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THE PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

AS we said last week, in speaking of the recent Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Province of Surrey took the premier place among the counties of England so far as amount of contributions was concerned. It was represented by twenty-two stewards, who were headed by the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., who was also the Chairman of the Festival; while among the Stewards was the premier representative of a private Lodge, Bro. Joseph D. Langton, of the George Price, No. 2096, with a total of £407 18s 6d. Gen. Brownrigg's list was a splendid one, £193 10s, and although a part of this amount may justly belong to the Friendship Lodge, No. 6, of which the Chairman is a member, Surrey is fairly entitled on this occasion to all the credit of its Provincial Grand Master's total. Then we have Bro. J. Hooke, as representative of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, who was also fortunate enough to secure a three-figure total, his list being returned as £105; while a welcome addition of £10 10s has since been made. Bro. Charles Belton, of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, is next in order of merit, with a total of £89 15s 6d, and then comes Bro. W. A. Laker, of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362, who has helped to swell the total with a list of £63. Bro. John G. Horsey, a good all-round man on any occasion, did not confine his attention to a particular quarter, but he brings up a total of £53 11s, collected probably from among his personal friends, or from those Lodges where he has tried to persuade a brother to act as Steward, but where the contributions have hardly been sufficient to justify separate representation. Bro. H. C. Leigh-Bennett, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 370, makes a very useful contribution to the funds of the Charity, his list of £47 4s being the next in order; and then comes the total of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Charles Greenwood, who figures for £43 10s 6d. Our readers will remember the heavy loss which Bro. Greenwood sustained in the death of his wife, during the heat of his self-imposed campaign, and the ill-health which still further impeded his efforts; but the amount of his personal list is no criterion of what he did on behalf of this year's Festival for "Our Girls;" indeed, we may say that the more he worked the less did his list become; for, whenever he had the promise of help to swell his total, he turned round and induced the donor to act as an independent Steward. By this means he prevailed on several to undertake Stewardships, and we must therefore look to the general total rather than to his personal list for the result of his efforts. Bro. Thomas Long, of No. 889, took up £42, while the lists of the other Surrey Stewards were all under that amount. In the aggregate the twenty-two Stewards of the county brought up £1,334 4s 6d.

Northumberland is second on the list of counties, with a total of £905 2s, collected by Bro. B. J. Thomson, a member of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, who acted as Provincial representative. This brother's list was the largest of all the Stewards at the Festival, and when its total was announced, it was greeted with well merited applause. It is a grand amount, and does credit not only to the Brother who collected it, but also to the district from which it was subscribed.

Kent had eight Stewards, and sent up a total of £546 0s 6d. Its chief representative was Bro. Henry Mason, of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, who collected £210, while he was followed by Bro. F. H. Hallett (£73 10s), Charles Holcroft (£64 11s 6d), G. W. Mitchell (£63), &c.

West Yorkshire secured the next place. Twenty-nine brethren from the district acted as Stewards, headed by Bro. T. W. Tew, the Provincial Grand Master. The total amount sent up by these brethren was £500, a total which is most satisfactory, especially in view of the munificent contributions of West Yorkshire in past years.

West Lancashire sent up twelve Stewards, and a total of £352 16s. Bro. R. Goodacre represented "The Province," and secured a list of £147. Bro. S. G. Sinclair, one of the Stewards of St. George's Lodge, No. 32, was next highest, with £63.

Cambridgeshire appears to be trying to make up for past shortcomings. Its total at this Festival was one of which any Province—even either of the large ones—would have reason to be proud, being no less than £273, sent up at the hands of Bro. C. A. Vinter, who is accredited to "The Province," and right ably did he represent it.

Essex is another district to which especial praise is due. On this occasion six of its brethren acted as Stewards, and the total they secured was £245 14s; Bro. G. F. Jones, of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, took the lead, with £66 3s; and was followed by Bro. F. A. White, of No. 1437, with £57 15s.

Berks and Bucks, with three Stewards, sent up £227 15s; more than half of the amount coming from Bro. Henry Warden, the representative of the Ellington Lodge, No. 1566; who collected £115. The other Stewards were Bros. John Greenfield, No. 795, £57 15s; and Samuel Dyer, No. 1887, £55.

Gloucestershire was ninth in order, even though one of its Stewards had made no return. Altogether there were five representatives from this county, and the total secured by four of them was £222 12s. Bro. Samuel Bland, of No. 493, secured £78 15s of this; and Bro. Henry Tovey, of No. 592, £68 5s.

Staffordshire, with two Stewards, working on behalf of their respective Lodges, and jointly on account of the Province, contributed £204 15s; no inconsiderable sum, especially if the brethren of the district are reserving their strength until their Provincial Grand Master undertakes the presidency of one of the Festivals; as we hope he will do ere long.

Wiltshire was well represented by one Steward, Bro. J. C. Maclean, a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, who secured £200 11s from his Lodge and the Province.

Monmouthshire, was close on the preceding total, £199 10s having been contributed from this district. Bro. S. Davies was a Steward on behalf of the Province; and brought up £162 15s; while he was ably supported by the now familiar Master Willie Watkins, who on this occasion collected £36 15s.

Middlesex, with six Stewards, took the next place, the total from the Province being £173 7s 6d; £56 14s of which sum was collected by Bro. Dr. H. W. Roberts, of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293. Bro. Alfred W. Gower, of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, also did well, his total being £49 7s.

East Lancashire had five Stewards and between them,

with sundry odd amounts, a sum of £170 5s was added to the total for the year. The "sundries" formed the largest total, the figures being £68 5s, and then, in order, came Bro. W. Hardcastle, of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, with an even £60. The other four Stewards from this district contributed totals of ten guineas each.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight had four brethren working in its midst on behalf of the Festival, and among them they secured £164 2s 6d. Bro. John W. Gieve, of the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, had the largest total, his list being £71 4s 3d. Bro. W. T. Way-Buckell, of No. 151, brought up £48 16s 3d, and Bro. R. White, of No. 1331, £33 12s.

Each of the remaining Provinces had totals of less than £150. We here give the respective totals, and in addition the number of brethren of each district who acted as Steward :—

Province.	Stewards.	Total.
		£ s d
Bristol	1	145 19 0
Dorsetshire	2	142 16 0
S. Wales (East Division)	1	140 0 0
Devonshire	1	136 19 0
Bedfordshire	3	134 13 0
Somersetshire	1	133 7 0
Suffolk	2	126 10 6
Hertfordshire	2	125 16 0
Oxfordshire	4	105 19 6
Warwickshire	3	102 18 0
North Wales	2	97 2 6
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	2	82 0 0
Cheshire	5	78 15 0
Herefordshire	1	74 11 0
Durham	2	68 5 0
Norfolk	2	67 4 0
Channel Islands	1	63 0 0
Derbyshire	2	37 10 6
Worcestershire	3	36 15 0
Cornwall	1	31 10 0
Leicestershire	1	10 10 0
Punjab	1	Noreturn.

The above figures, and the splendid sum to which they total, are sufficient evidence of the desire of Freemasons throughout the country to do their best on behalf of those whose station in life is such as to call for outside aid. If such disinterested charity as is here evidenced can only be maintained, Freemasonry will never lack a strong advocate in support of its principles of Brotherly Love and Relief. We hope that not only may similar success attend all Festivals of the future, but as year by year the blessings of Freemasonry become more extended, that additional support may be forthcoming and that the contributions may some day be sufficient to meet all the calls made upon them. In conclusion, we again heartily congratulate all who had a hand in the Girls' School Festival of 1886, and the Institution itself on being able to secure so large a list of supporters, which will enable it to continue its good work amongst the orphan daughters of Freemasonry.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY FREEMASONRY.

An Oration delivered by Dr. Branch, W.M. Mount Olive Lodge, St. Kitts, W.I., at the unveiling of the memorial to Dr. Dinzey P.M., on 13th March 1886, at the Springfield Cemetery, St. Kitts.

IT is, alas, only too true that the roses of friendship, as a poet has said, fall only on the turf that covers the dead. The grave has no ear for the sweet words of love, no eye for the proofs of esteem and the tribute of affection.

Yet the ceremonial of to-day is not an unmeaning and useless pageant. It has given us an opportunity of expressing, to the relief of our own hearts, our grief for the loss that we have sustained, and has caused us to meditate on excellencies of character which we would fain emulate.

To us, my Brethren in Freemasonry, the labours of the day are fraught with special significance. Once again has the great lesson been taught us that virtue triumphs even over death. Once again have we raised our eyes to the Star of Hope whose rays penetrate even beyond the dark veil that shrouds the unknown land.

But what more profitable subject of meditation is there to any one than the finished story of a good man's life? It matters nothing to a philosophical mind that the drama was enacted on a small and lowly stage. External circumstances cannot add to nor diminish the intrinsic grandeur

of the theme. The perfect circle is as beautiful and as full of meaning when traced with contracted as with wide-spread compass-points.

None of you will be likely to construe these remarks as an undervaluing of the career of our deceased friend and brother. Second to no other in usefulness and nobility is the work of the practical physician, whether his lot be cast among the rich and powerful or the poorest and meanest of his fellow-men, in an obscure islet or some mighty centre of civilisation. The talents and energies which are faithfully expended in applying the resources of Science to the necessities of suffering Humanity may not gain fame or rank or wealth, but can scarcely fail to be held in high estimation and to win a rich guerdon of love.

Such were the labours and such the reward of John Keightley Dinzey. The elegant and appropriate memorial before us is the gift chiefly of those who benefited by his services. I take this opportunity of remarking, *en passant*, that the credit of originating the idea of its erection is due to Solomon Shelford, Esquire. It, this Lodge of Sorrow, and the immense concourse here assembled to do honour to the memory of our departed brother are tokens of the exalted opinion of his merits entertained by this community and of the large place which he filled in our hearts. Ay, and ever will fill. Surely the poor of Cayon and Nichola Town Parishes will long miss the generous hand and sympathetic heart buried here. Can the patients whose lives he has redeemed from death forget the self-sacrificing devotion which assuaged their sufferings? Often will the colleagues by whose side he has loyally stood in many a hard fight yearn for his helpful presence. Can the memory of the genial companion, the disinterested adviser, the faithful friend ever fade?

Many of us have reached or overstepped the prime of life. Time will not give back

"The golden days and fairy flowers
To these wearied hearts of ours."

We cannot hope to replace the broken link of an early friendship by any newly-made companionship. One by one the friends of a lifetime glide from the clasp of our loving arms into the grave's cold embrace, carrying with them our own hopes and joys, ambitions and energies, the bloom of our youth and the vigour of our manhood.

"Ah me! What hidden occult science
Can from the ashes in our hearts once more
The Rose of Youth restore?
What craft of Alchemy can bid defiance
To Time and Change, and for a single hour
Renew the phantom flower?"

