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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE GIRL'S SCHOOL.

THE ballot papers for the usual Half-yearly Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which this year will take place on Saturday, the 14th April, contains the names of forty-two candidates, while the number of declared vacancies is eleven. It will thus be seen that only about one in four of those eligible to compete can hope for success at the coming contest, which may therefore be expected to be a severe one. There are two candidates on the list who will next month make their last application, No. 13, Kate L. Boning and No. 24, Melinda Alexandrine Marie. The former of these was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 487 votes were polled on her behalf, which number will have to be very considerably increased before her friends can even hope for success. She is one of three fatherless children; her father was initiated in the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, Cambridgeshire, in 1872, subscribing thereto until the time of his death in 1884. We are sure the Cambridgeshire Masons will do their best to secure the success of this candidate, and are none the less certain they will fully appreciate any outside help that is rendered. It must be remembered that whatever votes are polled will help to win a place for a child who now makes the final application her age permits. Much the same may be said of the child Marie, No. 24 on the list. Her father was admitted in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003, Jersey, in 1882, and also subscribed until death. His widow is now left with the charge of this child, and appeals to her late husband's brother Masons to relieve her of a part of her burden. May she receive the support the circumstances of her case deserve.

Fourteen of the remaining cases are associated with Metropolitan Lodges; thirteen of the Girls being daughters of London Masons, while one is the daughter of a brother who was initiated in Norfolk, and afterwards joined a town Lodge. Only four of these fourteen took part in the last election, the remaining ten being new to the present list. No. 3, Mand Mary Freeman, only missed election in October last by 33 votes, her total on that occasion being 1605, so that she should stand a good opportunity next month, but her friends must bear in mind that there were sixteen elected when they lost with 1605 votes, so that a much larger number will be needed now, with only eleven vacancies. Her father, a P.M. of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, as well as her mother, is alive, and they have eight children dependent on them, one only being partially provided for, while another is in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We wish the parents success in their endeavours to secure election for their daughter. No. 5, Sarah Bissett, is daughter of a brother "lost at sea between 1881 and 1882;" he was an initiate of Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 898, and left a widow with five children, now dependent on her for support. She has already secured 234 votes on behalf of the daughter now before the subscribers to the Girls' School, and will, it is to be hoped, secure her admission to the Institution ere long. No. 6, Henrietta Ada Staff, is one of six children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, in 1885, less than twelve months before his death, but during his short association with Free-

masonry he qualified as a "contributor" to the Benevolent Institution. His daughter's candidature for the Girls' School has been so far supported that she now appeals, for the second time, with 444 votes to her credit. No. 7, Olga Katinka Tettenborn, is the case in which Norfolk and London are jointly interested, she being the daughter of a brother initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, who afterwards joined the Metropolitan, No. 1507. She has had a brother educated in the Boys' School, and is one of three children, one of whom is partially provided for, now dependent on their widowed mother. She has 145 votes to her credit. All the other London cases are first applications. No. 32, Mabel Margaret Edmeston, is one of nine children left by an initiate of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, who was also associated with the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, in which latter he passed the chair. No. 23, Adelaide Howett Jane Harling (Clapton Lodge, No. 1365), No. 25, Priscilla Minnie Swaebe (Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and Euphrates Lodge, No. 212), and No. 26, Hester Mary Burt (Bank of England Lodge, No. 263), are each members of families in which a widowed mother has five children dependent on her. No. 38, Dora Sims, is one of four children now dependent on the widow of the late Senior Warden of the London Lodge, No. 108, wherein he was initiated in 1869. No. 19, Lilian May Astington, is also one of four left to the care of a widowed mother; but in this case one child is partially provided for. The father was initiated in Old England Lodge, No. 1790. No. 21, Laura Amelia Thaw, is one of two children now dependent on her mother, the widow of an initiate of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076; she has a brother in the Boys' School. No. 33, Annie Elizabeth Alice Sumner, is also one of two now dependent on their mother. The father was made a Mason in the Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360, and subsequently joined the Wanderers, No. 1604. No. 27, Ellen Anne Blanche Pooler, is really a parentless child, her father having died, while her mother was divorced. The case is accredited to the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, in which the father was I.G. No. 37, Frances Norah Wells, is the daughter of a brother who appears to have taken great interest in Freemasonry. He was initiated in the Panmure Lodge, No. 720; afterwards joined the Oak, No. 190, and there rose to the rank of Senior Warden; he also joined the St. Paul's, No. 194. He had a record of 20½ years Masonic membership, and during that period was not unmindful of the Charities, to all of which he qualified as Life Governor. We hope the good he did during his lifetime will be repaid, with interest, on behalf of his daughter.

Devonshire, Kent, Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, are each interested in three cases, although in the two latter responsibility is shared with other districts. No. 4, Norah Geach, is the daughter of a brother initiated in the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, and is an only child dependent on her widowed mother. She was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 181 votes were recorded on her behalf. No. 9, Fanny Clark Campbell, is also an only child dependent, but in her case both parents are living; the father, however, is insane. He was initiated in the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, and subsequently joined the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39. His daughter has 106 votes to her credit, and will, we hope, receive such support at the coming contest as will entitle her to a place in the School. The other

Devonshire case is No. 15, Alice Katie Beatrice Prout, one of four children left by a brother affiliated to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, of which he became Past Master; the child now makes her first application.

No. 11, Lily Martin, is first on the Kentish list, and comes forward with 1619 votes in hand, that being the largest number polled by an unsuccessful candidate at the last contest, and only 18 short of the lowest then successful. She is one of five children dependent on her mother. The father, an initiate of the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, died in 1887. No. 20, Alice Winifred Bingham, whose mother has five children wholly, and two partially, dependent on her, is the daughter of a brother of the Weald of Kent Lodge, No. 1854, and has a brother in the Boys' School. She now makes her first application for admission to the sister Charity. No. 29, Florence Charlotte Hemmings, daughter of a brother initiated in the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, is one of four fatherless children, and will no doubt in turn receive the support of her father's brother Masons of his Province of Kent. We hope the turn of each may not be long in coming round.

Cumberland and Westmoreland is represented by No. 10, Jane Routledge Wilkinson. She is one of four children dependent on the widow of a brother initiated in the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, of which he was I.G.; she goes to the poll with 125 votes brought forward. No. 18, Margaret Carter, is one of a family of three who have lost both parents. Fortunately, they are all partially provided for, but not to such an extent as to exclude this child from the benefits of the Girls' School. The father was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 129. The other case in which this Province is interested is No. 41, which will be noticed under the head of West Yorkshire.

No. 22 is a case jointly accredited to Cornwall and Hampshire; we shall refer to it later on. No. 28, Leonie Rosamond Lee, is one of six dependent children. Her father, who was initiated in Harmony Lodge, No. 309, died in 1887, having continued a member of his Lodge from his initiation, in 1883, until that time. No. 30, Edith Hannah Hopgood, is one of five dependent children left by a brother initiated in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, who afterwards joined the Prince of Wales, No. 951, Gloucestershire, of which latter he ultimately became W.M., and attained the rank of G.D.C. of the Province.

East Lancashire has two candidates; No. 17, Geraldine Enid Pennington, is one of three children left by an initiate and Past Master of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and No. 40, Clara Vyvyan O'Hara, who is one of five left by an initiate of the Waverley Lodge, No. 1322. Both are first application cases.

West Yorkshire sends No. 36, Clara Hodgson, one of three children, whose father became a Mason in 1880, in De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 837, and, as we have already said, shares with Cumberland and Westmoreland responsibilities in connection with No. 41, Florence Ellen Barton, who is one of three children dependent on her mother. The father was initiated in Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, afterwards joined the Whitwell, No. 1390, and therein rose to the dignity of Past Master. He also received appointment as Grand Chaplain in the Provincial Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

No. 39, Mabel Alice Cookes, who has had a sister in the Girls' School, comes from Warwickshire, her father having been initiated in the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, of which he became a Past Master. She is one of three children now dependent on their mother, the father having died in 1883. No. 42, Frances Jesse Short, the last case on the list, is accredited jointly to Warwickshire and Madras, the father having been initiated in the Lodge of Light, No. 468, and became a joining member of No. 273 (Universal Charity). Both parents are yet living, and they have seven children dependent on them for support.

No. 1, Georgina Balch, has had a sister in the Institution, and herself comes forward with 384 votes brought from the October contest. Neither of the parents are living; there are two children dependent on friends, one partially provided for. The father was initiated in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, Somersetshire. No. 2, Ruby Rosetta Webster, comes to us from abroad, her father having been a member of Duke of Sussex Lodge, No. 1080, and Kent Lodge of East Collingwood, No. 845, in the District of Victoria. She is one of two children dependent on her mother, and has been so far fortunate as to poll 844 votes towards securing her election. No. 8, Mabel Elizabeth Bruce, from the Black-

water Lodge, No. 1977, Essex, is one of five children left to the charge of her widowed mother. She has 372 votes to her credit. No. 12, Mary Melita Tink, has had a brother in the Boys' School, and her friends have already secured 441 votes on her account for the Girls' Institution. There are two children now dependent on the mother, who is the wife of an old member of St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Dorsetshire. No. 14, Florence Helen Crompton, is jointly accredited to Cheshire and the Western Division of Lancashire, her father having been initiated in St. John Lodge, No. 104, and joined Prince Leopold, No. 1588, and Urmston, No. 1730. He rose to the rank of P.M. in the Craft. Four of his children are now dependent on the widow. No. 16, Ethel Lilian Julia Wells, is one of five children dependent on their mother, the widow of a brother initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Suffolk, of which he became S.D. No. 22, Mary Ponsford Gould, is the case already mentioned as jointly associated with Cornwall and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The father was admitted a Mason in the Fowey Lodge, No. 977, and became J.W. thereof, while he joined St. Hubert, No. 1373, and rose to S.D. therein. There are three of his children now dependent on their widowed mother. No. 31, Hilda Maude Liverd is a Berks and Bucks candidate, and is one of three children dependent on their mother. The father was initiated in the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, and became Senior Deacon therein; he was also a member of the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, and became Junior Warden thereof. No. 34, Henrietta Jessie Codling, whose father was an initiate and J.D. of the Southwell Lodge, No. 1405, Nottinghamshire, is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother; while No. 35, Anita Mary Thorne, is a Cornwall lass, one of three now relying on their mother for maintenance. The father was admitted in the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, and rose to the dignity of Past Master thereof, a rank which we trust will stand his daughter in good stead, now that she comes to need the help of her father's Masonic brethren.

