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## THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE April Quarterly Court and usual Half-yearly Election of this Institution took place on Saturday last at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, occupied the chair, and in due course the minutes of the previous Court were put to the meeting and confirmed. In accordance with the recommendation of the General Committee, one more vacancy was declared for the day's election, bringing the number of vacancies up to twenty-three, and later on that number of girls were elected. Bro. Horace B. Marshall was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, and in acknowledging the compliment said he feared he should not be able to devote that time and attention to the duties of the office which had been given by his predecessor—the lamented Bro. Colonel Creton. His many other engagements rendered the amount of time at his disposal very small. He was willing to devote as much as he could spare to furthering the efforts of the managers of the Institution in their labour of love, efforts which had raised the School to its present state of perfection, and he hoped that what he could do would be of service. From an experience of upwards of a quarter of a century in the working of many orphan establishments he could emphatically state that the pupils of the Masonic School at Battersea were excelled by the girls of no other similar establishment, either in their general bearing, their lady-like deportment, or their scholastic acquirements. To be associated in the management of such an Institution—in virtue of the office to which he had that day been elected—was a great honour, and he thanked the brethren for having elected him to it.

Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, Vice-Patron of the Institution, then submitted the motion standing in his name to the effect that one thousand guineas be accepted from the Province of West Yorkshire, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the "Sir Henry Edwards Presentation." He felt it was quite unnecessary for him to say many words in offering this proposition, as he knew he had the sympathy of the brethren in the matter, and also felt they would readily give their consent to it. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Samuel Rawson P.D.G.M. China, and carried. Bro. Frank Richardson, in the absence of Bro. Robert Grey, moved the proposition standing in the latter brother's name, seeking to confer the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron, with the votes attaching thereto, on Mrs. Howell, wife of the hon. surgeon of the Institution. Few brethren were aware, he said, of the great services rendered by this lady to the School and its inmates. In an Institution such as theirs it was not customary, nor would it be politic, to spend the money of the subscribers in teaching the pupils singing, but Mrs. Howell, who was an accomplished vocalist, attended regularly at the School and did her best to instruct the girls in singing. The great progress made by the pupils must have been manifest to any one who had recently heard them. He accordingly proposed that the honour he had mentioned should be conferred on Mrs. Howell. Bro. Chas. Lacey heartily seconded the proposition. He was pleased to learn how much the lady had done for the Institution. Scrutineers of balloting papers were then appointed, and the election for Girls was

proceeded with, the result being that, of thirty candidates, twenty-three—of whom we give a list in another column—were elected, while the following seven were unsuccessful. The votes recorded against each will be carried forward to the next election, when we trust those of the girls then eligible will be more fortunate than they have been this time.

No. on List.		Forward.	Polled.	Total.
28	Fitt, Maude Emily		1403	1403
12	Smithers, Louisa Adelaide	560	766	1326
30	Read, Mary Frances		1219	1219
11	Mansell, Minnie Madeline	184	798	982
21	Wells, Lilian Frances		574	574
15	Smith, Mary Alice G.		197	197
9	Smith, Rose A. M. (Last application.)	56	42	98

## THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Subscribers and Governors of this Institution held their regular Quarterly Court on Monday, the 13th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. V.P. &c. The usual formalities as regards the minutes of the last court having been observed, the brethren proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the Institution, Bro. George Plucknett being unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Bro. W. Roebuck seconded by Bro. J. L. Mather. Bro. E. F. Storr gracefully announced that after consultation with several friends he had come to the conclusion it was better to withdraw his proposition affecting the age of candidates, and this was accordingly done. Bro. A. F. Godson, Vice-Patron of the Institution, proposed that Law LVII.—which stipulates that candidates resident within six miles of Freemasons' Hall shall attend on presentation of their petition, and give evidence to the Committee of their ability to read, whereas those resident beyond the six miles have only to forward a Certificate to the same effect—should be erased. It had now become useless, and it was no longer necessary that children should be brought before the Committee for the purpose of proving their ability to read, as a special rule was in force that a certain standard should be attained previous to the admission of a child's name to the list of approved candidates. Bro. C. F. Hogard seconded the proposition, which was opposed by Bro. C. H. Webb. Law XLI., which fixes the standard to be attained by candidates prior to their being accepted, was of a general character, and he thought that the Committee should personally satisfy themselves that candidates were eligible whenever it was possible for them so to do. As an old attendant at the Committees of the two Schools, he was able to say that children who had reached an age when they should read fluently were frequently referred back to qualify themselves in reading. He thought that the old system should be continued, as when once a child was put on the approved list, it was simply a question of influence to secure election. Bro. J. E. Curteis moved as an amendment that the proposition should be adjourned until the next Court, in order that the question might be fully considered, but the Chairman ruled that the amendment could not be received. Bro. Ratcliffe considered that a law which made so invidious a distinction between candidates resident within six miles, and those outside that limit,

should be got rid of as soon as possible. Eventually the proposition was put to the meeting, and it was decided that Law LVII. be erased. Bro. Mather then proposed that the House and Building Committee be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding £750 in providing laundry accommodation for the requirements of the ordinary Institution, in addition to the amount provided for in the estimates for the new buildings, to avoid the expense of two separate establishments, and this proposition was unanimously agreed to. Bro. J. S. Cumberland next drew attention to the case of William Edward Tappenden, No. 35 on the list of candidates, and proposed that the lad's name be removed from the list of approved candidates, stating as his reason that the boy's father had not left him penniless. He urged that the lad was provided for, and that to admit him to the Schools would be to shut out one not so fortunate. The proposition was duly seconded, but after discussion was rejected, the Chairman, among others, pointing out that the School was not intended for the reception of paupers. Brother Bowyer's proposition to increase the number of boys to be elected to twenty-six was carried. Scrutineers having been appointed, the election was proceeded with in due course. In our advertisement columns will be found the names of the successful candidates, while below we give a list of those who did not succeed, together with the number of votes recorded on behalf of each:—

## UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
12	Musgrave, Percy White	481	359	840
16	Kent, Fras. B. Brocksopp	307	473	781
3	Hildred, Benjamin Meads	403	369	772
13	McMillan, John Nicol	257	487	744
23	Henshaw, Harry Edwards	326	393	719
41	Higgison, Francis Walford		426	426
21	Haxthansen, Charles E.		415	415
11	Knight, Samuel William	311	—	311
27	Astington, Alfred Ernest		275	275
5	Warner, Arthur	230	8	238
1	Green, James Murray	23	169	192
17	West, Algernon Sackville	170	18	188
37	Senior, George James		188	188
8	Mushens, Alfred Thompson	14	3	17
21	Taylor, Albert	7	10	17
14	Cannon, George	11	5	16
2	Davis, Frederick Teilo	2	5	7
43	Gibbs, Percy		1	1

## CENTENARY OF THE TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

THE celebration of the centenary of a Masonic Lodge is an event of such rarity, that possibly very few brethren, excepting the more prominent members of the Order, have had the opportunity of assisting at even one such Festival, and it will be very many years before such celebrations will become of anything like frequent occurrence. At the present time, there are not more than three or four Lodges in any one year which can claim to have completed their one hundredth birthday, and as these are spread over all parts of the world, the possibility of any particular district having such an event to celebrate is indeed remote. Derbyshire has, however, been called upon within the last few days to do honour to such an occasion; the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, completed one hundred years of uninterrupted Masonic existence on the 26th March last, it having been founded on the 26th March 1785. This Lodge being the oldest in the Province, and indeed for many years the only one in the district, it follows that the centenary of the Lodge was also the centenary of Derbyshire Freemasonry, which fact made the celebration under notice of even greater interest than it would have been had the centenary been confined to this Lodge only. As we said last week, in briefly recording the meeting, the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge are to be congratulated on the success that attended the celebration.

The Centenary Festival took place on Thursday, the 9th instant, when the proceedings commenced with the opening of a Lodge of emergency at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby, Bro. Thomas Cox P.M. P.P.S.G.W. P.G. Treas. presiding. Bro. Cox is one of the oldest and most esteemed Masons of the Province, and one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, in which he has twice previously filled the office of Worshipful Master. He was well supported by a numerous assemblage of brethren, among those present we may name J. B. Conlson P.P.S.G.W. I.P.M., F. Campion P.P.S.G.W. S.W., T. Carter Wigg P.P.G.D. Essex J.W., Rev. C. T. Bromwich P.G.C. Chaplain, Wm. Naylor P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Sec. Treas., W. Silver Hall P.M. Sec., R. L. H. Mole S.D., Percy Payne J.D., E. R. Ward P.P.G.R. D.C., W. H. Marsden P.P.G.S.W. Org., J. H. Clarke I.G., J. Wright and M. Attwood Stewards. The other members of the Lodge present were—Past Masters W. Giles, R. Waite, Thomas Hall P.P.J.G.W., A. Grimwood Taylor, F. J. Robinson, T. Horsley sen., W. Welbourn, T. Horsley jun., J. Cutting, Fitz-Herbert Wright P.P.S.G.W., J. O. Manton, Percy Wallis P.G.D.C., John Smith P.P.S.G.W.; Bros. A. J. Flint, H. Davis, H. A. Bemrose, Colonel John Evans, F. E. Taylor, E. Sutton, T. H. Boam, A. Woodiwiss, H. V. Edwards, H. Woodiwiss, E. McInnes, J. H. Richardson, and Rev. H. Price. The visiting

