which Bro. Binckes, G.M. Secretary, said, that the total would not bear comparison with the larger amount contributed last year, but nevertheless there was reason for congratulation that the Fund would never want the necessary assistance, for there were circumstances, not connected with the monetary result in the present instance, which favoured a hearty assurance that it had the general good will of all brethren connected with the Mark Degree. Bro. Octavins Pearson replied for "The Board of Stewards," expressing the pleasure with which they had all zealously worked in promoting the success of the Festival, regretting that the financial result had not been greater, but confirming the remarks made as to the assured future of the Fund. The toast of "The Ladies," was proposed by Bro. Binckes, and ably replied to by Bro. Truefitt, and after a short interval of agreeable music and conversation, the party broke up, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), C. F. Matier, A. M. Broadley, George J. Row, William Roebuck, George Cooper, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), H. Massey, J. H. Southwood, Edw. Baxter, F. Adlard and F. Binckes (Secretary). After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes, with much regret, announced the death of Bro. W. F. Collard Montrie, which occurred that morning. After the minutes of the House Committee had been read for information, brethren, on the recommendation of that Committee, increased the salary of Mr. Hopkins the Organist at the Institution. Four candidates were placed on the list for the election in October. Outfits were granted to two former pupils, and the list for next election was settled, as follows:—48 unsuccessful in April, 12 placed on the list since, and 4 others this day—or a total of 64 candidates. The number of vacancies in the school will be 12. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that the Festival at Brighton, on Wednesday, produced £11,583—14 lists to come in.

As will be gathered from our advertisement columns, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held on Wednesday next, the 15th instant, at the Guildhall, Rochester, when it may be anticipated there will be a strong muster of our brethren of this flourishing Province. P.G. Lodge will meet at 12.30 p.m. The brethren will attend divine service in the Cathedral at 2 p.m., and at 4 p.m. a banquet will be served at the New Corn Exchange. The business, which includes the grant of several more or less considerable sums of money for benevolent purposes, and appointment and investiture for the P.G. Officers of the year, will be in all respects of the usual character.

The Grand Commandery of Indiana met at Indianapolis, 26th and 27th April. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing year, namely,—Sir Knight John H. Hess R.E. Grand Commander, Samuel B. Sweet V.E. Deputy Commander, Richard L. Wolsey Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Walter Vail Eminent Grand Captain General, Samuel F. Dunham Eminent Grand Prelate, Henry C. Adams Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Ephraim W. Patrick Eminent Grand Warder, Charles Fisher Eminent Grand Treasurer, and J. M. Bramwell Grand Recorder. The following were appointed by the Eminent Grand Commander, namely, George W. F. Kirk Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Duncan T. Bacon Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Reuben Peden Eminent Grand Warder, and William M. Black Grand Captain of the Guards. The Grand Officers were installed, and the Commandery adjourned.

In consequence of an illness which has pressed rather severely upon him, Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, has been advised to abstain from all regular work for twelve months, and to do nothing calculated to fatigue him during that time. This will be very much regretted by the great body of Freemasons, in Cornwall especially, where Bro. Hughan has done so much valued work, and has filled so many important offices. In consequence of this enforced retirement, the Truro portion of the business of Messrs. Libby and Co., of Stroud, will soon be closed. It is that of the wholesale woollen trade, and was—and is—a business that the city could ill afford to lose. But there is no help for it. Bro. Hughan has, happily, sufficient means to retire, and he will devote himself to those archæological pursuits, which, as a literary Freemason, have for him a peculiar charm, and every one who knows him will be glad to hear of his restoration to perfect health.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

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CONSECRATION OF THE MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

