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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE annual gathering on behalf of this Institution took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire, when contributions to the amount of £11,774 8s 6d were announced. As is usual on such occasions there was a large gathering of Masons from all parts of the country. The proceedings were of the ordinary character, and if the monetary result of the Festival was not as much as was expected or desired, it was nevertheless a handsome contribution from the brethren of England, following, as it did so closely, on the splendid total of £21,000 subscribed in February last on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. In another column we give a résumé of the day's proceedings, here we briefly review the principal items in the list of subscriptions, full details of which will be found on another page.

The total of £11,774 8s 6d was all but equally divided between London and the Provinces, the amount from the former being £5,909 0s 6d, as compared with £5,854 18s from the latter, the balance of £10 10s being contributed from a Foreign Station. The Metropolis was represented by 121 Stewards, the Provinces by 156, and the Foreign Stations by 1, the sole representative from outside the British Isles being Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, J.P., who brought ten guineas from the Eastern Archipelago.

London contributed fifteen lists each exceeding one hundred pounds, the palm being secured by Bro. G. Emblin, of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, with a total of £420, the largest list brought up during the present year—either to this Festival or to that on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. The sum secured by Bro. Emblin is one of which too much cannot be said; it is really a total which would do credit to any of the Provinces into which English Freemasonry is divided, and was, indeed, only exceeded at this Festival by one district—that of Shropshire, the county over which the Chairman of the day as Provincial Grand Master, presides. As the contribution of a private Lodge it stands out as an exemplification of what it is possible to accomplish, and as an example worthy of being imitated by Lodges far and near. We hope there are many who will strive, in the future, not only to do as Bro. Emblin has done, but to collect even more than he managed to secure. It is fortunate that at each of the Festivals held on behalf of the Masonic Institutions there are generally one or more lists from London brethren towering far above the others, and it is astonishing to notice the effect these lists have on the grand total. For instance, on the present occasion the two highest lists make a difference in the Metropolitan contribution close on £800, which, considered in connection with the full London total of £5,909, is a marvellous achievement by two brethren out of one hundred and twenty-one. The Steward who, with Bro. Emblin, secured this large sum was Bro. Abel Simner, the Worshipful Master of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, who raised a total of £353 15s, a sum we believe to be far beyond the most sanguine expectations of Bro. Simner or the members of his popular Lodge when the idea of supporting this year's Festival of the Girls' School was first mooted. As many of our readers are aware, the Domatic Lodge has only recently com-

pleted its Centenary, and its members spent a considerable sum over their rejoicings in celebration of that auspicious event. Notwithstanding this, we have conclusive evidence that they are not content to do well at home—they also desire to help those outside their Lodge who are in need of assistance, and the way in which they have supported their Worshipful Master in his Stewardship affords proof that they are able and willing to fulfil this desire. We sincerely hope the other members of the Justice and Domatic Lodges will be imbued with the same spirit as has induced their present representative to accomplish so much, and that in years to come there may be many members of these and other Lodges equally zealous on behalf of the Masonic Institutions as Bros. Emblin and Simner have just proved themselves. The third place among the London Stewards was secured by Bro. Herbert S. Clutton, who represented two Lodges, the Old Union, No. 46, and the St. Peter Westminster, No. 1537. He was followed by Bro. S. J. Humfress, the representative of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, with a total of £161 14s. Then we have a level £150 from the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, two of whose members, Bros. Dopson and Purdue, acted as Stewards; £148 1s from a member of the House Committee, Bro. Thomas Fenn, who also appears on the list as representing the United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83; £132 per Bro. J. H. Roberts, contributed from the Nelson Lodge, No. 700. Totals of £120 each were secured from two Lodges, the Old Concord, No. 172—represented by Bros. Flech and Meierhoff—and the Southwark, No. 879, for which Bro. Walter Martin acted. The former of these Lodges, the Old Concord, is one of the most consistent supporters of the Charities we know of, it having been represented at almost every Festival for many years past. In February its Steward took up £60 16s on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and if our memory serves us right there is yet another contribution to be announced from this Lodge during the present year, one of its members having signified his intention of working on behalf of "Our Boys." The Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, is entitled to the next place on the roll of honour, the total sent up by its members being £107 2s, per Bro. Anderton. Two Lodges share the credit of contributing £106 1s, that being the sum sent up both by the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, and the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168; Bro. A. R. Carter represented the former, and Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe the latter. There were also two Lodges accredited with sums of £105, the Jerusalem, No. 197, and La Tolerance, No. 538, each contributing that sum, per Bros. G. L. Eyles and W. G. Fenn their respective Stewards. Both of these Lodges were represented at the Benevolent Festival in February, the amount sent up on that occasion being £31 10s from the Jerusalem Lodge, and £10 10s from La Tolerance. The lowest of the three figure totals was secured by Bro. Charles Hammerton, a member of the House Committee of the Institution, and one of its staunchest supporters. For reasons previously explained, we do not extend our summary beyond the three-figure lists; all we need do is again to point to the total of the London lists, and assure all the brethren who worked to secure that total that their efforts are fully appreciated by the Craft at large. If it had been possible for any of them to do better than they have done, we are convinced they would not have been behindhand; each has done what lay in his power, and the result has been a handsome addition to the funds

f the Girls' School. One feature in connection with the London total of this and preceding Festivals on behalf of this Institution, is the regular appearance of members of the House Committee among the Stewards of the year. On the present occasion the total collected by these brethren was upwards of five hundred pounds, no inconsiderable sum to be secured by workers who, we should imagine, have long since enlisted the sympathy of their personal friends. Their continued support of the Institution is the best proof that can be adduced of their heartiness in the cause; this undoubtedly they have thoroughly at heart.

Turning our attention to the Provinces, we find the district presided over by Sir Olfley Wakeman, Bart., the Chairman of the day, far in advance of all others; the total brought up by its workers being £1,022 17s. This sum was collected by nineteen Stewards, the highest list being from the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124, which had two representatives, Bros. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., and W. H. Spaul; it contributed £127 1s. Bro. W. E. Harding was successful to the extent of £115 10s, he serving on behalf of the Salopian Lodge, No. 262, while Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell also made a three figure return—£110 5s—from the Castle Lodge, No. 1621. We imagine the Chairman of the Festival must have been highly gratified at the position attained by his Province on this occasion, while the verdict of the Craft must certainly be that both the Chairman and the brethren over whom he rules did all that lay in their power to ensure the success of the Festival.

We now have a long drop in the totals—to £418 2s 6d, that being the sum sent up by the brethren of Middlesex, fourteen of whom contributed to this total. Bro. E. Rogers, of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, was the only Mason of the Province who reached a hundred pounds total; his list figuring up to £105, while each of the others were below £50.

Berks and Bucks did well, its total of £407 11s 6d being a fine one in view of what is continually being done in this quarter, while Somersetshire, with a total of £400 6s, is equally entitled to praise, more particularly as considerably more than half of the amount here contributed was collected by Bro. J. L. Stothert, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, his list figuring up to £236 10s.

It may be interesting to note, as a pleasing incident in connection with the Festival, that Bro. Gerard Ford, on ascertaining that the Province of Sussex was unrepresented, handed in his name as a Steward, as late as four o'clock on the afternoon of the day. The amount he brought up was £31 10s; this is a most creditable proof of the interest he evinces in the Institution, and Freemasonry generally.

The Festival returns of the three Institutions invariably present one or two peculiarities, and a long catalogue of curiosities might easily be compiled from a perusal of the lists for the past few years. Sometimes we find a Lodge or a District, which has been quiet for a long period, suddenly awakening to a sense of its responsibility,

and perhaps as suddenly returning to its old ways. In other parts we find the lion's share of the work, which should be fairly divided, falls on one Lodge or on one man; year after year we find the same brother working in a Lodge, and the same Lodge working in a district, without any apparent co-operation from those around them. Such may be said to be the case in regard to Warwickshire, a large part of the contributions from which have, for some time past, been contributed by the members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74. At the present Festival this Lodge stands alone, as representing the Province, but the way in which it goes about its work makes up for some of the deficiencies of its neighbours. Thirteen members of this Lodge appear on the roll of Stewards of the Girls' Festival, and between them they brought up £136 10s. This is not the first time that such support has been rendered by this Lodge to the Festivals. Only last June eighteen of its members undertook Stewardships, and between them secured a total of £231. We believe that much of the credit attached to this "peculiar system" is due to Bro. James Moffat, whose example we should be pleased to see freely followed in his own Province of Warwickshire in particular, and throughout the country in general.

As on former occasions we shall close our remarks with a summary, showing the amount contributed by each of the represented Provinces, their total contributions, as we have said above, being £5,854 18s:—

Province.	No. of Stewards.	Amount.
Shropshire	19	1022 17 0
Middlesex	14	418 2 6
Berks and Bucks	11	407 11 6
Somersetshire	2	400 6 0
Yorkshire (West)	20	350 0 0
Staffordshire	4	320 5 0
Surrey	8	269 1 6
Suffolk	4	229 9 0
Essex	7	222 7 0
Worcestershire	5	212 5 0
Cambridgeshire	1	200 0 0
Herefordshire	4	176 17 6
Kent	5	175 19 6
North Wales	2	155 8 0
Cornwall	1	141 15 0
Lancashire (West)	8	136 10 0
Warwickshire	13	136 10 0
S. Wales (East)	1	105 0 0
Oxfordshire	5	101 14 6
Lancashire (East)	4	94 10 0
Yorkshire (North and East)	1	91 7 0
Derbyshire	4	78 15 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	2	76 10 0
Durham	2	73 10 0
Monmouthshire	3	62 0 0
Gloucestershire	1	53 11 0
Norfolk	1	52 10 0
Sussex	1	31 10 0
Herefordshire	1	26 5 0
Nottinghamshire	1	16 16 0
Bristol	1	15 15 0

The following is a list of the contributions:—

LONDON.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

	£	s	d
Br. Edgar Bowyer	26	5	0
Ralph Clutton	10	10	0
Thos. Fenn, and Lodge 83	148	1	0
Robert Grey	52	10	0
Charles Hammerton	101	0	0
H A Hunt	21	0	0
E Letchworth, and Chap 2	26	5	0
Peter de Lande Long	10	10	0
H B Marshall, J.P.	26	5	0
J H Matthews	21	0	0
James Moon	21	0	0
Colonel James Peters	10	10	0
Frank Richardson	31	10	0