But, my Masonic Brethren, have we no hope of a reunion with the companions of our former toils? Yes, for not in vain have we passed, guided by the beacons of Conscience and Reason, through the dark and rough road of Life and the pathway of Science to the sombre portals of Death. Even thus and there have we seen the dawn of an eternal morn silvering, though but with faint and flickering beam, the sable cloud that rests on the prospect of Futurity. Our noble and ancient mysteries have nerved our hearts to face with calm courage the King of Terrors and to tread with firm step around the good man's grave. Even he, who though a Master in our Israel, has not advanced beyond the ritualistic lessons of the Order, knows the sublime truths that Nature herself has instilled into our inmost souls a reasonable hope of a hereafter and an instinctive belief, founded on that hope, that heroic devotion to duty even at the cost of life is infinitely preferable to life itself purchased with the loss of honour.

But the humble and ardent students of esoteric Masonry find in it more authoritative and direct teaching on this all-important subject. By esoteric Masonry I do not mean the alleged possession of occult science by the so-called theosophists and such-like mystics. Still less do I allude to the tenets of certain philologists who claim to have found the genesis of the Masonic as well as of all other theological or ethico-religious systems in a "Solar Myth" or a "Naturalistic Theory." It would be idle to deny, in the presence of those who have advanced to the East in due form, that Astronomy has in all ages constituted an important part of Masonic Science. It would be equally absurd to tell you, who understand the use of the square, the level, and the plumb, that Masonry was not an ethical system. Our ancient Brethren who watched the skies from the lofty temples of Belus, or those who from the banks of the rising Nile saw in the Southern sky the calls to labour and refreshment in the ascending Sirius

and Canopus, may have come at length to believe that there was nothing in the mysteries that they practised and transmitted but a symbolism of the real nature of the celestial scenery. But such was not the lesson that had been taught them by the Patriarchal Master who left for their observation the sublime parable of Ophinchus, radiant with the hope of the race. Nor by the illustrious Grand Master, second Father of the Adamites, who bequeathed to them the meaning of the threefold splendour on the black emblem of death and destruction.

In spite of the wonderfully unalterable nature of Freemasonry, the rituals of different ages and races will become more or less fashioned in accordance with prevalent notions as to the chief meaning of the institution. Thus it may appear to many in our day a mere system of morality, just as it probably seemed to some of our ancient brethren only the temple in which recondite scientific truth was safely enshrined.

It is of course impossible to enter into any real and clear explanation of esoteric Masonry in an untiled assembly. Suffice it to say, as bearing on the present subject, that it contains the essential truths of religion known to the primeval Adamites, however its formulæ may have been modified in ancient or modern times by dominant scientific or religious systems: and that to the esoteric Mason, many a word, or even accent, of the Universal Language plainly and confidently declares that death, certain as it is, is not a reality. Beneath its hideous panoply is hidden the angel-form of immortal youth, "the bright face of a blooming boy fresh as a flower new-born."

But, brethren and friends, we are assembled here to-day, not only beneath the shade of the acacia, but at the foot of the Cross. All of us here present, whether Masons or not, are Christians; and he whose body sleeps beneath this Cross leaned his dying head on the bosom of the Crucified Son of Mary.

The hope of a reunion in a happy eternity with our departed friends is so clearly the chief solace for the loss of their companionship in our lives, that one naturally finds himself, on an occasion like this, discussing the subject of man's immortality. Speaking as the present occupant of the Oriental Chair of the Mount Olive, I have been privileged to direct attention, so far as it could be done outside the door of a Lodge, to the consolations which Masonry offers in the presence of death. I have simply stated the teachings of our Order on the topic of a future existence ex cathedra, for there is no necessity to vex the holy calm of God's Acre by adducing arguments to a Christian assemblage in justification of the hope that is in us.

As Christians we live in the shadowless light of a noon-tide Sun, the Sun of Righteousness. The darkness of death and the gloom of the grave have disappeared from among the mysteries of our common humanity, for this is "the Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, and the Light is the Life of men."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting took place on Friday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when there was an exceptionally large attendance. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting having been printed and circulated, were adopted, as also was the report of the Audit Committee. The following is the report of the Committee of Management:—

REPORT.

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a Report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 24th of February last. The Most Honourable the Marquis of Hertford, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, occupied the chair, and was supported by a Board of 279 Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists of subscriptions and donations amounted to £15,000 11s 6d. A result so satisfactory, under a concurrence of most depressing circumstances, cannot it is hoped be otherwise than eminently gratifying to the Craft in general, but more especially to those who had a hand in bringing it about. It is true the total was in round figures £2,770 less than was subscribed at the Festival held in February 1885, under the auspices of Sir M. R. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, but it must not be forgotten that on the occasion referred to an exceptional amount of enthusiasm was created by the paucity of vacancies, and the overwhelming number of applicants for admission on the Widows' Fund; that the Board of Stewards was also stronger by 76 brethren than it was this year; and last, but not least, that

the Chairman had the aid of a Province which both for its own credit's sake, as well as from the sense of respect and loyalty it entertained for its chief, gave him an active and generous support. Lord Hertford, the Chairman for this year's Festival, was not so fortunately placed. He had a less numerous Board of Stewards, and he had no Province—at least in the sense in which Gloucestershire helped Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach. Yet, notwithstanding these drawbacks, the total realised was in excess of any previous year,—1885 excepted. With these facts before it, the Committee is most anxious to place on record its deep gratitude to their noble Chairman, and the brethren who so successfully co-operated with him in obtaining this brilliant result.

At the election in May 1885, there were upon the Funds of the Institution 375 annuitants, that is to say, 173 men and 202 widows, while to-day there are 129 candidates, namely 58 men and 71 widows, all of whose respective claims to receive the benefits of the Institution have been most fully investigated and approved. The vacancies to be balloted for consist of 15 on the Male Fund, and 9 on the Widows' Fund, so that excluding the 3 deferred annuitants in each case, there are 12 on the former and 6 on the latter. Since, however, these figures were declared at the meeting of the Committee in February there have died 9 men and 2 widows, so that the numbers to be elected to-day will be 21 men and 11 widows. The Committee very seriously regrets the marked disproportion there is between the numbers of vacancies and candidates in respect of each Fund, especially that of the Widows, but having regard to the large increase which was sanctioned—not only in the last, but in previous years—by the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, it does not consider it would be justified in recommending the creation of any fresh annuities. The sum annually required towards providing for the present needs of the Institution in this respect is £13,416, to which must be added the farther sum of £340, divisible under Law 9 (Male Fund) among the widows, 17 in number, of recently deceased male annuitants. This gives a total annual expenditure on account of annuities amounting to £13,756, and the Committee, in the exercise of what it trusts will be considered a wise direction, does not consider it would be warranted in recommending that any further liability in this direction should be incurred.

The Committee avails itself of this opportunity of expressing its thanks to United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70 towards providing the residents at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

It is also most anxious to convey its very cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their invaluable services and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, both resident and non-resident, who have been under the necessity of seeking medical advice and assistance.

It is likewise a source of satisfaction to be able to report that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, and only needs that care and supervision to which all buildings of this character must from time to time be subjected.

The audited Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March 1886 is appended, and, while inviting the most rigid examination of its details, the Committee is confident it will be found that the utmost economy has been observed in administering the funds of the Institution. Hence, in appealing both to the Craft at large as well as to the general body of the Governors and Subscribers for a continuance of that support which alone has enabled it to fulfil its arduous duties with, it trusts, so much satisfaction and success, it is fully persuaded that such appeal will not be made in vain.

It only remains for the Committee to express the earnest hope that the urgent appeals it is compelled to address annually to the brethren for the means which are indispensable in order to maintain the Institution at its present strength will be as generously responded to in the future as in the past. Moreover, it must be obvious that if the funds of the Charity were increased, there would be a proportionate diminution in the number of unsuccessful candidates, and as a consequence an alleviation to a still greater extent than is now possible of that great amount of distress which it is the desire of every one to cope with successfully. May the support which is needed so imperatively, and to an annually-increasing extent, be forthcoming always in equal, if not in an ever-increasing abundance.

On motion duly proposed and seconded, the Report was adopted.

As there were 20 candidates who sought election as Members of the Committee, a Poll was demanded, and Scrutineers were appointed to examine the papers. The result was in favour of the following:—Frederick Adlard P.M. 7, John Bulmer P.M. 174, C. H. Driver P.M. 905, A. Forsyth, M.D., P.M. 140, Thomas Griffiths P.M. 907, Wm. Hilton P.M. 1351, C. E. Soppet P.M. 60, Louis Stean P.M. 212, Raynham W. Stewart P.M. 12, Stephen Barton Wilson P.M. 59.

A motion which stood in the name of Bro. Birch, to alter the day for holding the Annual Meeting of the Institution was withdrawn; but an alteration was made in the law respecting the election of Treasurer. The result of the election for this office was in favour of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Past G. Standard Bearer, but the change did not give satisfaction to all who were present, and some discussion afterwards ensued as to the legality of altering the law. Bro. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes was elected Trustee of the Sustentation Fund; and Bros. John Newton, J. J. Berry, and Tattershall, Auditors. The Election of Annuitants on the respective Funds, Male and Female, was then proceeded with. We gave the List of those successful in our issue of last week. The proceedings concluded with the routine votes of thanks to Chairman and Scrutineers.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

TOTTENHAM AND ENFIELD MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

THE inauguration of a Fourth Association, the object of which is to obtain for each of its members a life governorship in one of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, took place on Friday evening last, under the most interesting auspices, between fifty and sixty gentlemen dining together at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page-green, Tottenham. The assemblage was not purely Masonic, the peculiar constitution of these associations, which have been productive of so much practical good, being to extend their advantage to others, outside the pale of the Craft. According to the rules we find that by a subscription of one shilling per week, payable monthly, as soon as the Treasurer is in possession of ten guineas, members are entitled to draw for a life-governorship in one of the Charities, the successful member having the choice as to which Institution shall receive the amount. Membership of the Association is not confined to the Craft only, but any lady or gentleman may be proposed as a member, though, of course, they are not entitled to any voice in its management. Thus it will be seen that the single aim and object of the society is to enlist sympathy and help to our excellent Charities; and the substantial help rendered by the three Associations which have run their successful course at Tottenham should be an incentive to many other Lodges to emulate an example so eminently practical and beneficial. Bro. Oddy provided a capital dinner, which had the advantage of being well served, and the company sat down under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 1237 (President), who was supported by Bros. H. V. Clements P.M. 754, P.P.A.G.S. Middlesex, and J. Garrod P.M. 754 (in the vice-chairs); Bros. A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, P.M. 1237 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex (Treasurer), W. Binnie W.M. 1237 P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks (Secretary), A. Bryant P.M. 1237 P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, E. J. Evordell P.M. 1579; J. D. Birkin J.W., L. E. Wilson, J. Oddy, Voller and Mills, representing Lodge 754; Bros. H. Woodley 1237, T. Sawyer, G. Richards 1237, C. J. Knightley 1744 and 1237, J. Howlett 1327, Sharp, M. Hart, Wheelhouse 1237, Moseley 228, J. Pinder 1707, Mr. F. Fidler, Mr. J. Thompson jun., Mr. A. Marsh, Mr. A. Binnie, Mr. E. Rudston, Mr. R. Hart, Mr. A. Clark, Mr. J. Webb, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Glover, and other gentlemen. After discussing the good things provided, the loyal toasts were given from the chair, and received with musical honours.

