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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE candidates approved for the April election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys-which election will take place on Monday, the 16th proximo-are, as usual, far in excess of the number eligible to compete at the corresponding contest of the Sister Institution, for whereas in the latter case there are forty-two approved candidates, in that of the Boys' School there are sixty-five. the number of candidates to be elected thereto being fifteen, while for the Girls' School, as we stated last week, there are but eleven places to fill. But even with this large number of declared vacancies for the Boys' School, it will be seen that fifty of the candidates approved of as deserving must be rejected at the coming contest, because the funds of the Charity will not allow of an increase being made in the number of pupils. This is the subject of regret in many quarters, but it must not be forgotten that the Institution already supplies education, food and clothing to 258 sons of Freemasons, and that the sum annually required to meet the expenses in connection with this large family is nearly £13,000.

Among the sixty-five candidates eligible to compete at the election next month are two whose age will exclude London, while other two are connected with Metropolitan them from further contests, if they are not then successful. These are No. 33, Arthur Oswald Crompton, and No. 37, Ernest Murley, is one of eight dependent children, both of Sydney Hammersley Wakefield. Both of these lads come whose parents are living. The father was an initiate of the forward for the second time, the former with 348 votes to his credit, and the latter with 8. Crompton is one of four children now dependent on the widow of a brother initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Steward for each. His son was a candidate in October, Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, and of the Urmston Lodge, No. 16, Arthur Hughes Crane, is one of a family of seven, No. 1730; rose to the dignity of Past Master, and received left to the care of his mother. His father was initiated in the collar of Provincial Grand Pursuivant in West Lanca- the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, and subscribed thereto shire. He once acted as a Steward for the Institution for for 14½ years. The lad was a candidate at the last which his son is at present a candidate. The lad Wake-lelection, and at that contest 552 votes were recorded for field is from Warwickshire, his father having been initiated him. No. 23, Harry Lawrence, is somewhat similarly in the Faithful Lodge, No. 473, of which he became Senior circumstanced. He also is one of seven children depend-Deacon. There are now three of his children dependent ent on a widowed mother, and was a candidate at the on their mother, who was left a widow at the beginning of last election. He brings forward 748 votes, and bearing last year. The father was a Life Governor of the Boys' in mind that his father was an initiate and for nearly School. We thus see that in each of these last application twenty years a member of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22-a cases the fathers had made personal efforts to support the Lodge famous for its benevolence—there is little doubt of Charity from whence aid is now sought, a fact that should the lad's ultimate success. We hope his friends will be not be overlooked by those subscribers who may yet have able to secure his election ere long. No 59, Fred Wilson, votes undisposed of. Both of these lads have the advantage is one of a family of seven, of whom two are partially of strong Provinces at their backs, and we hope to find their names among those declared successful at the close of was initiated in the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, and

number of those cases we have always considered as deserving of first consideration at the hands of the Craft, cases in which the applicants have neither parent living. The present list contains five; No. 29, Charles Irwin from the elections in which he has taken part. He is one Mossop, is one of two dependent children, left by an initiate of the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, who No. 861. No. 11, Charles Ball, is also one of six dependalso joined Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, in the same district. ents. His father was initiated in the Londesborough Lodge, The lad was a candidate in October last, and on that No. 1681, and rose to the office of Senior Deacon therein. occasion 2145 votes where polled on his behalf, that The lad has taken part in two previous elections, and

number being only 84 short of the total credited to the then lowest successful. We can but regret his application was unsuccessful after such a splendid result on a first appeal, but his case was thereby rendered comparatively easy for the coming contest—his friends will doubtless be able to make sure of his return next month. No. 35, Noel Chandos D'Oyley Foote, is likewise one of two parentless children, and, also makes a second application, coming forward with eleven votes to his credit. His father was an initiate and Past Master of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904. West Yorkshire, and continued a member of the Craft for Fortunately, however, on this occasion the number of close on twenty years. No. 49, Walter Land, is one of vacancies is also greater in the case of the Boys' School, four left parentless; his father was initiated in Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norfolk. No. 60, John Herault de Caen is one of three dependent. The father was an initiate of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, Jersey, and subsequently joined St. John's, No. 454, Ceylon, rising to the dignity of a Past Master in the Craft. No. 63, Ernest Edward Whale, is one of four left parentless. His father was an initiate and Past Master of the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Hampshire and Isle of Wight. These three last named cases are new to the present list, but bearing in mind the awfully sad state in which they have been left, we hope they will, with those previously referred to, each receive such support as shall entitle them to a place in the School within the next few weeks.

Eighteen of the remaining cases are accredited to Lodges in association with outside districts. No. 31,

Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, and passed the chair in that Lodge, as he did that of Z. in Chapter No. 77. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has acted as The father, one of the founders of Prince and on that occasion 384 votes were polled on his behalf. provided for. Both of the parents are living. The father became a Past Master thereof; he is credited with various The ballot paper for the Election contains a large donations to the Boys' School and to the Benevolent Institutions, and returned as a member of the Craft for upwards of twelve years. No. 1, Joseph Wood, now makes his sixth application, bringing forward 928 votes of six children dependent on their mother, who is the widow of a brother initiated in the Finsbury Lodge,

his father—an initiate of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65 was a Life Governor; he also qualified as a Life Subnow dependent on their mother. His father was made a Mason in the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, in 1882, and remained a member thereof until his death, in 1887. He a candidate. We now come to the families of four dependents, of whom there are three, two cases in which the father is dead, and one in which both parents are living. No. 10, Francis Le Gros (St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538), was a candidate at the last two elections, when 1680 votes where polled on his behalf. No. 22, a Past Master. He was a Life Governor of the Benevoyears. The son was a candidate at the last election, receiving support on that occasion to the extent of 584 votes. No. 48, George Wilkinson, has a sister in the Girls' school. Both his parents are living, but his father, an initiate of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 18, Wallace Peter Charles Boscoe, application. is one of three children now dependent on widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, and remained a member thereof until his death in December 1886. The lad was a candidate at the last election, and brings forward 372 votes. No. 19, Henry Cecil Cheek, is the son of a brother initiated in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, who became one of the founders of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, to the on his behalf at the October election of last year. No. 28, Samuel Carr, comes from the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, his father having been initiated therein in 1872 and subsequently passing the chair. The lad has 450 votes to his credit, and now comes forward for the second lad's behalf in October last. time. Nos. 62 and 64 are cases in which there are two dependent children. The former, Arthur Thomas No. 60. Other cases from the Island are Nos. 39 Browne, has a sister in the Girls' School. Both his and 43, both first applications, while a Jersey Lodge parents are living; the father, however, who was initiated is interested, with two others, in No. 55. No. 39, Alfred in the United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507, and became its Inner Guard, being insane. No. 64, Edward Dunthorne left by a brother initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, Hodgkinson, also has both parents living. His father was No. 491. No. 43, Stanley Edmund Rolls Pratt, is one of five initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, in 1876, dependent on a widowed mother. His father was an and since that time has subscribed to each of the three initiate and Junior Deacon of the Yarborough Lodge, Institutions. No. 8, Frances Pater Turner, is an only No. 244, subscribing thereto until the time of his death in child dependent on his mother, who was left a widow in 1887. He is recorded as a supporter of the Benevolent son has already stood two elections, and brings forward in the Mechanics' Lodge, No. 245; joined Four Cardinal is the son of a brother initiated in the Land-St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 1914, Staffordshire, subscribing, port Lodge, No. 1776, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, who in the three, for close on fourteen years. subsequently joined the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, London. The lad is one of six children now dependent on and Herts responsibility in connection with a third. the widow, and comes forward, for the second time, with 309 votes recorded on his behalf. The other case in which a London Lodge is interested is No. 14, George Louis Granville Gallot, who is the son of an Irish Mason who No. 1424, and is one of four children now dependent on has been a member of five Lodges under the English Con- a widowed mother. No. 52, John Leonard Brown, is one of stitution, they being situate in South Wales (Western three children dependent on their mother, the widow of a Division), Brazil, Ceylon, Lahore and London respectively. Both parents are yet living, and there are five children dependent on them. The lad now before the subscribers to the Boys' School was a candidate at the last election, when 1450 votes were recorded on his behalf, a fact which augurs well for his ultimate success. Having thus No. 1443, and passed the chair in that Lodge. The lad brought our remarks in regard to the London cases to a conclusion, we turn to the Provinces, nearly all of which are represented among the remaining candidates, in already referred to, among the Somerset cases, while addition to which there are three lads coming from Lodges another case in which Devon is interested is No. 3, which beyond the seas.

West Yorkshire has three cases beyond that already

brings 1417 votes forward as the result thereof. No. 15, spoken of—No. 35, where neither parent is living. These Henry James Staff (Clapton Lodge, No. 1365), also one of are No. 36, Kenneth Kendall, St. James Lodge, No. 448; six children dependent on a widowed mother, was a No. 50, William Albert Foulds, Scientific Lodge, No. 439; candidate in October last, when 877 votes were recorded in and No. 57, William Hubert Pinder, Excelsior Lodge, his favour. No. 44, Percy Howard Wells, is another lad No. 1042. The first named was a candidate at the last belonging to a family of six, dependent on their mother. election, and then secured one vote. His father was Senior He has a sister in the Girls' School, of which Institution, Deacon of his Lodge, and during his lifetime supported the Benevolent Institution. There are three children now dependent on the widow. Foulds and Pinder are both first scriber of the Boys' School. The lad now appeals for the application cases, and both are members of families where first time. No. 54, Frederick Bland, is one of five children three children are dependent on a widowed mother. In each case the father was Senior Warden of his Lodge, and subscribed until death.

