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THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE are this week in a position to announce the completion of another stage in the arrangements for this all-important event, and in doing so we are sure of bringing upon the Institution the heartiest congratulations of its well-wishers. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has consented to preside at the Celebration of the Centenary of the Charity, and has fixed Thursday, the 7th June next, as the date for the Festival, which will thus become, as we anticipated some time back, one of the greatest, if not the greatest Masonic event of the current year.

It has long been an open secret that the Committee of the Institution were in hopes of securing the patronage of the Prince of Wales in connection with this unique celebration, and to a certain extent the benefits arising from such distinguished presidency have been in consequence discounted. Still this has not been the case everywhere, and we shall be much surprised if the gracious act to which our Grand Master has just given his consent does not produce a most beneficial effect on the Festival, which will take place at the Albert Hall, Kensington, a building so intimately associated with His Royal Highness's career in Freemasonry. On this account alone we believe success is certain, for the brethren of England will unite in securing for our beloved Prince a repetition of the grand Masonic gatherings he has already witnessed in that Hall, and in doing so they will materially assist the Institution on whose behalf the gathering will take place.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was founded on the 25th March 1788, at the suggestion of the Chevalier Bartolomeo Ruspini, Surgeon Dentist to His Majesty King George IV., then Prince of Wales, and the first fifteen girls were admitted to the benefits of the School in the January following. Since that date upwards of fifteen hundred children have been provided with education, clothing and maintenance by the Institution, which now has 244 girls on its books, each receiving a good sound English education, together with clothing and maintenance at the home of the Institution at Battersea Rise. As an instance of the great extension of the Charity during recent years we have only to look back to 1872, when there were but 100 children on the funds, so that, in the period of fifteen years which has since elapsed, 144 have been added, or, in other words, the benefits have been extended nearly one hundred and fifty per cent.

It may well be imagined that these very rapid extensions have made considerable additions necessary to the School buildings and general accommodation at Battersea. This has been accomplished, from time to time, through the generosity of the Craft, but to describe the state of the control of the control of the craft, but the state of the control of the craft, but the state of the control of the craft, but the control of the craft of the craf

it was thought that some especial effort might be undertaken to mark the Centenary of the Institution, and a Committee was accordingly appointed, some time back, to consider and draw up a comprehensive scheme for the celebration. This Committee recommended alterations and additions, which were submitted to the Quarterly General Court in October last, and then received the approval and sanction of the governors and subscribers; it was also decided that an earnest appeal be addressed to the Craft to furnish the necessary funds to carry out the proposed schemes. The alterations agreed upon were divided under two heads. Scheme A was a plan for uniting Lyncombe House and the two houses recently purchased, thus forming one enlarged Junior School, and providing accommodation for thirty-five additional girls, together with the necessary complement of domestic offices, &c. This was at once agreed upon, it being resolved to make the proposed alterations at a cost not exceeding £2000. Scheme B-which is really the Centenary Memorial—was of a much more comprehensive character, and provided, amongst other matters, for the erection of a large "Centenary" Hall, needed for assemblies of the whole School, drill and recreation; the erection of new domestic offices, and various other matters, entailing an outlay of about £20,000. This proposal, as we have said, was also approved of, subject to any modifications which might be deemed desirable by the Quarterly Court to be held this month. In accordance with this resolution revised plans will be submitted to the Court which will be held on Saturday next, and, as in all probability these revised plans will be then adopted, we give full details of what they include, although our readers will recognise they are virtually the same as those adopted in October last.

The design contemplates:—

- (a) Building a Large Hall, 100 feet by 40 feet, for assemblies of the whole School, Drill and Recreation, to be called the Centenary Hall.
- (b) Building new Kitchen Offices, with Matron's Room, Cooking Class Room, House Dining Room, and Servants' Bed Rooms. (The existing Domestic Offices, situate in the N.E. wing, having been arranged for a School of 80 girls, are now quite inadequate.
- (c) Converting the present Large School Room in the Alexandra Wing into a Diving Hall.
- (d) Converting the present Dining Hall and Cookery Class Room into School Rooms.
- (e) Building three Large Class Rooms having an average area of 722 sup. feet each.
- (f) Building six Large Dormitories over, on two Floors, with necessary Governesses' Bed Rooms, Lavatories, and Bath Rooms.
- (g) Constructing New Wide Hard Wood Staircases in place of the existing ones, which, at present, include a Small Circular Staircase and one with many winders.
- (h) Erecting Day Lavatories, Boot and Cloak Rooms, and Latrines.

The increased accommodation must be considered relatively to the increased space demanded in the existing building, in order to give 50 feet area to each bed.

At present there are 206 children sleeping in the Dormitories, but in order to give each child 50 feet superficial area, the number would have to be reduced to 172.

The altered building will accommodate sleeping space for 240 children, with 50 feet superficial to each child, with an average height of 15 feet.

It is proposed to warm the Old Building as well as the New with hot water, and to ventilate the new rooms by a system of exhaust, similar to that used at the Ventnor Hospital.

It estimated that the cost of these works, without warming, scientific ventilation, and fire mains and hydrants, will be under £20,000.

New Kitchen Building	-	•	under	£7,000	
Corridor to communicate and Main Building .	,,	600			
New School Room, Dorm	,,	5,000			
Latrines, Lavatories, &c.	-	-	,,	1,400	
Centenary Hall -	•	-	,,	5,000	
Contingencies (exclusive Ventilation and Fire M	" _	1,000			
			_	£20 000	

It will thus be seen that the money it has been decided to expend will not only place the Institution in a better position so far as its present requirements are concerned, but will allow of considerable addition to the number of inmates, whenever it may be found possible to provide for more pupils than are at present

receiving the benefits of the Charity.

Having thus given an outline of what is proposed to be done in connection with the Cen-Imodation available, even at the Albert Hall, will show tenary Celebration of the Institution, we may that few beyond the Stewards will have an opporagain refer to the Festival, which will form so tunity of sitting down to the actual dinner, a conimportant a part in the programme, and on the sideration which will no doubt have its effect in inresult of which all may be said to depend. We have creasing the already unique roll of Stewards. No already shown that special expenditure, amounting doubt visiting brethren, as well as ladies will be ento £22,000 is contemplated (£2,000 in connection tertained in some way or other, but we fail to see with the Junior School, and £20,000 in additions how it will be possible for any but Stewards to dine and alterations to the main buildings); to this must of course be added the usual expenditure of the year, which will no doubt amount to another £10,000, and of one thousand seats must be available, even if the we have a total of £32,000 as the sum actually required for the Institution to carry it through its fully anticipate an addition of at least two or Centenary year, without allowing anything on three hundred names to the list as it at present account of "extras" in connection with the proposed additions and alterations. It is to raise this under what distinguished auspices the Festival will sum of upwards of £32,000 that an appeal is now take place. before the Craft, and in support of which appeal the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England has posted in the arrangements made for the Festival, kindly consented to preside at the next Festival. At and the various matters of interest connected with the present time the number of brethren who have this Centenary celebration. Meanwhile, we repeat given in their names as Stewards for this event is 1007, but large as this number may appear it is not considered sufficient to ensure the desired amount, and on that account it is hoped that many more will signify their intention of supporting the Prince of Wales, and the Institution he has evinced so much interest in, on the occasion of the Anniversary Festival of the current year. In addition to the objects we have already spoken of, and which faction that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to in themselves are sufficient to awaken enthusiasm in the Craftsmen of England, the Institution offers a special attraction this year in the form of Premium votes, while the conditions in regard to List votes are modified, in the hope of affording additional inducement for Brethren to exert themselves, to an even greater extent than is customary on behalf of our noble Charities. The Premium votes conferred under Clause 1 of Law XXIV. will on this occasion be supplemented by two votes in consideration of the first ten guineas of a Steward's personal donation, and one for every five guineas beyond that sum; while for the time being Clause 3 of the same Law will be suspended, and in lieu of the privileges thereby conferred every Steward at this year's Festival will be entitled to two Premium votes for every twenty guineas on the gross total of his list. Special attractions are also offered for new Annual Subscribers, a class we hope to see very considerably extended in connection with all three of the Institutions ere long.

We would here point out the immediate desirability of strengthening this particular item of income in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We have already shown that the Schools, so soon as the alterations and additions are completed, will be ready for the accommodation of a largely increased number of pupils, but to allow of these new places being filled, the Committee must have a reasonable prospect before them that the income will be sufficient to meet the expenses—and it is only by increasing the number and amount of Annual Subscriptions that anything approaching a permanent income can be assured. It therefore remains for all who wish to see the number of pupils increased to use their best efforts, not only to secure donations from their Lodges and friends, but to try and add at least one to the roll of Annual Subscribers.