Bro. Garrod, in proposing "Prosperity to the Fourth Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association," said no one wished prosperity to this movement more earnestly than he did himself. They had met this evening for the dual purpose of doing honour to their Bro. Fidler, the energetic and indefatigable Secretary of the Third Association, and also to inaugurate a new Association, which was now in its infancy. In making the announcement that this was the fourth of a series of societies which had been called into existence for Masonic charity, it would show to those gentlemen who were unacquainted with the subject that for a considerable number of years they had been practically carrying out the great object of Freemasonry, which was Charity. He was not going to disclose any of the secrets of the Fraternity; but he might safely say that one of the chief watchwords of Freemasonry was "Charity." They were about to inaugurate the Fourth Association under the presidency of their esteemed Bro. Thompson, with Bro. G. Tegg W.M. 1879 (whose absence they much regretted) as Vice-President, and Bro. A. G. Fidler (the guest of the evening) as Treasurer; and last, though by no means least, Bro. W. Binnie, as Secretary. He had said that this Association was as yet in its infancy, but as they went on they would find it develop into robust youth and honourable age. The object of the movement was to accumulate their loose cash into large sums for the benefit of their indigent brethren, who, as in all other institutions, might happen to have been reduced to unfortunate circumstances in life. They need hardly be reminded that in Freemasonry there were three great Charitable Institutions for the Boys and Girls of Masons, for Aged and Decayed Masons or their Widows, and this Association was for the purpose of collecting money for their benefit. They had one of those Charities—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—in their immediate locality, of which they had reason to be justly proud. He trusted this Association would go on as successfully as its predecessors had done; and he was sure that, under the presidency of the names he had just mentioned, it could not be otherwise. In fact, he could not see how it could fail to become the greatest of the four. He concluded by again wishing all prosperity to their new venture, and he associated with the toast the name of its excellent Secretary, Bro. Binnie.

Bro. W. Binnie, who on rising to respond, was received with loud applause, remarked that this Association was scarcely three months old, yet it already numbered 84 members, and he hoped they would go on increasing until the time when, according to their rules, it would be closed, excepting to members to be elected by ballot. As they had got so near the century he should like the number to be made up to a hundred by gentlemen who were not already members; and he assured them they could not do better than to join the Association at once. Referring to the vast amount of good accomplished by the three grand Institutions of the Craft, let them look at the boys who walked round Tottenham and Edmonton, and they must admit the little fellows were a credit to the neighbourhood. Go to Battersea Rise, and see how the girls were cared for, educated, and looked after in every way. And what comfort and happiness was provided for the "old people" at their splendid Institution at Croydon. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, they must all admit that their money was not thrown away, but was expended in the most judicious manner. These Institutions were supported, year after year, not only by the most influential men in the country, but also by the middle and industrial classes; and every man who had once taken the Masonic obligation had impressed upon his memory that charity was the first thing that he should observe. He could only say once more that he thanked them very much for

the cordial way in which they had received the toast, and if any gentleman present felt anxious to place their names upon the list of members he should be most happy to take them.

The President said the next toast might be designated the toast of the evening, and that was, "The Health of Bro. Fidler, Secretary of the last or Third Association." It had been his pleasure and privilege to have been associated with Bro. Fidler for some years, ever since he came into Freemasonry. During the whole of that time their esteemed brother had worked most harmoniously with himself and those associated with him in the cause of charity, and had left no stone unturned to further the interests and bring to a successful issue these Associations. They all knew the kindness of heart that always reigned in Freemasonry, and Bro. Fidler had proved himself ever ready and willing to further the interests not only of Freemasonry but of every good cause that had come under his notice. If he were to speak for a very long time he did not know that he could say too much in Bro. Fidler's favour. They were all delighted to be his friends and acquaintances, and to know him was to love him. A very pleasing and gratifying task now devolved upon him, as President of the Fourth Association, to present to Bro. Fidler a testimonial which had been subscribed for by the members and friends of the last Association. The first part of it was an illuminated address, the text of which was as follows:—

"This TESTIMONIAL, together with a liqueur stand, is presented to Brother A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, by the members of the Third Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association, and a few friends, as a mark of their esteem and in appreciation of his services as Secretary of the Association. (Signed) J. Maller P.M. 754 President, E. Poore P.M. 1237 Vice-President, J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 and 1707 Treasurer, James Garrod P.M. 754, M.E.Z. 1237.—May 21st 1886."

The address was accompanied by a liqueur stand, and in asking Bro. Fidler's acceptance of the gifts, he wished him, on behalf of all present, long life and happiness, and that he might be spared many years to use that stand with the best creatures which he could put into those bottles. He wished Bro. Fidler and his family health and happiness, and might he long continue to help them in the good work of charity in the future as he had done in the past. He trusted they might long have Bro. Fidler amongst them as a Mason and a friend. (The toast was received with enthusiastic cheering and musical honours).

The address was beautifully engrossed on vellum, illuminated, and embellished with Masonic emblems, by Bro. H. V. Clements, of 7 Mark-lane, and was enclosed in a handsome gilt frame and glazed. The electro silver liqueur-stand was very massive, and fitted with superb bottles of cut crystal glass, supplied by Bro. A. Money, of 49 King's-square, Goswell-road. On the stand was inscribed:—"Presented to Bro. A. G. Fidler W.M. 754, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex.—May 1886."

Bro. Fidler, who was heartily cheered on rising to acknowledge the compliment which had been paid to him, felt he could not adequately thank them for the cordial reception they had given to the toast of his health, for the very kind and enlogistic manner in which it had been proposed from the chair, and for the splendid gifts they had been good enough to present to him; but he begged them to accept his grateful thanks for these tangible proofs of their esteem, which he should highly prize and cherish as long as he lived. They were pleased to appoint him Secretary of the Third Association, an office he was proud to hold; and he should have been sadly wanting in regard had he not carried out the duties of that position in as satisfactory a manner as he possibly could. He had tried to do so, and he was glad his efforts had met with their approbation. He regretted the last Association was not able to show quite so good a balance-sheet as its predecessors, but he supposed that bad times and other circumstances militated against it. But sufficient was done to show that the spirit of charity beat warmly in the hearts of the brethren in this neighbourhood. That spirit had again blazed forth brightly, and what they were unable to accomplish in the Third he hoped would be more than achieved by the Fourth Association, which had been started under such favourable auspices. It would, he was sure, stimulate them in furthering the interests of the noble cause they had so much at heart, in assisting those who were placed in less fortunate circumstances than themselves, in rendering the declining years of the aged happy and comfortable, and educating and maintaining their children. As their worthy Secretary had told them, a very small sacrifice on their individual parts would achieve that object. He hoped they would all do that they could to render the new Association a success far exceeding those which had preceded it. He thanked them again for their kindness, and assured them that he highly esteemed and valued their good wishes.

Bro. H. V. Clements, in proposing the "health of the President," said Bro. Thompson had been associated intimately with these charitable Associations ever since they were started. He was the Secretary and pioneer of the First, and was one of the main causes of these movements being originated in Tottenham. He had gradually risen from the rank of Secretary to that of Treasurer of the Second and Third Associations, and was now President of what promised to become the largest of the four. That was something for him to be proud of. He (the speaker), together with some of the friends around him, had been associated with their esteemed President for a number of years; and they had had many happy meetings, whilst promoting the cause of charity. He hoped Bro. Thompson might be spared for many years to help them in the good work, and to see the younger ones rising up and following in his footsteps for the benefit of the Charities of the Craft.

A draw here took place for five life governorships, which the President pointed out, meant fifty guineas to the funds of the Masonic Charities. The gentlemen who drew the numbers were entitled to life-governorships in either of the Charities, and had two votes in the elections for boys or girls, and four votes for the old people. Ladies drawing successful numbers had double that number of votes. The draw resulted in favour of Master Knightley,

Mr. E. Lovell, Mr. J. Rosenfeld, Mr. S. M. Southwell, and Mr. Milbourn.

The President, in responding to the toast of his health, said he could only echo the wish which had been expressed, that he might long be able to assist in the work of the Association. Bro. Clements had not taken to himself sufficient credit for what he had done for Freemasonry, for he had rendered great and valuable service, in more than one Lodge, on behalf of the Charities. He had often filled the office of Steward, and had always taken up a most creditable list. He was again Steward for the Boys' School at the coming Festival in June, and he would no doubt render a fair account for the Province of Middlesex, as representing the Enfield Lodge. He (the speaker) thanked the company for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and said a great honour had been conferred upon him by his having been elected President of this Association. As their Secretary had told them, this Association bade fair to outnumber and outdo its predecessors. The First Association, of which he had the honour of being Secretary, sent up £446 to the Charities. Twelve or fifteen years ago Freemasonry was in a very different position to what it now occupied. When the Prince of Wales came into Freemasonry it grew in a most wonderful manner, and under his Royal Highness's presidency as Grand Master it had continued to flourish. On looking over the list in Bro. Oddy's room this evening he saw that Brother served as a Steward in 1873, when the united efforts of the Stewards to the Benevolent Institution reached £6,300. He (the speaker) had the pleasure of representing the Enfield Lodge in 1885, when the united efforts of the Stewards reached £17,000. That showed what great strides the Order was making, and this progress was in a measure due to such Associations as their own. Few people felt disposed to put their hands in their pockets and to pay ten guineas all at once; but they did not miss the small contributions monthly, which, after a short time, attained the same results. He mentioned this in order that those who did not belong to the Association might form an idea of how these things were managed. It was on the same principle as a building society, and in four years produced the same result as if they had put their hands into their pockets and put down ten guineas. In the end he trusted this Association would reach the number suggested by Bro. Binnie, namely, a hundred, which would represent an addition to the funds of the Charities of one thousand guineas.

