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## THE EVE OF THE FESTIVAL.

THE time is now fast approaching when the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held. Before another issue of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE appears most of its readers will have been made acquainted, either by personal attendance at the Festival, or by reports in the daily papers, of the result of this year's appeal on behalf of "Our Girls." Little remains to be said in addition to what has already appeared in these pages concerning the general arrangements, all of which have been made with that care and regard for the comfort of visitors which has characterised similar gatherings in the past. The Festival will take place on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, London, the hour of the banquet being fixed at 6 p.m. Lord Brooke, M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master Essex, will occupy the chair, and although the number of Stewards who will support his Lordship will not be so large as many wished, it is yet hoped they will prove themselves none the less hearty in the good cause than those who have preceded them in years gone by. It is idle for us to speculate as to the result, for, as we last week pointed out, there appears to be little chance of arriving at a correct estimate. We have said what amount we should like to see sent up by Essex, and a similar scale might be applied to the other Provinces, with the best of results, but in any case we hope the total will be sufficient to provide for all the expenses of the coming year, even if it is not large enough to allow of something being added to the invested funds.

The annual visit of the stewards to the Institution at Battersea is this year fixed for Monday next, the 19th inst., when the usual entertainment will be provided by the pupils, and the prizes will be distributed. We have very great pleasure in tendering our thanks to the Baroness Burdett Coutts, who has kindly consented to distribute the prizes, and whose support of any good cause—always so readily given—is ever received with gratitude. We have no doubt that the Institution will long have occasion to remember the interest she and her husband (who is the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards) are taking in this year's Festival, not only on account of the monetary benefit it will derive, but also from the remembrance of having enlisted the sympathy of one who is justly entitled to be ranked among England's benefactors.

The first part of the entertainment on Monday will commence at 4.30 p.m., and will conclude at 6.30, by which time the company will be ready for the refreshment usually provided by the Committee. At 7.30 the Calisthenics and Marching Exercises will be gone through, and after an hour or two spent with the pupils, the guests will return to their respective homes. The applications for tickets of admission to this entertainment are, as usual, far in excess of the number at disposal, and if a few are disappointed at not receiving the coveted admissions, they must content themselves with the feeling that it is not the fault of the executive that the number has to be limited, but rather that the space available will only accommodate so many, and therefore it would be unjust to the stewards themselves to issue such a number of invites to others as to inconvenience all who attend.

## THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 293.)

WE have been very careful to point out in this case of Wren's alleged membership of our Society that it has never yet been proved to be a fact by any of the recognised methods employed by historians in demonstrating their several propositions, and no one would have been surprised had Bro. Gould completed his examination of the circumstances by tendering the Scotch verdict of "not proven." But it will doubtless have occurred to many of those who have carefully read this portion of his work, as indeed it has occurred to us, that he has set himself dead against the theory of membership, for some unexplained reason, but probably because he conceived it to be his duty to approach as close as he dared, having the fear of Masonic susceptibilities before his eyes, towards a summary rejection of this tradition on the ground that thus far at all events it was incapable of being proved by direct evidence of a perfectly trustworthy character. This will, perhaps, explain why, after a very careful study of the whole, as well as of the several parts of Chapter XII., we seem to have been insensibly forced to the conclusion that Bro. Gould has momentarily forgotten himself as the historian and betaken himself to the rôle of the advocate. It is certain that he has missed no opportunity of enlarging on the merits of whatever evidence is opposed to the tradition; while he has made light of such as favoured it, and ignored altogether, or very nearly so, those reasonable probabilities which almost justify our acceptance of it as a fact. The passage in Aubrey is "obscure;" the statements in Dr. Anderson's Constitutions of 1738—though this, as we have stated, is only a matter of opinion—"are quite irreconcilable with those in his earlier publication of 1723." Then, in the latter, while Inigo Jones and Sir Edward Coke are "included in the category of Freemasons, Sir Christopher Wren is only mentioned in a professional capacity," from which "it may safely be inferred, that the triumvirate"—Anderson, Payne, and Desaguliers—"charged with the preparation of the first code of laws, and the first items of Masonic history, published by authority, had at that time no knowledge of his ever having been a member of the Society." Again, "between 1723 and 1738, though a large number of Masonic books and pamphlets were published, in none of these is Wren alluded to as a Freemason;" "the newspapers during the same period," to the extent of Bro. Gould's researches, and with the few exceptions he notes, "are equally silent upon the point under consideration, and there is no reference to Wren in the Rawlinson MSS. at the Bodleian Library." As to Wren's Grand Mastership, we are told that he could not have occupied in the 17th century a position which was not created till the second decade of the 18th, while, as to his membership of Antiquity, its extreme unlikelihood is asserted on the ground of the inferior social rank of its members as compared with those enrolled in the fourth of the "Four Old Lodges," which had among its seventy-one members "ten noblemen, three honourables, four baronets or knights, seven colonels, two clergymen, and twenty-four esquires." Of course, the remark about the Grand Mastership is quite natural, if we are to assume that Anderson intentionally applied it in the sense in which it had been understood since 1717; indeed, we are not unwilling to concede for the sake of argument that the author's propositions, whether taken separately or cumulatively, are not without

considerable weight. What we have to complain of is, that in his examination of the circumstances, the utmost possible prominence appears to have been given to everything that tells against the tradition of Wren's connection with the Craft, while what tells in its favour is either passed over in silence or treated lightly and as of comparatively no moment. Herein, as we have once already suggested, we seem to see the cloven foot of the advocate peeping out from beneath the cloak of the historian. For instance, not one word is said about Anderson, the author or compiler of the 1738 Constitutions and History, being one and the same with the Anderson who compiled the Constitutions and "first items of masonic history" in 1723, while his coadjutors in the latter—Payne and Desaguliers—were still alive and in the full possession of their intellectual powers when the former work was published. True we are told that Anderson's statements in 1738 are "quite irreconcilable with those in his earlier publication of 1723," and it will be said at once that this negatives our assertion. But what we mean is, that no importance appears to have been attached to the fact of the two works having been produced by the same man as author or compiler (the fact is referred to incidentally at page 12), and consequently that his statements in the later of the two, if they do not demand from us a greater readiness of acceptance on the ground of their having been made after more matured deliberation, are certainly not less acceptable than the statements contained in the earlier. In both cases the task of compiling the Constitutions was entrusted to Anderson by Grand Lodge, and in both, therefore, he would fulfil his duty under exactly the same sense of responsibility. Moreover, it was in consequence of a formal resolution passed by Grand Lodge in 1735 that Anderson printed in his second edition the names of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens, and to this we must attribute the more precise statements about Wren, which were made public in the 1738 Constitutions.

But, urges Bro. Gould, the statements made by Anderson about Wren in 1738 are "quite irreconcilable with those in his earlier publication of 1723," though he does not indicate in what respect they are irreconcilable one with the other. In 1723, Wren is spoken of, not as being a Freemason, but as "the ingenious Architect, Sir Christopher Wren." In 1738 he figures in different Masonic capacities, being mentioned as one of the Grand Wardens appointed by the Earl of St. Albans in 1663, the fact of his knighthood having been slightly antedated in the sentence containing this information being interpolated; while he is spoken of several times as Deputy Grand Master, and also as Grand Master in 1685 and again in 1698. Here there is no irreconcilability between the two descriptions, unless—but the suggestion is absurd on the very face of it—we are to understand Bro. Gould as laying it down that if Anderson's description of Wren in 1723 as "the ingenious architect" is right, that in 1738 of the same personage having been at different times a Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Master, is necessarily wrong. We should not have been surprised if Brother Gould had regarded the two versions as being reconcilable on the same ground as was suggested some time back in the *Freemason*—the suggestion being endorsed as probable by Brother Hughan—in the case of William Kerwyn, Freemason, who died in 1594, and is referred to by Bro. Gould at page 155 of this volume, namely, that in his (Kerwyn's) instance architect and Freemason were interchangeable terms; but as to the irreconcilability of Anderson's statements, the mere suggestion of their being so is amazing.

Here is another suggestion to which we think objection may reasonably be taken. At page 6 in the paragraph in which the author points out that, as Aubrey's memorandum about Wren's approaching initiation in 1691 was not printed or in any way alluded to until 1844, it could "have exercised no influence whatever in shaping or fashioning the belief (amongst Masons) which, from 1738 onwards, has universally prevailed as regards the connection of the great architect with the ancient Craft," he follows this up instantly by stating, "indeed, the statements of Aubrey (1691) and Anderson (1738) are mutually destructive. If Wren was only 'accepted' or 'adopted' in 1691, it is quite clear that he could not have been Grand Master at any earlier date; and, on the other hand, if he presided over the Society in 1663, it is equally clear that the ceremony of his formal admission into the fraternity was not postponed till 1691." We have already argued that if Aubrey's statement, not being alluded to

till 1844, had no influence in shaping the belief of brethren, "from 1738 onwards," as to Wren's membership of our Society, neither can it have influenced Anderson in making his statement in his second Book of Constitutions published in the latter year, and that consequently these statements of the two writers, though differing as to details, agree in the main point of Wren's connection with the Fraternity, and possess all the more value from their having been made independently of each other, and that, too, by persons who presumably knew something of what they were writing about. Bro. Gould believes they are "mutually destructive," and gives the reasons for his belief as indicated above. But is it too monstrous a proposition to suggest that Wren's connection with the Craft may have been of a two-fold character, and that having, as "the ingenious architect," been in the first instance brought officially into association with the Masons as an operative body, he subsequently allowed himself to be enrolled amongst them as what since the 1717 era we have been wont to designate a speculative or free and accepted Mason? It must be remembered that Anderson had been expressly invited by Grand Lodge to print the names of "all the Grand Masters that could be collected from the beginning of Time," together with those of the Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, &c., and it is extremely unlikely to suppose that he would have been at the trouble or thought it worth his while to explain that such terms as Grand Master, when applied to people before 1717, were not used exactly in the sense in which they were understood by the brethren for whom he wrote in 1738. The latter half of the 17th century and the earlier portion of the 18th constituted, as regards Freemasonry, a period of transition, and as invariably happens with such periods, its history is veiled in obscurity, so that even so acute a student as Bro. Gould must experience great difficulty in unravelling its mysteries. And, naturally enough, in this instance the portion of the period which most needs a tender examination is that in which the influence of the operative element was growing weaker and weaker, while that of the speculative element had not as yet acquired sufficient firmness and strength to justify its claiming a clear and unimpeachable superiority. Still, what appears so obscure to us must have been clear enough to Anderson, who was a contemporary of Wren, and, like most men writing under similar circumstances, he probably assumed that his readers were more or less familiar with what only a few years before had been current history.