It has become a generally recognised fact that only under special circumstances will the further extension of our Lodges, especially in the Metropolitan District, be sanctioned by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. Since His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales accepted the Rulership of the Craft, now nearly seven years ago, a very large accession has been made, not only to the roll of Lodges, but likewise to the number of those who have desired to join the ranks of Freemasonry. The brethren of this new Lodge, however, seem to have been singularly fortunate in procuring the interest of influential brethren to support their petition, and the Consecration ceremony, which took place on Wednesday last, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, must have given intense gratification to all who were privileged to assist in the day's proceedings. The performance of the ceremony had been entrusted to the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, who was assisted by the V.W. Bros. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.M. P.G.C. of England as Chaplain; Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D. as S.W., John Montagu Pulteney Montagu P.G.D. as J.W., and Frank Richardson P.M. S.G.D. of England as D.C. There were also present the following brethren:—Bros. H. C. Levander G.J.D., H. S. Somerville Barney P.G.D., George Bart P.A.G.D.C., J. Nunn P.G.S.B., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. F. Larkin 209, E. J. Petts 209, F. Hunt 188, A. E. Gladwell W.M. 172, Albert Fish W.M. 1365, T. F. Wuest P.M. 753, H. A. Dabois P.P.G.W. Middlesex, E. C. Davies W.M. 1366, J. Hodges J.W. 1706, A. Hubbard 813, F. Green 1687, J. Holmes 1608, R. W. Ruff P.M. 95, W. S. Cantrell P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, G. Kenning W.M. 1657, A. H. Tattershall P.M. 140, B. H. Swaffham P.M. 382, &c., Robert Howard P.G. Sec. Dorset, W. D. Slyman P.M. 753, E. Drury, E. B. Cox, 1543, F. V. Green 1687, C. Day 141, G. Read P.M. 511, H. Slyman J.W. 753, G. R. Crickmay P.S.G.W. Dorset, H. Sadler G. Tyler, W. Lake P.M. 131 P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, Robert Roberts P.M. 752, J. J. Lane 1872, L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middx., A. Barfield P.M. 35, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c. The Lodge having been constituted and opened successively in the three degrees, the customary preliminaries were complied with, and the brethren having signified in the usual manner their approval of the Officers named in the petition and warrant, the Rev. C. W. Arnold delivered a brief but eloquent oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry. After remarking that it was well nigh impossible to say anything new on the subject of the Institution, and that those most deeply versed in Masonic history were seriously at variance as to its origin, our Rev. Brother drew attention to its principles, the great basis on which the whole fabric rested being belief in the G.A.O.T.U. Masonry, he said, was not a religion or intended to take its place. Religion taught spiritual truths, while the lessons of Masonry were entirely moral in their scope and character. Both, however, had a common origin in the Volume of the Sacred Law, from which our beloved Craft deduces its three great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He went on to point out that as a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, it illustrated in its three degrees, the three principal stages of human life. The first degree corresponded with childhood, in which the man was gradually developed, in order that, in due course, he might be fitted to enter upon offices of trust, and acquire virtues and qualities which were essential to usefulness and success. He was taught to respect the opinions of others, and to sympathise with their trials and misfortunes. Then as he approached manhood, with his mind expanded, and his faculties educated, he found himself in a state to cope with the mysteries of natural science. He took a deeper, because a more appreciative interest in the works of the Great Architect. He had acquired stability of character, and so was enabled to promote his own happiness, and that of his fellow creatures. This stage corresponded with the second degree, while in the third, when life was beginning to wane, he found himself more nearly face to face with the future existence beyond the grave. Passing from allegory to the illustrations conveyed by our Masonic symbols, Bro. Arnold, taking the several working tools pertaining to each degree, very patiently explained the full force of their respective meanings, and brought his remarks to a conclusion by expressing an earnest wish that the Lodge then on the eve of being consecrated, might prove a blessing to its members, and a sterling addition to the ranks of Freemasonry in this country. The ceremony of consecration was then most ably and impressively carried out, the G. Secretary and his coadjutors playing their respective parts admirably. This ended, Bro. W. H. Dean P.M.P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, W.M. designate, was presented for the benefits of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Dean was formally inducted into office. Having been proclaimed and saluted in accordance with ancient custom, the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. G. P. Festa S.W., F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. J.W., R.W. Montague J. Guest, M.P., P.G.D. P.G.M. Dorset Treasurer, J. D. Collier P.M. Secretary, H. J. Capon S.D., H. Slyman J.D., W. H. Gardener I.G. On the proposition of the W.M., the compliment of honorary membership was unanimously accorded to Bros. G. Secretary Clerke, Rev. C. W. Arnold, J. M. P. Montagu, Captain Philips, F. Richardson, and Howard. Lt.-Col. Clerke having suitably acknowledged this honour, a vote of thanks was passed to the same brethren with the same unanimity, G. Secretary in reply, remarking that it was well nigh impossible for him adequately to return thanks for this further compliment. A very handsome banner was next formally presented by Bro. Senior Warden, on behalf of the donor, Madame Festa, and on motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Secretary was instructed to forward a vote of thanks to that lady for her thoughtful and elaborate gift. A Committee, consisting of the Founders of the Lodge, to prepare the necessary code of Bye-laws, having been appointed, letters and telegrams expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from Bros. McIntyre Grand Registrar, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C., Hugh D. Sandeman Past D.G.M. Ben-