Thus we conclude our review of the several candidates on the list for next month's Election. If we have not done as much as the friends of each desire we must crave their indulgence. We have done the little that lies in our power, and only regret it is not possible for us to render such assistance as would secure the election of one and all of them at the contest. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. All we can add is our very best wishes and the expression of the hope that those most deserving of aid will be found occupying the eleven places highest on the list after the poll on Saturday, the 14th proximo.

PRESENT MASONIC NEEDS.

PROPERLY to appreciate the purpose of a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons requires a degree of inspirational ardour seldom vouchsafed to any except those who have become fully imbued with the meaning of the principles we, as a Fraternity, advocate and defend.

To embrace in one thought the many interests which hang upon the deliberations of this body, is not within the possibilities of a moment. It is a reflection for hours, during which the ages must pass in review before the mind. Those interests are the offspring of principles issuing from the mind of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and running down to us in channels cut through centuries of changeful life, but containing the same stream of civilizing purpose, and perfuming with the breath of a changeless benevolence the lives into which it flows, as when it first burst forth in the wisdom of Solomon.

In the midst of social, religious and political revolutions and convulsions, always and everywhere Freemasonry has been recognized as the conservative power which has given a balance to extremes and has formed a bulwark against ignorance and oppression. Even in the dark ages, when the Church of Rome imprisoned education and learning of all kinds within the gloomy walls of monasteries, the members of our Society stood forth as the champions of liberal thought and free learning, the promoters of peace among men, on the basis of the brotherhood of the race, the protectors and supporters of destitute widows and orphan children, and the earnest advocates of those principles of morality which the Bible teaches.

I need not recount in a particular manner the history of our Fraternity, or attempt to paint with words of praise the

great dazzling achievements which have proved her right to a prominent place in the history of the world's progress. All this is well known to you. My duty is far more difficult than this. It is, if possible, to impress you most sensibly with such a view of our obligations to the times in which we live, that the future shall feel bound to bless us for our noble acts and not to reprove us for our ignoble neglects. An institution which has so strong, so independent, so powerful a life of its own as ours has, must find a true power, a true inspiration, in its own past history; must contain within itself the accumulations of past life; must have inherited traditions, which supply the most healthy means of the highest improvement; must be responsible for much which it has received, and which it is bound to hand on unimpaired. It is true, of course, that any such body of men as that we represent must acquire a common life. It is true, also, that when that common life has so much variety within it, comprises so many different functions, leaves so much play to all the infinite variety of human impulses, aims at such important objects, it necessarily exercises a most important influence and possesses a high dignity. And, therefore, it would be a real gain if we could leave this place with a stronger sense of the duty we owe to one another and to the world. Such a feeling surrounds the work and the regulations and the old traditions with an honour of their own, and we more fully recognise the fact that we have received something from the past which we are to labour on and to transmit in the best form that we can give to it. The thing of highest value that we have received is not the traditions of the Institution, but the spirit of striving upward and of making all things better as the condition of keeping all things healthy.

Holding in our hands the lamp of a noble purpose, let us examine our present surroundings, and then scan the horizon to see what reflections it casts forward from to-day. We are taught that Masonry is a progressive science, and that as we increase in knowledge our obligations correspondingly increase. These obligations are not alone to assist those who kneel at our altar, but rather to aid in promoting and advancing the moral and intellectual culture of man. We should, in the matter of education, then, feel a present as well as traditional pride. Living as we do under a republican form of government, in which the people are the rulers as well as the subjects, it is admittedly essential to the safety of our political institutions that this great aggregation of rulers should attain a standard of morals and education at least high enough to render them capable of dealing honestly and intelligently with every political and social question which the progress of the age forces into notice. Time was when opposition to our Craft sought justification for itself in the belief that Freemasonry was inimical to every public interest but its own, and while proclaiming itself a patron of learning, of the arts and sciences, it did not by positive or practical methods encourage them. But happily that belief is passing away, and the time has come when it behoves us to give more practical proofs of the reality of our claim—of making more positive efforts to support it. For this reason, and for the benefit of Freemasonry in the future, it should become a recognised part of the general policy of our Society to uphold and aid, in every way possible or consistent, the educational system of our country in our organised capacity as Masons, as well as in our capacity as individual members of the general government of the country.

Then, again, the loud mutterings of socialism and anarchism, heard on every hand, already warn us that the rising generation will be called on to cope with questions of social and political gravity, demanding the exercise of those principles upon which alone the sanctity of home and the safety of the State can be secured. When such statements can be made by men in public life as were recently made by men in New York City, before the Anti-Poverty Society, that a poor man cannot be advised to put his trust in God—surely it is time for Freemasons to lay more positive stress upon the fundamental teachings of their organisation. We cannot assert that our social system is right because it is ancient or because it is established. It is plain that there is much in the existing order of things which is defective, wrong, and dangerous.

The inequalities of human life in our own country are glaring, notwithstanding the advantages we enjoy above almost every nation in the world. While these inequalities exist, men will ask, "Are these differences of condition necessary and inevitable, or are they, to a great extent,

a perversion of the Divine order, and brought about by evils which are remediable?" These questions ought to press heavily upon our minds. If we have any loyalty to our origin we will consider anxiously what relation the brotherhood spirit, as manifested in the primary life of our Fraternity, bears to our modern customs and opinions. Socialism is the generic and vague name of various schemes of society which are proposed as substitutes for the established order of things. Indiscriminate vituperation of socialism is not merely idle—it is foolish and injurious; for every true Mason has in him a germ of socialism, and every socialist a germ of Masonry. The teachings of experience and of Holy Scripture afford all that is needed to discriminate the true from the false in socialistic theories. Personal character can ward off many ills, but the only remedy for our social maladies is the spirit of that brotherhood which recognises the sanctity of home, the rights of property ownership, and the equality of man. We cannot all expect to attain the same honours and rewards. Our ancient Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, when he first instituted the Fraternity of Freemasons, divided the members into orders and ranks—some higher degrees, and some lower—according to their proficiency in their several stations and places. The highest honours and rewards were open to all, but only those who prove themselves most proficient could receive them. Honours and rewards of the lower kind could be obtained by others in the several subordinate ranks of the Fraternity, but the same opportunities were open to all who showed a spirit of upward striving, and any dissatisfaction at failure to reach the highest was dissipated by self-judging justice. The same way is open to all in secular life to-day. The same order has subserved the best interests of society in the past, and the same order should continue to be maintained. Men generally should be made to realise that Freemasonry has the power to protect them in their varied interests, and to harmonise, in a measure, the inequalities of life which produce so many ills.

The questions naturally arise:—"How can Masonry produce a more healthy feeling in the public mind, and what action, if any, is necessary to that end?" These are difficult of solution, but we must admit it to be a self-evident truth that any institution or society is beneficial in proportion as it assists individuals to attain a higher manhood; for it is from the social stand-point that human life is to be viewed. The better and higher plane that individual manhood attains, the more healthy and peaceful is the social life. The fundamental lessons taught in Masonry, we all know, are the basis of true manhood; and those who most fully embody these lessons in their everyday life attain to the highest eminence and wield the most useful influence in society.

Is not much of the present existing state of society due to a tendency to individualism as against community feeling—the life-giving principle of society? Has not self-love, instead of brotherly love, moulded the actions of individuals in their relations in life with others to such an extent as to produce the existing state of affairs?

That Masonry, in membership, has been and is rapidly increasing, is well known, yet this unhealthy and disorganising sentiment in society has been as rapidly increasing. Can we then say that Masonry, in its own true spirit, has been keeping progress with time? We are taught that persons upright before God and of good repute among men (the qualifications of a true Mason), when associated together, naturally seek each other's welfare equally with their own. Is it not evident that in Masonry members are not to-day all imbued with the same spirit which animated our ancient Masters when they founded the institution of Free and Accepted Masons? Is it not evident that our portals have not been properly guarded in admitting to membership, or that the rough ashlar have not been hewn to that state essential to form a perfect stone in the moral and social edifice?

While our numbers have been fast increasing, the number has also increased who, after having been admitted into our Fraternity and taught the high principles of morality and virtue by beautiful ceremonies and lectures, have become non-affiliates—Masons in name, not in spirit.

A diseased portion of the human body sends with each pulsation of the heart its poison into the whole body, and, unless removed, ultimately produces death; so with societies, unhealthy, unworthy membership will constantly spread the disease of discontent, and, if permitted to con-

tinne, will, sooner or later, undermine the foundation walls and cause the edifice to fall.

Those who in Masonry see only forms and ceremonies, which in a short time lose their attractive qualities—who do not become impressed with the spirit of its teachings, who do not enjoy the fellowship of its members, who have no love for its sublime teachings, and who manifest no desire to aid in advancing and promoting its objects—must of necessity exert a disorganizing and unhealthy influence. Every individual, of whatever rank or station in life, exerts an influence for good or for evil. If Masonry would continue in the future, as it has in the past, to wield a powerful influence for good in the upbuilding of society and maintaining good government, it must maintain its own organization in a sound and healthy state; for as a rill from a fountain increases as it flows, rises into a stream, and swells into a river, so, symbolically, are the origin and course of the good deeds and name we would transmit. At first, its beginning is small; it takes its rise from the home, its natural source, extends to the neighbourhood, stretches through the community, and finally takes a range proportioned to the qualities by which it is supported.

Let us then, first, guard well the entrance of our Lodge; second, so perform our work that each rough ashlar will occupy an important place in the temple we erect; and, lastly, by the exercise of wholesome legislation prune our society from unhealthy and slothful membership.

I have ventured to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to these questions, not in the spirit of criticism, but in the hope of inducing serious reflection upon the opportunity now passing before us for adopting a policy of practical benefit to the time we live in, and of securing greater honour to the Institution itself in time to come.—*Keystone.*

A NEW MASONIC FOSSIL.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

MASONIC writers have again and again claimed the Essenes as Brother Masons, and some intimate that John the Baptist was an Essene. Some Christian writers suppose that even Jesus was an Essene. But be that as it may, I have a small book before me, size 6 inches by 4, which claims to furnish conclusive evidence that Jesus took the first degree of *Essenianism*. The title page of the said book is as follows:—

PART I.

"Important concealed information obtained from an old manuscript, found in Alexandria, which shows that Jesus in a trance was taken down from the cross, brought to life again, and in reality died six months after, within a secret religious society, called Essene Brethren, of which he was a member."

PART II.