Lodge	£	s	d
1 John Marsh Case	36	15	0
2 John Jupe	26	5	0
Chapter 2 Comp. Edward Letchworth - (see H.C.)			
Lodge 3 Br. J W Squire	38	17	0
4 John A Hughes	15	15	0
5 Capt Lyell	32	11	0
6 Alfred E Craven	21	0	0
8 John Pullman	22	1	0
10 Rev J N Palmer	22	1	0
11 Wm F B McQueen	45	0	0
14 Gordon Smith	10	10	0

Lodge	£	s	d
18 John H Champness	21	0	0
21 Alderman J Savory	44	18	0
23 George Simonds	23	2	0
26 A E Camberbatch	21	0	0
27 Chas J Cuthbertson	46	4	0
28 James Boulton	31	10	0
29 Fredk E Burgess	40	0	0
33 Richard C Rapiet	16	16	0
46 Herbert S. Clutton - (see 1537)			
65 James T. Akerman	96	5	0
83 Thomas Fenn - (see H.C.)			
90 Walter McDougal	63	0	0
91 Sidney Claris	26	5	0
140 Alexander Forsyth	26	5	0
145 W. F. Masters	63	0	0
147 G. Emblin	420	0	0
165 Richard Eve	52	10	0
172 Carl T. Fleck	120	0	0
172 Charles Meierhoff	120	0	0
177 Abel Simner	353	15	0
179 A. Hughes	50	0	0
193 George P. Nightingale	90	6	0
194 Thomas H. Wilson	85	1	0
197 George Lancelot Eyles	105	0	0
211 Frederick T. Bennett	63	4	6
217 James Addington	43	1	0
227 Peregrine Purvis	34	13	0
235 James B. Batten	15	15	0
255 N. D. Francis	15	15	0
259 George Hughes	31	10	0
435 Jesse Brown	38	17	0

Lodge	£	s	d
507 Chas. H. Wiltshire	63	0	0
511 Asher Barfield	21	0	0
534 Oliver Bryant	10	10	0
538 Wm. George Fenn	105	0	0
548 Henry Carman	32	11	0
700 Josiah H. Roberts	132	0	0
715 Upfield Green	15	8	6
733 Sills J. Humfress	161	14	0
813 Charles Weedon	52	10	0
822 John Fox Seaton	30	0	0
834 C. Dopson	150	0	0
834 H. Purdue	150	0	0
871 James G. Thomas	21	0	0
879 Walter Martin	120	0	0
898 F. W. Pulsford	80	0	0
969 Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S. (see 2108)			
1158 William Belchamber	52	10	0
1185 W. G. Hildreth	21	0	0
Chapter 1185 Comp. George Powell	36	15	0
Lodge 1298 Br. Ernest E. Streat	22	1	0
1366 R. W. Galer	5	5	0
1383 Molière Tabuteau	84	0	0
1425 James Stephens	38	11	0
1537 and 46 H. S. Clutton	168	0	0
1586 G. H. Finch	36	15	0
1608 Henry W. Kiallmark	53	1	6
1613 George Harlow	68	5	0
1615 T. R. Dallmeyer	26	5	0
1622 Frederick Hilton	52	10	0
1657 Edward Anderton	107	2	0

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE SUBDIVISION OF THE LONDON LODGES INTO PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your leading article in the CHRONICLE of 30th April, headed "Election Days and Election Tactics," there is the following sentence:—"London could do as well as any of the Provinces if the brethren would unite in the Metropolis as they do outside it." To paraphrase *Jack Bunsby* "the bearings of that observation lays in the application on it," not only to the subject of your article, but in even a still greater measure to the rapidly becoming acknowledged fact that co-operation amongst the London Lodges in regard to Masonic matters generally is a large and important factor in Freemasonry conspicuous by its entire absence.

You speak of greater advantages secured by Provincial brethren as compared with those in the London district, and of the "tendency to divide the Order into two great sections—Provincial and Metropolitan—with results which must eventually prove detrimental to the kindly feeling which has so long been a characteristic of Freemasonry." You enlarge on that text with special reference to election tactics in connection with our Masonic Institutions, and a great majority of brethren will doubtless coincide with you in your remarks.

But in many other respects this tendency "to divide the Order into two great sections" is manifest, and foremost amongst them that which strikes at the root of the equality amongst Freemasons, which is one of our professed principles, by compelling a certain section to provide larger funds, submit to greater restrictions, and yet be content with more neglect and less reward of merit than the other. What anomaly can be greater than that which on the standard of equality imposes conditions which divide a body of men into "great sections" with unequal responsibilities and non-corresponding advantages? That this is the case in the Order of Freemasonry let the following facts demonstrate.

In what is termed the London District there are upwards of three hundred and fifty Lodges, each of which, according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, has paid half as much again for its warrant to the Board of General Purposes, and must pay to the same fund for any required dispensation twice as much, for registration of initiates ten-seventeenths more, and for registration of joining members twice as much as any Provincial Lodge is called upon to pay; whilst to the Fund of Benevolence each London brother, that is, a member of a Lodge within a radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, London, must contribute twice as much as any Provincial brother.

It might fairly be assumed, by those who do not know, that in return for these contributions, at least equal advantages would be accorded. But it is not so; and hence the further anomaly that those who pay the most reap the least return. For Provincial Lodges can and do receive the full benefits derivable from the funds to which they have contributed in a lesser degree than their Metropolitan brethren, and, their numerical strength being greater, they receive those benefits in a far larger proportion—in round numbers say as 1000 to 350. That these funds must be respected, and instead of suffering diminution need increase, is not for a moment to be doubted, and no true Mason would desire that the powers of the Board of Benevolence especially should be lessened. Nor would they be, nor could any feeling of injustice arise, if each and all, Metropolitan and Provincial, contributed alike. On the contrary, in such case the Board of Benevolence would be able to render greater assistance than is even now rendered, and that without trenching on funded capital as has latterly been found necessary. The late Bro. Clabon's motion before Grand Lodge, June 1882, "That to meet the then (even then) increased demands on the fund every member of a London Lodge should pay 1s 6d quarterly instead of 1s, and members of Provincial Lodges 9d per quarter instead of 6d," was a good one and should have had the fullest consideration. It foreshadowed the present diminution of investments, which should have been kept up instead of suffering decrease.

But as a reason for this difference in amount of contributions it is said Provincial Lodges have to pay fees to their respective Provincial Grand Lodges, and the difference in money contributions is made up thereby. True, but what privileges do the Provincial Lodges receive in return which London Lodges do not enjoy? Most important of all they obtain a "touch" with one another in their respective Provinces under a supervision as to their practice of Masonic working and ritual, which, in the words of our Ancient Charges, tends to "promote peace and cultivate harmony, concord and brotherly love." And this supervision is not of a perfunctory character. The Provincial Grand Masters or their Deputies, or members qualified and delegated by the Provincial rulers, visit the several Lodges in due order, and control and report on proceedings to the general advantage of the aggregate body they have in charge. Have London Lodges any such "touch" or supervision? No! There is no cohesion amongst them; each goes its own way, perfectly independent of all other Lodges, and, beyond that, more or less negligent and careless of control from any superior authority, which in its turn is careless as to what may or may not be done within its jurisdiction. All this must tend to the disadvantage of Freemasonry and, to use your own words, "must eventually prove detrimental to the kindly feeling which has so long been its characteristic."

The suggested sub-division of the Metropolitan area either into

sections which shall have the same privileges as Provinces, or by absorption into contiguous existing Provinces, each of which if too largely increased by such absorption might be divided as are the counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire, is not a mere question of the purple, as has been most disingenuously represented; and it is a very unworthy argument to use against those who wish to see justice done, equality maintained, and the good of the Craft advanced, that their motive is self aggrandisement and grandeur.

Londoners are apt to boast of their "excellent working" and knowledge of Masonic symbolism and ritualistic teachings, and yet find contradictions in practice amongst their Lodges which tend to confuse rather than to instruct. Each Lodge adopts its own stand-point of Masonic "work," and will either hold fast thereto for many years, or change and change again as the caprice of any individual possessing the power of direction within the Lodge may influence its members from time to time. And why? Because there is no controlling power exercised over all! This is not so outside the metropolitan area, and whatever may be the differences in "working" and management between Provinces, the Lodges in each Province at least observe one and the same system, enforced by their recognised authority, the Grand Lodge of the Province in which they are enrolled. Hence it is that better work and greater respect for the principles of Freemasonry, a stronger bond of union and advantageous co-operation, a more liberal encouragement of efforts and preferment of merit, and far more social harmony and concord are to be found in the Lodges outside the radius of "ten miles from Freemasons' Hall" than within it.

For the present let these arguments in favour of the suggested sub-division suffice; there are many others which could be advanced, but probably none of greater importance. What is wanted is the reduction into manageable bodies of an aggregate of Lodges each separate and distinct as between one another, and beyond supervision and control because of the magnitude of the area they cover. How this can be effected it should be quite in the power of the Grand Lodge to determine, and as there are many of its members who share the opinions herein expressed, and do not hesitate to endorse them elsewhere, it is to be hoped that the subject may not be allowed to drop for want of support in the Council of the Order.

"Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow!"

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

7th May 1887.

ELECTION DAYS AND ELECTION TACTICS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My first impression on reading your article under the above heading was that you had been guilty of making the proverbial mountain out of a molehill, in attaching so much importance to the few hours spent over the actual elections in connection with the Masonic Charitable Institutions in view of the remarkably small band of subscribers who attend them, as compared with the whole number eligible to do so. On more mature consideration, however, I arrive at the conclusion you have not erred in this respect, as I came to recognise that the brethren who attend the periodical contests were in many cases the representatives, duly appointed, of very large bodies of subscribers, in distant parts of the country.

It would be out of question to expect anything like a general attendance of voters at the elections, and it is well that it is so; but it must be admitted—on the basis of one of your arguments, that of the small number of unused votes—that nearly all of them take an interest in what is being done at those elections. If they do not attend personally, they send their proxies, and in many instances they specially appoint a representative to take their place and act on their behalf. Such being the case we must recognise these representatives, and study their convenience as we should the wishes of the voters they represent. They bring up a certain number of votes and should be listened to accordingly.

I hope the committees appointed by the Institutions to consider this subject will look at the matter from my (revised) point of view, and not regard the few who personally attend the elections as all who take an interest in their conduct, as I am afraid I used to a certain extent to do.