In placing this suggestion before our readers we follow the example set us by Bro. Gould in the case of some of his propositions, of not attaching to it too great a degree of importance. But the suggestion is not entirely valueless, if we bear in mind that Wren, as the great architect of his day, would certainly have been brought into contact with the operative Masons, while there is nothing unreasonable in imagining him, as the man of science, being desirous of acceptance or adoption as a member of one or more of our Lodges. Again, as to his alleged connection with old Lodge No. 1 (Antiquity), while the majority of the other distinguished personages were members of No. 4, if we look a little below the surface, we shall find nothing so very unreasonable in this. Wren's principal operations as an architect were carried on in the City of London, not in the City of Westminster, and his great work—St. Paul's Cathedral—must have necessitated his constant presence in the immediate vicinity of the edifice. What can be more natural than that he should have been associated with the old Lodge which met close by the Cathedral in preference to one which met at a distance? The latter part of one of Bro. Gould's quotations from the 1738 Constitutions reads—"Some few years after this"—that is after 1708, when Wren is said to have "erected the Cross on the Top of the Cupola"—"Sir Christopher Wren neglected the office of Grand Master, yet the Old Lodge near St. Paul's, and a few more, continued their stated meetings." We have seen considerable stress laid upon far less telling coincidences than this mention by name of the "Old Lodge near St. Paul's" immediately after that of Wren's name, as though there had been a connection between them, while the others that continued their stated meetings are spoken of merely as "a few more." Here again we attach no great importance to the suggestion; being chiefly desirous of showing that it is possible to single out points which seem to bear favourably on Wren's alleged membership, and that these points, when grouped together, should, if they cannot convince us, influence our judgment.

There is yet another point, to which before we close our remarks for the present, we will take leave to refer. Bro. Gould is careful to suggest that, though the Masonic writers of last century were "*uninfluenced by the singular entries in the Aubrey MSS.*," still we must be "on our guard not to assume too confidently that none of the Fellows of the Royal Society who joined the Fraternity between 1717 and 1750 were aware that one of their own number—Aubrey was chosen an F.R.S. in 1663—had recorded in a manuscript work (which he deposited in their own library) the approaching initiation into Masonry of a former President of the Royal Society. It is improbable that so curious a circumstance was wholly unknown to Dr. Desaguliers, Martin Folkes, Martin Clare, or Richard Rawlinson, all Fellows of the Royal Society and zealous Freemasons. If we admit the probability of some one or more of these distinguished *brethren* having perused the manuscript in question, it affords negative evidence, from which we may not unfairly conclude that the allusion to Wren failed to make any impression upon them." The most prominent of the four Fellows named by Bro. Gould is undoubtedly Desaguliers, and if we assume that he who played so conspicuous a part in the doings of both Societies was aware of Aubrey having recorded in his MSS. the contemplated initiation of Wren into Masonry, we may go a little further and assume that he communicated his knowledge of the record to his friend and old coadjutor, Anderson, who—though both he and Desaguliers may have been aware of the initiation from their own personal knowledge of all the circumstances—may have been very glad to hear of such independent testimony to the truth of one of the facts he was about to publish, namely, that Wren was a member of the Craft, and yet did not consider it part of his duty to repeat it or draw any distinction between Wren's association with Masonry when Master of Work, and his more complete association with it from 1691 onwards, that is, from the date of his alleged acceptance into the Craft as a speculative member. We have noted this and our previous suggestions, not, as we have said, because we are disposed to entertain them very seriously, but in order to show Bro. Gould and any who may be inclined to follow his example, that for every conjecture he may feel disposed to raise in favour of his apparently pet theory that Wren was not a Freemason, it is possible to raise up another which may be made to tell with equal or almost equal effect against him. Theorists, like the man who is in a hurry to cross a road, will do well to look both ways.

(To be continued).

### THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD.

THE unlikeness of Freemasonry to any other human society, and its superiority to them all, is exemplified in no one of its characteristics better than by its bond of brotherhood. It is the Bond of bonds, and introduces to the Brotherhood of brotherhoods. 'Tis in every respect the reverse of Shylock's bond, and is all unwritten. 'Tis a kindred tie, an evidence of the closest possible relationship. Impalpable as air, it is yet a three-fold cord, that is not quickly broken. Blood cannot inherit it—Freemasonry is no society of the Cincinnati. Our line of descent is maintained by continual accessions of new material—the Temple is always building, and yet never completed. Only the Temple not made with hands will be perfect and finished.

An eloquent writer has observed that "a bond is necessary to complete our being, only we must be careful that the bond does not become bondage." Both branches of this assertion have been abundantly proved to be true. Many are the bonds voluntarily assumed by men for the purpose of advancing their happiness, and yet how few of them justify the confidence reposed in them. That which is usually esteemed the closest tie of all, wedlock, how useless has it often proven to be, to permanently bind those who enter into its bond! When the bond becomes bondage, then comes divorce. Freemasonry avoids the perils of this tie by its peculiar usages, proving thereby most conclusively that it is "a law unto itself." While it is true that he who is once a Freemason is always a Freemason, and cannot absolve himself from his voluntarily assumed obligations, nor obtain absolution from any authority outside of himself, there is yet a permissible middle course—any Brother may become a non-affiliate. In other words, he may, if he will, sever his active connec-

tion with the Fraternity; he may retire from official service; he may be a Freemason at large, paying nothing into the treasury of the Craft, and resigning thereby certain related privileges, but he cannot surrender the Light he received once for all, nor blot out his knowledge of secrets imparted in good faith, and in like good faith accepted, to be kept sacred and inviolate for ever. True, no Brother will become a non-affiliate except a half-hearted, a miserly spirited, an intellectually blinded, or a daft Freemason; but if for any reason one becomes reduced to such a condition, he has the optional resort of non-affiliation. More than this he cannot do. The indelibility of Freemasonry is like the indelibility of orders in the Church—it cannot be forgotten, cancelled or effaced.

So much for the bond; now for the Brotherhood to which it introduces. The candidate for Freemasonry seeks it because he feels that he needs the impartation of its Truth, and the boundless sympathy and aid which distinguish its membership. Rugged Carlyle, a man of all men who most stood alone, least mingling with his fellows, was yet so conscious in his inmost soul of the power of human sympathy, that he said, "Infinite is the help that man can yield to man." The truth of this assertion is intensified if we say, Infinite is the help that a Freemason can yield to a Freemason. Not merely help of the grosser kind, although all of that, but also that finer, deeper, purer help, which grows out of the Masonic fellowship of kindred minds. No man better than a Freemason realises this fact, and no Freemason ever stated it more pointedly than Bro. Sir Walter Scott, when he wrote:—"From the time that the mother binds the child's head, till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the death-damp from the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help." To the most fortunately circumstanced, friendship and brotherly love are grateful, while to the unfortunate they are indispensable. We cannot have too many friends, and no friend sticketh closer than a Masonic brother. All may be well with us now, but what of the future? Who can read it, who can foretell it? Our Brother Bulwer, Lord Lytton, was right:—"Whatever the number of a man's friends, there may be times in his life when he has one too few." Cultivate your friends. Cherish them. Make them, if possible, doubly yours—once in the bonds of Brotherhood, and again by personal sympathy and fellowship.

There are other bonds of so-called brotherhood? Oh, yes, but how frail! Distress overtakes you, and their disciples pass you by on the other side. Calumny assails you, and they at once believe in the foul aspersion. Not so the true Freemason; not so Freemasonry itself, in its essence and spirit. It is for sunshine and storm, for weal and woe, for happiness and distress. A joy to the joyful, it is no less a helping hand to the sorrowful and distressed. Its compass is wonderful, covering in its diapason the note of highest felicity and the wail of deepest distress.

Do any despise the bond? Alas, a few do. But then we are all human, and the greatest of Popes—the poet, has told us, too true, that "to err is human." Freemasonry assumes to work no miracles. It can improve the man, but it cannot renew him. It may be deceived in accepting him, and if so he is a dead branch. But it is rarely deceived. The scrutiny is close, the tests are numerous, the chances to impose upon it are few. The Bond of Brotherhood is only for the elect, and he who is approved by the Fraternity as a fit ashlar to go into its spiritual Temple, proves, in very large majority of instances, to be indeed a good man and true and worthy of all acceptation by the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.—*Keystone.*

The new Temperance Lodge, King Solomon, No. 2029, will be consecrated by the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, at 33 Golden Square, on Saturday, 31st May, at four p.m. After the ceremony the brethren will adjourn for banquet to the Holborn Restaurant, all intoxicating drinks being excluded. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., is the W.M. designate, and Harry Tipper, 118 The Grove, Hammersmith, the Acting Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.



### CONSECRATION OF THE BEAUMONT LODGE, No. 2035.

THIS interesting event took place at Kirkburton on Thursday, 8th inst. The past and present members and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of West Yorkshire, of whom there were a very large number present, met at the Lodge room, at the Royal Hotel, at half-past one o'clock, and great difficulty was experienced in getting accommodation for the whole of the visitors, the room being somewhat small for such an occasion.

Brother Tew W.D.P.G.M., occupied the chair; and the following brethren, Officers and members of Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, supported him:—Brothers Rev. P. F. J. Pearce P.M. and P.P.G. Chaplain, Rev. W. P. Ingledow Chaplain, W. Schofield W.M., W. Fitton S.W., Ben Stocks J.W., Ed. Smith Treasurer, Chas. Hargreaves Secretary, Geo. Sykes P.M. D.C., B. Oxley, W. H. Cook S.D., H. Calverley J.D., J. W. Cocking I.G., H. Field W.M., W. H. Jessop P.M., L. B. Brierley W.M., Hy. Shaw W.M., Allen Jackson P.P.J.G.D., R. Senior, J. R. Brooke, H. Barden, W. T. Sugg, and A. L. Mitchell. There were also present the following visitors:—Bros. G. Goldthorpe S.D. 242, W. King I.G. 208, E. Fairburn P.P.G.S.B. 337, J. Kaye P.M. 275, J. Martin P.M. 301, J. Woodhead P.M. 1462, B. Booth S.D. 1462, Rev. J. T. Wilkinson P.P.G.C. 652, R. W. Jubb A.D.C. 275, G. E. B. Dickenson 1462, Geo. Pearson P.G.S.B. 1034, T. A. Greenwood 521, H. Clayton 521, W. Mitchell P.M. 290, John Varley S.D. 521, A. Armitage J.W. 521, J. Barker P.M. 1102, J. S. Sheard W.M. 521, J. Eccles M.M. 521, Geo. Ainley M.M. 149, W. E. Wimpenny I.G. 652, T. Sellers P.M. 1783, H. T. Gardiner P.M. 458, H. W. Wrigley P.M. 149, R. H. Armitage W.M. 275, W. Bailey M.M. 1102, J. Shaw P.M. 337, H. Smith Prov. Grand Sec., H. Wright M.M. 439, W. Harrop P.P.G.D. 290, Joe Wood P.M. 290, J. Day P.P.G.M. 275, J. L. Pugh P.M. 131, J. Brown M.M. 1301, J. Craven P.P.S.G.W. 275, G. W. Rhodes P.M. 275, Allen Haigh P.P.G.D.C. 290 and 1514, W. Haigh P.P.G.P. 149, J. Kendrew M.M. 521, W. Rice T. 521, B. Hutchinson P.M. 290, T. Ruddock P.M. 275, J. Newton P.M. 1019, J. Shaw P.M. 1645, C. Wood 149, J. Lee P.G.T. 290, T. B. Fox P.M. 208, W. D. Quarmby S.W. 208, J. Fenna M.M. 208, Thomas Pickles P.M. 258, G. Hesketh P.M. 1462, A. Ainley M.M. 290, E. Dyson M.M. 521, J. Turpin M.M. 521, J. Brook M.M. 1783, J. Thorp (Liverpool) 1502, M. Rosenthal Sec. 1798, R. Holmes P.M. 910, S. Boothroyd W.M. 652, J. Seed P.M. 1302, R. Williamson P.J.G.D. 521, J. H. Taylor I.G. 290, T. Winn P.G.C., H. Redfearn P.M. 149, J. Ellis P.M. 149, J. E. Smith M.M. 1102, H. Oxley P.M. 495, J. H. Pearson W.M. 1301, J. Cowgill M.M. 149, G. M. Marchant M.M. 1783, H. Holdsworth Sec. 1783, A. Hellawell M.M. 1783, W. Vickers P.M. 1019, J. J. Vickers M.M. 290, C. S. Sunderland P.G.R., F. Preston W.M., J. R. Dore P.M., and J. E. Bottom 1514, &c. The proceedings were commenced by the assembly singing the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell." The Lodge was then opened by the R.W. Brother Thomas William Tew, J.P., Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England. The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, and read a portion of Scripture from 2 Chronicles iii., and after solemn music, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the petition for dedication. The Provincial Grand Registrar addressed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and asked him to dedicate the hall, and on the request having been acceded to, the Provincial Grand Secretary called upon the Worshipful Master for the warrants of constitution, minute book, and bye-laws of the Lodge No. 2035. The Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works examined the appointments of the Lodge, and reported that all was correct. An anthem, commencing "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," was sung by Bros. Blagbro, Joe Wood, Joe Varley, and Garner, after which the Provincial Grand Chaplain read a portion of 1 Kings viii., and offered the first portion of the dedication prayer. A lengthy ceremonial of consecration and dedication of the Lodge room was then gone through.