"The Brethren among the Jews, a Manuscript for Freemasons. Chicago, Stillman and Pitkin, 81 Jackson Street." From another page I learn that the book was printed in 1873, and as to the best of my knowledge the said book has never been noticed before in any Masonic publication, I shall lay what I can learn from it before the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and here is part of the preface:—

"A member of the Abyssinian Mercantile Company discovered, in Alexandria, an ancient house, formerly occupied by Grecian Friars, in whose oblivion and abandoned library was found an old parchment (doubtless some old Masonic word). A French literateur, accidentally present, at once began to decipher it, but a missionary in the Order, of fanatical orthodoxy, tried by all means to destroy the antique document. But the efforts of the Jesuit missionary do not seem to have been successful, as a copy of the Latin original was written, which copy, through Freemasons, found its way to Germany. It has been proved, from the archaeological discoveries made on the spot, that the house where the parchment was found was owned and occupied by the Order of Essenes. Further that the document found was the only remains of literature from the once well-filled library of this scientific and religious Order or Brotherhood."

"The French literateur who conceived the importance and historical worth of the manuscript tried hard to enrich

the French Academy with the original, but owing to the intrigues of the Jesuit mission in Egypt, bent on destroying a document so detrimental to their doctrines, he was not successful, although it was preserved principally through the interference of influential Abyssinian Merchants, and Pythagorical Societies, from whom the copy above spoken of came into the possession of the modern Institution of Freemasons, and a Society in Germany now without doubt possesses the only copy in existence.

"As regards the discovered antique document, it consisted of a letter, which the so-called 'Terapute' (the elder), the highest esteemed member of the Brotherhood, had written to his brethren in Alexandria, in the name of the Brotherhood in Jerusalem. This letter was written by him only a few years after the death of Jesus; it gives a full description of the doctrines and death of Jesus, who the letter proves to have belonged to, and been a member of, their Brotherhood. Rumours of his miracles, and finally of his martyrdom, had also reached Alexandria, and as the brethren there had a conviction that he was their brother, preached their doctrines, used their sign of recognition, and lived in accordance with their rules, they manifested a desire to be informed on the subject, as to the real truth of the matter. To obtain this information their leader, or 'Terapute,' had written a letter to his colleagues in Jerusalem, who in reply wrote this letter, from which we obtain a clear and truthful account of this important and interesting subject. It is a fact, that never has been doubted by those familiar with ancient history, that the Essenes always spoke and wrote the strictest truth, and this, added to their moral and scientific lives, puts an end to any doubt as to the correctness and genuineness of the information given in the ancient discovered letter."

The above is followed by two pages, eulogising the Essene Brotherhood, and is continued as follows:—

"This Order, of which the present Freemasonry is the modern issue, was at the time of Jesus widely diffused through Palestine and Egypt, and had their colonies scattered all over the country. They always kept up a congenial fraternal feeling in their meetings, and gave each other information about the affairs of the Brotherhood. They counted among their members men of all professions and stations in society, and although comprising a great many learned men and rich persons (who sometimes found it to their interest to keep this secret) they never did exclude the poor or persons of moderate circumstances.

"Thus we have all reasons to credit this letter, dictated by the love of truth, and written by a man who had been an eye-witness to most of the important transactions in the life and death of Jesus, who, as a member of their Order, was embraced by them with all the fraternal devotion of the Order."

From the title page may be inferred that the writer of the old "pergament" (as it is called) did not agree with the New Testament writer, about the death of Jesus. The following extracts show that he differed from them on other points, he says:—

"You wonder that the belief in the supernatural and miracles should gain foothold in our midst, when you know that we all have to bear the responsibility for the actions of one of our members.

"Therefore, you ought to know that the rumour is like wind. Where it commenced it drives the pure air away ahead, but in its progress it receives all vapours and mist from the earth, and when it has passed some distance it creates darkness, instead of clear pure air, of which it was first composed, and at last consists solely of particles it has received during its progress. It is even so as regards the rumour about Jesus and his fate.

"Furthermore, consider that the inspired men that have written and informed of him were often carried away by their enthusiasm, and in their devotion and simplicity they believed all things the people, naturally superstitious, told them."

"Know then that Jesus is our 'brother,' has himself vowed, when at Jutha was admitted in the first degree of our Order.

"Now that I write this to you, the Jews have seven times ate the lamb of the Passover since our Brother was crucified, whom we all loved, and in whom God was glorified."

Bro. Adams, an old well-known Boston Mason, informed

me that the anti-masons, during the anti-masonic excitement, circulated a report that Jesus was a Mason, and because he revealed the Masonic secrets the Jewish Masons caused his crucifixion. The above "discovered" old document tells another story about the Masonry of Jesus. But be that as it may, as my main object was, and is, to call the attention of our learned Brethren to the above wonderful Masonic fossil, I shall only add that the Preface covers eight pages of the book. The old "pergament" fills about sixty-two pages. Next comes near sixteen pages of "Closing Remarks of the German Translator," which proves (in orthodox Masonic fashion) the genuineness and authenticity of the said document. And last, comes "Part II.," of near 30 pages, headed "The Order of the Essenes," in which essay all that Josephus and Philo wrote about the Essenes is reproduced, and a good deal more besides. The writer proves conclusively that the Essenes were brimful of faith, piety, and virtue. But for all that, viewing them from a commonsense standpoint, I simply regard them as I do the Monks, Hermits, Quietists, Salvation Army, and all other highly wrought religious perfectionists, as no more and no less than a mere pack of conceited or *deluded cranks*, and I am not at all proud of their alleged relationship to our modern Masonry.

Boston, U.S., 29th February 1888.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Thursday, 15th instant, and, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. August Perl, the Worshipful Master, who is seriously ill, was presided over by Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M. Among those present were Bros. F. Perl (W.M. elect) S.W., J. E. Chubb J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chap., John Stilwell P.M. Treasurer; S. C. Haslip, T. Bartlett, Alfred John Potter, H. J. Gabb and C. Weedon Past Masters; C. H. Ockelford S.D., J. R. Cordell J.D., and J. Bleckley Smith I.G., together with several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—C. Riechelmann P.M. 515, J. Tanner P.M. 1457, W. Carey W.M. 1571, C. H. Halford S.D. 1607, A. Combes S.D. 820, J. F. Saunders Steward 1507, E. Kerr 241 New York, W. Oakley Welsford 1321, R. Pierpoint P.M. 177, W. Blitz 177, J. Wilson 1708, C. Gieseke P.M. 1627. We may here express our regret at the absence of Bro. R. R. Harper P.M., the Secretary of the Lodge, who, like the W.M. of the past year, is seriously ill. We trust they both may be speedily restored to health. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Smith was raised to the sublime degree, after which Bro. F. Perl was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers:—Chubb S.W., Ockelford J.W., Rev. Stevens Chap., Stilwell Treasurer, Harper Secretary, Cordell S.D., Smith J.D., Richards I.G., Millson D.C., Cammach and Levesque Stewards, Turbfield Tyler. The installation having been completed in due form, Mr. Watson Dyer was admitted as a candidate for Freemasonry; in due course receiving the benefits of the first degree. Other business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the banquet was served, after which the usual toasts were honoured. That of the Queen was followed by the National Anthem, and then the W.M. proposed the health of the Prince of Wales. That being the first meeting of the Lodge after the Silver Wedding-day of the Prince and Princess he felt the brethren would heartily drink to their health, congratulating them on the celebration of such an event. Speaking of the Grand Officers, the Master said Masons must be very pleased at having such noblemen at their head as those who ruled over the destinies of the Craft. Bro. Bartlett proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He was very sorry the proper custodian of the gavel for such a toast was not present that night, as he felt no one could do better with the toast. The present ruler had done sufficient to prove himself capable of conducting the affairs of the Lodge. All the members wished him a successful year of office, from the beginning to the finish. In reply to the toast the W.M. thanked one and all for the position he had been placed in that night. He should endeavour to uphold the dignity of the Lodge in a manner equal to what had been done by those who had preceded him in the chair. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master. He knew this toast would meet as hearty a reception as any he should propose that night. The way in which Bro. Cusworth had worked must have created envy in the minds of all. If all could succeed in the work as he had done that night they would have something to boast of. Bro. Cusworth tendered his thanks for the kind way in which they had listened to him, and had honoured the toast just proposed. As one of the Past Masters of the Lodge he ever strove to do his duty. He always strove to fill up a gap, whenever such arose, to the best of his ability. The Past Masters one and all were equal to any emergency, and he had simply done what any of those belonging to the New Concord Lodge would do. The reason that he had undertaken the installation was because the Immediate Past Master had asked him to instal his brother. The toast of the initiate followed. In proposing it the W.M. felt he was speaking of one who would take a warm interest in the Lodge, and would fill, or prove himself efficient to fill, any office the brethren might call upon him to take up. He had known him for many years, and felt justified in saying he was

one who would prove an acquisition to the Lodge. The initiate replied. He felt somewhat like the person who, having had the misfortune to lose his wife, was told by the undertaker that he must ride to the funeral in the same coach as his mother-in-law. He got into the coach, but looking mournfully at the undertaker said, you have spoilt the day for me. So it was with him; as soon as he had been told he had to make a speech, he felt the day was spoilt, but after the reception he had met with he did not think it would be as bad as that. He would not say much, lest his youth in the Craft might lead him into error, but he thought that the brethren around him had not only proved themselves capable of doing their work in the Lodge, but of enjoying themselves after it as Englishmen. He was very thankful to the Worshipful Master for introducing him and hoped he should prosper in the Craft. The health of the Immediate Past Master was next proposed, the brethren most heartily wishing him speedy recovery. The W.M. felt his brother would fully appreciate the vote of the Lodge on his behalf, and would prize the jewel they had been pleased to prepare for him. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to August Perl, by the Brethren of the
New Concord Lodge, No. 813,
in appreciation of his zeal and assiduity as W.M. 1887-8.
15th March 1888.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, without whom, said the Worshipful Master, the doings of the various Lodges would be unknown to each other. Bros. Carey, Tanner, Pierpoint, Halford and Combes replied. Bro. Carey was very gratified at what he had witnessed, and only hoped he should be able to do the work equally well when it came to his turn to instal his successor. Bro. Tanner spoke as a Past Master of four Lodges. He felt convinced the members of the Lodge had in their Worshipful Master a brother who would perform the work to their satisfaction. Bro. Pierpoint felt it a great honour to be present. He was not a stranger at the Lodge, having been present at each of its installations for many years past. He very much regretted the absence of his old friend, the Immediate Past Master and the Secretary, especially as it was ill-health that kept them away. Bro. Harper and the other Past Masters had worked to make the Lodge a truly homely one, and the present Worshipful Master had given evidence of following on the same lines. Moreover, he was well supported by his Officers. Bro. Halford had been gratified at the opportunity he had had of enjoying himself at the New Concord Lodge. Not only had he enjoyed the working in the Lodge, but also the entertainment which had been provided to succeed it. Bro. Combes had no idea they should receive such a treat as he had that night. He was an enthusiast in Freemasonry, and experienced great pleasure whenever he saw its ceremonies properly worked. The toast of the Past Masters was next proposed; Bro. Haslip replying; and then the Worshipful Master made a happy allusion to what he might term the silver wedding in Freemasonry of Bro. Bartlett. He had just learnt it was exactly twenty-five years ago, that day, that Bro. Bartlett had been made a Freemason in the New Concord Lodge. He was very pleased to see him still among them, and felt the members all joined in the wish that he might be spared to celebrate a golden wedding among them. Bro. Bartlett thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him. As the Worshipful Master had said, it was twenty-five years ago that day that he was initiated. He had remained a member of the Lodge ever since, and if he was not now with them as frequently as he wished he was as often as he could. He had spent many happy hours in the Lodge, had twice served as its Master, and hoped to be present on many occasions in the future. In proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary the W.M. once more regretted the absence of Bro. Harper. The Treasurer they were proud to have among them. He was ever ready to lend his aid for the benefit of the New Concord Lodge. The W.M. coupled with the toast the health of the Officers of the Lodge, and it having been honoured the Treasurer and others replied. Prosperity to the Masonic Charities was given from the chair, and acknowledged by Bro. Haslip P.M., who returned thanks for the support rendered him as Steward at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. A most enjoyable musical programme was provided, Bro. Joseph Wilson and Arthur Combes, together with Mr. Fuller, giving some excellent songs, while Bro. Carl Riechelmann ably presided at the piano. Bro. Combes's songs were especially good, and were heartily applauded, an encore being accorded to his rendering of "Killaloo."