Yours, &c.

A. M. W.

THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF TYLERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When you brought out an article in your paper with the above strange-sounding title, I was at first puzzled, and then amused; puzzled, because on handing down a dictionary I found the long and ominous-looking word was not half so dreadful as I at first supposed it was, and amused because of your ill-concealed surprise that there should be difference of degree amongst Tylers, as though indeed there is not amongst all sorts and conditions of men. But when that brilliant effusion appeared from the pen of "An Old Tyler," I hardly knew whether to smile at the vanity of the writer, or to pity his Pharisaical boast of "Thank God I am not as other men are." There is something delightfully suave and complacent about the picture "An Old Tyler" draws of himself. How I should like to meet my "most potent, grave, and reverend" compeer, in order that I might learn a few of his veteran antidotes for "idiosyncrasy!" He starts with disavowing any intention of "blowing his own trumpet with unnecessary vehemence," and forthwith proceeds to do so in the most stentorian fashion. *Eheu!* how perfectly a master he is of that instrument, to be sure. He certainly does allow that

the rank and file of Tylers, over whom he assumes such an air of superiority—or a “majority” of them—“do behave ourselves in a reasonably moderate, sensible, and intelligent manner, and are deserving of some little degree of respect.” There, now; is not that magnanimous of the “Old Tyler?” But if these remarks apply to the common herd, how much more so to him who has had the “exceptional fortune to have his lines cast in pleasant places,” who does not “tout” for the sale of collars, &c., on commission, and who excludes himself from the category of those who trade on Freemasonry? Did you ever read such balderdash in your life? Is there a man in the whole ranks of Outer Guards who can be pointed to as being free from such “flippancy and frivolity?” I have never come across one yet. Who is this immaculate “Old Tyler” that boasts, in type, of maintaining “a firm, dignified, yet respectful demeanour towards all the members of the Lodges whose Tyler I am?” Ahem! did you ever hear such egotism, emanating from the pen of one who is “on the verge of entering into the sere and yellow leaf?” I was almost going to translate that old saying into “second childhood.” Many men who have seen better days contract a *penchant* for referring to their more palmy times, but such references are invariably regarded as pedantic,—even worse. Thus, if “Old Tyler” is not “flouted as a flunkey or snubbed as a servant,”—as he asserts some of us “poor fellows” are,—he need not lay the flattering unction to his soul that it is because he was once in a better position than he is now, or that because he is “grateful to be able to eke out his scanty means by acting as a Tyler.” There is something really too Pecksniffian about all this twaddle, which won’t wash at all. Did you or any other brother ever see a Tyler “flouted like a flunkey or snubbed as a servant?” Bah! the idea is as preposterous as the illustration is far-fetched. No such outrage was ever perpetrated in a Masonic Lodge, and I challenge the “Old Tyler” to substantiate his implied libel. He says, “I have known some Tylers, who though far better off pecuniarily than many of the brethren they serve, are treated a shade worse than a ‘self-made aristocrat’ would treat his footman.” Good gracious! I should like those “poor fellows” to be pointed out to me, and I would give them a bit of advice as how to remedy that state of things. But I am strongly of opinion that it exists only in the mind of the writer, and shows symptoms of softening in that sensitive part of the cranium which he tries to make us believe is even yet, at his age, more solid and active than with many of us younger ones. The anecdotal portions of “Old Tyler’s” letter are amusing, only they should have been told to the horse marines instead of to men who have their weather-eyes open; whilst I must indignantly repudiate the insinuation contained in the concluding sentences that we are in the habit of asking for “tips”—“like the waiters at hotel dinners who, when handing round the toothpicks, insinuate that they ‘hope you have been well attended to, sir?’ and hoping still more fervently that the guests whom they thus address have so enjoyed themselves that they will be disposed to tip up generously.” That, Sir, I regard as a calumny and a libel on our class generally, and I call upon “Old Tyler,” in justice to himself and all of us other “poor fellows,” to withdraw the statement. It is not only ungenerous, but untrue, and I defy any brother to lay such a charge of levying blackmail by a Tyler on the guests at any Masonic banquet. Whatever waiters at hotels do—who are insufficiently paid by proprietors to avoid asking for tips, and many of them actually pay for the situations they hold, on spec’ as to the tips they will receive from customers—at any rate we, as Tylers, are not to be included in the same category, being remunerated for the services we are called upon to render to the Lodges.

I trust, therefore, you will allow me, in fairness, the privilege of expressing my views on the subject ventilated by “Old Tyler,” who must be troubled either with a touch of old fogeyism or of “itching fingers” to appear in print, no matter in what guise; and I hope, if he does send you a “few more remarks on the question” at any future time, he may be more consistent with facts, more considerate of the feelings of other Tylers, and less given to blowing that “trumpet” of his, the tones of which drown every other contained in his egotistical effusion.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG TYLER.

28th April 1887.

GROSVENOR GALLERY.

THE visitor’s impression regarding the place which this season’s exhibition at the Grosvenor takes in relation to previous ones at the same Gallery is considerably affected in some instances by the inferior quality of the very large canvasses—much to the detriment of the exhibition as a whole. This impression undergoes modification after a careful survey, when it will be found that there are a number of representative works of great excellence. Still the final verdict we feel must pronounce the present exhibition inferior to that of last Spring. To mention two of the large canvasses in question, we will commence with Mr. C. W. Mitchell’s “Through Death unto Life,” to which title is added the quotation, “and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City and appeared unto many.” This picture is stiff in action, and conventional in composition, and occupying as it does so prominent a position in the East Gallery, its presence is prejudicial in the extreme. In the West Gallery Mr. C. E. Halle’s large work, “Boonduelmonte and the Donati,” claims attention by its indifferent drawing and awkward composition, which qualities are too strong to be excused by the presence of a certain amount of good colour—in places, and the head of the daughter of the “Donati.”

No. 9, “Pelagia and Philamon,” from Kingsley’s “Hypatia,” by Mr. Arthur Hacker, is a work which will delight admirers of the

French school of scientific tone, drawing and absence of colour, while it will for its great excellence in this direction command at least the respect of those to whom the manner is distasteful. Pelagia and Philamon are seen in the desert, the brown grey of the sand forming the prevalent colour, from which the grey portion of Philamon’s garment shows no great difference, while the blue of the same is repeated in the narrow strip of grey blue sky on the left of the picture; the figure of Pelagia belongs to that class of drawing which, while possessing considerable exactness of proportion, ignores the subtler beauties of form; the colour, what there is of it, is pleasant in effect and cleverly arranged, though it will certainly not strengthen the claims of Mr. Hacker to the title of colourist.

Mr. Burne Jones, A.R.A., has three pictures in the West Gallery; No. 69, “The Garden of Pan;” No. 75, “The Baleful Head;” and No. 98, “A Portrait;” and in the Third Room, No. 235, “Katie.” The two large pictures are in this painter’s usual manner, and certainly appear more at home in the Grosvenor Gallery than they would have done in the Royal Academy, possessing as they do all the quaintness in the character of the faces and the composition which the student of Mr. Burne Jones’ work has been taught to expect. Mr. G. F. Watts, R.A., exhibits one picture, No. 57, “The Judgment of Paris,” in which he has departed from the usual idea of representing the three goddesses in a garden, showing them instead in the clouds, draped in aerial blues and reds, the picture being altogether lovely in colour; the head of Venus bears a very strong resemblance to the Venus de Medici. Sir John Everett Millais, Bart., R.A.’s, two portraits, No. 51, Mrs. Charles Stuart Wortley, and 58, Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, show us the great painter at his best in Lord Esher’s portrait; and if not quite at his best in the lady’s portrait, certainly very near it. Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., shows three portraits, of which the finest is No. 54, that of Lord Harlech. Mr. Herkomer, A.R.A., is strong, in four portraits, notably in that of the late Professor Fawcett. Mr. W. B. Richmond gives us his best in No. 32, portrait of the Right Hon. the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, and in 103, La Frainetta—out of six works. Mr. Holman Hunt is, in No. 119, “Amarillis,” swathed the eyebrows in eccentric mannerisms. Mr. John R. Reid sends four pictures—none of considerable size—among which is a portrait of Mrs. William Sanderson, full of good colour and strong character, if a little heavy in light and shade. In the East Gallery we have a very good portrait of J. L. Toole, Esq., by the Hon. John Collier, showing us the popular actor seated in an easy chair, with hands clasped, legs crossed, and looking straight out of the picture; also two more portraits and a picture, entitled “Lilith,” from the poem by Rossetti, by the same painter.

Mr. G. H. Boughton, A.R.A., exhibits one of his usual quaint studies of Dutch character in No. 20, “The Cronies”—two old women seated, warming their hands at the fire, engaged in gossip. “In Forest-deeps Unseen” is the title of Mr. Calderon, R.A.’s, one picture, in which we are impressed with a study from the nude, surrounded with a landscape, rather than with the idea of a subject conceived and carried out. A most beautiful study of sea and sky is Mr. H. Moore, A.R.A.’s, “Morning, Goree Bay, the coast of France in the distance.” Mr. Keely Halswelle, A.R.S.A., is much the same as usual in two pictures; clever, but metallic in treatment, and dominated by a peculiar grey, which is this painter’s own particular property. 184, “The Dangerous Passage,” by Mr. C. E. Johnson, is an interesting landscape, strong and rich in colour. Mr. J. W. Waterhouse, A.R.A., generally a prominent exhibitor here, has this season only one very small picture. Messrs. David Murray, Alfred Parsons, Hamilton Macallum, C. Napier Heury, J. W. North, and Ernest Partou, represent farther the arts of landscape and marine painting, each in his well-known manner. We have also two pictures from the hand of Mr. P. R. Morris, A.R.A. Sculpture is represented by Mr. J. E. Boehm, R.A., in four works—marble bust of Her Majesty the Queen, marble bust of the late Abbé Liszt, bronze bust of A. B. Mitford, Esq., C.B., and medallion of Darwin; Mr. Hamo Thorneycroft, “Choristers;” Mr. Harry Bates, “Master Hugh Lancaster” and “Rhodope.” We have also another bust of Her Majesty the Queen (in bronze), by H.S.H. the Count Gleichen, who also exhibits a bust of the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G. “The Fallen Angel,” by Waldo Story, is the only sculpture group of any particular size; this is placed in the West Gallery. On the whole, sculpture is not very powerfully represented this year at the Grosvenor Gallery.