It will thus be seen that every preparation which forethought or kindly co-operation can suggest has been undertaken in the hope of making the Centenary celebration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls an event worthy of being recorded in the annals of Freemasonry, and we can only hope that such support may be accorded by the Craft as will ensure the success which is desired on all sides.

It is early yet to speak of the arrangements for the Festival, but a moment's consideration of the accomin the body of the Hall, as, to provide for them alone, irrespective of distinguished guests, upwards number is not increased before the Festival, and we stands, especially when it becomes generally known

It will be our endeavour to keep our readers fully our wish for the success and future prosperity of the Institution, which is justly entitled to be regarded as one of the brightest ornaments of English Freemasonry.

Referring to the above the Nottinghamshire Guardian savs:-

Freemasons in all parts of the country will note with great satispreside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Only Freemasons, perhaps, or, at least, those who are acquainted with the inner working of this stupendous charity, will realise what this means. It will mean double subscriptions, treble attendance at the dinner, and altogether a renewed interest in its working, all very fitting occurrences at its Hundredth Anniversary. It is fitting that the Grand Master of the Order should preside on such an occasion, but the fact, so gratifying in itself, has already perplexed the Board of Stewards as to how it will be possible to pro de for all those who will desire to attend.

ON SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF MASONIC UNION.

T is not my intention to say anything about the past, but believing that there is now a growing conviction amongst the Lodges, as well as amongst the brethren under the old Constitutions, that union is desirable, I would direct attention to some of the advantages which will accrue to the Craft when this happy consummation is achieved.

The first and most important will be that there will be

general accusation. The evil was not created by the erection of the Grand Lodge; it existed to an alarming extent doubt, been aggravated by the existence of four competing experience, either in New South Wales or Victoria, can the spot to see and hear for himself what is the real feeling remember instances where persons have even been blackballed on the matter; and with the recent evidence that an effort in country towns and have gone to the metropolis, or some is at last being made to secure an unbiassed expression of other country Lodge, and returned in a few weeks to opinion from all Lodges in the colony;—there is good demand admission to the Lodge that had refused to receive them. And in the metropolis itself the same thing happens; persons rejected at one Lodge being eagerly accepted in another. The undue multiplication of Lodges leads the officers to seek eagerly for recruits. The important Masonic principle that no man should be asked to become a Mason, is ignored; and for the sake of the Lodges E.C. and S.C., might (if so required) be reserved guineas a blackball is comparatively seldom heard of. for specified objects. The Musonic Hall shares (Yorkdo so many Masons sever their connection with Masonry?", The answer is simple enough, "Because so many unworthy look upon union as a personal loss. Well, when we started persons are received?" There is a second reason, which I Responsible Government, we secured to certain gentlemen will only mention now, as it does not bear directly upon a sum, by way of pension, in lieu of their salaries. Let us the subject, namely, "Because promotion in the Craft is do the same in our own case. Even if we had to pay the made too easy, and brethren are not made to earn their full amount now paid to the three Secretaries (say £200 promotion, and therefore do not value it; and many of them each—as they would be relieved of duty—to the E.C. and never know what Freemasonry is."

reignty, this evil would at once be greatly checked, and be all employed by the Lodges. We should even then save under judicious management could be almost entirely some £600 a year that now goes out of the colony. And suppressed. Rules could be framed: for instance—That a even if we saved nothing at present, the healthy vitality second Lodge should not be established in any town until that would shortly be infused into the Craft, and the there was a certain number of subscribing members on the respect that it would in a few years gain by the cessation roll of the first Lodge, say one hundred; fixing a minimum initiation fee; requiring a certain term of probation in each degree, say three attendances at Lodge, before allowing any advancement; and others which will occur to

experienced Masons.

Another great benefit we might enjoy, and one which is greatly needed, is regular visitation by a Grand Lodge Officer to all country Lodges. The Lodge of which the writer is now a member has never seen a District Grand Lodge Officer within its doors, and is by no means a solitary instance. There is, no doubt, a difficulty in the way, namely, want of funds; and here again we may see what S.C., between Secretaries' salaries and remittances to Secretary [N.S.W.] receives a salary of £200 a year. It charges brought forward, or dismiss from their mind the secretarial duties; Grand Lodge could afford to pay him smoke. The question is, where are we to look for the fire, £500 a year, and still have £1,000 a year to devote to and how shall we regard the smoke? Is it not most likely useful purposes. Say £300 for the travelling expenses of to be the fire of jealousy which burns, while the smoke is Visiting Officers (several could be found who would spare intended rather to hide the good of Freemasonry than to the time if its costs out of pocket were defrayed); and £700 attract attention to the shortcomings of its members. We Masonic Charities; to say nothing of the economy in the past thirteen years, and so far we have been unable to working which would necessarily result from having only one secretariat instead of three.

these and kindred subjects known to D.G. Lodge. Living in remote country towns, and widely separated from each pleasure to refer to several of the attacks which have been other, we are deprived of the opportunities that we should levelled against Freemasonry, and many other writers have like to have of ventilating this subject more freely by joined us in defending the fair name and reputation of the meeting in friendly council those who feel, as very many Craft against those who seek to associate it with events of us do, that our present unhappy divisions are a sham wholly inconsistent with its principles or teachings, and and a reproach to our professions; and as we never see a entirely outside its true scope or intentions. We believe D.G.L. Officer, we have literally no opportunity of making these efforts have been crowned with success, to such an our wishes know at headquarters. True, we have a so- extent as to render Freemasonry almost universally called official organ, but any one who has tried to ventilate respected, while in many quarters the actions of its any question there will know of what use it is. Then D.G. members are held up as patterns worthy of imitation, and Lodges write home about the "expressed wishes" of the it is recognised as an Association formed and working for Lodges on the subject of a Grand Lodge. Why, they will the general good of mankind. This high estimation, in not let us express our wishes—if they can possibly help it, which Freemasonry is at present held, should satisfy its as recent well-known cases abundantly prove.

an end of that undue rivalry amongst Lodges, which has Old Masonic Hall, in York-street, is in private hands, and resulted in the admission of most unworthy persons into the Lodges under the E.C. and S.C. have literally no the Craft. It is now put forward sometimes as a reproach "local habitation" of their own. Then it is aunonaced to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales that their Lodges that all the funds] of the Scottish D.G. Lodge (some admit persons who could not have gained admission into a £4,000) are to be spent on a 21 years' building lease upon Lodge under the other Constitutions. This may be, and I terms which mean little short of losing all the money. have no doubt it is true in some few instances—but not as a With an undoubtedly handsome and commodious hall in Castlereagh-street (which could easily be added to); with our Governor evidently anxious to seize the opportunity, if long before the Grand Lodge was thought of, but has, no offered, of cementing our union by taking a prominent position, and using his influence with the Prince of Wales bodies instead of three. Every Mason of even a few years' to secure a friendly recognition; with Lord Carnarvon on ground for hoping that our Centennial year will not pass without witnessing the establishment of a United Grand

There is only one obstacle in the way—vested interests and that is not so formidable as it might be. The accumulation of Benevolent Funds, now in the hands of D.G. Lately we read an important article on the question, "Why street) were a dead loss to their holders years ago. There only remain the Secretaries and the Tylers, who mig t wer know what Freemasonry is."

S.C. Secretarics, and £400 to the present G.L. Secretary)

With a United Grand Lodge holding undisputed soveunion would be cheaply purchased. The Tylers could still of our present differences and division would more than compensate for any loss of money.

D., A P.M. UNDER THE E.C. AND S.C.

-Sydney Freemason.

EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF FREE-MASONRY.

MANY brethren must be as surprised as ourselves when they read of the awful deeds which have we shall gain by union. At the present time the E.C. and been perpetrated in various parts of the world under the cloak of Freemasonry, or that have been ascribed by public England and Scotland, are paying away Thirteen hundred writers to the brethren of the Mystic tie, and however pounds a year! which might be devoted to legitimate much they may feel there is no truth in the accusations Masonic objects in our own colony. At present, Grand made against the Order, they cannot wholly ignore the we had union, his time would be fully occupied with feeling that there must be some fire to account for all the yould be left for Widows and Orphans, or other have had a tolerably wide experience of Freemasonry during trace any truth in the charges brought against the Order, while, on the opposite side, we have seen and heard much At present we have no means of making our views on that reflects the greatest credit on its members.

During the period of our existence it has been our The present time appears to be particularly opportune that what their work is having a beneficial effect, and for securing union. It appears by recent reports that the to yet greater efforts in the cause of Brotherly Love, great principles they may prove to the world at large the true basis on which our Order is formed, and, it may be, lay a foundation on which shall some day arise a means of relieving their fellow creatures of some of their greatest troubles.

It is only a few weeks back a writer in one of the leading papers of this country spoke of an extension of the scope of Freemasonry which, although it may be ascribing too much power to the Craft, yet proves the opinion entertained concerning it by one who is generally accredited with knowing something of the world; again, our last issue contained an extract from another daily paper recording the efforts our Italian brethren are asking Freemasons to make, with a view of securing "a general disarmament in the interests of peace." The former writer to whom we refer, after speaking in general terms of Freemasonry, and instancing some particular cases in which it had proved of the greatest service to its members, concludes with the apprehension that, in a political sense, should ever revolution attack society in this country, Masonry would prove one of the strongest stays to its progress. He considers it certain that a civil war would be impossible in a country like this were Masons to do—as in all probability they would-their duty. Either some modus vivendi or the abdication of rights by one side or the other would be resolved upon, for he argues that the two thousand two hundred English Lodges could never be arrayed in battle one against the other.

This is a bold opinion to express, and we are afraid it would not prove practical should the occasion unfortunately arise to put it to the test, but it is useful to consider such statements and weigh their effect on the Craft as a whole. Taken in connection with the second quotation already mentioned, and which records 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, it may be said to point to an extension of the scope of Freemasonry which should merit the approval and support of each individual Mason, and of every lover of good order, peace

and prosperity throughout the universe.

As we have already said, it may never be possible for Freemasonry to accomplish as much as these enthusiasts desire. It would certainly be expecting too much at present to even hope that the Craft should play any important part in the prevention or discontinuance of national quarrels; but it is not too much to anticipate that Freemasonry will some day have a much wider influence than it at present possesses in adjusting quarrels or differences between private individuals, even though neither of the disputants are members of the Fraternity. It is only necessary they should be known to Freemasons to call forth the peacemaking proclivities of the Craft, the aim of whose members is, and ever has been, to be happy themselves and communicate happiness to their fellow creatures.

A MANIA SPREADING AMONG AME-RICAN GRAND MASTERS.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WITHIN a few months I have made known to the readers of the Freemason's Chronicle that one American Grand Master took the Charter away from the oldest Lodge in the State, because it would adhere to an old custom it received from Grand Master Oxnard in 1750, which custom remains unchanged in England to the present time. Another Grand Master took away a Charter from a Lodge because it did not decide that one of its members was guilty of a Masonic offence. And another Grand Master did the same thing because the Lodge would not punish one of its members for having published his disbelief in the authenticity of the Bible. And now I learn that the Grand Master of Ohio is afflicted with the same mania, and has taken away the Charters of two Lodges, not because they were guilty of offences similar to the above, but because they elected Cerneauites for Masters or Wardens.

As, however, the meaning of "Cerneauites" may not be known to young Masons, I shall briefly state that in 1807 proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered Lodges under its juris-

Relief and Truth; as by a judicious display of these three | Joseph Cerneau opened a Scotch Rite concern in New York, but as the Charlestonian Scotch Riters claimed the fathership and mothership of the said Rite, they authorised J. J. Gourgas to open another Scottish Rite concern in New York, and the Scotch Rite factions of the said origins have been fighting ever since. Each claims to be the Simon Pure, and stigmatises the other as bogus, clandestine, illegitimate, &c. The dignitaries of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who are out-and-out Gourgasites, have so far been afflicted with the high degree mania as to prohibit Masons in their jurisdiction from joining or belonging to the Cerneau faction, under the following penalties: 1st. Cerneauites "may be expelled." And 2nd, a Cerneauite must not be elected to an office in a Lodge. Our Boston Grand Lodge, however, soon discovered its mistake; it did not indeed have sufficient courage to repeal the said laws, but they had discretion enough to allow those laws to fall into desuetude. The Cerneau concerns are in a flourishing condition. Cerneauites were installed by District Grand Masters into Lodge offices, and the well-known Bro. John Haigh, of Somerville, Massachusetts, recently served as Sovereign Grand Commander of all the Cerneauites in North America, and not one of the Gourgas faction said "nay" to him. In short, the laws against Cerneauism are dead letters in Massachusetts.

Now the Grand Lodge of Ohio is also controlled by Gourgasites, and of course they passed similar laws against Cerneauites, and not only were the said laws passed by the Ohio Grand Lodge, but in their Chapters and Commanderies they have enacted similar laws against Cerneauites, and what is more, they there carry out their laws: for instance, the Rev. Bro. Moore, the Editor of the Masonic Review, of Cincinnati, was expelled from one of their so-called Masonic Bodies. And as two Lodges in the State of Ohio elected Cerneauites for Masters or Wardens, the Ohio Grand Master popped down upon them and took away their Charters. And now, for the rest of the story, I refer the reader to the following article, copied by the Masonic World from the "Ohio State Journal" of 6th January 1888, together with some comments by the Masonic

editor.

MASONS APPEAL TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THEIR RIGHTS.

NEWARK, O., Jan. 5.—The following petition was to-day filed in the Court of Common Pleas of this county:

State of Ohio, Licking County Court of Common Pleas. John W. Hughes and Edwin R. Braddock, plaintiffs, v. S. Stacker Williams, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, defendant.-Petition.

The said plaintiffs here show that Newark Lodge, No. 97, Free and Accepted Masons, is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, and is possessed of and owns personal property to the value of at least --- dollars; that it is located and transacts its business in the City of Newark, in the State of Ohio, in premises leased by it for that purpose for a term of years, which business consists in stated meetings of its members held from time to time for the purpose of conferring the degrees of entered apprentice, fellow craft and Master Mason, and receiving therefor the fees. dues and emolaments for the same, and for receiving contributions from its members in the way of fees and dues; that at said stated meetings it transacts such other business as may properly come before it; that said personal property and leasehold estate was purchased and acquired with funds contributed to said Newark Lodge, No. 97, by the members thereof, including these plaintiffs; that its officers consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Tyler, and three Trustees, and said officers, including said Senior Warden and Junior Warden, have the custody, management and control of the property of said Lodge, the functions of each of said officers are properly set out in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97.

And the plaintiffs further say that the Grand Lodge of Ohio is a corporation duly incorporated by special act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, passed March 12, 1844, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons," which said act of incorporation is here referred to and made a part thereof. The said Grand Lodge of Ohio is composed of three representatives from each of the subordinate Lodges of the State; that is to say, the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, each of whom, ex-officio, is a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, and has a right to participate in the business thereof under article 2 of the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge, which is as follows

Article II. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Marsbal, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create, together with the Masters and Wardens, or their

diction, and such past Grand Masters and past Deputy Grand Masters as shall be present and are members of a subordinate Lodge. And the said Grand Lodge, so constituted, has, since the date of said act of incorporation hereinbefore referred to, elected successors of the persons named in said act as being then incorporated, and at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, held in the month of October, 1887, the defendant herein, S. Stacker Williams, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and is now the head of said incorporation, and is exercising the powers and duties conferred upon him by the said act of incorporation and the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio. the value of at least --- dollars; that by Article 9 of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, the defendant, as Grand Master thereof, "has the power at his discretion to assemble any subordinate Lodge, and preside therein, inspect its work, and require a strict conformity to the rules and regulations of the Order. For good cause he may suspend the functions of any such Lodge until the ensuing stated Communication of the Grand Lodge." And the said defendant is further exercising and has assumed to exercise authority which is not conferred upon him, either by said act of incorporation, or by the said laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, but has wrongfully and illegally usurped authority, and is exercising the same to the great injury and detriment of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons in said State, including the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and these plaintiffs.

And the plaintiffs further say that on the 4th day of November, 1887, the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, held an election for officers to serve for the ensning year; that said election was in all respects conducted according to the laws of the said Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, at which said election the plaintiff, John W. Hughes, was elected Senior Warden, and the said Edwin R. Braddock, was elected Junior Warden of said Newark Lodge, No. 97; that said plaintiffs were each and both of them eligible under said laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, to hold the offices for which they were so elected, there being no charges whatever against them pending, offered, or proposed to be offered, at the time of their said election, or subsequent thereto. That by virtue of their said election they were entitled to be installed into said offices, and to hold and exercise the same for one year thereafter, which said right and title was conferred upon them by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, hereinbefore referred to, and by virtue of the election aforsaid; that Rule 1 of the "Code of Masonic jurisprudence for the government of the Lodges under the juris. diction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, revised October, 1882, and still in force, is as follows: "A subordinate Lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior and Junior Warden, a Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacon, a Tyler, and as many members as are convenient. The officers above numerated shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes, at the stated meeting in November or December, annually, which shall be designated in their by-laws, and be installed into office at the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, or at the stated meeting next preceding or succeeding it." That said Grand Lodge of Ohio has held and decided, and such decision is still in full force, that "objections to the installation of an officer must, when made, be stated in open Lodge, whether in form of charges or otherwise and be sustained by a vote of a majority of the members present, otherwise the ceremonies of installation must proceed." But, not withstanding the premises, the said defendant on the 2nd day of December, 1887, which was the day for the regular meeting of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and was held for the purpose of installing the officers elected as hereinbefore stated, and the said Lodge was ready, willing and desirons to so instal said officers, but the defend. ant, pretending to act as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was present at the meeting of said Lodge, held at that time hereinbefore stated, and assumed the authority to preside thereat; that while so presiding, the said defendant, pretending to act as said Grand Master and pretending to have authority therefor, under the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, declared the election of the said John W. Hughes as Senior Warden, and Edwin R. Braddock as Junior Warden null and void, and of his own motion, and without any cause whatever, and without any authority of law, unjustly and illegally, and by usurpation of authority which he did not have, and which had not been conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, refused to instal said officers so elected as aforesaid, and refused to permit them to be installed, and ordered said Lodge not to instal them to said offices, and directed and ordered that another election should be held And for the reason aforesaid, the said officers, so elected, were not installed, and have never been installed; and the said defendant is giving out in speeches and declaring it to be his intention to prevent their installation by exercising the authority which he has usurped as hereinbefore stated. And he is further giving out in speeches and declaring it to be his intention if the said Lodge will not hold a new election, and elect officers in place of the said plaintiffs who will be acceptable to him, the said defendant, that he will suspend the functions of the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, until the next meeting of the Grand Ledge of the State of Ohio, which will be in the month of October, 1888; that the said defendant has no authority to suspend the functions of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, except for good cause, and the plaintiffs say that he has no cause or authority for his threats so to do; and the said threat to so suspend the functions of said Newark Lodge, No. 97. has no foundation and no ground whatever except the usurpations and illegal acts of the said defendant hereinbefore set out.

all matters which may come before it for consideration, including the election of officers for the year succeeding the next annual meeting thereof. That the rights so to exercise said offices are valuable to the said plaintiffs and to the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, of which they are members and officers elect as hereinbefore stated.

And the said plaintiffs further say that objections to the installation of officers elected as the said plaintiffs were must be stated in open Lodge, whether in the form of charges or otherwise, and must be sustained by a vote of the majority of the members thereof, otherwise the ceremonies of installation must proceed; and so the Said Grand Lodge of Ohio is the owner and possessed of property of plaintiffs say that the action of the Grand Master, as hereinbefore stated, was not only without authority, and a usurpation, but was in direct violation of the above provision of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio.

And the plaintiffs further say that under the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, no provision is made for an appral or any other remedy against usurpations of power by the Grand Master such as have been hereinbefore stated in this petition, and the said plaintiffs are wholly without remedy except by proceedings in a suit for an injunction, as they are doing in this case, and an appeal to the laws of the State of Ohio for protection. defendant is giving out in speeches and threats that he will be present at the next meeting of the Newark Lodge, No. 97, and will preside therein, and unless said Lodge will hold a new election and elect officers who will be acceptable to him, that he will suspend the functions of the said Lodge until the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; all of which is without authority and a clear, unquestioned usurpation of power by the said defendant.

Wherefore the said plaintiffs pray that during the pendency of this petition, that said defendant be enjoined from proceeding in any way, to prevent their installation as officers of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and be enjoined from ordering a new election therein for officers, and be enjoined from suspending or attempting to suspend the functions of the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and from exercising the powers usurped by him as stated in this petition, and from all illegal acts threatened as herein stated, and that on final hearing of this petition, that said injunction be made perpetual.

And the said plaintiffs pray for such other and further relief as may

be proper.

HARRISON, OLDS & MARSH, J. H. Collins, S. M. HUNTER, A. A. STASEL, Attorneys for plaintiffs.

Duly verified.

On this petition so filed Judge McElroy allowed an injunction as prayed for, which has been served on Grand Master Stacker Williams.

It will thus be seen that the Masonic fight has been transferred to the courts. The Cerneau members say they have submitted to usurpation of power by the Grand Master until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. They say that the gist of the whole trouble is simply this: that the Grand Lodge and its constituent Blue Lodges deal only with the first three degrees, and have nothing to do with the higher degrees, -York Rite, Royal Rite, or Scottish Rite, of which latter Order there are two rival branches, known as the Cerneau and the Northern Jurisdiction; that Grand Master Williams is a member of Northern Jurisdiction branch, and being over-zealous, and acting under the advice of a few hor-he ds, has rashly attempted to use his temporary power as Grand Master to make war on the Cerneaus. Wherever in the Blue Lodges throughout Ohio Cerneaus have been chosen to office he has, under colour of authority as Grand Master, declared the election void, ordered another election, and attempted to prevent their installation, —the evident purpose being to pack the next Grand Lodge with his friends,-and at Zanesville he went so far as to take charge of the Lodge, and by high-handed measures drive out the officers. elect, and instal officers of his own choice in direct violation of Masonic law. As he was about to carry out the same high-handed proceedings in Newark and other places, the officers elect in the Newark Lodges were driven to appeal to the court to lay its hand upon him and call a halt in his mad career. They say further that they are fighting wholly on the defensive and as Blue Lodge Masons; that they have endeavoured to keep the Scottish Rite fight out of the Blue Lodges, but it has been lugged in by Mr. Williams and his rash associates, who seem willing to acrifice the harmony and prosperity of the Blue Lodges to further the ends of Northern Juris. dection Scottish Rite. That if it is unlawful for them to be Corneaus he should prefer charges and proceed in the regular manner provided by Masonic law, and if he goes to the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge plastered over with writs, it will not be the fault of Corneaus; and is will not be their fault if he is compelled to report disorder and confusion among the Workmen, and that the Masonic edifice in Onio has been shattered from turret to foundation. If all these things come upon Masonry it will be because the Grand Master has followed the Jurisdiction leaders instead of looking to the interests of Blue Lodge Masonry alone. A similar petition has been filed in the case of Ahiman Lodge, and an injunction allowed and served as in the other case.

Holloway's Pills and Ointuent.—The attention of all sufferers is drawn And the said plaintiffs further say that by virtue of their said election, if they are permitted to be installed into said offices to which they have been so elected, they will be entitled to perform the functions thereof for one year next ensuing, and will also be entitled, and will thereby become members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, having a right to attend its meetings and rote upon

"SECRET" AND "OATH-BOUND."

HAVE been led to select these two words as the basis of a short article, from the fact that while they have been the subject of much discussion, that discussion has not, as far as I am aware, led to any investigation of the philosophy of these principles and their actual relation to the subject of organisation. In the discussions of these principles by those who regard them as evil, and only evil continually, they are, for the most part, construed as for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic mere excrescences and deformities, easily removable by knife or cautery, but for a silly infatuation upon the part of the patient which prevents their being submitted to the skill of the surgeon. As some amount of defect must accompany all human productions, it is by no means had graciously consented to take the chair at the Festival, a difficult task for almost any one to point out those imperfections and, by endless reiteration, to make them the day immediately following the regular Communiappear to be of great magnitude. Starting with the assumption that at some time not specified, and in some way not shown, it has been demonstrated that "secret" and "oath-bound" are infallible indications of improper and immoral proceedings.

"Wi' mair o' horrible and awful which e'en to name wad be unlawful," the opposition have laid the foundation for a vast amount of declamation. Much of this cannot be called argument or reasoning; for reasoning consists of a process much like the balancing of a book-keeper—finding the true value of each side of the account, of both pages of the ledger, and thus determining the actual amount of excess or defect. A merchant, confining his attention to the Dr. side of his ledger might readily conclude that he was a bankrupt; a similar view of only the Cr. side might lead to the conclusion that he was a millionaire; the proper method of investigation usually leads to the conclusion that his status is at neither extreme, but somewhere intermediate between the two. While it is true that man is Lord of creation, this statement applies to him only in the maturity of his development; when immature and untrained, he is the most helpless of creatures, the most dependent upon the kind offices of his fellows. seems to have been purposely so designed by his Creator, in order to render organising almost an instinct of his nature. Man as a unit, or individual, accomplishes nothing, except in the mental domain; as a society, a city, a nation, an empire, he produces all the grand results of ancient and modern civilisation. Voluntary organisation is the cement of the grand structure of modern civilisation, and a substitute for the enforced co-operation of masses which produced the works of ancient days whose ruins have descended to our own times, awing us by their grandeur and exciting our wonder as to the means employed in their construction. Their history is in all cases the same—that of the compelled co-operation of the serf in the plans of the despot. The pyramids of Egypt, the ruins of Nineveh, the public works of Greece and Rome all relate the same story of subjugation and slavery. They were designed, not to promote the good of the subject, but to gratify the selfish ambition of the ruler. Modern civilisation, on the contrary, relies almost exclusively upon voluntary cooperation, and in order to secure this among vast masses of people, due attention must be paid to three cardinal fundamental principles, as follow:

I. The proposed object must be for the general good, to secure organisation.

11. The organisation must be oath-bound.

III. The organisation must be secret, as the organisation is to be held together, not by pressure from without, but by the "voluntary" consent of the governed; that consent must be manifested by subscribing some oath, pledge, covenant, contract, vow or other obligation of the same n ture as an oath. All our voluntary associations are thus held together, not those alone which are usually classed as oa lound. Our governments, courts, societies, churches, partnerships of all kinds, even down to our base ball clubs, are thus oath-bound, and the so-called "secret" and "oathbound" societies are just like all other societies in the nature of the tie which binds them together. Even the first human institution designed by the Almighty, the marriage relation, is an oath-bound relationship entered into with all the solemnities of an oath, with an appeal to the Almighty. Having thus held the philosophy of the oath-bound principle, we have indicated a course of argument that will apply with equal force to secrecy, and show

three societies, but a fundamental principle of all organisations; found in all, essential to all, and therefore not evil in their nature, but means that may be used for promoting the grandest results, as they are being used to-day and have been in all the ages past.

-J. C. Corbin, in Masonic Visitor.

A meeting of the Committee of the Board of Stewards Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. presided. The formal announcement was made that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., President of the Institution, and had selected Thursday, the 7th June nextcation of United Grand Lodge—for the celebration. The Hall Committee laid their report before the Committee, and it was agreed that the Festival should be held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. We understand that the distribution of prizes will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, on the Monday preceding the Festival, viz., the 4th June.

THE LOGIC CLUB.

THE sixth annual dinner of this Club, which is composed of members of various Masonic Lodges, and is formed for the purpose of mutual instruction in the ritual of Freemasonry, was held on the 30th ult., in the Victoria Room, Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly. The members of the Club are for the most also members of the musical ordramatic professions. The society has, moreover, done a good deal in the way of contributing to Masonio Charities, to which it has already given more than six hundred guineas, in the six years of its existence. The brethren present on this occasion numbered about 80. Bro. J. Maclean, the Preceptor, occupied the chair, and among those present were the Deputy Preceptor Bro. G. E. Fairchild, Bros. H. Tinney Treasurer, J. P. Fitzgerald Secretary, James Fernandez, F. J. Lonnen, F. J. Potter, A. Nagle, D Mostyn, R. P. Stephens, W. Thomas, F. Binckes, Glindon, Haycock, Dr. Lloyd, Manuel, W. Tinney, R. D. Cammings Treasurer of the Charity Association attached to the Club, and H. Conolly. During the proceedings, which were pleasantly diversified by the performances of Bros. Tinney, Saunders, Fernandez (who recited Mr. G. R. Sims's "Level Crossing") and Lonnen, a presentation was made to Bro. Fairchild, of a silver claret jug, on the part of the Club, in recognition of his services in connection with the Club and the administration of its charitable funds. Bro. Fitzgerald, in responding to the toast of the Logic Club, said that it now numbered 146 members, of whom a large number had been elected during the present year. Other toasts followed.

Øbituary.

BROTHER GEORGE PARRY.

On Thursday, 29th ult., the remains of the late Brother George Parry, solicitor, Pembroke Dock, were interred in the New Cemetery. The deceased, who was 80 years of age, had been in practice for many years in the town, and was solicitor to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. Brother Parry was one of the oldest Freemasons in the Western Division of South Wales, and always manifested a deep interest in all its concerns. He was P.M. of four Lodges, and had twice held the office of S.G.W. of his Province. Out of respect for the deceased, a number of present and past Masters of the Lodges in the Province, as well as officers and members of the Loyal Welsh Lodge (Pembroke Dock), met at the Lodge-room, Meyrick-street, and marched in procession to the late residence of the deceased in Princes-street, where the general procession formed and proceeded to the New Cemetery. There the Church of England service was conducted by the Rev. Heber Thomas (curate of Pembroke Dock), followed by the Rev. D. Bowen P.M. P.P.G.C. (vicar of Monkton, Pembroke) reading in an impressive manner the Masonic The brethren afterwards passed round the grave, into which each threw a sprig of rosemary, which concluded the ceremony.

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QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Sub-A SUBJECT GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 14th April 1898, at Twelvo o'Clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to receive and consider Report and Notices of Motion as under, and to elect 11 Girls—or, in the event of the undermentioned resolution being carried, 12—into the School from a List of 42 approved candidates. The election will commence at 1 o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

"Report of Centenary Committee, approved and referred by the General Committee with the recommendation 'That the revised plans under scheme B, submitted therewith, be adopted.'"

NOTICES OF MOTION:-

By Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Patron.

Upon recommendation of the House Committee-

That one further vacancy, caused by girl leaving before her time, be declared for the April Election, making Twelve in all."

"That in consideration of valuable services rendered to the Institution by Bro. Charles Hammerton, the honorary rank of Patron, with the privileges attaching thereto, be conferred upon himself and daughters

as under, viz.:—

Bro. Charles Hammerton (from Hon. Vice-Patron to Hon. Patron.)

Miss R. M. Hammerton, Hon. Patron.

Miss Marianne Hammerton, ,, Mrs. E. Fromlin, ,, Miss J. Hammerton, ,,

Miss Margaret Hammerton ,, Mrs. K. Mosse, ,,

By Bro. Chas. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Bearer, Vice-Patron.

That Law LXVI. be amended, to read as follows: 'The General Committee may pay for the education and maintenance of each Girl, to the age of Sixteen years, any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds per annum."

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.

"That Bro. George Bernard Brodie, M.D., P.G.D., P. Prov. G.W. Surrey, of 3 Chesterfield Street, May Fair, W., be appointed Honorary Physician to the Institution, in the room of Bro. Wm. Hope, M.D., P.G. Steward, who has resigned the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Office-5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. 7th April 1888.

Secretary.

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ON THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE 1888, (The day after the meeting of United Grand Lodge),

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Grand Protector of German Freemasons.

BRETHREN desiring to attend this ceremony should apply, by letter, giving name and number of their Lodge, not later than Tuesday, 10th April, to the Secretary of the Pilgrin Lodge, No. 238, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., who will send them cards of admission, without which no Brother will be allowed to enter.

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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35.

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasoury nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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ALICE VASEY, WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping 1843-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:-

G. R. LANGLEY W.M. 183, 18 Gowlett Road, Peckham Rye.

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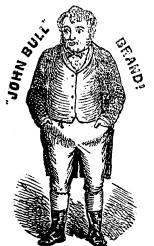
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ROYAL ARCH.

-:0:-PROV. G. CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Eastern Division of the county of Lancaster was held in the Blackburn Town Hall, on the 29th ult., when there were about 120 present. Comp. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Most Excellent G. Superintendent, occupied the chair, and was supported by Comps. Souter, Clegg, and a large array of Provincial Officers. The Provincial Grand Superintendent expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. The day being next to Good Friday was most convenient, and every Chapter except one was represented. The one not represented was Stoneclough, and in that case if a satisfactory explanation was given the matter would be overlooked, but if not the Chapter would be fined. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Most Excellent Principals H. and J. was read by the Most Excellent Principal H., supported by Comp. J., and after a few remarks was confirmed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were presented, showing an increase of £7 in the bank on the year's working. On the nomination of P.Z. Brockbank, of Bolton, seconded by P.Z. Franklin Thomas 345, Comp. Samuel Lawton Buckley was unanimously appointed Prov. G. Treasurer. The investiture of Officers then took place, at the hands of the Grand Superintendent, as follow :-

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe -Abraham Clegg John Chadwick James McLaren

James Wilson -P.S. R. Souter First A.S. Second A.S. R. Harrison Samuel L. Buckley 345 Treasurer Jas. Heelis Registrar S. Goldstone 345 Sword Bearer J. Heap 345 Standard Bearer W. Newton D.C. W. Cooper A.D.C. Assistant Secretary James Newton W. Tattersall 345 Organist

Thomas Higson -

Comps. Halliwell (345) and Priestley were appointed auditors. On the nomination of Comp. Brockbank, of Bolton, the sum of £10 was contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and further a sum of £20 was contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the Girls' Institution in London, this being the Centenary year of its existence. Bolton was unanimously adopted as the place at which to hold the next regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter. This completed the business and the Chapter was closed.

Janitor

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the meeting on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurchlane, Cannon-street, Comps. Gillard as Z., E. C. Beedell H., S. Haslip J., Brown Scribe E. and Preceptor, J. S. Fraser S.N., C. H. Webb P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Schadler as candidate. The Officers were perfect in their work, and elicited praise from a large number of listeners who were present, many of them being old members, who had previously obtained their knowledge of R.A. ritual at this Chapter. Comps. Wood and Arnold, both of the Crystal Palace Chapter, 742, were elected members; they were proposed by Comp. Allen P.Z. 742. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Chapter should be on the 9th of April, at half-past five o'clock, when the installation of Principals will be rehearsed. Comp. C. H. Webb P.Z. 1549 in the Z. chair, Comp. Gillard P.Z. 19 the H. chair, and Comp. J. S. Fraser P.Z. 214 the J. chair. These Companions respectively represent the Provinces of Middlesex and Essex, and the London District. The exaltation ceremony will be rehearsed on the same evening, at half-past six o'clock.

A meeting of the Governors of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when the numerous grants recommended by the Committee, which met at Birkenhead a fortnight earlier, were agreed to, thus making the amount expended annually in the education of the children of deceased Masons to about £280 for the Province. The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. Gibson) presented a plan for the division of the Province into eight districts, under the charge of district secretaries, and this was adopted, several distinguished brethren being appointed to act.

The members of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence for the Province of Cheshire also held a meeting at the Crewe Arms Hotel, on the same day, when one candidate was elected to the Boys' Masonic School, in Wellington, and another candidate was placed upon the list conjointly with the Province of West Lancashire. Several grants were made to assist aged Masons, and the cordial thanks of the members of the Court were given to Bro. Platt, of Birkenhead, the active and efficient chairman of the Com-

The "Kermese," or fancy fair, in aid of the Masonic Charities of Nice, took place on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Casino. The winter garden had been handsomely decorated, and in the evening was illuminated, presenting a fairy-like spectacle. There were stalls for the sale of flowers, cigars, &c.; but the principal attraction was the tombola, where the receipts were deservedly large. Later on the comedy, "Durand et Durand," was played with much spirit by the Casino Company, after which a concert was given. The evening wound up with a ball, dancing being kept up till daybreak.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Brethren of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, on the following dates :- At the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, Green Man, Leytonstone, 13th April, at seven p.m.; Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, 19th April, at half-past sev a p a.; and at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, George, Glengall-road, Millwall, 27th April, at seven p.m., on which occasions Brothron are earnestly invited to attend.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

A Ta recent meeting at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, an interesting presentation was made through the Worshipful Master, Brother R. V. Vassar-Smith, to his infant daughter. The gift consisted of a solid silver bowl and spoon, enclosed in a case of dark blue velvet, lined with light blue silk. Upon the outside of the case was the emblem of a Past Master of the Order, in silver. The bowl bore the inscription:-

"The gift of the Members of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, to Dorothy Millicent Vassar-Smith, as a mark of fraternal affection for her father, their Worshipful Master. 21st March 1888."

On the reverse of the bowl and upon the spoon the child's monogram was engraved. The presentation was made in very happy terms by W. Bro. Baron de Ferrières, on behalf of the Lodge, and was acknowledged with much feeling by Brother Vassar-Smith. He said that the presentation had come upon him as a perfect surprise, but at a moment when he was rejoicing in the prospect of Mrs. Vassar-Smith's recovery from the very serious illness by which her life had been threatened. He was sure that his wife would appreciate, as he did, the kindly intent which had dictated the gift, and the graceful manner in which it had been conveyed.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343.

THE inaugural meeting of the season of this Lodge, which is held from March to Angust, took place on Wednesday 28th plt. from March to August, took place on Wednesday, 28th ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, Grays. Bro. James Howell W.M. presided, and among those present were Bros. C. C. Potter I.P.M., James Everett S.W., Geo. R. Cobbam J.W., Hind and Mott Stewards, H. C Borradaile Secretary, Herschell, Weyers, Ker, Longland, Heagerty, and Cooper. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. Ralph was raised to the sublime degree. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. C. C. Potter, and Bro. Ralph was duly invested. The loss of one member by death was reported. Three brethren were proposed as joining members, and one candidate for initiation was elected. The resignation of three members was accepted, and other business having been transacted the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THE annual installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, to invest the W.M. Bro. Harcourt West and the Officers. Bro. Croxton was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Harcourt West was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. W. Richardson, in a most impressive fashion. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers with the skill and address for which he has gained a reputation. Later on a banquet was served in the Pillar Hall, by Mrs. Venables, widow of the late Bro. Venables. About eighty sat down to this repast, which was served in excellent style. The Masonic toasts were capitally given by the W.M., who presided. A first-class programme of music was carried out by the following members: Bros. Boyes, Mackway, Pigeon, Rowlands, A. B. Norman, and J. D. Smith. Bro. Zucker presided at the piano. The W.M. contributed a recitation. The whole affair was an undoubted success, and under the leadership of its popular W.M. this comparatively young but prosperous Lodge has certainly a good time before it.

ANTIENT BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.

BRO. John Lewis W.M. presided over the regular monthly meeting of the above paned Ind. ing of the above-named Lodge on Tuesday, 27th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. After the disposal of routine and other business, Bro. F. Sleight S.W. was chosen as W.M. elect for the ensuing year, and Bro. Bottomley P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Sleight will be installed at the annual meeting of the Lodge next month. Auditors were also appointed for the year. When all the work had been performed, an original nautical musical sketch, All at sea, was presented by the anthor, Bro. Nicholls assisted by the brethren of the Lodge, and several members from No. 2042. The sketch, which first appeared before the public some months ago, in the cause of charity, abounds in "good things," both in its libretto and musical numbers, and the concerted pieces especially commend themselves to the appreciation of any audience. Bro. Nicholls had the able assistance of Bros. Fargher, Rowlands, Lane, Burt, Williams, Davies, Jones, and Cave (accompanyist), and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

ON Wednesday, the 28th ult., a meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Crook, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Graham into the Worshipful Master's chair. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Arrowsmith, the retiring W.M., who conducted the ordinary business of the Lodge. Bro. Hardy I.P.M. then performed the installation ceremony in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. Graham appointed his Officers, as follow: -Bros. Arrowsmith I.P.M., Milburn S.W., Wraith J.W., Rev. F. Newsome Chaplain, Proud Treasurer, Joel Secretary, Dawson S.D., Emerson J.D., Talbot Almoner, Roberton I.G., Wanless Dir. of Cers., Hughes Organist, Linton and Hall Stewards, Dowson Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Surtees Hotel, at which a splendid jewel was presented to the retiring Worshipful Master.

SCOTLAND. --:0:-

ON Thursday, the 29th ult., in the Kinnaird Hall Dundee, the brethren of the various Masonic Lodges in Dundee held their annual grand assembly. The hall for the occasion was very prettily decorated by Mr. John Ronald. The front of the galleries were draped with crimson cloth and elaborated with the shields of the different degrees in the Masonic Order. Each of the shields was surmounted with bannerettes, which very materially added to the decorative effect. In front of the organ gallery was a fine oil painting of the late Fox Maule, while opposite it, under the clock in front of the main gallery, was a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the full regalia of the Grand Master Mason of England. addition to the decorations mentioned the front of the main gallery was draped with blue cloth, over which a vari-coloured garland wa; hung, and from the roof flags of all nations were suspended, prominent among which was the Royal Standard of Scotland, which was hung in the centre of the organ gallery. The decorations were much admired by all present, and Mr. Ronald deserves great credit for the taste he displayed. The grand march was led off shortly after nine o'clock, by Brother Herald (Arbroth), Provincial Grand Treasurer Over 80 couples took part in the opening dance. Amongst those present were: -Brother David Henderson R.W.M. 47, John Lewis R.W.M. 49, James Rattray 78, Ramsay R.W.M. 158, James Robertson R.W.M. 137, George F. Roger 225, Matthewson, Mitchell, Reid, Elder, &c. The organ gallery was set apart for the band, under the leadership of Mr. W. Sellars, and excellent music was provided for the dancing. Brother Guild acted as master of ceremonies, and he was ably assisted by Brother W. H. Benvie. The Kinnaird Hall has seldom presented such an animated appearance as it did this night. The dance programme was in two divisions. At the interval, and also during the course of the evening, several ladies and gentlemen added by their singing greatly to the pleasure of all present. The creature comforts of the company were amply provided for by the Bodega Company and Brother John Robertson, Forebank, and in each department the greatest satisfaction was given to the brethren and their lady friends. The success of the ball was in great measure due to the excellent arrangement by a large Committee of Management. The assembly terminated at an early hour next morning.

MARK MASONRY.

METHAM LODGE, No. 96.

HE brethren held their installation mee'ing at Home Park, Stoke, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when Bro. W. Amos Staton W.M. elect was installed by Bro. F. Crouch 16 P.G. Asst. Sec. The W.M. invested the following Officers: -Bros. Heury Rogers I.P.M., H. W. Pengelly S.W., W. J. Sprague J.W., W. H. Gillman Reg. of Marks, W. H. Blackell Chaplain, W. J. Stanbury Treasurer, Samuel Panter Secretary, W. H. Dillon M.O., J. W. Foster S.O., G. F. Miller J.O., T. S. May S.D., John Allen J.D., W. T. Walter Dir. of Cers., H. J. Bamfield I.G., J. Rashbrook Tyler.

PRESTON LODGE, No. 143.

THE annual installation was held at the Bull Hotel, Preston, on Monday, 26th ult., when Bro. Carter S.W. was duly installed in the chair. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bros. Greaves P.M. Prov. G.O. and Beattie P.M. P.P.G.S.B. There were also present during the ceremony Bros. Galloway P.G.S.W., Chadwick Prov. Secretary East Lancashire, Murray, and Provincial Officers Bradshaw, Nevett and Elton. The following Officers were appointed by the Worshipful Master:-Barber I.P.M., Beattie Dir. of Cers., Greaves Organist, Ormandy S.W., Jolly J.W., Hayhurst M.O., Garner S.O., Christian J.O., Elton Treasurer, Higson Secretary, Robinson Reg. of Marks, Jones S.D., Preston J.D., Rogerson I.G., Bush Steward. A banquet was afterwards served, and an enjoyable social evening spent.

The members of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, which is the only Lodge in this country working in the German language, will hold a Mourning Lodge, on Thursday next, in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, in memory of the illustrious Brother the late Emperor William, Grand Protector of German Freemasons. The gathering will no doubt prove an interesting attraction to the many German brethren in this country, and will be a fitting memorial to the memory of a distinguished Craftsman. We refer our readers to our advertisement pages for further particulars as to the meeting, and the means of securing admission thereto, as no Brother will be admitted without a card from the Secretary of the Lodge.

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.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Lyceum.—As long back as 1879 Miss Genevieve Ward produced at this theatre, the now celebrated play "Forget-me-Not," by Herman Merivale and Florence Grove. After having produced the piece wherever she has since sojourned, Miss Ward, on Monday last, brought it back to the Lyceum, where a numerous audience thoroughly appreciated the good acting displayed by this lady and her excellent company. The part of the adventuress, Stephanie, Marquise de Mohrivart, is one that requires a careful interpreter to gain any interest for it, but Miss Ward attacks it in such a way that her audience is bound to sympathize with her. The indifference shown by this woman for the trouble she causes is perfect, while her telling remarks are delivered with great point. Continuous playing has in no way impaired the character, and we should say Miss Ward never interpreted it better than she did on Monday. Her reception throughout the evening was most cordial, and at the fall of the curtain she was called two or three times. Mr. W. H. Vernon was effective as Sir Horace Welby, his arguments with Stephanie being enforced with telling effect. Miss Dorothy Dene was gentle, though perhaps ineffective, as Alice Verney; but Mrs. Canninge was perfect as Mrs. Foley. Mr. Leonard Outram, as the Corsican, and Mr. C. W. Somerset, as the Prince, were efficient. The programme concludes with the late Charles Reade's "Nance Oldfield," a theme on the lines of "David Garrick," but with reversed characters. Miss Ward was again in good form as Nance, while excellent support was given, by Mr. Fuller Mellish, Mr. W. H. Vernon, and a clever young actress in the person of Miss Fraser. Owing to Mr. Henry Irving's return, Miss Ward's short season comes to a close to-night (Satur-

Drury Lane.—To fill up the gap caused by Miss Sophie Eyre's state of health not warranting her starting her season here, Mr. Augustus Harris decided to revive "A Run of Luck," so successfully produced in 1886, and only withdrawn in consequence of previous arrangements. Judging from the way in which the work was received last Saturday, he is likely to be well rewarded for his pains. The many stirring incidents in connection with Mr. Henry Pettitt's drama are well brought out by the capital company Mr. Harris has secured; each incident and critical situation was closely followed by a full house. Some of those who were in the caste when it was first produced still remain. Mr. Harry Nicholls as Charley Sandown and Mr. E. W. Gardiner again score well. The topical allusions made by the former, caused roars of laughter. Of the new comers Mr. Herbert Standing, as Captain Trevor, delivered his lines in a peculiarly jerky style; this he will do well to alter. Mr. Percy Lyndal was a manly and vigorous Harry Copsley, while Mr. Reuben Inch, as John Copsley, and Mr. Fred Gould, as Squire Selby, were effective. Miss Fortesche (Daisy) was somewhat stagy at starting, but she improved as she progressed, while Miss Mand Milton was most effective as Lucy Byefield. The Mabel Selby of Miss Blanche Massey was a lady-like portrait. Of the remaining caste, Messrs. Victor Stevens, Arthur Yates, and the Misses Edith Bruce and Marie D'Altra all deserve praise. The mounting of the piece is on a gorgeous scale, the Selby Hall and Goodwood sets forming most realistic pictures. At the conclusion the principals were called; they were followed by Messrs. Pettitt and Harris.

Vaudeville.—The success that has attended the efforts of Mr. R. Buchavan to dramatise the works of deceased authors has proved greater than his most sanguine friends could have expected, and his latest effort in this line will secure for him fresh laurels. "Joseph's Sweetheart" is a work that can be seen again and again, and be thoroughly enjoyed by all; it never gives offence. Mr. Buchanan has carefully struck out all in the least way objectionable, with result that it is a suitable companion to the same anthor's "Sophia." The two pieces are on the same lines, but they are so interesting that one gets thoroughly absorbed and hardly notices the similarity. That "Joseph's Sweetheart" has proved a success is clearly shown by the crowded state of the house night after night; this we cannot wonder at, considering the very excellent caste engaged, headed by Mr. Thomas Thorne. We can recommend those of our readers who desire to see a thoroughly English play, to go to the Vandeville; nothing better of its kind could be conceived.

That popular actress Miss Nellie Farren announces her farewell ior to her leaving for Angeralia - this will to Gaiety, on Monday afternoon, the 16th instant. A long and attractive programme is set down for decision, including the farce "Lot 49," the first scene of "The Forty Thieves," a scene from "Othello," and the third act of "Little Jack Shepherd." Besides numerous incidentals, Mrs. Kendal and Mrs. Bernard Beere will

"The Mystery of a Hansom Cab" will reach its 50th performance to-night (Saturday), and, judging from the crowded audiences, it is increasing in popularity. "A Voice from the Bottle," a new and original farce, by J. Provand Webster, now precedes the drama, to the merriment of the patrons of pit and gallery and other early

A Special Morning Performance will be given at the Princess's Theatre, on Tuesday, 10th instant, when will be produced an entirely new and original drama, in five acts, entitled "Dorothy Gray," written by Mr. J. F. Nisbet. Miss Grace Hawthorne will play the title rôle, and will be supported by a strong company.

We are indebted to Bro. W. T. Purkiss, Manager of Weston's Music Hall Company, Limited (better known, perhaps, as the Royal), for a very welcome packet of voting papers for the Masonic Schools. We lately had the gratification of inspecting the many alterations and improvements that have been made in "The Royal" Music Hall, and we can honestly recommend our readers to do the same. They will, with us, marvel as to how so much has been achieved; every inch and was an active member of the Craft.

of available space has been utilized, and indeed to advantage. excellent company provides the nightly entertainment, and we anticipate the enterprise and spirit shown will meet, as it merits, an ample reward.

THE MARGATE BRETHREN AND POOR CHILDREN. - A few weeks since we reported a dinner and tea to the aged poor, given by the members of the Union Lodge, No. 127, and we have now the pleasure of announcing that their thoughtful kindness has been extended to poor children, 500 of whom were, on the 27th ult., entertained with what must have been to them a sumptuous tea at the Assembly Rooms. Mr. Hume, as usual, was most liberal in his catering, and the little guests were waited upon by their generous hosts with their wives and other female relatives. The services of Mr. Edwin Norwood's quadrille band were secured, and a ventriloquial entertainment was given by Mr. Bert Knott (of Ramsgate), and a magic lantern was exhibited by Mr. Robertson (of Margate). On leaving, each child received an orange and a packet of sweets.

A very distinguished honour has been conferred in Mexico upon a Cornishman, who hails from the Mining Division. Bro. F. W. Bawden, second son of Mr. Charles Bawden, of Poldice House, St. Day, who is at Pachuca, in Mexico, has been elected by a good majority Deputy Grand Master of Freemasons of the State of Hildago. This is a post never before held by a foreigner, and Bro. Bawden is to be congratulated on his election. The Masonic constitution in Mexico varies somewhat from that of England, there being Grand Lodges of States, just the same as in America, instead of Grand Lodges of Provinces, as in this country. There are seven Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the State of Hidalgo, two of which are English. Bro. Bawden's Lodge must feel elated at his election to the important post of Deputy Grand Master of the State, and we are sure they and all his Cornish friends will unite in wishing him a successful term of office. - Western Daily Mercury.

On Monday, the 9th inst., "The Society Herald" will have completed the sixth month of its existence, and have entered into that very important part of any Journal's career—namely, its second volume. In other words, this Journal will have emerged from the trying epoch of its initiative stage, and have commenced the more certain and assured period of its journalistic career. This period it is the intention of the proprietors to celebrate. From the first number of the paper that was published it was pointed out-upon all sidesthat the proprietors were offering the reading public a great deal too much for one penny, and that so firm a hold had the paper secured in the journalistic world that, were the price raised from one penny to sixpence, it would still sell as freely. The proprietors have now agreed to improve its literary matter, and to add to its already existing attractions several new features, and then to ask the public, if they still continue to support them, to pay sixpence for the privilege of perusing the pages of this Journal. The success already attained by "The Society Herald" has been pronounced by most competent and experienced journalists to have been altogether remarkable. In view of this, the proprietors have taken the above step, and it is quite possible to believe that the same will prove even more satisfactory than their original enterprise. Henceforth, then, "The Society Herald" will appeal to a far larger and more general circle of readers, and it will appear in its new form on the 16th inst.

Freemasoury has no apology to make for its past history and from the profane it asks no favour. Its demand is upon its votaries, of whom it expects a voluntary obedience to its tenets; this will enable the Craft to do its own work in its own way. It neither seeks nor desires notoriety. The mysteries of Masonry are sought and obtained only by self sacrifice and a desire to do and obtain good. This service is required from each single member of the Fraternity. Every insolvent in this matter mars the beauty of our Masonic Temple and inflicts upon it serious injury.

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Sydney, Australia, has a new Masonic library and reading room, free to country brethren, and 1 dollar a year to city brethren.

WHO IS OUR BROTHER?-If your enemy hunger and thirst, give him food to eat and water to drink. Such is the Divine command. Then how much more are we under obligation to give food and drink to a brother in need. The obligation of a Mason is not circumscribed by the walls of his Lodge or the boundary of his jurisdiction, and he can never afford to hedge the way of Charity or to practically bar out one who has been suddenly overtaken by a calamity far away from home, and is unable to stand a rigorous examination. There is such a thing as entertaining angels unawares, and we can never afford to take a step or exact a rule that leaves Fraternity out in the cold. The fact is, every one in need is a brother, and the only test, is he really in distress and want? Any attempt to avoid this, by direction or indirection, is not only contrary to the principle of brotherhood, which is the central idea of the Order, but does violence to our consciences. If we are in doubt as to the worthiness of a brother soliciting need, give him the benefit of the doubt. As the sun shines upon the evil and the good, and the rain falls upon the just and the unjust, so should Masonry go forth on its beneficent mission.

Goethe, the great German poet and author, was initiated 1780,

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, 7th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction) 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnaryon, Albion Tavern, Alders gate-street 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8 1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton 1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

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MONDAY. 9th APRIL.
     5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction) 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
     45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (1n) 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-stroot 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
   136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inu Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
   193-Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
   222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst-
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterian III.
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (1181.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's flotel, Victoria Park, at 7.50 (In 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.) 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge House Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In) 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.) 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.) 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction) 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottonham, 8. (Inst)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
         40-Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
     75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
    151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shie ds
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
    292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
      411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
    539—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
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797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
  1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
    1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
    1350-Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
   1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
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R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wattefield M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshure, R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaum, Lancaster R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich TUESDAY, 10th APRIL.

1592-Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds

1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sen 1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

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55-Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holbocu, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.U., at 7. (Instruction) 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141--Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (inst).
177-Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camporwoll, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.) 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753 —Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8.
                         (Instruction)
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820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction) 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
854—Ranelagn, Criterion, W.

860—Dalbousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhepe, Thicket Hotel, Ancrey
1341—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1349—Friers, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at S. (Instruction) 1416—Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lumbeth Roud, S.W., at B. (Inst.) 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction) 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
   1540-Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavera, Fiasbury Park, at 3. (Inst)
 1695 - New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tayora, Flasbury Park, at S. (184) 1839 - Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.) 1949 - Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 3 (Instruction) 2127 - Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C. Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30 R.A. 145 - Prudent Brethran, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. R.A. 185 - Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. R.A. 704 - Camden, the Moorgave, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.) M.M. 22 - Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
           93-Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
       131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
181—United Chatham of Benevolonce, Assembly Rooms, Old Bromoton Kent
       241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
       406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Muple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7,45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Barmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
       503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne o' Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
      696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
529—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sideup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Loominster
    903—Gosport, India Arm; Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhull Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
   1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
165—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Suseex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
   1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
   2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Collec Tavern, Surbiton. (Institution)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Locals
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
     R.A. 532—Tradeflow of Ollay, foo high Street, Ordyddie
R.A. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
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WEDNESDAY, 11th APRIL.
Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
    3—Fidelity, Freemas ns' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
   13—Waterlo', Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction) 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borongh, at S. (Inst) 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth 147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction) 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 3 (538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at S. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchaut Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
313—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 3. (Instruct)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Marc Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's le-Grand, Great Eastern H stel, Liverpool Street, E.C. 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood 1601—Ravensbourne, George In , Lowisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.) 1631—Londesborough, Berveley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.) 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
  1718 -Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1900-Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Comberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In) 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction) 2206—Hendon, Weish Harp, Hendou, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tayern. Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.) R.A. 720—Pannurg, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.) R.A. 933—Dorie, 202 Whiteclupel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
  R.A. 1524-Duke of Commungat, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C. M.M.—Thistle, Freem sons' Tavern, W.C., at 3. (Instruction)
 ₹51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
   146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgato, Bolton
191—St. Joha, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarkot Street, Bury, Lancashire
201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchestor
    225-St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
    281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
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567-Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick

615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel. Evith 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)

852-Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford

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854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall. Canterbury. (Instruction)
  1018-Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Flotcher, Masonic Hall, Now-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Maconic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Mascnic Hall, Liverpool
 1101-Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1342 - Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503-Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenh un
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick
                                           THURSDAY, 12th APRIL.
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19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tayern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
            91-Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
        144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction) 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction) 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
         263-Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
       435—Salisbury, Union Tavern. Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.) 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
       704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction) 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction) 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction) 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
  860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betanal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tave n, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 3 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
   1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1812—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.)
 1673—Treategar, Weitington Arms, Weitington Road, Bow, E., at 7.39. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gats, Glerksaweit, at 9 (Instruction)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (1881)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
   R.A. 140-St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
   R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at S. (In.)
  R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canon Dury,
at 8: (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
    35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes

97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland

112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheifield

203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)

249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
       333-Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
       339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
    732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northunberlan I
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkline, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street. Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tralegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestorshire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala. Plascoch Hotel. Bala
   1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
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1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 13th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 3. (In)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 167—Betrord, Freemasons Hall, W.C.

167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims. Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (Instruction)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eelectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1203—Royal S andard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 9. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.,
at 7.30. (Instruction) at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).

R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at S. (Improvement)

R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)

M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)

R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W. R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
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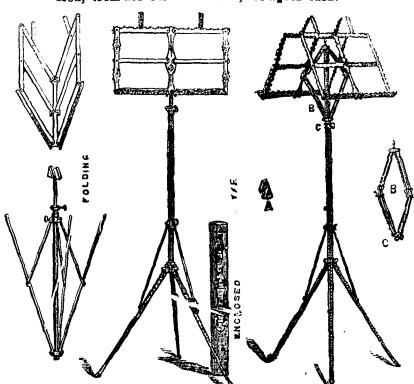
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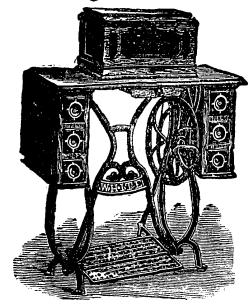
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