gal, R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. Grignaland, and others. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, under the presidency of Bro. Dean, sat down to an excellent banquet, at the close of which the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The pressure on our space caused by our analytical article in respect of the recent Festival of the Boys' School necessitates the curtailment of so much of this report as refers to the speeches that were made. Suffice it to say, the toast of the Consecrating Officers was both heartily received and heartily acknowledged by Lieut.-Colonel Clerke, who reciprocated the honour done him by Bro. Dean, by proposing in very eulogistic terms the health of the latter. Bro. Dean, in reply, expressed himself most hopefully as to the future of the Lodge, which had been inaugurated under circumstances so auspicious, and then the remaining toasts were disposed of, Bro. Bart, P.A.G.D.C. England and P.P.G.S.W. Dorset, replying for the visitors, and Bro. Hedges acknowledging that of the Masonic Charities. The musical arrangements were worthy of the occasion, and the brethren separated after an evening passed in the most complete harmony.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Bros. J. E. Shand W.M., B. Turner I.P.M., B. H. Swallow P.M. Treas. P.G.D. Middlesex, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., S. E. Scott P.M. Sec., G. P. Festa as S.W., J. Wagh J.W., H. Cox as S.D., J. Hammond W.M. Trinity College Lodge J.D., W. C. Smith as I.G., H. Hoare, Organist, Potter P.M. Tyler; Bros. Morton, Davies, Strevens, Hill, Lee, Newman, Higgins and others. Visitors—Bros. G. P. Festa S.W. designate Montague Guest Lodge 1900, and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. J.W. designate of the same Lodge. Messrs. C. M. Brander and C. Filhon were duly balloted for and initiated. Bro. Newman was passed, and Bro. Higgins raised. Considering the time of year, there was a good muster of brethren, about twenty being present. After business those present dined at the Café Royal, the W.M. Bro. Shand presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially received, and after a pleasant meeting the brethren separated until September.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Order was held on Friday, at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, when, in the Holy Cross Encampment, Companion Major Chard, V.C. of the Dundas Chapter, was, after previous inception, installed. The highly impressive ceremony was undertaken, by request of the Eminent Commander, by E. Sir Knight Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., P.E.C., P.G.M. of England, assisted by the E.C. Richard Pengelly, L. D. Westcott, Colonel Fitzgerald, J. Batten Gover, Samuel Jew, E. Aitken Davies, Josiah Austin, James H. Keats, James Griffen, and others. There was some discussion about the meeting of the Provincial Priory and Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, both of which are to be held in Exeter, and, as was reported, within two days of each other. It was resolved to appeal to the powers that be, and endeavour to have the two meetings on one day, and, acting upon this resolution, a communication, largely signed, was despatched. Major Chard was congratulated on his new position, and after simple refreshment in the refectory, the Fraters retired from a highly instructive meeting.