The Great Prior of England in the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta (the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, 3rd G.E.T., &c.) has been pleased to appoint Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st, to be Provincial Grand Prior of Devonshire, in succession to the late Sir Knight Lieutenant-Colonel J. Tanner Davy. Sir Lemon was, on the 3rd of this month, unanimously elected an honorary member of Lodge St. John, No. 70, the oldest Lodge in the district.

HOLLOWAY’S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—It is impossible to over-estimate the benefits these effective remedies have conferred on mankind, and so great has been their success in every part of the world, that their names have become “familiar in our mouths as household words,” as ready remedies for constipation, indigestion, and every kind of blood impurity. The action of these Pills is essentially that of purifiers of the blood, hence they strike at the root of nearly all the diseases to which our delicate blood is liable, neutralising the ill effects of malaria and unhealthy atmospheres, and check the onset of fevers, inflammation, and enteric. The Ointment acts as a detergent and caustic agent, reduces glandular swellings, and quickly heals chronic ulcerations.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE,
No. 1903.

THERE was a numerous attendance of members of the ancient Craft on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury street, Portsmouth, to witness the installation of Bro. W. Royston Pike as Worshipful Master of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted in a most impressive manner by Brother H. J. Long P.M., and the hearty vote of thanks which was accorded to him was thoroughly deserved. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as under:—Lieutenant James Knowles, R.N., I.P.M., Bro. Livesay S.W., Bro. Commander the Hon. Assheton G. Carzon-Howe, R.N., J.W., Bro. the Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, Brother G. Backler Treasurer, Bro. A. Leon Emanuel Secretary, Brother Ford S.D., Bro. Austin J.D., Bro. Sam Knight Dir. of Ceremonies, Bro. G. Sylvester Organist, Bro. Lieut. G. Giles I.G., Bro. Lieut. Oliver Young, R.N., and Bro. Primmer Stewards. A handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, was presented by Bro. Long P.M. to the retiring W.M. Lieut. Knowles, in recognition of the zeal displayed by him in the discharge of his duties, and of the interest which he has always taken in the welfare of the Lodge. At the banquet (which was excellently served by Brother W. Maybour, of Ordnance-row, Portsea) the W.M. was supported by several Prov. Officers past and present, including Bro. R. J. Rastrick P. G. Treasurer, and Bro. H. Cawte P.G. Warden, P.M.'s and W.M.'s. The usual toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. T. Page P.M., and responded to in a very able and appropriate speech by Bro. Pike, whose enthusiastic reception by the brethren evidenced their appreciation of the earnestness which he has uniformly evinced in connection with the fulfilment of the duties of the several offices which he has held in the Lodge. A pleasing feature of the post-prandial proceedings, which were enlivened with harmony, was the presentation of a massive silver loving cup and two goblets, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, to Bro. G. Sylvester, in acknowledgment of the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of Organist. Among the visitors was Bro. E. K. Knight, a Mason of fifty years' standing, who attended as a special mark of respect to the professional brother and friend who was on Wednesday placed in the chair. Bro. R. Eve, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, had accepted an invitation, but was unable, at the last moment, to be present.

Bro. Boughton, the proprietor of the Theatre Royal Portsmouth, has given another striking proof of his liberality and public spirit. Lately, in forwarding to the Mayor a donation of five guineas in aid of the Jubilee Fund for the Hospital, Bro. Boughton intimated that during the Jubilee week he would devote the proceeds of one night's entertainment at the Royal to the fund. The company and the programme have not yet been decided on, but in order to ensure a crowded house the bill will be made as attractive as possible. Bro. Boughton is an enthusiastic Mason, and, it will be remembered, recently inaugurated his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Portsmouth Lodge by extending his hospitality not only to members of the Craft, but to a number of the fair sex, who will not readily forget the pleasant "At Home" at the Victoria Hall. Bro. Boughton intends to give the proceeds of another entertainment in the Jubilee week to the funds of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Charities. The patronage of Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, will be solicited, and an application will be made to the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) for a dispensation to enable the brethren occupying seats in the dress circle to appear in Masonic clothing. The Prov. G.M. and other members of the Craft will not fail to appreciate Bro. Boughton's generous resolve to swell the fund which is appropriated to charitable objects.

ANCIENT ISRAEL.—Respecting the Anglo-Israel mania, A. Neubauer, of Oxford, writes to *Notes and Queries*: A self-evident and undeniable proof of an early settlement of Israelitish tribes in the United Kingdom is afforded by names of towns, of a nature which historians as well as ethnologists admit. Everybody will agree that Dover, for instance, is nothing else than a dialectical form of the locality Debir (Joshua xiii. 26). Edinburgh is no doubt the Eden town, and in fact there is an Elenie view from that town. Eboracum (York) is either the town of Eber or else Ebras, "the blessed town," with a Latin termination. But let us take London, whose derivation is still doubtful; as a Hebrew name we shall find it to be Lan-Dan, "the dwelling of Dan." Old London was, therefore, inhabited by the Danites (perhaps a part of them went over to Denmark, although not yet claimed by the Danes). In the name of Dublin is most likely to be found a reversed form, that name seeming to be Dublin, the dwelling of Dub or Dob. This word, which means usually in Hebrew a bear, could dialectically mean a wolf (hardened from Zeob). The wolf represents the tribe of Benjamin (Genesis xlix. 27), consequently a part of the Benjamites settled in Dublin, and that perhaps in the time of Jeremiah, who it is known came over to Ireland, married an Irish princess, and brought over a copy of the law, which is now buried in the Mount Tara (from Terah the law). The tribal characteristic of "raving as a wolf" still continues to mark the descendants. It is not unlikely that Phœnicians settled also in England, which has long been suspected, from the frequently employed word Bal as a prefix in Celtic localities. Could not Sydenham mean "the home of the Sidenians?"

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

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—Praise is due to Messrs. H. B. Conway and William Farren for their determination to revive some of the less known comedies during their season at this house. Old Comedy Companies have of late only dealt with familiar pieces, so that the announcement that the English Comedy Company were about to produce "The Clandestine Marriage" was heartily welcomed. The revival was duly presented on Monday, when a good "house" assembled to renew, or make acquaintance with, Geo. Colman and David Garrick's famous work. A great deal might be written about this particular play, which in some parts proves anything but interesting, while in others it is questionable whether it would be palatable to some modern playgoers. The last act, for instance, is certainly constructed on dangerous ground, and should be considerably toned; however well it may be handled, in its present state few can fail to realise what is meant. Turning to those engaged, we must at once award Mr. W. Farren the palm. It is something like forty years since his father delighted playgoers with his perfect rendering of Lord Ogleby, and it is conceded the father's mantle has fallen on the son. Lord Ogleby is perhaps one of the most difficult characters to represent; to realize the failing health, the rheumatic twinges, the return of vigour when in the presence of pretty women, and also the noble bearing; these are shown clearly and without exaggeration. Mr. Farren also looks the old man. His scenes with Fanny are happily conceived; his joy, when he thinks she has fallen in love with him, never for a moment oversteps the author's intention. Taking his performance as a whole, Mr. Farren is heartily to be congratulated. As Sir John Melvil, Mr. H. B. Conway displayed plenty of spirit. At the commencement of the piece he delivered Garrick's original prologue. Mr. Henry Crisp made a blunt and hearty Sterling, but Mr. Reeves Smith appeared uneasy as Lovewell. The Canton of Mr. Robert Soutar was a capital performance, while Mr. Mark Kinghorne was good as Brush. Miss Fanny Coleman judiciously kept from exaggeration the part of Mrs. Heidelberg, a mixture of Mrs. Malaprop and Mrs. Candour; while Miss Angela Fenton employed considerable tact in her representation of Miss Sterling. Miss Maud Strudwick, as Fanny, would have been better had she sometimes varied the tone of her voice. The Misses Florence Sutherland, Ada Ferrar and Mary Burton each showed signs of care and study. Mr. Farren received a hearty and deserved call at the conclusion.

Adelphi.—To run a drama through five hundred performances is a result rarely achieved; when such a drama has been produced it must be conceded that it must assuredly be considerably above the average quality. Such is Messrs. George R. Sims and Henry Pettit's five act drama "The Harbour Lights." A more healthy or thoroughly interesting play could not be desired, while the actors engaged to interpret the work could scarcely be excelled. On a recent visit to the Adelphi we found Mr. Percy Lyndal was playing the part of Lieutenant David Kingsley vice Mr. William Terriss away for a holiday. Thanks to Mr. Lyndal's careful interpretation the character lost little by the change; this gentleman's cheerful and gallant bearing thoroughly suits the part. Mr. Arthur Marcel gave an earnest realization of Frank Morland, Mr. Lyndal's original character, while Mr. J. D. Beveridge is back in his old part of Nicholas Morland. Miss Millward gains the sympathies of her audience by her natural rendering of Dora Vane, while the comic element is well sustained by Messrs. E. W. Garden, Miss Clara Jecks, Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. H. Leigh.

Toole's.—Mr. Toole's present programme shows us a character suited to that gentleman's peculiarities. "The Butler" is a comedy with plenty of scope. Although it has now been running some time, we cannot refrain from remarking it is a pity it is spread out to such an extent. The frequent duologues are depressing, and stop the progress of the piece, which would be of a bright and laughable character if worked closer. Mr. Toole is well supported by Messrs. E. D. Ward, John Billington, G. Shelton, the Misses Emily Thorne, Marie Linden, Violet Vanbrugh, and Bella Wallis (in place of Kate Phillips, who, we are sorry to hear, is seriously ill).

THE LONDON HORSE SHOW.—This show, which opens this day (Saturday), at Olympia, Kensington, will be the largest of its kind ever held; still entries have had to be declined. A new feature will be the tandem and four-in-hand classes, and there will be jumping throughout each day of the show, which will remain open until Friday, the 20th May. Olympia is so easily accessible by train and omnibus that a large number of people are likely to attend. It is anticipated that the show will draw the finest collection of horse-flesh ever brought together.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 14th May 1887:—

Monday—Leigh Lodge, St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' Festival. Thursday—University of London Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge. Saturday—Artists' General Benevolent Institution, Phoenix Lodge.