Bro. T. W. Tew afterwards gave the following address: BRETHREN, —The institution and the dedication of the 67th Lodge in this Province, and of the 2035th Lodge of the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, is, I hope, a Masonic event of such importance as to merit a few brief but customary observations on the consecration of a new Lodge, under the jurisdiction of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, our beloved and popular Provincial Grand Master. This occasion which, I hope, has been an interesting one, may be also deemed a suitable opportunity for allusion to the circumstances which have brought about an application for a new warrant for this Lodge, now called the Beaumont Lodge, at Kirkburton. A record of Masonic work in this Province since 1822, when there were but 19 Lodges in the then constituted Province of West Yorkshire, must abound in both pleasing episodes as well as melancholy reminiscences of the operative and speculative labours of great and good Masons who have gone to their eternal home—let us hope in the Grand Lodge above—and a faithful chronicler has not only the gratification of enlarging on the increase of the Lodges and the career of the Craft in West Yorkshire, but he is bound to allude to those incidents which have almost every year cast a gloom over its progress, and tinged the harmony of its advancement and affection amongst us with sorrowful reflections. "We have rejoiced with those who do rejoice," and we have "mourned with those who weep." The Craft has within the period since 1823 taken a large and benevolent part in aiding all kinds of charitable and useful institutions. It has also never been slack in tendering homage where homage was due, or testifying its sympathies to the memory of friends and relatives of departed worth—as in the death of the late Bishop of Ripon—or, as its Charity Committee can record, putting its principles to the test by the practice of the most liberal charity, which virtue is inculcated upon us in every step we take in the different degrees, and "blesses him that gives as well as him that receives." Our last Charity Report speaks of facts which need no further comment, of the number of recipients of our bounty, and of those young orphans who look up to the Lodges as their guardians, and those Freemasons whom unavoidable circumstances have reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and despair, who regard us as the comforters of old

age. The records, then, of West Yorkshire Freemasonry present a history of the brethren in their Lodges, having provoked one another unto charity and to good works—a charity ever willing to put itself to inconvenience for the benefit of others. "Love, generosity, kindness, magnanimity, toleration and forgiveness," "are the virtues of the Freemason's belief, and are the things of which West Yorkshire Freemasonry may well be proud in its history of the past 60 years." May I hope that West Yorkshire Freemasonry presents to our minds a stately and superb edifice, whose superstructure has been built on humanity's best, on a true perception of humanity's needs, on a devout humility to render ourselves more extensively serviceable to our fellow creatures, and an eager acceptance to estimate the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator, the ready acceptance of Jehovah's work in man and through man? If we to-day have built this Lodge a corner stone into the great building of the Craft, like a foundation stone in Solomon's Temple, and will trust in the same corner-stone which the builders once refused, this Lodge will stand, and become the chief corner stone in Kirkburton of the "wisdom," the "strength," and the "beauty" of Masonic worth and excellence, "for life is one and indivisible. Brethren, take your stand on "The Rock of Ages." Stand like a building founded on a rock, and share its strength, so that you shall be part of the living temple of Jehovah. Kirkburton is an historical civil parish. Moorhouse's history of this parish is full of archaeological love respecting it. It is the old civil parish of the townships of Kirkburton, Shelley, Shepley, Falstone, Hepworth, Thurstonland, Cartworth, and Wooldale, and which embraces a large part of Holmfirth, including the old church there. Kirkburton township proper has a population of about 3,000, and the industry of the place is chiefly manufacturing cloth. Woodsome Hall, the seat of the Earl of Dartmouth, is about two miles distant, and Storthes Hall, now tenanted by Bro. B. Lockwood, No. 275, is a mile distant from the place where we are now assembled. The ancient Parish Church of Kirkburton—where we are shortly to assemble, and where divine services will be celebrated by the Provincial Grand Chaplains, and the sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, Provincial Grand Chaplain, the vicar of St. Paul's, Huddersfield—is an edifice of interest to all of us. The chain Bible, &c., are there. Its registers date back from the year 1512, and are in excellent preservation. Indeed, it is said there are only 19 other parishes throughout England where the registers go so far back, and are so well preserved. The father of the present vicar died about two years ago at the age of 87, having officiated there for a period of 45 years. I am told that the Rev. R. Collins—a scholar and antiquarian—the present vicar, is to be one of the first initiated into the "Beaumont" Lodge, as well as a goodly number of gentlemen of standing in the surrounding districts which I have catalogued. The parish clerk is the father of Bro. William Fitton, of Moldgreen, Huddersfield, a brother well known and respected by all the Craft. The parish clerk is alive and well, and we shall see him in God's house this afternoon. The old schoolmaster, Mr. A. Hargreaves, was the father of Bro. C. Hargreaves, the indefatigable Secretary of the Beaumont Lodge. The shortly to be invested Worshipful Master of No. 2035, Bro. William Schofield, is already a Past Master and a Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant of West Yorkshire. He was educated at the Kirkburton Grammar School, as also were Bro. Fitton and Bro. Hargreaves, and all of them under the tuition of the late Mr. A. Hargreaves. Bro. Stocks, the first J.W., has been about 13 years a member of the Huddersfield Lodge. Bro. Barnicot, also one of the founders of this Lodge, is a large employer of labour in this district, and Bro. R. Senior is a member of the eminent firm of Seth, Senior and Sons, of Shepley. Bro. Past Master George Sykes, of this town, and Bro. Fitton were both founders of the Albert Edward Lodge, which I consecrated 12th December 1878, and of which Bro. T. Ruddock was the first Worshipful Master. These brethren have done good service to Masonry throughout Huddersfield district, and this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire is much indebted to them for their exertions. I could mention other names, such as Bros. W. H. Jessop and Allen Jackson, both Past Masters of Lodge 521, and Bro. Field, W.M., of the Wharfedale Lodge, all supporters or founders of the Beaumont Lodge. The founders have called their new Lodge after, and as a compliment to, Mr. Beaumont, of Whitley Hall, about three miles from here. He is not a Mason, but deserves well of the Craft for his gift of 21 acres of land for a public park at Huddersfield, and the hospitable manner in which he entertained the late lamented Duke of Albany and the Duchess on the memorable occasion of their visit to Huddersfield in October last to open the Beaumont Park, and inspect the Fine Art and Industrial Exhibition, and to receive an address of welcome from the Freemasons of West York. Although Mr. Beaumont is abroad, yet it is hoped that some day he may join the Beaumont Lodge and receive that further compliment of the Mason's badge which is more ancient than the "Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honourable than the Star and Garter or any other order in existence." Under these promising auspices the Provincial Grand Master thought fit to recommend the petition for a warrant for a new Lodge at Kirkburton, and I am assured by the founders it has the good-will and support of all the Lodges in Huddersfield, and that the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2,035, at Kirkburton, will prove an acquisition both to Masonry and also to the district in which it is placed. This Lodge then is surrounded by ancient Masonic traditions. These are your grand treasures. The first is the tradition of knowledge. The lecture of the first degree—the cultivation and improvement of the mind. The charge and the lecture of the second degree, "The study of the liberal arts and sciences," which tend so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, and "the perseverance of every commendable virtue." The third degree invites us to reflect on the solemn subject of death, and teaches us that to the just, perfect, and upright man death has no terror equal to the stain of dishonour and falsehood, but to look upon dissolution as the end of afflictions and the entrance to a holy and pure life in the Grand Lodge above. Another treasure is that of opportunity—the opportunity of doing good to others—opportunity a treasure like the manna of Israel; you can have no more than your share; you cannot gather it but at the moment when

the sun and the dew are bright and fresh upon it; you cannot accumulate it, but you can dispense it. It is to do good the bread and staff of a Lodge. And another treasure there is—the treasure of association. It is a treasure for the living. It is to enjoy the full and intense vitality of a pure life; to seek the fullest cultivation of the powers of mind and body; to be roused to self-sacrifice and devotion, and to think it a duty to aim high, to walk in the footsteps of the patriarchs and prophets of old, to revere the wisdom of Solomon, to comprehend his character, and to imitate his lofty virtues. Truly believed and sincerely acted on, our traditions and associations would justify the value we set upon our Lodges. But were it otherwise that the four earthly treasures of “knowledge,” of “tradition,” of “opportunity,” and of “association,” were to be forgotten and neglected, and Lodges to substitute carelessness, idleness, banquet extravagance, ignorance of ceremonies, and disobedience to the authority of the chair, then it would be better to return the warrant to the supreme authority, and let your Lodge, as greater institutions have done before it, go into grey and honourable oblivion. But, Brethren, I believe your work will be wrought with diligence, and rendered with cheerfulness, your faces bright with the oil of gladness, yet bold with the wine of cheerfulness, and that, “breast to breast, knee to knee, foot to foot,” and let the grasp of your hands be firm and generous. You will seek “purity of action;” “truth,” that your speech may be simple and clear; “love,” that your friendship may sound, and that the brotherhood and the Craft may be to you no shadow, but a Masonic reality. But that these things may be, place your right hand on the volume of the sacred law, and with the compass in the other, fix your eye and heart on its sacred teachings, for there is no treasure like its own treasure, and its mysteries veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, unravelling and loved, and liked and practised. Brethren, you have in your ancient Church the symbol of the mystery of salvation—an ancient cross. The middle stone lay in the vicarage garden for twenty years before the other two pieces came to light. The middle piece was embedded in the rubble when the east chancel wall was taken down in 1850 and rebuilt. All the pieces belong to one cross, and the subject is “The Crucifixion.” These old walls must have been built before 1300. This cross was perhaps set up with prayer in the ninth century, and adorned an older and more primitive structure. It is a gritty freestone abounding in the neighbourhood of the Farnley or Greenside rock, and easily carved. The figure on the cross has been a body erect, living—the head upright, the arms extended at right angles. It represents the “Son of Righteousness” nailed to the tree. We shall see this ancient symbol of the Christian faith shortly. It symbolises the revelation of the genuine secrets of a Master Mason. To look up to it, to believe in it and the story it unfolds, the story of the Cross is not only true Christianity, but true Masonry. But the lapse of time warns me to cease, and with the expression of fervent gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., who hath in the past protected our ancient and time-honoured fraternity, and the sincere prayer that He will continue to watch over the Craft and this new Lodge as a means of doing good in this neighbourhood by brotherly intercourse and affection, with hearty good wishes to all present, I offer my congratulations for the progress and prosperity of the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

On the conclusion of the address the anthem “Hail, Masonry sublime,” was sung.