Several other toasts followed, including the Visitors; the Vice-Chairmen, responded to by Bro. Clements and Bro. Garrod; the Masonic Charities, for which Bro. Knightley replied; the Local Lodges, High Cross, Enfield, and St. James's, responded to by Bros. H. Stephens P.M., A. Bryant P.M., and J. Howlett; the Stewards, by Bros. Wilson and Birkin; and the Host, by Bro. J. Oddy. Before separating the health of Mr. J. H. Thompson jun. was most cordially drunk, and hearty thanks given to him for his great assistance as accompanist to the songs. Mr. Thompson jun. suitably responded. The pleasures of a very enjoyable evening were materially enhanced by some excellent singing by the members and Visitors.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

A REGULAR meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when there was a numerous gathering of members and Visitors, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Chas. Weeden. He was supported by Bros. A. Perl S.W., F. Perl J.W., Rev. C. Stevens P.M. Chaplain, John Stilwell P.M. Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, J. E. Chubb S.D., E. Conrad D. of C., A. Kish Org., J. R. Cordell Steward, Alfred J. Potter I.P.M., P.M.'s L. C. Haslip, H. J. Gabb, and T. J. Cusworth; A. K. Turbfield Tyler. The Visitors included Bros. J. Osborn P.P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex, T. Smyth W.M. 2069, E. F. H. Von Bribau 1669, W. Goad 1178, C. Jenkins 860, E. Lazarus 185, W. Hunter 205, E. Kirt 241 (New York), H. J. Amphlett, J. W. Bastone 1861; and others. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the third, when Bro. R. Goshorn was raised to the sublime degree. Resuming to the second, Bro. L. Wild, who had been initiated at the last meeting, answered the questions with remarkable accuracy, he being a German, and was entrusted, after which he was passed, this rite being also admirably performed. Subsequently Mr. Lewis Henry Brown, who had already been approved on the recommendation of his brother, who is a member of the Lodge, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. Some routine business having been transacted Lodge was closed. The brethren and visitors then partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in first-class style, under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Marchant. The Loyal and Craft toasts having been given, the health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, met with a cordial greeting. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the W.M., said it needed no words of his to remind them of the excellent work performed by Bro. Weeden in the Lodge-room; those who had witnessed it had a sufficient guarantee that in their present Worshipful Master they had a good man and true. All who knew Bro. Weeden knew that he was a true brother in every sense of the word. He could say a great deal more, but as time was on the wing he would ask them to unite with him in heartily drinking to the toast. The Worshipful Master in responding assured the brethren that during his year of office he should do all he could to advance the prosperity of the Lodge. In proposing the toast of the initiates, Bro. Weeden expressed the belief that the two brethren who had just been admitted would prove an acquisition to the New Concord Lodge. Bro. L. Wild asked permission to thank the brethren for the welcome manner in which they had admitted him into their

ranks; he should do his utmost to attain proficiency in the science. Bro. Lewis Brown also replied; he had long wished for the moment to arrive in which he should become a member of the Craft. He did not feel altogether a stranger amongst them, as he had a brother in the Lodge; he thanked them most heartily for the warm reception they had accorded him. In reply, Bro. T. Smyth deemed it a very great piece of good fortune to have been invited to visit the New Concord Lodge; he had been delighted with the work which he had seen performed. Bros. J. Osborn, C. Jenkins, and E. Von Bribau next responded, in snitable terms, and Bro. Goad remarked that he had visited many Lodges, both in London and the provinces, and he could confidently say that the New Concord working would compare favourably with any he had had the honour to visit. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, the toast being heartily received. Bro. Potter I.P.M. thanked the brethren most heartily and sincerely for the cordial reception they had given to the toast. He should do in the future, as he had done in the past, all he could to promote the interests and to sustain the prestige of the New Concord Lodge. Bro. R. R. Harper, after returning thanks as a Past Master and Secretary of the Lodge, said he might as well save the proposal of another toast, and return thanks on behalf of their Treasurer. He hoped that when they met again in October next the same New Concord feeling would prevail as they enjoyed at the present moment. Bro. L. Haslip thanked the brethren very sincerely for the way in which the toast had been received. The Past Masters felt a deep interest in the cause they had at heart, and hoped they would always continue to do so, and to keep up the status of their Lodge. In proposing the Officers, the W.M. said he was pleased to have such a goodly array in the Lodge; all of them tried to do their duty conscientiously. The toast was duly acknowledged, and the proceedings were fittingly closed by the Tyler. During the evening some capital songs were sung. Bro. A. Kish presided at the pianoforte.

ENFIELD CHAPTER, No. 1237.

A CONVOCATION of the above Chapter was held at the Court House, Enfield, on Monday evening, 24th instant. Present—Comps. James Garrod M.E.Z., E. G. Lewis H., Jas. Linzell P.Z. acting J., J. R. Rignall Treasurer, H. J. Adams P.Z. S.E., F. Eastwood S.N., A. Bryant P.S., A. G. Fidler 1st A.S., H. V. Clements P.Z., J. D. Birkin, G. Messenger, J. Oddy, C. Handley, F. Skelton, J. Smith, T. Jones and others. The minutes of the last Convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Geo. James 749, who was duly exalted to this supreme degree by the M.E.Z. in a way that gave great satisfaction to all present. The next business was to elect the Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—Comps. E. G. Lewis M.E.Z., W. M. Tegg H., A. Bryant J., J. R. Rignall Treasurer, H. J. Adams S.E., A. G. Fidler S.N., J. D. Birkin P.S., and J. Very Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. J. Garrod, for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the Chapter during the past year. Several brethren were then proposed for exaltation, after which the Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by the host, Comp. Mathison. On the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening spent.

EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the "Sun" Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. There was a good attendance of members and Visitors; the W.M., Bro. Wm. Parker, being supported by, amongst others, Bro. G. W. Saul P.M. 1201 S.W., F. C. Rush J.W., E. A. Baber P.M. Treasurer, Arthur E. Taylor P.M. Secretary, H. Yonens S.D., H. H. Room P.M. J.D., Dupree I.G., J. O'Connell D.C., C. Cooke and G. Hards Stewards; Past Masters Moss and Paddle, W. Walkley Tyler, Dr. Tomlin, Lemon, &c., &c. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, W. H. Wingfield W.M. 1360, Richard Poore W.M. 1949, W. H. Hawkins 1201, J. Foxley Norris J.D. St. Augustine Lodge, New Zealand, J. G. Green 158, Kift I.G. 1791, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been approved, a ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel William Rowen, which proved clear, and that gentleman received the benefit of initiation at the hands of the W.M. Bro. Lemon was passed to the F.C. degree, and at the request of the W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge 1201, Bro. Lemon received similar advancement. The installation of Bros. G. W. Saul P.M. as W.M. of the Lodge, was undertaken by his predecessor, Bro. W. Parker, who performed the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. The newly installed Master appointed and invested his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. F. C. Rush S.W., Yonens J.W., E. A. Baber P.M. Treasurer, A. E. Taylor P.M. Secretary, H. H. Room P.M. S.D., Dupree J.D., J. O'Connell I.G., C. Cooke D.C., G. Hards W.S., Dr. R. Tomlin A.W.S., and W. Walkley Tyler. The addresses, which completed the entire ceremony, were respectively and impressively delivered by Bros. W. Parker I.P.M., A. E. Taylor P.M., and James Stevens P.M. Subsequently a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented in open Lodge to Bro. Parker, in recognition of his services during the past year; the W.M., Bro. Saul (whose presence in the Lodge on recovery from his late very severe accident, and prolonged convalescence was warmly recognised by all present), bestowing high commendation on the manner in which the Lodge had been ruled by his predecessor in the chair of K.S. A well-served banquet awaited the brethren at the closing of Lodge work, and the several toasts having been disposed of with commendable brevity, both in regard to introduction and response, a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse. Without professional assistance, and consequently without encroachment on the Lodge funds, songs and recitations were numerous, and evidenced the musical and oratorical ability of a large

proportion of the members of No. 1851, whose Secretary, himself a vocalist of no mean pretensions, led the way and excited emulation amongst his brethren. We cordially join in the hope, so earnestly expressed by members and Visitors alike, that health and strength may be given to our, at present, scarcely convalescent Brother Saul, that he may be enabled to still further increase the honour and reputation of the Ewell Lodge, by frequent opportunities during his Mastership of displaying that ability which has heretofore characterised his Masonic work, and secured for him well deserved respect.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge for installation of W.M. and appointment of Officers, took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport. This Lodge, which is composed exclusively of Past Masters in the Craft, has effected good service in the Province. Amongst members who have recently joined is Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Grand Deacon of England, and Deputy P.G.M. of the Province, and it is interesting to note that this distinguished Mason has expressed his approbation of the Lodge, by accepting the junior office. The ceremony of installation on Saturday was performed by Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Master P.G.W. Greece and P.G.S. of Scotland, who gave an eloquent enunciation of the ritual, and was awarded a special vote of thanks. Bro. Asher Barfield P.P.G.D., who had been unanimously elected as W.M., was duly installed in the chair, and appointed his Officers as follows:—Bro. R. L. Loveland I.P.M., R. J. Rastrick S.W., F. Newman J.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer (Grand Chaplain of England) Chaplain, T. H. Williams Treasurer, John W. Gieve Secretary, T. Francis S.D., J. Brickwood J.D., James Gieve D.C., R. W. Beale I.G., G. Bond and J. E. Le Feuvre Stewards, W. Miles Organist, G. Carter Tyler. There were also present at the meeting:—Bro. E. S. Main, J. W. Willmott, E. Naylor, G. L. Stobbs, Edgar Goble P.G. Sec., R. Boughton Smith P.P.G.D. Leicestershire, A. J. Firth, Lewis Bryett P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Berks and Bucks, J. M. Foster, and W. D. Parkhouse. The brethren subsequently dined together, and a smoking concert followed.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., the day of meeting having been altered on this occasion by dispensation from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren, presided over by Bro. Joseph D. Langton Worshipful Master, while the Lodge was specially honoured by the attendance of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., the Masonic ruler of the county. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates for joining. Bro. Frederick J. Blake P.M. 410, 885 P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, P.P.G.S.D. Gloucestershire, and Bro. Reginald William Wilson, M.R.C.S., 2054; the former of these brethren was proposed by the W.M. elect, and seconded by the W.M., while the latter had Bros. Matthey and Oates as his sponsors. Both of the candidates were elected, whereupon Mr. Ernest Christopher Leaver was introduced as a candidate for initiation. He was duly admitted to Masonic light, and the charge of the first degree was delivered to him by the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then advanced, and on being resumed to the second degree the R.W. Prov. G.M. presented Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. Hobbs was regularly placed in the chair, and was subsequently saluted in the three degrees. He appointed the following as Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. T. Kidpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. Langton P.M. Treasurer, J. S. Fraser P.M. Secretary, M. L. Levèy S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Organist I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., S. Oxenham and J. C. Leaver Stewards, W. Lane Tyler. The remaining portions of the installation ceremony were then completed by Bro. Langton, and the ceremony of the day brought to a conclusion. During the meeting the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted, duly approved, and ordered to be recorded in the usual manner. Before the conclusion of the day's work, the Provincial Grand Master was obliged to leave, but before doing so he expressed his great gratification at the very handsome sum which the Lodge had sent up to the Festival at which he recently presided, and the further support he had received on that occasion from the Province generally—the whole sum contributed by the district being no less than £1,300. General Brownrigg then announced that he should hold Provincial Grand Lodge this year under the banner of the George Price, and as to the date of meeting, either the fourth or the last Wednesday in June would suit him equally well; he would leave it to the George Price Lodge to say which day they would prefer. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they dined together, in a style which did the utmost credit to Bro. T. H. Bentley, the manager of the hotel. On rising to propose the toasts, the W.M. reminded the brethren that during the present month Her Majesty had taken part in two public ceremonies; perhaps of greater importance than any that had taken place since the death of the Prince Consort. As Masons they could congratulate themselves upon the Queen coming among her people again as in former times. In speaking of the Grand Master, the W.M. said it must be of great advantage to Freemasonry that His Royal Highness took so great an interest in all its several degrees. The health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers came next; it was proof of the interest that Grand Officers took in the Craft that as many as five or six had that evening come to see the working in the George Price Lodge. In proposing the health of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Bro. Hobbs said Surrey Masons could but be proud that they had such a man to preside over them. It must increase the pride of those especially belonging to the Lodge that General Brownrigg had sanctioned the