Inter-visitations are of untold value to all Masonic organisations. If one Lodge visits another in a body, it widens the usefulness of both. If one member visits another, it creates a universality of feeling, and inaugurates new friendships; it shows that the citizen loves his neighbour, and desires him to put shoulder to shoulder in the plan to maintain order against every foe at all hazards. Therefore let the Lodges intervisit frequently.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

The ill-natured critics who dip their pens in gall, are growing fewer, in proportion to the number of their craft, every day, and are generally the men with the least grasp of thought.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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The Masonic Year Book for the Province of Cambridgeshire. Cambridge: W. P. Spalding, 43 Sydney Street.

YET another of these useful little works, which have come in a shoal upon us within the last few weeks, and with such rapidity that it is next to impossible to find new words in which to clothe our descriptions of them. Here we have, of course, the usual "calendar" matter, carefully and judiciously arranged "up to date," with all the information necessary for the enlightenment of our Cambridgeshire brethren of Masonic doings within their Province. The Editor in his prefatory notes talks discursively on the past year's Masonic history of the Province, in which he refers with sadness to the great loss which the brethren have sustained in the death of the lamented Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. Neal York, which event occurred on 9th July last year. He remarks it is not too much to say that a more popular Deputy Grand Master did not hold office in England, and the numbers who attended his funeral on the 15th July testified to the deep respect in which he was deservedly held. Bro. York was a bright Mason; his heart was big with Charity; his hand was ever ready as his purse, ever open to relieve the necessities of the distressed. A memorial window was placed in St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, the subject comprising Solomon King of Israel, St. Etheldreda and several Masonic columns. He then refers to the appointment of Bro. Andrew H. Moyes as the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master's successor, and in reference to this the writer adds: Brother Moyes' Masonic work was the pride of his Lodge and Chapter; his charitable disposition had been evinced by his having acted more than once as Steward to one or other of the Charities; and these qualities, added to his universal courtesy, doubtless operated strongly with the Prov. Grand Master in his choice of a Deputy. Notes are appended of the work of the several Lodges in the Province during the year, notable amongst which was the jubilee of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, which was celebrated by the holding of a Lodge of Emergency in July, and a very enjoyable winter party after it. All the Lodges appear to have progressed satisfactorily, and R. A. Masonry has steadily advanced; while the past year has shown a great increase in the charitable work of the Province. The book is of handy size, well printed, and bound in a cover of white and gold.

In a neat little "price current list," issued by the St. George's Distillery, Borough, we find a very interesting account of "The last of the Marshalsea," by Mr. H. Stonehewer Cooper, which is well worth perusal, by all especially who are acquainted with the works of Dickens and his many references to the old debtors' jail. After alluding to the disappearance of some famous old historical structures in London, the writer tells us that the last relics of the Marshalsea are about to share the same fate. The prison derived its name from having been originally placed under the Knight Marshal of the Royal Household, and its jurisdiction extended twelve miles round Whitehall, the City of London excepted. In 1842 it ceased to be a prison for the "smugglers, pirates and debtors" who formed its population, and the very memory of the place, except in the pages of "Little Dorrit," seems to have passed away. We much question whether one of a thousand of the busy crowds who throng the High-street of Southwark from dawn to dark are aware that just before they reach St. George's Church, on the eastern side of the street, they are passing two of the most historical prison sites in London, that of the Old King's Bench and the Marshalsea. Mr. Cooper gives a graphic description of the interior of the prison, the home of the "Father and Child of the Marshalsea," which is doomed and whose site will soon be busy with men building, and shortly afterwards with the hum of factory work. But the halo of Dickens's creation still hovers round the dreary spot, inasmuch as the two entrances to the St. George's Distillery, except "The Crown," close by, and now kept by Brother T. J. Maidwell, are adorned with two scenes from "Little Dorrit," one where she is playing with the turnkey, and another where the old vestry clerk from round the corner is showing her the registry of her birth as "Born in the Prison of the Marshalsea, in the parish of St. George." A large section of our readers are familiar with our Bro. Maidwell, who is a P.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, and for many years the popular proprietor of the "Hercules Tavern" in Leadenhall-street; he will be only too ready to present such as may be desirous of perusing this little historic sketch with a copy, if they will drop in and see him at the "Crown."

Messrs Cassell and Company will publish during May "The Queen's Pictures, illustrating the chief events of Her Majesty's life" (reproduced by the gracious permission of the Queen), as a special Jubilee number of *The Magazine of Art*. The text will be written by Richard R. Holmes, Esq., F.S.A., librarian at Windsor Castle, and the work will contain engraving of pictures which have been executed from time to time by the Royal commands to illustrate the chief events of Her Majesty's life, and of portraits of the Queen painted at various periods by celebrated painters. Many of these pictures have never before been engraved, and are now published for the first time, by the special permission of Her Majesty.

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A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XV.—OBEDIENCE.

The soldier takes his life in hand,
And marches at his chief's command,
Whate'er it chance to be:
To certain triumph o'er his foes,
Or death, amid the fatal close
When life and victory flee.

O'er, 'mid the dangers of the deep,
Where shoals and rocks their vigil keep,
To trap the careless crew.
The helmsman's hand upon the wheel,
Bids the whole ship his purpose feel,
And hold his guidance true.

We have commands as firm and clear
As any known to warrior's ear:
To keep our progress straight;—
To guide us on our onward way;
To urge us to the Mystic Ray
Which lights the Future State.

Obey, then, throbs of gen'rous swell,
Which bid us act our duty well
To those in grief or need.
Obey the manly instincts, rife
With beauties of Masonic life,
Success must be our meed.

XVI.—PRUDENCE.

When summer days are bright and long,
And sun-gleams fall both warm and strong,
The busy ant, with tireless ran,
Lays up for time, when, Summer done,
The wintry days of cold and wet,
Forbid the search his food to get;
Securely song, his toiling o'er,
He feasts on riches from his store.
A lesson here the Masons learn,
All sloth and idleness to spurn;
To store the mind, when bright and clear,
For weakness of the aging year;
To work and strive, whilst health is by,
That peace may fold us when we die;
To shirk no burden, rightly laid,
Whilst strength of mind and frame can aid.
Thus Providence, whilst we have our breath,
Shall bless our life and guard our death.

WM. H. ORR,

Wor. Master Lodge Edinburgh, No. 10, Grand Bard.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.—The Committee of this Institution have decided 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 a silver medal for models or drawings of a propelling power suitable for the boats of the Institution. All models or drawings must be forwarded to the Institution not later than the 1st October next, under cypher, accompanied by the fullest detailed explanations, and a sealed cover containing the name and address of the competitor, not to be opened until after a decision has been arrived at. The models and drawings will be examined by three judges, appointed by the Committee, who reserve to themselves the right of withholding all or any of the medals. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Charles Dibdin, Esq., 14 John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.

THE QUIVER medal for heroism in the saving of life has been awarded to Thomas Whiting, of Stratford-on-Avon, who recently saved a woman from drowning, at the risk of his own life. The medal was publicly presented by the Mayor, Sir Arthur Hodgson, K.C.M.G. Whiting has also received the medal of the Royal Humane Society, in recognition of the same brave deed.

MASONS AT HEART.—There are two kinds of Masons—those that are Masons indeed, and those that know Masonry. There are some brethren who know Masonry, yet are not Masons—it is so much easier to know a thing than to be what it implies. It is a capital thing to be a good ritualist, provided you mean what you say and practise what you teach. It is often said that a brother who can confer all the degrees with honour is a good Mason. So he is, *skin deep*, but he ought to be a Mason all through, and especially in his *heart*. There is nothing like heart-Masonry. It tells in the life as well as on the lips. Indeed, some men are Masons at heart who never were initiated. They are fit to be made Masons, but never happened to periton for initiation. It is a lucky thing for the world that it has these heart-Masons in it, all unlabelled, but as surely Masons in action as though they had received the imprimatur of the Craft.—*Keystone*.

George Macdonald writes: "Whoever thinks of life as something that could be without religion, is in deadly ignorance of both. Life and religion are one, or neither is anything. . . . Religion is no way of life, no show of life, no observation of any sort. It is neither the food nor the medicine of being. It is life essential."

He who neglects the present duty, breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the effect when the meaning of a lifetime is unravelled.

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

AMELIA M. MAHOMED,

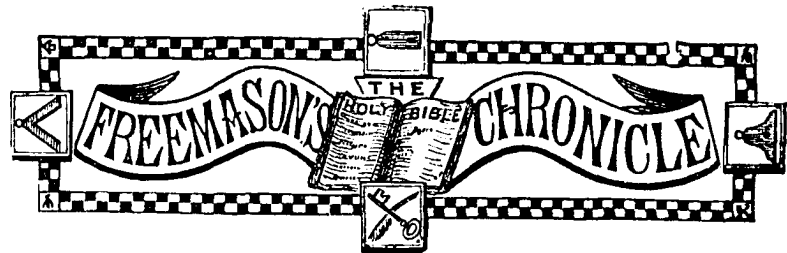
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WIDOW of the late ARTHUR AKLIBAR MAHOMED, 14 years member
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introduced the Shampooing and Vapour Baths into England, in 1784.
The son continued the Baths in the King's Road, Brighton, with the
assistance 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

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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.



THE FESTIVAL.

