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VOTERS AND THEIR PRIVILEGES.

WE took occasion to refer, at some length, in our issue of the 26th March, to the general position and scope of the Battersea Rise Institution, and the measures which are in contemplation for extending its sphere of usefulness. It is unnecessary to repeat those observations, further than to remark that the decision of the Executive to admit the whole of the candidates on the list without contest has been cordially endorsed almost everywhere by the Craft; and this action, in a general sense, is regarded as commendable and graceful in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee year. Still there are some who, without absolutely finding fault with this arrangement, feel aggrieved that their privilege of voting should be curtailed, and to these it may be opportune to address a few words, especially as some of our correspondents think it desirable we should give expression to their views with our own on this matter. In the first place, it is certain that the absence of a contest will deprive some of the brethren interested in the Institution of that amount of rivalry and emulation which are inseparable from all competitions, but there is no ground for apprehension that there will be any relaxation of effort on behalf of this Charity, which is decidedly the most popular of the three amongst its special circle. It will in some measure upset the calculation of those who may either have forestalled or borrowed votes at previous Elections, and we can foresee a considerable amount of friction as likely to result from this action on the part of the Executive. There can be no gainsaying that Life Governors will lose their votes, while on the other hand the Annual Subscriber who pays his guinea and is thereby entitled to two votes during the year will avail himself of the option provided for in the Laws, which state that "every subscriber shall for every guinea subscribed have one vote at each of the two succeeding Elections." These rules apply to both our Educational Institutions, and have always been found to work satisfactorily. In the exceptional position in which we this year find ourselves, however, the case is altered, and many Annual Subscribers are fearing lest they should lose one of their votes in consequence of there being no contest. It would meet the case, and in our opinion save a considerable amount of dissatisfaction, if, notwithstanding the generous decision of the Special Court, two votes were given to all Annual Subscribers at the Election in October, in order to prevent any feeling of soreness that may be excited under the impression that they have not received value for their money.

Another feature to which we have been asked to direct attention is the exchange or loan of votes. Now, the whole system of borrowing votes seems to require overhauling, so to speak, and we have continually expressed the opinion in these columns that it should be deprecated in every possible way. We have no hesitation whatever in endorsing the views of some of our correspondents, that it is time the whole question was taken into consideration, with a view of sparing many brethren who are led—perhaps unwittingly—into a practice from which unpleasant consequences often follow. That we may not be misunderstood, and in order to illustrate more distinctly what we wish to impress upon our readers, we will cite a case. Supposing a man lends a hundred Girls' votes for use in October, and stipulates that they are to be paid back in April. If

there be no contest in April, as is the case this year, it has been suggested that the candidate on whose behalf the votes were lent having been admitted without a contest the obligation between the parties so far as that particular transaction is concerned should be cancelled. We can scarcely go so far as some writers have ventured to do in that direction, though we can endorse the opinion that the matter is worthy consideration. Although the lender might strictly enforce the full discharge of such an obligation, yet, having gained his point, he should be magnanimous, and not maintain a demeanour too strongly savouring of the Shylock proclivity. There is absolutely no rate of exchange, no standard value, in this matter of voting, for one set of votes cannot be set against another set. For this reason: The man who wants Boys' votes is more in need of them than is the brother holding Girls' votes; but there is no absolute basis as to relative value. The idea must be taken as we would treat a "token" coinage, and in the same light that a five-pound note might be regarded as a worthless piece of paper so long as it is not backed by the firmness and stability of the establishment by which it may have been issued so these votes are useless when any exceptional circumstances arise to upset their nominal value in the way of exchange. The same rules apply to all contests, and the Annual Subscribers have reasonable ground for expecting their two votes, especially when, under the exceptional circumstances of this year, they may be utilised at the October Election. We trust that some resolution may be formulated at the next Quarterly Court which will have a tendency to obviate all the difficulties which our correspondents apprehend. With some there has always been a notion that Boys' votes are worth more than Girls', but such an idea is based upon an erroneous foundation. There are in every contest so many votes and so many candidates, and, like water, the whole thing must find its level. We may look forward to it as a moral certainty that there will be a contest in October, whereas in the following year, being the Centenary, some of our sanguine brethren are anticipating that however numerous the candidates they will be taken on without a contest. We, however, would advise those who may be interested in candidates to discard such an anticipation. The granting of two votes to Annual Subscribers in October next will, we believe, work satisfactorily, and will show them that the Executive are acting in good faith towards them, and are not providing for the Jubilee extension at the expense of subscribers forfeiting a vote each by the fact of there being no contest this month. We certainly trust the question will be considered from all these points of view, and that such a decision may be arrived at as will meet the convenience and gain the approbation of all interested in the movement, and at the same time prevent any of that confusion which so many of our correspondents have foreshadowed.

THE EXPENDITURE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Statement of Accounts for the year 1886, recently issued by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will cause astonishment in the minds of many who read it, while not a few of those who professed to know exactly

how the financial affairs of the Charity were being managed will be more than surprised when they see the official statement of the expenditure for the past year, and compare it with the totals of preceding ones. The question of expense in connection with the two Masonic Educational Charities has frequently led to fierce attacks from brethren who considered that the funds subscribed by the Craft were dispensed with a too lavish hand, and if we may judge from last year's figures it might appear a much larger sum has been expended year after year in the past, over each boy, than is necessary if the strictest economy is practised on every side. We are not prepared to say that the lowest figure has yet been reached, but we feel sure the supporters of the Boys' School will hail with satisfaction the reduction of the average expenditure per boy, from £46 19s 9½d, at which it stood for the year 1885, to £40 6s 7½d, the cost per head for 1886, especially when, as we have reason to believe, the reduction is likely to prove of a permanent character. Considerable alterations have lately been made in the inner working of the School at Wood Green, and if the balance sheet for last year may be taken as a criterion, the results are eminently satisfactory.

The year just concluded shows the lowest average of expense of any twelve months during which the present system of maintenance and education has been in operation, and it presents such a falling off as compared with its immediate predecessors as to make it all the more noticeable. The only period in which the average expenditure nearly approached that of last year was 1875, when the total cost was £40 9s 8½d per head, with an establishment of one hundred and seventy-three pupils, whereas there are at present two hundred and forty-two lads receiving the benefits of the Institution. In order, however, that our readers may see exactly how the totals have varied in the past, we append the following table, which forms part of the Statement of Accounts issued by the Institution, and is intended to show the cost per head and the number of boys in the Institution, in each year during which the present system of maintenance and education has been in operation:—

Year	Establishment	Office	Total	No. of Boys
1866	37 19 10	9 16 3	47 16 4	100
1867	37 13 2	9 1 11	46 15 1	103
1868	36 15 9	8 17 8	45 13 5	115
1869	35 6 8	8 14 10	44 1 6	115
1870	36 1 4	8 19 6	45 0 10	119
1871	34 10 9	8 4 7	42 15 4	124
1872	38 4 7	7 0 10	45 5 5	126
1873	37 19 11¼	7 1 0¼	45 1 0	146
1874	37 13 11½	6 3 0	43 16 11½	164
1875	34 8 5	6 1 3½	40 9 8½	173
1876	37 3 8¾	6 15 1¼	43 18 10½	180
1877	38 4 6	6 7 6	44 12 0	192
1878	37 14 1¼	5 18 4¾	43 12 6	212
1879	37 16 2	5 14 3¾	43 10 5¾	215
1880	38 1 8½	5 3 0½	43 4 9	218
1881	37 16 6	5 9 0	43 5 6	218
1882	39 2 3	6 11 10	45 14 1	215
1883	38 9 6	6 9 6	44 19 0	215
1884	38 19 6	6 11 6	45 11 0	215
1885	39 14 4½	7 5 5	46 19 9½	215
1886	34 6 1½	6 0 6	40 6 7½	242

These figures will no doubt speak volumes of themselves, but they also present some peculiar features, foremost among which we may mention that the total of last year's expenditure, with two hundred and forty-two boys to be provided for, was considerably below that of 1885, when the number of lads on the establishment was only two hundred and fifteen; in other words, such care has been used of late that the addition of twenty-seven pupils to the Institution has not only entailed no additional outlay, but has actually resulted in a saving of upwards of £342 on the total cost of the year.

Taking the accounts seriatim as they appear in the Statement issued by the Institution, we have first a summary of the year's receipts, from which we gather that the actual total received by the Charity on the General Account was £11,813 19s 5d, upwards of eleven thousand pounds of which consisted of Donations and Subscriptions from Private Donors, Lodges, Chapters, &c. The other principal items were Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £160; Dividends on invested Funds, £580; and Legacy, £50. When we say that the whole of these amounts, in addition to the balance brought forward, were expended to provide the necessities of the year, it will be at once recognised how small a part of the total annually required for the Institution arises from what may be

described as a permanent source, and how much depends on the liberality of the members of the Craft, who year by year are appealed to for funds with which to continue the work of the Charity. We next have a statement of the year's expenditure, which is subdivided under three heads: Ordinary, Special and Building Accounts. The first embraces the expenses of the office; salaries, rent, postages, printing, stationery, advertising, hire of rooms for elections, &c., which together total up to £1,457 18s 10d; Salaries and wages at School, £2,352 8s 4d; Provisions, £2,437 16s 11d; Clothing, £1,583 4s 1d; Education and maintenance of Boys out of the Institution, £80; Household requisites, £414 15s 11d; Infirmary, £110 3s 4d; Head Master's residence, £287 11s; and various, £1,295 5s 9d; giving a grand total of £9,760 1s 1d as the "Ordinary Expenditure" for the year. Included in this sum is an item which many supporters of the Boys' School consider they should be relieved of, as likewise do a large proportion of those who contribute to other Charities throughout the country. We allude to the matter of rates and taxes, which in the case of the Boys' School amount to upwards of £1 per head on all the boys in the Institution, while we are further informed that there are matters in arrear—pending items in dispute—which, if the Institution eventually has to pay, will increase this amount by, say, ten shillings per head. This sum may not be excessive, if taken in comparison with what has to be paid by the occupiers of private houses in the same neighbourhood, but it nevertheless appears to be a tax on benevolence which should be removed at an early date. Doubtless good arguments can be used against such a course, but on the whole we think the opinion of the country would be averse to the taxation of Charitable Institutions if a vote could be taken on the subject. The matter is one which will ere long be brought more prominently under public notice, for the daily papers of a month since announced that a bill had been prepared for presentation to Parliament by the friends of some of the London and other hospitals, which proposes "to restore the exemption from taxation which Charitable Institutions enjoyed for 250 years," but to which it is alleged they have been subjected since 1866, owing to the decision of the House of Lords in the case of an appeal carried to that tribunal. When we look at the sums payed by other great charitable institutions in London and the suburbs for "rates and taxes," we see that the outlay of the Boys' School under this head may be described as about equal to the average, but we are certainly of opinion that all Charities should be exempt from such charges.