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 446.

THE 52nd anniversary of this Lodge was recently held, at the Townhall, Wells, when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren, there being visitors from Frome, Glastonbury, Langport Axbridge, &c. The W.M. (Bro. A. Law Wade) presided, and after some preliminary business installed Bro. J. Motes Atkins W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. Law Wade I.P.M., McWilliam S.W., Wickenden J.W., Manning Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Downes Chaplain, Thrale Perkins Secretary, Knight S.D., Harte J.D., Drayton D.C., George I.G., Coates Org., Tate and Taylor Stewards, Horn Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a splendid banquet was prepared, to which nearly the whole of the Brethren sat down, under the presidency of the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, interspersed with some capital singing by the Brethren.

ARBORETUM LODGE, No. 731.

THE anniversary of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby, and was attended with a great amount of success. The Arboretum is one of the largest and most prosperous Lodges in England, and is the strongest in the Province of Derbyshire. The attendance was very numerous, brethren coming from different parts of the shire,

not merely out of compliment to the new Worshipful Master, Bro. J. W. Brigg, one of her Majesty's Sub-Inspectors of Schools, but in recognition of the valuable and conscientious labours of his predecessor, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss. The ceremony of installation was admirably rendered by Bros. Woodiwiss and J. Bland, efficiently acting as Director of Ceremonies. The new Master subsequently invested and appointed his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. Woodiwiss I.P.M., Severn Taylor S.W., John Walker J.W., the Rev. Thomas Orrell Chaplain, Whittaker Treasurer, Wright Secretary, Sutherland S.D., John Jones J.D., W. Todd D.C., Forman Organist, Tarver I.G., Ward and Smith Stewards, Day Tyler. In presenting the retiring Master with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services, Bro. Brigg bore testimony to the zeal, geniality, and ability with which Bro. Woodiwiss had discharged the duties of the chair; and at the banquet, subsequently held in the large dining-room, Bro. Thomas Gee supplemented these remarks by remarking, amid the cheers of the brethren, that the past year had been one of the happiest and most prosperous in the history of the Arboretum Lodge. The banquet was partaken of by about a hundred brethren. The proceedings throughout were of a very hearty and enjoyable character, the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Todd, being very much appreciated.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 19th instant, under the presidency of Bro. J. J. Wilson W.M. Lodge was regularly opened and advanced, Bro. Harry Mercer was raised, and Bro. Blackwell and Foyer passed. Bro. James Taplin was introduced as W.M. elect, and was installed in due form by Bro. J. Lonsdale P.M. D.C., the following brethren being subsequently appointed as the Officers for the year:—T. Brooks S.W., A. G. Fleming J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treas., H. W. Nicholson P.M. Sec., Thomas Aitken (absent) S.D., A. Carter J.D., C. Mead I.G., Lonsdale P.M. D.C., H. J. Bragg Org., H. Reed and Martin Stewards. The remainder of the installation ceremony having been performed in regular order, and other matters of business disposed of, among them being the reception of the Audit Committee's report, and the initiation of Mr. Frederick Ford, of Brentford, a gentleman who was proposed by Bro. Reed, and seconded by Bro. Hanson. The ceremony on his behalf was performed by the newly-installed Worshipful Master, who thus gave early proof of his proficiency in the chair. The ceremonies throughout the day were all well conducted. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. It is with great pleasure we notice the present prosperity of this Lodge, which is the oldest in the Province of Middlesex. It now presents a firm front, and is, perhaps, in a state of greater prosperity than at any time in its history. Some years ago it was composed almost exclusively of London Masons, but now it has several local brethren on its roll, and is making a name for itself in the district. The balance sheet for the year shows assets amounting to £4 18s 8d over the liabilities, while there is a surplus of £41 17s 4d on the Benevolent Fund account, in the hands of the Treasurer. Much of the present success of the Lodge may be attributed to the exertions of, among others, Bro. William Coombes P.P.G.W. P.M., and for many years Secretary of the Lodge; German Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, H. W. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, and J. Lonsdale P.M. Among the visitors at Monday's installation was Bro. Woodward, the Provincial Grand Secretary, who, in speaking of the ruler of the Province said, Sir Francis Burdett was prevented through ill-health from being present at their meeting. Although much better than he had been, Sir Francis was still too unwell to come among them. He hoped, however, to meet the members of the Royal Union Lodge later in the year. Bro. Kendal was likewise present as a visitor, as also were Bros. W. W. Morgan, J. I. Cantle, Arthur Thomas, H. W. Schartau, &c. The three last named brethren contributed some excellent songs after the Lodge banquet.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE members held their annual meeting at their Lodge-rooms, Stonehouse, on Monday, the 19th inst. There was a crowded attendance. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. T. Sitters, was installed by Bro. W. Kennedy, assisted by Bro. S. Jew P.P.G.T. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Kennedy I.P.M., Tront S.W., King J.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, Cross P.P.G.T. Treasurer, Powell Secretary, Dymond S.D., Lugg J.D., Perkins sen. D.C., Huxtable A.D.C., Revill Organist, Perring I.G., Hughes, Facey, and Blight Stewards, and Gidley Tyler. The Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Lodge a large-sized coloured portrait, handsomely framed, of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and a framed photo-lithograph of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., for over twenty years P.G.M. of Cornwall. Both portraits are inscribed:—

"Presented to the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 1205, 2025 Hon.) P.P.G.C. of Devon, 19th March 1898."

Thanks were voted to Bro. Lemon, and directed to be entered on the minutes. Bros. Browning P.P.G.A.D.C. and Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C. were elected honorary members of the Lodge, in grateful recognition of their having taken a prominent part in its foundation over twenty years since. A vote of thanks, for his valuable services, was accorded to Bro. J. E. Poole, on his retiring from the Lodge, and regret expressed at his thus being prevented from being rewarded with the higher honours in the Lodge, which it was intended to have conferred upon him had not his private affairs removed him from the neighbourhood.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

THE annual festival in connection with the above Lodge was celebrated on the 16th instant, at Rawlinson's Hotel, West

Derby. Brother T. A. Withey W.M. opened the Lodge at three o'clock. The W.M.-elect (Brother S. Hadon Jones) was presented for installation by Brothers W. S. Vines, and T. A. Withey the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Brother J. J. Ramsay, in an efficient manner. The new W.M. afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—Bros. Withey I.P.M., Booth S.W., Harrison J.W., Vines Treasurer, Ramsay Secretary, William Pearson S.D., Leach J.D., James Oakes I.G., Jones S.S., Galloway J.S., Jones A.S., and Ramsay D.C. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Withey was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and apron by Bro. S. H. Jones, on behalf of the Lodge, and also with a silver salver for Mrs. Withey. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Ramsay, the installing master, for his services. Subsequently the Brethren and invited guests dined together, when the usual toasts were proposed.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 9th instant, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bros. Homan W.M., Heyes S.W., Dearing J.W., Weston P.M. Treasurer, Osborn P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, Brown S.D., Garner J.D., Wright Organist, Greenfield P.M., Larter I.P.M., and a large number of brethren. Visitors—Bros. Potter P.M., Boote 1897, and others. Lodge having been opened and minutes confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Miller, Mathewson, Alexander and Smith; to pass Bros. Wheeler, Hollier, Cates, Boote (of the Citadel Lodge, by request of its W.M.), and after ballot, to initiate Mr. Obadiah F. Wigley, the whole of the ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M., who is an acknowledged proficient in his studies. The death of Bro. Poulton having been announced, Bro. Greenfield moved, and Bro. Larter seconded, that a vote of sympathy be passed, and forwarded to his widow; this was carried unanimously, it being also arranged that the votes of the Lodge and members now pledged to the widow of Bro. Somers, be on a future occasion given for the benefit of Bro. Poulton's children. The election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, and what cannot be termed other than an exciting contest took place between the supporters of the S.W. and J.W. Bro. Heyes S.W. was ultimately elected, he having kindly given place to the W.M. of the present year on the understanding that he was to be elected this time. Bro. Heyes, in returning thanks, expressed his surprise that a contest should have taken place, for no reason, but at the same time intimated that he would endeavour to do his duty as W.M. Bro. Weston was unanimously elected Treasurer and Bro. Thomas Tyler. Auditors were appointed, and a vote passed, with evident satisfaction to all the members, that a jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to Bro. Homan for his valuable services. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until the second Friday in May. The brethren then partook of a plain repast, and after the usual toasts, Bro. Mark Kinghorne sang "The Toilers," with marked effect, and Bro. Smith gave a recitation. The brethren separated at an early hour. Bro. Willie Wright presided at the organ and pianoforte. During the evening Bro. Greenfield intimated his intention to represent the Lodge at the next Festival (Centenary) of the Girls' Institution.