THE Ninety-Ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal
Masonic Institution for Girls took place on
Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a very
numerous attendance of Stewards and others under the
presidency of Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. Grand
Master of Shropshire. Taken altogether, the second
Festival of the year may be regarded as satisfactory, when
we consider the exceptional circumstances under which it
was held, and the special efforts that are being made
this year. We were sanguine enough to anticipate this
would be so, and that Bro. Hedges was able to announce a
sum nearing £12,000 as a result of the combined efforts
of the Stewards must be regarded as a matter for sincere
congratulation. After the banquet, which was served in
Messrs. Spiers and Pond's best style, the chairman
proposed the loyal toasts, referring to Her Majesty as
having a claim upon their affections such as that neither
could familiarity dim its lustre in their eyes nor the
revolving cycle of fifty years impair its hold upon
their hearts. In drinking to the health of the Queen
they not only paid their respects, as loyal citizens, to the
head of the State, but they also desired to toast the
illustrious lady whose private example had always been
for the promotion of true Charity, and who occupied the
position of Grand Patroness of the Institution in whose
interest they were met together on this occasion. Speaking
of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he said no one
lived more in the full blaze of publicity than did His
Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Whether it was
opening an Exhibition at Manchester on one day, attending
a reception of the Colonial delegates in London the next,
or presiding at a Charity dinner on another, in all he
brought to his public duties that marvellous tact and
affability which were so well known to the people, and
which endeared him to every class. In these endeavours
he was nobly seconded by the Princess of Wales, who was
as enthusiastically loved and adored as when first she
came to this country, twenty-four years ago. As Masons
they owed much to the Prince of Wales as their Grand
Master, and he had no doubt that the great meeting
to be held in the Albert Hall next month, in celebra-
tion of the Royal Jubilee, would forcibly remind them
of the marvellous progress which had been made in

Freemasonry since his accession, twelve years ago. It was gratifying to see Prince Albert Victor taking a position as a Grand Officer of England, thus carrying out the example of his illustrious family, in the person of the Prince Regent the Duke of Clarence in the last generation, and the Prince of Wales in this. The Chairman then paid a high tribute of praise to the Grand Officers for the ability with which the affairs of the Craft are administered; and Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, whose name was associated with the toast, responded. After referring to the distinguished position held by many of the Officers of Grand Lodge, both in the State and other institutions connected with the administration of this great Empire, Bro. Eve said he felt the M.W. Grand Master had done wisely in selecting so many distinguished brethren. On their behalf he begged to say how deeply they sympathised with the movement they were supporting that evening, in helping forward those great Institutions that had shed so much lustre on Freemasonry. The Girls' School was one of those Institutions, which proved Charity to be one of the brightest jewels in the diadem of Freemasonry. Although they had a great love for the other Institutions, there was a peculiar attraction in that one whose special care was the daughters of Masons. Those who had visited the Institution at Battersea-Rise would admit that it was splendidly worked, that it reflected credit on the Order, and did good to humanity in general. The movement was deserving of all the support they could give to it, and he trusted next year, being the Centenary, all the brethren would double their subscriptions. Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, was unexpectedly called upon to propose the health of the Chairman, and in doing so he said, though unprepared for it, he had great pleasure in discharging that duty, having been associated with Sir Offley Wakeman in the Prince of Wales Lodge for many years. There he (Bro. Fenn) had an opportunity of observing how good a Mason Sir Offley was, and when his appointment as Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire was announced to the Lodge it was received by the members with the liveliest satisfaction, not only because it reflected honour on their Lodge, but because they were sure that all the brethren of Shropshire would be highly pleased and gratified at the Most Worshipful Grand Master's selection. The toast was most cordially received, and in response Sir Offley said he felt deeply the honour that had been conferred upon him, and upon the Province over which he had been called upon to preside, by being permitted to occupy the chair that evening. He remembered having attended Festivals of this description,—as one of the Stewards of his mother Lodge at Oxford,—when he sat at the other end of the room, and heard very little of what passed. He little thought at that time he should find himself at the Chairman's end. It always appeared to him that a great meeting like this, of brethren from different parts of the country, for the benefit of their Institutions, showed the real bond there was in Freemasonry, a bond of union, which extended far beyond the limits of the British Isles, to every brother of the Craft, wherever he might be. It had been his good fortune twice in the last eight years to prove how true this was, in countries other than England. Very recently he was enabled to witness the hearty welcome of the brethren in the far West of America. Some years before that it was his privilege to be present, in the distant East, to see Masonic ceremonies performed in English by a Lodge of brethren consisting of Mahomedans, Parsees, and Hindoos. Allowing something for the well known exuberance of the Orientals, he was at a loss to say which welcome was the warmer. In proposing the next toast—Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—he observed that, though they wished prosperity to all the Masonic Charities, this particular Institution must at all times be very near to the heart of every true Mason. At the outset of their Masonic career they were informed that Charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart; it was impressed at the very threshold of their entrance into the Craft that, amongst the thousands of their Masonic brethren, there were many who might have a claim upon their Charity. It was satisfactory to know that the Craft in general were not unmindful of their duty in this respect, as was evidenced by the magnificent support given to the three Institutions year after year. Equally satisfactory was it to find that this support had in the main kept pace with the great progress in the numbers of the Fraternity, nor had it, so far as he was aware, been impaired by those

distressful circumstances which had been so forcibly brought to their notice in recent years with reference to the general prosperity of the country. The Girls' Institution was eminently worthy of their most hearty support. The brethren were aware, from the experience of former years, that the Institution had been well supported; indeed, he might say the history of the Institution had been one of continuous and successful progress. At its foundation, ninety-nine years ago, it commenced with only fifteen pupils. So late as 1872 there were but one hundred pupils in the School; to-day it contains no less than two hundred and forty-eight. Thus they found the benefits of the Institution widely extended every year. It was not, however, merely to the extension of numbers that he might allude with satisfaction, but he thought he could more particularly congratulate those who had the management of this Institution upon the great care that was exercised there for the physical, moral and intellectual development of the pupils. This was largely aided by the Junior School, which enabled that extra supervision and care to be paid to the younger girls which was so desirable at their tender age. He applauded the system which prevailed in the Senior School, of accustoming all the pupils to officiate in domestic work of a practical character; and expressed the pleasure it afforded him that the girls were diligently instructed in plain needlework, cookery, and other useful branches of education. Another matter of satisfaction to all who had an interest in the School was the fact that, with the exception of the head governess, all the educational staff had been brought up and trained in the Institution. When they found pupils of maturer years coming back to the School, they found also that they carried back with them a grateful recollection of former days. He visited the School on Tuesday, with Bro. Hedges and other Officers, and saw the excellent condition of the children, and the remarkable discipline that existed; he could but feel that the Institution was being conducted in a most satisfactory way. He saw 160 girls going through drill exercise at the word of command, and he was perfectly amazed at the accuracy with which the evolutions were performed. The intellectual part of the education was equally satisfactory. At the Cambridge Examination nineteen were entered, and all passed, eight with honours. At the Examination of the College of Preceptors thirty entered, and all of them passed. In the Science Examinations fifty-four pupils entered in physiography, and forty-one passed; forty passed in electricity and magnetism. So far as the financial position of the Institution was concerned, that very largely depended upon the efforts of the Stewards; at the same time he would like to point out that there was special need this year for a call on their liberality, because it had been found necessary to expend £8,000 recently in the purchase of certain property for the well-being of the School. But for these timely steps much injury might have been done to the Institution. He reminded them that the Charity had no regular income beyond £2,000 a year, and it must therefore rely on the contributions of the brethren. This year they were under a disadvantage,—in this respect. The ninety-ninth year was nothing more than other years, but it had in the coming year the glory of a Centenary, and he might be permitted to express a hope that the next anniversary of the Festival of this, the oldest of the three Masonic Institutions, would be of such a character—held as doubtless it will be under illustrious auspices—as to be entirely unique in the history of English Freemasonry. Speaking for himself, he was sure the event would not be allowed to pass by the Craft without a very great effort to mark it. In conclusion, he claimed for the School that it was nobly performing the object for which it was founded, and, in company with its two sister Institutions, afforded a very complete and cogent answer to all they heard about what was the good of Freemasonry? To such a questioner he would like to point out the three great Masonic Institutions, and then he would find, with the alteration of only one word, that epitaph which was to be found over an entrance to St. Paul's Cathedral, to that great Architect and Mason Sir Christopher Wren, "*Si argumentum queris circumspice.*" Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treas., responded; he acknowledged the liberal contributions of the brethren in the past, and solicited their donations in the future, especially at the forthcoming centenary year in order that they might not only be enabled to maintain the School in its present

state of efficiency, but also to extend still further the benefits of the Charity to a much larger number of the fatherless daughters of those unfortunate brethren who have fallen out in the battle of life. Bro. Hedges, Secretary, read the Stewards' lists, details of which will be found in another column. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, congratulated the brethren upon the excellent results of the Festival. Although, perhaps, not so magnificent as had sometimes been announced on these occasions, yet they still showed the keen interest which was taken by the brethren at large in the Masonic Institution for Girls was unabated. There was an old line of a poet that says—

“Man never is, but always to be, blessed,”

and the moment Masons had had one Festival they looked forward with the greatest interest to the next. Brother Terry and his Institution were in the happy position of having achieved the greater result this year, but there was still one Festival in the future, that of the Boys' School. They all hoped and trusted that its Festival would be as successful as had been those of the other Institutions. Masons had been somewhat heavily taxed this year by special claims, but he was sure the Masons of England would support the Festival of the Boys' School as they had supported the two others. They knew this Institution had peculiar merits, though each of them claimed the greatest interest of the Craft. He was sure the Boys would meet with the generous support of the brethren, no less than it had in the previous years. Brother Frederick Binckes, Past Grand Steward, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, felt deeply indebted to the Grand Secretary for the kind and sympathetic manner in which he had proposed the toast, and for congratulating the Girls' and the Benevolent Institution on their successes in connection with their respective Festivals. He had prognosticated—and he hoped the prognostication would be more than fulfilled—the success of the Festival of the Boys' School, to be held on the 14th of June, the day immediately succeeding the Jubilee Masonic gathering, or assembly, to be held at the Albert Hall. He felt to a certain extent relieved by having been enabled to join in the congratulation of the other Institutions on their successes. He naturally had some little anxiety with reference to the Boys' School. He had often said that that Institution came last of the three, and was generally content to take the crumbs left from the others. He was disposed that evening to take up another view; he wanted to impress on the brethren another lesson, comparing the three Institutions with the three degrees of Masonry. The Benevolent Institution was the entered apprentice. Having taken that degree the brethren were naturally desirous of progressing. The Girls' School was the second degree; it was the connecting link with the other two. The Boys' School was the third degree, where members rallied round and performed the most important ceremony. While he stood in an unfortunate position that evening, not being able to announce the name of any distinguished brother to preside, he had every faith that the intrinsic merits of the School would command success, and that the brethren would maintain the prosperity of his Institution. They were in debt, in doubt, in difficulty; he wanted the brethren to release them from all three. They wanted the brethren to come forward and help the sons of Masons—the men of the future—to be able in later days successfully to fight the battle of life, and maintain the two great principles which their Royal Grand Master enunciated on the day of his installation—loyalty to the throne and charity to the human family. Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, next proposed the Stewards of the Day, with thanks to them for their excellent arrangements for the Festival. He expressed pleasure at meeting so many country brethren, and alluded to the fact that the Province of Shropshire had raised over £1,000 in aid of the School. Bro. Venables responded for the compliment. He was proud that Shropshire had provided more than 1000 out of the 11,000 odd bricks for the Institution that night. Shropshire was pleased to see such efforts in the cause of Charity, and hoped it would continue to all the Institutions, and so carry out the precept—“Hearts willing and hands ready.” Bro. Letchworth P.G.D. proposed the Ladies, for whom Bro. P. De Lande Long P.G.D. responded, and the brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a concert of vocal and instrumental music was

given, under the direction of Bro. Franklin Clive. The following artistes assisted:—Madlle. Marie de Lido and Miss Ethel Winn, Madame Florence Winn and Madame Featherby-Capel; Bros. Arthur Thompson, Albert James, Egbert Roberts, and Franklin Clive; solo flute, Bro. John Radcliff; pianists, Bros. J. Turle Lee and Herbert Schartau.