It seems the Grand Lodge of Canada is described in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for 1880 as "a Grand Lodge on Wheels," from the fact of its having no local habitation, that is, no permanent headquarters. It is probable, however, that this want will at no distant date be brought under the notice of Grand Lodge. The *Canadian Craftsman* very properly holds that some central city should be chosen, and suggests Toronto as possessing all the requisite conveniences, the more especially as it is rumoured the Freemasons of Toronto are considering the question of erecting a Masonic Temple, in which case our contemporary thinks G. Lodge of Canada might invest some of its capital in the enterprise, with a view to securing accommodation for its officers.

The semi-annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in the City of Worcester, 17th May, when there was a numerous attendance of Sir Knights.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 8th June, Committee on Centenary Medal and Centenary Warrant recommended a design for the former and a form for the latter, both of which were adopted. Resolutions were also passed in memory of the late Bro. H. Chickering Past Senior Grand Warden.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Lurline, the Rhine Maiden, by Mr. George Buckland. Arctic Exploration, by Commander Cheyne, R.N. Porcelain Manufacture, by Mr. J. D. Cogan. The Photographer's Sunbeam, by Mr. T. C. Hopworth. The Rising in the Transvaal, by Mr. W. R. May. Etherdo, the Juggler. The Microscope, Electricity, the Isle of Wight, &c. by Mr. J. L. King. Fleuss's Diving Apparatus. The Electric Railway. Balmain's Luminous Paint Room. Recitals, by Mrs. Stirling and others, at 3 on Saturdays. Admission to the whole 1s. Open from 12 till 5 and 7 till 10.

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, 9th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1607—Loyalty
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1558—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

MONDAY, 11th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
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)
1368—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquiss of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 164—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 12th JULY.

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)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domestic, 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.)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1351—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
449—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knoie, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

WEDNESDAY, 13th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1274—Burdett Counts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
291—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hall, Slough
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th JULY.

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)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cook Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1842—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1873—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.

FRIDAY, 15th JULY.

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.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 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)
1158—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)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington. at 8. (In)
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1098—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th JULY.

1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 954.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on Wednesday, 29th June. The yearly accounts, previously audited, were adopted. They showed that, notwithstanding large amounts had been paid for removal and renovation of furniture, there was a good balance in favour of the Lodge. The retiring W. Master Bro. James Osborne then installed as his successor Bro. John T. Crosly, who had been previously elected. He had the able assistance of W. Bros. C. Watson P.M. and Treas., John Baxter P.M. and Sec., Thomas Goodall P.M., J. Russell-Lord P.M. 1247 P.G.S.B., J. R. Dugdale P.M., in a Board of Installed Masters, comprising amongst others W. Bros. J. Batten Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. F. Smith P.M. P.G.S. of W., E. Aitken-Davies P.M. 1212 P.P.G.S. of W., J. B. Price P.M. 202 P.P.G.S.B., Richard Ellis W.M. 230, George Castle I.P.M., S. Panter W.M. 1099, William Cawse P.M. 893 P.P.G.S. Cornwall, William Coath P.M. 893, John Allen P.M. 1099, Joseph Rawling P.M. 1071, J. H. Tounce W.M. 1212, J. W. Collins P.M. 1133, J. Rendle P.M. Sec. 1247, Morris C. Lakeman W.M. 1550, J. Webber I.P.M. 1550. The Officers appointed were W. Bros. James Osborne I.P.M., J. Weary S.W., J. McLean J.W., C. Watson Treasurer, J. Baxter Secretary, D. Jolliffe S.D., E. L. Wilson J.D., D. Waight D.C., G. Pomeroy A.D.C., S. G. Jarvis O., J. R. Smith I.G., S. Harvey S.S., W. Nicholas J.S., J. Stevens Tyler. Three candidates were proposed for initiation, and one for joining, and the W. Master having been warmly congratulated by the visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Odd Fellows' Hall in Ker-street, for the banquet. This was provided by Bro. R. Smith, the proprietor of the Shakspeare Hotel, and the thanks of the brethren were given him for his admirable catering. The W. Master Bro. J. T. Crossly presided, and ably carried out his new duties, proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and making the visitors and members of his Lodge feel thoroughly happy. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bros. T. Goodall and W. E. Hoar. Brilliant solos, from Bros. Rendle, Goodall, and Barrett, and recitations from Bro. Greenlaw, will make the 1881 installation a red-letter day in the annals of Lodge St. Aubyn.