The "Special Expenditure" of the year shows a total of £1,047 11s 3d, and embraces a variety of items which will be allowed as reasonable by all who recognise that the Institution has some other claims on its resources than the mere education and clothing of its pupils. The expenditure on the Building Account for the year was £1,753 5s 2d, so that the total outlay under these three heads was £12,560 17s 6d.

We next have particulars of the "Sustentation Fund" receipts and expenditure, and then details of the small farming operations which are carried on at Wood Green, from which we may infer that the production of butter, eggs, milk and hay, is a much more profitable undertaking than the ordinary farmer—with his long continued "bad times"—would have us believe. Of course we recognise that there are special considerations in connection with this miniature farm, which make it different to the general run of those from which farmers are expected to get a living; no doubt we should hear very different tales if every farmer had, for instance, as ready a market as that enjoyed by the Wood Green venture. However, the Executive are to be congratulated on the results they are able to show under this heading.

The special "Preparatory School Building Fund" is next considered; the statement shows an income for the year under this heading of £1,150 16s 2d, the whole of which has been expended on works connected with the supplementary building. There is still a balance outstanding on this account, but the figures supplied are hardly clear as to the amount, the statement for 1886 gives the balance due to Bank, &c., as £1,635 7s 5d; while another summary—for 1883-86—puts the debit to Bank at £1,290 5s 11d. No doubt both are capable of explanation, and we are equally sure that the balance, whatever it is, will soon be cleared off. The total con-

tributed by the Craft to this special account during the four years 1883-86 was £20,746 7s 11d, and the expenditure for freehold land, building, &c., &c., £22,036 13s 10d.

A summary of the amounts expended on enlargements and improvements at Wood Green is next given, and from this we learn that £94,010 0s 4d has been spent on buildings, &c., and a further £9,013 10s on freehold land, so that the actual cost of the Institution, &c., at Wood Green up to the close of last year has been £103,023 10s 4d.

The summary we have given will, we think, be sufficient to convince our readers that the work of the Institution is being carried on with a due regard to economy. If the working expenses of the future can be kept within the limits of last year there will be ample cause for congratulation; if they can be reduced, so much the better; but we are sure it is not the wish of the subscribers that they should be reduced at the expense of efficiency. All we can hope is that equal prosperity may attend the Institution in the future as has been experienced in the past, and that equal care may be taken in its management as that at present shewn by the various committees and officials.

CONVERSATION.

WHAT a debt of gratitude we owe to the new "fads" of society for the interest they lend to conversation! How did our grandparents entertain their friends at dinner or reception without discussing palmistry and thought reading, or asking the question as to whether the lady or the tiger first warmly greeted Mr. Stockton's hero? Of course our progenitors talked about the weather—we do now-a-days occasionally—we speak familiarly of London fogs, and say with a pure Anglo accent that the walking is "nawsty," or "beastly." But this is only incidental to the more weighty discussions based upon the varied theories regarding the brain's workings or the curious lines of the human hand. We give receptions and teas to our favourite exponents of the different theories, at which host and guest are not troubled to find subjects for conversation that flows as freely as the wine or tea. But society is as rigorous in her laws as were the Medes and Persians. Woe betide the hapless mortal who ventures to discuss palmistry when mind-reading is the cue of the hour, or alludes to Frank Stockton when Ben Hur is the ruling volume.

Employment bureaus now furnish gentlemen escorts for evening parties or the theatre, lay figures for reception or dance. Poor mortals, their duties are arduous, if they expect to discuss with any degree of knowledge the questions of the day; the day which oftentimes is literally from rising to setting sun, so quickly do sensations vanish. A training school for conversation would not come amiss, if society could find the time to attend, but the text-books would require such frequent revision that no teachers could be found competent to undertake the task. This modern world of ours wags to a new tune every hour in the twenty-four, and what wonder is it that we cannot always keep on the key! Education and experience, are they as potent factors now in society as in the days gone by? No, for in our grandfather's time the standard of accomplishments did not vary, and when to these was added the experience of years—the best fitted to speak was the man thus equipped. Now you may be proficient in Latin and Greek, know of science and quote the ancient poets, your conversation is voted flat and unprofitable, while the débutante is sought for her glib talk upon current subjects which she just brushes with her butterfly wings. But most conversation heard in society is very superficial, and the philosopher wraps his cloak more closely around him and wonders at the vapid talk running ceaselessly on. The ear of Dionysius was a chamber in which the tyrant could hear all the conversation of his suspected subjects in prison. The sounds were carried through various passages to an opening in the rock. What a punishment fitting the crime it would be to oblige poor mortals to listen at this "ear" to their friends' talk for several hours. Coming from that chamber they would certainly talk less, or try to converse more intelligently.

Good talkers are the exception, not the rule. There are many reasons why this is so. New England with all its progress has not quite shaken off its Puritan repression. To be sure there are so many modern Priscillas who would

venture to say, "why don't you speak for yourself, John?" that the question would not be so unusual as to merit commemoration. But repression of speech is yet natural to many who dwell amid the eternal silence of New England's hills. But repression is fatal to interesting conversation, a free interchange of ideas, the going out of self in free thought and free expression. Just here comes that other barrier to conversation—self-consciousness. We can never hope to interest others, if in talking we are conscious all the time of our own defects and shortcomings, if we are thinking of the effects of our words. We may practise our speeches as much as we like, we may overcome our faults by private study, but once in society, mingling with others, be natural and unaffected in speech, forget self and acquire ease. A good listener makes a good speaker oftentimes. The story is told of an inveterate talker who once was telling his friends of a delightful conversation he had in a train, for some hours, with a man named Smith. His friends shouted in derision that the said Smith was deaf and dumb. So oftentimes we think A and B entertaining talkers when they only listen patiently to our relating of our own ailments or our children's wonderful precocity. Oh, reader, forbear the discussion of your diseases in public! Your physician has to hear about them, your intimate friend may be interested in them, but society at large will vote you a bore and turn you adrift if you persist. Talk mind-reading or palmistry if you will, but let a rehearsal of your infirmities be a sealed book to the public.

An interesting conversationalist is born, not made. Yet much may be done to improve the tongue, dull in wit or prosy in language. A quick appreciation of all the varying demands of life is needed. An eye for beauty, an ear for harmony, a heart for humanity's broad interests. Quick wit and ready tongue do not always go together, neither do a warm heart and an easy form of expression. But what a world of power there is in the quick play of the intellect, in the graceful speech, the glowing description, the charming fancy that can paint with words, as does the artist with his brush upon the canvas the distant scene!

The perfection of conversation is not to play a regular sonata, but like the Æolian harp to await the inspiration of the "passing breeze." A good talker suits his conversation to the company, and does not, like a certain man, read the encyclopædia upon one subject and make his listeners martyrs to that, whether they will or no. He who talks well has a ready tact and knows what to avoid, as each one of us has his pet corn, in a topic which he dislikes to have hit, and while to one we may not mention "lobsters," to another "mussels" may be as objectionable. We must not hold our listener by bodily force. Lord Chesterfield once said: "Never hold any one by the button or the hand in order to be heard out; for if people are unwilling to hear you, you had better hold your tongue than them."

Above all to be a good talker or an intelligent listener look your companion directly in the face. Then you will be able to respond to the quick play of his emotions, you will be impressed by what impresses him, you will participate in his thoughts. Why, many a time when I have been talking about the Vatican at Rome, with its art treasures, and its historic interest, my listener has been planning new curtains for the drawing-room, or, if masculine, has been deep in the mysteries of stocks and bonds. Whatever you discuss, be interested in what you are saying or hearing. This will make our salons worthy of the name, and conversation will be an art not wholly relegated to the days of the harpsichord and the spinning-wheel.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.M. 228, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the Lily Lodge of Instruction, No. 220, Greyhound Hotel Richmond, on Tuesday, 19th inst.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—No Mystery.—Whenever the blood is impure, or the general health is impaired, the human body is predisposed to attacks of any prevailing epidemic. The first indications of faulty action, the first sensations of deranged or diminished power, should be rectified by these purifying Pills, which will cleanse all corrupt and reduce all erring functions to order. These Pills counteract the subtle poisons in decaying animal or vegetable matter, and remove all tendency to bowel complaints, biliousness, and a host of annoying symptoms arising from foul stomachs. The fruit season is especially prone to produce irritation of the bowels and disorders of the digestive organs; both of which dangerous conditions can be completely removed by Holloway's corrective medicines.

MASONIC RELIEF BOARDS.

CHARITY is one of the fundamental principles of Masonry. Upon his first admission into the Order the neophyte is taught that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly upon Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. He is told that to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view. In becoming a Master Mason he makes a solemn pledge to assist needy brethren, their widows and orphans, whenever such shall apply to him for assistance. No duty is inculcated in a more signal manner, and there is none that should be more cheerfully performed. Every true Mason understands and appreciates the obligation thus resting upon him, and is always ready to discharge them to the full extent of his ability. There is no duty which a brother performs, as a Mason, that imprints upon his heart and memory the same degree of satisfaction, when he reflects upon it afterwards, as that of having performed some kind act towards a needy brother or his family.

In the present situation of Masonry, having upon the rolls of membership of her Lodges hundreds of thousands of brethren scattered over the entire habitable world, and engaged in almost all the pursuits of life known to men, the calls for help are frequent, and the demands for charity require large appropriations of time and money. The open-handedness of Masonry has a tendency to make these demands larger and much more frequent than they otherwise would be. It also presents an opportunity for *dead-beats* and impostors to ply their nefarious vocation of living upon others by concealing their true character. It is a well established fact that a large proportion of what has been given as Masonic charity, in the past, has gone into the hands of those not entitled to receive it. It was thus worse than thrown away, for it has kept upon the road a vast hoard of travelling impostors, who have lived upon this bounty, while needy brethren, or their widows and orphans, in many instances, have been left to suffer for a want of even the necessities of life.

The worst feature of this whole business is that these scoundrels, who are thus defrauding worthy Masons and their widows and orphans, are but seldom punished for the crime. The footpad who robs upon the highway is arrested and sent to prison, there to expiate his crime in penal servitude, clothed in a convict's garb. The fraud who robs a Mason, or a Masonic Lodge, is no less a criminal, and should be made to suffer in like manner. He is a worse criminal than the highwayman, for the latter selects for his victims those to whom the loss of a purse is but a trifle, while he robs the poor as well as the rich.