brethren were very numerous and influential. It had been hoped that the Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Hartington, would have honoured the proceedings with his presence, but he was unavoidably detained in London by important State business. The Prov. G.M. was, however, worthily represented by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Haughton C. Okeover, of Okeover, whose genial presence is always a source of pleasure to the brethren. He was supported by Bros. Walters P.S.G.W., Maltby P.J.G.W., Rev. C. T. Bromwich P.G. Chaplain, Naylor P.G. Sec., E. Belfield P.G. Reg., James Crossley P.S.G.D., J. Bland P.J.G.D., W. Butterfield P.G.S. of Works, P. Wallis P.G.D.C., T. Parker P.G. Purs., and others. Among the visiting brethren present we noticed Bros. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Major John Woodall Grand Treasurer elect, C. S. Partridge P.P.G.M. Leicestershire, F. Binckes P.G. Steward, W. Roebuck P.G. Steward, H. R. Hatherley P.G.S. Notts, G. Beech P.G.S. Warwick, C. F. Wood P.G.S. Leicestershire, J. Chadwick P.G.S. East Lancashire, H. Smith P.G. Sec. West Yorkshire, James Terry P.P.S.G.W. Northampton and Huntingdon, W. B. Hextall P.P.S.G.W., Wright P.P.J.G.W., W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, J. Copestick W.M. 731, A. J. Waller W.M. 802, J. E. Russell W.M. 1085, besides representatives from nearly every Lodge in the Province.

The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge having been saluted, and a similar honour paid to the representatives of neighbouring Provincial Grand Lodges the hymn, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung and then the actual business of the day commenced. The Secretary read the circular convening the meeting, and the Chaplain having offered prayer the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Centenary Warrant from the M.W.G.M., certifying completion by the Tyrian Lodge of a hundred years of Masonic labour, and authorising all subscribing members to wear a centenary jewel in honour of the occasion. This was followed by the delivery of a most interesting history of the Lodge, by Brother Thomas Hall P.M. P.P. Grand Junior Warden, which we have much pleasure in reproducing in full.

An interesting document which had been brought under his notice served to establish the fact that a Masonic Lodge existed in Derby at least twenty years before the date of the Tyrian Warrant. It was a small piece of ancient-looking parchment, on which was plainly written the following:—"This is to certify that the bearer hereof William Sparkes, is a Regular Registered Mason, in our Lodge, No. 104, held at the Royal Oak Inn, in Derby, and has behaved himself as becomes a worthy brother of this Lodge. Given under our hand and the seal of the said Lodge, this 6th day of May, in the year of Lord God, 1766, and in the year of Masonry, 5766. Samuel Brown, Master; Richard Rutland, Senior Warden, and Henry Pratt, Junior Warden; Secretary, Thomas Greasley." The speaker added that this document was in the possession of Bro. John Smith, and was left by a Mr. Sparkes (presumably the son of the person referred to in it), who died some thirty years ago, at an advanced age. The Warrant which authorised the foundation of this Lodge, a hundred years ago, was issued in the name of the Grand Master H.R.H. Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III. He was elected Grand Master in 1782, three years before the warrant of the Tyrian was granted. The Earl of Effingham was appointed acting Grand Master, and his name appeared upon the warrant. Two years after the Tyrian was established, the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., and his brother, the Duke of York, were initiated. Their brothers, the Duke of Kent (father of our present Queen) and the Duke of Sussex, afterwards Grand Master, had been received into the Craft shortly before, on the Continent, and on the death of their uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, in 1790, the Prince of Wales was elected Grand Master. He was not installed until two years later, and shortly after that event, in January 1793, the Tyrian Lodge voted an address to his Royal Highness, expressing the loyalty and attachment of the Lodge to his person, his family, and his Constitution. The Tyrian Lodge gave further proofs of its loyalty. In 1798 an address protesting against revolutions and treasonable practices was adopted, and contributions raised in aid of the Government "in the alarming crisis." In 1813, the Tyrian sent to London £42 5s towards the purchase of a jewel for the Earl of Moira (a distinguished Mason), on the occasion of his being appointed Governor General of India, whilst in 1815 no less a sum than £80 was contributed by the Lodge towards the relief of the families of the soldiers who fell at Waterloo, and five years later the death of the Duke of Kent was made the occasion of holding a Lodge of Emergency, when an oration was delivered by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Charles S. Hope. The Tyrian, three years after its consecration, was 468 on the roll of Grand Lodge, but by the dissolution of older Lodges it now ranked as 253. At the time of its foundation the town did not contain more than a tenth of its present population. Reviewing the connection of well-known Derby merchants and public men with the Lodge, the speaker mentioned that the son of the celebrated William Duesbury, the founder of the Derby China Works, was initiated in the Tyrian Lodge in the first year of its existence, whilst his grandson, Henry Duesbury, architect, who designed the Derby Town Hall and the Derby Waterworks, was admitted in 1852. In 1825, William Corden, the artist, was initiated. Joseph Strutt, youngest of the three sons of the famous introducer of the Derby rib-stocking, was admitted to the Lodge in the first year of its existence; and Jedediah Strutt and George Henry, of Belper, in 1810. These were grandsons of the first Jedediah, and the former was the father of Mr. G. H. Strutt, of Bridge Hill. The connection of the Lodge with the industrial development of the town was further illustrated by the initiation in 1794 of John Whitehurst senior, described as "clockmaker," and who placed the chimes in All Saints' Tower. The application for the Tyrian warrant was headed by John Hollis Pigot, physician, who was Master for six years after its foundation. Daniel Parker Coke, M.P. and barrister-at-law, was initiated in 1787, and was W.M. in 1794, and again in 1796. He sat for Derby with the Lord Frederick Cavendish of that time, a few years before he entered the Lodge. In 1813 and 1814 William Spencer, sixth Duke of Devonshire, whose portrait adorned the Derby Town Hall, occupied

the chair of the Lodge. His grace had been initiated in 1809. The chair now used by the I.P.M. was his gift, and he also presented his banner to the Lodge. He was for many years Grand Master of this Province, and was succeeded in the title and estates by the present Duke, and as P.G. Master by the heir to the Dukedom, the Marquis of Hartington. Bro. Henry Browne, whose name frequently occurred in the annals of the Lodge, must have been a very zealous and able Mason, as from 1785 to 1817 he was eight times W.M. and seven times acting W.M., when the office was held by brethren of high social position. In 1810, Viscount Tamworth, eldest son of the seventh Earl Ferrers, was received into the Lodge, and two months later, Nathaniel, second Lord Scarsdale, his father-in-law, was initiated. The Hon. Augustus, and the Hon. Edward Curzon, of Kedleston, became members in 1815, and the Hon. Francis Curzon, of Kedleston, joined in 1825, and was elected W.M. in 1826. Earl Howe was initiated in 1815, the Hon. Augustus Stanhope, son of the third Earl of Harrington, in 1815, and Earl Ferrers in 1858. In 1791, Mr. Charles Sedley Burdett, of Foremark, second son of the fourth Baronet was initiated. Of other members, he might name three Poles of Radbourne, and two of the Heathcotes, an old Derbyshire family, formerly of Littleover. The father and grandfather of the present Sir Henry Wilmot were members. Amongst other well-known names were two Gells, of Bopton, W. Pole Thornhill, of Stanton, the present Sir Henry Allsopp, the late Michael Thomas Bass, two members of the old Bainbrigge family, and last, but not least, Bro. C. R. Colville, formerly M.P. for South Derbyshire and D.P.G. Master for many years. For many years the Tyrian was the only Lodge in Derbyshire. The Royal Sussex was consecrated in 1817, and no other until 1844. There were now in the Province twenty Craft Lodges, six Chapters of the Royal Arch, three Mark Mason Lodges, and a Chapter of the Rose Croix. Bro. Hall, in conclusion, said he would spare his hearers a narrative of the migrations of the Lodge from hostel to hostel, from its first home, at the Bunch of Grapes in the Market Place, until ten years ago it found an abiding place in that handsome hall, of which they were all proud, and for which they were grateful to those brethren to whose untiring perseverance and profuse liberality its erection was due, and particularly to the Provincial Senior Warden of last year, Bro. John Smith, whose name must always be associated with this material evidence of the prosperity of Derbyshire Masonry.

Major Woodall followed with an address, in which, after thanking the brethren for the honour they had assisted in conferring on him by electing him to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, he reviewed the progress of Freemasonry during the past century. Socially, intellectually and in every sense the Craft had made extraordinary strides. The opposition to which the Order had been subjected was due to ignorance, but let it be their duty to answer the baseless charges of their critics by deeds of charity and love, and thus show the world that the aspersions cast upon them had their origin solely in the prejudices of their opponents.