CORNWALLIS LODGE, No. 1107.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 6th instant, at the Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley. Among those present were Bros. T. Simmonds W.M., H. Cleverly S.W., J. Storey P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Treas., C. Reuter P.M. P. Prov. G.A.D. of C. Secretary, W. Daniels S.D., F. Moll I.G., T. W. Knight P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., J. J. Michael P.M. Prov. G.P. W.M. elect, Thos. Puzey P.M., T. Potter P.P.G.D. of C. Among the visitors were Bros. J. S. Eastes Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain, J. Terry Provincial Senior G. Warden Norths and Hunts, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, W. G. Murlis P.M. Sec. 1642, H. Stiles W.M. elect 1732, J. H. Roach 1579, W. Houghton 1366, A. McMillan 1365, S. Hollidge 1602, H. Scharien 834, A. Willard 179, G. Tedder, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge having been opened, the ballot was brought into requisition, and proved in favour of Messrs. Arthur Shippey, Henry James Jones, George Vallas, George Wareham, and Thomas Tarrent, who were candidates for initiation; and also for Bros. W. W. Morgan jun. and A. Hubbard, candidates for joining. By the courtesy of the W.M. Bro. J. J. Michael assumed the chair, and initiated the first four named gentlemen into the Order, performing the ceremony in a most efficient manner. He was ably assisted by Bros. James Terry, W. Daniels, W. M. Stiles and H. Stiles, who acted as Deacons. This ceremony completed, Bro. T. Knight took the chair, and Bro. Michael being presented, was obligated, and in due course installed. Having received the salutations of the brethren, he appointed the following as Officers for the year:—Bros. H. Cleverly S.W., W. W. Morgan jun. J.W., J. Storey P.M. Treas., C. Reuter P.M. Sec., W. Daniels S.D., A. Hubbard J.D., Moll I.G., Phillips D.C., Thomas Tyler. Bro. Storey proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Knight, and that the same be recorded on the minutes in consideration of the able way in which that brother had fulfilled the duties of Installation. The proposition, seconded by Bro. Puzey, and carried by acclamation, was duly acknowledged by Bro. Knight. Bro. Michael next rose. His first duty was to him a most gratifying one, it was to place on the breast of his predecessor in office the Past Master's jewel, which the brethren tendered him in recognition of the services he had rendered to the

Lodge during his term of Mastership. He regretted there had not been much work during the past twelve months, but whatever duty Bro. Simmonds had been called upon to perform, he had undertaken with his whole heart and to the best of his ability. A suitable reply having been given, Bro. Storey was re-elected as Charity Representative of the Lodge. Bro. Puzey, who had been deputed at the previous meeting to visit a brother in distressed circumstances, reported that he found the brother in even greater need than had been represented to the Lodge. He had, in accordance with the wish of the brethren, afforded relief as far as he felt the Lodge would sanction. It was then announced that the brother referred to had since died. A vote, confirming the action of Bro. Puzey, was then put to the Lodge, and the amount he had disbursed was granted from the Lodge Charity Fund. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the Prov. Grand Master, and several others, and in due course the Lodge was closed. Previous to the adjournment, the Deputy Prov. G.M. expressed his pleasure at being present, and his regret that he was unable to stay any longer. The banquet was then served; at its conclusion the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and severally acknowledged. We are pleased to be able to announce that Bro. Storey consented to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and that before the brethren left a respectable amount was promised towards his list.