The brethren, whose regalia was draped, then formed in procession from the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, to St. John's Parish Church. An organ voluntary was played by Bro. J. Marshall as the brethren passed up the nave to their seats. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, M.A., Rector of Castleford; the lessons being read by the Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., of Holy Trinity, Leeds; and an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, P.P.G.C., who took for his text 1 St. Peter, ii. 17—“Fear God,” and Job i. 9—“Doth Job fear God for nought?” The rev. gentleman said—In the limited time during which I have any right to attempt to hold your attention, it is quite out of my power to give with accuracy and clearness even a superficial statement of the character and objects, and of the various and valuable principles which constitute the truth and glory of Freemasonry. It may also be well that I should at once say that to a general assembly like this it is outside my wish and intention to make any distinct references to the secret practices of the Order. I am not placed here in any way to gratify the inquisitiveness of those who from mere curiosity are desirous to get some insight into what we, as Freemasons, regard as great and invaluable secrets. This pulpit is too responsible a position to the preacher and the glorious old Church and the Holy worship, in which we have all seemed so heartily to join, are too sacred and solemnising to allow of any utterance other than those which have as their distinct motive and object the glory of God and the best welfare of men. And yet with such proper restrictions I am justified in briefly answering, and I shall be expected to answer, some of the very many natural questions which have already risen to the lips of those who know that to-day a Masonic Lodge has been consecrated in this ancient village, and have seen our imposing procession to the kirk, and joined with us here in our solemn worship of the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe. I hear such ask, What is Freemasonry? Who originated it, and when? What does it teach? At what does it aim? Who may be and are Freemasons? And I briefly answer that Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols; that it had its origin in a far distant age, its essential features being traced back to the earliest days, and known and followed by the enlightened and religious in every generation. Its teaching is that of the Holy Scriptures, and while it eschews all religions, as it does all political, controversies in the convocations of its adherents, it yet teaches the highest theology, and insists on those principles of justice, equity, mercy, and truth, without which humane and wise government would be impossible. It aims at making its followers patriots, and to live in amity with all men, furthering by all means their good and just rights. It inculcates strongly the value and virtues of fraternity; demands the possession and exhibition of religion both in its godward and manward aspects; and insists upon loyalty

as well as love, submission to the powers that be as well as the exercise of charity towards all men. It says with great meaning and emphasis—“Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the King.” And it receives into its ranks only those who are proclaimed to be, and known to be just and upright freemen, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals; asserting that no man, whether initiated into the mysteries of the Craft or not, can rightly bear the title of a Free and Accepted Master Mason who does not in the best sense of the words exhibit the character of a man who fears God. If this be considered a very high estimate, I can only say it is that which I have gathered from the unwritten lectures and the ceremonies of our splendid ritual, and if it be objected that some initiates belie it and give an entirely opposite impression of the teaching and influence of Freemasonry, I am justified in saying that such men are not Freemasons at all, never having received or entered into the true obligations and spirit of its principles and vows. That a terrible responsibility rest upon all such every Freemason knows, and by such reprobated conduct they do the brotherhood as much harm as the mere professors of Christianity, who deny their professions by their lives, do to the church of God. Now, to some extent from the evil lives of such unworthy members of the Order, and to some extent also from the ill-conceived and unjust criticisms which have been unsparingly launched against the Fraternity by its ignorant and prejudice opponents, it has come about that many persons regard Freemasons' Lodges simply as places for excessive and expensive eating and drinking, and Freemasons themselves as existing for no other or higher end than personal enjoyment. This is utterly untrue of the brethren as a whole, and if true in any particular instances, it is because our purposes and principles have been set at defiance. Brotherly love, relief and truth, faith, hope, charity, purity, peace, and godliness, these are our watchwords, these our aims, these our ambitions. And they must be so until the Order dies, and may she die when these cease to be so! You will see, therefore, that a true Freemason must be both a godly and unselfish man, unselfish in the sense in which every Christian man is called upon to be so. For a Freemason is a man who “fears God”—that is to say, lives a religious life by serving God and man, and while love to God is its spring and motive, and His glory its supreme object, yet he looks for personal advantage. He fears God. He serves God. He looks for reward. The criticism of the outside world, like Satan's sneer against Job, has much truth in it; we do not fear God and serve Him for nought. He does not expect us to do so. But the criticism, like the sneer of our great enemy, has a lurking lie in it, for what it means to say is that we simply and only serve God for what we can get. The rev. gentleman enlarged upon these thoughts, and showed that it was Freemasonry and religion, which he considered to be one and the same thing under different names, secured to its faithful disciples, and he closed his sermon thus: “Let me urge you, my brethren, to aim more than ever to vindicate your right to your name and privileges. Study more closely the principles of the Order, more nearly copy its eminent examples, foster its spirit, develop its intentions. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King.”

A collection was made at the end of the service, in aid of the Day Schools, which realised £11 15s 3d.

After the service the brethren again formed procession, but in reverse order, the senior Lodges leading back to the Beaumont Lodge. On reaching the Lodge room, Bro. W. Schofield was installed as W.M., and the Wardens and other Officers invested. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then closed the Provincial Lodge, Bro. Marshall P.P.G.O., playing on the harmonium appropriate music. A large number of gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

A banquet afterwards took place in the Girls' School-room, where upwards of 100 brethren sat down; and the usual toasts were given and duly responded to. The School-room had been profusely decorated by Messrs. Senior and Yardley, of John William-street, Huddersfield, and the tables and windows were filled with choice flowering plants, kindly lent by Chas. Hey, Esq., and others. The collation, which was a cold one, was provided in an excellent style by Mr. David Thornton, of the Royal Hotel.

The first meeting for the formation of the Beaumont Lodge was held on the 8th December 1883, and the following is a list of the founders:—Bros. John Barnicott M.M. 275, Reuben Senior M.M. 1462, Benjamin Oxley J.W. 1783, William Schofield W.M. P.P.G. Par. 290, George Sykes P.M. 290, Charles Hargreaves M.M. 401, George G. Poppleton S.D. 1783, William Fitton P.M. 1783, Henry Shaw P.M. 521, Rev. Percy F. J. Pearce P.M. and P.P.G. Chap. 273, W. H. Cook M.M. 290, W. T. Sugg P.M. 149, Edward Smith J.W. 1462, Ben Stocks M.M. 290, Henry Barden J.D. 1462, J. W. Wordsworth P.M. 1462, William H. Jessop P.M. 521, Allen Jackson P.P.G.D. 521, J. W. Cocking M.M. 275, J. R. Brook M.M. 290, Alexander L. Mitchell M.M. 1783, Harry Field W.M. 1462, L. B. Brierly W.M. 290, and Henry Calverley M.M. 1514.—*Huddersfield Weekly News.*

The following Festival Meetings have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week, ending 17th May:—

Monday, 12th—Leigh Lodge, St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, University College Volunteers; Wednesday, 14th—University of London Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity; Thursday, 15th—United Pilgrims Chapter; Friday, 16th—University Lodge.

At the New Cross Lodge of Instruction, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., on Tuesday evening, the 27th May, at seven o'clock p.m. precisely, by fifteen brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction. Bro. B. Cundick P.M. 1421 will preside; Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 J.W., J. T. K. Job I.P.M. First Lecture: Bros. Smith, Valentine, Hirst, Richardson, W. J. Masto, Friedeberg, Stewart. Second Lecture: Bros. Smith, Moss, Dale, Myers, Stephens. Third Lecture: Bros. Musto, Job, West. Bro: Ernest Smith Hon. Secretary.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

**T**HE Yearly Meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held yesterday, the 16th instant, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer presided, and there was a very large assemblage of brethren. Bro. James Terry, Secretary, read the following Report, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

### REPORT.

The Committee of Management have much pleasure in submitting to the Governors and Subscribers a Report of their proceedings during the past year:—

The Annual Festival was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., the Grand Patron and President, on Tuesday, the 26th of February last. The Grand Treasurer, John Derby Allcroft, Esq., had very kindly undertaken to preside on the occasion, but unfortunately at the last moment he was prevented by illness from carrying out his intention, and his place was filled by Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D. and President of the Board of General Purposes, who advocated with much ability and earnestness the claims of the Institution, which, coupled with the staunch exertions of a Board of Stewards composed of three hundred brethren, produced the sum of £14,665 13s—this being the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion in aid of its funds. To all concerned in bringing about a result so eminently gratifying the Committee respectfully tender their most grateful thanks.

At the election in May 1883 there were upon the funds of the Institution in all 332 annuitants, namely 165 men and 167 widows, while to-day there are no less than 120 candidates, namely, 38 men and 82 widows, whose claims to be admitted into the Institution have been severally approved. With this lamentable fact before them, and the knowledge that only 22 vacancies—namely fourteen men and eight widows—had occurred since the last election, the Committee decided at their meeting in February last upon increasing the number of annuitants still further by placing ten additional widows upon the Fund, thus raising the aggregate on the two Funds to 342. Since then there have died five men and five widows, so that the numbers to be elected to-day on the respective Funds would be nineteen men and twenty-three widows. But having regard to the unprecedented success which attended the Festival held as already described in February, the Committee recommend to the Governors and Subscribers to elect five more men and five more widows, so that the full number now about to be elected will be twenty-four men and twenty-eight widows, the aggregate number of annuitants being thus increased to 352, towards whose support the large annual sum of £12,624 must be provided. There are likewise twenty-three widows to each of whom is assigned during the first three years of her widowhood a moiety of her late husband's annuity, the sum annually required for this further expenditure is £460; and it is believed that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution stands almost, if not quite, alone in granting this boon without requiring these poor women to go through the trouble and anxiety of an election.

The Committee in thus announcing their readiness to take upon themselves the responsibility of providing for this additional number of Annuitants, feel it to be their bounden duty to point out that the increased expenditure thus involved can only be met by a continuance on the part of the Craft of that generous support which they have so readily tendered in the past.

The Committee take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Supreme Grand Chapter for its recent liberal donation of £500, and the United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70, wherewith to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

They are also desirous of conveying their most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their great kindness in ministering to the ailments and relieving the sufferings of those Annuitants who have been under the necessity of seeking medical advice and assistance.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, and they trust that the gas which is now being laid on in every room, will have the effect of still further promoting the comfort and convenience of the residents.

The Committee are naturally proud of the high position held by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amongst similar Institutions in this country. They are convinced that the annual statement of accounts, here annexed, will be found to disclose a truly wise and economical administration of the funds of the Charity, and they appeal to the influential and important body of the Governors and Subscribers, as well as to the whole Craft of English Freemasonry, for a continuance of that full and unreserved confidence by which they have been heretofore sustained in the discharge of their somewhat arduous and most responsible duties.