The hymn "Maker and Father of us all" having been sung, Bro. E. R. Ward the Director of Ceremonies proceeded to unveil the Mural Tablet which had been placed in the Hall in commemoration of the event. This Tablet contains the dates of the foundation of the Lodge, the completion of its centenary and of the centenary festival, together with a list of the officers of the Lodge; while in a cavity at its back are deposited a number of Masonic documents. After the reading of a portion of the Volume of the Sacred Law by the Chaplain, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proceeded to distribute the centenary jewels among the members entitled to wear them, and then address the brethren. He had hoped that the Provincial Grand Master would have been able to attend, and sincerely regretted his absence. The meeting was one in which he felt the utmost pleasure, while the interest of it would never be effaced from his memory. Interesting as the occasion was, however, he could but feel that it suggested many grave thoughts to their minds. There was something solemn in the lapse of one hundred years. It led them to think of all the different phases and experiences the Lodge had gone through, and of the many eminent members it had been instrumental in introducing to the Craft. These men had included representatives of all classes of society, and it was evident that they worked hard, in less favourable times than those in which they then found themselves, to promote the honour and usefulness of the Craft. The interesting record they had listened to could not fail to make them ponder over the work done by those who had gone before them, the zeal and fidelity they had shown, and the useful lives they had led. Then the contemplation of the past led them, as Masons, to think of the future, of the responsibilities which rested upon them. Bro. Okeover concluded by exhorting his brethren to feel that in the discharge of their duties as citizens and as Masons, their best and surest guide was the Great Architect of the Universe.

The Rev. E. A. Hillyard P.P.G.C. was next called upon for an Oration on the Nature and Principles of the Order, and in an address, delivered with much earnestness, he repudiated the right of any body of men, or the right of any potentate, to cast aspersions upon the Masonic body. It was a matter of concern and deep sorrow that an Order to which he was affiliated, and in which he, as a clergyman, had the fullest confidence, should be openly derided as a means for propagating the doctrines of infidelity, and for engaging in acts subversive of all good government. Some of his hearers might be disposed to feel less keenly on this subject than he did, but he reminded them that the most baseless charges, if constantly repeated, were calculated to impress themselves on the minds of some, and be the means of keeping apart from them men eminently calculated to advise the Craft and carry out its principles. The strangest and saddest feature in connection with these aspersions was that no attempt was made to support them with a grain of evidence. Let them, for example, turn to the record of a hundred years work which had been given them that day. Did they find in it the names of any regicides? Did they meet with treasonable plots, or the names of those who had been disturbers of the public peace? On the contrary, they found

mention made of those whose aim it had been to cultivate deeds of brotherly kindness and charity, and who had lived in the affection and esteem of their fellow citizens. This was no exceptional experience, but the experience of Masonry generally. It was perhaps the best answer they could give to those who spoke of them as a disloyal and a materialistic body; but, nevertheless, it was wise now and then to protest against the aspersions which were cast upon those who had no knowledge of the Order to guide them. Referring to the spirit of the Order, our reverend brother said it was the principle of uniting all men of all grades in the one idea of a common brotherhood, and the common service of humanity in the name of that brotherhood. If he were asked "What is Masonry," he should say "Brotherhood;" and if he were asked "What is its principle," he should say "Love."

The singing of the hymn "Great Architect of earth and heaven" followed, and during its progress a collection was made in aid of the Masonic Charities, resulting in a goodly amount being raised for the Institutions, and then Lodge was closed.

Shortly afterwards the brethren reassembled at the Midland Railway Station, in the Board Room of which the banquet was served. The repast was placed on the table with every regard to detail, and gave the most unqualified satisfaction. The tables were elaborately decorated with flowers of the choicest description, whilst the service was of a most bountiful character. The customary toast list was done full justice to, and was interspersed with songs, choruses, &c., which were rendered under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd P.P.G.O., who was assisted by Bros. Banks, Myers and Bickley.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, has requested us to bring to the notice of our readers the case of Miss Mary Ann Hill, who is a candidate for the benefits of the Governesses' Benevolent Institution Annuity Fund, and whose application is strongly recommended by Bro. Martyn. The case stands No. 64 on the list for the election of 1st May next. Further particulars in reference to this lady's appeal will be found in our advertisement columns. Knowing the large number of supporters this Institution has among the Freemasons of England, we hope a few votes will be forthcoming from them in support of Bro. Martyn's recommendation. While on this theme, we may add that we are in want of a few votes for the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, the case we desire to support being that of Arthur Robert Garrioch, aged two and a-half years. We shall be very pleased if any of our friends can favour us with votes for either of these cases, or proxies for other Institutions may be serviceable in exchange.

Mr. Charles Du Val's South African Experiences, recently published in popular form by Messrs. Dean and Son, have achieved a remarkable literary success, two editions having been sold out in a few weeks from date of issue. The enterprising publishers in announcing a reprint of the popular shilling issue, announce also a special drawing-room edition in cloth and gold at half a crown. Mr. Charles Du Val has done wisely in publishing a popular edition of "With a Show through Southern Africa." In its pages Mr. Du Val is as entertaining as on the boards, and that is saying no little. More than this, from it we learn much of the Diamond Fields, of the Boers and their policy, and of the idiotic meddling and peddling that hoisted a flag only to pull it down, and annexed a territory only to evacuate it. Mr. Du Val volunteered as a soldier, was besieged in Pretoria, was editor of the "News of the Camp," and an attaché on the staff. He speaks not as a globe trotter, but with an intimate knowledge of his subject, paid for with hard-bought experience, as hard as the biscuits he was condemned to eat. The interest in South Africa is by no means dead, and the public have yet much to learn on the matter. Unfortunately the British public gain their geographical knowledge in the most expensive manner—at the cost of a war. Here they can learn much for a shilling, and Mr. Du Val's brother historians should be amongst the earliest to invest in the latest publication of Messrs. Dean and Son.—*Society*.

Bro. Frederic Penna is to give a recital of Shakespeare's "Othello" on the 12th of May. It will be remembered with what success he recited "Macbeth" last year. Our brother's claims to the support of the Craft are many, and we doubt not they will be met.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, close to the Camberwell New-road Station of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway on Wednesday, 29th inst., by W. Bro. E. S. Bower W.M. 1310. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. R. J. Paton Secretary.

Messrs. Cassell and Company will shortly commence the issue in monthly parts of "Picturesque Canada," a new fine-art work, uniform with "Picturesque Europe" and "Picturesque America." "Picturesque Canada" is edited by Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, and will contain about six hundred illustrations by leading artists, executed under the supervision of Mr. L. R. O'Brien, President of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.

—*Academy*.

An issue, in sixpenny parts, will be shortly published by Messrs. Cassell and Company of "The Illustrated Book of Pigeons," by R. Fulton, with fifty coloured plates, specially executed for the work.



## AN ANCIENT PEOPLE—PAST AND PRESENT.\*

IN the work before us the author deals slightly and generally with the very early history of the Parsis. It is well known that they occupied Persia many centuries before the Christian era. Their kings were amongst the most powerful on earth, and the youth, early taught "to ride, to draw the bow, and to speak the truth," formed the backbone of an empire as large as half of modern Europe. Persia is supposed to have been peopled by the children of Shem—the Elamites of the Scripture. But whatever may have been its real history, now obscured or lost in the mist of ages, to Zoroaster, who lived in the reign of Gushtasp, 1300 B.C., is to be credited the Parsi religion, which became the national faith, and which is still held in the highest esteem by the lineal descendants of the ancient empire—the Parsis of India, and the few still remaining in Persia. Time weaves myths in all history, and Persia has shared the fate of other countries whose greatness at one period was unmistakable, but whose records are either lost or exist in romantic traditions. Whatever may have been the history of Persia in other respects, there is a reality about the wars it waged, especially with Greece and Macedonia. Who has not read of Miltiades and Alexander the Great—of Marathon and Arbela? With these, however, the work we are now considering has little or nothing to do; it begins really with the flight of the Persians in the sixth century, and with the present condition of their descendants. Naoshirvan, surnamed "Adal," or the Just, was the "last of those monarchs whose virtues and talents shed a lustre on the pages of Persian history," whose reign began A.D. 531. Enervating peace and luxurious indulgence in the course of years left the people an easy prey to the all-conquering Mahomedans. Their fate was sealed A.D. 641, on the field of Nahavand, under the monarchy of Yardegard. This ruler protracted a wretched and precarious existence for some years after his defeat, and at last fled to Merv, but the city being treacherously surrendered he had to escape on foot for his life. He reached a mill eight miles from Merv, and after having sought for and obtained concealment at the hands of the miller, the latter, in his lust for possession of the rich robes and arms of his guest, beheaded him. So ended ingloriously the last of the Persian Kings of the ancient faith. After the complete conquest of the country, the majority of the Parsis embraced Islamism. An effete people were just the material for apostates, and no surprise need be felt at the facility, if not alacrity, with which they cast off the old garment, and put on the new. If any excuse were acceptable for their apparent too ready submission, it would be found in the fact that wherever Islam ruled, the Mahomedan faith was thrust upon the conquered people with savage brutality, and resistance was threatened with a tyranny worse than death. Some faced the latter extremity, and suffered martyrdom in consequence. Indeed, they became almost extinct; but whether that was owing to other causes than oppression is open to question. Persecution, no doubt, was the chief instrument in the downward course of wretchedness and effacement. Only a hundred and fifty years ago the Parsis in Persia numbered 100,000 souls, and now they have dwindled down to 7000 or 8000. This comparatively modern extinction is hardly accounted for by oppression alone; but as that is a matter that does not affect our present purpose, we leave it to those most interested to solve what appears to be a grave social and political problem. A considerable number of Parsis risked their chance in flight. They "abandoned the rights of dominion sooner than sacrifice their most cherished religious convictions and their independence and self-respect." The faithful band sought protection in the mountainous district of Khorassan, where they led a hunted and chequered existence for a hundred years. At last they were compelled to seek a new home farther afield. Previous intercourse with the Hindus seems to have suggested India as the future settlement.