This condition of affairs makes it the imperative duty of Masons and Masonic Lodges to protect themselves, so far as is possible, against unworthy applicants for Masonic charity. The exigency of the case demands their most serious consideration and united co-operation. In the smaller towns, where there is but one Lodge, the usual plan of constituting the Worshipful Master and Wardens a Committee on Charity, with authority to draw from the funds of the Lodge, is perhaps as good a plan as they can adopt. But from a lack of proper facilities for detecting impostors, it is here that they are generally most successful in accomplishing their purpose. If these officers would be more vigilant, and withhold relief until they can obtain some proof of the worthiness of the applicant, there would soon be but few frauds on the road. In large cities, the general plan of having a Masonic Relief Board, to which all applicants for assistance are sent, has been worked very successfully in many of them. These Boards are generally composed of the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges of the city. Here brethren of experience employ every means possible to dispense charity in a systematic manner. The Board selects some brother from his peculiar fitness for the place, and makes it his duty to investigate all applications for relief, and the applicant is temporarily provided for, if necessary, until he is satisfied whether help should be extended or not. The charity fund is created by a small assessment *per capita* on the membership of each Lodge, made quarterly or semi-annually as the funds may be required. In this way the burden is pro-

rated among the Lodges, and each bears its proportionate share. No better plan for helping the worthy needy brother, detecting the unworthy, and distributing the burden so that each Lodge shall contribute its just share, could be devised.

A Masonic Relief Board was organized in this city several years ago, all the then existing Lodges joining in the organization and contributing in proportion to their membership. New Lodges, since organized, entered at once into this arrangement, and the Relief Board performed its duty up to the close of the year 1886, when it appeared that only four of the seven Lodges now in this city were contributing to the relief fund. This was so manifestly unjust to these four Lodges that, at a meeting, for reorganization for 1887, it was decided to make an effort to get all the Lodges once more to join in this noble work, and for that purpose they were asked to appoint a Committee for consultation. Six Lodges responded favourably to the call, the Committees met in joint convention, and unanimously agreed that it was the duty, as well as for the interest of their respective Lodges, to continue the Relief Board. This action now goes to the Lodges for ratification or disapproval at their next stated meeting. If all unite in maintaining the Board the estimated necessary contributions will not exceed thirty cents *per capita*, and may be less. Brethren of Indianapolis, what shall be the result? Can any Lodge afford to refuse this trifling sum for charity? We have tried to make the matter plain so that all may understand it. Do your duty as Masons, remembering the divine injunction that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and the Masonic one that "the greatest of these is charity."
—*Masonic Advocate*.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

THE report, presented at the annual general meeting of this Institution, held on Saturday, the 26th March, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, states:—

That the operations of the Royal National Life-boat Institution were actively carried on during the past year—a year which caused more than usual anxiety to the Committee, the resources of the Society have been at times unusually strained; but, notwithstanding, the results which were obtained in the saving of life more than compensated for all the care, trouble and expense which were bestowed on the work, and cannot but call forth expressions of thankfulness from all friends to the Life-boat cause. In the year 1886 as many as twenty new Life-boats were placed on the coast; all furnished with the latest improvements, including water-ballast tanks, and most of them supplied with transporting carriages. Reports of the most gratifying description have been received from many of the stations where they were placed, indicating that the Local Committees, coxswains and crews entirely concur with the Committee in considering them in important particulars superior to the boats they superseded, the opinion having been formed in many instances on experience which had been obtained in them whilst performing excellent and gallant services in heavy seas. The Committee are most anxious to adapt the Life-boats to local requirements and to meet as far as possible the wishes of the crews both as regards the design of the boats and as to their equipment. They fully recognize the fact that self-righting boats are not popular on some parts of the coast, and their desire is to provide boats in which the crews, who so gallantly risk their lives, have the most perfect confidence. Last year four new stations were formed, each of which was provided with a Life-boat. At the end of the year the Institution's fleet comprised 293 Life-boats. Gales of remarkable force, notably during the months of October and December, devastated the coast in the year, and brought into bold relief the value of the Life-boat service. The Life-boats were launched on service on 286 occasions, being 96 times oftener than in the preceding year; and also about 800 times for exercise and inspection. It is with the deepest regret that the Committee have to record that of the many gallant launches made by their brave crews, three were attended by fatal consequences, resulting in the loss of no less than 28 valuable lives. The terrible Life-boat catastrophe off Southport, which excited the sympathy of the whole country, was the worst that has ever befallen our Life-boat service. Public subscriptions were opened for the relief of the widows and orphans of the gallant men who so heroically sacrificed their lives in endeavouring to save others, towards which the Institution, always considering it to be its duty to afford prompt and efficient help in cases where life is lost in the service, contributed liberally, and ample funds flowed in from all parts of the country, and even from the Continent. A special Sub-Committee was appointed early in January last to inquire into the self-righting properties of the boats of the Institution, and although their labours are not concluded, the Sub-Committee have made an *ad interim* report, with many important recommendations, which it is hoped will prove a great and lasting benefit to the Institution. It has been resolved to offer a gold and silver medal for drawings or models of a mechanically propelled Life-boat best adapted to meet the conditions under which Life-boats are called upon to perform their work. Also a gold

and silver medal for models or drawings of a propelling power suitable for the self-righting boats of the Institution. Last year the Life-boats saved 601 lives and 33 vessels. Besides this, 160 lives were saved from shipwreck by shore-boats and other means, all of which services were rewarded by the Institution, making up a total of 761 lives rescued during the year. Thirteen Silver Medals, 1 second service clasp, 32 binocular glasses, 35 votes of thanks on vellum, and £6,630 were granted by the Committee in rewards and grants to widows and orphans of Life-boat men drowned on duty during the year. Altogether from its foundation the Institution has voted 97 gold medals, 987 silver medals or silver clasps, 94 binocular glasses, 15 telescopes, and £93,500 in cash, for saving 32,671 lives from shipwrecks on our coasts. The financial statement, which was produced at the meeting, has been audited and signed by Mr. Lovelock, chartered accountant; it furnishes full details of the items of receipt and expenditure. The subscriptions, donations, dividends, &c., amounted during the past year to £43,044, which sum included £9,116 in special gifts to defray expenses connected with various Life-boat establishments. Several legacies were also received. The total expenditure for the past year was £47,066. The gallant services performed by the coxswains and crews of the Life-boats were gratefully acknowledged, as well as the valuable assistance received from the Local Committees and their Honorary Secretaries, the Coast Guard, and the Press of the country. The Committee have decided, with the sanction of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of the Institution, to place on the coast and maintain in perpetuity a Life-boat to be named the *Queen Victoria*. Increased help is more particularly needed at the present time, owing to the decision recently arrived at by the Committee, after many weeks' careful inquiry and deliberation, to remove from the coast, with as little delay as possible, all self-righting Life-boats which will not pass far more severe tests than were formerly considered necessary, and which are not provided with such of the latest improvements as they deem to be of the greatest importance. The cost of this work will be very great, but the Committee are confident that in carrying it out they will not only meet with the full approval of the British Public, but will be supplied with the funds they so urgently solicit and require for the purpose.

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THE BORROWING OF VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Not long ago I saw in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE an article which set forth that the borrowing or forestalling of votes was "to be deprecated in every possible way." I fail to see, however, how the borrowing, or rather the exchange, of votes is always to be avoided; and, seeing that all such transactions are entered upon in good faith, they must in the end be mutually advantageous. Supposing, for instance, a Province knew itself to be too weak in votes to ensure the success of its candidate, where is the harm in the system so frequently adopted of asking the assistance of a neighbouring Province, and borrowing all the available votes for that particular election? They would be repaid at the following contest, and probably with interest, on the principle that "one good turn deserves another." The same rule would apply to individuals who choose to borrow and lend votes, so that I can scarcely follow you in the opinion you expressed that the system is to be utterly condemned.

There is, however, one matter in which I confess I am in somewhat of a fog, and perhaps you may be able, in your usually kind manner, to help me out of it. You are aware that at the approaching Election of candidates to the Girls' School all who are on the list will be admitted without a contest. This may be a very wise thing for the Executive to do—in order to mark their devotion to the Queen, and to commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee year—but will it not seriously interfere with the holders of votes for the various Institutions? For instance, taking my own as a particular case; long before any one knew, or thought of such an arrangement, I borrowed a hundred Girls' votes, on the promise of repaying them by an equal number of Boys' votes, later on. But this decision of the Special Court upsets my apple-cart altogether. My Girls' votes are of no use to me, seeing that there is no contest; but I suppose I shall be expected to recony the brother from whom I borrowed the Boys' votes, and in the way agreed upon. You may argue that I ought to be very well satisfied, inasmuch as the candidate in whom I was personally interested has been admitted to the benefits of the Institution. So I personally am; but the case might have been different. Suppose there had been a contest this time, my votes would have come in very useful, and I should have felt bound, even more than I do under present circumstances, to return them. But let us also suppose the possibility of a "walk over" for the Boys' next time, the hundred votes would be of no value to the Brother from whom I borrowed them, and I only should have benefited from the exchange. This seems to me likely to be the experience of a good many of us in the coming Election of the Girls' School, and I should be much obliged if you can point to any means which will tend to reduce our inconvenience and uncertainty to a minimum.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

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REVIEWS.

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Freemasons' Manual for Kent, 1887. Edited by Thomas Samuel Warne, Rochester, P.M. and P.Z. No. 20, Prov. G.S.W. Kent, &c.

It is only to be expected that with such a roll of Lodges and Masonic organisations as the Province of Kent possesses, the Calendar, or rather "Manual," as the editor designates it, should be a somewhat more bulky form than are most of its companion works. In a book of some 160 pages, Bro. T. S. Warne has brought together a vast amount of information which is essential to the brethren of the Province, and the compilation is as complete, we should say, as it is possible to make one. After devoting sufficient space to the record of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Stewards, the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Board of Benevolence, the names are given of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent who were invested in Provincial Grand Lodge held in July last, at Folkestone, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Amherst Prov. Grand Master. Then follows a roll of the fifty-five Lodges in the Province, with their dates and places of meeting; months in which installations are held, and towns in Kent in which Lodges meet, with days of meetings in each month. A record is kept of the Provincial Grand Festivals that have taken place since the year 1860 and facing this is a list of the Provincial Grand Masters of Kent, dating from the year 1773. The Lodges to which centenary warrants have been granted by Grand Lodge are enumerated. The number of members subscribing to Kent Lodges is tabulated, reaching in the aggregate to 3,174 in 1886, as against 2,857 in 1883. Similar information is given respecting the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, giving the dates of the Festivals held under the present Grand Superintendent, Bro. Earl Amherst, the towns in which Royal Arch Chapters are held, &c. The bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kent are printed in full, and abstracts of accounts are given relative to the various Masonic organisations in the county. There is a large amount of information also respecting the "higher" grades of Freemasonry, and Bro. W. J. Hughan contributes a few short notes on the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, which is the oldest in connection with any Provincial Grand Lodge, and is the tenth oldest Lodge in England. The little work is admirably compiled, and contains all that the brethren in the Province require to know from a local standpoint.