In conclusion, the Committee express an earnest hope that as their previous appeals for support have never yet been allowed to fall unheeded, so they may be justified in looking forward even to an increased measure of active sympathy from the Brethren, and be thereby enabled to reduce still further the very large number of unsuccessful candidates. They are fully sensible of the pain which

must be generally felt that, in spite of the great increase which is being made to-day on the responsibilities of the Institution, there are still so many whose necessities must continue unrelieved during at least a further period of twelve months, and they trust the mere mention of their anxiety to effect this object will ensure its realization at an early period.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March 1884, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

#### MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1883 . . . . . 3,246 15 3

#### RECEIPTS.

Donation from Grand Lodge . . . . .	800 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter . . . . .	100 0 0
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals . . . . .	6051 6 0
Annual Subscriptions . . . . .	969 1 5
Dividends on Stock in the Govern- ment Funds . . . . .	1117 15 8
Rent of Field . . . . .	9 0 0
Cash withdrawn from Call . . . . .	1250 0 0
Interest on Cash at Call . . . . .	16 8 6
	10,313 11 7

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#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants . . . . .	6440 0 0
Salaries: Office . . . . .	422 10 0
Collector—Commission . . . . .	252 4 9
Messenger . . . . .	5 0 0
Provincial, &c. Expenses . . . . .	67 14 1
Medicine for residents at Institution . . . . .	12 10 0
Warden . . . . .	20 0 0
Pension to late Gardener and Gardener's Salary . . . . .	54 12 0
Rates and Taxes . . . . .	47 17 1
Repairs, Painting, &c. and goods supplied . . . . .	141 18 5
Stationery, Printing, &c. . . . .	185 17 10
Advertisements . . . . .	15 17 1
Postages, &c. including expenses of Election . . . . .	196 15 5
Petty expenses . . . . .	18 2 6
Entertainment of Stewards and An- nuitants . . . . .	51 18 1
Hire of Hall on day of Election . . . . .	2 12 6
Rent, &c.—Office . . . . .	45 0 0
Do. of Field . . . . .	16 8 8
Purchase of Stock . . . . .	1033 15 0
Votes of thanks to Stewards . . . . .	19 11 10
Placed at Call . . . . .	1000 0 0
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy . . . . .	3 15 0
Bankers' Charges . . . . .	2 11 7
Coals for Residents . . . . .	35 0 0
Redemption of Tithes . . . . .	7 10 3
Architect's Commission . . . . .	5 13 0
Assistance in Office . . . . .	9 9 0
	10,114 14 1

Balance on this Fund . . . . . 3445 12 9

#### WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1883 . . . . . 3110 6 3

#### RECEIPTS.

Donation from Grand Lodge . . . . .	800 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter . . . . .	50 0 0
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals . . . . .	6672 1 0
Annual Subscriptions . . . . .	1183 11 3
Dividends on Stock in the Govern- ment Funds . . . . .	725 10 0
Rent of Field . . . . .	9 0 0
Cash withdrawn from Call . . . . .	750 0 0
Interest on cash at Call . . . . .	9 17 0
	10,199 19 4

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£13,310 5 7

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuities . . . . .	5629 0 0
Salaries—Office . . . . .	422 10 0
Collector—Commission . . . . .	256 3 0
Messenger . . . . .	5 0 0
Provincial Expenses . . . . .	67 14 1
Medicine for Residents at Institution . . . . .	12 10 0
Matron . . . . .	62 0 0
Gardener's Salary . . . . .	28 12 0
Rates and Taxes . . . . .	47 17 3
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied . . . . .	141 18 5
Stationery, Printing, &c. . . . .	185 17 10
Advertisements . . . . .	16 17 1
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election . . . . .	201 19 5



Petty expenses	18	8	6
Entertainment of Stewards and An-			
nuitants	51	18	1
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	12	6
Rent, &c.—Office	45	0	0
Do. of Field	16	18	9
Purchase of Stock	1033	15	0
Placed at Call	1000	0	0
Votes of thanks to Stewards	19	11	11
Premium on Collector's Guarantee			
Policy	3	15	0
Bankers' charges	2	11	6
Coals for Residents	35	0	0
Redemption of Tithes	7	10	3
Architect's Commission	5	13	0
Assistance in Office	9	9	0
			9329 2 11

Balance on this Fund - £3,981 3 0

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1883	59	16	4
Dividends on Stock in Government			
Funds	29	7	6
	89	3	10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs	15	17	3
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Balance on this Fund - £73 6 7

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £7,500 2 4

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	800	0	0
Do from Grand Chapter	100	0	0
Dividends on Stock in Govern-			
ment Funds	1117	15	8
			2017 15 8

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	800	0	0
Do from Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Dividends on Stock in Govern-			
ment Funds	725	10	1
			1575 10 1

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

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The motion that stood in the name of Brother Charles Lacey, of which due notice had been given, and to which we have already devoted some amount of consideration, was withdrawn, the proposer expressing a wish to adopt this course in consequence of the very liberal response made by the Craft at large to the appeals by the Stewards for the year. The poll was then declared open for the Election, the result of which will be found in another column. The customary votes of thanks to Chairman and Scrutineers closed the proceedings.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES WILLING JUN.

ON Tuesday evening, 13th inst., a meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, with the object of presenting Bro. James Willing jun. with a testimonial to mark the high esteem in which he is held by his Masonic brethren, fellow citizens, and other friends. The meeting was a large and influential one, including many gentlemen connected with the Press and the theatrical profession, and a large number of Masonic and other friends. The President of the evening (who was also the President of the Testimonial Fund) was Bro. J. R. Stacey, of the *Morning Advertiser*, the chair on his right being of course occupied by Bro. Willing, and that on his left by Bro. Stiles, the honorary Secretary to the Fund. Among the friends of Bro. Willing present on the occasion we observed Bros. A. Leon (Spiers and Pond), E. Swanborough (Strand Theatre), J. H. Bennett (*Standard*), W. T. Madge (*Globe*), Damphy (*Morning Post*), W. G. Thane (*Standard*), Du Val of Egyptian Hall renowned, W. Harris, C. J. Scales, J. H. Batty, J. T. Buston, C. J. Taylor, Willis, Dawson, Capt. Hobson, J. N. Hare (General Omnibus Company), C. Hudson, Dr. Dunn, W. W. Knight, James Terry (Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution), W. W. Morgan (*FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*), E. C. Massey, and many others too numerous to mention. In the first place the Chairman called upon the meeting, like loyal men, to drink

the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and like good Masons to couple with that toast His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Freemasons, and the Craft; and the company having done due honour to this somewhat comprehensive toast, Bro. Stacey rose, and said that he believed all present were aware that the object with which they had met that evening was to do some little honour by showing some little evidence of regard for the esteemed brother whom they had known for so many years. He remembered with pride his introduction to Bro. Willing, fifteen or sixteen years ago, in the work of Masonry. Bro. Willing made astonishing progress and left competitors behind in Masonry as he did in other undertakings. His compeers found that before they could attain his position in one Lodge, he was founder of several Lodges, many Chapters, and Steward many times to the Masonic Charities. In all the offices of Freemasonry Bro. Willing had done good suit and service; he had done everything as a good and true Mason to further the cause of Masonry in every way. Therefore it was the wish of his friends to try to do him honour as a good Freemason and as a citizen of the world. They could look back on his career during the last fourteen or fifteen years and recall his steady and increasing success. But however successful he had been Bro. Willing was always known as a most energetic citizen, a genial friend, and an honourable and just man of business. For the rest, a few of Bro. Willing's friends had consulted together as to the way in which they could mark their esteem, and it was no sooner known that the movement was initiated than friends from all directions pressed forward and asked to have the privilege of assisting in the work. Turning to the guest of the evening Bro. Stacey said: My dear Bro. Willing, we beg most sincerely that you will be pleased to receive from us this token of our esteem and regard for you. May you live long to enjoy it, and when in the course of time you have fulfilled your earthly career, may it be handed down and remain as an heirloom in your family. We trust you will live very many years to look upon and use these tokens of the regard of your friends, and that when, in God's time, your earthly life shall end you may leave this to remind your successors that, as a loving husband, an excellent father and most sincere friend, you were loved by your contemporaries, and that they may read upon this bauble that you were held in high esteem by your fellow citizens and brethren in the Craft. The Chairman then called upon Bro. Stiles, the hon. Secretary to read the inscription on the central piece of plate, which was as follows:—

J. W. M. A. P. W.

"This dessert service was presented to James Willing jun., W.M. 1887, P.M. and Treasurer 1507 and 1744, P.Z. and Treasurer 1507, &c., &c., by numerous Masonic and other friends, in appreciation of his zealous services to Freemasonry, his many kindly acts, and in token of their sincere respect and esteem. May 1884."

Bro. Willing said, Mr. President, Gentlemen and Brethren,—I feel inclined to say brethren altogether on the present occasion,—I do not remember ever to have risen on an occasion when I wanted so much to say something to the purpose, or when I felt less able to give expression to my thoughts. When any person has been for many years before the public, as I have been, and sees his many friends putting aside their business avocations and the various serious pursuits they have in life to come together to do him honour, as you have come here to do me honour to day, it must be a source of the greatest gratification to him, and he must know that such an occasion can only come to him once in his life. I appreciate the assembly of gentlemen here this evening more than any testimonial, however great its value, that you have given me. Mr. Stacey has alluded to many things this evening—first of all to what I have been able to do in connection with Freemasonry. I have always done my best, because I believe in the tenets of the Craft; and a labour that a man delights in becomes a pleasure. As for as a citizen of the world, I may say that my success I have in a great measure to thank the President for. He was constantly telling me of the importance of the business, and I can assure you that the kindness of his disposition, his placing himself always at my disposal, helped my success greatly, and I do not think that any man could secure such a success as attended me as a young man unless he had a good friend at his back ready to help him at all times. Mr. President and Gentlemen, for this splendid testimonial which you have been kind enough to give, I thank you. I know you have desired that my wife and family should participate in the recognition you have kindly made to me, on account of the absence from home that Masonry entails. In their name, as well as for myself, I thank you, but I can assure you that, as far as I am concerned, if any incidental pleasure can be given to the husband and father, the wife and children look upon it with added pleasure. I have never seen a handsomer service than you have given me, and it will remain with me as long as I live, and afterwards will be handed down to my children as a memento that at one time in life, at all events, I was held in good esteem. Whatever I may have done in the past, in the future my earnest and hearty services will be at your disposal, and I shall look back to this hour as one of the proudest of my life. Several other toasts were subsequently proposed and honoured, the principal speakers being Dr. Dunn, Bros. Terry, Hudson, Stiles, Swanborough, Harris, &c. Among others the health of Bro. Willing senior, who was absent from indisposition, and of Bro. Douglass, of the Standard Theatre, who was specially engaged at the theatre that evening, was proposed. The value of the presentation of plate is about 300 guineas.

Mr. Charles Duval, who is still giving his monologue at the St. James's Hall Drawing Room, has introduced several new items into his programme, and now nightly recites, in the character of an Irish Peasant, the remarkable ballad poem of "Shamus O'Brien." A very pretty and vivacious little actress and singer appears in the musical interval, and Miss Letty Lind, the young lady referred to, renders a couple of character songs with much quaint originality, and will probably prove an attraction.