\* "History of the Parsis, including their Manners, Customs, Religion, and Present Position." By Dosabhai Framji Karaka, C.S.I., Presidency Magistrate and Chairman of Her Majesty's Bench of Justices, Bombay; late Member Bombay Legislative Council; late Chairman of the Municipal Corporation, and late Sheriff of Bombay. Author of "Travels in Great Britain," &c., &c. With coloured and other illustrations. In two volumes. London: Macmillan & Co. 1884.

They first went to Diu, and afterwards to Sanjan, where they remained for six hundred years, "in tranquillity and in the full enjoyment of their religious rights." They were prudent enough to conciliate the Hindus by setting forth a brief description of the tenets of their faith, in which they masked some of their views, and in some instances seemed to agree with their hosts. Still the sixteen "schloks," or "distichs" in which they expressed their belief gave a broad outline of their creed. The Parsis found homes in other parts of India, but owing to their dispersion and the loss probably of their religious books, their faith became corrupted. In the fourteenth century an Italian monk, named Oderic, travelled in India, and he thus records his impressions of the Parsis: "The people thereof (Thana) are idolators, for they worship fire and serpents, and trees also, and here they do not bury the dead, but carry them with great pomp to the fields, and cast them to the beasts and birds to be devoured." The latter charge will hardly hold good, for it is an essential element of Parsi faith not to bury their dead, as we shall see when we come to speak of the mode of sepulture. It is singular that during all these centuries nothing of importance is recorded of the Parsis. Their history at this period has no romance. They lived quietly with their neighbours, following agricultural pursuits chiefly, until they came in contact with the English, and then began a life of activity, which if not national, has left, and is still leaving, its mark on the civilisation of India. The Parsis had to leave Sanjan, and after wandering from place to place with the sacred fire, they ultimately deposited it at Udvada on the 28th October 1742, where it now remains, and where it is held in great veneration. A small colony settled at Variav, some distance from Surat, and here an event happened that broke the peaceful tenure of their way. The Raja of Ratanpur attempted to extort extraordinary tribute. He was opposed by the Parsis, and his troops were defeated. He took his revenge, however, in the most barbarous manner. Having invited a large number of Parsis to a marriage festival, he surprised them in the midst of their pleasures, and caused the whole party, including women and children, to be ruthlessly massacred." The anniversary of this cruel outrage is still observed at Surat, and religious ceremonies are performed in honour of those who fell on that disastrous occasion." It is rather remarkable, seeing that the Parsis lived under Hindoo, Mahomedan, and Christian Governments, and were somewhat scattered, and altogether insignificant in number, that they should have escaped the usual penalty of weakness and those vicissitudes which generally mark the career of a conquered people in a strange land. But the Parsis, from disposition as well as from interest, found it desirable to live on good terms with other races. There were little breaks, however, and one of these occurred in the reign of Akbar, about 1556, when a Parsi priest named Merji Rana visited Delhi at the request of the Emperor. He returned armed with privileges which laid the foundation of a great change in Western India and in the career of the Parsis. Akbar seems to have been struck with the Parsi religion, and it is even related of him that he received the "sudra" and the "kusti." Akbar was a wise ruler, and he saw good in most races. Speaking of him the Rajah of Joudpoor said, "He preserved every tribe and men in ease and happiness, whether they were the followers of Jesus, or of Moses, of Brahma, or Mahomed. Of whatever sect or creed they might be, they all equally enjoyed his countenance and favours." Whatever may have been the religious inclinations of the Mogul Sultan, it is quite clear that his favour was highly beneficial to the Parsis, who from that period began to manifest signs of a higher civilisation. The hundred years that elapsed between the mild reign of Akbar and the commencement of the British rule at Bombay in 1668 seems to have been spent in the development of the capacity for trade, for the accumulation of wealth and the noble uses they made of it, which marked their subsequent career, and which still distinguishes them.

Amid the cares of mundane things other matters engaged the minds of the Parsis. The loss of their religious books accounts in some measure for the difference that exists in the computation of time. In the absence of the authority of Zoroaster, the Parsis are divided into two sects, not as to points of faith, but "as to the correct chronological date for the computation of the era of Yazdegard." The sects are called Shehenshais and Kadmis. The former means imperial, or according to custom, and the latter

ancient, or according to the practice of their ancestors. When the Parsis pray, they have to recite the names of the month and day on which they offer their petitions. As the Kadmis year begins on the 19th August, and the Shehenshais year a month later, it will easily be seen how important the difference becomes, especially when it is remembered that each day has its influence assigned, for good or evil. A fierce fight was waged between the contending sects, but finally they agreed to differ. The Shehenshais are the more numerous, but not more influential than the Kadmis, to whom belong the Kama family, so well known to commercial England, although here it is spelled Cama. The Parsi month is a uniform thirty days; five days, called *Gathas*, are added at the end of the year, but the odd hours and seconds, amounting to a month, are only added once in one hundred and twenty years. This is called the "kabisa," and its omission on one occasion has led to the confusion of dates and to the existence of the two sects we have named. There are some points of interest in the description of the merits or demerits of each day in the Zoroaster month, but as the modern Parsi no longer follows either, we pass on to other matters. There are several Parsi festivals, the chief aim of which is to promote social harmony, charity, and philanthropy. The description of these can hardly be summarised, but among them may be named the *Pateti*, or New Year's Day, and *Rapithvan*, a ceremony in honour of the archangel Ardibehesht Ameshaspand, who presides over light and fire. The world, according to the Zoroastrian religion, was created in three hundred and sixty-five days, at six unequal intervals; at the end of each was a day of rest. The intervals themselves are called *Gahambars*, each of which has its especial functions, such as the mixing together of all classes and feasting, the ingathering of harvest, prayers (*Jasan*) in honour of the sun, the creation of the lower animals, and the creation of man, which took place at the end of the three hundred and sixty days. The five remaining days are termed the period of *Gathas*—sacred songs—which are recited in honour of the advent of man on the earth. For a description of the other festivals we must refer our readers to the work itself, but there is one that demands attention. It is called the "Jamshedi Naoroz," from King Jamshid. It is also called "Sultani Naoroz," and "goes back for thousands of years. On this day the sun enters the sign of Aries, and it is also the day on which the ancient Persians began their new year, and made great rejoicings. The Parsi new year ought to begin from this date instead of the *Pateti* day, as it does at present. . . . This day is observed by the Parsis as a great holiday. In Bombay the native Freemason Lodges celebrate this festival." One of the chief causes of anxiety among the Parsis was the danger of losing their religion. To avoid this they sent emissaries to Persia, who were successful in bringing back with them much valuable information and works on religion, which enabled them to preserve their identity. They also brought back a sad account of their brethren in their native land. This knowledge and subsequent information stirred up the Indian Parsis, and in the course of years they had the gratification of knowing that they had been instrumental in alleviating, if not in removing entirely, the oppression under which their brethren groaned. This feeling of kinship and sympathy is very marked in the case of the Parsis, and affords another instance of how largely the claims of humanity enter into their creed.

There does not appear to be any record of how the Parsis governed themselves in the early period of their sojourn in India, but in theirs, as in most other cases, men arose who were fitted to be leaders. The Hindus governed by what is termed a Panchayet, and the Parsis adopted the same method after the British had taken possession of the island. The Panchayet of the Parsis was composed of the elders and influential members of the community. It was a court of justice, and armed with the power of excommunication it enforced obedience, and under what may be termed Lynch law offenders were punished by being beaten with a shoe. This practice fell into desuetude from the want of authority to enforce it. In 1778, in reply to the Panchayet of that date, William Hornby, President and Governor of Bombay, writes: "You are hereby empowered to meet and inquire into all matters that are committed by your caste, contrary to what has been agreed to by the majority of the caste, and to punish the offender agreeably to the rules of your caste, so far as not permitting them to come to your feasts, or beat them

with shoes, but no other corporal punishment." The history of the Parsi Panchayet is a record of good and bad government, of mildness and tyranny, of honest effort and corruption; but for the last fifty years "it has not possessed the slightest authority over the people." The functions of the Panchayet are now limited to those of trustees of certain charitable funds, a by no means unimportant office. The difficulty of government grew with the increase of the community and their progress in social and civil life, and some of these were of a very important character. The priests ("Mobeds") and the laity ("Behdins") could not agree about the custom of marriage. The priests would take the daughters of the laity and wed them, but they would not give their own daughters to the laity in turn. The Panchayet dissolved this monopoly, but three European Commissioners ultimately intervened, and the "mobeds" were triumphant. The serious and growing evil of bigamy had to be confronted, but the most difficult problems of all were the laws relating to inheritance and to marriage and divorce. These were afterwards solved by two Acts passed in 1865, which are administered by a judge of the High Court, assisted by Parsi Commissioners. Such are the general outlines of the history of the Parsis. We shall next devote attention to the customs observed on the occasions of births, deaths, and marriages, to the religion of Zoroaster and the Parsi creed, Monotheism and fire-reverence, to the question of education, and refer to some distinguished Parsis, and to the progress and present position of the community.