Dr. Frank'in's Newspaper accounts of Freemasonry, 1730-1750. Edited by Clifford P. MacCalla. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Co.

IN this little brochure has been collected a series of early newspaper accounts of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, England, Ireland, and Scotland, which are reprinted from the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, with illustrated comments by the editor. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, the author of the accounts, was made a Mason in the St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1731, and the Secretary's Ledger of that Lodge, discovered in 1884, gives the records of Franklin's Lodge life from that year until 1733. We dare say many of our brethren have perused the articles as they appeared from time to time in the pages of our contemporary, *The Keys'one*, but Bro. MacCalla has done well to collate them into a handy book of reference, which is far more convenient than reading through the file of a Masonic journal, when enquiry upon any point might be deemed necessary. The little work contains very interesting chapters and anecdotes which will be hailed with cordiality by Masons on both sides of the Atlantic, and forms a welcome addition to our stock of Masonic literature.

Life of Colonel Daniel Coxe, the Father of Freemasonry in America. By Clifford P. MacCalla.

THE same remarks apply in reference to this work as to the above, so far as its general utility is concerned. There are, however, many features of the life of Colonel Coxe which are of peculiar interest to English Freemasons. It appears that Daniel Coxe, afterwards Colonel in command of all the forces in West Jersey, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and the Prov. Grand Master of Masons in the Province of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, was born in London in 1673, the date of his baptism being registered in St. Botolph's Church, Aldersgate. He was the son of Dr. Daniel Coxe, of London, the physician to King Charles II. and Queen Anne, and from 1687 to 1691 the largest landed proprietor in, and the Governor of, the Province of West Jersey—"a man of large wealth, gifted intellect, varied acquirements and remarkable enterprise." The story of the Colonel's romantic marriage, and his subsequent career, to the latter portion of which Bro. H. Sadler has contributed much information, will be read with interest, especially as it throws light upon the history of the Craft in this country, and the pamphlet forms a companion work to Franklin's "Accounts," noticed above.

Olympia. The Official Programme.

THE management of this leviathan establishment at Kensington, which will in future be known as the "National Agricultural Hall," have recently issued a bulky shillingsworth, containing, in addition to the ordinary programme of entertainments to be given there, several chapters of readable matter on a variety of subjects. In the opening pages is a concise and interesting account of "Olympia."

and the games indulged in by the athletes of ancient Greece; this is followed by a well written paper on "Modern Olympia," the origin and construction of the immense building at the West End; the programme, including horse, poultry, dairy, dog, and implement shows, "and all and any other displays which will illustrate in an instructive way the agricultural industry of this and other countries." For all-round diversions there are to be national and international exhibitions, military tournaments, horse-racing, trotting matches, foot races, assaults-at-arms, and athletics generally; theatrical performances, concerts, bazaars, balls, picture galleries, and so on. Science will be illustrated not only in the national exhibitions, but by special displays demonstrating the progress made in inventions, engineering, electric lighting, and other branches of science. Railways, traders and farmers, sportsmen, and other classes will have their own expositions; circuses will from time to time occupy the building, as the Great Hippodrome was lately doing; youth and beauty will be provided with lawn tennis and racquets, archery, and other *al fresco* amusements; public men will find ample facility for holding meetings and banquets; and the benevolently inclined will be enabled to indulge at all times in that fashionable form of philanthropy—charity *fêtes*. In natural association with some of these shows it is intended to hold regular sales of live stock of every kind, carriages and other vehicles, agricultural implements, sanitary appliances, and so on; thus visitors will not only be able to admire what they see, but to transact business on the spot, combining, under the best conditions, pleasure and business. The most accessible means of reaching Olympia are described by plans and guides; a minute description is given of the enormous building and its accessories, the stables, gardens, electric lights, machinery, and many other subjects, all of which are treated in facile and interesting manner. Lady Florence Dixie contributes an excellent paper on "Dogs and Horses, and their Treatment;" P. T. Barnum discourses on "Shows and Showmen;" Herbert J. Gladstone deals briefly with "National Physical Recreation;" and Edmund Tattersall, advocates the establishment of a National Stud in England. Then there is a chapter on "Exhibitions" generally, by Godfrey Turner; John Thornton gives us the value of his admitted authority on "Cattle Shows;" and Benjamin Ward Richardson throws in an admirable treatise on "Cycling and Health." The work is printed in the old style of the typographical art, is profusely illustrated, and in addition to the contents we have enumerated there is an "Ode to Olympia," written by W. Alex. Barrett, Mus. Bac. Oxon, F.R.S.L., and set to music composed by Alfred J. Caldicott, Mus. Bac. Cantab. The names of the contributors are in themselves sufficient to indicate that the best known authorities have been called to the aid of the compiler; and the work is altogether one that will not only be essential to the visitor to Olympia, but serves as a means of pleasant reading long after the temporary enjoyment of an hour or two in the "big house" may have subsided.

ROYAL ARCH.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A REGULAR Convocation was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 23rd March, when there were present. Comps. L. Lazarus M.E.Z., J. W. Dewsnap II., L. M. Myers J., M. J. Emanuel S.E., A. Jacob S.N., J. Lazarus Treasurer, E. Liebmann P.S., H. Davis 2nd Assist. Soj.; P.Z.'s M. J. Emanuel, S. M. Lazarus, Littaur, H. P. Isaac; I. Botibol, L. Isaac, J. Lyon, J. Myers, A. Botibol, J. Klein, J. Wynmann, H. Van Stavero, S. Jewell, J. Davis, E. Weigel, J. B. Musquita, Jusoo Ali Khan, Lewis Davis, W. Lyon, H. Saqui; Visitors—Grove P.Z. 55, Frewen P.Z. 1319. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Saqui, Joppa Lodge, and Bro. Yusoo Ali Khan, 1422, were exalted. The ceremony was perfectly and impressively performed, and the M.E.Z. received the hearty good wishes and congratulations of the Visitors. After Chapter was closed, the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Queen, wishing her, during the fiftieth year of her reign, health and happiness. The toast was received most heartily. Comp. Littaur, in graceful terms, proposed the health of the M.E.Z., which elicited a cordial reply from Comp. L. Lazarus. To the compliment paid the Visitors Comp. Grove replied, and expressed the satisfaction and pleasure he had experienced in seeing the working done in such excellent style. The M.E.Z. possessed all the qualifications a Chapter could desire. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Exaltees, and Comp. Saqui thanked the M.E.Z. and Companions for receiving him into the Chapter; he also thanked the M.E.Z. for having proposed, and Comp. J. S. Lyons for having seconded him. Comp. Yusoo Ali Khan also replied; in the course of his remarks he expressed himself gratified in being able to state that he had been privileged to visit this grand old country. He was not aware that any member of his immediate family circle had ever visited England, but he had obtained some slight knowledge of the language, and was anxious to see the country. On his arrival here he was introduced to a few brethren, who extended to him the right hand of fellowship. Since then he had been raised in the Joppa Lodge, and he considered it a great privilege to be allowed to join the Joppa Chapter. He had been much impressed with the beauty and solemnity of the meetings. He tendered his heartfelt thanks to the M.E.Z., and to those who had assisted. For his own part he felt that the kindness he had received at all hands would ever remain as a happy remembrance of his visit to this great country. The toasts were interspersed with a choice selection of songs, by Comps. Grove (Father Molloy), Saqui, and others.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 584.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 10th March, under the presidency of Bro. Oliver Bryant W.M., Tongue S.W., Apsey J.W., Dr. Jackson P.M. as S.D., J. Nowakowski J.D., Banks Tyler; P.M.'s Dr. Jagielski, Rantz, Smith, Dr. Jackson, F. Rath, J. O. Bieling I.P.M., Nowakowski Treasurer, Lancaster Secretary. After communications had been considered, the members of the Audit Committee were selected, viz., Bros. Lincoln, Cooper and Dane. Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. Bernard Abrahams, who was in attendance, was entrusted. After he had retired, Lodge was advanced to the third degree and the candidate was readmitted and raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M. After this followed the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The selection of the brethren unanimously fell upon Bro. Tongue S.W. All other business being ended, Lodge closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. After grace had been sung and the cloth removed, the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, reminding the brethren that it was the anniversary of the wedding day of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Miss Ada Patterson sang "O Luce." I.P.M. Bieling then proposed the health of the retiring W.M. In doing so, and for the last time, Bro. Bieling said that he felt he was expressing the feelings of all present when he thanked Bro. Bryant for having tried to make them happy and comfortable, and for the excellent music and singing he had provided for their enjoyment. Bro. W. G. Forrington here sang "An Old Garden," by Hope Templeton. The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. He then proposed the health of the W.M. elect, alluding to the manner in which Bro. Tongue had always stuck to his work; he felt sure that the brother chosen would always be found a firm friend and good Master. Miss Lena Law now favoured the company with "A Summer Night," by Goring Thomas, and then Bro. Tongue thanked the brethren most heartily for having elected him to the chair of K.S. Bro. Sidney Towers sang, "I seek for thee in every flower," Ganz. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Visitors, viz., Bros. Saegert P.M. Wellington, Hobbs and Ardine Great Northern Lodge, N. Hempstead St. James's Union, H. E. Tower St. James's Lodge, Harry Hatchinson 661, Pangbourne 1288. Previous to the responses, Miss Paterson and Miss Law gave the popular "I know a Bank." Bro. Hempstead now replied; the Visitors had much appreciated the kindness they had received from the brethren, and almost felt they belonged to the Lodge, so great was the cordiality extended to them. Miss Ada Paterson here sang "Robin Adair." After this followed the toasts of the P.M.'s and Officers. After another capital song by Miss Law, the Tyler's toast completed a most enjoyable evening.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, the W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, presiding. There were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., Geo. Simpson P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, Jas. Kay Secretary, W. Lackeby S.D., W. Storry I.G., P. Pearson, J. H. Shonksmith, T. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, W. Routledge, J. T. Spetch, J. H. Hewdry, A. Archer, W. Wreglesworth, G. G. Pook, R. Ware, R. M. Hayden, W. T. Nance, W. Read, W. Sharp, and E. Thackray. Visitors: Bros. G. Bond, Old Concord Lodge, and Alfred Tyler, Jordan Lodge. Two candidates were initiated by the W.M., the tools being presented by the J.W., and the charge being given by Bro. Geo. Chapman, Past Warden, brother to one of the candidates. The matter of the Indian and Colonial Institute proposal of the Pro Grand Master, which had been referred to a Committee, came up for decision, and the W.M., after saying that the Committee was unanimous in its decision to support the proposals, moved the following resolution.