holding Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner, only one year after the consecration. Many of the members of the Lodge met a week ago, at the Festival of the Girls' School, on which occasion they had sent up a very handsome sum, and the amount of support given to the President by the Province of Surrey showed that their Provincial Grand Master was a very popular man. The success of the Festival was remarkable, and he thought it was marvellous that the amount—£13,000 and upwards—only fell short by £1,000 of the amount realised last year. The V.W. the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, was the next toast given. There were plenty of brethren present who could respond for this toast. First they had Bros. George Price P.G. Treas., Horsey P.P.G.D.C., Ridge P.G.D.C., W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W., and Woodward I.G.S. The toast would not need many words to recommend it. The name of George Price was one they all venerated. To show what they thought of him they had named their Lodge after him, and they thought it a high honour thus to hand down his name. Bro. Greenwood, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, unfortunately, was not present. They sympathised with him deeply in the bereavement he had recently sustained, and also in the illness from which he had lately suffered. Bro. Geo. Price regretted extremely that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was not with them to respond. Personally he had heard of the illness that Bro. Greenwood had been afflicted with with a great deal of grief, and the domestic bereavement which had befallen him in the loss of his wife demanded from him the greatest sympathy. They were very old friends, and had been associated as officers of the Province for the last thirty years. During that long period there had been nothing but love and harmony prevailing between them. Bro. Greenwood's exceptional abilities as a man of business, his even temper, and his genial manner had secured him troops of friends, who honoured and loved him. He was sure that he need not take up further time upon the matter of returning thanks for the Prov. Grand Officers; Bro. Greenwood was one of them. The Provincial Grand Officers were now a large body. Years ago, when he was a young man, they were a small number; he was quite sure from what he had seen of the Prov. Grand Officers that whenever the Grand Master required their services they would rally round him and give him assistance, and discharge their duties to the very best of their ability. On behalf of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers, he thanked them for the very kind compliment they had paid them. One word with regard to himself. At the time the Lodge was consecrated he felt highly flattered at the Lodge being called after him. Honours were showered upon him, and he expressed the opinion that such a Lodge was wanted in Croydon—that it would be a convenience to the Freemasons of the neighbourhood, and he hoped to see members of the Corporation join it (many members of the Corporation were Freemasons—several Aldermen and Councillors). He thought it likely, though the present Mayor was not a Freemason, the coming Mayor, who was one, would give the Lodge some standing in the Province. The Lodge had increased in a remarkable manner, and stood in a high position. It had made its mark within twelve months, and was a Lodge of reputation already. The Provincial Grand Master had told them that he intended to hold his Provincial Grand Lodge here. He was sure that the pride which he felt twelve months ago was not diminished at the present time. Bro. John G. Horsey said he must think himself very highly honoured indeed to have his name coupled with that of Bro. George Price. It was perhaps a mark of friendship so to couple it; but it enabled him with great pleasure to say one or two words on the subject. He regretted Bro. Greenwood was unable to be with them that evening, on account of the domestic affliction to which Bro. Price had alluded. Respecting the further remarks of Bro. Price, he could but reiterate his expressions as to the extraordinary success of this young Lodge; that it should within fourteen months of its consecration be selected to entertain a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was indeed an honour which had never occurred in the history of the province. It reflected credit upon the I.P.M., whose endeavours at the Festival last week raised the George Price to a prominence never previously enjoyed by any Lodge in the Province of Surrey. Bro. Langton, in proposing the next toast said, during his occupation of the chair he had had to propose toasts which were familiar favourites with the brethren, and which required hardly any words of his to ensure their hearty reception. But he had now to propose a toast which was different from that which had been proposed by any Past Master of that Lodge—it was that of "Their Worshipful Master." They all knew how Bro. Hobbs had worked his way up to the high position he held in Masonry. Not only had he qualified himself for the various offices he had filled in that and other Lodges, but he had made himself master of the ritual; and had brought his labour and perseverance to assist others; he was Preceptor of two Lodges of Instruction. He had only been a few years in Masonry, but he was now Master of a Lodge that he (Bro. Langton) thought was not second to any other. He would conclude by asking them to drink most heartily to the health of their W.M. Bro. Hobbs in reply said he never in his life so much regretted he was not naturally eloquent as he did on the present occasion, because he could not convey what he felt to the brethren. Bro. Langton, in proposing the toast, had said there was no doubt he did take a deal of interest in Masonry. The brethren had placed him in the position of Master; he thanked them for the honour they had done him, and assured them he would strive to do his best. The idea of this Lodge first occurred to him, and when he looked at the past and the future of the Lodge, he might be pardoned for feeling both pride and satisfaction in contemplating what they had done and what they intended to do. When he asked Bro. Langton to be the first W.M. he felt he was doing something that would be very much to its advantage, but it had made his own task a much more difficult one. It might not have been difficult for him to occupy the chair if he had not been preceded by Bro. Langton; but the brethren would observe a marked difference between their first and second Masters. He intended, however, to do his best, and should rely upon the

brethren to support him in his year of office, and should trust to the Past Master to keep him right. The health of the Immediate Past Master was the next on the list; Bro. Hobbs felt great pleasure in proposing it. After the strong expression of their feeling displayed he might sit down, but there was something more to say about Bro. Langton, who, as they knew, had thoroughly performed the duties of his office as Master. No one in the room knew better than he did how much the Lodge was indebted to Bro. Langton, who, notwithstanding his professional duties, had found time to go into every detail of the consecration. Since then he had spared neither time nor trouble in the service of the Lodge. On one occasion he had initiated five, and had made his year of office remarkable by what he had done for the Charities. He had already stated that the amount of £13,000 had been taken up to the Girls' Festival. Of that £1,300 was taken by the Stewards of the Province of Surrey, while of the sum Bro. Langton had collected the magnificent total of £100. Two years ago he had himself got together £221, but Bro. Langton had nearly doubled that. He, however, felt nearly as pleased as if he had taken up the amount himself. He had now the pleasant duty of presenting to Bro. Langton the first Past Master's jewel of the George Price Lodge. The banner behind him showed what the members thought, and he felt sure, considering Bro. Langton's position in the Grand Master's Lodge, that he had a brilliant future before him. Still, he felt assured, the jewel he now presented would be valued by Brother Langton beyond all those which he might have a right to be decorated with in the future, and they must all pray that he might have a long life in which to wear it. Bro. Langton, in the course of his reply, after thanking the Worshipful Master and brethren for the toast, said that what he had done for the Lodge had been undertaken with an infinite amount of pleasure; but the greatest pleasure of all had been the duty of installing Bro. Hobbs, and to that he had long looked forward. Any trouble he had experienced had been counterbalanced by the readiness the members had shown to assist him in carrying out the duties. He felt assured they would all continue to work hand in hand under the Mastership of Bro. Hobbs, and that the following year would be equally successful as that just brought to a conclusion. For the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Woodward, Foulsham and others replied. The initiate was next complimented. The toast of the Charities brought forth a hearty acknowledgment from Bro. Hedges, but the lateness of the hour compelled curtailment of his and other speeches. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. A. Brown, who was assisted by Bros. J. Hanson, F. Bevan and Dalzell. The well-known ability of these artistes is a guarantee of the excellence with which their selections were rendered.

Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. H. J. P. Damas Past Grand Deacon, J. T. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex, W. Foulsham P.M. 1790, F. R. W. Hedges P.M. 1900, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, R. W. Price P.P.G. Supt. of Works 463, C. Duval (I.C.) 139, F. Knight 1185, J. Illingworth 1938, R. W. Wilson 2054, F. Carter 14, H. Baber W.M. 1790, H. C. Thompson P.M. 1556, F. J. Blake P.M. 410, F. C. Pascall P.M. 1790, Gordon Smith 14, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, John Hooke W.M. 463, W. H. M. Smith W.M. 465, B. Ridge P.M. 413, M. Dicker W.M. 1470 T. W. Hanson 1706, E. Dalzell S.W. 1549, F. Bevan 1706, and W. H. Hanson S.W. 1790.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUGUENOT LODGE, No. 2140.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 10th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when Bro. Hervé Giraud P.G.D. P.M. No. 1 was regularly installed as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was a large gathering of brethren to witness the proceedings of the day, among them being Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, John S. Peirce P.G.D., Edgar Bowyer Past G. Standard Bearer, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, R. Hallows S.W. 33, W. G. Lemon P.M. 165, 1601, T. Hastings Miller P.P.G. Organist Middlesex P.M. 1964, G. A. Potter W.M. 1964, W. H. Newson 172, R. Powell 198, T. W. Traill W.M. 33, John Charles P.M. 19, W. M. Bywater P.M. 19, George Drysdale P.M. 46, John Read P.M. 720 J.W. 2105, Harry O. Yeatman 1159, Charles Barry W.M. 197, T. Burne W.M. 162, James Ricks P.M. 33, Edward H. Burnell P.M. 197, C. Mansfield P.M. 21, T. H. Felton, R. Hovenden, Frank Taylor W.M. 1260, J. Robbins P.M. 231, J. T. Rowe P.M. 198, Arthur C. Tanqueray, S. Pitt 1537, G. Kenning P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. B. Heath P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Penrose Dunbar S.W. 142, Rev. S. T. Frost, O. Hansard 197, W. H. Stanger P.M. 197, Hugh Damas 859, Frederick H. Cozens 907, J. T. Hutchinson 1765, E. Bury Taylor 586 P.P.G.O., T. M. Lee J.W. 198, A. Garrod P.M. 1587, A. C. Wilks 1964, R. W. Williams J.D. 198, John Davis P.M. 33, A. Lester 1509, W. Coombes 382 Prov. G.D. Middlesex, C. H. Shoppee P.M. 162, T. W. Gray, H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, F. Ernest Colliard P.M. 19, G. Coop 141, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Chas. Lambert 198, G. W. Weldon W.M. 4, H. C. Lambert P.M. 198 504 2021, J. S. Cumberland W.M. 2128, Webster Glynes P.M. 29, Fredk. Orchard P.M. 198, J. Trueman Tanqueray P.M. 1965, &c. The usual preliminary proceedings having been disposed of Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., who acted as Chaplain during the consecration, delivered the following Oration:—

BRETHREN,—The task you have imposed upon me to-night is honourable, but it is difficult; honourable, because I am speaking to men of eminence in the Craft, who have requested me to assist in the formation of a new and important Lodge. Difficult, because the name of that Lodge recalls to our minds many things of which it is hard to speak without treading upon the forbidden ground of party politics.

Still I attempt the work, hopeful that I may say nothing that will offend.

When we reflect that two hundred years ago your ancestors came to our shores, "French Strangers," seeking an asylum, and that now as we look around we see in you fellow-countrymen, one with us in all things—we are led to ask, "How came this to pass? Why did we receive you with so much sympathy? How is it that you are now so thoroughly identified with the English nation—that you are indeed part of ourselves?" I will endeavour to answer both these questions.

When you came to us, asking for shelter and for protection, we did not stop to inquire whether your Faith was identical with our own. We knew that it was not. We knew that in many points your religious belief differed from ours; but we felt this—that you were contending for a principle that was dear to every Englishman's heart—I mean toleration. Coercion and breach of faith have never found favour in our country. The solemn concordat under which you had for many years lived in comparative peace, was being ignored by France. The attempt was being made by undue means to force you to accept a religious system other than your own. It was not for us to sit in judgment either on your religion or on that of your opponents, but the same principle which many years before had made us, in Magna Charta, insist upon the freedom of our own Church, led us to feel that the liberty we had won for ourselves we sought to help others to secure. Thank God, this has ever been the principle of English citizens. When any one seeks refuge under our flag we ask not whether he gets his Faith from Rome or Geneva, from Constantinople or Canterbury, but simply whether he will be an honest, loyal, and industrious citizen. This is all we ask of you; and we have never regretted the permission we gave you to sojourn amongst us.