*To be continued.*

## MARK MASONRY.

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### CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Thursday evening the 9th inst., when Bro. Thomas Eustace Senior Warden was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. N. Tracy P.M. 70, P.G. Secretary East Anglia. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. J. P. Lewin Prov. G.J.W. I.P.M., Thos. G. Mills S.W., Richard Clowes J.W., J. T. Bailey M.O., George A. Enstace S.O., William Sowman J.O., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. P.G. Chap. Eng. Chaplain, Frederick A. Cole Treasurer, Thomas J. Rallings P.M. P.G.D. Eng. P.P.G.S.O. Secretary, Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Reg., J. G. Renshaw S.D., R. D. Poppleton J.D., H. J. Skingley Organist, A. H. Bowles I.G., S. Munson Tyler, F. Quilter and H. C. Welch Stewards. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Tracy for his kindness in attending, and so ably performing the ceremony of the day; and to Bro. J. P. Lewin, for the able and energetic way he had presided over the Lodge for the last two years. At the close of the Lodge business, between 20 and 30 brethren dined at the George Hotel, Colchester, an excellent repast being, as usual, provided by the Hostess, Mrs. Guiver. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Mark toasts were given and responded to. In returning thank for the Grand Officers, Bro. Matier, Assistant Grand Secretary, said the Mark degree never was in a more flourishing condition than now. And it was a remarkable fact that more certificates had been issued during the first quarter of this year than in any previous three months since the degree was established. He appealed to the brethren to support the Benevolent Fund, as they had just incurred a heavy loss owing to the failure of their bankers. The health of the Installing Master having been heartily drunk, Bro. Tracy returned thanks, and announced that he proposed to represent the Province of East Anglia at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, on which occasion he hoped to have a good list. He urged upon brethren to support the Fund, which was doing a good work amongst brethren of the Order, and widows and children of Mark Masons. Eventually between seven and eight guineas was subscribed in the room. Several brethren contributed songs, and altogether the whole meeting passed off most successfully. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Assistant Grand Secretary, N. Tracy P.M. 70 P.G. Secretary, S. R. Anness I.P.M. 70 P.G.D.C., Charles T. Tyler, H. J. Wright S.D. 70, and J. G. Potton, and the following members of No. 145, in addition to those already mentioned:—Bros. J. E. Wiseman, S. D. Ablitt, J. H. Miller, A. J. Ward, A. F. Ginn, W. Pepper, L. F. Manley, A. F. Hart, and B. Barber.

Many of our readers will be glad to hear that Bro. T. W. Casburn Bush, whose sudden illness three weeks since caused his friends serious anxiety, is now almost recovered. We congratulate the Craft on this fact. Brethren with Bro. Bush's energy are few and far between, and can ill be spared from the duties of active life.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C., and 7 Herne Villas, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.





**Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, 1602.—**

A meeting was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, N. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Homan S.W., Snook J.W., Hughes Secretary, Everett S.D., McMillen J.D., Weeden Preceptor, Browne I.G.; and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Everett acting as candidate. This brother, as candidate for passing, answered the questions, but was not entrusted. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Dixie. Bro. Cook, of the Highgate Lodge, was elected a member. It was announced that in future the Lodge meetings be adjourned over the third Thursdays in January, April, July and October, in consequence of the room being required for other purposes. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until Thursday, 23rd April.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—**

A meeting was held on Saturday, 11th instant, at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. Craggs W.M., Brown S.W., Furze J.W., Gardner Treasurer, Strong Secretary, Wood S.D., Tilbury I.G., Weeks Tyler; P.M.'s Ayling 975, Mann 186, Tipper 2090, Stroud 2090, Sims 834, Perdne W.M. 834, Williams 834. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Williams candidate. Bro. Brown S.W. was duly elected to fill the chair for the ensuing week. The Preceptor made arrangements for working the Fifteen Sections. Bro. George Reid P.M. was appointed S.W., and W. Mann P.M. J.W. for the occasion, viz., Saturday 2nd May. The following brethren will assist:—Bros. H. Sanfield P.M., Causton P.M., Westley P.M., H. Perdne W.M., J. Greenway, A. Stenger, J. Brown, H. Furze, R. Harvey, H. Price, D. Stroud, W. W. Williams, A. Williams. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Old Warrants (G). "ANCIENTS."**

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No. 140. KELLY Grand Master.

RICHD. SWAN S.G.W., WM. DICKEY D.G.M., RICHD. SWAN } J.G.W.  
for WM. CLARKE }

To all whom it may Concern.

We the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six) in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Right Honourable THOMAS ERSKINE, EARL OF KELLY, LD. VISCOUNT FENTON, BARON OF PITTEWEIM IN GREAT BRITAIN, Grand Master of Masons! The Worshipful Mr. WILLIAM DICKEY, Deputy Grand Master, The Worshipful Mr. RICHARD SWAN, Senior Grand Warden, and the Worshipful Mr. WILLIAM CLARKE, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz., THOMAS TODD, one of our Master Masons, WILLIAM BURN his Senior Warden, and FRANCIS COLLINGWOOD his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Masons Arms in the Town of Ford and County of Northumberland, to be known by the Title of *Sr. John Hussey Delaval's Lodge*, upon the first Monday of every Kalendar Month, on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most ancient and honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations, throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Messrs. THOMAS TODD, WILLIAM BURN & FRAS. COLLINGWOOD (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner, nominate, chuse, and install their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the Continuance of the Lodge for ever.

Providing the above-named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force, nor Virtue.

Given under Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twentifourth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred Sixty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand seven hundred Sixty and Six.

LAU. DERMOTT Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge. Vol. 5th, Letter E.

["Lord Delaval's Lodge" was 140 on origin to 1814, when it became 169, and soon after collapsed. The portions which are written on the Charter appear in italics in the foregoing transcript, which has been made from the original, in the possession of Bro. John Smith P.M. 280 (S.C.), to whom we offer our best thanks.—Ed. F.C.]

\* A "regular" Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Wednesday, 7th January last. Our brethren in the land of the Celestials seem to have a peculiar idea of time; the District Grand Lodge was not opened until a quarter past nine at night, and the business lasted until within half an hour of what we may term "low" twelve. R.W. Brother C. Thorne, after having held the position for seven years, had previously given notice of his intention to cease to preside as District Grand Master, and was only waiting a letter from Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, notifying the acceptance of his resignation. This had been received and was read. It expressed regret at the retirement of Bro. Thorne, and directed that the Lodges in the District should be summoned for the purpose of selecting a successor, whose name should be submitted without delay to His Royal Highness the Grand Master. The courtesy of leaving unfettered in the hands of the District Grand Lodge the appointment of a new District Grand Master was much appreciated. The R.W. District Grand Master received the expression of the District Grand Lodge for what he had done for Masonry in the District with gratitude, and in reply, said he should always be prepared to give all the advice and assistance in his power to the District Grand Lodge of Northern China. W. Bro. J. I. Miller Deputy D.G.M. was appointed to take charge of the district, but he gracefully handed over the gavel on this occasion to R.W. Bro. Thorne, for probably the last time. Comparing the list of Officers present with the list of those subsequently appointed it appears that some additions were made, about nine altogether. This ought to be a healthy sign. It points to the fact that the candidates for honour are increasing, and that the time has arrived for gratifying the natural and reasonable ambition of the brethren. To show that the brethren were in earnest they not only sanctioned the additional number of Officers, but ordered that the necessary regalia should be obtained from Bro. Spencer, without delay. We are glad to add that the finances seemed to be in a prosperous condition. The most interesting part of the proceedings was the discussion that took place relative to the Masonic School Scheme. The idea first originated in the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027, and was taken up by the R.W. District Grand Master. At his instance a meeting of representatives of the various Lodges in the District was called, and a sub-Committee appointed, who now brought up a report. The scheme is a hybrid one. The school will not be "entirely Masonic but it was intended it should be under the patronage and control of Masons." The details are by no means clear. For instance, we do not know whether the school is to be for girls as well as for boys. Some figures are given representing possible cost and conditions, but they are not definite enough, and so thought the District Grand Lodge, for while they were prepared to subscribe 100 taels (somewhere about £30) towards a guarantee fund, they wanted "more information than was supplied in the report. According to this document about 3000 taels will be required for the first outlay, and notwithstanding the figures that follow, it is impossible to say how the scheme is to be worked. There is nothing put down for rent and management, and although it is said that the school "will prove an inestimable boon to the Masonic Fraternity in Northern China, and supply a home for the children of indigent and deceased brethren under the immediate supervision of the respective bodies to whose charge they may be left," there is no machinery provided for carrying this theory into practice, nor are we told how the necessary funds are to be provided. It is supposed that the school will be self-supporting after the first outlay, but how that is to be accomplished is not made known. Are non-Masons to pay for Masons' children, or are the latter, where indigent, to be kept at the expense of the Lodge to which the father belonged? The scheme seems to be in a most inchoate condition. The object is right, and the means may be forthcoming, but assuredly a great deal still remains to be done before the scheme can be ripe for operation.