VERNON LODGE, No. 1802.

THE annual installation was held on Monday, 12th inst., at Retford, when there were several visitors from Doncaster, Worksop, North Lincolnshire, and London. Bro. W. G. Morton was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. O. C. Cockrem, M.A., LL.D., Past Provincial Grand Chaplain. The Officers appointed were Bros. R. B. E. Ozle S.W., J. Walker S.D., E. Pigott J.D., J. A. H. Hirst Treasurer, W. J. Lazenby Secretary, P. Tomlinson I.G.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THERE was a full attendance of the members of this Lodge on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, to witness the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Francis Carter, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Frederick West D.P.G.M. Surrey, Alfred Bishop I.P.M., the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour Chaplain (Rector of Carshalton) Chaplain, W. Russell Crowe P.M., H. D. Aslett, Alfred W. Bulow, J. A. Taylor, H. E. Vickers, F. A. Norton, A. Bannister, A. H. Salter, John Kilvington, E. Crutchloe, P. Hine, Hanson, H. H. Doyle, R. H. Ward, J. M. Coates, Jas. Andrews, W. Harwood, J. Edwards, J. Rewcastle, W. W. Manley, W. Bassett, W. Harwood, and William Pile P.M. Secretary. The Lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. George W. Filmer was regularly installed in the chair, of King Solomon. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Francis Carter in a most impressive manner, Bro. Baldwin P.G.D. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The service was fully choral, Bro. J. Rewcastle presiding at the organ. The Officers for the year were then appointed, the collars being distributed as follow:—Bros. Carter I.P.M., Aslett S.W., Taylor J.W., the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour Chaplain, Crowe P.M. Treasurer, William Pile P.G.S.B. P.M. Secretary, Norton S.D., Edwards J.D., Ward I.G., Rewcastle Org., Harwood and Manley Stewards, and Rowley Tyler. The first duty of the new Master was to perform the ceremony of passing Bro. J. H. Marsh; this having been satisfactorily accomplished, he next proceeded to present his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren on the completion of his year of office. In making the presentation the Worshipful Master said he trusted that when Bro. Carter wore the jewel he would remember his pleasant term of office; he had fulfilled the duties to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. Carter having suitably replied, the Secretary reported that a poor brother waited without, and solicited assistance; he was

vouched for by a letter from the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Pile considered it a case worthy of relief. The Worshipful Master then desired the S.D. to collect the contributions of the brethren; these amounted to a substantial sum, and were handed to the brother, who expressed his hearty thanks. Before the Lodge was closed the sum of two guineas from the funds was voted towards the Greenwood Memorial Fund. The company then adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. A. Verdun. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by most of the above-mentioned brethren, besides several Visitors. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Bro. John Kilvington sang the solo parts in the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. Baldwin P.G.D. responded for the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge; he expressed the pleasure he felt in witnessing the ceremony of installation, and trusted the W.M. would have a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. F. Carter I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in eulogistic terms, and concluded by saying the Lodge would see some good work during the next twelve months. The toast was accorded "good fire." Several of the Visitors (among whom was our representative) having to catch the last train to town, the Worshipful Master proposed their toast, before replying to the one given in his honour, so we are unfortunately unable to record his expression of thanks. Most of the Visitors responded. Some capital songs were given during the evening by Bros. Arthur Tite, Page, Manley, Aslett, Crutchloe, Coates, and Rewcastle, the latter officiating at the piano. We are informed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held under the banner of the Wallington Lodge, at Carshalton, during the summer.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE members of this Lodge assembled on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, who was supported by W. M. Stiles P.M. Treas., James Thom S.W., H. E. Fraser J.W., A. H. Scurrah Sec., G. H. Lewis S.D., A. A. Nottingham J.D., A. J. Hearne D.C., W. Langley I.G., E. W. Wheeler Org., and a full muster of other brethren. The minutes having been confirmed the Lodge was advanced and, Bros. F. W. Hearne, Hudson, Dobbs and Eason were raised; Bros. Elliott and Williams were passed; and Mr. Thomas Sherman Anderson was initiated. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. tendered his thanks to the brethren for the handsome way in which they had supported him in his Stewardship on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For so young a Lodge they had done wonders. Bro. Stiles proposed that the sum of five guineas should be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on the W.M.'s list for the Benevolent Institution. This was seconded and carried unanimously. A proposition for initiation was handed in, and Lodge was closed. Among the visitors were Bros. Fred. Binckes P.G. Sword B., G. Emblin S.W. 147, R. A. Hose 1314, J. P. Poynter 1420, G. W. Knight P.M. 1507, J. C. Smith P.M. 1744, G. Mordey I.G. 1744, James Lister W.M. 1745, C. J. Axford W.M. 1949, C. P. McKay W.M. 2048, &c. On the close of the Lodge refreshments were partaken of by the company, after which the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing the health of the Queen Bro. Scurrah said Her Majesty was respected and esteemed for her many virtues and good qualities. The Prince of Wales had endeared himself to every Mason throughout the country. That night they might well spend a few extra moments in honouring the toast of his health, from the fact that it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his wedding. The Princess of Wales had proved a worthy spouse of a worthy husband, and was worthy of becoming our future Queen, although he hoped it would be many years before she was called upon to fill that important office. She would however fill it with equal grace to that she had displayed as Princess of Wales. In conclusion Bro. Scurrah felt they could but wish their Grand Master and the Princess long life and continued happiness. Speaking of the Grand Officers the Master said that so far as he knew they had always endeavoured to do what they could for the benefit of the Craft. They had among them that night a Grand Officer who had done more, a great deal more, for the Order than many other Grand Officers. He alluded to Bro. Frederick Binckes, who well deserved the high honour which had been conferred upon him. He was a brother who always did what he thought to be right, just and Masonic, he never shrank from any task which he considered might advance the interests of the Craft. His Masonic ability and thorough open heartedness won him friends in all quarters. Bro. Binckes felt peculiarly gratified on rising to respond to the toast. He did not hesitate to state that even after thirty years' experience he felt an amount of diffidence in replying to what might be termed the routine toasts of Freemasonry. The first part of this particular one, however, presented but little difficulty, as it embraced such names as those of Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, who performed their work in such a manner as to win the sympathy of all who listened to them. But as to the second part, he was at loss to speak. He was pleased at the reception always accorded the Grand Officers, and felt it an honour to be associated with them. Many years ago he had been waited upon by a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge and an inquiry made as to what office would be acceptable to him, but he heard nothing further on that occasion, and it remained for him to receive the purple of the Grand Lodge as—might he say it—one of the Jubilee rabble. Looking, however, to the fact that crowd had in its midst the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, and taken one with another it was not a very disreputable rabble to be associated with, he felt he might alter the words of Shakespeare, or Bacon—it matters little which—and say, he would march through Coventry with them. He urged his listeners to do all they could for the good of the Order, and assured them that their love for it would increase as they discovered more and more what it was possible to accomplish; such was his experience, and such they would all find to be the case if they worked zealously. Bro. Stiles proposed the health of the

Worshipful Master. He considered that to Bro. Scurrah must be attributed the success of the Lodge. He was a most able worker, and had left no stone unturned to secure its success. That day he had shown them his ability in the three degrees, and had ably acquitted himself. He shirked no part of his work, and in addition has the happy knack of making all around him enjoy themselves. Bro. Scurrah tendered his thanks. He should refrain from saying anything in regard to himself, as he desired to express a few words in reference to the Lodge. Bro. Scurrah then proceeded to give a most interesting speech, waxing quite poetical in his allusions to a chubby little figure, with silver tipped wings, flitting about and binding up a wreath of the choicest flowers, binding them with the bonds of fraternal affection. The wreath he meant to represent the Hendon Lodge, and the chubby little figure the spirit of brotherly love, which was strong among its members. He looked forward to the day when the aim of Freemasonry would be realised. When the Brotherly Love and affection which had been germinated and disseminated by the Order, to which they belonged should have borne fruit to the fullest extent and all dwell together in friendly harmony and united love. When that day arrived he felt sure the humble Hendon wreath, of which he had spoken, would not be the least among the offerings to the monarch who should then reign over all mankind. The Lodge had been formed in perfect harmony, in amity, and he believed all its members were in perfect accord with him. He trusted the Lodge might become a light in Hendon, and that the inhabitants might look to it as having brought brotherly love into their midst. Bro. Scurrah next proposed the health of the initiate; after very careful inquiry he had found him to be a gentleman well spoken of, and one whom they might feel proud in receiving as a member. He hoped he would be happy and comfortable in the Lodge. Bro. Anderson tendered his thanks. As the youngest initiate of the splendid organization to which he had just been admitted he desired to address them in all the humility of the position in which he stood. The mysteries disclosed to him had created an impression on his mind he could hardly express. Really a new Eden had been created to him. Bearing in mind the teaching of Freemasonry, he was reminded of what Charles the Ninth of France said upon his death bed, when, in the act of receiving divine unction, he was asked if he had any enemies; Oh! no, he answered, I have shot them all? He hoped his experience in Freemasonry would not be that he had shot all his enemies, but that he never had any to shoot. It would be his desire to perform his duties so well as to merit approval. The toast of the visitors was next given. It looked well for their Lodge that the more meetings they had the more numerous became the visitors. First they had two, then three, then five, now they had eleven, all of whom were heartily welcome. Bros. Lister, McKay and Axford having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Charities, which was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes in really grand style. Whether it was that Bro. Binckes caught the epidemic which prevailed at this meeting of long and poetic speeches, or whether it was he felt put upon his mettle by what others had said we know not, but certain it is that he never spoke to greater advantage than on this occasion, for close on half an hour he dilated on the cause of charity, and that too without wearying his audience, whose only regret seemed to be that his remarks had to come to an end. The brethren of the Hendon Lodge, he said, had proved their sincerity by the way they supported their Worshipful Master at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He could never forget what Bro. Scurrah had done when he acted as Steward for the Boys' School; he brought up a list of six hundred guineas, and that was his first effort on behalf of the Charities. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary met a hearty reception, and was acknowledged by Bros. Stiles and A. H. Scurrah, after which the health of the Officers was proposed and duly responded to. The Junior Warden, as a resident of Hendon, desired to say that the local brethren were proud of having such a Master as Bro. Scurrah at their head, and they would be delighted to follow wherever he chose to lead. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, the general impression being that the young Hendon Lodge had conducted its meeting in such a manner as to cause surprise and admiration among the most experienced members of the Craft present.