VISIT OF THE STEWARDS TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Stewards' customary visit to the Girls' School, on the eve of the Festival, was paid on Monday last, when the prizes gained by the pupils in their various educational sections were distributed by Bro. R. Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence. The children looked remarkably robust and cheerful, and it is much to the credit of Miss Davis and her assistants that the interior economy of the establishment is maintained in such a high state of efficiency. On their arrival the visitors strolled round the grounds, in which many improvements have been of late effected, after which they assembled in the hall to hear a selection of music and recitations by the pupils, who acquitted themselves in a manner that elicited expressions of unbounded satisfaction from the audience. In the distribution of prizes, given by the Institution, the gold medal (with £5 added by Bro. W. Winn) was awarded to Helen Senior, and the silver medal for good conduct (with £5 added by Bro. Winn) to Grace Bartram. There was, as usual, an enormous array of prizes, in the shape of books, work boxes, &c., and as each pupil advanced to the dais to receive her reward she was spoken to in a few appropriate and kindly sentences by the Chairman. It is a satisfaction to know the whole of the twenty children entered for the Cambridge Local Examination passed, with the exception of one, who through illness was compelled to withdraw. One or two brief addresses followed the distribution, the Chairman explaining that his occupying the chair was an accident, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire. He then congratulated his young friends on the very able manner in which they had done their tasks. Knowing them as old friends, it gave him much pleasure to be able to testify publicly to their merits. He knew such results could not have been achieved without constant care and study on their part, but no manner of study and perseverance could have enabled them to achieve such a success had it not been that they had been taught by such a scholar as Miss Davis. It was only a week or two ago that some of that lady's friends met together to celebrate her twenty-fifth year of labour and duty in this establishment, performed in a manner, he ventured to think, unsurpassed by any one in the world. Those who so ably assisted her—from Miss Redgrave down to those who had had prizes to-day—had followed worthily in her footsteps; each striving her utmost to bring this School forward in reputation for training the children, not only in secular knowledge, but also in moral and religious duties. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, after which the visitors repaired to the grounds, where tea, coffee, and other refreshments were dispensed, under canvas. Later in the evening the usual calisthenic exercises were witnessed, but the festivities were somewhat curtailed, in consequence of a scholastic examination on the following day.

The refreshment department appeared to be sufficiently well stocked for the requirements of the numerous party, but owing to a deficiency of seating accommodation in the tents, a considerable amount of justifiable complaint was heard. Many of the visitors came long distances, and that they should have found themselves unable to procure a seat while partaking of a cup of tea or coffee, was unquestionably a flaw in the arrangements. In the crowded marquees the counters were besieged, and this it will imperatively be necessary to obviate in the future.

We append the full programme of the day:—

Part I.

“O praise the Lord.”—Mendelssohn.

Trio—“Célèbre Menuet”—Boccherini—42 hands.—7 Pianos.—Mariou Bloomfield, Alice Blunt, Amy Cutbush, Lilian Frub, Kathleen Gibson, Beatrice High, Florence James, Maud Keily, Beatrice Knott, Gertrude Lockwood, Hilda Lyon, Edith Matthews, Isabella McLeod, Charlotte McMillan, Grace Musgrave, Lonisa Pincombe, Mary Sherington, Jane Smith, Lacy Smith, Fanny White, Kate Worthly.

Recitation—“The Pride of Battery B”—Daisy Capon.

Solo—“Funeral March of a Marionette”—Gonard—14 hands.—7 Pianos.—Daisy Capon, Amy Cutbush, Maud Keily, Charlotte McMillan, Lucie Ochsenbein, Louise Pincombe, Jane Smith.

Recitation—“Lost and Found”—Hamilton Aidé—Ellen Ashton.

Prizes given by the Institution.

Ellen Senior, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, with £5 by Bro. William Winn. Grace Bartram, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Cambridge Local Examinations.—Twenty entered—19 passed (1 withdrawn through illness).—Senior Third Class Honours—Miss S. M. Norrish, Miss A. W. Cecil (Pupil Teachers.)

Junior Second Class Honours.—Ellen Senior, Jane Taylor.

Junior Third Class Honours (with £1 5s each—part of £5—by Bro. William Winn)—Fanny Oberdoerfler, Grace Bartram, Ada Crow, Mabel Osmond.

Junior.—Satisfied Examiners—Mary Spalding, Emily Cecil, Ellen Ashton, Josephine March, Juliet Priestly, Clara Coales, Sophia Riley, Beatrice King, Susannah Tippler, Frances New, Helen Foxall.

Part II.

Madrigal—“The Nightingale”—Thomas Weelkes—Athalinda Allison, Ellen Ashton, Grace Bartram, Emily Cecil, Ada Crow, Eva

Gibson, Gertrude Hare, Ethel Laug, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Mabel Osmond, Eva Owens, Annie Parker, Rosa Pelham, Florence Popkiss, Ada Stephenson.

Recitation—"The Pied Piper of Hamelin"—Robert Browning—Athalinda Allison.

Solo—"Mennet"—Raff—14 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Florence Mason, Annie Parker, Florence Popkiss, Agnes Stephenson.

Recitation—"Morte d'Arthur"—Lord Tennyson—Ellen Ashton.

Duet—"Symphony XIII."—Haydn—28 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Norah Besley, Emily Cecil, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Gertrude Greenwood, Louisa Johnson, Florence Mason, Mabel Osmond, Annie Parker, Alice Pope, Florence Popkiss, Agnes Stephenson, Mildred Wrighton.

Prizes Given by the Institution.

College of Preceptors' Examination.—Thirty entered, all passed, three highest take prizes—Athalinda Allison, Edith Eastwood, Agnes Fyfe.

Class III.—Ethel Fallding, Proficiency.

Class IV.—Marion Warner, Proficiency.

Class V.—Beatrice Knott, Proficiency.

Class VI.—Florence Danlop, Proficiency.

Class VII.—Proficiency, Ettie Chapman; General Usefulness, Sophia Smith, Alice Harbord; Needlework, Alice Pope, Beatrice Cookes, Ruth Byers, Agnes Gooding, Fanny Wain; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year), Jane Turner, Lucy Besley.

Part III.

Song—"With a laugh as we go round"—Sir W. Sterndale Bennett.

Recitation—"Betsy and I are out"—Will Carleton—Ada Crow.

Solo—"Toccata"—Paradise—Agnes Stephenson.

Recitation—"How Betty and I made up"—Will Carleton—Ada Crow.

Duet—"Overture to Preciosa"—Weber—28 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Emily Cecil, Ada Crow, Ellen Delafons, Eva Gibson, Minnie Gough, Florence Mason, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Annie Parker, Rosa Pelham, Florence Popkiss, Sophia Smith, Agnes Stephenson, Mary Wyatt.

Prizes given by Friends of the Institution.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Religious Knowledge (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination):—Ellen Senior, Jane Taylor, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Josephine March, Julia Priestley.

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Music (Royal Academy Examination), (1st Prize):—Agnes Stephenson. (2nd Prizes)—Grace Bartrum, Ellen Delafons.

The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music (3rd Prizes):—Annie Parker, Florence Mason, Florence Popkiss.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch for Music (4th Prizes):—Minnie Gough, Gertrude Greenwood.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing:—Alice Pope, Nina Prideaux, Louisa Johnson.

By Bro. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French (as distinguished at Cambridge Examination):—Fanny Oberdoerffer.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Elocution:—Ellen Ashton, Ada Crow, Athalinda Allison, Daisy Capon.

By Bro. Thomas Fenn, for Arithmetic:—Mabel Osmond, Grace Bartrum.

The Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct (1st Prize):—Emily Cecil.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (2nd Prizes):—Mabel Osmond, Rosa Pelham, Gertrude Hare.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework (1st Prize):—Sophia Riley.

The "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge, No. 842), for Cookery (1st Prize):—Nina Prideaux.

By Bro. Ralph Clutton, for Cookery (2nd Prize):—Clara Pratt.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (3rd Prize):—Mabel Osmond.

By Colonel James Peters (Trustee), for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Gertrude Balch.

By Miss Godson, for Swimming:—Rosa Pelham, Mary Skelton, Annie Parker.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (selected by her School-fellows):—Sophia Riley.

Prizes in Junior School.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Proficiency:—Amy Cutbush, Bertha Deare.

The "Henry Levander" Memorial Prize, for Arithmetic:—Amy Cutbush.

By Miss Bowyer, for Good Conduct:—Isabel Knight.

Pianoforte Solo—"Victoria"—Kube—14 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Florence Mason, Annie Parker, Florence Popkiss, Agnes Stephenson.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Board of Stewards appointed to arrange for the approaching Festival in connection with the Boys' Institution held their first meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday last week. Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer and Patron of the Institution, presided. The following brethren were elected Officers of the Board:—Bro. Eve President; G. Cooper, Major G. Lambert, Horace Brooks Marshall, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col. Peters, Alderman Savory, and J. L. Thomas, Honorary Presidents; C. Belton, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Hogard, G. Kenning, A. T. Layton and J. L. Mather, Acting Presidents; T. Hastings Miller Hon. Treasurer; and Frederick Birckes Hon. Secretary. It was resolved that the Festival shall take place at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, 14th June; that the Steward's fee shall

be two guineas, as usual; and that ladies and brethren shall dine together, as in recent years, at the same tables. A sub-committee, consisting of Bros. C. Belton, Charles Dairy, C. F. Hogard, George Kenning, C. J. Knightley, and Dr. George Mickley was appointed, to consider the musical arrangements. The next meeting of the Board was fixed for Monday, the 23rd inst.