"That this Lodge, appreciating the national importance of the scheme of the Most Wor. Pro. Grand Master for the formation of the Indian and Colonial Institute, approves the opening of a subscription list under the auspices of the Eboracum Lodge, by means of which members may forward individual contributions."

This was seconded by Brother Blenkin, and supported by Bros. Simpson and Whytehead, and was carried unanimously, and a list was forthwith opened, and a number of brethren entered their names for various sums. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then presented to the Lodge library copies of Dr. Oliver's "Star in the East," Chevalier Ramsay's "Travels of Cyrus," and a long series of Grand Lodge Calendars, A. and A. Rite Regulations, Bye Laws of Lodges, and Lodge Histories, &c. Bro. Halliwell gave a coloured diagram, framed, of a Mosaic Pavement found at Pompeii. Bro. Routledge presented a splendid pair of polished ram's horns supporting a silver snuff box, suitably engraved. These brethren received the thanks of the Lodge for their gifts. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren met in the smoke room, where they enjoyed for an hour or two the pleasures of Masonic converse, their comfort being materially advanced by the success of a new ventilating apparatus lately fixed in the room, and which rendered the atmosphere more pleasant.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Wednesday, the 30th March, Bro. Jenkins occupied the chair, at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, when he was supported by Bros. Bleakley, Coste, Ament, Jackson, Messer, Ferguson, Silvester, and Dimsdale in the various offices, besides several other brethren. Lodge having

been opened and minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate, after which the Worshipful Master worked the second section of the lecture of the degree. Lodge was resumed to the first, and the W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Bleakley was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. R. W. Hobden 1328 was elected a member. Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 31st March, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W. Present: Bros. Lindfield W.M., C. R. Cross S.W., Spiegel P.M. J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, P. J. Davies S.D., Purdue P.M. J.D., Jennings I.G., Cavers Steward, Davies Preceptor; W.M.'s: Bros. Wood and Stroud; P.M.'s: Bros. Sims, Child, Cubitt, Breitbart, and Lewis; and Bros. Curtis, Higginson, Benton, Stonnill, Craggs, Bull, Barbrook, Lichtenfeld, Cotton, Head, Whittell, and Bonham. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Bull as candidate. Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, and the 1st and 2nd sections were worked. The 4th section was worked by Bro. P. M. Spiegel and the answers given by Bro. Davies (Preceptor). Bro. Cross was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Secretary announced that next Thursday another ballot for the Benevolent Fund would take place. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Davis and seconded by Bro. Cross, to be recorded, to the W.M., who for the first time had occupied the chair. The Lodge was then closed.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 2nd instant. Bro. W. Roebuck, Vice Patron and Trustee, G.S.B., presided, supported by Bros. F. Adlard, J. S. Cumberland, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., G. P. Gillard, Charles Belton, Edgar Bowyer, A. E. Gladwell, Joyce Murray, Alfred Williams, C. H. Webb, H. Young, C. F. Hogard, H. Hacker, J. L. Mather, J. Glass, W. A. Scurrah, W. Paas, H. Webb, R. Berridge, W. Maple, Thomas Cubitt, and Fred. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, an application on behalf of an ex-pupil for a grant of £40 towards payment of stamps on articles entered into with a solicitor—with due regard to the present state of the funds—was not entertained. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

The following gatherings took place at Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 9th April:—

Monday—Old King's Arms Chapter, Lodge of Union, Caxton Lodge, Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Joppa. Tuesday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society. Wednesday—Hackney Carriage Proprietors. Thursday—Westminster and Keystone Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Universal Chapter.

AN ORDER OF HONOURABLE SERVICE.—The Empress of Germany has just written to express the great pleasure it has given Her Majesty to learn of the success which has attended the Honourable Order of Domestic Service instituted in connection with *The Quiver*. This Order was established in January last, since which date about 6,000 letters have been received and answered by the Editor, and over 2,000 members have already been received into the Order. Of these nearly fifty have been in their present situations upwards of half a century (the length of service extending up to sixty-five years), whilst some hundreds have served more than twenty-five years. Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian has graciously consented to become Patron of the Order, the Vice-Patrons being the Marchioness of Tavistock, the Countess Waldegrave, the Lady John Manners, the Lady Brabazon, the Lady Sophia Palmer, and Lady White Cooper. About £2000 has been expended in prizes, medals, and certificates. Nearly one hundred letters continue to reach the Editor daily from persons desirous of being enrolled as members of the Order.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—"Held by the Enemy," a drama in five acts, by Mr. William Gillette, was produced here last Saturday, with great success. The play is essentially one of startling incidents, but they have been woven together so successfully that even where there are flaws in the writing they can be readily overlooked. Mr. Gillette certainly knows what playgoers affect; from beginning to end he has handled his materials in workmanlike fashion, and has dished them up so tastefully that they hold the attention of the audience from beginning to end. Again, the author has several fresh incidents in his plot; characters both humorous and pathetic, yet not exaggerated in their conception. But very few alterations need be made, and when the first act has been curtailed, and the first part of act 3 somewhat toned, all will be in working order. The action of the play takes place in America, during the War between North and South, and opens at the house of the McCreery's. Lieutenant Gordon Hayne (a scout in the Confederate service) is betrothed to his cousin, Rachael McCreery. This engagement, however, is not of the latter's seeking; she secretly loves Colonel Charles Prescott, a Federal. Hayne is arrested by Prescott, with some compromising papers in his possession; he is tried by court martial, and condemned to death, notwithstanding Prescott and Rachel have made strenuous efforts to save him. Hayne is placed under Prescott's charge, and during an engagement between the two armies, Rachel seeks Prescott, and endeavours to induce him to allow her cousin to escape. Though sorely pressed to yield, Prescott resists temptation, and resolves to be true to his side. During their conversation a shell breaks through the prison cell, thus enabling Hayne to effect his escape. This eventually brings him face to face with Prescott, who is wounded. After a struggle the latter is overpowered, only for Hayne to be shot by Brigade-Surgeon Fielding, who enters at the critical moment. Hayne is now taken to the military hospital, and is tended by Rachel. When her charge has fallen into a stupor, through loss of blood, she secures an order from the General to have the supposed corpse removed at once. On its way through the hospital the procession is stopped by Surgeon Fielding, who asks that he may be allowed to examine the body. This proposal is strenuously resisted by Rachel, backed by Prescott, who this time is not in the secret. An altercation follows, to which an end is put by the General himself, who arrives on the scene. On learning the occasion of the dispute he orders the surgeon to examine the body. This is done, and after the doctor places his head over the heart, he pronounces life extinct; Hayne has died during the altercation, and thus saves Rachel and Prescott from disgrace. The ability with which this scene was worked up can scarcely be done justice to; it must be seen to be realised. We need only say it wrought the interest of the audience to the highest pitch. The last acts consist of explanations between Beau and Susan, two really clever comedy characters, and Rachael and Prescott, which prove satisfactory to all concerned. The lighter portions of this ingenious play are brightened by the characters above mentioned, capably rendered by Mr. Yorke Stephens and Miss Annie Hughes. The latter, in particular, developed a sound idea of humour, which backed up by Mr. Stephens's spirited acting, made an agreeable contrast. As Colonel Prescott, Mr. Warner has not a showy part, but he played to better advantage than we have seen him do for some time; he made the most of each situation, yet there was not that scornful bearing so redolent with his acting of late. We heartily congratulate Mr. Warner on his realisation of Colonel Prescott. Miss Alma Murray was impressive as Rachel, while Mr. E. W. Gardiner deservedly gained sympathy as the spy. Mr. William Rignold was at home as Surgeon Fielding, while Mr. Charles Overton gave a strong military air to Major-General Stanburg. Mr. S. Calhoun was effective as the old servant, while Mr. E. Gurney and Mrs. Canning were well fitted with the parts of Lieutenant McPherson and Euphemia McCreery respectively. The call for the author, which certainly was deserved on this occasion, was acknowledged by Mr. Warner, who stated Mr. Gillette had not yet reached the theatre, the piece terminating earlier than had been expected. "Held by the Enemy" will be put in the regular bill this (Saturday) evening, when we feel assured additional success will attend it.

Miss Hawthorne announces that in consequence of unforeseen delay in the preparation of scenery for the "Golden Band," she has decided to postpone its production for a few weeks, and intends, in the meantime, to give West End Theatre-goers an opportunity of witnessing Messrs. Willing and Douglass's successful play "A Dark Secret." The piece will be produced at the Olympic on this (Saturday) evening, with all its startling scenic and mechanical effects—including the famous Henley Regatta scene. There will be a matinee performance on Easter Monday, and on each Wednesday and Saturday during the run of the piece.

Mr. Charles H. Hawtrey, of the Globe Theatre, announces that he will revive "The Private Secretary" (for a limited number of nights, prior to the production of the adaptation of "La Doctoresse," by F. C. Burnani) this (Saturday) evening, with the original cast. That this is a wise step we feel sure, for although the piece has already run for over two years, many will be glad of the opportunity thus afforded to renew acquaintance with this highly amusing piece.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 16th April 1887, at twelve o'clock precise'y, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion, as under, and to declare elected the whole of the Eligible Candidates on the list for this Election.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

By Bro. J. A. BIRCH:

(a) "That, in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the Provinces and to facilitate the Business of the Election it is desirable that the Day of Election be altered."

(b) "That the Election of the Girls' Institution be held on the Wednesday before the Fourth Friday in May, and that the rules be altered in accordance with this resolution."

By Bro. ROBERT WYLLIE, P. Prov. G.W. Lancashire, W. Division:

"That it is desirable to have the Elections of the Three Masonic Institutions, which occur in the early part of the year, held on three consecutive days in the same month, say, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in the month of May, and that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with the Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the next Quarterly General Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.
9th April 1887.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE following Resolution having been passed at a Special Meeting of the General Court, held on Monday, 21st March 1887, there will be no contested Election on 16th April, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

RESOLVED—"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the Election in April next, thereby admitting of the Election of the whole of the Candidates on the List without contest."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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24th March 1887.