Somerset has three cases, in one of them the responsiwas a Life Governor of the Charity for which his son is bility being shared with Devonshire. This is No. 20, Archibald Wallace Campbell, son of a brother initiated under the Scotch Constitution, who joined St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, and Concord, No. 1135. In the latter he rose to the dignity of Worshipful Master; of the former he was one of the founders, afterwards filling the offices of Senior Deacon and Secretary. There are four of his Stanley Baylis, is the son of a brother initiated in children dependent on his widow, who secured 31 votes on the Yarborough, No. 554, of which Lodge he became behalf of her son's candidature for the Boys' School at the last election. No. 26, Arthur Henry Grimsey, is one of lent. Institution, and a member of his Lodge for $18\frac{3}{4}$ two children left to the care of their mother, the widow of a brother initiated in Prudence and Industry Lodge, No. 1953. The lad was a candidate in October, and at that contest 277 votes were polled on his behalf. No. 65, George Hancock Cox, is a son of a brother initiated in the Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 329, in August 1861. He No. 1642, and a subscriber to the R.M. Benevolent subscribed thereto for $25\frac{1}{2}$ years, during which period he Institution, is insane. The son now makes his first passed the chair and for some time filled the office of Treasurer. He was also a P.Z. and P.P.G.Supt.Wks. There are seven of his children now dependent on his widow.

Norfolk has two cases of its own besides the one already mentioned, and shares with Suffolk responsibility in one other. No. 13, Martin Roddwell Bostock, now makes his third application, with eight votes to his credit. The father, who is still living, was initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, and subscribed thereto for eleven latter of which he subscribed for ten years. The son has and a half years. He has five children still dependent on 2129 votes to his credit, that number having been polled him. No. 34, Ernest W. Nankivell, is one of eight children left to the care of a widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Sondes Lodge, No. 996, and was Worshipful Master thereof at the time of his death. hundred and seventy-eight votes were polled on the

fersey has already been referred to in connection with William Clarke, is one of three dependent children, 1881. The father was initiated two years before his Institution. No. 55, Herbert John Drewitt, is one of six death, in the City of London Lodge, No. 901. The left to the care of their mother. The father was initiated 850 votes therefrom. No. 24, Arthur Howard Kemp, Virtues, No. 979, Cheshire, and was a founder of

Kent has two cases of its own, and shares with Jamaica No. 17, William John Jennings, was a candidate at the last election, and then secured 105 votes. He is the son of an old member of the Brownrigg of Unity Lodge, brother initiated in the Wellington Lodge, No. 784. The

lad now applies for the first time.

Devonshire puts forward No. 32, Robert Percy Chinnick, who is one of seven children left to the care of a widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Salem Lodge, was a candidate last October and goes to the poll on this occasion with 912 votes to his credit. No. 20 we have we shall refer to under the head of Cornwall.

Durham is represented by Nos. 5 and 27. The former,

and has 142 votes to his credit. He and two other children are dependent on their mother, the widow of a Mason made in the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, to which he subscribed until death. No. 27, Walter Herbert Brown, brings forward 1914 votes from the last election. He is one of six children dependent on his mother. The father was initiated in the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, of which he became Junior Warden; he subsequently took part in the foundation of the Stranton Lodge, No. 1862, and became Worshipful Master thereof.

Essex has two cases, Nos. 4 and 9. No. 4, Charles William Green, is one of two dependent children, whose father was initiated in the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024. The lad has already taken part in three elections, and brings forward 613 votes. No. 9, Clement Siggers, has already made two applications, and has 35 votes to his credit. He is one of seven children left to the care of his widowed mother, whose husband was initiated in the

United Lodge, No. 697.

Cornwall sends up No. 21, and is interested in No. 3. The former, Alexander Sydenham Sheriff Clunes, is one of three dependent children whose father died in January 1886. The lad was a candidate at the last election, when one vote was recorded for him. The father was an initiate and Senior Warden of the Fowey Lodge, No. 977. No. 3, John Crossman, has six votes to his credit from the last three elections. His father was initiated in St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, Cornwall, and subsequently joined St. John's, No. 70, Devonshire. There are two children now dependent on the widowed mother.

From Oxfordshire we have No. 45, Edmund Arnold Greening Lamborn, son of a brother initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, who afterwards joined the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Berks and Bucks. Both parents are living, but the father is suffering from paralysis of the brain. There are two children dependent. No. 51, Arthur Herbert Windsor, is also one of a family of two dependent children The father, who died in April of last year, was initiated in the Bertie Lodge, No. 1515, and subscribed thereto

until his death.

We have already spoken of Staffordshire, in connection with No. 55. This Province also sends No. 47, Robert Guy Bindley, who is one of two children dependent on their father, who is still living. He was initiated in the Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, passed the chair in that Lodge, acted as its Director of Ceremonies, and received the collar of Provincial Grand Pursuivant.

No. 7, David William Ewart Cable, is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother. appeals for the third time, with 2089 votes to his credit. His father was initiated in the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, Surrey. No. 12, Samuel Henry Reginald Fursey, son of a brother initiated in the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829, Sussex, now makes his third application, bringing forward 246 votes. He and five other children are dependent on their mother. No. 25, Arthur Ernest Davey, is a Middlesex case, his father having been initiated in the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, rising to the office of Senior Warden therein, and being elected to the office of Worshipful Master just previous to his death. There are two children dependent on the widow. The lad was a candidate last election, when 1622 votes were polled on his honour and discipline. Even among the Romans there behalf. No. 30, James Carruthers, is a second candidate from Cumberland and Westmoreland, bringing forward of which retired to the monasteries, and there occupied 17 votes from October. The father was initiated in the themselves chiefly with the construction of churches, and Union Lodge, No. 310, and became Worshipful Master thereof; he also received appointment as Provincial Grand Pursuivant. There are three of his children dependent on his widow. No. 38, Vernon Peed Gaches, is the last on the list brought forward from the October election of 1887. He is the son of a brother initiated in the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Norths and Hunts, and brings forward 669 votes. His father was Junior Warden of his Lodge, and filled the same office in Provincial Grand Lodge. There are three children now dependent on the widow. No. 41, Reginald Woodley Goldring, is one of four children dependent on a widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Gloucestershire, and rose to the office of Junior Deacon. No. 42, Richard George King, is another Hampshire case. The father was initiated in the Londport Lodge, No. 1776, and afterwards joined the Portsmouth, No. 487. There are six children now dependent on his from the reigning emperor and princes letters of license,

Edgar Holmes Burgess, now applies for the fourth time, the list in which an East Lancashire Lodge is concerned. The father was initiated in the Minerva Lodge, No. 300. The lad is one of four children dependent on their mother. No. 56, Frank Gowland Harvey, has a sister in the Girls' School; both his parents are living. The father was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Suffolk, and afterwards joined Friendship, No. 100, Norfolk; he is a Life Subscriber of the Benevolent Institution. There are four children yet dependent on him. No. 58, Ernest James Brown, is a Lincolnshire case, the father having been initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 272. He died in 1885, after eleven years' association with the Craft, and left a family of three, now dependent on his widow. No. 61, Rhys Edgar Morgan, is one of seven children now dependent on a widowed mother. The father was an initiate of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, and a joining member of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, both in the Province of South Wales (East Division). He subscribed until his death, and during his lifetime supported the Benevolent Institution.

> From abroad we have No. 2, Harold Gray, who now applies for the fifth time. His father was initiated in the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, and filled the office of Secretary and Junior Warden therein. The lad on whose behalf application is being made to the Boys' School is an only dependent child, and goes to the poll with 752 votes to his credit. No. 6, Frederick William John Scott, is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother, and now applies, for the fourth time, with 118 votes to his credit. His father was initiated under the Scotch Constitution, and subsequently joined St. John's Lodge, 828, Cape of Good Hope, subscribing thereto until his death, in December 1885. No. 49, Edward George Jarmain, is also one of three dependent on a widowed mother. His father was a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, 500, Kamptee, and of the Bangalore Lodge, No. 1043, Bangalore, serving the office of Secretary in the Craft. No. 53, Frederick George Hart, is one of five children left to the care of their mother. The father was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, Jamaica, and subsequently joined the Adams, No. 158, Kent, and the Cecil, No. 449, Hertfordshire.

> In concluding our summary we can but repeat the good wishes we expressed last week, when referring to the candidates for the benefits of the Sister Institution. May the most deserving secure election next month, and each, in turn, receive the benefits of the Institution for which they are now candidates.

FREEMASONRY IN MEDIÆVAL GERMANY.

N order to comprehend the origin and especially the successful execution of those miracles of architecture, according to one great plan, we must remark that it was not individual architects who, with sometimes good, sometimes bad workmen, as in our times, undertook such works, but they were accomplished by an Association of Masons, distributed over the whole of Germany, and, indeed, over the whole of Europe, who were bound together by religion, were building societies of great extent, the later members created the more sublime style of Christian architecture. Regular but temporal builders were also received into the society; and when, in the eleventh century, the vigour of the monastic system began to slumber in the indolence and satiety of acquired riches, these temporal builders obtained by degrees the superiority, and eventually formed the grand associations by means of which those wonderful works were executed. They possessed and followed mysterious signs and customs, by which the members of the body forming the class of the more sublime architecture were distinguished from the more simple artisans. Every society had its protecting patron, from whom it was named, and wherever a grand undertaking was to be executed, they all came from their various districts and assembled on the spot, so that their art, like a common possession, was beneficially distributed throughout most Christian countries. These important societies received widow. No. 46, Robert Samuel Bird, is the only case on and even their own exclusive judicial courts, at which the

which was to be erected the large building they were the eighteenth centuries. But how often, in various engaged upon, and which edifice, perhaps, took centuries to construct, a wooden house or Hütte was generally built, changes been made. How have ritualists and lecturers neatly adorned inside, in which the said chief architect, and consitutionalists tinkered at Masonry, until it is in with the sword of justice in his hand, sat under a canopy and pronounced judgment. This Hütte, or court-house, in Strasburg derived a peculiar importance during the period of the construction of the Minster. It was soon regarded as the most distinguished amongst all in Germany; its institutions were imitated, and the other court-houses frequently derived counsel and judgments from it. After Strasburg came, in 1681, under the dominion of France, all connection between this principal Hitte and the others of Germany gradually ceased to exist; and the consequent disputes which arose between these latter on the subject of each other's claims to superiority were eventually put an end to n 1731 by an imperial decree, by which all distinctions of privilege between these associations and the common class of architects were abolished.—Architect.

CHANGELESS FREEMASONRY.