And so I come to my second question. What has made you no longer "strangers," but our fellow-countrymen? The answer is plain. You have not abused our hospitality. Content to be allowed freedom to your own Faith, you have not attacked ours. Your enemies said that you were actively aggressive, and that you were attacking unduly the Faith of others. We have not found this to be the case. The English Church stands to-day uninjured by Huguenot refugee. Neither of us sought to disguise the fact that on many points there was a difference. We did not ask you to conform to doctrines which we held to be of the first importance, and you with an honourable gratitude abstained from controversy. Indeed, I think that many of your people have been drawn to us. As you lived amongst us, and married into our families, the English Church won, by love and sympathy, souls who would never have been gained by harshness and persecution, and to-day many a staunch and distinct member of our English Church has Huguenot blood in his veins.

But there is another tie which binds us. For years we have been brethren in arms for the defence of a Common Empire. Wherever English armies have gone, or English fleets have sailed, the Huguenot and the Englishman have fought side by side. You helped us to reconquer Ireland, when, very shortly after your arrival amongst us, the integrity of the Empire was threatened; you stood by our sides in the Peninsula and at Waterloo—in the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, Huguenots and Englishmen have together shed lustre on the English flag. Our interests have become yours. Our honour you have made your own. In England's hour of need, you have never stood aside mindful only of your own welfare,—and we are proud to share with you our sorrows and our joys. And further, you have been useful to us. Englishmen are said to be a nation of shopkeepers. I am proud as an Englishman to be so designated, because to excel in trade implies the giving of the best possible value for money received. That Englishmen have been able to do this is due in no small degree to Huguenot skill and enterprise. At a very important period in the history of commerce, when many nations were competing for supremacy in commerce, you brought into our country what we wanted, Skilled Workmen. In two branches of trade you specially helped us; and, I believe, the undisputed fact that England stands easily first in the goldsmiths and weavers' art, is due in no small measure to your handicraft.

Rightly then do I say that you have earned the right to be no longer strangers to whom we grant an asylum, but brother citizens of the first Empire of the World.

Let us gather then, in conclusion, this lesson. Difference of opinion in religion and politics need be no bar to brotherly intercourse. We are right each of us to contend for our Faith. Religious conviction to be worth anything must be strong. It is cowardly to buy peace by the sacrifice of principle. But let us ever grant to others the liberty we claim for ourselves, and let us ever remember that by mutual toleration that want of harmony, which in our present imperfect condition mars the beauty of God's fair universe, may be softened until He shall see fit to bring us all to One Fold under One Shepherd, when all discord will be gone for ever.

In due course the Officers of the Lodge were invested, among them being Bros. Charles J. Shoppee P.M. 382 and Arthur G. Browning, the Senior and Junior Wardens named in the Warrant. Bro. Major George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer J.W. 969 is the Secretary of the Lodge, for which we predict a future of prosperity. The Consecrating Officer of the Lodge was V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, who was assisted by Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., Ralph Clutton (J.D.), Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and Frank Richardson P.G.D.

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Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
20th May 1886.

4th APPLICATION.

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*S. G. BIRD, Esq., 281 Upper George Street, W.
*Rev. E. W. BULLINGER, D.D., St. Stephen's Vicarage, Walthamstow.
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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A meeting of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Saturday, 5th June, at the Town Hall, Twickenham, at 3 p.m. precisely. There will be a short service at the Parish Church, at 4.30 p.m.

Banquet at the Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m., fee 7s if ticket be taken on or before Tuesday, 1st June; after that date 10s (both exclusive of wine). Application for tickets to be made, with a remittance, to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

By command of the Prov. G. Master,

J. F. H. WOODWARD P.M. P.Z.,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE undersigned, associated in advocating in London and suburbs the case of Bro. James Lintott at the recent Election, desire to tender their hearty thanks to the numerous Brethren who so liberally supported them, and enabled their candidate to be placed second on the successful list, with a poll of 1800 votes.

C. W. C. HUTTON P.G. D.P.M. 96.
FREDK. WALTERS P.P.G.D. Middx. P.M. 1326.
CUTHBERT B. SLEE P.M. 96.
D. P. HOLNESS P.M. 1471.
GEO. GABB P.M. 902.
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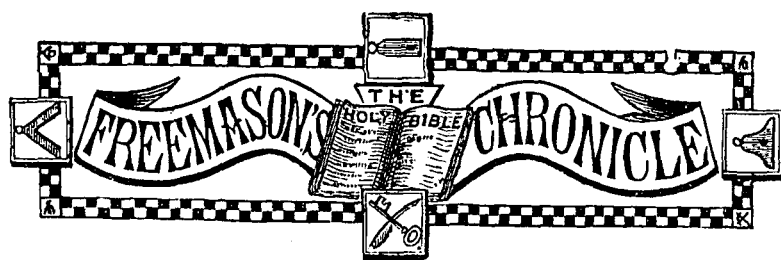
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HOLD THEIR MEETINGS AT THIS ESTABLISHMENT.



QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd June 1886, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.
2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th April for confirmation.
3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.
6. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

(For list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees see below.)

7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London	...£100	0	0
A Brother of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich	100	0	0
A Brother of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, London	50	0
A Brother of the United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, Old Brompton	50	0
A Brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham	50	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, Manchester	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306, London	50	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £3,425 0s 9d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £20 8s 6d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th May 1886.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 18th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,
Vice-President.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G. Deacon :—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes: that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes.

MASTERS.

MARCUS RICHARD SEWILL	-	-	-	-	21
RICHARD COLEMAN HALLOWES	-	-	-	-	33
JOHN R. CLIPPERTON	-	-	-	-	66
GEORGE F. MARSHALL	-	-	-	-	69
GEORGE BISHOP	-	-	-	-	231
ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW	-	-	-	-	263
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	-	-	-	-	2048
EUGENE MONTEUVIS	-	-	-	-	2060
JOHN S. CUMBERLAND	-	-	-	-	2128

PAST MASTERS.

WILLIAM BRISTOW	-	-	-	-	G.S.L.
EDWARD F. STORR	-	-	-	-	22
CHARLES DAIRY	-	-	-	-	141
JAMES TATLOCK	-	-	-	-	142
JOHN THOMAS GRIFFITHS, M.D.	-	-	-	-	161
CHARLES BELTON	-	-	-	-	165
AUGUSTUS TAYLOR DAY	-	-	-	-	166
JOHN GEORGE HORSEY	-	-	-	-	186
CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD	-	-	-	-	205
JAMES TERRY	-	-	-	-	228
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	-	-	-	-	907
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	-	-	-	-	1381
JOHN LAWRENCE MATHER	-	-	-	-	1471
TOM DREW BEAR	-	-	-	-	1584
WILLIAM A. DAWSON	-	-	-	-	1768
JAMES WENTWORTH T. CHAPMAN	-	-	-	-	1922
JAMES WILLING JUN.	-	-	-	-	1987

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

JAMES BRETT	-	-	-	-	177
THOMAS W. WHITMARSH	-	-	-	-	1150
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	-	-	-	-	1381
TOM DREW BEAR	-	-	-	-	1584
ALFRED COOPER	-	-	-	-	1591
ALBERT ESCOTT	-	-	-	-	1593
LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HALDANE	-	-	-	-	1615

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	-	-	-	-	140
JOHN E. DAWSON	-	-	-	-	404
THOMAS MOUNT HUMPHRIES	-	-	-	-	539
HUGH COTTER	-	-	-	-	554

CAPT. ALFRED DURRANT	-	-	-	-	569
CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE	-	-	-	-	733
ALBERT FISH	-	-	-	-	1366
SAMUEL BROOKS	-	-	-	-	1608
WILLIAM J. MURLIS	-	-	-	-	1642
JAPHETH TICKLE	-	-	-	-	1702

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2141.—The Burnaby Lodge, Donald, Victoria.
2142.—The Lowan Lodge, Nhill, Lowan, Victoria.
2143.—The Orient Lodge of Lilydale, Lilydale, Victoria.
2144.—The De Tatton Lodge, Bowdon, Cheshire.
2145.—The Lodge Justice, Abu Road Station, Bombay.
2146.—The Surbiton Lodge, Surbiton, Surrey.
2147.—The Crays Valley Lodge, St. Mary Cray, Kent.
2148.—The Walsingham Lodge, Wilmington, Kent.
2149.—The Gordon Lodge, Hanley, Staffordshire.
2150.—The Tivoli Lodge, Strand, London.
2151.—The , Wallsend, New South Wales.
2152.—The Duke of Connaught Lodge, Richmond, New South Wales.
2153.—The Lodge of Hope, Gosport, Hampshire.
2154.—The Joshua Nunn Lodge, Halstead, Essex.
2155.—The Makerfield Lodge, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire (W.D.)
2156.—The Arthur Sullivan Lodge, Manchester.
2157.—The St. Mark's College Lodge, Westminster, London.
2158.—The Boscombe Lodge, Boscombe, Bournemouth, Hampshire.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Grosvenor Gallery.—Everybody is suddenly discovering that the Grosvenor is a far better exhibition than the Academy. Probably the reason for this caprice of fashion is that the number of bad pictures is greater in the latter than in the Grosvenor, and it seems to be forgotten that so also is the number of good ones. Still there is little doubt that many eminent artists have sent their best works here, leaving to the Academy their more popular romantic illustrations. Mr. Orchardson's "Master Baby" is almost masterly; it is both refined and strong, while the baby is not an advertisement for Pears' soap. Mr. Waterhouse's "Flower Market," Mr. T. Reid's "Calm Evening," Mr. Alfred Parson's "In a Cider Country," all appear to us to show marked improvement on their Academy works. On the other hand, there are not a few daubs that would disgrace a young ladies' seminary in a country town. There is really little in the Grosvenor of engrossing interest beside Mr. Burne Jones's work. We have two fine portraits—one by Mr. John Collier, of Miss Nettie Huxley, which is about the best thing he has ever done. It may be remembered that his portraits of the three Miss Huxley, some years ago, were generally considered most successful. This portrait is almost realistic in its vividness, while it loses nothing of charm or distinction. The other portrait, that of Miss Annie A. Beebe, is to us the most interesting in the Gallery; moreover, it is the work of a newer man—Mr. J. J. Shannon—although he is by no means new to the galleries. The attitude of the sitter reminds us a little of Mr. Gregory's portrait of a lady, some years ago; but there is no similarity in the painting, which is quite personal, although it shows the best side of the French influence. Mr. Shannon has made a decided "hit" in this portrait. Mr. Richmond is, as usual, very prolific, and is evidently urging his versatility, as he exhibits a classical picture and a landscape, besides ten portraits, in which we also can see an intention to differ. Mr. Richmond's art never rises above lady-like prettiness, and there is here and there apparent a tendency to scribble and take refuge in clothes—a fatal tendency in prolific artists. Moreover, he washes character out of his subjects with soft soap, and then tries to force it back again with a pitchfork. Thus the portrait of Miss Burne Jones is quite commonplace, and he thinks to make it characteristic by an open-air tone and a listless attitude. Some of the portraits are crowded with details, and others, as this, are severely simple. But all this does not solve the difficulty; accessories will never become essentials, in spite of Mr. Richmond's efforts. Mr. Burne Jones's work has an ever-increasing interest, as being that of an artist who is continually improving, refining, and developing. He has acted gracefully in sending one large picture to the Academy, but is not deserting the Grosvenor for the bulk of his works. His "Flamma Vestalis" is tender and full in colour, and is a surprise to those who imagined that Mr. Burne Jones' people are never warm-blooded. "The Morning of the Resurrection" is very reverend and touching, and much of the charm of it lies in the human character of the Saviour's figure. His Christ is a sweet, spare man, with a gentle face; the very folds of his robe justify Mary's hesitation. The imitators of Mr. Burne Jones are more than usually to the fore,—Mr. Strudwick, Mr. A. Spencer Stanhope, Miss Pickering, and Sir Connts Lindsey, all showing large works, which vie with each other in grotesque absurdity. Surely it is the height of falseness to base one's art on that of Mr. Burne Jones. He is more of a poet than an artist; there is absolutely nothing in the method to recommend itself to the student desirous of learning to paint. He is not, he does not pre-