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 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 11th April 1885.

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election, by ballot, of 23 Girls into the Institution from a list of 30 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List	Name	Votes	No. on Poll
16	Watson, M. G. M.	2396	1
7	Holmes, M. E. M.	2129	2
19	Tucker, M. S.	1965	3
22	Cooke, J. E.	1838	4
2	Wheeler, M. A.	1786	5
17	Allen, M. L. C.	1720	6
20	Marlow, M. E.	1708	7
26	Patience, M. S.	1703	8
18	Gillett, E. C.	1688	9
4	Deilby, J. L.	1679	10
8	Woodforde, R. I. M.	1673	11
13	Greenwood, G. F.	1658	12
6	Obey, F. J.	1632	13
3	Bromley, M. M.	1592	14
21	Dunlop, F. E.	1585	15
27	Lockwood, G.	1581	16
25	Whitaker, L. C.	1576	17
23	Wrightson, H. J.	1573	18
5	Relph, F. E.	1560	19
1	Hutchings, J. W.	1522	20
10	Tanner, E. F.	1511	21
14	Sharland, K.	1495	22
29	Speed, M.	1490	23

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

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICES—5 Freemasons' Hall,  
 Great Queen Street, London, W.C.  
 11th April 1885.

### The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MRS. HUTCHINGS begs to tender her sincere thanks to the Ladies and Brethren, Governors and Subscribers, who so kindly supported the candidature of her daughter,

**JANE WHEELER HUTCHINGS,**

At the election on Saturday, 11th inst. The child was returned No. 20 on the list of successful candidates.

58 Glengall Road, Poplar, London, E.

### Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE REV. J. A. CHAMBERLAIN begs to return his sincere and grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen, Subscribers to the above Institution, who supported the candidature of his grandson,

**NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,**

At the election on Monday last. By the kindly help then accorded the lad was returned at the head of the poll. Mr. Chamberlain highly appreciates this tribute to the memory of his beloved son—the father of the candidate—who he feels assured must have stood high in the estimation of those gentlemen with whom he was associated, both here and abroad, in the circle of Freemasonry.

1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

### The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

MRS. RODDAM begs to thank the many Governors and Subscribers of the Institution who so kindly polled their votes on behalf of her son,

**CUTHBERT JOHN G. RODDAM,**

At the election on Monday, the 13th inst., when, by the support accorded her, the lad secured the nineteenth place on the list of successful candidates.

2 Catherine Street, Victoria Docks, London, E.

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 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 13th day of April 1885.

Bro. RAYNHAM WILLIAM STEWART, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY-SIX BOYS from an approved List of Forty-five Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List	Name	Votes
1	33	Chamberlain, N. I.	2155
2	22	Wurr, C. H.	2112
3	20	Richards, W. J.	1995
4	32	Walker, H. J.	1933
5	7	Moore, A.	1903
6	25	Foord, T. R.	1895
7	35	Tappenden, W. E.	1889
8	26	Morley, W. F.	1887
9	38	Reynolds, E. L.	1879
10	36	Warren, A. C. H.	1879
11	9	Perkins, F.	1868
12	4	Allan, J. S. B.	1831
13	40	Oscroft, J. H.	1830
14	19	Lester, I. H.	1797
15	24	Hamerton, C. T.	1780
16	18	Richardson, A. T.	1757
17	10	Harvey, L. J. T.	1736
18	44	Pattison, F. W.	1730
19	15	Roddam, C. J. G.	1713
20	42	Hickenbotham, E. B.	1711
21	29	Cole, W. P.	1677
22	6	Dawson, S. C.	1619
23	39	Scurray, J. S.	1617
24	30	France, F. H.	1605
25	34	Watkins, F. M.	1162
26	31	Scarfe, J. T.	859

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for Election in October next.

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 13th April 1885.

## THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF JUNE.

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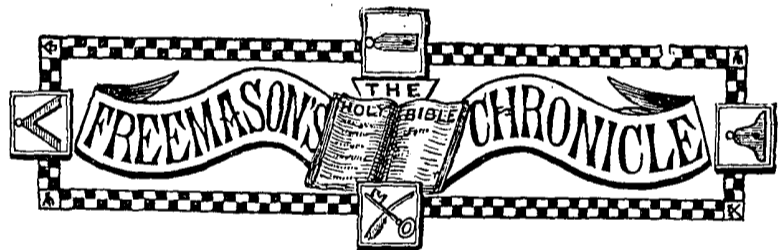
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**EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.**

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not like the use of foreign words, but I can find no English equivalent in the present case, and therefore reluctantly borrow from our French neighbours the word "bureau."

There are three noble Charities in connection with Freemasonry—the Institution at Croydon, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools. In addition there is what I may term a "Relief Society" in the Board of Benevolence. All these organisations deal with effects, not causes. Before assistance is given the ordinary sources of income and help must have been dried up, then these agencies step in and do a grand work. They provide for the aged Freemason or his widow a home and income, or the latter without home; they supply the place of parents to the boys and girls, and so far as education is concerned in a superior degree, and they meet the cases of temporary distress in a substantial and generous manner. So far excellent, and no one who loves his kind can do otherwise than wish God speed to the various movements. But there is a serious omission, and with your leave, Sir, I desire to broach it.

Masonic authorities agree that modern Masons owe their Fraternity entirely or in great part to the Ancient Guilds. I am not going to discuss this question; it is not necessary. The fact of the existence of Guilds is enough for my purpose, and one use to which they were put will enforce my argument in a practical way. For the moment I will leave that point, and go to another. Trades Unions were formed to aid members in getting employment, as well as to assist in defining the conditions under which they should labour. There are various other combinations, all directed and carried on in the inte-

rests of those who are seeking employment. I have stated these facts in a plain and simple way, and I think the inference I would draw is plain. Taking it for granted that the Ancient Guilds were our progenitors, we have their example as to the value of union for trade purposes. No one can doubt the value of Trades Unions at the present day in the same direction; while the other subsidiary agencies prove their usefulness and necessity by the success they enjoy. Now, why should not our own Fraternity share the advantages of a system that has almost universal recognition? I confess I see no reason against the establishment of an Employment Bureau, but on the contrary there are many arguments in its favour. Perhaps a word as to its necessity is desirable, although to me the whole case is apparent. The tendency always has been, and is now, more marked than ever to make Freemasonry the medium of advancing the trade interests of some of its members, and in order to secure this end various devices are used. They are worn on the person, printed on circulars and cards, and often form a prominent feature on signboards. I do not defend this practice; as a matter of taste it is execrable, and in policy most undesirable. But the practice exists, and it meets with no resistance in high quarters—sometimes it receives direct encouragement. What is permitted to the trader should not be denied to the worker, especially when the claims of the latter are free from any of the objections that necessarily attach to the former. At present a Freemason, who happens to be a skilled mechanic or a member of some profession, unless he belongs to a Trades Union, or is virtually in possession of a monopoly, has no special means of getting employment. His Freemasonry does not take him out of the crowd of struggling men. He puts on a pin or a ring, or a charm to his watch-chain, but these things are regarded as ornaments, and have no practical value. It is considered by many vulgar to wear them, but why, in a moderate sense, I cannot conceive. Some are under the belief that these outward signs may help them through the world, and only experience convinces them that they are useless except as ornaments of the person.

Now without disturbing the prevailing practice, indeed, I would just leave it to take care of itself, I would make the fact of a man being a Freemason a substantial reality. I would establish a central agency, or bureau, in London, under official government, to which Freemasons who are employers and those who seek employment should be invited to come. A register should be kept of wants in both cases, and a small fee should be demanded, so that by these means the interests of all would be served by a movement that should be self-supporting. An employer would be placed in no worse position than he is in at present. He could accept or refuse service, he could exercise the same scrutiny as to character and fitness, and would be under no obligation to depart from any reasonable rule for the conduct of business. But how different would be the case of a brother seeking employment. He would begin with hope, and would have a fair chance of success. At any rate, he would be face to face with those who could serve him, and it would be his own fault if he did not succeed. Of course, I know it is easy to call spirits from the vasty deep, but will they come? It might be doubted whether employers would favour an agency of the kind I have suggested. If self-interest did not determine them, I should say they would be very bad Masons indeed who would not take a little trouble to further a system that would inevitably work good all round. As a medium of sympathy and help, I know of nothing that would equal it; as a bond of union it would be irresistible. This bureau would complete the agencies for practical good in every direction, and many a man who now seeks work in vain, would find himself the richer by employment. The necessity of appealing to the Board of Benevolence would be lessened, and who can tell but that many a brother, now doomed to despair and misery, would be saved from premature death and consequent demands upon the Masonic Charities were such a system as I have named established. In these days of hard struggling, when young men shoulder out their elders, not because they are more competent or useful, but because they are young, every assistance should be given to the brother, especially when he has a family to bring up, and when employing him means no loss to the employer.