WHAT a world this is! Change is stamped upon everything. Nothing stands still, nothing is to-day what it was yesterday. Night and day are hotly chasing each other, and alternately overtaking and leaving each other in the rear, but gaining no continuing victory. Time is ringing changes on the hours. Every man is taller when he rises in the morning than when he retired at night. Every seven years he is physically an entirely different man, and might not know himself were it not for his name. And his tailor sees that the cut of his coat matches the changeable man. Truly, fashion rules the world, but it, with all else that is sublunary, will have to succumb at last, for the Great Light tells us, "the fashion of this world passeth away." The procession is always moving, and if we do not observe it it is because we are a part of it.

Change is the fickle god of the profane world—may the Grand Architect of the Universe deliver Freemasons from the thraldom of its sway! "Let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves of change;" let "desultory man" be "studious of change, and pleased with novelty; but let Freemasons and Freemasonry be exempt from its tyrannic power. There is reason for men and things changing, but none for Freemasonry. Men cannot endure as they are, and would not if they could. Who would, or could live for ever with a decaying body and infirm mind? How could this earth endure, rent as it is by earthquakes and volcanoes, and worse than rotten at the core? Who would perpetually breathe an atmosphere which one day is charged with the leaden moisture of an east wind, another day with the icy breath of the north wind, and still another with the enervating heat of the south wind? Who would wage a war for ever with the evil that is around him, and in him? Let the earth spin on its delusive merry-goround until the end of time, and then we hope for something better. But, mark this, you cannot find on this and this most certainly is the leading purpose of Freeearth a better human institution than Freemasonry, and you masonry. cannot improve it by changing it.

a living embodiment of Truth and Love, and to alter these, light of our Craft sheds its rays o'er plain and mountain, in substance or in form, would be to weaken them. The and out across the ocean's breadth and depth; how Truth of Freemasonry is the Truth of God—it is Bible truth. It is neither partial nor sectarian; it is firm, moral ground, upon which all good men and true can stand. The brightness, unable to discover its sources or meaning, and Love of Freemasonry is that beneficent love of our fellows at last have been drawn nearer and still nearer, until which has its highest characterisation in the inspired statement-"God is love." Now, the symbolic ceremonies enter, raises the heavy knocker, sounds the alarm, and of our Fraternity, which teach that Truth and Love should from within the bolts are drawn, and if, like the footsore be, as nearly as may be, as changeless as these virtues traveller of old, he is worthy, he is allowed to enter. He themselves. We know there is only one in the universe treads the inner court; before him on the sacred altar who can truthfully say, "I change not," but we know also lies the source of all this radiance, which has drawn that which is the best in the world should be the least him thither. He recognises in it God's Holy Word, he subject to change. Let other societies be chameleons,

"Borrowing from their neighbour's hue His white or black, his green or blue,'

but let Free and Accepted Masonry aim to change, even in this great light is the guidance star of many a poor the smallest matters, as little as possible.

We are aware that Freemasonry has changed in the past. Some changes were inevitable; for example, when the discord are forgotten, where he becomes a workman in the Craft became speculative as well as operative, and finally temple, still guided by the light which burns brightly purely speculative, and when it was revived from its feeble behind the knocker.—Royal Craftsman.

chief architect presided as judge. Close on the spot on condition at the close of the seventeenth and beginning of Masonic jurisdictions, have causeless and injudicious some sense, taken as a whole, a piece of Masonic patchwork. Look at the Masonic quilt which is spread over the world, and observe how diversified it is.

Here, permit us to say, Pennsylvania Freemasons have just reason to be proud of their heritage. By the consent of all who are acquainted with the facts of Masonic history on this American continent, in Great Britain and throughout the world, the "work" of Masonry in Pennsylvania is purer, simpler and more ancient than in any other Masonic jurisdiction on the globe. During the past century and a quarter it has been as nearly the same as it is possible for the memory of man to maintain it. There has not been here, as elsewhere, the deliberate purpose to change it. The only effort has been to restore, never to alter. We abhor the profanity of the sentiment, " new day, new duty." There can be but one duty—to uphold the Freemasonry we have received as we received it, and deliver it unimpaired to our successors. We acknowledge no fashions in Masonry. The garb in which it came to us is the garb we would perpetuate. We cannot improve it.

> "How, now, foolish rheum! To guild refined gold, to paint the lily To throw a perfume on the violet, To smooth the ice, or add another hue Unto the rainbow, or with taper light To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish, Is wasteful and ridiculous excess."

> > -Key stone.

THE LIGHT BEHIND THE KNOCKER.

TANY years ago it was customary, among benevolent M. institutions, such as Monasteries, Convents, and other asylums that were reared for philanthropic purposes, to have placed upon the large entrance door a huge knocker, whose unmusical sound might reach the most remote part of the building, and as the day departed, leaving the night and darkness behind, some kindly hand would place a bright light behind this knocker, apparently a thing of little account, but, like the beacon on the rocky coast, it guided to safety. The traveller in the storm, wending his way along the deep mountain passes, amid dangers and difficulties, has hailed with joy this messenger of love; the weary limbs quicken their pace, and the sinking heart utters a prayer of thanksgiving for this beam of hope; thus struggling on, at last he stands on the threshold of comfort; the kind friends within know nought of his coming, the door is barred, he knows that in order to enter he must knock, and as he does this the door is opened, and if found worthy, he is received and welcomed.

How similar to this plan of ministering to humanity is the Masonic Institution; the chief desire of those long departed saints was to do good to their fellow men.

The keynote of our institution is brotherly love, and Why cannot Freemasonry be improved? Because it is pursuing this comparison further, how beautifully the many strangers and pilgrims, journeying along the paths of life, have felt the silent influence of this mysterious finally the applicant stands before the door he desires to also conceives that all Masonic thought, teachings and work, can be traced to this silent monitor of our Mystic Brotherhood. What an inspiration is the thought that wanderer, leading him up out of darkness and despair, bringing him at last to this quiet retreat where strife and

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Three Cups Hotel, Colchester, on the 22nd inst., Bro. G. Harrison P.M. 1828 W.M. in the chair, and there were also present the following Officers and brethren: Bros. Quilter S.W., Horsman J.W., Welch P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Ralling P.M. P.G.A.D.C. England P.G. Sec. Essex Secretary, Reichter S.D., Ablett J.D., Ives P.M. P.P.G.A. Sec. D.C., Jones I.G., Williams, Gray, and Francis Stewards, Wright Tyler, Sowman P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Sparling I.P.M., Turner P.M. P.P.G.O., Edwards P.M. 254 P.P.A.D.C. Warwickshire, Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Wright, Manley, Miller, Loyd, H. N. C. Hewson, G. M. Hewson, Becker, Peck. Visitor—S. Meech Secretary 2163. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Becker and Peck were passed, the ceremony being efficiently performed by the W.M. Subsequently Bro. Welch P.M., in a most able and impressive manner, gave the explanation of the Second Tracing Board, which was listened to with evident pleasure and interest, and at its close Bro. Welch was rewarded with a special vote of thanks. Bro. Turner P.M. brought up the Report of the Bye-Laws Sub-Committee, and after a protracted debate on a few points at issue various amendments were made, and the By-Laws ordered to be sent to Grand Lodge for approval. An application for assistance was received from the widow of a late brother, but it was not entertained. After the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to the usual spread, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner, due attention being paid to the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bros. Ralling and Hennemeyer responded for the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers respectively, Bro. Sparling for the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. S. Meech for the Visitors, Brothers Quilter and Horsman for the Officers, and Bro. Turner for the musical brethren. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs, rendered by Bros. Turner, Sparling, and Welch.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

THE members of this Lodge on the 20th entertained the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Major and Sheriff Davies, Bro. Sheriff Higgs, and a large and distinguished company, including a large number of present and past Officers of Grand Lodge. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. H. Squire, C.C., and the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and other distinguished guests were received, with Masonic honours, in the body of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren and their numerous guests adjourned to the banquet-room, all the arrangements of which were placed under the able management of Bro. Wright P.M. and D.C. of the Lodge. The President's place was occupied by the Master of the Lodge, who had the Right Hon, the Lord Mayor on his right, the Immediate Past Master ex-officio filling the seat on his left hand, and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., occupying the next seat. The Senior Warden, Bro. H. Clarke, C.C., took the end of the right. hand table, the J.W., Bro. J. P. Godfrey, took cure of the left-hand table, and the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Turner, faced the Master at the centre table. In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman said that it was a toast which on these occasions was always bailed with satisfaction and loyalty. They were aware that recently Her Majesty had been much exercised in mind with regard to the events which had taken place in Germany, where her son-in-law had now become Emperor of that great nation. The present Emperor of Germany was a very excellent and much-beloved Mason; in his country he was called Masonic Protector, and he evinced great interest in the Masonry of this country. Three of the Queen's sons were Masons, and therefore it was likely, as it was the fact, that she took a great interest—as much interest as a lady could—in the Masonic body of this country. He therefore gave them "The Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Craft." The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the Master proceeded to propose "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master the Prince of Wales," in doing which he said, he had been very much gratified by being allowed to attend the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs last week to Marlborough House, when they to convey the congratulations of the City of London to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their silver wedding; and he also reminded the brethren that it was only last year that the brethren had assembled to the number of about 6,000 at Albert Hall, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, which the Prince declared to be the most interesting assembly of Masons, at which he had been present with the exception of the occasion when he had been installed as Grand Master of English Freemasons. The toast of "The Grand Officers Present and Past," was replied to by the Rev. G. W. Weldon Grand Chaplain, who said of Free. masonry that the more it extended throughout the world the greater would be its power, and that in spite of the efforts of Socialists there was a loyalty to, and he might say a religion about Freemasoary, which would prove a bulwark to the public order of the State, and a safe. guard to the liberties of the people. Bro. Eve (the Grand Treasurer) also responded for this toast. The Master in proposing "The Health of the Lord Mayor," said that they never met in the City, whether at a Masonic or any other social gathering, without recognizing the head and monarch of their city—the Lord Mayor. And when, as in the present instance, they had a Lord Mayor who trod in the steps of his illustrious predecessors, and when they remembered that he was the 699th Lord Mayor, many as had been the talented men who had occupied that position, history furnished them with no mention of any Lord Mayor who had fulfilled his duties more zealously, or kindly, or more hospitably, or more to the Portsmouth brethren, and replied to the toast of the Visitors.