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W. Bro. Lt.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 27 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 39 candidates, and 31 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 82 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.			
	Votes		Votes
Jones, John Thomas ...	2169	Fitzwater, Charles ...	1352
Gaskell, Joseph ...	1993	Nuttall, John ...	1338
Wilcox, Christopher ...	1953	Wilson, John ...	1329
Wood, Henry ...	1941	Wade, Andrew ...	1320
Jackson, Thomas ...	1898	Heigho, Daniel ...	1314
Main, William Henry ...	1747	*Barter, Samuel M. ...	1280
Goodchild, James ...	1647	*Burton, James ...	1245
Richardson, William ...	1517	*Hill, William ...	1222
Kingsbury, John ...	1501	*Smith, Samuel ...	1123
Stahr, Christian G. C. ...	1479	*Reid, Alexander ...	1032
Ellis, William ...	1433	†Bradley, Samuel ...	1017
Towning, John L. ...	1419	†Greenhill, Samuel ...	784
Gardner, Hannibal ...	1406	†Bowler, George K. R. ...	691
Shaw, James ...	1406		

WIDOWS.			
	Votes		Votes
Haynes, Eliza ...	2237	Chapple, Elizabeth ...	1592
Bowen, Emma ...	2040	Jagar, Magdalene ...	1541
Mardon, Sarah Anne ...	1913	Ellis, Elizabeth Furrus ...	1520
Wood, Annetta T. H. ...	1885	Atkinson, Nancy ...	1518
Buckley, Caroline C. H. V. ...	1869	Coates, Sarah ...	1508
Polkinghorne, Jane ...	1850	Croad, Susan ...	1602
Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann ...	1807	Highland, Eliza ...	1417
Russell, Mary ...	1758	*Taylor, Maria ...	1399
Wakefield, Ann ...	1713	*Hargreaves, Amelia ...	1384
Scurr, Agnes Sophia ...	1713	*Allen, Eliza ...	1381
Beattie, Ellen G. ...	1712	*Matthews, Mary ...	1375
Emmerson, Zelia ...	1700	*Ives, Jane Elizabeth ...	1258
Stubington, Fanny ...	1680	†Crisp, Mary ...	1169
Pearson, Louisa ...	1643	†Potter, Ellen ...	1127
Thomas, Elizabeth Mary ...	1638	†Smith, Mary ...	1103
Perridge, Rebecca ...	1637		

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respective Lists, will receive sums of money given by the Committee of the John Hervey Fund:—

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Ensell, George ...	...	Isaac, Frances ...	1091
Woolrich, Henry ...	...	Elliott, Isabella ...	1014

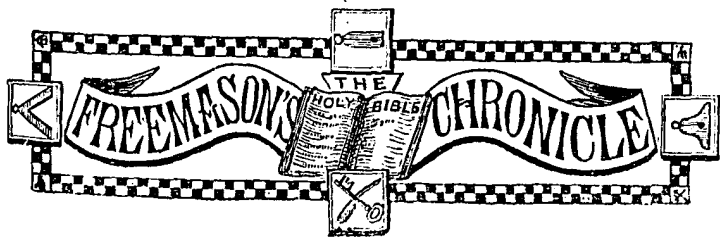
The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the proxies were issued.

The three lowest in the List of Successful Candidates (Male and Female) marked †, will be placed on the respective Funds of the Institution as vacancies occur.

By order,  
JAMES TERRY, P.Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,  
Secretary.

16th May 1884.



INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE, No. 820.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Greyhound, Richmond, when Bro. Geo. C. Young P.M. was, for the second time, installed in the chair of King Solomon. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., the Secretary of the Lodge, but the attendance at the Lodge duties was small. Later on, at the banquet, the numbers were increased and a spirit of conviviality prevailed. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the new Master invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. R. N. Fenwick S.W., G. T. Salmon J.W., Cleaveland Phillips P.M. S.D., Toovey J.D., Heath I.G., Giles P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Myers P.M. Secretary, and Chas. Hammond W.S. Amongst the members present during the evening were Past Masters G. Townsend, Foster Reynolds, Pye, and I.P.M. Chas. Hubbard. The visitors included Bros. E. J. Allen P.M. 733, W. McDonald P.M. 1445, N. E. Western S.W. 1693, Woodman S.W. 1950, W. Hawtine 1677, Geo. Armison 975, G. A. Payne P.M. 933, Forge W.M. 619, Collings Org. 1693. After the service of a very substantial banquet, the W.M. (Bro. G. Young) gracefully proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Hubbard I.P.M., in proposing the health of the new Master, said the latter

had passed through the various offices of the Lodge before, and he trusted in this, his second year of office as Master, he would have to rule over a prosperous Lodge, and receive the loyal support of the various Officers. Bro. Hubbard, who wore the uniform of the Herls Yeomanry—having travelled specially from Watford to be present—said the discipline of a Lodge was very like that of the corps whose uniform he wore. Unless the chief had the strictest obedience from the officers and the members he could do nothing. In the Yeomanry the officers exacted the strictest obedience while in the field, but when off duty they chatted and smoked with the men as equals. It was the same in a Lodge; there should be the strictest discipline in the Lodge and good fellowship out of it. Bro. Young, in response, hoped they would find in him a good Mason and a jolly good fellow. He promised to preserve the harmony of the Lodge and to so conduct its ritual that it should not dwindle down to the status of a mere Odd Fellows society. He hoped the end of the year would find their numbers increased, and that the members would have to acknowledge that he had conducted the Lodge with greater success than when he occupied that chair in 1881. In response to the toast of the "Masonic Charities," Bro. Hubbard, who is Steward this year for the Girls' Charity, congratulated the Lodge on its position with respect to the Charities. In his first year of office he had taken up £115, in his second year £144, and this year he hoped to take up one hundred guineas. The other toasts were "The Visitors," to which Bros. Townley, Payne, McDonald, and Western responded; "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge." During the evening there was some agreeable pianoforte selections and vocalism by Miss Thomas, and Bros. Woodman, Heath, Townley, Allen, J. A. Collings, and the W.M.

JOHN CARPENTER LODGE, No. 1997.

THE installation meeting of this important civil Lodge, founded by and for old scholars of the City of London School, of which Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight, then Lord Mayor of London, was installed first Master twelve months ago, was held on Friday evening, 9th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight opened the Lodge and presided while the formal business of reading the minutes, receiving the Audit Committee's report, &c. was transacted, but he said that owing to weariness from his many engagements he felt himself unequal to the task of installing the W.M. elect, and therefore craved the indulgence of the brethren that he might vacate the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. James Pinder, their worthy Secretary, who at his request had undertaken to perform the ceremony. Bro. Pinder then assumed the Master's collar, opened the Lodge in the second degree, and addressed the Lodge as to the rules regulating the election of the Master, and called upon them to declare whom they had elected to succeed their present Master. Bro. Sir H. E. Knight thereupon presented Bro. Augustus William Stead as the Master elect to receive the benefit of installation. The ceremony was then performed by Bro. Pinder in a manner which won for him the unanimous approbation of all present; and Bro. A. W. Stead was formally installed into the chair of K.S., and was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees of the Order; after which the newly-installed Master invested his Officers as follow, showing from the appropriate and kindly words he addressed to each, as he was invested, that he fully appreciated the importance of his office, and that he was fully competent to discharge the duties attached to it. Bros. Noton S.W., Honeychurch J.W., Hutton P.G.D. Treasurer, Pinder Secretary, Tayler S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Wilson I.G., Norris Master of Cers., Shaw Steward, Saker Assistant Steward, Inskipp Assistant Secretary, Goddard Tyler. Bro. Pinder, after the investiture of the Officers, concluded the ceremony by reciting in the most perfect manner the three addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the general body of the brethren. Prior engagements prevented several Grand Officers, and a number of other distinguished Masons, from being present, and their letters were read by the Secretary. Not the least interesting portion of the proceedings consisted in the presentation of a very handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight. The presentation was made by Bro. Hutton P.G.D. the Treasurer. Bro. Hutton said, I feel that I am speaking on behalf of one and all of my brethren when I say that they, as myself, feel under a very deep debt of gratitude to you for accepting the duties of Master of this Lodge at the time when you were discharging the arduous and almost incessant duties of Lord Mayor. I believe it is unique in the annals of Masonry and in the annals of the Municipality of London for the Lord Mayor to rally about him those who have been brought up in the same school to assist in founding for them a Masonic Lodge. I have no doubt that the feeling thereby conveyed, and which no doubt found a very strong response in your breast; I have no doubt that the feeling has done very much good to every one of us. It has in my own case taken me back to the scenes of my boyhood and manhood, and made me recollect with pleasure that we all radiated from the same centre, and that in founding this Lodge we have fixed a rallying point at which those who recognise the ties of early association may meet and again have another object in common. We cannot lose sight of the efforts you have successfully made during your arduous year of office always to be present at our meetings. I was very sorry that business in the United States prevented my being present at the Consecration of the Lodge, but whenever I have been present it has been my privilege to see you perform your work as Master. It is my pleasure to know you personally, to watch your career, and to see it culminate in that highest office which the voice of your fellow citizens could bestow upon you. It is therefore to me a great pleasure to have the privilege of pinning upon your breast this jewel, which, I may say, has been voted to you by your schoolfellows. We all of us hope that you will live long to wear it, and that we may be spared for many years to see it on your breast. Bro. Ald. Sir Henry E. Knight replied as follows:—Brethren, I must say I have been taken very much by surprise; I did not expect that this honour would have been done me, and was deeply impressed by the very handsome manner in