I have broadly indicated the mode by which the scheme could be carried out, but I am only pledged to the principle. I should certainly advocate that every want should be advertised in the two Masonic journals, and I have no doubt that special terms could be arranged. I am certain that were the scheme taken up it would succeed, and that the true spirit of Masonry would receive such an illustration as would still farther convince its members and the world at large that it is indeed a blessed Institution.

I am, Sir,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

Bro. Frederic Penna announces his Benefit Concert at the Steinway Hall on the 1st of May; he will be assisted by several eminent artists, vocal and instrumental, among whom we may mention Madame Osborne Williams, Miss Belval, Miss Pattie Michie, Miss Florenco Coltman (first appearance), Herr Pollitzer, Mr. Aquilar, and Bro. Maybrick.

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## THE THEATRES.

### VAUDEVILLE.

WE are told the gods rejoiced to see a good man struggling against adverse fortune. Was it the satiric influence of the April Festival that made the dwellers on the Vaudeville Olympus receive Mr. Thomas Thorne's efforts as a disinterested Romeo with such scant appreciation. It is not long since another delightful king of comedy fell a victim to a like ambition, and our well-beloved Major Wellington de Boots performed his vanishing trick as a romantic lover "Just in Time." The cleverly-written and ably acted drama of English modern life, "Saints and Sinners," has made way for the new comedy, "Under Fire," by Westland Marston. Much interest was excited at the appearance of a fresh work by an author whose name will ever be associated with Macready's triumphs at Drury Lane. On the ominous 1st the curtain rose on a very pretty set scene, Lady Fareham's house and grounds. A garden party is assembled. Like too many garden parties, the guests suffer from hopeless dullness. But let us introduce the dramatis personæ. A lovely widow, Lady Fareham, who began life on the stage of a Marseilles café chantant; her daughter Caroline, with much sentiment but invertebrate; Guy Morton, chivalrous and magnanimous, of noble simplicity, exemplifying all the rustic virtues as opposed to the wickedness and selfishness of the town representative, embodied in this instance by the political adventurer, Charles Wolverly; a Mrs. Naylor, who has quartered herself on Lady Fareham on the strength of the café chantant secret, and five other characters, represented by Mr. Sugden, whose business it is to stutter and wear an eyeglass; Miss le Thiere, who is strong-minded, and talks of diet tables and wears a billycock; Miss Kate Phillips, who has nothing to do but to flout at her inane admirer (Mr. Yorke Stephens), whose business it is to talk about a mysterious embrocation. Miss Amy Roselle struggled hard to give vitality and interest to Lady Fareham, but the task was a difficult one. At one moment we are expected to regard the fair widow as possessed of all the virtues, including, of course, the most tender maternal affection, and the next we find her willing to sacrifice her daughter's hopes of happiness should her own social status in the county be imperilled. Guy Morton offers his hand to Caroline, on the opening of the play, and is refused; Wolverly then takes his innings, though Mr. Frank Archer seemed ill at ease in this tender situation. Lady Fareham learns that Guy has come in for a baronetcy, and as Mrs. Naylor has indulged in a little forgery known to Guy, her ladyship determines to secure the latter for a son-in-law, and so trump her antagonist's card. The interview between mother and daughter is played by Miss Roselle with so much power that the audience forget the miserable triviality of the motive. The daughter promises assent, but immediately after takes a farewell of Wolverly. Their conversation is overheard by Guy Morton. Here was Mr. Thorne's opportunity. In the agony of his disappointment and humiliation he forgives the girl who has wronged him. But, alas! the pathos and magnanimity recalled memories of "Sainted Maria." The second act gives a magnificent opportunity to Miss Roselle, when she defies her enemy (Mrs. Cannings). The latter, however, rose to the occasion, with scarcely less intensity of dramatic power. Here again the talent of the actress completely disguised the futility of the material. These ladies, by their magic spells, summoned a resplendent mirage to the sandy waste through which their comrades painfully toiled.

### OPERA COMIQUE.

WE are to enjoy the boon of "extended suffrage and redistribution" at the hands of Gladstone Semper Augustus. There be some who misdoubt the policy, and now David James is carrying out a benevolent little resolution among the "seats" at his new theatre, the Opera Comique. He spares the sacred fauteuils of the stalls, but, the dress circle is to be offered to the great god Demos, and will give 500 better pit seats than any theatre in London. Matthew Arnold's middle-class Philistine, who of erst claimed the favoured place, may now betake himself to the second boxes. The theatre has been redecorated, and bright and brilliant it looked on Mr. James's opening night. Every seat was occupied, and a very hearty horse-warming was provided by the friends of "our Mr. Jenkins." The new piece, "The Excursion Train," was originally produced at that risky little house the Palais Royal, where, as "Le Train de Plaisir," it carried laughter-loving Paris triumphantly for a long run to Monaco, but, alas! in crossing the Channel it has "suffered a sea change," the lightness and brightness, the delicious impertinence of the Parisian touch, is a thing that cannot be "adapted," and even Mr. James, with his clever coadjutors—Mr. Irish, Mr. Gardener, Miss Cicely Richards, and pretty Miss Buckstone—put into these preposterous personages, are evidently conscious of the absurdity of the whole thing, and with all their talent and good will cannot make these fantoccini seem living men and women. Mr. James, a prosperous butcher, as the curtain rises, has just married, and starts with his pretty bride (Miss Buckstone) and three friends to Monaco. Here they lose all their money at the tables, and in desperation for want of funds, offer themselves to a restaurateur as the five servants he is awaiting. The genuine five servants shortly arrive, the friends are charged with imposture and sent to prison, but, as a matter of course, to be set free without a stain on their characters in the last scene. Mr. W. Irish, as the Commissionaire of Police, tried bravely to give individuality to the part, and the station master, "as gruff as they make them" on the Continent, was well sketched by Mr. Corcoran; but on the whole the extra gentlemen who played the gendarmes were the most successful, as they were spared the utterance of any dialogue. The piece is well mounted, and the scenery very true to local character; especially beautiful is the sunlit bay of Monaco.

## PRINCESS'S.

THE "Silver King" is once more bringing crowds to welcome back Wilfred Denver to his trials and triumphs. On the first night of its reproduction, though the social and literary illustrissimi who had filled the stalls and dress-circle for Rome and Denmark of late, were not so numerous, all the more popular parts of the house were crowded to their capacity by a crowd as eager as for some first night of a new play. The enthusiasm which greeted the favourite was of the warmest; recalls followed each act, and the plaudits elicited by Mr. Barrett's scene after the death of Ware, and again when telling the murderer's dream, evidently touched the actor's heart. It was pleasant to note how much Miss Eastlake has improved in method and self-control since she last appeared as Nelly Denver. Only for a brief moment did the old "hysterical feebleness" threaten to mar the portrait; doubtless this was due to nervousness. Shrieks and the hoarseness of overstrained utterance may be true to nature, but nature on the stage must submit to the laws of harmony and proportion, and so grow into the harmony of art. We miss our sprightly friend Mr. Coote, the "Duke of New York," but he has a clever successor in Mr. G. Walton, whose portrait of "Arny" has the right Whitechapel specialité. Mr. Burnege makes a capital bit of character of the parish clerk, and we must give a word of praise to Miss Nellie Steele, who is charming in her simplicity and naturalness. Master Phillips, the newsboy, who gained so much kudos at the Court in "Comrades," is one of the smartest little fellows we have seen on the boards.

## PRINCE'S.

THE revival of "Peril" marks the most satisfactory event of Mrs. Langtry's present season. Here she is fitted with a character to which the ease that mark the caste of "Vere de Vere" gives graceful realism. We see the spoilt beauty, fresh from social triumphs, sorely bored by the good natured Philistine her husband; we see how, unconsciously, such a woman, from mere want of occupation, can slide into the fatality of "une grande passion." At the crisis, where the heroine awakes to consciousness of the abyss over which she stands, Mrs. Langtry acts with feeling; she forgets her lovely face, forgets her beautiful dress, and is the true hearted-woman, filled with a righteous anger and an honest shame. Her agitation when her husband entered was very expressive; and from that point she carried the house with her. Mr. Carne was equally successful as Sir George Ormond; he played with sincerity and feeling. Mr. Everill has rarely found a more congenial part than that of the kind-hearted doctor, with its true comedy mingling of irony and tenderness. His contemptuous "jump, cuckoo, jump," seemingly addressed in jest to a stopper, but really intended for the lover hidden on the balcony, was admirably effective. Mr. Grattan was excellent as the naughty boy Percy Grafton, and Miss Rose was a really charming ingénue. Mr. Coghlan has not a congenial part in Captain Bradford, he is too much in earnest for so frivolous a Lothario. The rest of the characters worked smoothly and well. We cannot but think the adaptors of "Nos Intimes" have mistaken M. Sardou's intention when they promoted their personages from a suburban villa to a grand country mansion. The incongruous, ill-mannered guests we meet in the first act are inexplicable at a Sir George Ormond's country seat, though a Paris bourgeois might ask promiscuous acquaintances to the family *pot au feu*. Nos Intimes in this aspect are simply impossible. Mr. Beerbohm-Tree is admirable in his make-up as Woodbine Grafton, but he should resist temptation to make farcical points. The play is well mounted; "the drawing room" of the second act especially fine in colour and decoration.