On Saturday last the general committee held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather, Assistant G.D.C.; there was a good attendance. After the usual reading of minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was approved, and ordered to be entered. The nominations for the House and Audit Committees were considered; for the former only the prescribed number were handed in, but for the latter there were twelve brethren nominated, viz:—Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Henry Young, J. H. Hawkins, Andrew McDowall, T. Cubitt, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, T. Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, and E. C. Soppet. Of these, nine will be elected in due course. Three petitions were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the October election. Five applications, by ex-pupils, for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained; and the proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks.

The Committee of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, at their meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, resolved that on Friday next they will proceed to the election of forty widows and sixteen male applicants for the benefits of the Institution. In both classes, however, three cases will be deferred till vacancies arise. Seeing there is a list of 130 candidates, it is obvious that many of the poor old people will be disappointed. As a solatium, however, we understand it is the decision of the Committee to present each of the unsuccessful candidates with half a guinea. This is one gratifying result of the success which attended the recent Festival, and will add another memento to the Jubilee year. It will be remembered that in previous years the unsuccessful candidates who were next highest on the poll in their respective lists have had sums of money, the two highest in each case from the John Hervey Fund, and the third from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. No doubt those who have the control of these funds will deal in a like liberal fashion this year.

The Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex will celebrate its thirteenth convocation, at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, this day (Saturday). The Companions will assemble at three o'clock.

Obituary.

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BROTHER C. MATON.

THE remains of Bro. C. Maton, of Kew, were interred on Tuesday last, in Richmond Cemetery, in the presence of a circle of sorrowing relatives and friends, including representatives of Lodges where our deceased Brother was an honoured member. Though the intelligence came upon us with no surprise, inasmuch as we had been almost prepared for it, at the meeting last week of the Richmond Lodge, yet the melancholy event has evoked expressions of sincere regret amongst a very great number of those who knew Bro. Maton, either in his private, business, or Masonic capacities. For some time past he had been suffering from an affection of the throat, which defied all the remedial attention which was paid to it, and the patient succumbed to it on Friday, the 6th instant. He had been prevented from attending his duties at the Royal Alfred Lodge at Kew, of which he was at the time of his decease Worshipful Master, and also the Richmond Lodge, of which he was a member; and, as reported in our last issue, reference to Bro. Maton's illness was made at the meeting of the latter, on the 2nd inst., with the hope that he might be speedily restored to health. Such, however, was not to be, and those who shared in the good wishes spoken at that meeting were called upon, sooner than they had expected, to pay their last tribute of sorrowing respect to a much-esteemed fellow worker in the Craft. The funeral procession left the residence of the deceased shortly after three o'clock, and proceeded to the Cemetery, where it was met by a body of the deceased's employés, and by members of several Masonic Lodges, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Rowland, Ambrose, Aldin, Nash, Digby, Dare, Sapsworth, Costelow, Eydmann, Wheeler, W. Hilton, F. Reynolds, E. Downs, W. Gamm, B. Blasby, W. Coombes, Cox, J. Munro, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c.

The service in the chapel and at the grave-side was impressively rendered by the officiating Chaplain, and the coffin was literally embowered with beautiful wreaths and floral crosses, sent as tributes of affection, from friends. Amongst them were massive wreaths from the Royal Alfred and Richmond Lodges, and others from Masonic acquaintance of the deceased. It will be recollected that only some five months since Mrs. Maton departed this life, and was interred in Richmond Cemetery; it added to the solemnity of the scene on Tuesday when the re-opened grave showed her coffin; upon it the remains of her beloved husband were placed. At a comparatively early age he, too, has been called from us, and there are many besides those who were most intimately associated with him in local Freemasonry who will esteem the memory of Charles Maton,—as a brother, a neighbour, and a friend.

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, 14th MAY.

- 173-Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176-Cavenc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179-Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198-Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275-Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288-Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1328-Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361-Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1621-Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1686-Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1685-Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1928-Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acra Lane, Brixton
2012-Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
2029-King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Small Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185-Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234-Brixton, Audert n's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

MONDAY, 16th MAY.

- 1-Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
22-Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45-Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174-Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180-St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
518-Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720-Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
975-Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1159-Markus of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425-Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445-Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489-Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507-Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585-Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608-Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623-West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693-Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707-Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
1891-St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901-Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910-Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021-Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060-La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 1593-Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. 224-Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 127-Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.
77-Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236-York, Masonic Hall, York
248-True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331-Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359-Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382-Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424-Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466-Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622-St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725-Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823-Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925-Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934-Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030-Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037-Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170-St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199-Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208-Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449-Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502-Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1969-Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40-Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120-Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128-Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139-Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277-Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734-Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 995-Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051-Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
M.M. 324-Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyd
K.T. 39-Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th MAY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55-Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
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)
191-St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212-Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
514-Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704-Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
755-Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maiden Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857-St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Clarendon, S.E.
860-Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
861-Finsbury, King's Head, Thrawlton Ho Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
864-Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321-Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8. (In)
1319-Friars, Lever of Arms, 111 St. Paul's Church-yard, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1350-Royal Arthur, Rook Tavern, Butcher's Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1511-Kennington, The Dorset Kennington. (Instruction)
1120-Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1416-Vicinity Edgware, Green Stags, Edgware Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471-Instruction, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
147-Treacle, Three Towers, North Woodgate. (Instruction)
1511-Chamber, Old White Horse, Bowditch High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695-New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1995-New Finsbury Park, Horsely Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1911-Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Horse, Cannon Street, at 6.30

- R.A. 19-Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 46-Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 205-Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 228-United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704-London, the Morgan, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365-Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238-Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
213-Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241-Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
381-St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418-Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452-Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463-East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
667-Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960-Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006-Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Dav, Scourier, Cornwall
1052-Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089-De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Shrewsbury.
1113-Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276-Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenshaw, Cheshire
1325-Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427-Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470-Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473-Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1534-Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551-Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570-Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726-Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1761-Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1911-St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugely
2045-Wharton, Willesden
R.A. 41-Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105-Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 310-Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446-Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460-Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 764-Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804-Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 166-East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266-Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30-United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72-Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73-Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brompton, at 8. (Inst.)
174-Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193-Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
222-United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538-La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
619-Beaton, Greyhound, Dulwich
700-Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720-Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
862-Whitlington, Red Lion, Poppy's Lane, Finsbury, at 8. (Inst.)
865-Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902-Burzyne, Goose and Gander, S. Paul's Church-yard, at 7. (Instruction)
969-Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278-Burdett Countts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1382-Corinthian, George Inn, Gile-gall Road, Cabot's Tower
1475-Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 515 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Inst.)
1514-Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1611-Ravensburne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604-Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)
1642-Belconfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681-Lordship, Berceley Arms, Finsbury, at 8. (Inst.)
1731-Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1803-Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922-Earl of Luton, St. John's Hotel, 61 New Street, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 141-Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 17-Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720-Panmure, Goose and Gander, St. Paul's Church-yard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933-Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1593-Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M. Pringle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144-Grasveuer, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181-Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199-Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Suoreditca
20-Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Canham
121-Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175-East Medina, Masonic Hall, Joan-street, Ryde, I.W
178-Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200-Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221-St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Street, Bolton
246-Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325-St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Lington-street, Salford
342-Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Southampton
451-Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
581-Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592-Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594-Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633-Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673-St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683-Isea, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758-Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795-St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816-Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Warble, near Rochdale
823-Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
871-Homesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Cambridge Wells
889-Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
962-Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972-St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Manchester
1019-Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1010-Sykes, Masonic Hall, Druffield, Yorks
1036-Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kieklide, Liverpool
1129-St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rotherham
1181-De Grey and Ripon, 111 South Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.11. (Inst.)
1206-Unique Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandvich
1246-Hole, Hole Hotel, Aston
1314-Orghouse, Masonic Hall, Southfield Road, Bighouse
1353-Duke of Lancaster, Anchor Inn, Huddersfield.
1366-De Grey and Ripon, 111 South Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.11. (Inst.)
1413-Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1591-Wyeombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1614-Alexandra, Masonic Hall, London, E.C.
1616-United Statary, Masonic Hall, Putney
1644-Starkie, Railway Hotel, Rensselaer
1971-American Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aitfield
1983-Alwiddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 255-Auriferous, Freemasons' Hall, Heekin in twice
R.A. 284-Sun-keeper, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 285-Royal Fourcross, Masonic Hall, Tottenham
R.A. 301-St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 350-Unity, Wheel Street, Orm-kirk
R.A. 632-Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes

R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 19th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 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)
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 979—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1330—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 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—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Credenhill, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House North Colliery
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Sarbiton
 R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th MAY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 167—St. John's, York and Albion Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 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)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1298—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)
 1780—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Horsesey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
 K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagen and Horses Hotel, Epton
 453—Ongwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Longwood, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 616—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penetration
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury

R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, the Biersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

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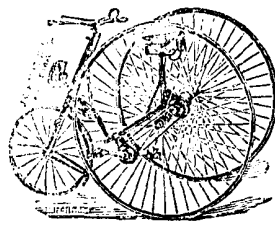
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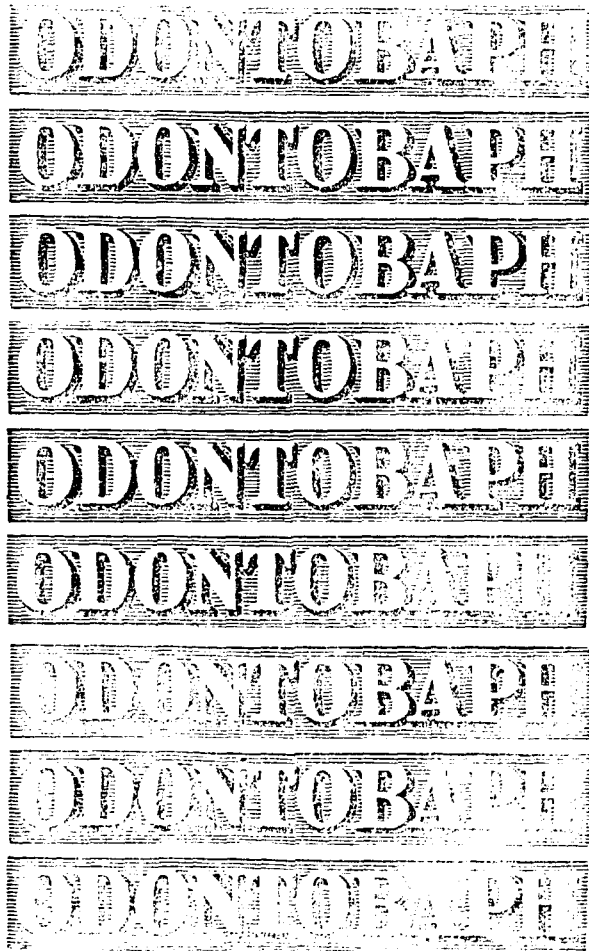
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