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THE NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place

ON WEDNESDAY, the 11th MAY next,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart.

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire.

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Secretary.

F. R. W. HEDGES.

Chairman of Ladies' Stewards.

Rev. J. W. PALMER, Grand Chaplain.

** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently* needed; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early as possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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MAY ELECTION, 1887.

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

AMELIA M. MAHOMED,
(AGED 64 YEARS),

WIDOW of the late ARTHUR AKLIBAR MAHOMED, 14 years member of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, whose Father first introduced the Shampooing and Vapour Baths into England, in 1784. The son continued the Baths in the King's Road, Brighton, with the assistance of the present applicant, until his sudden death, in 1872. Up to the present time the candidate has earned her living as a medical rubber, but her health having broken down, she is compelled to apply for the annuity.

THE CASE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY

Bro. H. BEAUMONT W.M., and the Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton.

Bro. L. R. STYER, W.M. of Stamford Lodge, No. 1947, and Secretary Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton.

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*Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS P.M. P.Z., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Life Governor of all Masonic Charities, City Conservative Club, Lombard Street, E.C.

*Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE P.M. 511 and 1612, 152 Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, W.

Bro. A. M. BETHUNE P.M. 1397, Anerley, Life Governor of Masonic Charities.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked * or by the Widow, 2 Palace Road, Upper Norwood; or Mrs. Turner, "The Chase," Farquhar Road, Upper Norwood.

APRIL ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys
Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

JOHN FAWCETT,
AGED NINE YEARS.

Whose Father, Bro. JOHN GASCOIGNE FAWCETT, late of the "Limes," Herne, Kent, was initiated in the "St. Augustine's Lodge," No. 972, on the 18th of May 1881, and continued a subscribing member until February 1886. He was one of the Founders of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, and was Senior Deacon of that Lodge up to the time of his death, which took place (after a protracted and severe illness) on the 6th of August 1886. He was always ready to help in the cause of charity and his fellow creatures. He has left a widow and six children almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Lodges:—
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*F. S. ROTHSCHILD P.M. 1288, 7 Marina, Herne Bay.

*T. M. BENTON P.M. 521, Royal Avenue, Chelsea College.

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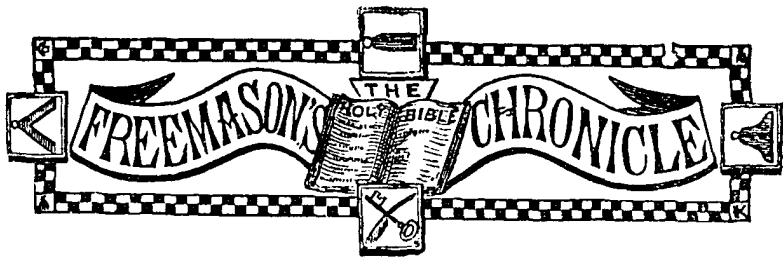
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PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall,
South Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 30th of
March, under the banner of Harmony Lodge, No. 275,
when there were present:—

Right Wor. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of
England, Prov. Grand Master; Bros. Henry Smith P.M. Deputy
Prov. Grand Master, J. Craven as Prov. G.S.W., Edwin Woodhouse
Prov. G.J.W., Revs. T. C. Smyth, D.D., and W. S. Turnbull
Prov. G. Chaplains, F. M. Tindall Prov. G. Treasurer, Joseph Binney
Prov. G. Registrar, Herbert G. E. Green Prov. G. Secretary, James
Ambler and Wm. Hy. Stewart Prov. G.S. Deacons, Robert Craig as
Prov. G.J. Deacon, George Mashall Prov. G.J. Deacon, Thos. Wm.
Roome Prov. G. Supt. Wks., George Buckley jun. Provincial Grand
Director of Ceremonies, S. T. Oates Prov. G. Deputy Dir. of Cers.,
J. Ramsden Riley as Prov. G. Asst. D. of C., J. B. Hargreaves
Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Thos. Woodhead and William Laycock
Prov. G. Standard Bearers, W. B. Townsend Prov. Grand Organist,
Wm. Thos. Sagg Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. W. Monckman as Prov. G.
Asst. Pursuivant; John Wm. Fourness, Edwin Lee, Thos. Denby,
Thomas Michael Holmes, Samuel Sngden and John Harling Prov. G.
Stewards, Joshua Lee Prov. G. Tyler, Alfred Smith as Prov. Asst.
Grand Tyler. The following Past Provincial Grand Officers were
present:—Colonel J. Day, John Wordsworth and Simeon Hayes
Wardens; Revs. Geo. S. Danbar, Benj. Town, James Gallie and J. J.
Needham Chaplains; Thomas Ruddock Treasurer; Captain J. O.
Bottomley, J. G. Hinchinson and A. W. Stanfield, G. Registrars;
Wm. Blackburn, M.D., George Normanton, Samuel H. Stocks, Allen
Jackson, John F. Moss, George F. Crowe, Wm. Harrop, W. F.
Smithson, C. T. Rhodes, Dr. R. W. Thomas and Reuben Williamson
Deacons; John Beanland, John Barker and Thomas Winn Super-
intendents of Works; H. N. Crowther, George Newton, Alfred
Stephenson, H. S. Holdsworth, Thomas Pickles and George Sykes
Directors of Ceremonies; Frederick Crossley, Rawson Kelley, T.
Bateman Fox Sword Bearers; Joseph Quarterman, James France
and Alfred Austin Standard Bearers; Joseph Cawthorne, John
Richardson, John Marshall, Wm. Schofield, B. P. Parker, William
Haigh, William Hall and John Seed Pursuivants; also Worshipful
Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and Brethren from Lodges
Nos. 61, 139, 149, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296,
302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 401, 408, 448, 458, 495, 521,
600, 603, 652, 750, 810, 827, 837, 904, 910, 971, 974, 1001, 1018,
1019, 1034, 1042, 1102, 1108, 1211, 1214, 1221, 1231, 1239,

1283, 1301, 1302, 1311, 1462, 1513, 1514, 1522, 1542, 1545,
1645, 1648, 1736, 1779, 1783, 2035, 2069, 2091. Two Lodges only,
viz., 154 and 439, were not represented. Visitors—Bros. Thomas
Tyers P.M. 518 E.L., and C. G. Busby P.M. 681 P.P.G.W. Derbyshire
and Cheshire.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P.,
Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Pro-
vincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers
entered at 2.45, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in
due form. The Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy
Provincial Grand Master having been saluted, the roll of
Lodges and the roll of Present and Past Provincial Grand
Officers was called. The minutes of the Provincial Grand
Lodge, holden at Bradford, on Wednesday, 20th October
1886, were presented, taken as read, and unanimously con-
firmed. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master
then acknowledged the cordial salutation of the Brethren,
and said:

Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and
Brethren from the various Lodges of the Province of West
Yorkshire,—The third Bye Law of the Regulations of the Provincial
Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, confirmed by the M.W. Grand
Master, April 1885, provides that "The Annual Meeting of
Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held on a Wednesday in April,
unless the Provincial Grand Master otherwise directs, and at such
place as shall seem to him most convenient." A Communication
from the Pro Grand Master, of the 8th of January; a Special
Meeting of our Charity Committee, of the 15th of January; a Circular
Note from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East
Yorkshire, of the 17th of February; the coming Festivals of the Royal
Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys; the approaching Election
of Candidates, and the recommendations thereto, all requiring
immediate consideration, necessitated the application of this Bye
Law to assemble ourselves together a fortnight earlier than usual. I
would the season of Lent could have been avoided for this meeting,
but I hope, in thus calling you together for the despatch of urgent
and divers Masonic matters, that religious feelings may not in any
way be infringed upon, or the sensibilities of the sentiments of people
outside our circle be outraged, by the discussion of our charitable
and coming Jubilee affairs in a quiet and unpretending manner. I
cannot conceive Freemasons being engaged in any pursuit more worthy
than that of promoting Benevolence and Charity, which I take to be
the principal object of our existence as Masons. There will not be a
Banquet to-day, but after our labours that refreshment, for those who
have come long distances, which their bodily necessities stand in need
of, and recruiting demands. The two great watchwords of our Order,
as stated by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at
his Installation in April 1875, are "Loyalty" and "Charity."
The development of these two watchwords is our especial and
important business to-day. To these two considerations I ask your
diligent and business-like attention, and to deal with them in a
worthy and patriotic spirit, as befitting the Craft in this Province.
Loyalty I consider to mean, "Fidelity to our Sovereign Lady the
Queen, and to our Prince, her Son. To hold in veneration the Rulers
and Patrons of the Order of Freemasonry. To cheerfully conform
to every lawful authority. To uphold on every occasion the interests
of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of our
country." Thus Craftsmen have bound themselves by peculiar ties
to support these ancient definitions of "Loyalty." Lord Carnarvon's
letter is now before us. I know you will respond to its suggestions
so as to demonstrate your "Fidelity" to the M.W.G.M., and
"Loyalty" to our beloved Queen; and consider what action this
Province should take to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee. On the 8th
of January, a circular was issued to every Lodge, with a copy of the
letter of the Pro Grand Master, to ascertain whether the brethren
approve or disapprove of the scheme therein set forth, so far as the
subscription to the Imperial Institute is concerned. This letter has
settled the Grand Masonic Demonstration in London, and the Jubilee
Jewel; but the charge for admission, and the disposal of the
proceeds, as well as the separate subscription, are the points which
are the test of your "Loyalty," and upon which the opinion of the
Lodges has been sought. From the analysis of the opinions
expressed by the Lodges respecting the "Imperial Institute," I find
25 Lodges in favour of supporting the Institute, 22 against, 3
neutral, 19 have not replied. I fully exemplified some of the modes
of treating the proposals of Grand Lodge in my address before the
Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, on 26th January last. I adhere to those
suggestions, and I hope this Grand Lodge will give its sanction and
approval unanimately to the proposals originating from our Grand
Master, that a voluntary subscription be raised in each Lodge for the
purpose of contributing to the erection of the proposed "Imperial
Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," and of
which building the Queen has signified her gracious intention to lay
the foundation stone. Let me mention one circumstance why
H.R.H. the Grand Master is entitled to our support to prosper this
work which he has taken up. When a noble Marquess most
unexpectedly retired from the Mastership of the Grand Lodge, and
from the Mastership of this Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prince of
Wales gallantly stepped forward, and became the Head of this
Ancient Order, which, since this great event, in 1875, has prospered
wonderfully. If one brother from every Lodge under my
jurisdiction accepts the Pro Grand Master's letter, and will attend
the London demonstration, and subscribe but the minimum shilling
to the "Institute," so that it can be said this Chair was supported by
every Lodge in West Yorkshire, I should be grateful to you all.
More I do not expect; less (pardon me for saying it) I shall be
disappointed to receive. I make this appeal to your loyalty "as
Craftsmen," and I ask you to let me go to the Grand Lodge Jubilee
demonstration with one brother at least from every Lodge.