tend to be, a master of method. Then, what is there left? His conceptions are his own, his types are his own, his ways of looking at life his own. It is true that the treatment is in many respects that of the Italian painters before Raphael, but much of this is superficial, for the thought is perfectly nineteenth-century. But the peculiarity of the man is that he is absolutely unique. Where else can we find an artist with such child-like simplicity of treatment such a pure delight in the work merely for its own sake (for they singularly misunderstand his genius who attempt to discover any elaborate symbolism), such a depth and sweetness of melancholy thought? To be like him you must be—himself. His followers lack his simplicity and directness. They are complicated, bewildered, distracted, elaborate, torn asunder by conflicting sympathies. It is the highest eulogy of the man to admit that to follow in his footsteps is futility itself. Mr. Spencer Stanhope's quotation is an unconscious satire on his own art—"Why seek ye the living among the dead?" That is the sum of the matter. Why, indeed? To return to the Gallery, every one should notice Mr. John S. Sargent's wonderfully powerful "Study." Mr. Herbert Snell shows a beautiful landscape called "In Chancery," a harmony in lilac and grey. Scattered all over the gallery we find Mr. Meapes' charming little panels, which will bear looking at either quite close or at a distance. We doubt whether such perfection could be obtained save in the tiny spaces which Mr. Meapes affects.

Mr. Bull's Orchid Exhibition.—Among the spring shows to which Society, fashionable and æsthetic, looks forward, there is one that never falls below its ideal. The Academy may be dull, the Grosvenor pragmatic, Kensington an exhausting scramble; but a mile away, close to serene Fulham, there awaits us a wonderland of soft beauty. Mr. Bull's orchids this year seem to excel the lavish profusion of former years. Especially beautiful is his own particular pride and favourite, the Chelsoniense, with its tall sprays, headed with lovely white flowers, sprinkled as it were with the brown dust from a butterfly's wing. One of the most striking flowers now in perfection is the Cattleya grandis, a visitor from Colombia, possessing great silky mauve blossoms. The fantastic red orchid, with its Mephistophelian feather cap, is very attractive; then its delicate "gold cradle," fit for Titania's nursery; the fantastic Jonesianum anchors itself to a scrap of dry bark, and lives and blooms in mid air. Delicate and ethereal as the orchids appear, they are willing to bloom for us in the smokiest city suburbs; they ask but for a little carefully regulated warmth through the winter, and shelter from the hot sun of summer, and they will be satisfied to bloom in the meekest suburban conservatory. We, in conclusion, can warmly recommend our readers to study these most beautiful of our colonial productions, and take Mr. Bull's as an obligato accompaniment to their Colinderies.

Royalty.—It is with feelings of genuine satisfaction we have once more to record a thoroughly artistic success by our young friends "the Dramatic Students," a society of youthful actors, constituted for the higher dramatic education of its members, through the study and interpretation of the drama in its literary aspect. Their previous performance of Dryden's "Virgin Queen" excited much interest, and their present one of "The King of the Commons," though less important, was a very crucial test of the "Students'" histrionic powers. Miss Santley had generously lent her pretty little theatre for the occasion, and on Friday afternoon, the 14th inst., the Rev. J. White's romantic play was produced, so mounted and costumed, so smoothly run off, that it was difficult to believe that the artistes who filled the parts created by Macready, Compton, and Leigh Murray are but aspirants—"Students," but in the highest sense of the word. Mr. Foss, as King James V., gave a very spirited embodiment of the Scottish monarch. His first act was somewhat marred by a hurried and nervous delivery, but he quickly overcame this, and was dignified, with the right ring of cordiality. He rose to very genuine power, holding the house hushed in listening expectancy, in the fine scene where he believes his brother-in-arms, Lord Seton, has betrayed him. Young Malcolm, who has been forced by his treacherous uncle to enter a Dominican cloister, was most impressively acted by Mr. Tresehar; this gentleman made a striking picture, in his white robes, and achieved the love scene with his cousin Madeleine (Miss Dickens) with true artistic delicacy of touch, never forgetting his priesthood in his agitation at her confession that she returns his passion. Mr. Eric Lewis was excellent as the old Laird Small—most amusing in his fatuous simplicity. Mr. Ben Greet, as the Laird's son, young Mungo—a kind of Master Sclender—proved very amusing. Miss Dickens, as the heroine, showed a notable improvement in method, and acted with touching simplicity and earnestness. The play warranted the judgment of those who had selected it; the interest was maintained with unflagging spirit, and several times the applause rose to genuine enthusiasm. We shall look forward with great expectation to the Students' promised "Love's Labour Lost," in which performance Mr. and Mrs. Kendal and Mr. Barrett take so much interest that they have consented to give the use of the St. James's Theatre for its production.

Alhambra.—The success that has attended the ballets produced at this establishment since it was converted into a Theatre of Varieties is generally recognised. "Cupid," produced last Monday, will, we think, achieve even greater success than its predecessors. As on many previous occasions Mons. J. Hansen has invented and arranged the ballet, which is in four tableaux. The last of these represents the Temple of Mirth, where a grand procession takes place, in which Zulus, North American Indians, Nautch Girls, Turkish Warriors, and New Zealanders take part. The scene is one of the grandest and most effective pictures that has been produced on

the modern stage. Signorina Bessone (Cupid), who was so popular last year in the ballet "Excelsior," danced splendidly, while her play was especially good. She was ably supported by Miss Lillie Lee, who is a most graceful dancer. Miss Marie also deserves praise; she is one of the best exponents of pantomime on the stage. Mr. T. E. Ryan is to be complimented on the beautiful scenery he has provided for the ballet. Mons. G. Jacobi has not been idle with another necessary adjunct to the performance—the music. He has given us some of the best of his recent ballet successes; his style is always fresh, and never commonplace. At the conclusion of the ballet all the principal dancers, accompanied by Mons. Hansen and Mons. Jacobi, with the popular manager, Mr. Charles Morton, were called before the curtain and complimented on their work. The other part of the programme was of the usual character.

We have pleasure in recording a gratifying episode in connection with the visit of our colonial brethren to this country in association with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition. Sir. Wm. Clarke, Bart., District Grand Master of Victoria (English Constitution), and also Provincial Grand Master of the same colony for both the Scotch and Irish Constitutions, whose presence in our midst is due to the Exhibition, was among those present at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and as a result of the appeal then made, he has contributed a sum of one hundred guineas to the funds of the Institution. This is a very acceptable gift, and if other of the Masonic visitors who are now amongst us could see their way to follow his example, a handsome "colonial" memento would be the result. Doubtless many of them have been associated, at one time or another, with English Masons; is it going too far to ask them to lend an ear to the claims of the English Masonic Institutions?

Our attention has been called to an omission in our report of the consecration of the Surbiton Lodge, No. 2416 (which appeared in our last issue). The compliment of honorary membership was conferred on the Consecrating Officer, General Brownrigg, and the brethren who assisted him in the ceremony, viz.: Bros. W. H. Perryman, Thomas Long, Rev. Geoffrey Hughes, Charles Greenwood jun., John G. Horsey, James Squire, and W. W. Morgan.

Bro. James Terry P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation in the "Percy" Lodge of Instruction, held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (near Mildmay-park and Dalston Junction Stations), on Saturday, 12th June, at 7 o'clock. Morning dress and Masonic clothing. Brethren are cordially invited.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead has been appointed Clerk to the Chapter of York Minster and Registrar to the Deanery of York, in the place of Mr. C. W. Thiselton, who has retired after a service of forty-seven years.

The following Festivals were celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 29th May 1886:—

Monday.—Royal Somerset House Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 15th Hussars, Spelling Bee Club Ball. Tuesday.—Tuscan Lodge, St. James's Union Chapter, 31th Regiment, 30th Regiment, 82nd Regiment, 53rd Shropshire, Joppa Lodge. Wednesday.—Noviomagnus, Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge. Thursday.—St. George's Chapter, Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, 95th Regiment, 19th Regiment, 9th Regiment, 12th Regiment. Friday.—60th Rifles, Jerusalem Lodge. Saturday.—Her Majesty's Tradesmen.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. The accounts of the Festival will be submitted, and general routine business disposed of.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 27th instant, at 8 p.m. Comps. F. Brasted M.E.Z., W. H. Dean H., T. E. Edmonds J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., G. Skerries S.N., W. Radcliffe P.S., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather there was a good muster of the Companions. The ritual was rehearsed in a very careful manner, and a very harmonious time was spent.

THE OVERPRODUCTION OF MASONS.

WE do not assume to be skilled political economists, nor to have the power to untangle knotty questions of national finance; but we know something about Masonry, and there are analogies between certain plain aspects of political economy and Freemasonry which are eminently suggestive. A certain famous French economist, Jean Baptiste Say, maintained that there could not be a "universal glut;" that "we cannot have too much of everything," and that "supply is demand." We are not prepared to admit this in political economy, but we are prepared to deny it in Masonic economy. Masonry deals only in Masons, and Masons may be produced so rapidly as to cause a "universal glut" in Masons.

Let it be understood that Masons are made not for the profane world, but exclusively for Masonry. We have, or should have, an eye single in this matter. The world is Masonically nothing to us, and Masonry everything. When we appear before the world, it is of necessity, not choice. When we bury our dead, we *must* go to the house of mourning, and thence to the resting-place of the departed. When we lay a corner-stone, we *must* go to the site of the building to be erected, and exercise the ancient prerogative of our Craft in the presence of whoever is in the vicinity. If we are celebrating some notable Masonic event, such as the centennial of a Masonic Body, and require a place of meeting which will accommodate thousands of brethren instead of hundreds, we *must* have a procession of the Craft from our Masonic Temple to the public hall which has been selected as the place where the Craft universal shall congregate, and the public may see us as we proceed from Temple to hall. But unless we, unwisely, and in violation of the manifest teachings of Freemasonry, invite the public to come and join us in a distinctly Craft ceremonial in the Lodge-room, we are guilty of no indiscretion in appearing before the public in the manners above mentioned. We do not make Masons, therefore, for the world, nor do we ever appear in public "to be seen of men," nor can the profane world charge us with the overproduction of Masons, simply because they have nothing to do with it, and no right either to approve or condemn. But Freemasonry itself has a right to complain of the overproduction of Masons, and it does often complain, in the language of its wisest thinkers and writers.