which this jewel has been awarded by the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Hutton has, in a speech in which he has shown very great regard for me, brought under your notice the circumstances under which I became connected with the foundation of this Lodge. Those circumstances were unique, and you as a body are especially unique. Circumstances enabled me to be the founder of a Lodge which is unique, because it has for its object the bringing together more especially those, as he said, who have emanated from a common centre. I was, as you are all aware, busily engaged during the latter part of the last year, and I did not think, and scarcely dared to hope, that I could have so shaped events as to be present at the various meetings of the Lodge. But by looking a little ahead I was enabled, fortunately for myself, to keep myself free for all the Lodge meetings, and having taken the work in hand I managed to get here and do it. I accepted the office, although it is many years since I have been an active Mason. It was not only the work in the Lodge that I had to lay myself out for, but I had to set an example to future Masters, knowing that that example would be maintained, so that the Lodge might hope for all time that each Master would do the whole work falling to his share. I cannot claim credit for having done that work so well as Bro. Hutton has pointed out, but I can say that of all the work I had to do last year the greatest was to revive the knowledge to enable me to go through the work of the Lodge. Many and many a night after I got to bed I have lain awake trying to piece together the various parts of the ritual I had to perform. And whenever I got hold of a brother at odd times—on a railway journey for instance—I have appealed to him as to the part I was in doubt about, and have got him to go through it with me; and it was only by thus making use of every spare moment that I was able to perform the task I had undertaken. Whatever, however, has been the labour of this call upon me I am amply rewarded by the way in which you have recognised my work. Also, because it has brought me in connection with many former acquaintances in my life, and that Bro. Hutton has been enabled to speak of me in terms which I value most highly. I do not think we could pay a greater compliment to any man than to be able to say, "I believe by your walk in life you have been tolerably successful in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry." I must not detain the brethren, but without saying a few words I should have felt that I was not showing myself grateful for your kindness. To my past Officers I return thanks for the manner in which they have supported me, and to the brethren for the way they have obeyed my commands. While we continue to carry out these principles there can be nothing but prosperity before us, and I hope that our connection may be continued for many years, that we may meet under the Masonic roof when we cannot meet at any other times, and that we each of us may derive satisfaction from being able to meet in friendly converse and social chat, and taking ourselves away from the cares of the world two or three times a year for happiness, comfort, or consolation. We shall retire from these meetings benefited and refreshed, and shall each of us gain much by keeping in mind the principles of Freemasonry. W.M. and Brethren, I beg to thank you again for the handsome jewel you have presented to me. Among the guests present were Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who, by the way, is an honorary member; Bro. H. D. Stead P.M. 1297, &c., father of the W.M.; Thomas How P.M. 12, J. D. E. Tarr J.D. 1293, J. M. Chapman W.M. 1299, C. E. Ferry P.M. 65, W. E. Smallman 507, A. W. Willis 1491, J. F. Hadden 766, E. Woodman S.W. 1950, J. G. Prickett 613, J. Hawkin P.M. 1693, J. J. Wooley J.W. 15, H. Ashton Mozart, S. Leigh 201, J. Laidlaw Cross 90, J. W. Hanson 1706, F. Bevan 1706, and E. C. Massey P.M. 1297. After the closing of the Lodge, the members and their guests dined together under the presidency of the W.M., and after the cloth had been withdrawn the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the chairman and cordially received by the company. In proposing the first toast the W.M. feelingly referred to Her Majesty's recent bereavement, and the loss which the Craft also had sustained in the death of the Duke of Albany. The Grand Secretary responded for the Grand Officers, and referred to the zeal displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, mentioning in particular the ceremony at Peterborough on the preceding Wednesday, where the Earl of Carnarvon, supported by a large gathering of eminent Masons, had laid the foundation stone of the portion of the Cathedral that is to be re-erected. The Grand Secretary said it gave him great pleasure to revisit John Carpenter Lodge, which he had the privilege of consecrating twelve months ago, when he had also installed the then Lord Mayor as the first W.M., and he was extremely pleased to learn that they had prospered. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Sir Henry E. Knight, who said that he was satisfied that the brother who succeeded him would, no less than he (Sir H. E. Knight) had done, desire to see everything done in a proper manner, and that he was satisfied Bro. Stead, who was a well-skilled Mason, would carry on the work in an efficient manner, and that twelve months hence they would be able to congratulate him upon the progress the Lodge had made under his rule. Bro. Stead thanked Sir Henry Knight for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the Brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. It had long been his desire that there should be a Lodge established as an outcome from the City of London School, and he felt deeply indebted to Sir Henry Knight for having assisted in its formation, because there could be no doubt that the success they had achieved was attributable to his co-operation. He trusted that during his year the brethren would provide him with plenty of work, and that at the end of his term of office they would be able to congratulate each other on the further progress made by the John Carpenter Lodge. A number of other toasts were proposed, including the Visitors, the Past Master, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge, before the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's Toast. In the intervals between the toasts some very effective songs were given by professional brethren, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. J. W. T. Chapman, assisted by Bro. H. Ashton, Bro. T. W. Hanson, and Bro. F. Bevan.

## SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

WITHOUT wishing to offer any disparagement to large Lodges, or to those whose members are desirous of making them so, we can but confess that we much prefer small assemblies, especially when at the close of the day's work the brethren adjourn to the social board. We have frequently referred to this subject, pointing out advantages which are associated with smaller gatherings though unknown to larger ones, and although there may be some few corresponding benefits attached to numerous attended meetings, we yet feel that our choice is with those where the company number some twenty or thirty only. On such occasions the brethren appear to be on more jovial terms with each other than is the case where eighty or ninety are assembled, and seem to enjoy themselves, if we may say so, in a homely manner, rather than in a semi-professional way, as is sometimes the case at large meetings. This is natural, as it necessarily follows that with a company numbering close on one hundred it is impossible for all to be known to each other; and notwithstanding the introduction each may have to the other from a Masonic point of view, there is a feeling that many present are comparative strangers, a feeling which cannot be wholly removed no matter how ably a Master may preside, or how well he may be supported by his Officers and Past Masters. The annual meeting of the Samson Lodge, which took place on Tuesday, the 13th, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent Street, W., was a truly representative gathering of joviality and good feeling. We account for this from the fact that the assembly was not a large one, that the W.M. and Officers did their best to entertain the brethren, and that, generally speaking, all were known to each other or personally introduced by friends, a proceeding hardly possible in an assemblage of three or four times the number. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. H. Aarons, the W.M. of the past year, who was supported during the holding of the Lodge by Bros. Isaac Quincey (W.M. elect) S.W., H. W. Casperd J.W., Baron D. Barnett P.M. Sec., R. A. Kingsbury S.D., B. Fuld J.D., J. S. Miller D.C., A. Glück I.G., Oohse P.M., Lover P.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M., &c. The business was of a varied nature, comprising the working of the third degree, the initiation of candidates, and the reception of joining members, in addition to that usual on the occasion of installation ceremonies. This latter was most ably worked by Bro. Lover P.M., who placed Bro. Quincey into the chair, and performed the other duties of his high office in a most efficient manner. In due course the W.M. appointed the Officers of the year, as follows: Casperd S.W., Kingsbury J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. (absent) Treas., Barnett P.M. Sec., Fuld S.D., Glück J.D., Miller, I.G., Lover P.M. D.C., Rudderforth P.M. Steward, Lancaster Assistant D.C., Levey Assistant Steward. The installation ceremony having been completed, and other business disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the well known style of Bro. Nicol's establishment. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, remarking that among the numerous subjects of Her Majesty none would be found more loyal than those who were associated with the Masonic Craft. The toast of the Grand Master required little or no introduction. The mention of the name of His Royal Highness was always sufficient to call forth a hearty response. The Prince of Wales took great interest in Freemasonry, and attended its meetings as often as he was able to do. The same might be said of the other rulers in Freemasonry, and of the Grand Officers generally, who all did their best to advance the interests of the Order. Bro. Aarons, the I.P.M., having assumed the gavel, toasted the W.M. Those who had been associated with Bro. Quincey could testify to his jovial disposition, while his ability in the duties required of him would speak for itself. He always performed his work well, and with credit to himself. The W.M. returned his thanks. He had been told, when he joined the Samson Lodge, that he was foolish in doing so, but he had lived to prove this otherwise. He had always got on well in the Lodge, and he hoped his fortune would continue now that he was its ruler. He next proposed the toast of the Initiates, to which Bro. Thos. Vercos Rogers replied in an able manner; indeed, we do not remember many occasions on which an initiate has appeared to so thoroughly grasp the state of affairs as Bro. Rogers seemed to have done on this his first night in Freemasonry. He was followed by the other newly-admitted brother, who also spoke in a way which many older Masons might envy. He thanked the brethren for his reception among them. He had often dreamed of what Freemasonry consisted, and was now pleased to find his desire to join in its mysteries gratified. Having put his hand to the plough, he trusted he might never desire to turn back, but that he might go on and on until, at his death, he might be remembered as one who was a credit to Freemasonry. Bro. Demeter Pick, the joining member, followed. He had always had a desire to join an English Lodge, and now felt he had made a good choice in selecting the Samson. The W.M. then proposed the health of his predecessor, referring to his many good qualities, his jovial disposition and the ability he had displayed in the ruling of the Lodge. On behalf of the members he had much pleasure in presenting a P.M.'s jewel, which he hoped Bro. Aarons would prize and long wear among them. The jewel was a very handsome one, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented by the  
Members of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, to  
Bro. H. AARONS P.M.,  
as a mark of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his  
valuable services as W.M. during his year of office.  
13th May 1884.

Bro. Aarons tendered his sincere thanks for the kind words of the Master, the hearty approval of the brethren, and the jewel they had presented to him. He had attained the summit of his ambition in the Samson Lodge—that of a P.M.—and hoped he might live for many years to wear the mark of esteem his brother Masons had presented him with. The W.M. heartily proposed the health of the Visitors,

several of whom responded, and then the toast of the Past Masters was given. It was enthusiastically received, and acknowledged by Bro. Oehse and Lover. The health of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Installing Master was coupled in one toast. The W.M. felt that all regretted the absence of the Treasurer, but must rejoice in the presence of the other distinguished brethren included in this toast. Bro. Lover, in the course of his reply, said he was ever ready and willing to render any service in his power to the Lodge. He had filled the office of I.G. at its start, had passed its chair as W.M., and had performed the ceremony of installation of its Master, not only once, but on some few occasions. He was still ready to do what he could to advance its interests, and trusted he should always act so as to receive the approval of his brethren. The Officers were next honoured, and the toast having been responded to, the Tyler was summoned, and he concluded the proceedings. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Kingham P.M. 721, J. Burdett 1293, G. Dorme 35, W. A. Dawling 2012, J. Field 317, W. R. Barnett W.M. 1901, J. J. Taffs P.M. 186, S. Rowe South Africa (Netherlands Constitution), S. Barnett W.M. 185, J. A. Gartley W.M. 205, W. H. Benjamin W.M. 1317, T. Clark 28, J. J. Bell P.M. 1178, C. Kosminski, 185, &c.

#### KENT LODGE, No. 15.

THE regular meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Stinson W.M., Legge S.W., Woolley J.W., Dr. Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, Dukes P.M. Secretary, James S.D., Cammell J.D., Pritchard I.G., Potier D.C., Wells P.M. Steward, Saunders Organist; P.M.'s Hirst I.P.M., Posener and Ball. Visitors—Pocken P.M. 1536, Smith jun. I.P.M. 1839, E. Levy 780, Hanson 1706, Serjeant W.M. 1227, Legge 1227, Newbold P.M., Bradgate 55, Ray late 15, Weingott late 15, Smith I.P.M. 1538, Simon 1997, Clark P.M. 1227, Smith sen. 1839, Holt 1766, Walesby 813, Levett 452, McBean P.M. 194, Robertson W.M. 1538, Bartlett 1347, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Downs and Mortimer were raised to the third degree very perfectly and impressively by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history. Bro. McCleary was passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Grimmett, Scott and Towers, who were duly initiated into the Order. All the ceremonies were very ably worked, and every Officer was perfect. Hearty good wishes were given, and Lodge was closed until the second Wednesday in October. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp, that gave great satisfaction. The W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts in appropriate terms. Bro. Hirst I.P.M. said any member who was versed in Freemasonry must have seen the excellent manner in which the W.M. had performed the ceremonies of raising, passing and initiating. Those ceremonies had been carried out in a manner that could not be excelled. This was the last meeting until October. That night they met in considerable numbers, and he hoped to meet them in equal numbers at the next assembly. The W.M., in reply, said his motto as regards speech was Brevity. His aim and desire was always to please. He trusted he had worked the ritual to their satisfaction, and hoped on the completion of his year of office to receive the same expressions of approval as greeted him at his installation. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates; those brethren, judging by their introduction, would doubtless be a credit to their Lodge and to the Craft in general. After the toast had been acknowledged, the Visitors were complimented. Other toasts followed in quick succession, and the proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

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#### CHARITY ORGANISATIONS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your article on this subject is gratifying beyond measure, as showing both what a little energy and perseverance is capable of effecting for our Charities, and likewise that few brethren need henceforth allege it as a reason for not contributing towards the funds of our Institutions that the narrowness of their means will not allow of their doing so. I have seen in your columns particulars of the balance sheets of other Masonic Charity Associations, chiefly metropolitan, in which the periodical payments are less heavily felt, but I do not remember to have read of any plan similar to that organised in the Province of Staffordshire, from which so much good has been derived. It is not stated whether the one guinea per annum to the A. Fund and the five shillings to the B. Fund must be paid in one amount, but even if that is indispensable, the benefits held out to the subscribers are so clear, and the advantages to the Charities so obvious, that I imagine most brethren will be willing to put up with the inconvenience of a temporary pressure on their funds, rather than forego the advantages which may possibly result to them under the Staffordshire arrangement. In any circumstances, the large sum raised by the Organisation—only a few shillings short of £4000 in little more than twelve years—will be noted with general satisfaction, while the existence of a separate and distinct fund for the payment of the working expenses, and the grant of assistance under certain conditions to the children of local brethren is a feature which cannot be too highly praised. However, I need

say little more on the subject. The fact to which you have given due prominence, namely, that in the year 1883 alone, £420 out of the £573 contributed to the A. Fund was expended in the purchase of eighty Life Subscriptions to our different Institutions needs no embellishment. It is what some people call a "big fact," which there is no getting over or explaining away, and I can only hope the example thus set by Staffordshire, and acted upon with such success by it for a considerable term of years, will be followed by other Provinces, of whom there are several who might do so with great advantage to the Institutions and still greater credit to themselves.