Brethren, in this year of the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, our Grand Registrar has prepared a humble and dutiful Address to Her Majesty, of our loyalty and devotion, which I trust you will approve. He will also propose a resolution applicable to the letter received from the Prov. Grand Secretary of North and East Yorkshire, thanking Lord Zetland for an opportunity for the Members of the Northern and Midland Provinces to attend, on the 14th of July, a local celebration of the Jubilee at York, and I hope every Brother, and let me add, sisters also, will accept and be present on the occasion. There will be a procession from North and East Yorkshire Grand Lodge to the Minster, where there will be a Special Masonic Service, and a Sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain of England. Later in the afternoon there will be a Conversazione, Masonic Exhibition, and Concert. I hope this grand idea of a local celebration will be warmly taken up by the Craft in the Northern and Midland Counties, and that this Province will give a cordial co-operation to Lord Zetland for this opportunity of publicly thanking the G.A.O.T.U. in Saint Peter's, at York, for the blessings and mercies He has vouchsafed to this country and nation during the past fifty years of Her Majesty's beneficent reign over an empire on which the sun is always at high meridian at one point or another, and comprising territories of ten and three quarter millions of square miles, and occupied by five hundred and fifty-nine millions of Her Majesty's subjects. The other watchword of our Order, "Charity," as I understand it, is comprehended by "my duty towards my neighbour." The ancient Charges define it as "Brotherly love," the foundation stone and cope stone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity. A Special Meeting of the Charity Committee was held at Dewsbury, on the 15th of January this year, when it resolved to recommend to this Provincial Grand Lodge to purchase two presentations in perpetuity for the Widows (the Queen herself being a Widow) in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I feel so sure that the chairman of the Charity Committee will not enunciate his scheme in vain; that you will confirm it by the requisite resolution to carry it into effect. Another resolution, proposing an appropriation from the Prov. Grand Lodge Funds, with which to commence the "West Yorkshire Victoria Jubilee Presentations." Do this, brethren, and thus celebrate and hand down, as a suitable memento of this auspicious occasion, which to us will never occur again to witness the Jubilee of Her Majesty's Reign, by subscribing the sum of 2000 guineas, as suggested. It is with deep regret I have to tell you of the death of our esteemed Bro. S. White P.M., of Bingley, which sad event took place on the evening of the 25th inst., and of Bro. John Hirst, J.P., of Dobcross. I wish to impress upon Wor. Masters and Secretaries of Lodges, the importance of strict compliance with Bye-law 30 of this Provincial Grand Lodge, that greater care should be exercised with regard to communications between one Lodge and another which are headed "Confidential," and when these replies as to the fitness of candidates are read in Lodges duly convened, that visitors should be courteously invited at such stages of the Lodge's proceedings to retire until such business is concluded, as it concerns each particular Lodge alone. I do hope, and let us pray, that the Great Architect of the Universe will mercifully bestow upon the 560,000,000 of her Majesty's subjects the blessings of peace, and that this year we may be spared the plague of the war, with its miseries of "pestilence and famine," and that Her Majesty's Jubilee may be enjoyed by all races of mankind under her sway, in the spirit of "Unity, Peace, and Concord." In acknowledging the valuable services the outgoing Provincial Grand Officers have rendered during the past year, let me say, that on the appointment of new Officers I have done the best to recognise merit under the limited circumstances at my disposal; with 957 Past Masters worthy of rank, the acceptance by them of any Collar must be considered equivalent to the highest Office it is in my power to offer them. With these remarks, I wish you all a prosperous and a happy "Jubilee" year.

It was then moved by Bro. Joseph Binney P.M. 139, Prov. G. Registrar, seconded by W. Bro. A. W. Stanfield P.M. 1019, P.P.G. Registrar, and resolved, "That the following Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, and that the D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Registrar, and Prov. G. Secretary forward the same through the proper channel for presentation":—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of the Sixty-nine Lodges of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons forming the Province of West Yorkshire, in Grand Lodge assembled, crave permission to humbly approach your Majesty as Patroness and Head of our Order.

We, as representatives of the Three thousand three hundred Masons of this Province, who are Members of our Lodges, sincerely tender our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the happy attainment of the Fiftieth year of your Majesty's prosperous and glorious Reign.

We earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe long to spare your Majesty to Reign over your vast Empire, on which the sun never sets, and over the various races of mankind who have gratefully enjoyed your Majesty's beneficent rule.

Given at Huddersfield, the thirtieth day of March, A.L. 5887, A.D. 1887.

The circular letter from Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, relating to the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee and the erection of an Imperial Institute was then discussed. It was moved by W. Bro. Edwin Woodhouse P.M. 2069, Prov. G. Warden, seconded by W. Bro. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth P.M. 2069, Prov. G. Chaplain, and resolved,

"That each Lodge be invited to contribute a sum of at least Three Guineas to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India." The annual report of the Charity Committee was read and adopted, on the motion of W. Bro. W. F. Smithson, Chairman, seconded by W. Bro. William Harrop, Vice-Chairman. Pursuant to notice, it was moved by the Chairman of the Charity Committee, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and resolved, "That the sum of Two Thousand Guineas (£2,100) be raised by Subscription to purchase the right of two permanent Presentations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund for Widows, to be named the 'West Yorkshire Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations;' and on a further motion the D.P.G.M. was elected Treasurer to the Fund. Moved by Bro. F. M. Tindall P.M. 1239, Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. T. Bateman Fox P.M. 208, P.P.G. Sword Bearer, and resolved, "That the sum of Three Hundred Guineas (£315) be paid out of the Funds of Provincial Grand Lodge, £157 10s to each Presentation." A letter from the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, inviting the cordial co-operation of Provincial Grand Lodge and the Brethren of this Province in the celebration of the Royal Jubilee at York, on the 14th of July, was read. Moved by Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. W. R. Thomas P.P.G. Deacon, and resolved, "That the thanks of this Prov. Grand Lodge be given to the Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire for his invitation, and that the same be cordially accepted." The Prov. Grand Treasurer presented his balance sheet for the past year, as printed on the summons, and it was taken as read and adopted. Bro. T. W. Roome P.M. 904, Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, presented the inventory of property and regalia of Prov. Grand Lodge, and stated that it was in good order, and the two silver vases bequeathed by the late Mrs. Charles Lee were ordered to be added to the inventory. Moved by Bro. F. M. Tindall P.M. 1239, Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. G. F. Crowe P.M. 1211, P.P.G.D., and resolved, "That Bro. John William Fourness P.M. 1211 be elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year." The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for 1887-8:—

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| Bro. Lieut-Col. J. E. Bingham | - | - | Senior Warden |
| John Ambler | - | - | Junior Warden |
| Rev. James Gilmore, M.A. | - | - | } Chaplains |
| Rev. Thomas Greenbury | - | - | |
| John Wm. Fourness (re-elected) | - | - | Treasurer |
| John Kitson Ibberson | - | - | Registrar |
| Herbert G. E. Green | - | - | Secretary |
| Charles E. Rhodes | - | - | } Senior Deacons |
| John Foster | - | - | |
| Geo. Ed. Bennett | - | - | } Junior Deacons |
| Francis Drury Walker | - | - | |
| Renben Castle | - | - | Supt. of Works |
| Joseph Dobson | - | - | Dir. of Cer. |
| Thomas Deuby | - | - | Deputy Dir. of Cer. |
| James Kaye | - | - | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| William Stott | - | - | Sword Bearer |
| Thomas M. Holmes | - | - | } Standard Bearers |
| Edwin Lee | - | - | |
| William Ash | - | - | Organist |
| W. B. Alderson | - | - | Asst. Secretary |
| Job Harling | - | - | Pursuivant |
| Samuel Sugden | - | - | Asst. Pursuivant |
| Francis Smith | - | - | } Stewards |
| Thomas Gibson | - | - | |
| Lewis Buckley Brierley | - | - | |
| John William Turner | - | - | |
| Thomas Davis | - | - | } Tyler |
| Edmund Lord | - | - | |
| Joshua Lee | - | - | Asst. Tyler |
| Jim Sheard | - | - | |

The sum of £10 was granted for the relief of a brother of Lodge 971, subject to the petition being completed in accordance with Provincial Bye-Law No. 39. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of the brethren of the eight Leeds Lodges, presented Bro. W. B. Townsend P.M. 1211, P.P.G.O., with a jewel and set of full dress Provincial Grand Organist's clothing, as a mark of esteem and regard for valuable services rendered to the Craft. Bro. J. H. Simpson W.M. 1102, on behalf of his Lodge, invited the Provincial Grand Master to hold the October meeting at Mirfield, and at the same time consecrate their new Masonic Hall. Bro. A. Macaulay W.M. 258 invited the Provincial Grand Master to hold the October meeting at Heckmondwike, and assist in celebrating the Centenary of their Lodge. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master said he would consider the applications, and shortly acquaint them with his decision. Provincial

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at five p.m. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master presided at the tea at the George Hotel, at which upwards of 100 brethren were present.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Friday, 7th January 1887. Bro. J. I. Miller District Grand Master presided, and he was supported by

Bros. C. Thorne Past District Grand Master, C. H. Dallas Past District Grand Master of Japan, T. W. Kingsmill Deputy District Grand Master, J. M. Cory District Senior Grand Warden, Lewis Moore Past District Senior Grand Warden acting as District Junior Grand Warden, W. H. Short District Grand Treasurer, O. Middleton President of the District Board of General Purposes, Reginald D. Starkey District Grand Secretary, E. P. Lalcaca Past District Grand Warden acting as District Senior Grand Deacon, T. F. Hough District Grand Standard Bearer acting as District Junior Grand Deacon, G. R. Wingrove District Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. M. A. Evans Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. P. Macgregor District Grand Sword Bearer, R. W. Astill District Grand Pursuivant, G. M. Hart Assistant District Grand Pursuivant, H. J. Fisher, F. M. Gratton, James Baird and John West District Grand Stewards, Chas. Merritt District Grand Tyler, with representatives from Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501, Northern Lodge of China No. 570, and Tuscan Lodge No. 1027. The following visitors were present:—Bros. C. Lalcaca, R. Pestonjee, Pestonjee Cooverjee, J. M. Land, E. Belbin, S. S. Adams, Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501, E.C.; G. Lanning, J. Clements, T. Liddell, D. O'Rourke, G. J. O. Rowland, R. E. Toeg, Tuscan Lodge No. 1027, E.C.; A. Mack, Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const., H. C. Kofod, Zetland Lodge No. 508, E.C., H. Stead, West Kent No. 692, E.C., and C. F. Kirkland, Govandale, S.C.