Which are the periods when the Fraternity is most in danger from this peril? From experience we should say, first, in time of war. We recently quoted an extract from the announcement of a Scotch recruiting officer, that enlistment carried with it the "freedom of Masonry." This has never, to our knowledge, been the case in our country, and should not have been the case anywhere; but all who recall the circumstances of our late civil war will remember the "rush" into the Craft that occurred then. Men put on Masonry as they would a helmet, to protect them from peril. The demand for the degrees of Masonry was prodigious, and the supply was equal to the demand. Even Military Lodges were warranted, and Masons were hastily made to order on the field of battle. That was a period of overproduction. Many rough ashlar were received then, which to this day are rough enough. Not a few of the personal stains on the escutcheon of Masonry have been owing to a period of war, the perils of a field of bloody conflict, and the consequent overproduction of Masons.

Another period of overproduction is when a country is eminently prosperous, money plenty, and candidates everywhere ready to pay handsomely for the right to share in the secrets of the Craft. Shoddy rich men usually make shoddy Masons. Gilding, under these circumstances, has often been mistaken for refined gold. An applicant for Masonry should be *refused*, for if he be not so upon entering, he will likely never be so thereafter. Freemasonry is not a hospital for the cure of moral ills, but an aggregation of sound men, physically, mentally and morally. But all men are not sound in all these particulars—very far from it. The scrutiny of a committee of inquiry, and the test of the ballot, are intended to ascertain the qualifications of a candidate, and ordinarily do ascertain it, but not always. Masonry does not claim to be infallible, and it is sometimes imposed upon, but its purpose is always to detect the unworthy, before initiation, if possible, and afterwards, if such unworthiness manifest

itself afresh. But it is difficult to be guarded against them when times are "flush," candidates plenty, and great financial prosperity knocking at the doors of all our Lodges, demanding admission.

Still another period of overproduction is, singularly enough, during "hard times," when money is scarce, the Lodges poor, and candidates comparatively infrequently offering themselves. Then it is, also, that poor material is built into our moral edifice. Then it is that there is an overproduction of Masons, even when but few in the aggregate are being added to the Craft. Lodges are too anxious for members. Brethren drum up recruits. The money of a candidate is looked at more closely than himself.

It will thus be seen that Freemasonry is *always* in danger of a glut of Masons—in time of war and in time of peace, in time of commercial prosperity and in time of financial distress. We cannot, therefore, be too careful in scrutinizing the qualifications of every applicant for Masonry. As the *Kansas Light* says, "There is not one man in five that is of the right material to be made a Mason," so that if we take the whole five, where are we? Covered in with rubbish. Let it not be. Let the Masonic crop be not large, but good. Let us have Masons who are true to their obligations, active and earnest in sharing in the work of the Craft, and life-long lovers of the Fraternity, through sunshine and storm. Let us restrict our production of Masons, carefully select our material, and the result will be that the high character of Freemasonry will be fully maintained, and its repute so spotless than even no one in the profane world will dare to cast a stone at us.—*Keystone*.

Lodge of Joppa, 138.—An emergency meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 25th inst., for the purpose of initiating Messrs. Henry Harwood, Jas. Harwood, and Henry Green. Bro. J. W. Downsnap W.M., L. Wall S.W., George M. Lion J.W., James Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, I. Botibol S.D., Gardner J.D., M. Lenzberg I.G., Martin I.P.M., P.M.'s A. Dodson, M. Spiegel, M. Alexander, L. Alexander, L. Myers, O. Roberts, and a numerous attendance. Visitors—P. Pardoe P.M. 1585, A. Benabo 212, D. C. Berg 1613, and Louis Joseph 975. After the business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the loyal toast being proposed, and the initiates, who each subscribed £1 1s to the Joppa Benevolent Fund. The brethren spent an enjoyable evening.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—On Monday, 17th inst., at 7.30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Abbs as W.M., R. D. Simms (Secretary) S.W., Beckett J.W., Blamiers W.M. Preceptor, Passmore S.D., Cockersell J.D., Tomblings I.G., Blake Tyler; P.M. Brogar 730. After preliminaries, the working tools of the 1st degree were explained by Bros. Simms, Tomblings, Passmore, Abbs, Beckett, McClintock, Cockersell, Simms, Tomblings and Passmore. The questions leading to the third were put by the W.M., and correctly answered. The Lodge was lowered to the first degree. Hearty good wishes from No. 730 (I.C.). Nothing further having been offered Lodge was closed in due form.

Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—At the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Gol'hawk-road, on Thursday, the 20th instant. Bros. W. W. Williams W.M., Austin S.W., Child J.W., Altman S.D., Rogers J.D., Wittle I.G., John Davies Preceptor, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Spiegel P.M., and Cavers. Lodge was opened; Bro. Chalfont offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony rehearsed. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Austin S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

GRAND MASONIC BALL.

A GRAND Masonic Ball took place at the Assembly Rooms, Ventnor, on Thursday, 6th inst., under the auspices of the Yarmouth Lodge, No. 551, in aid of the Charities. There was a large and fashionable attendance, 133 in number, the dresses of the ladies being particularly attractive, and blending well with the gay decorations of the room. Amongst those present were Bros. Edgar Goble P.G.S. I.G., S. Coghill, M.D., G. A. Marsell P.G.S.D., Samuel Wheeler P.G.J.D., F. Topham Jones W.M., Mark Linfield P.M., A. Houston P.M., &c., Alfred Scott P.M., &c., T. H. J. Petherick P.M., Theo. R. Saunders P.M., W. T. Way Buckell P.M., T. H. Clough J.W., and T. P. Anslie, R.A., who acted as Secretary of the Ball Committee. Bro. Jones opened the ball, and dancing was kept up with spirit till four o'clock. Bro. Tolman catered for supper, which was served up in elegant style.

MASONIC LECTURE.

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Bro. JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z. is open to accept invitations for the delivery of his lecture in METROPOLITAN or PROVINCIAL LODGES, or LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

No Lecture fee; travelling expenses only accepted. Address—Clapham S.W.

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, 29th MAY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gray, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—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.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30 (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 31st MAY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 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)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1535—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7. (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Janterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 1st JUNE.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 55—Constitutional, Ledford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 177—De Laic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, 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)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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.)
 1749—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kenington, The Horns, Kenington. (Instruction)
 1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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)
 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 Dr'wich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 704—Caraden, The Moor gate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 361—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Brillington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Portescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Liaslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockerinmouth
 1044—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
 1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1473—Footle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolscey, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
 R.A. 1631—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JUNE.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet Street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 1238—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)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequer's, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 720—Pannure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 833—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann street, Rochdale
 328—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gover-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clrype street, Alnwick
 206—Anque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandrich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 339—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 3rd JUNE.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High St. at Dept. at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1278—Barnett Counts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Lockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Marquis Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Grove Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Fidelar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Greation, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Great North-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industries, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 123—Lonsdale, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 264—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 259—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 291—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Teas, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby

913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padliham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1807—Loyal Wye, Bullth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th JUNE.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
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)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
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, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—A'bert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 5th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have received from the Great Prior of Canada an important statement relative to the position of the National Great Priory and certain local bodies of Knight Templars under the jurisdiction of the Chapter General of the Order in Scotland.

Great Priory claims absolute jurisdiction in Canada, and the Scottish Knights do not seem to see their way clear to give up their independence—or allegiance to Scotland.

It seems to me, as I think it will to your readers generally, that the Scottish Sir Knights are now in a false and an anomalous position, and it would be much better for them and for the Order in Canada if they would seek to be absolved from their allegiance to the Grand Master of Scotland (which absolution I feel sure would be as readily granted by the Earl of Rosslyn as a like request to the Grand Master of England the Prince of Wales when asked for by the Great Priory of Canada), and then they might throw in their lot with the English Canadian Templars, remembering that union is strength.

I trust you will be able to find room for the statement of both the Scottish Knights and the Great Prior in your valuable paper.

Yours in the bonds,

EMMA HOLMES, K.C.T.

Representative of Canada in Great Priory;
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THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I be allowed to call the attention of your readers to a somewhat extraordinary phenomenon. There is in the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, a Foundation Stone, laid by our much esteemed Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett. This stone has his name inscribed upon it, along with the names of other worthy brethren of lesser note. Now, one of these names always appeared to be haunted, if I may use the term, by another, on which it had apparently been superimposed, and the ghastly name was always more or less indistinct, influenced, probably, by atmospheric changes, and leaving one in the depths of conjecture as to what the *nomen in quo* was. However, on looking at the stone on the last occasion I visited the Hall I was surprised to find that the prominent name had disappeared in toto, while the underlying one had, doubtless by some molecular disturbance of the stone, come boldly up to the surface. Perhaps some of your readers may be able to offer some solution of this problem. Meanwhile I remain,

Yours fraternally,

P.Z., S.D.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the letter of "P.M. 1607" in your edition of the 24th ult., I notice the data upon which he relies has been gathered from the Festival Reports. This no doubt is where the error arises when he speaks of contributions from this Province during seven years. It was natural to suppose the sum named represented all this Province had sent during those years, whereas he apparently left out of consideration the money sent through the ordinary channels, securing annual and life votes (but which should surely go to the credit of the Province), and has only dealt with sums contributed at the Festivals. My figures include the contributions through these ordinary sources, and so represent the total contributed during seven years, which the Financial Tables profess to do.

I am glad to have convinced "P.M. 1607" of his error in relation to the "Oliver Memorial Boys," although he endeavours to make out that there is yet a liability in connection with them of £45 each; this is, I think, going rather too far. The purchase was the result of a contract, the sum paid being considered sufficient by the School authorities. How can the Province have further liability in such case. Then the payment of £180 each on the boys entering the School was worth, say £20, to the Institution in the way of interest, and if either or both boys had died the balance would have been retained. These points were duly considered when the contract was made, and it is rather too bad now to be told that there is further liability.

Just one other correction. "P.M. 1607" errs as to the voting power of the Province. Boys' votes are, Life 575, Annual 41, and not 413 Life and 39 Annual. Girls' are 266 Life, and 23 Annual, and not 275 Life and 21 Annual. These give 1810 available votes per annum, sufficient to secure the election of either a boy or a girl should we always require this, which we may not, but the past is what "P.M. 1607" refers to in his criticism, and as our elections have been secured by the legitimate use of our voting power, occasionally aided by loans from other Provinces, which is not an unusual practice with the Provinces, I hardly think the remarks made by "P.M. 1607" in his communication will conduce to the attainment of the object he doubtless has in view.

Yours fraternally,

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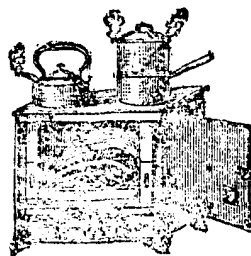
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