I remain, fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

#### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Lacey's propositions, as described in your article of last week, are well worthy of consideration. There is no doubt of their having been conceived in a spirit of moderation, and, in the event of the heavy demands on the resources of the Institution being continued, there is equally no doubt that something will have to be done to lessen it, if not in the particular direction indicated by Bro. Lacey, in some other, which may possibly be in the end more extreme still. But I would suggest that no such reform should be attempted, at least until every other class of suggestion has been pretty well exhausted. Thus, as the Annuities on the two Funds, at the figures at which they respectively stand now, are by no means excessive, I would suggest their continuance for the present, neither would I propose to reduce the incomes which the Male and Female Annuitants are respectively permitted to enjoy apart from the annual sums paid to them by the Institution. But might we not first of all try the effect of making the qualifications of candidates for the two Funds more stringent in respect of age, raising the minimum limit for Males from sixty to sixty-five, and that for Females from fifty-five to sixty? Then, if little or no relief is afforded by this change, we might take a further step in the same direction of stringency and require Male candidates to have been registered Master Masons for twenty instead of fifteen years, and subscribing members to a Lodge or Lodges for fifteen years of that period; corresponding and proportionate alterations to be made in the case of candidates for the Widows' Fund. I would also suggest—and I am not aware of the suggestion having emanated from any other brother—that in the case of brethren who have been concurrently members of two or more Lodges, such concurrent membership should not be allowed to count, until after they have been registered Master Masons for (say) fifteen years, and subscribing members for ten years of that period. My reason for submitting the latter proposition is, that membership of more than one Lodge is unnecessary, save in very rare cases, and consequently, that it entails on the brethren so subscribing an amount of expense which, as being unnecessary, and therefore extravagant, should be discouraged as much as possible.

I am not wedded to this kind of reform, but it might be worth trying as a first step or steps towards reducing the number of applicants for the benefits of the Benevolent Institution.

Fraternally yours,

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#### MUSIC FOR THE FESTIVALS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I lately received a request from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to send in a list of artistes for the forthcoming Festival on 21st May.

As it is considered an honour by myself and brother artistes to obtain the Festival (but not a pecuniary profit), I forwarded a list of the best leading vocalists of the day. Four or five more brethren had also been ordered to send a similar list. However, none of the brethren, after they had each taken a good deal of trouble, in corresponding, calling, and even personal expenses, have been successful.

We were informed that a lady had the music. This lady is not connected with Masonry, neither her father, husband, nor brothers being Masons.

I ask you, is it reasonable that four or five brethren should be put to trouble and expense to compete, &c., with such unprofitable results?

As Masons, we think we have a right to be considered first. We work in Masonry all the year, and for years, and I ask you, would the Musical Committee give the music to a lady if they were not personally interested?

In the interests of my fellow artistes, I ask you the favour of inserting this in your valuable paper, and remain, with high respect,

Yours faithfully,

ONE OF THE COMPETITORS.

We are compelled to hold over several important features of interest in connection with the events of the week.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will hold its first meeting this day (Saturday), the 17th inst., at the Roebuck Tavern, Turnham Green, W. The brethren assemble at 8 o'clock, Bro. W. Ayling will be the Preceptor.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 17th MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham  
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.  
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 M.M. 11—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 19th MAY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (Inst.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tradegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerks, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge  
 424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1209—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford  
 R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire  
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham  
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 20th MAY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Jily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1351—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1819—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street

R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 462—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 960—Buts, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1376—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rageley  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford  
 R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset  
 R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne  
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
 R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool  
 R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant  
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 M.M. 268—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 21st MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst.)  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crownndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (Inst.)  
 538—The Tolerant, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 619—Beacon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 700—Neiscn, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill  
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street  
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.  
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 591—Juckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
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 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
 1036—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chrd, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1311—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1441—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hull.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Rumsbottom  
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick  
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 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
 R.A. 100—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham



## THURSDAY, 22nd MAY.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 788—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmers on Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorksh're Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
- R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 657—Canbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick Willie'n, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford  
 M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1605—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1680—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
- R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

## FRIDAY, 23rd MAY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 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)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
- R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards, Heath, Sussex  
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 24th MAY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1882—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Walker W.M. and Secretary, Bentley Haynes S.W., Dyson J.W., Roberts S.D., Steed I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Daniel, Webb, Smith. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Steed candidate. Bro. Steed answered questions leading to third degree, and after being entrusted the ceremony of the sublime degree was rehearsed. Bro. Bentley Haynes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

## UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 7th May, when Bro. Robt. Smith J.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in his usual able and impressive manner by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crato P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Geo. A. Eastace I.P.M., Saml. H. Ellis S.W., John Thos. Bailey J.W., Rev. E. H. Crato P.P.G.C. Chap., Richd. Clowes P.S.G.W. Treas., Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Sec., Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.D., John G. Renshaw J.D., Thos. Eastace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., A. F. Amos Org., G. P. Hazell I.G., A. J. Norman, A. J. Ward, S. S. Parsons, and H. C. Welch Stewards, S. Munson Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Crato for his kindness in performing the ceremony of installation. Between 50 and 60 brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a sumptuous banquet being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an excellent programme of vocal music was ably performed by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Amos, and Sparling. Altogether the festival passed off most successful. Among the brethren present, either at Lodge or banquet were:—Bros. Richd. Clowes I.P.M. 650 P.G.S.W., Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W., A. R. Cleuch P.M. 697 P.P.S.G.W., C. Osmond W.M. 51 P.P.G.O., John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., S. Lord W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. Blyth P.M. 433 P.P.G.P., H. G. Everare W.M. 650 P.G. Stwd., M. L. Sanders J.W. 650 P.G. Stwd., R. H. Ives S.W. 51, W. Rudham 1977, E. A. Basham 1977, Thos. Willis 1977, C. Dibben 1024, E. Gowers J.W. 1024 P.P.G.O., A. Smith S.W. 433, Thos. Wilson 433, John Potten 168, and the following members of 697:—Thos. G. Mills I.P.M. P.G.P., G. Hervey P.M., A. Gosling P.M., J. Street P.M., Percy Mitford, John Howe, A. J. Ward, J. Ashdown, S. S. Parsons, H. Welch, H. Burton, J. Horncastle, W. Pepper, W. Jelley, L. F. Manley, H. J. Skingley, A. S. B. Sparling, A. J. Norman, H. Langstone, W. M. Tricker, H. C. Williams, C. T. Thorn, &c.

## LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

AT the meeting of the above Lodge, at the Freemasons' Club, Landport, on Saturday, 10th inst., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Secretary attended for the purpose of installing Bro. G. Felton Lancaster P.P.G.D. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. This Lodge is composed of Past Masters of the Craft in the Province, of whom there was a large attendance. A special vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Le Feuvre for his kindness in attending to conduct the ceremony. Bro. Lancaster appointed the following as Officers for the year:—Bros. Dr. J. R. O'Connor P.P.G.W. acting I.P.M., R. Loveland Loveland P.P.G. Reg. S.W., R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treasurer J.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer P.P.G.W. Chaplain, W. Edmonds P.P.G. Reg. Treasurer. S. R. Ellis P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, F. Newman P.P.G.W. S.D., A. Barfield P.P.G.D. J.D., H. Martin Green P.G.W. D.C., C. H. Liddell P.P.G.S. Organist, T. Francis I.G., R. Eve P.P.G.W. and R. W. Beale P.P.G.S. Stewards. It was resolved that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. J. R. Hayman for his services as the first W.M. of the Lodge, and that the same be engrossed on vellum and presented to him. After the business of the Lodge, the brethren sat down to dinner, the post-prandial proceedings, in accordance with the custom of the Lodge, partaking of the character of a smoking concert, interspersed with toasts. A preliminary Committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out a concert in aid of Masonic charity, to be given at Southsea during the Regatta week.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road. There were present Bros. Sinclair W.M., Cohen S.W., Eastland J.W., Barnes Treasurer, Stewart Secretary, Tyr S.D., Brown J.D., Oxley I.G. and E. W. Clements. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Clements offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed. Bro. Stewart worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the W.M. Bro. I. P. Cohen worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Cohen was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Brown P.M. 169 was elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

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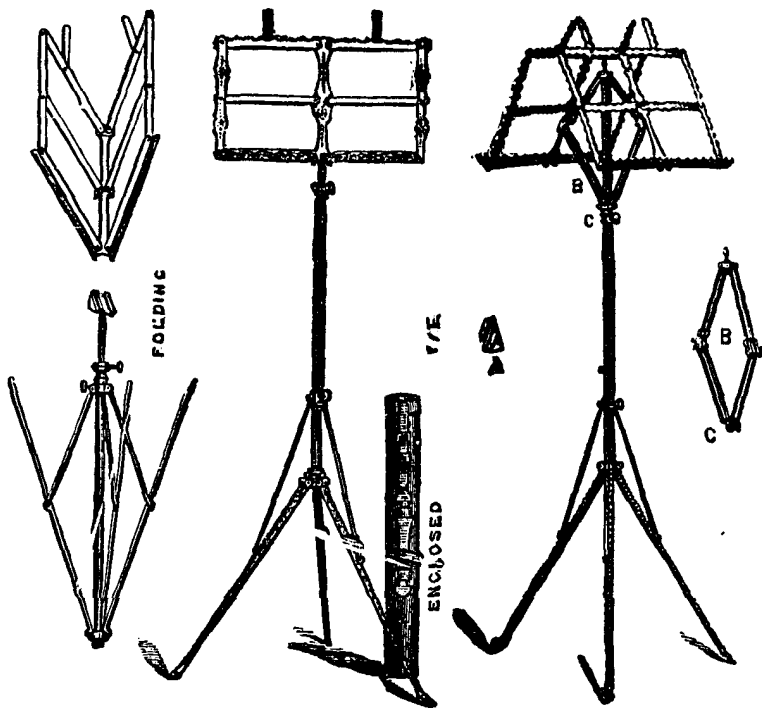
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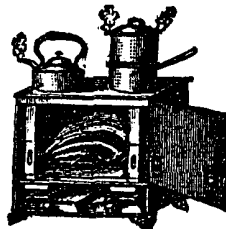
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