The brethren and visitors having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, the District Grand Master, accompanied by Bro. C. Thorne, Bro. C. H. Dallas, and the District Grand Officers, entered, and the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The circular convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last regular Communication, held on the 22nd September 1886, which had been printed and circulated, were confirmed. The next business was to receive the report of the District Board of General Purposes, and Wor. Bro. O. Middleton, the President, read the report. On the proposition of Rt. Wor. the D.G. Master, seconded by W. Bro. A. P. Macgregor, the report was adopted. The District Grand Treasurer next presented the accounts for the past year. The receipts had amounted to Tls. 292.74, against which there had been an expenditure of Tls. 632.54, leaving a balance of expenditure over receipts of Tls. 339.80, and deducting from this the balance brought forward from last year the accounts showed Tls. 159.50 due to the Treasurer. The debit balance was accounted for by two items of extraordinary expenditure, viz., cost of Regalia Tls. 282.42, and subscription to the Masonic School Fund Tls. 100. Taking this and the value of the assets into consideration the accounts were deemed satisfactory. A report, with a suggestion from the D.G. Treasurer as to insurance of the Regalia, was adopted. In proceeding to the election of a District Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, the D.G. Master said that escape from greater indebtedness was greatly owing to the exertions of the P.D.G. Master, to whom the best thanks of the D.G. Lodge were due. In alluding to Wor. Bro. Short's willingness again to accept the office of D.G. Treasurer, he bore testimony to the way that brother had managed the finances during his terms of office, and to the interest he had taken in its duties, to carry out which he had foregone well-earned promotion. While the ballot was proceeding, letters from Wor. Bros. Allcot and David, of Chinkiang, regretting their inability to attend the Communication, were read, as also a letter from the D.G. Secretary of Bombay conveying the congratulations of the Rt. Wor. the Grand Master of that District to Rt. Wor. Bro. Miller on his installation as District Grand Master of Northern China. The result of the ballot was in favour of the election of Wor. Bro. Short. The elected members of the District Board of General Purposes were Bros. Wingrove, Johnsford, and Hough. Bro. Miller was elected representative of the D.G. Lodge on the Masonic School Fund in place of Bro. Thorne, who suggested that some other brother should take his place. The Rt. Wor. District Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and

invest the following brethren as District Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Thomas William Kingsmill	-	-	Dep. Master
John Morris	-	-	Senior Warden
Reginald Digby Starkey	-	-	Junior Warden
William Henry Short	-	-	Treasurer
Algernon Mountford Adams Evans	-	-	Registrar
John Findlay	-	-	Pres. Bd. of G. P.
George Mercer Hart	-	-	Secretary
George Albert Allcot	-	-	Senior Deacon
George Richard Wingrove	-	-	Junior Deacon
Alexander Pendarves Macgregor	-	-	Sap. of Works
Thomas Frederick Hough	-	-	Dir. of Cer.
Henry John Fisher	-	-	Asst. Dir. of Ce
James Baird	-	-	Sword Bearer
Robert William Astill	-	-	Standard Bearer
Sydenham Montrie	-	-	Standard Bearer
George Lanning	-	-	Organist
Frederick Montague Gratton	-	-	Asst. Secretary
John West	-	-	Pursuivant
John Fryer	-	-	Asst. Pursuivant
Charles Merritt	-	-	Tyler
Samuel Robert Gale	-	-	} Stewards
Rustonjee Pestonjee	-	-	
Raymond Elias Toeg	-	-	
Charles William Ure	-	-	
Jesse John Mansfield	-	-	
Augustus Hildebrand Alsing	-	-	

THE MASONIC LADDER.

FAITH in your own honest mission,
Whenever the right is your cause,
And trust to see fruits of your labour,
Whenever you follow God's laws.
Faith in the words of the prophets,
And in the deep power of love,
And better than creed or profession,
All trust in the Father above.

HOPE for a joyous to-morrow,
And work in the field of to-day,
Believing that even earth's sorrow
Refines our true souls in the clay.
Hope for the grander reunion
When life and its trials are o'er,
If Brother is true to his Brother,
And each seeks the golden bright shore.

CHARITY for faults of each pilgrim,
Who struggles with us on the road,
Enough to give hand and assistance
In sharing a part of the load.
Charity broad as the ocean,
Unfettered by creed or by race;
For all of our gifts from the heavens
Are sent by the Master's free grace.

The rounds of the ladder are triple,
And lead from the earth to the skies;
Up one at a time is the method,
Apparent to only the wise.
Beyond, in the courts of the Temple,
By Faith the GRAND MASTER we see.
Approval our highest ambition—
He's waiting for you and for me.

The steps from the outer to inner
By three's o'er our pathway are cast;
Faith, Hope, and Charity golden—
The greatest of all is the last.
For Faith must end in fruition,
And hope in the sight of the soul;
But Charity dwelleth for ever
Where heavenly visions unroll.

'Tis part of the grandest of anthems
To sweep through the Paradise land;
The harps of the redeemed will sing it,
And so will the angelic band;
That He who sits on the heavens,
And judges His creation, earth,
Is Charity's fount of emotion,
GRAND MASTER, who gave man his birth.

—Voice of Masonry.

THE RATING OF CHARITIES.

A Bill has been prepared for presentation to Parliament by the friends of some of the London and other hospitals which proposes "to restore the exemption from taxation which Charitable Institutions enjoyed for 250 years," but to which it is alleged they have been subjected since 1866 owing to the decision of the House of Lords in the case of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board. In Ireland and also the Colonies the public charities are, it is said, free from rates and taxes, and in England churches, chapels, meeting-houses, ragged schools, and literary institutions are exempt, and the rating of the charities themselves by the local authorities is very unequal and anomalous. St. Thomas's Hospital, with 590 beds and an annual expenditure of nearly £39,090, has to pay £2,133 for rates and taxes, whereas the London Hospital, with 790 beds and an expenditure of about £49,000, has only to pay £56; Poplar Hospital, with 51 beds and an expenditure of about £3,360, pays £4, whilst Chelsea Hospital for Women and Children, with 63 beds and an expenditure of £3,043, has to pay as much as £146.—Daily News.

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.

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL.

- 103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1690—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th APRIL.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
68—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
857—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1671—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Harrington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Per Angle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Wakin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 15—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 17—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 356—Wakfield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
M.M. 1—Ligerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—1 ortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 12th APRIL.

- 175—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
45—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
549—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Daiucastie, Sisters' Tavern, Fownhill-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Comopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
1933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)

- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Chamoion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1685—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, E.C.
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

- 33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakfield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Walmesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knoke, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clara, Suffolk
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodan
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Station-road, Regent's Park, 3 (Inst.)
578—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
822—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppe-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgovne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Al Lamb, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
152—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—R verbourne, Farge Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1682—Bereonsfield, C. ers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 723—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 93—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 154—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.L.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
51—Hercules, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Ariquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Calceonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Mercers' Hall, Todmorden
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Checkheaton
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Rainsgate
1243—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle

- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
- 1424—Browning, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
- 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
- 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
- 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
- 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh.
- 2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
- R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
- R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
- R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonoclongh, near Manchester
- R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
- R.A. 1177—Dimlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tonby
- R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
- M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 14th APRIL.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staunton, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
- 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Claydon Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
- 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1625—Fredegar, 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 Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
- R.A. 619—Bendon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
- R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

- 35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
- 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Southport
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
- 339—Unity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
- 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
- 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
- 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Loughton, Suffolk
- 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
- 786—Croxtheth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
- 971—Tratagar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
- 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
- 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
- 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trade-gate, Mon.
- 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyae
- 114—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
- 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
- 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
- 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
- 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
- 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
- 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
- 1638—Browning, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
- 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colesmill
- 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shooburyneass
- 1892—Warrington, King's Arms Hotel, Carsauntou. (Instruction)
- 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
- R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
- R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hobdon Bridge
- R.A. 807—Cavell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- M.M. 10—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
- M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 15th APRIL.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
- 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
- 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)

- 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
- 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
- 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
- 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
- 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
- R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
- M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
- K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
- R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
- 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
- 641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
- 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Davizes.
- 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
- 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
- 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Peadleton
- 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
- R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
- R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
- R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
- R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 16th APRIL.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
- Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- R.A. 142—St. Thom's, Cannon Street Hotel
- M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
- 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
- 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
- 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
- 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent

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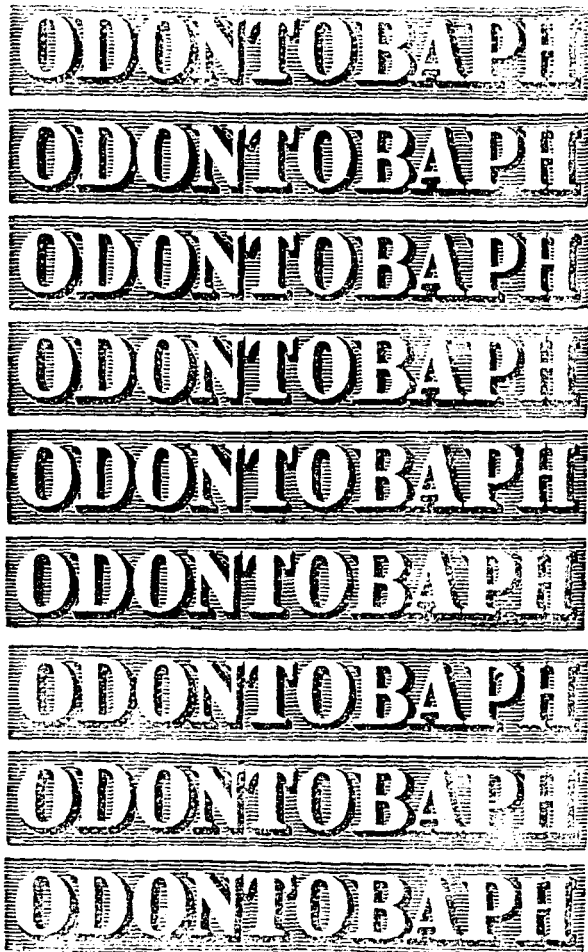
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