Lodge of Unanimity, No. 102, North Walsham.—On Monday, the 4th inst., the members held a Lodge of Emergency, at the King's Arms, in this town, for the purpose of presenting Bro. George Smith, who has for 43 years uninterruptedly held the office of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to the Lodge, with a testimonial. The Lodge having been duly opened, the W.M. the Rev. J. Neville White, in presenting the testimonial, referred to the services done to Freemasonry by Bro. Smith; his admirable management of the business and the funds of the Lodge, his courtesy and willingness at all times to impart instruction to younger Masons; that the Lodge not only bore the name of Unanimity, but had always practised what that name implies, was in a great measure due to the tact displayed by Bro. Smith. The W.M. further remarked, that Bro. Smith had not been content to confine his labours to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, but had on five occasions filled the Master's chair in his Lodge, had been G.S.B. in 1858, and G.S.W. in 1869, and was he believed almost the oldest Mason in the Province. The Masonic Charities had always had a firm friend in Bro. Smith, who was in his life and conduct an embodiment of the virtues and graces characteristic of Freemasonry. The W.M., then amidst rounds of Masonic applause, begged Bro. Smith's acceptance of a handsome Silver Tea and Coffee Service, expressly made by Messrs. Elkington, of London, engraved with Masonic Emblems, and inscribed as follows:—“Presented to Brother George Smith, by his brethren of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 102, in token of their fraternal regard and esteem for him as a good man, a good Mason, and the good Secretary of their Lodge for the past 43 years, June 5th, 1881.” The brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, and the evening was spent in order.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—A numerous attended meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., on Monday, the 27th ultimo, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Pennfather, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction. Bros. S. E. Moss W.M., R. Percy S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. Goodenough, Sproat (2), C. Patrick, I. P. Cohen, and H. J. Lardner (2). Second Lecture:—Bros. A. R. Green, D. Moss, C. Weeden, H. P. Isaac, and J. King. Third Lecture:—Bros. I. P. Cohen, A. W. Fenner, and R. Percy. Bros. Moss, Percy, and Fenner were made honorary members. Several brethren were elected members. After the business was completed, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated, with fraternal greetings, and a hope of spending many such pleasant evenings together.

A meeting of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction was held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., on Monday, the 4th inst., when the Lodge was adjourned until the last Monday in September.

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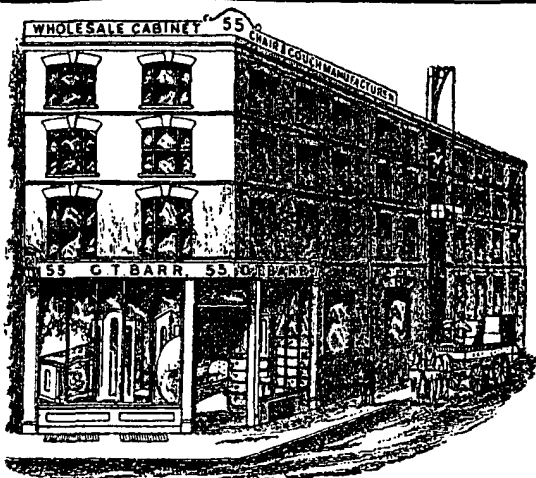
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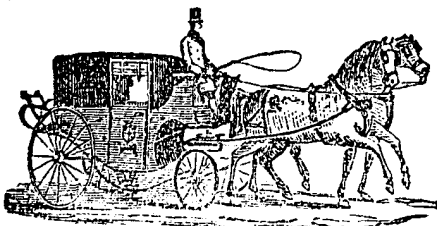
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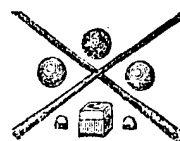
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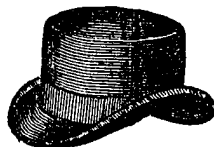
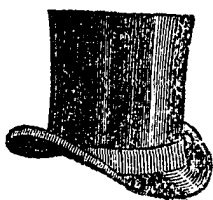
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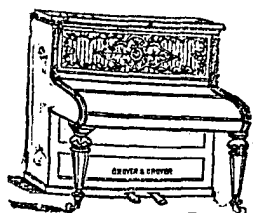
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