satisfaction of the citizens, than the present Lord Mayor the Right Hon. Polydore de Keyser. In the Masonic world the brethren knew that the Lord Mayor took and felt a very great interest. He was Master of the Lodge which he so well represented, and considering his position it was also surprising that he could still devote time to Masonry. It had been the custom, the Master said, ever since the Alliance Lodge had been established, that when the Lord Mayor for the year was a member of the Masonic body, for the Lodge to have the honour of entertaining him. It was difficult for him, in the presence of the Lord Mayor, to say as much as he would have liked to do, but he was quite sure that the brethren would join him most sincerely in drinking to the health of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, trusting that he might be spared, with health and strength, to go through his arduous duties, which he had commenced with such credit and renown to himself. The Lord Mayor in reply said, that he was almost overpowered at the very kind reception which those present had given to the toast which had just been proposed by their good Master. He believed from what he had heard of the Alliance Lodge that every member of the Corporation, and certainly the Lord Mayor, ought to belong to that Lodge, and he hoped that the Lodge would give him the opportunity of becoming a member of it, and that in that manner he might make up for what he believed to be a want in his education as a Mason. Although he was Master of his Lodge this year, he was not a young Mason; he had been one for 25 years, and entirely adopted and was inspired by those principles which had been enunciated by their Grand Chaplain. He thanked them for having, for the second time in the last ten years, to visit their Lodge; he thanked them, not only as a Mason but as Lord Mayor, for their kind reception, and desired to express his gratification at the honour they had paid him. The health of the Master of the Lodge was proposed by the Lord Mayor, and the Master replied in suitable terms. The health of the Sheriffs was then proposed by the Master, and Major Davies, in replying, asked to be allowed to become a member of the Lodge, but said that he should not be satisfied if admitted until he occupied the position of its Master. Mr. Sheriff Higgs also responded. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Dr. Egan, Bro. Broadley, and Bro. Hafeley (of New York). Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton replied for the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. J. Marcham was toastmaster.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE usual meeting of this "Press" Lodge, was held on Saturday, the 17th inst, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present: Bros. J. C. Duckworth W.M., Dr. Griffiths S.W., Herbert Wright J.W., H. Massey P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Albery Secretary: H. F. Bussey P.M., Thomas Minstrell P.M., W. F. Perkins S.D., C. Basil Cooke I.G., C. K. Moore W.S., James M'Intyre, William MacDonald, John Bune, J. W. R. Brown, Peter Bruce, J. C. Manning, John Allen, Charles Lock, G. F. Babington, H. J. Saunderson, W. E. Pitt, Wallace Husk, S. James, J. Masson, H. Ashenden, &c. Visitor Bro. Saunders J.W. 1257. Bro. James Walker was elected a joining member. Bro. Ashenden was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by the W.M. Bro Wallace Husk was appointed Organist, and duly invested with the collar of his office. The brethren were requested by the W.M. to support to the utmost of their power the case of Mrs. Mary Cooke, widow of Bro. Cooke, late of the Standard reporting staff. Iro. Duckworth, the W.M., also appealed to any Masons whose votes for the next election to the Masonic Benevolent Institution were not engaged to send them to Mrs. Cooke, 40 Wilson-road, Camberwell, as the case was a most deserving one, and strongly recommended. The business having been completed, the Lodge was closed in perfect barmony, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. A successful Cinderella dance followed the business proceedings. The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. C. Duckworth, inaugurated his year of office by holding a ball, and since then he has allowed two Cinderella dances to take place in the name of the Lodge. The July meeting of the Lodge is to be of a purely formal character, as far as Masonic work is concerned. The Lodge will meet early in the morning, and adjourn to some pleasant place in the country, the members being accompanied by their lady friends. The fact that ladies are admitted to so many of the social gatherings connected with the Gallery Lodge is depriving Freemasonry of a great deal of its exclusiveness, and is making the Gallery Lodge exceedingly popular amongst the ladies connected with the knights of the pen. At the Cinderalla dance on Saturday last, there were present journalists representing almost every newspaper in the country. The Worshipful Master and Mrs. Duckworth are to be congratulated on the very great success of these gatherings. Thanks are due to Bros. Perkins (Secretary), C. K. Moore and C. Lock (M.C.'s), by whom the arrangements were carried out.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

ITHE installation meeting, was held at the Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Brother Dr. Hooper W.M., and the principal Officers being invested. The gathering was a large one, many of the brethren of the Upper Norwood Lodge being present. The installation ceremony was eplendidly performed by Brother

JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2195.

FFHE first annual installation banquet of this military Lodge took place on Friday, 23rd March, at Dover, Assistant Commissary General Bro. Moore being installed in the chair. Several military brethren, former members of the Portsmonth Lodges, were amongst those present, also Bro. Jenkins, the present Worshipful Master of the Portsmouth Lodge, who attended to represent the

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Charles Edmonds W.M., who was supported by P.M.'s Bros. G. W. Knight, C. J. Scales, H. Stiles, W. M. Stiles, G. Edwards, H. Lovegrove, Geo. Clark; Bros. F. W. Dimsdale S.W., W. Davey J.W., F. J. Perks P.M. Secretary, W. F. Bates S.D., R. Fraser J.D., A. Bryce Director of Ceremonies, R. A. Calway Assistant Director of Ceremonies, J. F. Saunders and W. Little Stewards, and the following among other Visitors: — Brothers H. Battams 1777, W. J. Lee 1777, G. F. Penny 2184, F. A. Fullcher 212, A. Walter J.W. 1791, B. Kauffman I.P.M. 1732, H. V. Chenny 1260, C. J. Knightley 1744, E. Hislop W.M. 1708, R. Ross S.D. 1744, R. Bryce 1421, R. A. Hose 1314, A. H. Senrah Sec. 2206, G. Wiltshire 860, G. Dickiuson W.M. 1681, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2206. In addition there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge, the whole company numbering upwards of eighty brethren. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Aime Charles Bertrand was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and being approved of, he received the benefits of Masonic Light at the hands of the Worshipful Master. Bros. John Henry Timberlake and George Henry Jennings were next passed, and then the third degree was performed on behalf of a candidate who came forward for advancement. This being the election meeting of the Ludge, the ballot was now taken for the office of Worshipful Master, the choice of the brethren being unamimous in favour of Bro. Dimsdale S.W. Bro. James Willing jun. P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, also without opposition, the brethren expressing regret at his long enforced absence from their meetings and wishing him a speedy return to his former health. Bro. Whiting was re-elected Tyler, after which an Audit Committee was appointed. The best thanks of the Lodge were passed to Bro. Edmonds for his services and able presidency during his year of Mastership, and the sum of ten guineas voted from the funds to provide a Past Master's jewel for him. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the same to be placed on the list of Bro. W. M. Stiles, who will act as Steward at the coming Festival. Other matters of business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet. In due course the customary toasts were given, the first three on the list being briefly proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by the brothren. Bro. Knight I.P.M. submitted the toast of the W.M., who stood in a somewhat peculiar position to what had been his experience during the time he had been in the chair of the Lodge. He had before him a long holiday, while he had had a busy time in the past. It was not necessary to make a long speech in praise of Bro. Edmonds, who had given them great satisfaction while he had been at their head. All he could hope was that future Masters in the Metropolitan Lodge would prove themselves as efficient as he had done. The toast was most heartily received, and Bro. Edmonds made a telling speech in reply. He rose with pleasure, and yet with regret, for he could but remember that was the last time, in the usual course of events he should appear before them as W. Master. He sincerely hoped he had maintained the honour and reputation of the Lodge during his Mastership. It was, comparatively speaking, only a young Lodge, yet it had secured for itself a reputation which was not surpassed by any other. No matter what part of the country its members visited, they were received with the greatest cordiality and good feeling. To his mind this proved that the Lodge was recognised as worthy of honour. Bro. Edmonds then tendered his thanks to the Past Masters of the Lodge for the kindly assistance he had received from them, and also complimented the Officers on the efficient way in which they had discharged their duties. He next spoke of the kindly feeling which was manifested towards him by the entire membership of the Lodge, the brethren of which seemed to regard him as a dear friend. He was very proud of the title they had bestowed on him, as he felt it was really the expression of true friendship, and one which could not be bestowed on a brother they did not appreciate. He had striven to his uttermost to make himself competent to uphold the honour of the Lodge, and felt he had been somewhat successful when he witnessed the unanimity with which they had voted their thanks in the Lodge. Speaking of the future, he felt there was little of a holiday for him. His next duty would be to instal his successor, and to make himself in accordance with the wishes of Frederick William III. (his father), proficient for that work would require much of his spare time, as it who had for long been a member of the Craft, having been admitted would be his aim to do it in such a way as would place him not far in 1814 in Paris. William I. assumed the Protectorate of the behind those who had preceded him. The next teast he proposed was the health of the W.M. elect. He knew how he felt at that time twelve months ago, and he knew the brethren would require but little persuasion to honour this toast. The W.M. elect was a brother he and the Masters before him had been working with for many years past. He had shown great aptitude for learning his duties in the Craft, would make a good Master, and would assuredly win the approval of the Lodge. Bro. Dimsdale replied. He had worked very hard to secure the honour of their approval, and felt he had won a high compliment that day. He would do his best to deserve the highly complimentary remarks which had been offered bim. He appealed to the Officers to perfect themselves in their duties, and make themselves proficient for higher office if they desired preferment. The toast of the Past Masters was next submitted, with it being coupled the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Knight, Scales, Stiles, Perks, &c. responded, after which the initiate, the visitors, and the Officers were honoured. Thus the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Emperor William, of Germany, recently addressed to the Masonic Lodge of Rostock, Mecklenburg, a letter of congratulation, on the 75th anniversary of its foundation. He said: "Freemasonry conctitutes a true element of the religious sentiment, and works for the well-being of humanity."

ROYAL ARCH.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on the 27th inst., for the installation of the three Principals and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Sewell was elected Z., W. Logan H., and J. Lawson J. The ceremonies were performed by Companions J. Hiller, R. Hadson, and W. Logan. The Auditors' report was afterwards received and adopted, it being considered very satisfactory. A presentation of a jewel was then made to Comp. W. Logan, by Comp. R. Hudson, for the interest he has invariably taken in Freemasonry, and especially in connection with the obtaining of the centenary jewel to the Concord Chapter. The brethren were afterwards entertained to supper by Comp. Sewell.