## TOOLE'S.

HOW gladly London welcomes back to his bright little shrine the humorous divinity of King William Street is seen in the applause which marks the "obligato" to "Upper Crust." Mr. Toole plays the dear old aitch-less Doublechick with the same geniality as of old, and seems to infuse an atmosphere of benevolence around him. Miss Marie Linden is very charming in the part of Kate Vennimore, and the rest of the company play with that ease and smoothness that come of long association with their parts. The theatre has been newly decorated. Very pretty effect is obtained by the shaded backgrounds to the medallions of the *renaissance* decorations. Mr. Toole promises some novelties shortly, with certain old friends for Saturday afternoons. This is good news for his friends in front, who will certainly be there to give their hearty acknowledgments to the genius of honest laughter.

## ROYALTY.

GREAT expectations were excited by "François the Radical;" this, foolishly enough, because a brilliant comedy from the "House of Molière" had been done into English by the same gentleman who translated this trivial operetta from a minor boulevard play house. Miss Kate Santley plays the heroine, and sings her songs with her old verve and brilliancy, but the weight is too much even for her courage and powers. Mr. Henry Ashley makes the very best of an impossible role, the Marquis de Pontcornet. Miss Santley's solo, with chorus, "The Little Sailor," is a very taking trifle; the best number allotted her is "Soldier, I drink your health in wine," this won a deserved encore. Mr. Kelleher scored a success in "Make way for the gallant Schweitzers," and there is a sparkling "Soldier's chorus." But, alas! the work as a whole drags sorely, though it has all the aid that can be given by exquisite costumes and beautiful scenery. The Pout Neuf being especially picturesque.

## GLOBE.

ON Thursday next, the 23rd instant, the successful farcical comedy "The Private Secretary" will be portrayed here for the 400th time. All the parts are well represented, although special praise should be awarded to Mr. W. S. Penley, who takes the part of the Rev. Robert Spalding, to Mr. Wilfred Draycott (Douglas Cattermole), and Mr. W. J. Hill (Mr. Cattermole). Morning performances are given on each Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, at 3 o'clock. We cordially recommend our readers to visit this Theatre.

## ST. JAMES'S HALL.

MRS. ANNA LONGSHORE POTTS has benevolently come from America to make our sad London thoroughfares scientifically picturesque with perambulating écorchés, and mural skeletons. We may hear her, at St. James's Hall, discourse on the dire results of eating white bread uncorrected by proper medicine; on the sad custom, prevalent among English girls, of sitting "in boudoirs and drawing-rooms," ignoring constitutionals and tennis, whilst English mothers prohibit out-door exercise to their children! Mrs. A. L. Potts is a very intelligent lady, but surely she has not yet studied English habits.

## MR. ALFRED CAPPER.

FROM the calm precincts of Steinway Hall sounds of merriment have been heard on the last Thursday afternoons, when Mr. Alfred Capper has held the platform, and given to the fashionable audience crowding the room an hour or two of unflagging fun and delicious bewilderment. Mr. Capper has a ready wit and good humour. He commences with some illustrations of how we seem to feel what we do not feel, and seem to hear when our ears mislead us; then he gives some capital comic recitations. Especially amusing was "My first and last appearance on the Stage;" this delighted the audience, and left it in congenial mood for the "Pin trick." Mr. Capper laughingly disclaims any pretence to mystic power, or "Irving Bishop" thought reading. He declares his experiments mere jests, having no value. He invites any gentleman from the audience to mount the platform and watch against collusion. He places himself in charge of two volunteers, whilst a third hides the "pin." He is blindfolded, and holding the hand of the hider of the pin starts off with a rush, to pounce presently on the object of search. Among other wonders achieved, bouquets were chosen by three gentlemen. Mr. Capper identified each one selected, and the lady to whom they should be presented. Mr. Capper left the room, and Mr. George Barrett, who was among the assessors on the platform, was requested to assassinate some one in the audience (a dramatic critic was suggested, a pencil representing the lethal weapon). When Mr. Capper returned, he took his way blindfolded to find the victim; dragged him to the "fatal spot," and showed how the death blow was given. But how is all this done? We say, "Go and find out if you can;" in any case you will be none the worse for a merry afternoon's enjoyment.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 1507, on Monday, the 20th, at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at seven p.m. precisely. Bros. J. Paul D.C. 1287 W.M., J. Hemming J.D. 1287 S.W., D. T. Davies 72 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Duncan, Webb, Saunders, Scurrah, Procter, Hemming, Ager. Second Lecture—Bros. Thom, McKay, Davies, Smith, Emblin. Third Lecture—Bros. Burgess, Storr, Giddings.

At the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, 1744, on Thursday, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, W., at seven p.m. precisely. Bros. J. W. Ager W.S. 957 W.M., James Hemming J.D. 1287 S.W., J. W. Smith W.M. 1744 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Webb, Kauffmann, Dickey, Scurrah, Procter, Smith, Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Thom, Burgess, Davies, Paul, Mordey. Third Lecture—Bros. Smith, Greenway, Barling.

Bro. E. C. Beedell has been elected an overseer of the poor and auditor for the parish accounts of St. Bene't Fink for the current year.

It is proposed to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Carr's Restaurant, Strand, to meet at 5.15 in the evening. Brethren who would be willing to join the Lodge are requested to communicate with 1539, c/o Mr. C. Laver, Carr's Restaurant, 265 Strand, W.C.

A large Map of Egypt and the Soudan, printed in colours, will be issued with Part I. of "Egypt: Descriptive, Historical, and Picturesque," to be published by Messrs. Cassell and Company on the 27th inst. This map has been constructed by Mr. F. Weller, F.R.G.S., from the latest authorities, including the Admiralty and War Office Charts and Maps, and also from private information, special attention being given to the districts which are at present the scene of British military operations.



## 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, 18th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 1811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

## MONDAY, 20th APRIL.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, 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. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In).  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, 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 Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney  
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 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  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthberta, 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  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield

## TUESDAY, 21st APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 130—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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,  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Lion, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In).  
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 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  
 1426—Mount Edgemore, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 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)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 3. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 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)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1276—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, Rugeley  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke  
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8  
 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)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1791—Creation, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)  
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 7 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

## THURSDAY, 23rd APRIL.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea, Rise, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 66—Grenadiers', 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)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 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)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (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)  
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 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, Yorkshire 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. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W  
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)

- 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford  
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1580—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. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston  
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester  
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields  
 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

## FRIDAY, 24th APRIL.

- 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. (Instruct.)  
 589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1168—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cannonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—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 Pav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh  
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne

## SATURDAY, 25th APRIL.

- 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)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
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Religion has wrought a great change. The Bible has given civilization, fine buildings, colleges—everything. Look at travel and the means of travel as evidence of advancement. Take Syria, with its barbarism, and compare it with England or this country, with their railroads, manufactories, &c. Italy is the same, and had no railroads until within a few years, and then English and Yankee religion placed them there. In Elizabeth's time a stage-coach was no better than is now a Jersey farmer's ox team, and in old times a man would make more fuss to come from Vermont to New York than he would now to go hence to China. In the time of Charles the Second, London was dark and unsafe. There was no police, and a man was in constant danger of robbery or assassination, yet an "insane" fellow was denounced a dangerous innovator because he proposed to light the city by putting a light in every ninth house.

Look at the inventions of the present day, not for kings and nobles, but for the people, to enlighten and make labour pleasant. Now, we can control diseases and plagues, and it is a fact that the average longevity is thirteen years more in civilized countries than it was. Formerly there was no surgeon but the barber, who drew your blood and let you run. Now the dumb are taught to speak, the blind to read, and the insane, who were once deemed incurable, are now successfully treated in our asylums. When vaccine was proposed as a preventive against small-pox the people rose against it, and were afraid of being turned into cattle. The noble barons who wrung the charter from King John, could not write their own names even; but now the poorest child in the city may receive a fair education. Our age is full of liberality, religious tolerance, enlightenment and progress.—*Detroit Freeman.*

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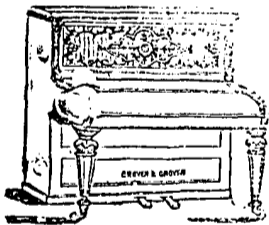
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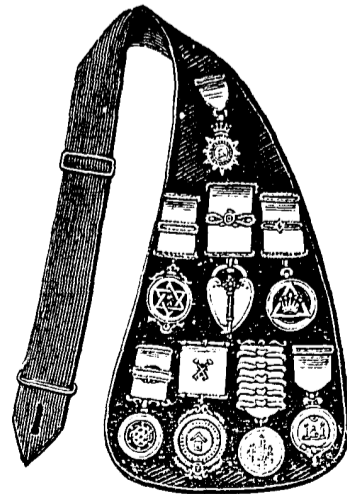
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