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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution
Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years
ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he
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ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping
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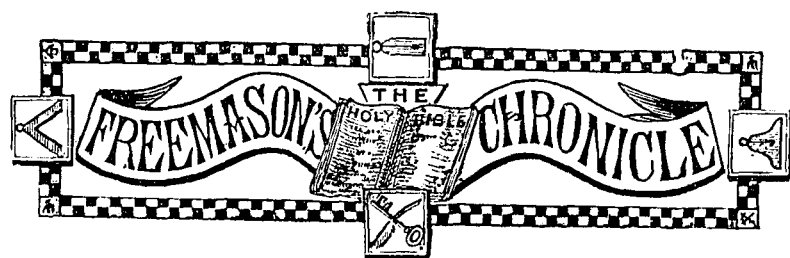
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CONSECRATION OF THE ARROW LODGE, No. 2240.

A LARGE gathering of Freemasons took place at the Burton
House Hotel, Kington, on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst.,
when the leading members of the Province of Herefordshire, Mon-
mouthshire, and Shropshire assembled for the consecration of this
Lodge. Until now the Kington brethren have attended the
Leominster Lodge, but their numbers having increased at a rapid
rate, it was decided to form a new Lodge in their own town. This
new Lodge is named the Arrow, after the river which runs through
the town, and the promoters were Bros. Robert Williams, F. R.
Tidd-Pratt, E. T. Mitchell, Evan Williams, W. H. Cuthbert, Alfred
Parker, F. J. Sheather, and Joseph Charlesworth. Bro. Captain S.
George Ilmfray Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire
performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, his assist-
ants being Bros. Thomas Smith Provincial Grand Senior Warden of
Herefordshire, R. Hayes Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Charles
Rootes and John Davies, Walter J. Dix I.P.M. Director of Cere-
monies, Rev. David Wilks Chaplain, C. H. Oliver Organist. The
Consecrating Officer having opened the Lodge in due form, and the
hymn "Hail, Eternal," rendered, the Provincial Grand Master and
his Officers were received in due form. The brethren of the new
Lodge having signified their approval of the Officers named in the
warrant, the Chaplain gave an oration on the nature and principles
of the institution. He said he need not tell the brethren that the
first principle of Masonry was Brotherly Love. It was the great

bond of union among the brethren—the very foundation of the Craft; and it was founded on another great principle, that of their being the children of one common Father, and therefore they were brethren. The fruit of Brotherly Love was Relief. Masonry was universal amongst all civilised nations. All over the face of the earth they met with members of the Royal Craft. In that vast body were men in all stations and circumstances of life; some opulent and reared in the lap of luxury, others in humbler positions and of narrower means. They all knew how men's circumstances changed. A brother was summoned hence, the wife becomes a widow, and the children orphans. Then came the time to practise a noble principle of their Craft. Another principle was that of Relief, and the brethren must take upon themselves the responsibility of aiding in the hour of need. A third principle of the Craft was Truth. An upright life and dignity of conduct must ever be the constant care of every Mason. All those principles were to be cultivated by constant contact with Him who is the source of all Love, Relief, and Truth. The Consecrating Officer then followed with an invocation, after which the Chaplain read the appointed portions of Scripture, and the chief items in the consecration ceremony were performed by Bro. Homfray, in strewing corn—the emblem of plenty; in pouring wine—the emblem of joy; in pouring oil—the emblem of unity; and in sprinkling salt—the emblem of friendship. Bro. Williams was then installed as the first Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and the latter then subsequently invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Tidd-Pratt S.W., Mitchell J.W., Parker Treasurer, Charlesworth Secretary, Williams S.D., Sheather J.D., Cuthbert I.G., and Evans Tyler. Thirteen new members were proposed for initiation and joining. After the ceremony a banquet was held at the Burton House Hotel, Bro. Williams W.M. presiding. The loyal toasts were given by the W.M., and Bro. T. Smith proposed the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, coupled with the name of Bro. Venables D.P.G.M. Salop. Bro. Venables, in reply, said he believed every Mason would fervently re-echo the words of Lord Lathom in the Grand Lodge last evening, with reference to their illustrious brother the Crown Prince of Germany. He hoped that the newly-formed Lodge would, like the river from which it took its name, go on for ever. Bro. Captain Homfray proposed the R.W. Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., P.G.M., saying he highly valued the honour of being allowed to propose that toast, for he knew he had only to mention Sir Joseph's name for it to be well received. He (Captain Homfray) had the pleasure of being present when Sir Joseph was installed, and since that time he had always taken a great interest in the Province, and was pleased to render any assistance he could. He did not think it was possible for any Province to have a better representative than Sir Joseph, or one who had the interests of Masonry more at heart. He (the speaker) was glad one more Lodge had been added to the Province, and trusted it would go on and prosper. The toast was drunk with cheers and musical honours. The Provincial Grand Master (Sir Joseph Bailey), in reply, said that living out of the Province he could not visit it so much as he could wish. He was a public man, and it was only late the night before that he knew he could attend that gathering. He was in the House of Commons the previous day, and the exigencies of public life compelled him to say a few words there, but by sleeping in Gloucester, he was enabled to be amongst them. He (Sir Joseph) wished to add his congratulations to those of Captain Homfray, on the formation of the Arrow Lodge. Bro. Tidd-Pratt proposed the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. Richard Evans, and Officers of the P.G.L., present and past. Bro. Evans, in response, said Masonry was a circumscribed subject, for religion and politics being excluded, they were bound to speak of Masonry proper. Still they had a religion, for they all bowed to the Great Architect of the Universe. He endorsed what had been said by previous speakers as to the river Arrow, but, as a Welshman by birth, he thought the name should have been spelt Arw, which meant swift. He was sure the pace at which they had commenced their Lodge was swift; and, while he hoped it would not kill, he trusted they would go on and become one of the largest in the Province. If another Lodge was started at Bromyard they would be better represented in the Grand Lodge. Other toasts followed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1839.

THE weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, the 20th instaut, proved a great success, upwards of one hundred brethren attending to witness the rehearsal of the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation, which were then undertaken by Bro. Frederick Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. A. J. Dixie W.M. 453, the Preceptor of the Lodge, who in brief terms introduced the Consecrating Officer to the brethren. Bro. Binckes then assumed the chair; he was supported by Bros. Dowsnap as S.W., Walter Martin as J.W., W. W. Morgan as P.M., A. J. Dixie as D.C., Max Meudelssohn Secretary, C. Weedon I.G., &c. Bro. Binckes proceeded with the ceremony, and in the regular course called upon Bro. Morgan to deliver the Oration. That brother responded, as follows:—

Brethren,—On rising to obey the call of your Consecrating Officer, and in venturing to address to you a few words on the Nature and Principles of Freemasonry, I cannot restrain the feeling that I am taking upon myself a somewhat delicate task. When I look around and see so many Craftsmen here assembled, I am impressed with the idea that, in a large number of cases, there is an inner consciousness within you that will supply a far better definition of Freemasonry than anything I can hope to portray by mere words. Freemasonry is indeed of such a peculiar character as to be almost incapable of definition; language fails to supply the colouring which is so essentially necessary to make the picture anything like as brilliant as it might be. Freemasonry, in its true sense, is not a

matter which can be realised by the hand or seen by the eye of man; neither is it a commodity which can be bought or sold as an article of commerce; nor is it an art to be acquired at will; it must rather be part of a man's nature—something which, without show or ostentation, should guide him through the intricacies of every-day life, and point out the course he should pursue in his dealings with his fellow men. I cannot say that the peculiar system of morality which we know under the designation of Freemasonry must be born within us; on the contrary, it is something which must develop itself during our lifetime, and for this reason we do not impart its secrets to any man until such time as he is capable of forming an opinion for himself, and has lived long enough to have acquired some experience of the world. Still, I do venture to assert that unless a man has within him the true spirit of Masonry it is impossible for him ever to become a good Freemason. No amount of tuition, no expenditure of wealth, no rank or influence is sufficient to secure for him that all-important characteristic of a Craftsman which nature alone can supply, and which is perhaps best expressed in the first great principle of the Craft—*Brotherly Love*. A proper understanding of this one principle would in itself be sufficient to give a fair idea of the nature of Freemasonry, which seeks to create a unity amongst mankind, and to lead its pupils to labour for the good of each other rather than for selfish or personal ends; but it may be subdivided under various heads, each of which, in turn, becomes an important factor in connection with the Order and serves to demonstrate its true character. First in this respect I may mention the Liberty of Freemasonry. In all associations with the Craft the great idea of Liberty is strongly impressed on its members. No man need become a Freemason unless he desire it; indeed, every candidate must, of his free will and accord, ask for a participation in its mysteries ere he can hope to be received into the Order. Even within its ranks he is at Liberty; he can do much as he pleases; he can pursue his researches beyond the mysteries first disclosed to him, or he can retire from Freemasonry whenever he likes. He freely and voluntarily offered himself as a candidate, and freely and voluntarily he remains with us as long as he desires to continue his association with the Craft. Nothing, indeed, is forced upon him; and for this reason the Liberty of Freemasonry leads me to a consideration of another subdivision of Brotherly Love, the principle which I will designate as Equality. No matter what position a man may occupy in life, or in what sphere he may move, Freemasonry enjoins that he shall reduce himself to the common level on which all candidates are admitted to a participation in the secrets of the Order, ere he be received into our midst. He has to become a brother, not only in word but in deed, and has to share with his fellows the trials and troubles of Freemasonry ere he can hope to partake of its benefits. In this connection I do not mean to imply a man must lower himself, socially or morally, ere he can become a Freemason; rather that there are certain general conditions to which he must adapt himself, so that he may realise the basis on which the Order is founded. It is not necessary for me to tell you what these conditions are; suffice it that the objects for which they are intended are praiseworthy, while the means adopted to secure them are most forcible. And what are the consequences of this spirit of equality? I cannot give a better illustration than ask you to look around, and consider for one moment the many and varied temperaments here collected, bearing in mind while you do so that we are assembled for one object, to practise—or perhaps I may here say to receive instruction in—the principles of Freemasonry. These lead us to regard each other as equals, and enable us to meet within our Lodge on terms which are not possible outside of it, where the thousand and one differences of rank, profession, politics or religion, may each or all prevent us associating with each other except upon terms of inequality. In other words, while in the outer world there are numberless inequalities to be considered, in Freemasonry everything is based on the principle that all men are created equal, and that in many respects that equality continues until our dying hour. Freemasonry also engenders Fraternity of the most pronounced description among its members. Under the benign influence of our Order all classes, all religions, all creeds, and all nations can meet, united in the tie of Brotherhood, each striving with the other to demonstrate the good underlying the doctrines of the Craft. So much is this the case as to render it an acknowledged fact that no other human institution offers anything like equal advantages in this regard. No doubt we have among us men to-night who practise various forms of religion, men with varied political views, men with different ideas on many other subjects; yet, as I have said, we can all meet on the common basis of Freemasonry, and not only is this possible in our especial case, but it is the same all the world over, even amongst men of the most marked divergencies. In far off quarters of the globe, where Masonic Lodges are not so numerous, men have not the chance of choosing a Lodge to suit their particular fancy, as is possible in our great metropolis; it is no unusual thing to see a Christian and a Jew, a Mahomedan and a Hindoo standing side by side at the pedestal, taking the obligation of Freemasonry, and learning its peculiar mysteries in the tongue most familiar to them, and these same men grow up together in Freemasonry so far imbued with the spirit of brotherly love as to render it possible for them to act and work together, forgetting for the time the many differences of opinion under which they labour. I ask, is this possible anywhere outside Freemasonry? Thus far I have spoken of but one great principle of the Craft, and I am afraid I have wearied you by touching upon too many of its features. But I will be brief in my remarks on the other two. First of these is the principle of Relief. Here also a picture presents itself which is not to be surpassed by any other Institution on earth; not only is it impossible to point to a better, it is almost as difficult to find an equal. Freemasonry really stands far and above everything else as a perfect exemplification of the truest characteristics of relief. In the presence of the Brother who is to-day acting as your Consecrating Officer, and who has spent a