SEGONTIUM CHAPTER, No. 606.

THE annual installation took place on the 27th inst., in the Lodgeroom at Carnarvon Castle. The installing Masters were Bros. R. J. David and J. W. Poole. The following were installed:-Comps. J. Lloyd Griffith Z., Pritchard J., Morgan H. The attendance of brothren included Cornelius Davies, Harris, Edward Roberts, Davies, Watkins. The banquet was served at the Royal Sportsman

The Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which we referred last week, was duly held on Saturday, when upwards of three hundred brethren attended. The meeting was opened in the usual Board Room of Freemasons' Hall, and Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. was voted to the chair. An adjournment was then made to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, which afforded ample accommodation for the exceptionally large gathering assembled. The case for the brethren who had requisitioned the meeting was opened by Bro. John Glass P.Prov.G.D. Essex, P.M. and Treasurer of the Chigwell, No. 453, of which Lodge the late Bro. Motion—the father of the lad referred to in the notice calling the meeting—was a member. Bro. Glass made an able, temperate and forcible speech, but it was clear to almost every impartial listener that there was not sufficient in the case he laboured for to warrant the interference of the subscribers with the decision of the House Committee. Bro. Glass was admirably supported by Bro. George Corble P.M. 453, P.Prov.G.J.W. Essex, and others interested in the case. Brother A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Vice President of the Institution, moved the rejection of the proposal, and he also was sustained in the arguments he adduced. As the result a division took place, when the original proposition was rejected, by 199 votes to 118. We hope the case will end here, especially as we feel that any further action in the matter can do no possible good for the lad who is supposed to be aggrieved. His term for remaining in the School has now expired—he cannot therefore be taken back, and we fail to see what advantage even the most ample apology would do him—supposing such was either needful or contemplated.

KAISER WILLIAM AND FREEMASONRY.

THE late Emperor of Germany was initiated into Freemasonry in 1840, shortly before his father's death. A special Lodge was convened for the purpose, presided over by the three Berlin Grand Lodges, Masonic Lodges in the Prassian Monarchy, the title being continued down to his decease. His son, Prince Frederick William, lately the Crown Prince and now the Emperor, was appointed Deputy-Protector, having been initiated by William I. (then the Crown Prince) in 1853 in the Royal Palace, at which representatives attended from the three Grand Lodges. The gavel used by his Imperial Highness on that occasion formerly belonged to Frederick the Great, who became a member of the "mystic tie" in 1738. According to Speth's "Royal Freemasons," every King of Prassia, with the exception of Frederick William IV., had been a Freemason, from Frederick the Great until now, and as regards Emperors of Germany the Fraternity can point to Franz I. of Lorraine and Austria, 1745-1765, William I., and now Frederick III., both Kings of Prussia. A medal was struck in silver and bronze to commemorate the initiation of the late Emperor on 22nd May 1840, and two others about the same period were also circulated in the same metals in celebration of the centenary of the Masonic reception of Frederick the Great, one of which, by Pfeuffer, is of most suggestive design.

-Western Morning News.

Ten years ago the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formed, with 13 Lodges and 1,000 members. It has now 50 Lodges and 5000 mombers.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Terry's .- A more charming and unconventional piece than "Sweet Lavender," produced at this theatre last week, could not be wished for. Fally bearing out its title, the work brims over with pleasant sayings, happy conceptions, and refreshing incidents. The idea that Mr. A. W. Pinero has so well worked out is one that courts favour, inasmuch as, in some way or other, it touches the hearts of every one that sees it. In "Sweet Lavender" Mr. Pinero has successfully struck a new vein. First of all he has given us what may truly be called a new play, founded on a theme distinctly original, but never exaggerated. Secondly, he has sketched a character—though not a sober or intelligent person—possessing a kind heart and generous in every respect. Such is Dick Phenyl, who falls and falls again, till, by the kind help of Clement Hale, a straightforward young man, he finally conquers his predominant vice. Throughout the piece can be traced Mr. Pinero's bright and witty sayings, but it is not so much this that makes the play, it is the really living characters, that stand in our memory long after the curtain falls. To give our readers some idea with what ingenuity Mr. Pinero has bandled his subject, it will be well to give a short outline. There is living in chambers in the Temple Clement Hale, the adopted son of Mr. Geoffrey Wedderburn; for a friend he has Dick Phenyl. Clement has fallen desperately in love with his housekeeper's daughter, Lavender; this young lady returns his love. Clement's father visits him, and Ruth Rolt, the housekeeper in question, recognises him as the parent of her daughter, and consequently decides to run away, and thus prevent her history becoming known. After a touching interview between the youthful lovers, Ruth and Lavender depart, to return, however, as purse to Wedderburn, who has received a shock owing to the bank he is connected with having suspended payment. How a happy issue is brought about we leave our readers to ascertain for themselves, but we may state that Wedderburn, who secretly has loved Ruth ever since he left her, resolves to redeem his promise. The company Mr. Edward Terry has secured to co-operate with him represent this play most satisfactorily. Mr. Terry plays Dick Phenyl, with great effect. Every one of Mr. Pinero's witty sayings are capitally brought out, while the struggle to keep his word with his friend not to drink is admirably depicted. A more realistic picture could not be wished for. Mr. Bernard Gould is a manly Clement Hale, while the difficult part of Geoffrey Wedderburn is entrusted to Mr. Brandon Thomas. The Dr. Delaney of Mr. Alfred Bishop is another well drawn character, that this sterling actor makes the most of. Miss Norreys, as Lavender, is not so successful as usual; the part is too solemn for one who seems to revel in fun. Miss Carlotta Addison depicts well the sorrows of Ruth Rolt, while Miss M. A. Victor is good as Wedderburn's sister. Miss Maude Millett is charming as a young lady in love with a youthful American, -Horace Bream, who finds a careful interpreter in Mr. F. Kerr. Mr. Sant Matthews as a solicitor, and Mr. T. C. Valentine a hairdresser, add to the completeness of the caste. In conclusion we may express the opinion that "Sweet Lavender" is sure to have a successful run; it is a piece that can be seen again and again, and still be thoroughly enjoyed.

The Handel Festival.—The most remarkable musical celebration of its kind in the world recurs in this year—the Great Handel Festival, that is held triennially at the Crystal Palace; it could not be celebrated on the scale it has created for itself in any other arena, nor could it take place with like appropriateness, or even with a similar art result in any other country. It is as unique in respect of the numbers who take part in it, and as regards its character, as it is in its art effects. The result of a national organisation carefully maintained and used during many years, the 4,000 performers brought together are individually proficient in their several parts, and their united efforts are to be rated as absolutely alone in the sublimity of musical effect. The organisation is possible only in England, where our Cathedral choirs exist as a nucleus for the the Festival, are familiar by practice with the music of Handel. moreover, more than mere musical delight conducing to eternal principles of Truth, and Truth will live for ever. ne Handel Festival is received by the public; there is much of a religious feeling that tends to give the occasion a significance of its own-peculiar perhaps to England, for which Handel wrote his masterpieces. Mr. August Manns and all his coadjutors are already working actively to carry out the musical arrangements with most scrupulous care, so that the performances in June may be, if possible, more perfect than ever. It is not possible to bring the members of the Great Chorus together with completeness, except at considerable intervals. They come from all parts of the kingdom. There are to be active rehearsals in the provinces, where, at several local centres, the singers of the respective districts will be assembled, and the works gone through under Mr. Manns's personal direction; and these provincial rehearsals are to be prosecuted this year more frequently than ever, so that when the provincial sections meet the London contingent on the Great Orchestra the work of getting all to go together will concern sections of a great whole, rather than individuals. The most distinguished solo singers have been engaged, among whom Madame Albani, Madame Nordica, Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Valleria, Madame Patey, Madame Trebelli, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Barton McGuckin, Mr. Santley, Mr. Bridson, and Mr. Brereton are to be particularised. Mr. W. T. Best will play a solo on the great organ, and all together there will be 4,000 performers, each one of whom will contribute effectively to produce the purely exceptional result that will be presented to those who are fortunate enough to be present in June next at the Great! Handel Festival.

Messrs. Wills and Grundy's new play, "The Pompadour," will be produced at the Haymarket Theatre to-night (Saturday). The following ladies and gentlemen are in the caste:—Messrs. Beerbohm Tree, Ashley, Fred Terry, Royce Carleton, Brookfield; Mrs. Tree; Mesdames Achurch, Marion Terry, Le Thiere, and Rose Leclerc.

"A Run of Luck" will be revived at Drury Lane to-night (Saturday). This realistic drams, which was withdrawn in the height of its success in 1886, will be welcomed again with genuine eagerness. The caste which Bro. Augustus Harris has secured is a strong one.

Messrs. George Giddins and T. G. Warren baving undertaken the management of the pretty little Novelty Theatre, in Great Queenstreet, will commence operations to-night (Saturday), with "Nita's First," and a new one-act play, entitled "Fennel." Mr. Giddins, who will play in both pieces, is to be well supported.

Miss Genevieve Ward and Mr. W. H. Vernon will next week commence a short season at the Lyceum Theatre, with "Forget-menot," and "Nance Oldfield." We may state the first-named piece has now had a continuous run of over 2000 nights.

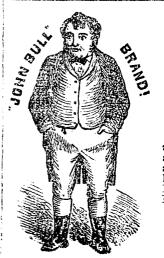
Mr. Charles Harris will take his annual benefit at the Gaiety, on Thursday afternoon, the 5th April. A liberal programme has been provided, and a fall house may be expected.

