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THE HOME OF OUR BOYS.

WE are pleased to know another and a most important step has been taken towards the removal of the Boys' School from its present quarters at Wood Green. The Council has received authority to negotiate the sale of the existing property, and no doubt will at once set to work to find a purchaser for the land held by the Institution, which, in view of the rapid growth of the district, should realise a good price, as the site is particularly suited for the erection of small houses, with which indeed the School is now almost surrounded. When the Earl of Lathom—on the occasion of his presidency at last year's Festival—urged the desirability of finding a new home for the pupils of the Boys' Institution his remarks were generally approved throughout the Craft. As we said at the time, there are many reasons to urge in favour of a removal, and few to advance on the opposite side. We think all will agree the neighbourhood of Wood Green has very few attractions at the present time for such an institution as is required by the Craft, taken in comparison with the more open and salubrious localities which are to be found elsewhere. We do not mean that Wood Green has lost all its charms, happily it retains many attractions, and no doubt will become even more popular as a suburban resort, but it is certainly undesirable to have a home for between 200 and 300 growing lads, on the borders of the great metropolis, when fresher and purer air can be secured a few miles further away at an even cheaper rate, when once the expenses of building and removal are disposed of, and in a case like this we imagine the Craft will be ready to make some particular effort to provide the special funds required for these purposes.

In the last Balance Sheet of the Institution the land and buildings at Wood Green are set down, on the valuation of the Provisional Sub (Finance) Committee, made 31st December 1889, at £30,400, but for the purposes of considering the position in which the Institution stands at the present time in regard to its property it will be best to consult the Report of the Committee of Investigation, presented to the Quarterly Court of the Institution held in April 1889. From this Report we learn that "the School buildings and premises occupy a site of a little over fourteen acres, which cost about £9000. The expenditure for the new buildings thereon has been about £85,000; viz., for the main School and Infirmary, £66,000; and for the Preparatory School, £19,000." Since that Report was presented other amounts have been expended on the buildings, notably £2183 16s 7d during 1890 for urgent sanitary reforms, but we do not imagine those reforms will realise much if the property is sold; indeed, the Institution will probably not receive much beyond the value of the land on which the buildings stand when the sale is effected, unless the buildings are found to be suitable for

manufacturing purposes—and the neighbourhood of Wood Green is gradually becoming an important centre in this particular. We should imagine the fourteen acres of land will now realise more than the £9000 originally paid for it, but what the Craft will receive in return for the £85,000 spent in bricks and mortar is very problematic. Still, even if the whole of that sum be sacrificed for the purpose of securing better and more desirable accommodation it will not be all loss, and in a few years the matter may really be expected to adjust itself. It must be borne in mind that the £85,000 expended on buildings at Wood Green has been spread over a long period, while a considerable portion of the amount has been spent in making additions and alterations to existing buildings—always an expensive operation—and in this case running the total cost up to a very considerable sum beyond what would be required to provide similar accommodation elsewhere, if built at one time, and with a full knowledge of the actual requirements. We must not put the loss on the existing buildings—provided they have to be sacrificed—at the £85,000 that has been expended upon them, but rather at the amount it will cost to erect suitable premises, of equal capacity on the new site,—wherever that may be decided upon.

We presume there are some among us who will prefer to wait and find a purchaser for the existing property before taking any action towards the acquisition of a new site, or even endeavouring to find out what is most suitable. We do not advise such a course. The Institution recognises it is desirable to get away from Wood Green, and such being the case the sooner a new home is decided upon the better. We all know that the property at Wood Green can be sold, and it is just as likely to realise as much if disposed of, say, within a twelve-month as if allowed to hang on hand for years. We do not by any means recommend an immediate forced sale, but can see little good waiting in a sort of Micawber-like fashion for something to turn up which may never happen, and which will only cause a feeling of uncertainty as to the future which will act detrimentally to the best interests of the Charity. One of the first actions of the Council will probably be to invite suggestions as to where the new Schools shall be erected, and then will come considerations as to which is the best form to adopt in deciding on the new buildings. Other Institutions have found it desirable to erect a number of smaller buildings rather than one or two large ones, and we should like to hear the opinions of those in favour of the different systems. It is none too early to discuss the form to be adopted for our new home, although nothing is yet definitely settled as to vacating the old one, or where the new one shall be located. One thing seems clear to us, whatever is done should be undertaken with the idea that the buildings of to-day are not to be erected on the principle that they will do for the future, for we can well imagine that even