greater portion of his life especially advocating this principle of Masonic Relief, it would be out of place for me to attempt any dissertation on the subject. I am sure Bro. Binckes will, later on, fully impress you on this point, and were I even to attempt any lengthened remarks on this theme, I feel I should be but trespassing on his especial province. I will, therefore, go to the third great Principle of the Craft,—Truth. Truth is the aim and endeavour of Freemasonry to cause its pupils strictly to adhere to the lessons it seeks to teach them; to be true to their God, to their King, to the laws of the country in which they reside, and to the Craft of which they are members; avoiding all evasions, equivocations, or anything which is not of the most straightforward and truthful character. Is it, then, matter for wonder that a man who appreciates the teachings of Freemasonry, and acts up to its great principles, is regarded as above the common run of humanity, or that he becomes a better citizen, a better husband, a better father, than one who has not had the advantages of the lessons of the Craft? Such being the case, it becomes our duty to extend the teachings of Freemasonry by every legitimate means in our power, and it is with this view we are assembled here to-day, to consecrate a new Lodge to Freemasonry, and to its grand Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration Bro. Walter Martin was placed in the chair. He was saluted, the Officers were appointed, and the addresses given, after which the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Bro. Dixie proposed that the sincere and hearty thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Bro. Binckes for his attendance that day. The Lodge of Instruction he had honoured was a young one, only seventeen months old, and on that account the members more strongly appreciated the compliment paid them. He felt the best way of showing their recognition would be to give a small amount from their funds towards the Institution which Bro. Binckes so ably represents, and with which he had been so long associated, especially as he understood the support anticipated for the Boys' School was more than usually backward this year. He therefore proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from their funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The proposal was seconded by Bro. Max Mendelssohn the Secretary, and carried with acclamation. Bro. Binckes suitably acknowledged the vote accorded him, and also thanked the brethren for their contribution to the Boys' School. Bro. Dixie proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Morgan, who had so ably assisted Bro. Binckes in his work. Bro. Morgan replied. If any efforts he had used had tended to instruct or interest the members of the Lodge of Instruction he was satisfied. Several propositions were made for membership of the Lodge, and the brethren proposed were regularly elected. Lodge was then closed, and a number of the brethren sat down to supper together. Several toasts were afterwards proposed and acknowledged.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Present: Bros. W. B. Dyson W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as S.W., W. Lackenby J.W., W. Brown I.P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay G. Sec. Sec., G. Lamb S.D., F. W. Halliwell as J.D., G. Chapman D.C., P. Pearson and W. Sharp Stewards, W. S. Child Org., J. H. Shonksmith I.G., J. Hall Tyler, G. H. Hebblethwaite, J. Horner, G. G. Pook, F. H. Vaughan, J. D. Irving, W. Blenkin, W. Ream, T. Milner, J. Smith, A. Archer, J. Scott, and others. Two candidates were ballotted for and accepted. Bro. Tindale was raised to the degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the I.P.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge an engraving of Bro. B. Frodsham, the first Master of the Lodge held at the Punch Bowl Inn at York in 1761, and the First Principal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter at York in 1762. The name of a candidate for initiation was proposed, and the Lodge closed with "Hearty good wishes." The brethren afterwards supped together and spent an agreeable evening.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Educational and General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 20th inst., at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain presided. The applications of candidates for the fund, submitted by the Secretary, were examined, and the following were placed on the list as eligible:—A girl, aged 10, brought on from the last election, then her first application, the daughter of a deceased brother, who was a member of St. John the Baptist Lodge, 39, for three years, and then of St. George's Lodge, 112, for thirteen years, both Exeter Lodges; a girl, aged nine, daughter of a deceased brother, who was a member of St. John's Lodge, 70, Plymouth, for 15½ years. A girl, aged twelve, daughter of a deceased brother, who was a member of the St. John's Lodge, 1247, Plymouth, for three years, and then of the Erme Lodge, 1091, Ivybridge, for four years, and who was the S.W. of that Lodge at the time of his death; and a boy of ten years, the son of a deceased brother, who was a member of Metham Lodge, 1205, Stonehouse, for 8½ years. The Secretary pointed out that as the election would take place on the 3rd April it was desirable that the representatives of the Lodges should promptly forward the subscriptions of the brethren to the Hon. Treasurer, Bro. J. R. Lord. The issue of the voting papers will commence from Saturday, 24th March. Brother Lord said it would facilitate the getting out the votes if subscriptions were sent direct to him instead of to the Secretary.

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

Obituary.

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BRO. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. STANDARD BEARER.

As briefly announced in our last issue, this well-known brother died on Friday, the 16th instant, after a very short illness. As many of our readers are aware, the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer presided at the final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, held as recently as the 9th instant, so that the suddenness of his death may be surmised. Brother Bowyer was initiated in the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, about twenty years ago, and has since taken part in the foundation of several Lodges. In 1883 he was appointed one of the Standard Bearers of Grand Lodge, having twice previously been honoured with Provincial rank in Hertfordshire. He was a warm supporter of the Charities; had qualified as a Vice Patron of both the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, and was a Patron of the Benevolent; a member of the House Committees of all three, and the Treasurer and a Trustee of the Benevolent. He had served thirty-two Stewardships on behalf of the Charities, and had constituted his wife and other members of his family Life Governors. Bro. Bowyer was interred on Wednesday, at Highgate Cemetery, a part of the burial service having previously been conducted at St. Augustine's Church, Highbury. There was a large attendance of brethren, both at the church and at the grave side.

BRO. CHARLES HEYWOOD.

THE remains of this worthy brother were interred, on Monday, the 19th instant, at the Brooklands Cemetery, Manchester. There were present Mr. Nathan Heywood, Mr. Charles Heywood, and Mr. Ernest Heywood, sons of the deceased, as well as a number of friends, relatives, and representatives of various bodies of Freemasons, including the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, the Humphrey Chetham Lodge and Chapter, and the Manchester Freemasons' Club, as well as different Masonic Lodges in Oldham, Bolton, Bury, &c.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W.—the First Lecture on the 26th instant, and the Second and Third Lectures on the 9th April. Bro. George Read P.M. 511, 1767 (Preceptor Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction) W.M. and Treasurer, George Davies P.M. 167 (Preceptor Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction) S.W., W. H. Chalfont P.M. 1425 J.W., H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. Allman, Death, Batley, Chalfont, Davies, Sims, and Reynolds. Second Lecture—Bros. Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, M.B., Captain Nicols, Conway, Davies, and Spiegel. Third Lecture—Bros. Carsons, Wood, and Williams. Lodge will be opened at eight p.m. each evening.

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' road, on Tuesday, 27th March, at seven o'clock p.m. Bros. Jenkins W.M., Hodges S.W., Hill J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Hildreth, Syckelmoors, Goode, Trinder, Snelling, Fenner, and Hill. Second Lecture—Bros. Frampton, Cross, Hughes, Hodges, and Berry. Third Lecture—Bros. Brickdale, Gush, and Beck. Bros. H. G. Gush Preceptor; A. J. Berry Secretary.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother Robert Gray P.G.D. President occupied the chair, and Bros. J. Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Vice-Presidents, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Asst. Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee were in attendance from Grand Secretary's Department. Amongst others present were Bros. Woodward, Brown, Mercer, Spaul, Garrod, Gieve, Perryman, Britten, Scurrah, Dairy, Cundy, Hopekirk, Read, Binckes, Haslip, Dew, Pakes, Cusworth, Massey, Johnson, Miles, Westley, Morrell, Baker, Clarkson, Dall, Berry, Anderson, Kearney, Sweeting, Lewis, Smith, Masters, Bennett, Fry, Baker, Wyon, Langley, Hooper, Headon, Wiles, Carey, Fendick, Jaques, Hockley, Hall, Powell, Harding, Kenaby, Wingham, Frances, Hermann, Sadler, &c. The brethren confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at last meeting, to the extent of £380. The new list comprised 43 cases. Three of these were dismissed, and five were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £685.

As we have already announced, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen, W.C. this afternoon—Saturday—at 5 o'clock. as there appears to be some misunderstanding as to the object of this meeting, as well as a mistake as to who is calling it, we may state that the object is really to pass a vote of want of confidence in the present Committees, the meeting being convened in accordance with a requisition, under Law No. 31, signed by forty-six brethren, more or less associated with the case of the lad William Gideon Motion, who was formerly in the Institution. This case has been considered and reconsidered by the House Committee, and it has been decided upon by a vote of 58 to 38 members, present at the last General Committee. The friends of the lad are not, however, yet content, and have adopted the course of summoning a Special Court in the anticipation of opening a further inquiry—an inquiry which we consider is not necessary, and the granting permission for which would imply a lack of confidence in the Committees; this we feel convinced the general body of Subscribers to the Charity do not entertain. The matter must, however, be decided by the vote of those present to-day, and for that reason we are justified in asking all who approve the general action of the Committee to attend the meeting, hear the arguments brought forward, and then vote, as they think best. The following are the propositions to be submitted to the meeting:—

"That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the steps recently taken by the House Committee in reference to the case of William Gideon Motion, who was in the Institution; with full power to investigate the matter, call witnesses, and report thereon to an adjourned Special General Court, to be held on Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888.