INSTITUTE OF AUCTIONEERS AND SURVEYORS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE general meeting of the members of this new Association was held on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. J. M. Klenck, who was supported by representatives of the profession from Bradford, Cambridge, Keighley, &c. In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman congratulated the members upon the success which had attended their efforts to promote the prosperity of the Institute. The Council had received 720 applications for membership; these had been disposed of as follows: Fellows, 476; Associates, 156; Students, 15; leaving 58 for forther information and investigation. Some members were anxious to see the Institute move more quickly, for the benefit of the profession, but the Council submitted that the first step to be taken was to procure a Charter of Incorporation. Communications had been made with the authorities of the Inland Revenue with respect to certain persons who held themselves out to be anctioneers and agents without the necessary licences, and a result favourable to the profession had been secured. Prior to the Local Government Bill being adopted, it would be necessary to look into the clause relating to compensation and as to the appointment of an arbitrator, and also into the law of distress. These and other matters would engage the attention of the Council. Mr. Weatherhead (Mayor of Keighley) seconded the motion, which received full consideration, and finally was adopted. Abraham Smith (Honorary Secretary) stated that he had received a letter from the Chairman, calling attention to the desirability of establishing a benefit fund in connection with the Institute. He appealed for subscriptions for the purpose. The Solicitor was instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain a certificate of incorporation. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the President. In the evening several members and friends dined together, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the same presidency. In the course of the after proceedings several admirable suggestions as to placing the Association on such a basis as will tend to advarce and uphold the best interests of its members received earnest consideration, and the Chairman was congratulated on the successful preliminary efforts that had been made to this end.

Who is Responsible.—Brethren, the prosperity and glory of Masonry rest with us. As Masons we should feel that we have a duty-a high duty-to perform in trying to maintain the dignity and glory of Freemasonry as handed down to us from the fathers. It stands before us to-day as it stood from time immemorial, unsullied provincial sections of the Great Chorus, and, together with the and unscarred by vandal hands, though its would be destroyers have county and local choral associations, whose members take part in continued for ages to hurl their anathemas against its fair propor-This wide-spread knowledge is a most important element. There is, their professions; because the institution is Founded upon the tions; and as such it will continue to stand if Masons will be true to

> It has been well said by an exchange that we should not allow ourselves to be dazzled by outward show, but carefully scrutinise every applicant for admission to the Order. Masonry is not made stronger by numbers, and if ever the charm and beauty of the Temple is defaced or obscured, it will come from the hands of vandals.



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LODGE HISTORIES.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

VERY interesting volume has just been issued to the Craft, viz., a History of the Lodge of Sincerity; compiled from the Minutes, 1784 to 1887, by Bro. John Newton, F.R.A.S., P.M. and P.Z. In many respects this book may be held up as a pattern for imitation by those who undertake similar duties in connection with other Lodges in years to come, but perhaps the most pleasing feature about it is its completeness, the summary being entire for upwards of one hundred years. It is not the good fortune of many Lodges to possess such a record as does the Sincerity, which has in its possession the original Minute Books of the Lodge, from the 10th March 1784 to the present time, hence it is that the compilation of Bro. Newton is all the more likely to please such members of the Craft as may secure a copy. We cannot, of course, attempt here anything like a lengthened summary of the contents of the volume, but shall endeavour to select sufficient of the doings recorded to make our remarks acceptable to our readers. The original formation of the Lodge dates back to May 1768, since when it has never been in abeyance, although it has passed through some troublesome times, and been compelled to shift from place to place, for one reason or another. Its earlier history is somewhat shrouded in mystery, for, there being no books in the possession of the Lodge relating to the first sixteen years of its existence, it is only possible to record such items as may be gleaned from the Registers of Grand Lodge. From these it appears that the early members were chiefly mariners, the Lodge of Sincerity being, for many years, pre-eminently a maritime one.

The original Warrant of the Lodge was nearly destroyed gives the number of the Lodge as 423 at its formation, and records that at the closing up and alteration of numbers in 1770, 1781 and 1792, it became Nos. 358, 275 and 231 respectively. By the Union of the two Grand Lodges of England in 1813 it became No. 290, which number was again altered, in 1832 to 203, and in 1863 to its present number—174. From the books of Grand Lodge we learn that on the 21st October 1768, that is six months later than the date of its Warrant, the Master of the Lodge attended the Committee of Charity-which Committee then performed the same duties as are now carried on by our Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes. Similar records are given in reference to the years 1773, 1774, 1778 and 1780, so that, even at this early date, the Lodge appears to have taken its share in the general work of the Craft. Its members were among the first to subscribe to the fund for the purpose of building a Hall, &c., contributing five guineas for this purpose in 1773, and supplementing that amount from time to time till, at the end of 1785, the amount standing to the credit of the Lodge, on this account, was £28 15s 6d. Having given these brief details of the early doings of the Lodge, we may turn to

the first entry in the earliest Minute, of the 10th March supper," and about the same time the subscription 1784, when the Lodge met at the White Lyon, Prince's Stairs, Rotherhithe, and was presided over by a visitor, Bro. Scurry, of the King's Arms Lodge. On the 15th September following the Lodge was removed to the Bull's Head, Rotherhithe, and the Wardens appear to have been appointed. The initiation fee at this period was £2 7s, and the annual subscription 12s, while among the expenditure of the year was two guineas for rough and perfect ashlars, with triangle and blocks, and twelve aprons. It was no uncommon practice in these times to confer two or three degrees on a candidate at one meeting, although, says the compiler, in most instances it was foreigners or seafaring candidates who were thus advanced. There are the usual references to half-yearly elections of Master and other Officers, as was customary at this period, and in 1778, we find a Minute that "Bro. John Noble was proposed to become a member of this Lodge, which was second'd and third'd, and carried nem con." The financial state of the Lodge was not very bright, the balance due to Treasurer at end of 1785 being £13 19s 81d; at end of 1786, £12 0s 2d; and at end of 1787, £7 9s $0\frac{3}{4}$ d. The income for the year 1786 was £18 3s $8\frac{1}{2}$ d. In 1788 the Lodge was removed to the White Lion, and in 1790 to the Jamaica House, Bermondsey. During this latter year there were no initiates, and the Lodge appears to have been on the decline, a motion being carried at the last meeting of the year that all members who did not pay up their arrears be discontinued till they were paid. The following year the chair was declared vacant, through the non-attendance of the Master, and a Brother Alexander was elected in his stead. This brother appears to have done well. He was re-elected to the office, and initiations seem to have been very numerous, no less than twentynine gentlemen being received during the two years the Lodge was under the rule of Brother Alexander. On the minutes of 1792 appears a proposition that a Masters' Lodge be held every fifth Tuesday, and during this year the first record of a Lodge Festival is noted. The dinner was provided by the two Wardens; each member paying 5s, and each visitor 6s 6d; thirty-two brethren were present, and the sum realised was £9 2s, leaving a profit of 4s 7d. During this year a Tyler's jewel was presented to the Lodge, which jewel is still used by the Tyler on duty. The initiation fee was raised to £2 12s 6d in 1791, and another 5s added to it the following year, the latter increase appearing to be the result of agreeing to a suggestion by the then Grand Secretary, in reference to a request made by the Governors of the Cumberland School (the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls of to-day), that a sum be set aside for the Charity from each "making" fee. In December 1794 it was resolved that all candidates be received or rejected by ballot, and that a majority either way should determine. In 1795 the Lodge agreed to contribute any proportionable expense attending the prosecution of three persons who intruded themselves into the Peace and Plenty Lodge, No. 67, but little, if anything, appears to have been done in the matter. In 1796 the balloting paper, consisting of 48 votes, being then disposed Lodge removed twice, on the last occasion to the Gregorian of. Arms, Bermondsey, where it continued until 1800. The fees were again increased in 1797 to the following amounts: annual subscription £1 1s, payable quarterly;

Senforing and county manual subscription £1 to the following amounts: annual subscription £1 to the following the Crooked Billet, Tower Hill. From thence it removed, in 1857, to the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars, seafaring and country members 6s per annum, and 2s on where it remained until 1869, when it migrated to the Lodge nights when present, and 8s on the feast day when Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, where the meetings they dine; initiation, £3 3s; joining, 3s 6d. Every are now held. Bro. Dovey, who is still a member of the regular member had to pay 6s on feast day if he dined. Lodge, was initiated in 1846, during which year arrange-The minutes of 1799 record the swearing of the register ments were made for a summer outing, the members of as directed by the Act of Parliament passed at that time. The Lodge removed to the Ship on the Wall in 1800, and to the Lyon and Castle, Bermondsey, the following year. At this point of the Lodge History Brother Newton has inserted a copy of the certificate formerly issued by the Sincerity Lodge, the use of which certificates were discontinued by Grand Lodge resolving, in 1818, "that no Lodge shall grant a private certificate, except for the 50th year of membership, the testimonial taking the purpose of obtaining a Grand Lodge certificate." In 1806 form of a handsome snuff box, presented, in the name five shillings was added to the initiation fee towards of the ladies of the members, at the Summer assisting the Charity School; a present of one guinea was Festival of the Lodge, held at the Roebuck, Woodford. made to one brother, and seven shillings voted to another. In 1859 Brother Pendlebury, the present Assistant "he being in distress." In 1807 appears a resolution that Grand Secretary, who was then under age, was initiated, "no liquor be called for at the Lodge expense until the special sanction being obtained from the Grand Master, on R.W.M. takes the chair, and that after the Lodge is opened account of his being about to leave England for India. no Br. charge his glass until so ordered by the R.W.M." The death of Bro. Mortleman, to whom we have already At a later meeting the same year it was resolved that referred, is recorded in 1860; for some years previous to