within the next 20 or 30 years additions will be made to the scope of the Charity, and as a consequence additional accommodation will be required beyond what is needed at present. We presume the executive would build much larger premises than are actually needed for the Institution of to-day, but it will be a grave question to decide how much larger they shall be or what provision is to be made for the natural growth of the future. For this reason the separate buildings system seems to present many attractions, and if it were found desirable to adopt this system we believe many of the Provinces would subscribe the funds necessary for the erection of a house or houses, which, as we said when writing on this subject some time back, might bear the name of the donors or of the district in which the funds for their erection were subscribed.

It may truly be said the supporters of the Institution, in deciding on this removal, are about to take one of the most important steps ever adopted in connection with the Masonic Charities, for we can hardly believe an action which is deemed desirable in connection with the Boys' School will be long delayed in connection with the sister Institution. Indeed, we would even go so far as to approach the executive of the Girls' School with the view of knowing whether they would co-operate in the movement, for we believe that if co-operation between the two could be achieved, many items of expenditure would show a saving; while there would be the additional satisfaction of knowing that the Boys and Girls of the Craft were being cared for on similar bases, rather than, as is now the case, on independent, but by no means opposing principles. But this suggested scheme of co-operation is, perhaps, going a step beyond what will be regarded as possible. The friendly rivalry which exists between the two Educational Institutions is by no means unproductive of profit, and if any steps were taken which were likely to lessen or remove it it is doubtful whether any corresponding advantage would result, but there are other directions in which co-operation might be attempted, and we invite the consideration of the Craft to them.

For years past the growth of local Masonic Charity Funds has been viewed with a certain amount of alarm by those who recognised in them probable competitors with the Central Institutions. So far no particular harm has resulted from their existence. Provincial brethren seem able to support their local funds and at the same time loyally contribute to the funds of the London Charities; but how long will this continue? Is the day coming when Lancashire, Cheshire, Devonshire, and other of the large Provinces which already possess their own educational funds, will prefer to act independently of the older Charities, or if not independently actually, so far so as to make a material difference in the amount of their contributions to the central funds? Will it not be wise to recognise such a possibility and endeavour, when we are making a change, to provide for it? At the present time several Provinces are paying for the education of children at schools unassociated with the Boys' or the Girls' Institutions, and it might be desirable to consider whether there is not scope for an extension of the scheme of the Boys' School so as to allow of the reception of part paid pupils. There are also many families associated with Freemasonry who are in a position to do something towards the support of their children, and if it were possible to open the Schools under certain conditions to some of these, we think it would be found satisfactory so to do. It is really a question whether paying pupils could be received at the School of the Institution so as to allow of a profit. It has been urged on more than one occasion that this is possible, and now that the Craft is about to make a radical alteration in one of its educational Institutions, it may be desirable to give the matter fuller consideration, especially if, by so

doing, a few more of the really deserving could be admitted to the full benefits of the Institution.

In conclusion, we can but express the hope, which we believe is general, that a satisfactory bargain may be made in the disposal of the existing property, and that a suitable, nay even desirable, site may be secured as the future home of Our Boys.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE April Quarterly Court was held in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on the 8th inst.; the chair was taken by Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer. Amongst others present were Bros. George Everett, R. C. Else, John Bodenham, W. A. Scurrah, W. F. Smithson, Henry Smith, S. J. Attenborough, and James Willing jun.

After preliminaries, the Chairman moved the following resolution:—

That in view of the favourable opinion that was expressed upon the suggestion of the desirability of changing the site of the Institution, made by the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom at the last Festival, this Quarterly Court authorises the Board of Management to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate of the Institution to the best advantage, and to report thereon to the next, or, if necessary, to a Special Court.

Bro. Eve said the motion was of great importance. At the last Festival of the Institution Lord Lathom intimated to the Craft the desirability of changing the site of the School, and the suggestion was received with a great amount of acclamation, many brethren thinking that the site might be changed with great advantage. The Board of management then appointed a Sites Committee, with the view of surveying sites in various suburbs of London. It was felt by that Committee and the Board of Management that it was undesirable to select until there was a reasonable prospect of realising the present site, and that they ought not to secure any site until a favourable opportunity offered itself of disposing of the property now held by the Institution. With these facts before them the Board of Management had to submit the present motion, and he must remind the brethren that by this motion the Board were only authorised to entertain the subject and to take any steps they might feel absolutely desirable. Nothing would be undertaken which would commit the Craft; no contract would be entered into, nothing whatever would be done unless it was first authorised by a Quarterly Court, or a Special Court, of which every brother would have due notice. All that was proposed was to give power to the Board of Management to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate of the Institution. Bro. Everett Grand Treasurer seconded the motion.

Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough opposed. Before they were asked to approve of a scheme they should have some details as to expense, the cost of the site, and also of the erection of the new building. They had sunk over £100,000 in Wood Green, and it would realise only about £25,000.

The Chairman said he must ask Bro. Attenborough not to say anything of that kind, because they were not told anything of the sort. The Board of Management were not going to part with the property at Wood Green for that sum.

Bro. Attenborough did not suggest that they should. But it had been suggested that only from £20,000 to £25,000 could be got for it. They were asked whether they were prepared to sanction a scheme without further consideration. Before doing so the Board should report to the Quarterly Court what the cost of new property would be—what would be the price of the land, and the best mode of realising the present site. They had valuable property at Wood Green, and ought not to throw it away. They were asked to endorse the Earl of Lathom's suggestion. If they did they would sink £60,000 of the capital of the Institution. Many brethren thought the Institution was very well situated at Wood Green. If they were asked to sacrifice just a few thousand pounds, he would not object. He thought the Court ought to be asked to be asked to say off-hand whether it was desirable to realise the site. He proposed the following amendment:—

That, in view of the suggestion to change the site of the Institution made by the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of

Lathom, at the last Festival, this Court instructs the Board of Management of the Institution to make inquiry into and obtain full information upon the following matters:

- (1) The cost of the present site, and the buildings erected thereon, and their present value.
- (2) The position most suitable for the situation of the Institution (if moved), the number of acres of land required and the approximate cost price per acre of such land.
- (3) The accommodation to be provided in the new Institution, the number of boys such Institution should be built to contain, the best plan for same, and the estimated cost
 - (a) of the new buildings and premises complete;
 - (b) of the fittings, furniture, &c., complete; and
- (4) The best way
 - (a) to realise the present site and the buildings erected thereon, and
 - (b) to obtain the necessary funds to carry the suggested change into effect.

And to report thereon at the next Quarterly Court, or, if necessary, to a Special Court.

He had no hesitation in saying that the new scheme would cost a very considerable sum of money. Where was it to come from? The Board of Management should inquire into the matter, and report to the Court upon it.

Bro. W. A. Sourrah seconded the amendment. The buildings had cost over £100,000, and as far as he could see they were to a very considerable extent suitable. Very recently alterations had been made which had given increased facilities for the education of the boys; they had now good class-rooms, and everything was on a sound basis. If that was the case why should they sell the property for a merely nominal sum, for the purpose of erecting other buildings further away. They must remember it would not only be the purchase of the site, but the cost of erecting new buildings. He thought, after the generous response to the appeal made to the brethren last year, when so much money was contributed, it would be very wrong to sell the property for a small sum, and build a new School in another place. He asked all members of the Board of Management—although he was a member himself, and disagreed with many of his colleagues on this point—to reconsider the subject and not commit themselves to this dangerous experiment.

Bro. John Bodenham said this was entirely a provisional proposition. The matter would have to be submitted to a Quarterly Court at a future time, when they were in full possession of information obtained in answer to inquiries. The result of inquiries might be that they could not get a site for the property, and that it would be better to stay where they were. They hoped to get a reasonable offer, and then they could go forward with the scheme. There was no scheme before them, but he certainly thought they should now instruct the Committee to ascertain whether this was a practical question. It was not desirable that this question of removal should be hanging over them indefinitely. Let them see whether it was possible to get any reasonable figure, and without great sacrifice to dispose of the present site.

The Chairman said they had no intention of disposing of this splendid building until they could get a good price. They should not think of going away until they had got enough by the sale of one to purchase another that would be an ornament to the Order, in some other part of the country, where it would be for the benefit of the boys. The motion before the brethren was only preliminary; they should do nothing without the full consent of the Quarterly Court. They were not going to part with their present property for £25,000. They would get business men to help them, and if the scheme was not good enough, they would not lay it before the brethren. The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. Henry Smith, seconded by Bro. George Everett, Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The following brethren were elected on the Council:—Bros. Geo. Adamson, W. B. Blackmur, John French, Charles Greenwood, D. Jacobs, R. T. Redfearn, Walter Martin, E. Stimson, H. Webb, F. R. Farrow, Geo. Cook, and W. J. Rowe.

The following brethren were elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Management, caused by the retirement of the five London and five Provincial representatives, as required by the laws of the Institution:—

LONDON BRETHREN.

| No. on Ballot Paper. | Name. | Vot | Polled. | No. on Poll. |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----|---------|--------------|
| 10 | Thomas, J. J. | 159 | | 1 |
| 9 | Terry, Edward | 153 | | 2 |
| 4 | Masters William | 131 | | 3 |
| 3 | Langton, J. D. | 98 | | 4 |
| 5 | Miller, Thomas Hastings | 89 | | 5 |

UNSUCCESSFUL.

| | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----|--|-------------|
| 2 | Harris, Sir Augustus G. | 87 | | — |
| 7 | Shurmur, William | 85 | | — |
| 6 | Nash, Henry Frederick | 77 | | — |
| 8 | Stevens, Robert Pittam | 73 | | — |
| 1 | Cochrane, Samuel | | | (Withdrawn) |

PROVINCIAL BRETHREN.

| No. on Ballot Paper. | Name. | Votes Polled. | No. on Poll. |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 17 | Papworth, Oliver | 160 | 1 |
| 15 | Keyser, Charles E. | 153 | 2 |
| 13 | Clowes, Richard | 146 | 3 |
| 14 | Corble, George | 113 | 4 |
| 11 | Benson, Charles K. | 111 | 5 |

UNSUCCESSFUL.

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|----|---|
| 18 | Pulman, Charles | 76 | — |
| 19 | Spaul, William Henry | 53 | — |
| 12 | Bradley, Thomas | 35 | — |
| 20 | Whitley, Rev. W. | 30 | — |
| 16 | Margrett, Edward | 10 | — |

Scrutineers having been appointed, the Court proceeded to elect 22 boys out of an approved list of 37 candidates. We append a list of those unsuccessful, with the number of votes accredited. A list of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

| Name. | Forward. | Polled. | Total. |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Barker, Ernest Joseph Walter | — | 2046 | 2046 |
| *Kent, William George Baldock | — | 1958 | 1958 |
| Foster, George William | 551 | 1390 | 1941 |
| Harris, Henry Reeves | — | 1149 | 1149 |
| Harling, Sydney Joseph | — | 637 | 637 |
| Cottrill, Harry Frank Foster | — | 541 | 541 |
| Good, Benjamin Horace | — | 336 | 336 |
| Cullis, William | 11 | 234 | 245 |
| *Howell, Bernard Brookas (Withdrawn) | 47 | 157 | 204 |
| *Bennett, Sampson Taylor | 41 | 96 | 137 |
| Tanner, Humphrey | — | 87 | 87 |
| Mason, Bernard | — | 45 | 45 |
| Blackler, William John R. Woodgate | — | 42 | 42 |
| McLeese, Richard John | 9 | 30 | 39 |
| Jay, Reginald Branwhite | — | 27 | 27 |
| Frampton, Cecil Hunt | — | 9 | 9 |
| Thornber, Edward Augustus | — | 7 | 7 |
| Matthews, Robert Herbert | — | — | — |

* Will be removed from List under Law 70, being eleven years of age and unsuccessful, but subject to a scrutiny demanded on behalf of two of the unsuccessful candidates.

In our report last week of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire, at Ashton-under-Lyne, the concluding paragraph should have read,—A notice of motion on the agenda, "That the sum of 20 guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter towards the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution," was supplemented by an amendment moved by Comp. J. Stovold P.Z. 993, that "30 guineas instead of 20 be voted, and that the money be handed over by the aforesaid Institution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London." (Carried.)

The Masonic Ball, which is being promoted on behalf of the Portsmouth Distress Fund (for sufferers by the Building Society failure) will take place in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. A meeting of the General Committee was held on the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of approving the numerous list of applications for tickets, but a few of the latter still remain to be disposed of. Alderman G. Ellis, Councillors J. H. Corke and G. H. Deane, and Messrs. G. Frampton and J. Arnold have joined the Committee.

At the monthly meeting of the United Lodge, No. 697, held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Wednesday, 6th April, Bro. John Howe S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. H. Skingley P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Arthur Wright Tyler.

EVER BENEFICENTLY ADVANCING.

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DIGRESSING for a moment, we are specially reminded of that faithful three whose integrity and fidelity the furnace of persecution could not destroy; and more fiery recently of that fourth person having a divine aspect, and who was seen with them amidst the flames. The manifest interposition of Providence through the faith of those three worthy companions, recalled the arrogant king to his senses. Calling the men to come out of the furnace, and declaring his belief in the God of Judah, he issued a decree to the effect that no man should, in future, question his almighty power.

Returning to the subject, it is clear that whatever may be the other high purposes of Christianity, one was to provide a new religion for this new period. Its whole texture was evidently intended for a more advanced time than the era of governments acting solely by the pressure of irresponsible power. Its constant appeals to the common sense of man, its demands on the exercise of personal judgment, its declarations of the general accountability, and its promises of future glory to all orders of men alike, in proportion to the performance of their duty here, contain at once all the essentials of human freedom, and all the loftier excitements which can awaken the human mind to the most vivid exertion of its talents and virtues. The patriarchal was the earth, prepared to receive the seed, or Jewish period, which germinated and blossomed in the Masonic, and ripened into fruit in the Christian. This religion, too, was given about five hundred years before the time for which it was specially designed—that of the European kingdom.

In the brief space to which we are limited in these pages allusion can only be made to its palpable effect in creating a series of questions of the highest importance to mankind, yet which had never occurred before; the education of the people, the improvement of their condition, the general elevation of their habits, and the relief of their necessities under the various circumstances of human suffering.

The first declaration of the meek and humble Founder of this new system was, that he came to heal the spiritual and physical maladies of the multitude, commencing by that direct and most comprehensive of all mercies—the preaching of the Truth to the poor and needy. His whole career was an exemplification of this announcement; from day to day he alike healed disease and preached the Gospel, the pure spirit of which gave a new impulse to Masonry. That which was only operative became, by the moral teachings of the new religion, also speculative. If, by the former, men, from seeking shade and shelter under the trees of the forest soon felt the necessity and saw the utility of learning a science which taught them how to erect buildings, either for habitation or defence; so, by the latter, were they instructed “to subdue their passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practise charity.”

As there was an intervening period of light between the second and third periods, so there was one of darkness between the advent of Christ and the fall of Rome. Christianity did not accomplish all its purposes; the world still suffered under barbarian ignorance during the middle ages, and would have suffered still more from despotism, but for Masonry, the handmaid of the new religion. A long night of worse than Cimmerian darkness began to overspread the world upon the destruction of the greatest of earthly kingdoms, and the sun of science was not again seen above the horizon for eight hundred years. From the year of Christ, 450, to that of 1500, did the dark ages continue; even then the luminary did but peep upon the world, and until three more centuries had passed, his light shone but through clouds. To the early Christian Freemasons we are indebted for all that we now possess of the writings of the ancients, whether religious, moral, historical or scientific. Solely did these worthy brethren, in the retired cells of their monasteries, secretly foster what may be called the embers of humane and physical learning. Saving what they were able in the way of manuscripts, they multiplied them in their hours of leisure; and to many sound scholars among them we are indebted for the accuracy of the copies and the light thrown upon the text by judicious annotations. We must not wonder if, when these precious relics were recovered and understood, they

should excite a veneration which many centuries in addition have only tended to strengthen and perpetuate. The documents were found to contain more sublime and elegant poetry; more refined, yet nervous, eloquence; more brilliant, pointed, and ingenious wit; above all, profounder views of law, criticism, and philosophy, than had been dreamed of since the subversion of civilization. In these treasures, the human heart, with its springs of action, its secrets and its depth, has been depicted with the finger of truth by the lovers of truth—the Freemasons of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

If there were any thing wanting to elevate the human character to its proper standard of excellence, it was the foundation of that religious and military Order called the Templars, which was established at the holy city of Jerusalem in the beginning of the twelfth century. Their dress was a white habit, with a red cross sewed upon the cloak. They lived a most rigid life, and dedicated themselves to God. Their object was not only the protection of the holy sepulchre, and the thousands of pilgrims who flocked thither to pay their homage to the tomb of their Redeemer, but also to fulfil what James, the servant of God, had admonished: “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” This was the origin of true chivalry.

“About the time of the Knights Templar, chivalry had arrived at its highest perfection. It had its existence, indeed, prior to this period; but as it continued to influence the minds of men long after the destruction of that unhappy Order, it was thought proper to defer its consideration till the present stage of our history. When chivalry made its appearance, the moral and political condition of Europe was, in every respect, deplorable; the religion of Jesus existed only in name; a degrading superstition had usurped its place, and threatened ruin to the reason and the dignity of man; the political rights of the lower orders were sacrificed to the interests of the great; war was carried on with a degree of savage cruelty equalled only by the sanguinary contentions of the beasts of prey; no clemency was shown to the vanquished—no humanity to the captive; the female sex were sunk below their natural level; they were doomed to the most laborious occupations, and were deserted and despised by that very sex on whose protection and sympathy they have so natural a claim. To remedy these disorders, a few intelligent and pious men formed an association, whose members swore to defend the Christian religion, to practise its morals, to protect widows, orphans, and the weaker sex, and to decide judiciously, and not by arms, the disputes which might arise about their goods or effects. It was from this association, undoubtedly, that chivalry arose, and not, as some think, from the public investiture with arms, which was customary among the ancient Germans. But whatever was its origin, chivalry produced a considerable change in the manners and sentiments of the great. It could not, indeed, eradicate that ignorance and depravity which engendered those awful evils which we have already enumerated. It has softened, however, the ferocity of war. It has restored the fair sex to that honourable rank which they now possess, and which, at all times, they are entitled to hold. It has inspired those sentiments of generosity, sympathy, and friendship, which have already contributed very much to the civilisation of the world.”

Recollections of great events that have contributed to the welfare and improvement of mankind, are attended with two important effects: they awaken our sensibility to the benefits they have occasioned, and have a tendency to inspire us with such dispositions as are adapted to the share we take in those transactions and the advantages we obtain thereby. The recollection, for instance, of the discovery of the Law, in the reign of Josiah, reminds us, at the same time, of the great struggle made by the faithful of the Lord, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, for the translation of the Bible into the vernacular, by and through which, so many great advantages have accrued to the Church in regard to our knowledge and our liberty. This recollection must likewise serve to confirm us in our love of Freemasonry, and excite us to the imitation of that goodness and generosity which we admire in the faithful servants of God, who were helpmates in that glorious cause, and animate us also to persevere in the wise and Masonic principles on which they undertook and pursued that work so completely perfected by the new dis-

pensation, wherein it is written: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna; and I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saving him that receiveth it."

And: "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner;" through which a more diffusive benevolence has been exercised by the human race. This keystone, in the moral arch of Freemasonry, becomes the living principle of our institution, by the practical teaching of the new revelation. And who will deny that, in proportion as this "new revelation" has been acknowledged, the whole condition of society has been advanced? that law has obtained higher influence; property has been rendered more secure; science has stretched a more vigorous flight; the general mind has become more intelligent; subordination less slavish, and authority at once more lenient and limited?

Freemasonry draws the circle of light and darkness. Christendom is the intellectual portion of the world. But still higher results may be awaiting mankind. The future can only be matter of hope. There are illustrious intimations, in the first great light of Masonry, that the progress of good shall not continue thus tardy beyond a certain time.

Of the three great forms of human society—clanship, empire and kingdoms—the last is drawing to a close. Prophecy announces one form to come; but it is still wrapt in clouds. Yet who shall say that splendour beyond all existing conceptions may not follow in its train, scatter the darkness and guilt of the fall, and more than reinstate the original grandeur of the race of man? The Fraternity are faithfully and silently performing their peaceful labours for that beneficent end.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Much gratification has been expressed that the West Yorkshire Masonic Library has secured another copy of the "Old Charges," and, as in two instances before, it is the gift of the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas W. Tew. The manuscript is to be known as "The Hughan MS." in accordance with the wish of the donor. Assuredly, continues the *Freemason*, if any brother's name should be permanently identified with these Masonic "Records" or "Constitutions," it is that of Bro. Hughan, who has done more than any student, past or present, in relation to the discovery, description and reproduction of these valuable documents. We consider it both happy and appropriate for the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire thus to commemorate Brother Hughan's invaluable services not only on behalf of that Province but to the Craft generally, as they have been unstinted, free, and most generously rendered for nearly thirty years. Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, says:—"This MS., which has recently come to light, is a parchment scroll, 8½ feet in length, 6 inches in width, and consisting of five strips sewn together. It is very legibly and finely written, and dates probably late 17th century—say 1700 *circa*. There are some unusual, if not unique, points in the text, which will be specially interesting to the student."—*Glasgow Evening News.*

Although Uckfield cannot boast of a Masonic Lodge of its own, it has many members of the Fraternity. Among them is Bro. Beatty, of the Maiden's Head Hotel, where informal meetings of the brethren take place, and on the 30th ult. a banquet in recognition of Brother Beatty's services took place in the Assembly Room of the Hotel. Bro. Wright occupied the chair, and Bro. Hunt the vice-chair. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft and the M.W. G.M. and Grand Officers were given from the chair and duly acknowledged. The toast of the M.W. Prov. G.M. the Duke of Connaught and the Provincial Officers was proposed by Bro. Every, and responded to by Brother Calway P.P.G.P. The next toast, "Our Guest," was proposed by Bro. Wright, who spoke in high terms of the services rendered by Bro. Beatty. Bro. Beatty having responded, the Chairman, Visitors, and Secretary were toasted. During the intervals some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Bruce, Downs, Rule, Hunt, and others. