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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

CONTINUING our review of those who are eligible to take part in the two elections for the Masonic Educational Institutions to be held this month, we have now to consider the candidates on the list for the Girls' School, the election for which is fixed to take place on Saturday, the 27th instant, when 74 candidates are expected to go to the poll.

The declared vacancies to be filled on this occasion are seventeen, but there is a proposition before the Governors and Subscribers to increase the roll of children provided for in the Institution by twenty, and as this proposition is almost certain to be carried, we may consider the number to be elected on the 27th as thirty-seven, thus providing for exactly half of the candidates on the list, a state of affairs which must be regarded with the greatest satisfaction, both by the parents and friends of the candidates, as well as by the large number of Craftsmen who, by the liberality of their contributions to the funds of the Institution, have rendered possible the proposed extension of the Charity.

Of the seventy-four candidates there are seven who now appeal for the last time their age will allow, two of them being new to the present list, and the other five standing over from previous contests. No. 1, Georgina Balch, has taken part in the last three elections, and has secured 1520 votes as the result thereof. She has had a sister in the Institution, and is one of a family of two children, of whom one is partially provided for. Her father was an initiate of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, Somersetshire, and subscribed thereto until his death, in November 1880. Her mother is also dead, so that the case is really one of the most deserving it is possible to imagine, and we are very pleased to think there is an almost certainty of the child being elected at the coming contest. No. 13, Adelaide Howett Jane Harling, one of five children dependent on a widowed mother, comes forward for the third time, with 2564 votes to her credit. Her father was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, and was Inner Guard thereof at the time of his death, in 1887. No. 14, Priscilla Minnie Swaebe, is also one of five fatherless children, and, like the case just referred to, she has taken part in the last two elections, but so far her friends have only been able to record 788 votes on her behalf, a number which will have to be considerably augmented at the coming contest to render her admission anything of a certainty. Her father was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and subsequently joined the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, both of London, and in the two had a record of 22½ years membership of the Craft. We hope his daughter will receive sufficient support at the coming election to render her eligible for the benefits of the Institution she is now a candidate for. No. 41,

Margaret Ellen May Roberts, was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 558 votes were placed to her credit. Her father was initiated in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London, and subsequently joined No. 1702, in the Province of Middlesex. The mother, who was left a widow nearly a year ago, has eight children dependent on her, but we hope that after this month's contest she will be relieved of her responsibility in regard to the one now eligible for the Girls' School. No. 49, Beatrice Cochrane, had but 14 votes polled on her behalf at the last election, when she was a candidate for the first time. Her father was initiated in the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, in October 1868, and subsequently joined No. 1676, both in the Province of Northumberland. He rose to the dignity of Past Master of No. 1676, and received Provincial honours at the hands of his District Ruler. He has left two children dependent on his widow, who, we hope, will be supported at the coming contest in such a manner as to ensure the admission of her child to the benefits of the Institution. If the Province with which the father was associated takes up the case, and we have no reason to doubt their doing so, admission is almost certain, although as is known to all who take an interest in the elections, considerable exertion will be necessary to ensure success. No. 58, Ellen Eveline May, and No. 67, Edith Fanny Hattie Cullis, are the other last application cases, and both are new to the present list. The former is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother, two of them being partially provided for. The father was made a Mason in the Loyalty Lodge, No. 358, Bermuda, and subsequently joined Nos. 1428 and 407, thus becoming associated with the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and the District of Malta. He was D.G. Standard Bearer in the Grand Lodge of the latter. No. 67 is an especially deserving case, she having neither parent living, and the present being her last chance. She is one of three children dependent on friends, left by a brother admitted in the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, Herefordshire. Her father died in February of last year, and we sincerely trust his association with the Masonic Order may prove of benefit to his children now that they are left in such distressful circumstances.

Among the remaining cases are six where the applicants have each lost both parents. No. 11, Laura Amelia Thaw, now applies for the third time, and brings forward 1701 votes from the elections in which she has taken part. She has a brother in the Boys' School and there are yet two of her family unprovided for. Her father was initiated in the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London, and subscribed thereto for 7½ years. No. 24, Eliza Pether, is an only child left by an old member of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London. She was a candidate at the last election, and on that occasion 1134 votes were polled on her behalf, a result which augurs well for her success at the coming contest. No. 28, Bertha Johnston, was

also among the candidates at the last election, when three votes were recorded in her favour. There are three children dependent in this case, which is accredited to the Province of Durham, where the father was initiated, in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, of which he became a Past Master, as also a Provincial Officer. No. 62, Lena Sybil Kassell, is one of five children, left by a member of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, West Yorkshire, who subsequently joined Nos. 910 and 1542, in which latter he passed the chair. No. 71, Fanny Gertrude Williams, is also one of five parentless children. Her father was a member and Junior Warden of the St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Gloucestershire, and subscribed thereto until his death last year. No. 72, Edith Jane Cooper, is one of four children left to the care of friends. Her father was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London, and he also died in the autumn of last year, after having subscribed to his Lodge for 11½ years.

We have thus specially referred to thirteen of the cases out of the list of seventy-four. Seven of them are last applications, and the other six have lost both their parents. Either of these conditions are, we imagine, sufficient to entitle the children to the special notice of the Craft, and it is to be hoped they may each receive such support as will place them among the successful at the approaching election. Of the other cases much might be said, but in accordance with our custom we think it best to leave their particular merits to be made known by the friends and others interested in their admission to the Institution. Fortunately the number of vacancies to be declared is large, and their proportion to the number of candidates most satisfactory. All we can hope, in conclusion is, that the most deserving may be successful, and that those who are not fortunate in securing a scholarship on this occasion may have later opportunity of competing, and that all, in course of time, may be received into the School at Battersea Rise.

FREEMASONRY'S RELIGION.

THE MASONIC IDEAL OF RELIGION AND OF LIBERAL CULTURE.

"SPECULATIVE Masonry is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligations to pay that rational homage to the Deity which at once constitute our duty and our happiness. It leads the contemplative to view, with reverence and admiration, the glorious works of creation, and inspires him with the most exalted ideas of the perfection of his divine Creator."

"Of all the human sciences, that concerning man is certainly most worthy of the human mind, and the proper manner of conducting its several powers in the attainment of Truth and Knowledge."

These extracts from the venerable teachings of Freemasonry show that it takes note, at the same time, of both religion and education—nay, that it brings them together in a most intimate relationship. In the sublime lecture on the sciences and arts, which is contained in the second section of the second degree, this appears in a remarkable manner. That Freemasonry should be spoken of as a religious institution, or as imparting religious instruction, undoubtedly sounds strange to those who think that religion must necessarily be confined to a particular set of theological dogmas; or, in other words, be sectarian. But why should it be thought necessary to make religion traverse simply the narrow circle of sectarian ideas? Is it not a degradation to confine it to so limited a sphere? The Masonic ideal is that religion is absolute, everlasting and unchanging; that it is not a dogma, or a collection of dogmas, but rather reverence and humility before the awful ideas of Infinity and eternity—a sense of subjection to the great law of Justice which stretches through the universe, and of obligation to love and serve man on earth and God in heaven. The ideas of God, retribution, a future life—these

great facts of religion—are not the property of any one sect or party; they form the groundwork of *all* creeds.

Religion, we have said, is everlasting and immutable. It is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Sectarianism is but the material framework, changable and perishable, which men, in different ages and countries, have raised around it. This material and human investiture of sectarian dogmas changes with the times and seasons; but that religion in the light of which all Masons, whatever their particular creed, desire to walk—that religion sent forth into the world with the awful sanction of the Christ upon it—which, as an ancient says, "is to visit the widow and fatherless in their afflictions, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world;" that religion, the essence of which is to love God supremely, and our neighbours as we love ourselves, can never change; being absolute, it can never pass away—and it may be taught with all its obligations, duties and hopes, and in all its beautiful application to life, without being trammelled by any sectarian dogmas whatever.

About religion, in its absoluteness, neither men nor sects ever dispute or quarrel. No; it shines over the human soul, clear and bright, like the eternal stars—visible to all, and always and every where has her voice been heard, consoling the sorrowful; fortifying the weak, and bidding the sons of men aspire to a celestial communion.

The Girard College is founded on this idea; and although that institution, and the distinguished Mason whose noble charity established and endowed it, have often been abused and charged with infidelity, we do not hesitate to affirm that instruction in that school is as thoroughly religious as in any other school in the country. It was not religion, but *sectarianism*, which Mr Girard desired to exclude from it. He wished to adopt, in a degree, the ancient method of instruction, which was eminently religious. With the ancient educators of our race, all the sciences were revelations from heaven—were all holy. Art was holy, literature was holy, and these were all parts of one vast philosophy or religion, which addressed itself not to one merely, but to the entire of the human faculties. All education, with them, was religious and moral.

It was the deep, earnest and positive faith of the ancient teachers, in the unseen and spiritual, which led them to blend in this manner—unfortunately so, to our modern habits of thinking—the ideas of science with those of religion. And here we moderns fall far below the ancients. We have divorced science and philosophy from religion, and seem to regard them as quite different and distinct things. On the other hand they contemplated the universe from the religious point of view. All the phenomena of life—all the motions of the heavenly bodies—the whole stupendous spectacle of the world—revealed to them the presence of an unseen Intelligence. Hence their religion embraced all the facts of physical science, as well as those ideas which relate exclusively to the nature and destiny of the soul. With them, science and art and philosophy were necessary parts of religion, and reposed on a spiritual basis. Hence instruction, with them, we have said, was religious and moral. And were they not right.

The ancient mysteries were established for human instruction, and there all the sciences were studied with reference to a higher sphere of thought. Nature, with all her laws, her motions and her mysteries, which science attempts to explain, was, in their view, only a shadow, reflex, or projection of the more substantial verities of the unseen—the eternal world. Philosophy itself was religion; hence the dramas, represented in the mysteries and the rites of initiation, and all the symbols there displayed, have reference to that awful beauty which smiles upon man from every sublime and majestic form in nature. And because these dramas and rites shadowed forth some of the phenomena of nature and the motions of the heavenly bodies, we are not to infer, as some infidels have done, that they had no spiritual reference at all, but rather that those old Grecians and Egyptians were men of profound faith, who saw, in all the wonders of nature, all the motions of the starry spheres, and in all the miracles of the world, the dread shadow of that mysterious One, who, although infinite and indivisible, yet in some manner incomprehensible to human intelligence, individualizes Him to every human thought, and localizes Himself in every place.

Such was the ancient ideal of religion and education, and such is the Masonic ideal to-day. Freemasonry teaches by symbols, and all symbols shadow forth the infinite and everlasting. It recognises God as imminent in all created

things, working in each blade of grass, swelling bud and opening flower, and looks upon all the sciences as so many divine methods through which the Infinite Artist reveals his mysteries to man.

Should any Masonic brother, or any other, think that we are claiming too much for Freemasonry in this respect, we have only to ask him to turn to the "Charges" and "Lectures," published in our books, to find abundant proofs of what we assert. There we read: "The universe is the temple of the Deity whom we serve; Wisdom, Strength and Beauty are around His throne, as pillars of His work; for His wisdom is infinite. His strength is omnipotence, and His beauty shines forth through all His creation." Ancient Freemasonry invariably united all the sciences to the religious sentiment. Of arithmetic, it says: "All the works of the Almighty are made in number, weight, and measure; and, therefore, to understand them rightly, we ought to understand arithmetical calculations, * * * and be thereby led to a more comprehensive knowledge of our great Creator." "Astronomy," it says, "is that sublime science which inspires the contemplative mind to soar aloft and read the wisdom and beauty of the Creator in the heavens. How nobly eloquent of God is the celestial hemisphere, spangled with the most magnificent symbols of His infinite glory!" And, discoursing of geometry, it says: "By it we discover the power, wisdom and goodness of the Grand Artificer, and view with delight the order and beauty of His works, and the proportions which connect all parts of His immense universe."

Freemasonry, therefore, in the spirit of true reverence, consecrates all to God; the worlds with the sublime mysteries, and the human mind with its mighty powers, and the sciences it has discovered and Explained.

THE MASONIC IDEAL OF HUMAN DESTINY AND THE IMMORTAL LIFE.

This is revealed in the "Ritual" as well as the "Charges" of the Order. All the initiatory dramas are progressive, and indicate that humanity and man are created for continual advancement. The funeral dirge of the Brotherhood breathes a spirit of profound faith in immortality, and the everlasting progress of the soul.

"Here another guest we bring
Seraphs of celestial wing;
To our fun'ral altar come;
Waft this friend and brother home.

There, enlarged, thy soul shall see
What was veiled in mystery;
Heavenly glories of the place,
Show his Maker face to face."

It is on this account that Masonry insists on a liberal culture of the soul. It teaches that the treasures of the intellect and heart are the only possessions inaccessible to change and decay. These alone will last. All else will pass away! Riches, glory—the pomp and splendour of time—the world's vanity—all will vanish like a wreath of smoke. But the soul will live, and will be ever and ever ascending, as by a sublime initiation, through the degrees of perfection which will never end! Its progress in this world is the prophecy of a progress that is everlasting. Every step taken in the road of science and virtue is an upward progress in that star-paved path where angels walk.

These are the grand thoughts that underlie our ritual; and they are surely worthy of the most serious consideration on the part of every Mason. Imbued with these ideas, the earnest and intelligent brother will labour constantly to discharge every duty with fidelity, "divesting his heart and conscience of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting his mind as a living stone for that spiritual building—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—*American Quarterly Masonic Review.*

TRIPLE TRUTHS OF FREEMASONRY.

ONE of the Brahminical Scriptures is entitled the "Bhagavad Gita," and assumes to convey the "right knowledge of the royal mystery," to be the exponent of the sacred lore, the divine wisdom. It refers to "the seven great Sages and the ancient Manus four, of whom this world is the offspring." The seven Sages were the primeval teachers of man, and the archetype of all subsequent teachers; while the ancient Manus were the

primitive governors of man, the four sons of Brahma, the archetype of kings, or mundane rulers.

The *Manu*, one of the sacred books of India, contains this remarkable statement: "Man is not man except as he is triple, that is man, woman, child." The Brahmins also made their Divinity triple: the all-Father, the all-Mother, and the blessed Son. The ancient Egyptians, who, if their civilization was not native and primitive, must have derived it from Meroe, or from Babylonia, Chaldea or India, also set forth the same doctrine; their gods were Osiris the father, Isis the mother, and Horus the son. The Great Sphinx of Egypt was sacred to Horus, and before it is an altar, now covered with sand, on which sacrifices were anciently offered to Horus. In Freemasonry we have a relic of this ancient symbolism in the numerous triads of the Fraternity, especially in the the three Lesser Lights, the Sun, the Moon, and the W.M. (in a certain sense representing Father, Mother and Son), and the three Great Lights, the Holy Bible, the Square, and the Compasses.

Freemasonry is not Freemasonry unless it be triple. It could not be less, and it cannot be more. Three, and only three degrees are ancient, and whatever is more than these is an excrescence, a super-addition, and ultimately and surely a seed of conflict and evil.

The great poet-philosopher, who was Pope and Bolingbroke rolled into one, wrote:

"Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
The proper study of mankind is man."

One of our own essayists, Chapin, has said: "Man was sent into the world to be a growing and exhaustless force." This is the doctrine of Freemasonry. It says to its initiates: brethren know yourselves and respect yourselves, for you are immortal. Know your brethren and love your brethren, for they are mystically united with you; they are your other selves. And it also says to all who have been brought from Darkness to Light: Study the Light—which is another term for Freemasonry; learn its triple character and at the same time its complete unity.

Wherein is Freemasonry a unit? In that it is one "secret," one "art and mystery." Its three degrees are a threefold presentation of one truth. Supreme truth is and can be but one. There cannot be three or more such truths, but there may be, there are, three aspects of the same truth. The three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry symbolize the three aspects of the one Masonic truth. To this one, and these three in one, Freemasons cannot devote too much attention and thought. The more you ponder them the better you apprehend and comprehend them, the greater pleasure you derive from witnessing the rites incident to them, the more fully you are persuaded that you are members of a fraternity which not only, like a club, enables you to while away a vacant hour, but like a school of human and divine philosophy, qualifies you to understand the beauty of charity, the utility and value of human comradeship, the divine perfection of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and the dignity of man, who is "greater than a world." Freemasons respect themselves and their kind. No man is beneath them, for they think, if they do not say, in Shakespearean phrase, "God made him, and therefore let him pass."

Can Freemasons do better than frequently think upon the threefold presentation of truth objectively taught so continually in the Craft? Faith, Hope, Love; Wisdom, Strength, Beauty; Secrecy, Obedience, Fraternity; the three degrees; the three steps; the three preparations; the three officers; the three lights; the three circumambulations; the threefold linguistic presentations of obligation in the phraseology adopted for the creation of the mystic tie between Brother and Brother and the Craft.

Has the reader been heretofore satisfied with exercising merely his senses of seeing and hearing in the Lodge? If so, let him now bring into action his divine sense of thinking. Mules hear; men think. Freemasonry is a science and an art—the queen of sciences, the royal art. Be a Freemason in the truest and fullest sense of the term. See, hear, be silent—and while silent, think!—*Keystone.*

Sometimes unpleasant news has to be given, because members and officers of the Fraternity make it necessary. When such is the fact it should be remembered that not the editors, but the erring brethren, are the parties accountable for it, and, if censure is merited, that they should receive it. We rejoice in printing pleasant news, and always regret the unpleasant, but must obey duty.

THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL FUND.

AMONG the brethren who have recently joined the Committee of the "Gould Testimonial" are Bros. Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., Walter Hopekirk Grand Pursuivant, G. C. Andrews P.M. 92, Edward Armitage P.P.G.W. Cumb. and West., Gordon Brown P.G.S., John S. Cox P.D.G.R. South China, C. Purdon Clarke (C.I.E.) 2076, John Craine W.M. 1075, Thomas Francis P.P.G.W. Hants, F. W. Halliwell 1611, Angus W. Hooper W.M. 374, C. Kupferschmidt P.M. 238, John Miller W.M. 723, Capt. S. W. Perry W.M. 431 (I.R.), Walter Rowley 289, G. H. B. Reed P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, and Major-General Vizard W.M. 761.

Donations to the fund have also been lately voted by the following Lodges: Grand Master's 1, Moira 92, Unity 183, Invicta 709, Friends in Council 1383, Canterbury 1635, Quatuor Coronati 2076, Empire 2108, and Hiram 1 (Newhaven, Connecticut). On the Continent, the scheme has already met with the hearty support of Bros. A. M. Maas-Geesteranus Deputy G.M., and J. P. Vaillant Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, Dr. L. Van Doesburgh, Amsterdam, Dr. W. Begemann Prov. Grand Master Mecklenberg, and Pierre Tempels of the Supreme Council 33° of Belgium.

The list of American contributors embraces the names of Bros. Albert Pike Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council 33° for the United States, S.J.; Clifford P. MacCalla Grand Master, and T. R. Patton Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Dr. S. J. Dickey and J. A. H. Hay of the same jurisdiction, J. D. Dewell P.M. Hiram Lodge Connecticut, and our old friend and contributor Jacob Norton of Boston.

TRAVELLING FREEMASONS.

BEFORE operative Freemasonry had received its speculative development as at present understood, guilds or sodalities of stonemasons were in the custom of traversing the whole of Europe for the purpose of erecting buildings of an ecclesiastical or castellated description, and even they, in point of time, had been preceded by similar bodies, whose skill was superior to that of the uninstructed artificers of the respective eras in which they lived. It is not too much to say that the night of time has closed with complete obscurity over the earliest fraternities of this kind. There can be little doubt that what took place in Hellas, Italy, Asia Minor, and during the Middle Ages, in Europe, had long before been familiar to India, Egypt, Mexico, Central America, and Peru, and it is not a little startling to find the walls of great structures in the New World, not only constructed upon similar principles to the Pelasgic structures of early Greece, but executed in precisely the same manner. We are astonished at the size and weight of the blocks used in the Pyramids of Egypt, but still more amazed at the strength and magnitude of the works executed, in Pre-Incarial times, in ancient Peru. Enormous blocks fitted accurately together, without mortar or cement, are here to be found, weighing many tons, and vertically super-imposed upon each other, indicating thus machinery and appliances unknown at the present day. And when we consider the uniformity of design, and the enormous superficial area covered by such remains—as for instance the temple and city of Pachacamac in Peru—extending over many hundred miles, we cannot resist the conclusion that these significant relics of the ancient world must have been constructed by men drawn together by a common bond, and probably instructed from the same common school of design. So in comparatively recent times we find every where the works of high culture, whether in India or in Europe. The modern guilds of travelling Freemasons, however, would seem to have issued rather from Italy than any other country, for nowhere do we lose sight of the prevailing ideas of Italian Architecture, until the rise of the Gothic school fashioned the taste of Europe anew. These guilds of wandering builders were allowed many privileges. They were declared independent of the laws of the country where they might be residing, and subject only to their internal regulations, they were permitted to fix their own prices, they were exempted from all taxation, and they had a monopoly of work wherever they presented themselves. It is perhaps curious to add that the Papal briefs which

protected them alleged that such immunities were given them "after the example of Hiram, King of Tyre, when he sent artificers to King Solomon, for the purpose of building the Temple of Jerusalem." Their internal government was very simple. On undertaking any enterprise they first built a number of huts near the site of the intended structure, and over every ten men was placed a warden, whose business was to pay them their wages, and see that no undue waste of material or loss of implements took place. These wardens in turn were responsible to a surveyor or master, called in their documents, "magister," and to whom reference was made as a supreme arbiter of the work to be executed. They had secret words and signs, and general means of recognition, for the purpose of protecting themselves from interlopers. In the first instance they were purely ecclesiastical in their character, acknowledging the Pope as their supreme master, patron, and protector, and the early Popes evidently looked upon them with favourable eyes. Many of their "magistri" were bishops and abbots, and for centuries their principal occupation was the construction of churches, convents, and ecclesiastical buildings. Their chief contribution to architectural science and art was the introduction and elaboration of the beautiful Gothic school, in which they have never been surpassed.—*Mackenzie's Royal Masonic Encyclopedia.*

A CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILT BY FREEMASONS.

THE following episode is recorded in the *Semaine Religieuse*. It is taken from a letter written by the Right Rev. Dr. Cousin, of the Foreign Missions, Vicar-Apostolic of Southern Japan:—

Just outside of the harbour of Nagasaki, about nine miles from the city, there is a small island whose circumference is only about three miles. All the necessary buildings, steam engines, &c., for the development of a large coal mine are erected there, because the entrance to the mine is on the island, and shafts and galleries have been made in all directions, extending quite far under the sea. The island is, as it were, suspended in the air, for it rests on five or six tiers of galleries, spreading in all directions, hence it is gradually sinking, and the inhabitants say it has sunk ten feet in twenty years. Several houses, which formerly stood about high-water mark, had to be moved farther back, for the sea was slowly encroaching on them. All the springs are dried up—fresh water has to be brought daily to the island, and is sold in the market; the trees have also dried up from want of water. And yet there are people who continue to live there. There is even quite a large village at the other extremity of the island, of which about one-half the inhabitants are Catholics. About ten years ago these good people had transformed a house into a little chapel, and, when the missionary came to visit them, the Holy Sacrifice was offered and the Sacraments administered there.

But a day came at last when they saw that the earth was giving way under the house, and that it was about to fall, so they took it down. But how were they to erect another one? The Christians were not numerous, and they were poor. Ground would have to be bought in a safer locality, the chapel would have to be more solidly built; at the lowest calculation the expense would be at least £120, and whence was this amount to come?

The Christians agreed to procure the land and give a part of the work. The good missionary who had charge of the station, not knowing where to find the necessary means, recommended the urgent need to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the little chapel was dedicated to the Sacred Heart), and he proceeded to lay the matter before the mining engineer, who directed the works at the coal mine. He was an English Protestant gentleman, who was employed by the Japanese company, who own the mine. He did not appear astonished at the good Father's visit, and immediately handed him 100 francs as his contribution.

"This is a very generous gift," said the missionary, "nevertheless, it will not go very far. You have friends and countrymen in Nagasaki. Might I call on them for contributions?"

"Are you acquainted with any of them? Have you been introduced?" inquired the engineer.

"No, I do not know any one."

"Then it would be useless; you would not be well received."

However, while speaking, the good Englishman took a sheet of paper and began writing an appeal for subscriptions for the erection of the Catholic Chapel of Takadjima, and accompanying it with a list of names, and then courteously handing it to the Father, said to him: "Take this from me to these various addresses, and I trust you will succeed."

The missionary took the list very gratefully, and spent the following days in calling on the engineer's friends. He was kindly received everywhere—not one refused to subscribe. He collected enough to build his church. His heart was filled with joy. But the best part of the affair was, that the engineer, who was at the head of the Freemasons of Nagasaki, had simply given the good Father a list of the members of his Lodge. The Freemasons of Nagasaki erected a chapel to the Sacred Heart! May the Sacred Heart enlighten and reward them! You can imagine with what consolation I blessed this little chapel, erected under such singular auspices. The

ceremony took place on 12th April 1888. We never had such a festival. Ten missionaries, eight deacons, and all the Seminarians were present. Nothing was wanting. We had a procession, a Pontifical High Mass, a sermon by the pastor, another one by the Bishop, and finally a nice dinner. The Christians of the village had undertaken to provide dinner for the Seminarians, and the good people spent the preceding night in fishing. Their efforts were rewarded with an abundant catch of fish, so that the young Seminarians enjoyed a bountiful meal.

I forgot to mention that the Japanese mining company were extremely kind to us on this occasion. They own a steam-boat which plies between the island and the city. For that day they gave a free passage going and coming to the Fathers and Seminarians. Our party amounted to sixty persons. The Japanese director of the mine was present at the ceremony, and, although he is a pagan, he behaved with great decorum. Our good people were proud and overjoyed. Eighteen years ago they were hunted like wild beasts and thrown into prison on the slightest suspicion of Catholicity, and on that day we had Japanese guards to maintain order during the ceremony of dedication. Truly our good Lord has ways of recompensing sooner or later, those who suffer for Him!—*Weekly Register*.

EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.

IN order to meet the convenience of the public, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of Excursion and ordinary tickets at their City and West End offices, viz.—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison Road), Aldgate, the Stations on the Hammersmith and City Line, and at most of the Stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, before Easter. Tickets obtained in London on any day from 15th April to 20th, will be available for use on either of those days. Cheap tickets, at special low fares, and available from 18th April to 22nd, will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth district, and to the principal Stations in the West of England, and it is announced that a fast excursion train will leave Paddington on Thursday, 18th April, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours. Excursions will also be run to Leamington, Birmingham, Chester, Cheltenham, Reading, Oxford, Gloucester, Bath, Bristol, and other stations on the Great Western system. The newspaper train leaving Paddington at 5.30 a.m. will run on Good Friday as usual as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, and the usual intermediate Stations. This train will connect at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

THE London and North Western Railway Co. announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 15th April, to Monday, 22nd April inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time—Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted—at the following Town Receiving offices of the Company: 15 Queen Street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13 Eastcheap, Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22 Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65 Aldgate, E.; 30 West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tan, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116 Holborn E.C.; George and Blue Boar, High Holborn, W.C.; 43 New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria-street, S.W.; 231 Edgware Road, W.; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.; 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C.; Lion, 108 New Bond-street, W.; 496 Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford-street, W.; 33 Hereford Road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34 Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33 High-street, W.; 117 Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234 Blackfriars Road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138 Newington Causeway, S.E.; 191 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.; Islington, Angel, 5 Pentonville Road, N. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison Road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at these stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142 Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, 18th April, an additional express train will leave Euston at 8.55 a.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, and Lichfield. Special carriages for Penrith will be attached to the 10.0 a.m. train from London, and will be sent forward from Crewe as a special train in advance of the 10.0 a.m. express. A special express will leave Euston at 1.10 p.m. for Lancaster, Carnforth, Kendal, Windermere, &c., and will be due to arrive at Northampton at 2.34, Rugby 3.0, Nuneaton 3.25, Lichfield 3.54, Crewe 4.55. A special express will leave Euston at 2.50 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford. A special train will leave Birmingham for Northampton at 4.5 p.m. calling at Rugby. A special express train will leave Euston Station at 4.20 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford, arriving at Birmingham (New Street) at 7.5 p.m. The 12.0 midnight train from Euston on Thursday, 18th April, will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning as on or-

dinary week days. The 10.5 p.m. from Glasgow to Carlisle will be extended to Liverpool and Manchester at the following times:—Leave Carlisle 1.15 a.m. (Good Friday morning), arrive Carnforth 2.48, Lancaster 2.59, Preston 3.30, Wigan 3.58, Manchester 4.45, and Liverpool 4.45 a.m. On Good Friday, 19th April, the 5.15 a.m. newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Birmingham, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Aberdeen. A train will leave Manchester at 9.30 a.m. for Wigan, where passengers for Preston and the north can join the newspaper train. There will be no connection to the N.B. Line with this train. The majority of the trains will run on Good Friday as on Sundays. The boats timed to leave Kingstown for Holyhead at 7.0 a.m., and Holyhead at 1.35 p.m. for Kingstown will not sail on Good Friday. The steamers will sail from Larne and Stranraer on Good Friday as on ordinary week days, but on the Saturday following Good Friday the boat will not leave Stranraer until 8.15 a.m. The steamers will sail from both Fleetwood and Belfast on Good Friday as on ordinary week days. Many of the season ticket trains run in the suburbs of London, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester will not run on Bank Holiday, Monday, 22nd April. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Aberystwith, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.

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THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the close of last year a movement was set on foot to recognise the highly meritorious services of Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. as the historian of the Craft.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, kindly consented to serve as Chairman of the Committee, and among the members are many Provincial Grand Masters, Grand, and Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren.

A circular, inviting co-operation, has been sent to the W.M. of every English Lodge, and inasmuch as the value of Bro. Gould's labours has not been confined to this country, it was thought that the brethren of foreign Masonic jurisdictions should be invited to participate in the movement, which has accordingly been done through the medium in each case of their respective Grand Masters.

Many Lodges and brethren, both at home and abroad, have already responded to this appeal, and some time must of course yet elapse before the spirit in which it will be received in foreign Masonic jurisdictions can be fully ascertained.

In the meanwhile, however, the success of the Testimonial will be placed beyond the possibility of a doubt, if the brethren who have, up to the present moment, signified their intention of subscribing to it, will exert their personal influence in recommending the scheme to the favourable notice of their friends, and of the various Masonic bodies with which they are connected. Besides his unequalled merits as a Craft historian, Bro. Gould has been a diligent worker in several of the leading degrees of Freemasonry.

Initiated as far back as 1855, he has been thirty-two years a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and thirty-one years a member of the Mark degree.

The Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, was the fifth Lodge of which he became the W.M. He is a P.Z. of Chapters Nos. 92 and 570, and was a founder of three Preceptories (in one of which he filled the chair) in the far East.

His Masonic record, therefore, goes to show that he has been active alike in the ritual and ceremonial of Masonry, as well as being the foremost worker in its literature and history.

It may be remarked that the sum of one guinea has been fixed as the *maximum*, and not as the *minimum* subscription, for individuals, and that the names of brethren will be cordially welcomed on the Committee, who may be disposed to collect any smaller sums, and forward their lists for incorporation with the general fund. Also, the smallest sums will be thankfully received from any individual brethren who are desirous of forwarding their contributions to me direct.

It will be evident, that though the testimonial must necessarily be allowed to run until a sufficient time has elapsed for replies to come in from abroad, it cannot remain open for an indefinite period. Hence the influence of brethren who are favourable to the movement would be most usefully exercised by their impressing upon intending subscribers the absolute necessity of despatch. By this means the Committee would be greatly assisted in bringing their labours to a close, and with a result which they confidently anticipate would, under such circumstances, mark in the most satisfactory manner possible the general esteem and regard entertained for our Bro. Gould by his Masonic brethren.

Yours fraternally,

RALPH GOODING, M.D.,

P.G.D. P.M. and Treas. No. 1, Hon Sec.

Heath Lodge, the Grove, Blackheath, 10th April 1889.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

At the Albion, Aldersgate Street, City, on Tuesday last, a regular meeting of this Lodge was held. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. Henry Lindfield, who was in attendance at the funeral of a near relative, the chair was taken by Bro. Alexander Dickson I.P.M.; he was supported by Bros. Harry Nash S.W., King J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Orilton Cooper S.D., Kirkland I.G., Banks Tyler; P.M.'s Usher Back, W. W. Morgan, T. H. Peirce, and a full gathering of members. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. Heyes W.M. 1602, Strickland 1602, Lee, Collings, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. W. J. Bennett was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Strickland (at the request of Bro. Heyes) was passed, both ceremonies being carried out by Bro. Alfred Green P.M., who was heartily congratulated on the ability he displayed, especially as he undertook the duties at a moment's notice. After routine work Lodge was closed, and the regular meetings adjourned till October next. Refreshment followed labour, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 10.30.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when there were present:—Bros. C. Slaughter W.M., W. Hickie S.W., J. Greenaway J.W., E. W. Ridley Secretary, W. Hukins S.D., J. Sparrow J.D., T. P. Stewart acting as I.G., R. E. Hodder Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s—E. Margrett acting as D.C., Ed. Blackwell acting as I.P.M.; Members—Bros. W. B. Reed, W. E. Parkes, D. N. Heron, W. M. Colebrook, W. B. Biddles acting as Organist, R. P. Hart, B. W. Bennett, E. P. Silver, N. Garrett; Visitors: D. Amos 1248, A. J. Shilton 925. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The candidate for initiation as serving member appeared, and the Secretary read dispensation from the Prov. G.M., granting permission for the candidate to be duly initiated; this was done by the Worshipful Master. The Ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, who was elected. The Worshipful Master announced his intention of serving a Stewardship at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. E. Margrett P.M. gave notice of motion:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that this amount be placed on the list of the W.M." The W.M. proposed and the S.W. seconded Bro. Alfred John Shilton, of Reading, as a joining member. The W.M. proposed and Bro. W. B. Reed seconded a candidate for initiation. The Secretary read a communication from the Prov. G. Secretary, stating that £10 10s had been awarded to this Lodge by Prov. G. Lodge, and asking to which of the Masonic Charities the Lodge would like the grant appropriated? Bro. E. J. Blackwell P.M. proposed, and the Secretary seconded the following resolution:—"That the £10 10s, granted by Prov. G. Lodge, be added to the list of the W.M. on his attendance as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." After the usual closing ceremonies, the Lodge was adjourned.

THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. Notwithstanding the early hour at which the brethren were summoned to attend (three o'clock) there was a full attendance when Lodge was opened by Bro. John Loftus. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented. This showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition. During the past year no less than thirty guineas had been subscribed from the Funds in support of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and in addition the members had given substantial support to their Stewards. Bros. Tripe and Craighead were raised, and Mr. Frank White, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Brother McCredie, and seconded by Brother Lyons, underwent the ordeal of the ballot. The result was in favour of the candidate's initiation, and he was introduced and made acquainted with the mysteries of the Craft in the first degree. Bro. Clements P.M. now took the chair and carried out the installation ceremony in favour of Bro. Oxley, the S.W. of last year. Bro. Clements is a competent worker, and on this occasion he gave an essentially perfect rendering of the ceremony. The following were invested as the Officers:—Bros. J. Loftus I.P.M., Wm. O. Sweetman S.W., H. J. G. Hirst J.W., J. Twinn Secretary, W. Beck P.M. Treas., A. W. Flack S.D., A. F. C. Dickson J.D., J. Magrath P.M. D.C., A. Lloyd I.G., C. Dawe and C. V. Jenkins Stewards. After the addresses had been given, a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, routine work was considered, and Lodge closed. Amongst those in attendance were Past Masters J. G. Twinn, A. G. Clements, G. Holdom, W. Beck; Visitors:—Bros. Torton 1382, Charles Allen 1382, John Swanston 117, Barritt 1625, E. H. Walker 1441, T. W. Perryman 65, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, E. W. Clements J.W. 816, T. W. Venner 901, Thos. Pargeter P.M. 598, B. Stewart P.M. 1278, P. C. Rogers 901, G. H. Clarke Senior Warden 1227, Gerrard J. King 1259, A. H. Robinson 1010, J. T. Dormer Junior Warden 1571, John G. Stevens P.M. 554, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c., &c. A capital banquet, bountifully provided, followed; but we feel justified in making the inquiry,—How was it the cloth was not cleared till nearly 10 o'clock? In these days of rapid "locomotion" we can scarcely recognise the necessity for spending so much time over our Masonic functions. This seemed to be the idea of the W.M., Bro. Oxley, who lost no time when he once started with the toasts. The Loyal toasts were accorded an enthusiastic reception, and our veteran friend Bro. Sherwin, Organist of the Lodge, gave the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Loftus. The brethren would agree with him when he ventured to assert Bro. Oxley was the right man in the right place. He was essentially a shining light

in Freemasonry. It was known to the brethren of the Lodge that their W.M. had recently undergone the experiences of a serious illness, which had taxed him somewhat heavily; however, all were pleased to see him present, though in an enfeebled state. All trusted he might regain health and strength to fulfil his duties in the capable manner that was anticipated by the members. Without further preface he would ask the brethren to drink the toast in a bumper. On rising to reply, the W.M. said he felt a certain amount of trepidation when he looked forward to the duties that now devolved upon him, and could not obliterate the fact from his mind that many dangers beset his path. Brother Oxley then continued in a witty and eminently poetical speech, well considered and eloquently delivered, assuring the brethren that the best interests of their Lodge should have his earnest consideration and sturdy support. In replying to the toast given in his honour, the I.P.M. said that in retiring from the chair he felt he was leaving the Lodge in the charge of one who was fully capable of presiding over its destinies. For himself, he stood there that evening the proud possessor of two jewels; the first represented the services he had been able to give to the Benevolent Institution at its Festival in February last, and the second, so generously given him by the Lodge on the present occasion. He could assure the brethren he wished the Lodge every prosperity, and that his associations with them might continue for many years to come. The next compliment that was paid was to the Installing Master Bro. Clements, who in acknowledgment said that though his services would be at the disposal of the Lodge, he looked forward to an early date when the retiring Master would instal his successor. The toast of the Initiate came next, then the Visitors were complimented, and replies were given by Brothers Stewart, Pargeter, Dormer, Morgan and others. With the toast of the Charities was identified the name of Bro. John G. Stevens, who gave a practical account of what was being done by the three Charitable Institutions, taking them in the order of their establishment. Bro. Stevens also referred to the splendid work being done by the Board of Benevolence on behalf of brethren, or those who were left by them, in distressed circumstances. Bro. Stevens closed his remarks with a graceful recognition of the sturdy support at all times given by the members of this Lodge to the Masonic Institutions. Two or three other toasts followed. Some capital songs and recitations were given between the toasts, Bros. Gerrard King, Hone, Clark, Harper and others ably contributing.

COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166.

THE annual meeting took place on Monday, the 1st instant, at Calstock. Bro. Pearce 557 ably performed the ceremony of installing Bro. W. Sowden as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. G. Rowe I.P.M., A. H. Bates S.W., J. Samuel J.W., H. Down Treasurer, A. N. Campbell Chaplain, R. R. Alford Secretary, W. H. Bone S.D., W. Grills J.D., J. James I.G., W. Coulter Tyler, R. P. Coath and J. Hammersley Stewards, E. Smale Dir. of Cers. The brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. Durbar's, Ashburton Hotel, and partook of an excellent dinner. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, songs and recitations were rendered by Bros. Sowden, Hammersley, Prout, Coulter, Coath and Prout.

RYE LODGE, No. 2272.

THIS Lodge held its usual meeting at the Peckham Public Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, Bro. J. W. Dewsnap W.M. having taken his chair, and the Officers their allotted positions, the Lodge was opened with due ceremony. The minutes having been read by the Secretary, Bro. Collier, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Frederick Hussey, and also to pass Bro. G. B. Phillips. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Frederick Dunn as W.M., Bro. G. S. Mansell Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Bowler Tyler. After transacting other business the brethren partook of a banquet, provided by Bro. H. E. Reed, of the Prince Albert, East Surrey Grove. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Judge, Cattermole, Dunn, Etheridge and Lamb. A ballot took place for several joining members, and John Blundell Maple, Esq. M.P., was proposed as a candidate for initiation.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241.—The annual supper was held, on the 2nd instant, at the Harrington Restaurant, Harrington-street, Liverpool, Bro. J. Brotherton Preceptor occupying the chair, and Bro. J. M'Nab W.M. 241 the vice-chair. Among the members present were Bros. E. Sherwood P.M. 786, W. Marwood Secretary 786, and A. E. Povey Treasurer 241. Bro. Luker's catering gave universal satisfaction. A very flourishing state of affairs in this prominent Lodge of Instruction was announced by the Treasurer, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the proceedings a handsome piece of electro-silver was presented to Bro. Brotherton as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members who receive Masonic instruction at his hands; whilst a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. M'Nab, the retiring Treasurer, for his valuable labours during his term of office; a similar vote being given to Bro. West, the late Secretary. A well-rendered musical programme contributed to the success of the meeting.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—A meeting was held on the 4th instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.E. Present:—Bros. D. Rose W.M., F. Hilton S.W., Elgar J.W., T. Grumant Secretary, Stone S.D., Thompson J.D., Pickett I.G. P.M.'s—Bros. Voisey, Murché, Captain Vincent, Bate, Channon, Eekersall, Mercer, Addington, Mole, Towers, Loader; Bros. Irwin, North, Davis, Gomm, Osterstock, Plant, Ayris, Shrubsale, Milliken, Whitehead, Halls, Martin, Edwards, Oathwaite, Say, Price, Meyer, Klyne, Stafford, Kemble, Dunn, Parr, Pellew, Snell, Bethell, &c. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following:—Bros. Pickett, R. C. Davis (2), Stone, Channon, Hilton, Voisey; Bros. Martin, Grumant, Murché, Elgar, Bate; Bros. Sowton, Vincent, Loader.

ROYAL ARCH.

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SEGONTIUM CHAPTER, No. 606.

THE annual installation took place on Thursday, the 4th instant, in the Masonic Hall, at Carnarvon Castle. There was a large attendance of Companions. Companion J. Lloyd Griffith, the retiring M.E.Z., was the Installing Officer, and was assisted by Comps. Poole, and Cornelius Davies. Comps. R. H. Pritchard was installed M.E.Z., W. Morgan H., T. E. Harris J., and Roberts Scribe E. The banquet was served at the Royal Sportsman Hotel.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.E. Comps. Hilton (Preceptor) M.E.Z., T. Grumant H., W. Cowley J., B. C. Stone E., Charlie Woods S.N., J. Addington P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. Lyon, Moor, Terry, Need, Patrick; Visitor: Comp. Watts P.Z.; also Comps. Meierhoff, North, Martin, Eekershall, Wood, Benedetti, Murché, Davis, Latham, Oldfield, Wingham, &c. This was the night of the first annual supper, which was in every way a success. The Loyal and Masonic toast was proposed by Comp. Hilton; Success to the Chapter was proposed by Comp. Grumant, and responded to by Comp. Hilton; the Visitor, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Watts; the Vice President, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Addington; the S.E., proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Stone; the Masonic Press, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Woods; the Host, proposed by Comp. Hilton, and responded to by Comp. Terry. Songs and recitations were given by Comps. Hilton, Stone, Addington, Moore, Murché, Meierhoff, Oldfield, North, &c.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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In response to a generally expressed desire on the part of the public to see Mr. Wilson Barrett in his great successes, previous to his departure to tour in America, Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged to revive at the Princess's (for a limited number of performances only) the "Silver King," with all the original scenery and effects, on Monday, 15th instant.

On Easter Monday a new and original burlesque, by Richard Henry, entitled "Lancelot the Lovely; or, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table," will be produced at the Avenue. The music has been composed and arranged by John Crook; the new scenery is by Julian Hicks, and the costumes by Mons. and Madame Alias.

The Adelphi will be closed during the first five nights of next week, re-opening on Saturday, the 20th instant, with a grand revival of Messrs. Geo. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt's drama "The Harbour Lights."

We are glad to be able to announce that Mr. J. L. Toole will re-open his theatre on Easter Monday, with "The Don" and "Ici on Parle Français." During the season Mr. Toole will appear in "Artful Cards," "Paul Pry," "The Butler," "Serious Family," "The Steeplechase," "Domestic Economy," and "Birthplace of Podgers."

Terry's theatre will be closed on the first five evenings of next week, re-opening for the morning performance on Saturday, the 20th instant, when "Sweet Lavender" will continue its successful career.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held, on the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. There was a large attendance of the subscribers and donors to the Fund. In the absence of the president of the institution, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, W. J. Brewer was elected to preside. The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand from last year, £231; subscriptions and donations, £225; interest, £15; total receipts, £471. Expenditure on children, £174; working expenses, £11; total, £185. In bank deposit, £500; balance current account, £277; balance in treasurer's hands, £8. Total value of Fund, £785. The report was received and adopted. Bros. J. R. Lord and J. B. Gover were re-elected the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. J. W. Cornish and E. H. Littleton were elected the auditors for the ensuing year. The Finance Committee elected were:—Bros. R. Lose, W. E. Warren, H. Stocker, W. Powell, J. Brewer, J. W. Cornish, E. T. Fulford, S. Jew, R. Hambly, W. Allsford. The Educational and General Purposes Committee were:—Bros. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., Rev. W. Whittle, S. Jones, J. Brewer, J. B. Gover, S. Jew, R. Lose, D. Cross, F. B. Westlake, J. R. Lord, A. R. Lethbridge, W. Powell, R. Pangelly, W. A. Gregory, E. Aitken-Davies, G. J. Ficks, W. Lacey, W. E. Warren, J. W. Cornish, T. Goodall, E. J. Knight, R. Cawsey, R. Hambly, F. Hooper, W. J. Stanbury, W. Travena, T. Grey, E. T. Fulford, J. Lane, R. Jerman, J. Stocker, G. Whittle, H. Stocker, W. S. Hearder, W. Browning, W. H. W. Macey, W. Taylor, T. J. R. Chalice, G. F. Watson, Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. Griffin, G. Horswill, W. Allsford, R. G. Bird, Major G. C. Davie, W. H. Dillon. Five guineas each were voted towards the advancement in life of two boys whose educational terms for remaining on the fund had concluded through their ages,—H. E. Howe and A. Rawle. Bro. Cooper gave notice that he should at the October meeting ask for a similar gratuity to be voted to M. S. Williams, the son of a deceased member of Lodge Fortitude, 105. The election of two candidates was then proceeded with. Bros. W. Powell, J. Griffin, W. H. W. Macey, were

appointed the scrutineers. The result of the voting was for C. B. Jerred, 7½ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge St. John the Baptist, Exeter, 534 votes; R. H. Pettie, 8 years, son of a deceased member of Lodge Torridge, Great Torrington, 531 votes; B. L. Cann, 7½ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge Fidelity, Devonport, 409 votes; M. M. Charters, 7½ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge The Saint John's, Plymouth, 307 votes; E. Strain, 13 years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge Erme, Ivybridge, 87 votes. The two first candidates were declared elected. As the last candidate from her age would in a year hence become ineligible, it was unanimously resolved to place her on the Fund by a vote of the meeting. It was resolved to elect two more candidates on the Fund in October.

At the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. Scurrah occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Richardson, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Parkhouse, Carman, French, Cumberland Gladwell, Griffiths, Saunders, Gillard, Webb, Godson, M.P., Hogard, Mickley, M.A., M.B., T. H. Miller, Paas, Maple, Rayner, Moon, Ramsay, Anderson, Webb, Glass, and Binckes (Secretary). After preliminaries, six petitions were submitted and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October Election. Four applications for grants towards outfit were considered; one was rejected, the others being favourably entertained. Notices of motion for the Quarterly Court having been handed in, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and the Committee adjourned.

This (Saturday) evening Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., will preside at the Third Annual Dinner of the "Old Masonians," at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The proceedings will commence at 6 o'clock, when we hope there will be a strong attendance.

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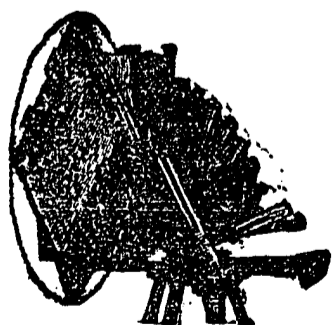
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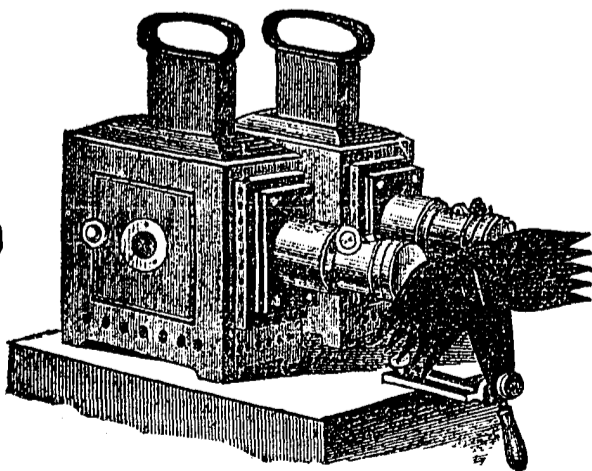
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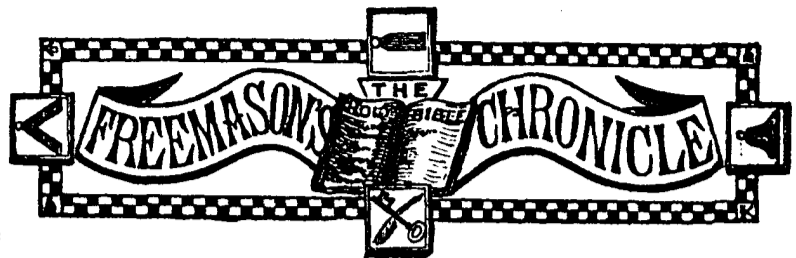
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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

IT has been arranged that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythwood, Bart., M.P., will make a Grand Visitation to the Province of Glasgow on Friday, 26th inst., and instal Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, to be Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow City. On the previous day the Grand Master will visit Falkirk, and in the afternoon instal Bro. H. M. Shaw Stewart, of Carnock, as Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, and on Saturday, 27th inst., the Grand Master will lay the foundation-stone of the New County Buildings at Paisley. On each of these occasions the Grand Master will be accompanied by the Grand Officers and a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW HALL AT OBAN.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., the foundation of a new hall, in course of erection for Lodge Commercial, No. 180, was laid with the customary Masonic rites by Sir Chas. Dalrymple, M.P. Deputations were present from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and from Fort William, Lochgilphead, Bonawe, and Callander. The Town Council and other local bodies also took part in the proceedings. The building is situated in Albany-street, a new street going southward from Argyll Square. This street, which also contains the Sheriff Court-House and offices, is likely to become the centre of a very important part of the town. The building is to be two storeys in height, built in the Palladian style of architecture, and will consist of, on the lower floor, two shops or offices, supplied with all modern conveniences, and on the upper flat is a hall 28 feet square, with committee and reception rooms adjoining.

LODGE ATHOLE, No. 413.

AT the 28th annual festival, held in Buchanan-street Station Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday evening, the 29th ult., Bro. William O'Brien R.W.M. occupied the chair, and Bro. J. G. McLean D.M., and Bro. J. T. Ynile S.W. were the croupiers. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. David Crofts, J. M. Oliver, J. K. Hunter 27, J. N. Carruthers, J. Boyd, J. L. Hunter, R. Jackson, A. G. Collingridge, H. McDonald, and Adams. Replying to the toast of the Lodge Athole, the chairman stated that the funds of the Lodge at present amounted to £159, of which £26 belonged to the Benevolent Fund; while there over 700 members on the roll.

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood, 1889-90. Edited and published by Comp. W. R. Bowden, High-street, Oxford.

THIS handy Calendar is once more before us, and, as usual, gives us reading that will be found interesting to the Craft in the Province of Oxford. Among items of "information" is an account of local incidents during the past year; a list of Officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Mark Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter, Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and of all Craft and Mark Lodges and Chapters in the Province. There is also a list of the votes accredited to the Province by the different Masonic Charities, while at the end the objects of the Institutions are briefly detailed. The Calendar is neatly and well printed, and does Brother Bowden infinite credit.

Fraternity; or, His Brother's Guilt. By CHARLES OGILVIE. London: F. J. Lambert and Co., 21 to 24 Avenue Chambers, Temple Avenue, E.C.

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Obituary.

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THE REV. CANON G. RAYMOND PORTAL, PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

LITTLE did those who listened to Bro. Lord Euston, when he made reference to the proverbial longevity of the Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree, on Friday evening last, at the Annual Festival of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, think how soon this statement was to be upset; that even while Lord Euston was speaking one of the most prominent of these brethren was lying cold and inanimate. Yet was this even so. To-day we cannot give full particulars of Canon Portal's Masonic career, but will merely state that his death took place, suddenly, on Friday, the 5th instant, at his residence Burghclere, near Newbury. Canon Portal was Grand Chaplain of the Craft Grand Lodge in 1885, and was installed Grand Master of the Mark Degree in 1869. He was unquestionably one of the staunchest supporters ever associated with Mark Masonry.

The funeral of the much lamented deceased took place at noon on Monday, and although the time that had elapsed since the death had been short, and Sunday had intervened, people of all classes assembled from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a loving relative and a much esteemed friend—one who was ever engaged either in works of public charity or usefulness, or in acts of Christian goodness or private kindness. Such a large and representative gathering as that which assembled at Burghclere on this occasion had never been seen in the district. Had time allowed of the necessary arrangements, there would have been a very large assemblage of Freemasons from both the Grand Lodges of England—Craft as well as Mark—besides various Provincial Grand Lodges with which the late Canon had been more or less associated; as it was distinguished members of the Masonic body congregated in large numbers, and in addition to these, the National Deposit Friendly Society, which Canon Portal was instrumental in starting in 1872, and which has now grown to be a most successful provident institution, spread over a large portion of the kingdom, was represented by several members of the executive body, and also by some of its principal officers. The clergy of the diocese of Winchester, and the gentry of the district were also largely represented, and above all, as testifying to the Canon's true worth, the poor of the locality congregated in great numbers.

In the course of the morning the mortal remains of Canon Portal, enclosed in an elm coffin, literally loaded with memorial wreaths and crosses, were deposited in the hall of the Rectory, where the members of the family assembled shortly before twelve o'clock, being joined by the village choir, when several members of the local clergy sang the hymn,

"When the heart is sad within
With the sense of all its sin."

After this the corpse was carried from the hall, by the senior members of the choir, and placed on a hand-bier, which was also covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses. At the head of the choir was carried a magnificent cross, chiefly composed of arm lilies, then came the clergy, preceding the corpse, which was slowly drawn through the Rectory grounds and along the roadway to the church, followed by the mourners, and others invited to the funeral, the whole forming a procession of great length. A large number of the parishioners and others had assembled in the churchyard, and many persons had taken their places in the beautiful parish church, which stands within a short distance of the Rectory.

The mourners included:—Mrs. Portal (the widow), Mr. Maurice Portal (son), Miss Violet Portal and Miss Daisy Portal (daughters), Mr. Melville Portal and Lady Charlotte Portal, Mr. Wyndham Portal, Major and Mrs. Dundas, Mr. M. Knight, Capt. Portal, A.D.C., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Portal, Mr. S. J. Portal, Miss Portal, Mr. B. P. Portal, Miss K. Portal, Capt. and Mrs. Codrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingsmill, Miss Kingsmill, Mr. and Mrs. Chute, Hon. Egerton Hubbard, M.P., Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, Miss Evelyn Portal, Lord Algernon Percy, Mr. E. Trevillan, Mr. R. Duke, Rev. Charles Knight, the servants of the household, &c. Among those who sent memorial wreaths and crosses, which were very numerous, were the relatives already mentioned as mourners, the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Sir Frederick and Lady Carden, Sir Alexander and Lady Arbuthnot, Lady Winnifred Byng, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Hants and the Isle of Wight, the Porchester Lodge of Mark Masons (Newbury), the Vicar and Churchwardens of Ecchinswell and Sydmonton, Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere, Mrs. Ridley and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Holding and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, Mr. Blaudy, Mr. J. W. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Cosburn, Mr. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Hearne, Hon. C. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Darley, Mr. Mount, M.P., and Mrs. Monnt, Mrs. Lock, Mrs. Cole, Miss Berry, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cummins, Mr. Field, Major General, Mrs. and the Misses Maunsell, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. and Miss Arkwright, Mr. H. Arkwright, Miss Plenty, Miss Richards, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Bacon, Capt. and Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Fanebawe, Miss Fanshawe, Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Gosling, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Money, the Servants of Burghclere Rectory, Mr. and Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Kelleway, Mr. T. J. Kelleway, Rev. R. Williams, Rev. Walde, the Parishioners of Burghclere, the School Children, Clara Hopkins, Mr. T. Dundas, Mr. E. Harris, the Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Beales, &c.

The opening portion of the burial service was taken by the Rev. A. Sladen, curate of Burghclere, the Lesson being read by the Bishop of Guildford (Doctor Sumner). The grave, which had been dug on the south side of the churchyard, had been lined with moss, interspersed with bunches of primroses and violets. The service was continued at the grave by the Rev. F. C. Gosling of Newtown, and the Benediction by the Bishop.

Amongst those present at the funeral were:—the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Sir Frederick Carden, Bart., Sir Alexander Arbuthnot, K.C.S.I., Mr. W. W. Beach, M.P., Major General Maunsell, Colonel Vincent Williams, Mr. William Holding, Mr. Bassett, the Mayor of Newbury (Mr. George Knight), the Mayor of Basingstoke (Mr. Soper), Hon. and Rev. J. H. Nelson, Canon Dundas (Albany), Canon Warburton (Winchester), Revs. A. B. Sole, H. E. Sharpe, C. B. Berryman, G. A. Seymour, R. Bigg-Weather, Marriner, H. L. Porter, R. H. Williams, J. D. Beales, R. H. Roomson, W. Bulkley, R. C. Edwards, E. J. Gardiner, E. T. Coles, G. Pearson, J. Scott-Ramsay, A. Edwards, C. B. Young, R. Dunn, J. Atkins, J. M. Guilding, H. J. Mason, &c.

The Freemasons present comprised the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Carnarvon; the Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. Beach, M.P.; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. E. J. Le Feuvre; the Grand Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge, Bro. Binckes; the Prov. Grand Mark Secretary for Berks and Oxon, Bro. Ravenscroft; Bros. Margrett Past Grand Deacon Mark Grand Lodge, Bradley Provincial Grand Secretary Berks and Oxon, Creed W.M. Leopold Lodge, G. M. Knight W.M. Porchester Lodge, R. L. Loveland Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master for Hants and Isle of Wight (of which Province Canon Portal was Provincial Grand Master), Jellicoe Provincial Grand Mark Secretary, Tilling Provincial Senior Grand Mark Warden, the Rev. H. J. Mason Provincial Grand Mark Chaplain, Rev. J. Atkins P.P. Grand Chaplain Berks and Bucks, Rev. R. Williams P.M., Boyer P.M., Ravenor P.M., Cosburn P.M., W. Knight, R. Canning, Maples, Kersley, Harrold, Hawkins, Burns, Graham, &c.

The National Deposit Friendly Society (of which Canon Portal was founder) was represented by Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P. (one of the trustees), Mr. W. B. Payne, General Secretary, Mr. W. Holding, Vice-Chairman of General Committee, Mr. Walter Money, F.S.A., Rev. R. Dunn, and Aldermen Hickman and Absalom (members of the Berks and Hants Branch Committee), Mr. G. J. Cosburn (County Secretary), Messrs. Kelleway and Durrant (Agents), &c.

A deputation from Albury (Surrey), the living which was held by Canon Portal for some years, attended the obsequies, including the Rev. Canon Dundas, Rector of Albury, Mr. Peebles, agent to the Duke of Northumberland, Mr. J. Poulter, and Mr. H. Cooke.

There were also present:—Mr. Winchester Mann, Manager of the Laverstoke Bank Note Paper Mills, Messrs. Ridley, Fox, Wentworth, Hearne, Plenty, Wilson, Howard, Davis, Mallett, Bacon, Hobbs, Hall, Bunny, Thomson, Pavey, Smith, Bolton, Head, Palmer, White, Turner, Kemp, &c.

Reference to the death of Canon Portal was made by the local clergy at most of the neighbouring churches on Sunday.

BRO. BARCLAY WATT.

THIS brother breathed his last on the 28th ult., after an illness of several months, during which time he was confined to his room. He was a well-known member of No. 15 (Kilwinning) Lodge, and was universally respected by his Masonic brethren and his numerous friends in town and district, who will regret to hear of his decease, and will unite in expressing sympathy for those whom he has left behind.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Charles J. Perceval occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Cottebrune, Webb, Tattershall, Lacey, Smith, Pierpoint, Kempton, Forsyth, Bulmer, Cubitt, Driver, Dixon, Masters, Blasby, Bolton, Hugh Cotter, Durrant, Perryman, Belchamber, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two male and one widow annuitant, one widow receiving half her late husband's annuity, and one approved male candidate for the next election. The Warden's report for the past month was read; and the Report of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A resolution appointing a Committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield (Treasurer), Newton, and J. J. Berry, to draw up the Annual Report, was agreed to, and it was also resolved that the Stewards at the recent Festival be invited to visit the Institution. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The installation meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, was held on Wednesday, when Bro. William Henry was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A full report will appear in our next issue.

MARK MASONRY.

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GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons held its fifth annual festival at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, the 5th instant, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Senior Grand Warden, when a large number of brethren interested in the Order assembled. Brother C. F. Matier, in commencing the proceedings, remarked that it was their usual practice to work the ceremony of advancement, but, in order to render this Festival as attractive and instructive as possible, the lecture on the tracing board and the lecture of the degree would be given. He then called upon Bro. T. Poore to give the lecture on the tracing board. After this had been done, Bro. Green gave the lecture of the degree. On the motion of Brother the Earl of Euston, seconded by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Poore and Green for their admirable working. It was resolved unanimously that the President of the Festival, Bro. the Earl of Euston, should be elected an honorary member. The Earl of Euston returned thanks; as in the Craft, so in the Mark, whatever he could do to assist in the advancement of the Order he should be most happy to do. This closed the formal proceedings, and the brethren now sat down to banquet, which was served in the perfect manner that characterises this establishment.

After the Loyal toasts, the Grand Officers was given, the Earl of Euston remarking that although a present Grand Officer himself, he had the greatest pleasure in submitting the toast, knowing as he did the two distinguished brethren—the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M.—at their head, and also having the pleasure of knowing the worthy brother on his right—Bro. F. A. Godson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Worcestershire—who he would ask to return thanks. The brethren wished every success they possibly could to men who had proved themselves by their work in the past, and by their promises for the future, good and able supporters of Mark Masonry. They wanted workers; they wanted men who would do more than work in the abstract; men who would take a sincere interest in what they undertook. In the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. they had brethren who had taken, and would take for the rest of their term of office, an active interest, and would be ready to come forward when required. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., said it had been his good lot to be personally acquainted with every Past Grand Master of the Mark Degree, and he rather prided himself that he was in some way connected with Lord Hertford becoming a ruler in the Mark; owing to circumstances that occurred, he was called upon to assist in his installation as the Prov. G.M.M. of Warwickshire. He deeply regretted that he had not been able personally to attend lately at the meetings of the General Board, but he had not the slightest doubt they were doing their best to promote the interest of Mark Masonry, which he was convinced had a great and glorious future before it. As one of the Board he could say they had lately undertaken a serious responsibility in taking the premises better known as Bacon's Hotel, but they relied upon the body of Mark Masons to assist them if called upon. Owing to the care with which the resources of the Order had been husbanded, he thought they might fairly contemplate the possibility of not asking the brethren for very much, if for anything. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.W. said he was permitted, as a former Chairman of that Lodge of Instruction, the privilege of proposing the next very important, and he was quite sure very popular toast. He was going to ask them to drink the health of the noble brother who had been good enough to be the chairman of the evening. If there ever was one who deserved the thanks of his brother Masons for services rendered in the short time he had been a Mason, it was their president, the Earl of Euston. It was but a short time ago since he had the opportunity of joining their Order, but it appeared to him (Col. Clerke) that since that time his thoughts had been of Masonry night and day; his only desire being to know what more he could do or further service render. Their noble brother had taken almost every possible degree, and had been advanced to the highest and most important places. He was already a Prov. Grand Master of an excellent Province, was Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch, held high rank in other branches of Masonry, and his position in the Mark degree was only equalled by the zeal and energy shown in the performance of various duties attached to his Office. He was always willing to give his services in Masonic work for Charity, or for instruction in the Ritual. Bro. the Earl of Euston, after acknowledging the compliment, said that since he had been a Freemason it had been his aim and object to do his duty to the utmost of his ability, and if he had succeeded he was pleased. The honours he had received had been beyond any work of his, and they stimulated him to try and do more and more for the advancement of every degree to which he belonged, and for the good of one thing they all aimed at—Charity. He was a young Mason, but had given time to it, and thought; more than that, he had given love to it. For the kind way in which they had always received him as a young Mason, thrust into high position, he thanked them heartily. He had to thank his own Province particularly for the support given him, and the brethren generally for their assistance at the Festival of the Aged Freemasons and Widows. He was pleased to say the total that night reached £13,500, and he did not think he was going outside the mark in saying that no original capital would have to be touched this year. As they went on year by year they increased in numbers, but they were liable for increase of calls. Times, as the farmers say, "are not what they used to be." He believed they were not for a good many people, but as Freemasons increased in numbers they ran the liability of more calls to help and assist the distressed who from age or misfortune are placed in a position requiring assistance. Their whole aim and object, whether in the Craft or Mark Masonry, was Charity. It was one great bond of union between them, and although the Mark Masons were a separate com-

munity from the Craft, yet, he held, they were trying to carry on the good which that ancient body was pursuing with such success. If their success could only be attained in the same way they would be pleased and proud. In the Provinces, and in every Lodge he had visited in London, he found the most cordial and united feeling in Mark Masonry. They should be guided, not for their own advantage, but for the good of the Fraternity. He thought they ought to sink their personal feelings altogether, and work for the good of the Order, and for whatever came before them that deserved support. Every case was thoroughly looked into. If anybody could stand up and say anything against Freemasonry let him answer that statement. They had met together that day to hear work which must have taken years to perfect. Before he sat down he would ask them to drink success to the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Ramsay. Bro. Ramsay thanked the brethren; he hoped the Lodge of Instruction would be supported by all Lodges in the Kingdom. He trusted it would be looked up to, as the Lodge of Emulation was in the Craft. He hoped these meetings would be repeated, and that next year they would have a still larger gathering. After a toast had been given in honour of the Visitors, the Mark Benevolent Fund was proposed by the presiding brother, who announced that the Festival of this Fund would be held on the 24th July. They had two or three months in which to work, and to try and eclipse former totals. A young brother in Mark Masonry would take the chair—Sir Lionel Darell; and on his behalf he asked them, one and all, to do their utmost to send in their names as Stewards. It was necessary that they should put by for a rainy day, and invest a little money to fall back upon. Let them do the best they could, and wish hearty success to their worthy Bro. Matier, the Secretary, and might he have a list of Stewards longer than last year. Bro. Matier Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund responded. At the present moment they had over 100 Stewards enrolled for the next Festival, and, although the noble chairman had revealed something of that budget which was part of his detail, he had not told them that he had already acted as Steward, and would act again on this occasion. Distinguished by eloquence, by position, both Masonically and socially, and by that true feeling of Charity which knew no distinction, they could do nothing less than return their hearty thanks to the Earl of Euston for all he had done. They had 25 children and five annuitants on the fund, and they were generally called on on Board days for assistance, which they afforded to the best of their power. The proceedings were soon afterwards brought to a conclusion. Amongst those present were Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Matier, Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, H. Stone, R. P. Spice, G. W. Marsden, E. L. Shepherd, C. Belton, J. J. Pakes, R. Voisey, E. M. Money, T. Poore, C. E. Keyser, Major George Lambert, C. M. Brander, H. H. Shirley, Jos. R. Green, J. J. Thomas, F. R. Hales, A. V. Ramsay, T. P. Staley, W. J. Spratling, J. N. Fuge, Thos. Cubitt, G. P. Britten, H. Cousins, J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Col. Gadsden, C. J. Axford, J. S. Tamburini, C. V. Hunter, T. Knights, J. T. Briggs, Thos. Clark, A. F. Quin, S. G. Kirchhoffer, H. Carman, A. Prescott, R. D. Poppleton, C. Gross, B. E. Middleton, H. Halliday, W. G. Lemon, W. A. Sourrah, A. H. Sourrah, W. M. Stiles, C. J. Knightley, A. R. Prescott, S. J. Attenborough, W. W. Morgan, J. W. Howard Thompson, A. C. Thorpe, Nelson Prower, Boulton, W. W. Lee, &c.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 255.

ON Tuesday, 26th ult., the installation meeting and banquet was held at the Bell Hotel, Week-street, Maidstone. The Installing Officer was Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Provincial Grand Master. The retiring W.M. was Bro. Francis W. Wright. The following were the Officers installed for the year:—Bros. Silas Wagon W.M., Francis W. Wright I.P.M., D. Welsh S.W., Hubert Bensted J.W., J. B. Groom M.O., W. B. Stonham S.O., J. H. Bridge J.O., Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Chaplain, G. R. Dann Treasurer, G. Hurn Reg. of Marks and Secretary, R. McVicar S.D., F. Gordon J.D., H. A. McDougall I.G., J. G. Tobin Tyler. The banquet, served by the host Mr. W. W. Frost, was of a most *recherché* description, and at the conclusion of the repast the usual toast list was gone through.

His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Grand Master of the Province of Nottinghamshire, has just appointed the Rev. Frederick Vernon Bussell to the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the room of the late Brother John Watson Past Grand Senior Deacon. The Rev. F. V. Bussell is a Past Master of the Pelham Lodge, Worksop, No. 939; Treasurer of the Newton Lodge, Newark, 1661; has been Provincial Grand Chaplain of Notts, and last year was Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. He is also a P.Z. of the Royal Arch, and has passed the chairs in the Mark, Rose Croix, and other degrees. An active and able Master of the Craft, he is particularly well known and highly esteemed throughout the Province.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Female Complaints.—On the mothers of England devolves much and serious responsibility in securing for their daughters robust health; frequently, alas! thoughtlessly sacrificed by culpable bashfulness at a particular period of life, when all important changes take place in the female constitution, upon the management of which depends future happiness or misery. Holloway's Pills, especially if aided with the Ointment, have the happiest effect in establishing those functions, upon the due performance of which health and even life itself depend. Mother and daughter may safely use these powerful deobstruent remedies without consulting any one. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about the desired result.

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, 13th APRIL.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1375—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Oiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A. 3—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th APRIL.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
23—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Lash, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1695—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1698—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham. 8. (Inst.)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, F Icon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, C uers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Frigate Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gatehead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Store's-gil, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Evertan, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
935—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saxe and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 245—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Anbyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
M.M. 9—Porte-cue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 16th APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blags., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)

- 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Olifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1842—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Motting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Mertr.ia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
445—St. Jr es, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
610—St. Martin, Ma o c Hall, Liskeard
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1325—Stanley, Mrsonic Hall, Liverpool
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Pr itwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1799—Arnold, Clifton (Dorling's) Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Glou, Suffolk
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 691—Oakle, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—S. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 386—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 17th APRIL.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Caucery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 4. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cabbitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
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20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cuthatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance

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 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
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 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
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 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
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 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
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 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
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 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
 R.A. 1223—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
 R.A. 1327—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 M.M. 125—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 18th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitution, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1168—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Betnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instru ct)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1380—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing 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—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1801—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1998—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. —Bon Accord, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem

100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
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 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
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 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Utttoxeter
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 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
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 R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
 M.M. —Canynoges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 19th APRIL.

6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 M.M. 176—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 20th APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N. 8. (Instruction)
 715—Pannure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
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 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A. —Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
 1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
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 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
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 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfeld, Todmorden

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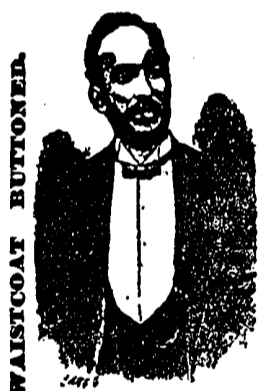
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