was raised to seven shillings per quarter. In 1808 it was resolved that three black balls on the ballot should exclude a candidate. In 1811 a letter was received from the Committee at Lloyds, soliciting aid in support of the British prisoners in France. This was immediately responded to, with a collection of £2 15s 7d, and at the next meeting a further sum of £2 16s 6d was collected for the same purpose. In 1812 is recorded the initiation of Bro. James Norris, who was well known to a large circle of Freemasons for many years, as filling the office of Warden at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for some time prveious to his death, which took place on 21st December 1884; he then being 95 years of age. The Lodge moved back to the Jamaica House in 1814, and during that year voted various sums in charity. In 1816 a widow's petition to the Lodge of Benevolence was signed—the first mentioned on the minutes—with the gratifying result that a donation of £10 was made. In 1820 there is a minute limiting the powers of the Lodge of Instruction, which for some years previously appears to have been in existence. It was, indeed, the custom to propose members at the Lodge of Instruction for initiation at the following regular Lodge meeting. The minute of 1820 enjoins that such Lodge of Instruction be confined solely and exclusively for the purposes of Masonic Instruction, and that the mother Lodge shall not be liable for any expense thereby. A collection was made in 1822 on behalf of a brother, and the money expended in goods, which were sent to him at the Cape of Good Hope, where he then resided. In 1827 a communication was received from the Grand Master, requesting the presence of the Master and Wardens at the laying of the foundation stone of the Caledonian Asylum, Holloway, which invitation was duly attended to. For some years the Lodge now made but little progress. Elections and installations were postponed, new members were but few, and the attendance of brethren seldom more than five or six at any meeting, and sometimes only three or four. This went on until 1837, when an effort appears to have been made to revive the Lodge. It was removed to the Kings' Arms, Elephant Stairs, Rotherhithe, and several brethren became joining members. The fees were raised: Initiation to £4 14s 6d, and joining to 10s, exclusive of Grand Lodge dues or refreshment of any kind; still the Lodge does not appear to have made progress. The quarters were removed, first to the Angel, then to 144 High-street, Wapping, then to Tower Shades, Tower Hill, and next to the Green Man and Bell, Lower Thames Street. In 1841 reference is made to a communication from Grand Lodge as to the publication of the proceedings at Lodge Meetings, opinions being much divided as to the propriety of issuing the Freemasons' Quarterly Review or similar publications. Two gentlemen were initiated in 1842, making but three since 1828, a period of 16 years, but there were three the following year, and a general revival of the Lodge appears to have set in. In 1844, first mention is made of the Royal Masonic Annuity Fund, the In 1845, the Lodge removed to St. Katharine Dock this Lodge uniting with those of Friendship, No. 248, and Nepture, No. 22, in a trip to Gravesend. In 1850 the Worshipful Master offered his services as a Steward on behalf of the Girls' School, while the Treasurer signified his intention of being "one of the Stewards at the Festival for the United Charities." In 1853 a testimonial was presented to Bro. Mortleman, on his completing his "neither wine nor punch be drunk at this Lodge before this the Lodge had rendered him assistance, both from

Lodge funds and from the Charity box. The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was mooted in 1861, and finally established in 1863, since which time it has been of great service to many a poor brother or his family in time of distress. Application for a warrant for a Chapter was agreed to in 1865, but this was not obtained until 1867. In 1869 the Lodge received the necessary sanction for a Centenary jewel. In 1875 is recorded the presentation of a handsome testimonial to Bro. John Newton, in appreciation of his services as Secretary. The members also presented a gold chain and locket for Mrs. Newton. There are many other items of interest to which we might have referred in our very brief summary of Brother Newton's History of the Sincerity Lodge, but as copies of it are available for any brother who may desire to know more of what has taken place, we here close our summary. We cannot, however, omit a word of praise to the members for their continued and persistent efforts in the cause of Charity. There are very few years to which reference is made in the History—and these range from 1784 to 1887without a record of some expenditure towards helping those in distress. As a consequence, the Lodge of Sincerity has won a proud position in the estimation of the Craft, and that it may long continue to enjoy that position, and that its present members may be spared for many years to come, is our sincere desire. We have spent many happy hours at the Sincerity Lodge during the past thirteen years, and have experienced especial gratification in perusing its History, which has been so carefully compiled by our dear friend and brother John Newton.

An enjoyable ball, in aid of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund and the Alpass Memorial Fund, was held on Thursday, 22nd inst, at the Skelmersdale-hall, Westminster-road, Liverpool. The event was promoted by the Masonic Lodges of the north end of the city, and reflected great credit upon the brethren who acted as the committee. The attendance numbered 150. Brethren were conspicuous by their regalia. It is expected that a handsome sum in aid of the Masonic Charities will remain, after payment of the necessary expenses.

Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Janitor, the author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," has accepted an invitation from the members of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, which meets at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Paddington, W., to deliver a lecture on "Banners and Ensigns." Friday evening, the 6th April, is the day fixed, and the proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock. We feel assured that Companions who can make it convenient to attend will spend a profitable and agreeable evening.

FREEMASONRY.

[The following beautiful effusion is from the pen of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, an earnest Mason, and the classical author of "Pompeii" and "Zanoui."

THE world may rail at Masonry,

And scoff the square and line;

We'll follow with complacency The Master's great design. And though our sisters frown, and though We're by our mothers chided, Could they our works and hearts but know, We would not be derided. And though the kings of earth unite Our temple to assail, While armed with truth and love and light O'er them we shall prevail. A cloud may veil the face of day, But Nature smiles at one That should adventure, bold essay! To quench the glorious sun! A king can make a gartered knight, And breathe away another; But he, with all his skill and might, Can never make a Brother. This power alone, thou Mystic Art, Freemasonry, is thine. The power to tame the savage heart

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With Brother love divine.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES GIEVE, J.P.

PROMINENT member of the Craft in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has been called to his rest in the person of Bro. James Gieve. Although of a quiet, unostentations, and retiring disposition, Bro. Gieve had for a number of years taken a warm interest in local affairs, and while his voice was rarely heard at the meetings of the Town Council, he attended as regularly as the state of his health would permit to his municipal duties, and his urbanity and geniality gained for him the respect and esteem of his colleagues. On Thursday night of last week, Bro. Gieve took the chair at a meeting at the Green Row Rooms. The small room was fairly well filled, when Bro. Gieve, sitting close to whom was his son, Mr. J. W. Gieve, commenced the proceedings by reading a letter. He began in his usual tone of voice, but he had not proceeded far when it was noticed that he became somewhat incoherent, and he so wandered that it was clear he had been attacked by sudden illness. No sooner was this discovered than he staggered, and was only prevented from falling by Mr. F. Morley, surgeon, who caught the deceased in his arms. Mr. Morley, who saw at once that Bro. Gieve had had an apoplectic seizure, adopted the usual precautions, and as quickly as possible the deceased was removed in a cab to his house in High-street, where he was seen by his regular medical attendant, Dr. Burford Norman, who prescribed the application of ice to the head and leeches to the temples. The attack, however, was of so serious a character that recovery was, from the first, considered hopeless. At midnight Dr. J. Ward Cousins was summoned, and he approved of what had been done by Dr. Norman and Mr. Morley. The members of the family, as well as Dr. Norman, remained with Bro. Gieve till death took place, at a quarter to five o'clock in the morning of the 23rd inst. The deceased, who was in his 67th year, was an active member of the Craft. He was a Past Master of the United Brothers' Lodge at Southsea, and a Past Grand D.C. of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; a Past First Principal of the Portsmouth Chapter, and a Past Master of the Phœnix Mark Lodge, Portsmouth; he had also held office in the Provincial Mark Lodge. In November next Bro. Gieve would have completed his third triennial period as a representative of St. Thomas's Ward in the Town Council. About two years ago the Lord Chancellor placed the deceased on the commission of the peace for the borough.

BRO. CHARLES FLETCHER.

A RYE correspondent records the death, at the advanced age of 95 years, of Bro. Charles Fletcher, of the Mint, Rye. Deceased had been wonderfully hale up to within the last few years, but the severe weather of the present winter seemed seriously to affect him, and he expired on Friday, 16th inst. Deceased had always taken great interest in Freemasonry, and, in conjunction with the late Bros. Kidd and Shearer, kept the "Wellington" Lodge in existence at a time when the Craft was at a very low ebb in the town.

The Daily Telegraph of Tuesday says:-

There was a most interesting ceremony last Friday evening, in the Temple of the Royal York Masonic Lodge at Berlin. Upwards of two thousand Masons had assembled to hold a commemorative service for their departed brother, the Kaiser Wilhelm. The most distinguished members of the Craft, from all parts of Germany, came to Berlin for the occasion. In the centre of the Temple stood a coffin, on which lay the Three Roses, and the ceremony was carried out according to due Masonic rites. Professor Wagner, a well-known Conservative, delivered a most excellent and impressive address.

It is interesting further to know that the Chief Masonic Lodge in Italy has communicated with the leading Lodges in all the countries of Europe, praying all Masons holding high State positions to do their utmost to bring about a general disarmament in the interests of peace.

A CARD.—An Important Discovery is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

SCOTLAND.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., Comp. W. Mann Depute Grand Principal presiding, when Grand Office Bearers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, as

Comps. Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart. ... 1st Principal Past 1st Principal The Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute Principal Wm. Mann 2nd Principal The Earl of Kintore 3rd Principal Frederick E. Villiers Wm. Edwards Scribe E. Scribe N. Dr. George Dickson W. Officer Treasurer Recorder James Webster James Dalrymple Duncan Chancellor ... 1st Sojoarner George Christie Lord Saltonn ... 2nd Sojourner 3rd Sojoarner Col. John Campbell ... Sword Bearer James Crichton Supt. of Works William Hay ... Colonel P. Stirling 1st Standard Bearer H. J. Coventry 2nd Standard Bearer John Taylor

Thereafter the members of the Chapter celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, the Earl of Mar and Kellie Past First Grand Principal presiding, and Comp. Mann acting as croupier. The chair was supported on the right by Comp. Sir James Buchanan, and on the left by Comp. W. Villiers of Closeburn, and amongst the others present were Comps. J. Dalrymple Duncan, W. Edwards, Macallister of Carbeth-Guthrie, Colonel Campbell, Surgeon-Major Black, Major Allan, W. Officer, D. Murray Lyon, &c.

CONSECRATION OF LODGE MONTEFIORE.