"That this Special General Court be adjourned until Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888, at Freemasons' Hall, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the Report of the Special Committee."

The election meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. T. C. Edmonds W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The annual ball in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held at the Victoria Hall, Landport, on the 14th inst., under the patronage and with the permission of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) The gentlemen acting as Stewards were Bros. C. W. Bevis W.M. 1834, G. F. Bevis 2068, R. E. Buckle W.M. 1776, J. Collings P.M. 804, W. Dart W.M. 2074, O. B. Gabell W.M. 175, H. Gee W.M. 723, A. G. German W.M. 1069, J. W. Gieve P.M. 309, J. Harris W.M. 76, A. W. Hewett W.M. 342, J. Jenkins W.M. elect 487, J. Mitchell W.M. 1428, A. Scott P.M. 551, H. Snee W.M. 319, J. Taylor I.P.M. 1331, S. Wheeler W.M. 151, and E. L. Wise W.M. 1461. The general arrangements of the ball were carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. The company numbered about 300, and was, with few exceptions, confined to members of the Masonic Craft.

The *Lady's Pictorial* says: The great Masonic Ball, fixed to take place in Dublin on the 11th of May, is already engaging the attention of *modistes*, and causing a flutter of delighted excitement among ladies. It is about a score of years since the Irish Freemasons last organised an entertainment of this description, for the benefit of their admirably managed Schools and the relief of poorer brethren. The interval has been taken up with concerts, bazaars, and other mild dissipations of a gentle but non-paying kind. These have all been more or less overdone—played out, worn threadbare, and voted "slow" by the rapidly-advancing pleasure-seekers of the period. Nothing but the "light fantastic" will do in these days—and so a ball, on a gigantic and magnificent scale, has been determined on.

The foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall, which is in course of erection for the Trafalgar Lodge, No. 223, Leith, was laid on Saturday, the 17th inst., in the presence of a large gathering of Freemasons and members of other friendly societies.

We are informed that the Freemasons of Ipswich have decided to give a Ball, on Friday, 6th April. It is now

some twenty years since such an event occurred here, and there is little doubt the entertainment will be a great success. The ball will be held in the Masonic Hall, under the combined banners of three of the Ipswich Lodges—St. Luke's, Perfect Friendship, and Prince of Wales's. The band of the Third Brigade E.D. R.A. has been engaged, under Mr. F. Harris.

The Freemasons of the St. Kew Lodge, at Weston-Super-Mare, as a suitable memorial to their late Chaplain, the Rev. R. Duckworth, have resolved to endow that office with a vote for the Masonic Boys' School, considering it appropriate to the memory of one who had devoted his life to education. Such endowment has now been duly recorded, and the vote is registered as "St. Kew, 1222, in memoriam, Rev. R. Duckworth, Chaplain, 1884 and 1885."

MARK MASONRY

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 66.

THE annual meeting was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, 20th March, to instal Bro. Dimier S.W. as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Brother James Gidley P.M., who was assisted by a large board of Installed Masters. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Coppin I.P.M., Gray S.W., Tont J.W., Hearle M.O., Hearder S.O., Bird J.O., Jew Treasurer, Gover Secretary, Rev. W. Whittley Chaplain, Clemens Registrar of Marks, Keverne S.D., G. Whittley J.D., Bake D.C., Latimer I.G., Keats Steward, Gidley Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Lemon then presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., as Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, 1st July 1886, the panel bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Fortitude Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 66, by the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. No. 35 (64 and 76 hon.), P.P.G.Ch. of Devon, Past Grand Chap. of England, 20th March 1888."

Bro. Gover proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Lemon for his handsome gift. This was seconded by Bro. Clemens, and it was decided that the same be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to partake of the annual banquet prepared for them at the Masonic Club, by the manager, Bro. Simmons, in his usual good style. Among the brethren at the banquet, in addition to the above-named, were Bros. Gray, Dillon, and Jamieson. The usual Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

- Special Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 5
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 5308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MONDAY, 26th MARCH.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 46—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 976—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 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.)
 1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, E.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Jury of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalton, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1319—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.

- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyprus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
 1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Brough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 533—La Tolérance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bude-street, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 348—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Sarsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denon
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gosport
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Wakefield
 972—Augustine, Masonic Hall, Jansentown. (Instruction)
 996—Scenes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1149—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Barrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1553—Athen, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1797—Southdown, Hurlpierpoint, Sussex
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Charl, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
 R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 605—Do' Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
 M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 29th MARCH.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High 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)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Canonbury, at 8 (In)
 1571—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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1626—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—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2192—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH.

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)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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ROYAL BRUNSWICK PRECEPTORY.

THE annual Convocation was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Chapter Room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. There was a large attendance of Fraters. Frater J. H. Keats E.C. was installed as the E.P. Frater the Rev. T. W. Lemon was the Installing Officer. The Officers invested were Frater D. Cross Constable, T. W. Coffin P.E.C. Marshal, Rev. T. W. Lemon Prelate, T. S. Bayly Treasurer, F. Crouch Registrar, F. R. Thomas Sub-Marshal, J. R. Wilson C.L., Jas. Gidley Equerry. At the close of the business the Fraters adjourned to the Freemasons' Club, Princess-square, where they dined together, Frater J. H. Keats presiding. Bro. Symons's catering was pronounced admirable, and he was especially thanked. Replying to the toast of the Visitors, Frater H. J. Waring said it gave him great pleasure to again meet Fraters in what he might call his own home. In 1849 he became a member of that Preceptory. It then met at the Royal Hotel, in what was now the billiard-room. It was then of a rather exclusive character, and contained but few members, among whom he remembered Sir George Magrath, Mr. Pridham, solicitor; Mr. Fuge, surgeon; Admiral Jarvis, and Mr. Jenkin Thomas. He believed that with the exception of himself and one or

two others, all the members of the Encampment in those days had passed away. For a quarter of a century, until this year, he did not think he had been present in any Lodge or Encampment. His heart was, however, still with Freemasonry. What he had witnessed that day had revived many pleasant recollections. Had he his youth again, and was not so much pressed with business, he believed he should be an active Mason. His undertaking the chief magistracy of the town for this year had been referred to. He could assure the brethren that he had done so with the full determination to carry out all his duties faithfully and regardless of personal claims or politics. After the toasts a musical entertainment was furnished by some of the Fraters.

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OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Please, Sir, my brother, "P.G.A.D.C.," is a naughty boy; he wants to have everything his own way, and because I do not quite understand him, he calls me a fool, and says he won't play. No doubt this answer to the last letter of your correspondent may appear childish, but it is about on a par with his own communication. Because I ask for information, on a subject which, with all due deference to your correspondent, is a fair one for inquiry, and to which he has not yet replied, and, put plain facts before him, he implies I am deficient of good sense, and declines to continue a correspondence with me. This is about the same argument that has been used to me before in connection with this subject. If it were not so, I need not have troubled you. I have asked our Past Masters about it, and, like "P.G.A.D.C.," they cannot give me a straightforward answer. I am on good terms with them, and so do not mind the replies I have had from one or two, which has been to the effect that I am not to be absurd; but as to a decision one way or other I have not yet had it, and I begin to think this is one of those questions which has no rule for guidance, or if it has, such rule is not generally known. I am sorry I am beneath the notice of "P.G.A.D.C.," but then it is absurd of me to ask any one to impart knowledge to so insignificant a being as myself—a Mason of inferior degree. It is not to be supposed that a Past Grand Officer, of all others, should make public his knowledge of the unwritten laws of Freemasonry. I have always understood it to be a poor way of getting out of an argument—although no argument was intended on my part—to pretend contempt of the subject, and excuse oneself under the plea of superior knowledge. "P.G.A.D.C." has not hurt my feelings, although I have no doubt he considers me an inquisitive upstart. Perhaps I am, but as he has already given me credit for not being so young as I pretend to be, may I return the compliment, and say I shall not consider him as wise as he thinks he is until he can give a plain yes or no to the bonâ fide inquiry of

I. G.

[We insert the above letter at the request of "I.G.," but we think he is carrying his hobby too far. Whatever rules may exist on the subject of his inquiry must be construed, to an extent, according to the circumstances of particular cases. We consider he has been answered as far as is necessary.—Ed. F.C.]

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The Princess Christian, whose interest in nursing is so well-known, will contribute an article, on "Nursing as a Profession for Women," to the April number of the *Woman's World*.

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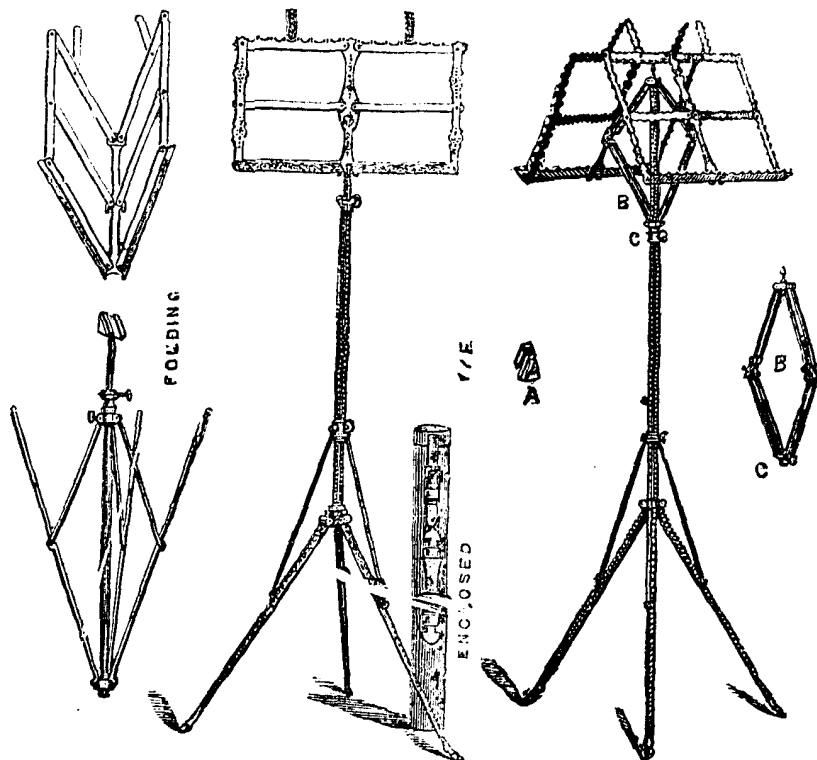
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