A N interesting Masonic ceremonial took place on the 9th instant, in the St. John's Lodge, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, when Lodge Montefiore, No. 753, the first Jewish Lodge in Scotland, was solemnly erected and consecrated by a deputation of Provincial Grand Lodge, accompanied by Bro. Lyon, Grand Secretary. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened to the third degree, the ceremony of erection and consecration was carried through with grand honours, and at its close Brother Simons, the first R.W.M. of Lodge Montefiore, took his seat beside the S.P.G. Master amid applause. In the course of the proceedings the Grand Chaplain (Rev. W. W. Tulloch) delivered a brief address, specially appropriate to the occasion. He reminded the brethren that the name of the new Lodge recalled that of Sir Moses Montefiore, the first Jew ever knighted by a British sovereign. Sir Moses was a striking example of a man who had brought lasting renown to himself; while by his beneficent activity, by the unceasing and brotherly devotion with which he laboured for his race, it was chiefly through his exertions that the Jewish disabilities were removed, and that his nephew, Baron Rothschild, was the first Jew who sat in our Parliament. That was the beginning of a long series of successful endeavours on behalf of his brethren to break their bonds and to help them in their poverty and distress. Was it too much to hope that the Lodge Montesiore, animated by his spirit and inspired by his example, would be conspicuous among the Lodges of the province and of Scotland for its philanthropy and its beneficence. The R.W.M. and Office-bearers of Lodge Montefiore were afterwards duly installed, and R.W.M. Simons having taken the chair, was suitably addressed by S.P.G. Master Graham. In addressing the brothren in reply, ght Worshipful Master Simons said the Lodge Montefiore was, as they all knew, under Jewish auspices. That was a comprehensive term. He rejoiced to think that a Lodge so constituted could be nothing less than a Lodge conducted in accordance with the highest and best principles of Masonry. In the sister kingdom there were numerous Lodges under Jewish auspices, and they were pleased to know that these Lodges were for the most part presided over by Masters who were not of the Jewish persuasion. They must therefore rest assured that there was nothing in those tenets of Judaism so touchingly refered to by Bro. Tulloch which were in any way inimical to the highest and most sacred professions of Masonry or the highest duties of citizenship. There was nothing to prevent them extending the right hand of fellowship in all truth to those who recognised, as they did, the supreme authority of the Great Architect of the Universe. Bro. Lyon, Grand Secretary, afterwards briefly addressed the brethren, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to attend on so interesting an occasion. R.W.M. Simons afterwards invited all the brethren present to partake of suppor at his residence, in Bath-street, whence they proceeded after the Lodge had been closed in the usual manner.

Figure 153rd anniversary of this Lodge was held in the Alexandra Hotel Glasgow on Friday 22rd instant. In the magnifelds absence of the R.W.M. Bro. John Gordon, Bro. John Barr occupied restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.

the chair; he was supported by Bros. A. B. Thorburn, G. Glen, and Garside. The croupiers were Bros. Bell and M'Connell. After an excellent supper the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

THISTLE LODGE, No. 87.

THIS Lodge celebrated its 126th anniversary on Friday, 23rd inst. (the Charter was granted on 16th March 1762), in the Langham Hotel, Glasgow. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, Bro. James Booth P.M. and Treasurer discharging the duties of M.C. Supper was served shortly after nine o'clock, the chair being occupied by Bros. Wm. Kean R.W.M., Bros. Wm. Morgan S.W., David Russell and John Fraser acting as croupiers. During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Paterson, and a humorous reading by Mr. W. Buchanan. A pleasing feature of the evening was an entertainment by Bro. J. C. Macdonald, Miss Maud Bruce, and Mr. D. Lally, who travelled from Dumbarton specially to be present.

In St. Andrew's Established Church, Dundee, on Sunday last, the Rev. D. G. Manuel, B.D., preached the annual sermon to the members of the Masonic Lodges in the city. The brethren met in the Royal Arch Lodge Hall, Parliament Close, from which they walked in procession to the church. The rev. Gentleman took for his text 1 Corinthians i. 11.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

ROYAL VETERANS ENCAMPMENT.

CONVOCATION of this Encampment was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymonth, on Friday, 23rd instant, when there was a goodly attendance of Fraters, including Sir Knight F. B. Westlake P.E.C. P.P.G.T., who officiated as the M.E.P. Comps. J. R. Lord P.Z. 70, and Henry Rogers J. 1099, were then installed as Sir Knights. Sir Knight E. Binding 1st Captain was installed as Eminent Commander, and at the close Sir Knight Binding appointed and invested the following Knights as his Officers:-F. B. Westlake I.P.E.C., J. R. Lord 1st Captain, Rogers 2nd Captain, Aitken Davies Prelate, Austin Treasurer, Bond Reg., Gover Expert, Browning C. of Lines, Jew St. B., Keats Swd. B., and Phillips Equerry. The convocation being closed, the Knights adjourned to the Masonic Club, where the annual banquet was held. Bro. Symons provided an excellent spread, which was much enjoyed, and a pleasant evening spent by all present.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

ON the 13th instant the annual meeting was held, in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when the Conclave was opened by E. Fra. Cowper Preceptor. After some preliminary business the chair was taken by E. Fra. Whytehead, who proceeded to instal the E.P. elect, Fra. Brown, after which the outgoing Preceptor invested E. Fra. Brown with the two honorary jewels presented by the American Pilgrims in 1876 and 1887. The Officers were appointed, as follow:—Fras Seller Constable, Major McGachen Marshal, Whytehead P. Registrar, Dyson Sub-Marshal, Williamson 1st Herald, Harris 2nd Herald, Cockrane Standard Bearer, and others. A number of apologies from absent fratres were read. The report of the auditors showed a small deficiency, which, considering the abnormally heavy expenses of the year, was regarded as a matter for congratulation. The alms were collected and the Conclave dissolved, after which the E.P. presided at dinner, supported by his Fratres.

MARK MASONRY LYEGROVE LODGE, No. 218.

THE Installation Festival was held on Monday, 19th inst., at the Sodbury, Gloucester), the Worshipful Master elect, was duly installed in the chair for the coming year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of the Province of Gloucestershire, Bro. W. Forth, assisted by Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres Prov. G.S.W. P.G.M.O. The W.M. invested Bro. Thomas Milligan I.P.M., and the following Officers:—Bros. Joseph Owner S.W., Gunning J.W., Charles Roberts M.O., Fivash S.O. John Cameron J.O., the Rev. E. M. Nagel Chaplain, John Naysmith Treasurer, Charles Newman Secretary, Ferris Director of Ceremonies, Johns S.D., Hughes J.D., Ferris Reg. of Marks, Leveritt Organist, Hill I.G., and Charles Iles Tyler. The following members of the Lodge and visitors were also present:-Bros. Norman, the Rev. James Fountain, Henry Firth, T. W. Stone, Charles M. Penley. &c. After the Lodge the brethren sat down to an excellently-served banquet, at the Grapes Hotel, and the usual Loyal and Mark toasts were duly honoured.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Safely and securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when, through confinement indoors, want of KILWINNING LODGE, No. 4.

Effort to regain their lost health; when, through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanatory actions which will speedily conferrence of the R.W.M. Bro. John Barr overhead.

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, 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-Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone M.M. 14-Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Tod morden

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camborwell, S.E. 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 2098—Harlesden' National School, Harlesden 2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C. R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moor's 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston. 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham

153—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Pavelsuan 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields

441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead

694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury 350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester 1051—Rowley, Atheneum, Lancaster

1077-Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire 1108-Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks 1124-St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry 1180-Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham

1211—Goderich, Masonic Kooms, New Hall-street, Brimingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1431—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1477—Sir Watkin; Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Capacitanot, Sannaca

1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
H.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst) -Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.0 (instruction) 101-Temple, Ship and Turtle Tay are, Leadenhall-street, E.C. 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Researant, Victoria Street, 2.W., at 8 (nst). 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Mail, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction) 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction) 753-Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tayern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. 765-St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark 820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction) 860—Dalbousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pewnall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction) 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction) 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction) 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road

1261-Golden Rule, Caté Royal, Regent-street, W 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In) 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)

1446-Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.) 1471-Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction) 1472-Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich 1540-Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)

1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavorn, Highbury-Borner, Islington 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavorn, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst) 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. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavorn, Deptiond E.A. 704—Camden, the Mongate, 15 Finsbury Payonent, E.C., at d. (Inst.)

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R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction) R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.) M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.
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70-St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.

124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath. 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45, (Inst.)

493-Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester

558—Tem ple, Town Hall, Folkostone. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire

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734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sideup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Illverston

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1244-Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar

1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow 1312—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)

1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction) 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sassax Street, Rh; 1

1750—Coloridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.

1823-Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk

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R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasous' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdalo, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL.

3 - Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction) 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction) 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitro, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst) 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavorn, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction) 229—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In) 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

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538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Pammure, Balham Hotei, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Morchant Navy, Silver Tavera, Bardott-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct)
1491—Athenaum, Athenaum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inc., Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (Inst.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkelev Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1685—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch

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1706—St. Beonard, Town Han, Shortened 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at S. (In) 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction) 2006—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at S. (Instruction)

R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)

R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall. W.C.
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

M.M.—Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

74-Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham 74—Atnot, Masonic Han, Severa-street, Birmingham 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton

406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newbestle-on-Tyne 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire

611-Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow

645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Minchester 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Institution.)

1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kear 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dreey 1091—Erme, Erme House, Lybridge, Dyon 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotal, Swaasaa

1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Garstord of Free 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swinser 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan

1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, freigh, Leveustur; 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.39. (In al.) 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sollbury, Gloncoster. 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Sollburl

1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction) 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, inverposi

1692-Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)

1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax 1842-St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's 14-544

1903-Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hail. Porson outh 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Livery of

890-Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leed.
  R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
   M.M. 36-Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
                                                               THURSDAY, 5th APRIL.
       10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
     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) 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
    231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
504—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
    742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In) 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.) 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1398—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct) 1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction) 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction) 1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (1nst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston' Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton White Hart, Abehurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1672—Rorhington, London Tayorn, Fenenatics-Sector
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tay., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tayorn, Millbank
  1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (nst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
  R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at S. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canorbury, at S. (Instruction)
  M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 3. (Inst.)
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
       24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger 55., Newcastle. 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
     41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
    254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
     294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
     309-Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
   317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchesser. 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton. 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
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446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.

463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.

509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.

539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.

637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.

792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grinsty

913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstewl

976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
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1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolns hire
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  1504-Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Parliba a. near Burnley
  1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
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1639—Watling-street, Cock Hetel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
  1770-Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
  1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
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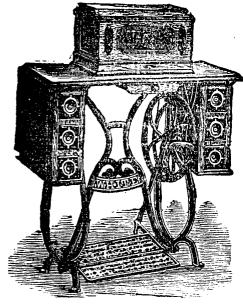
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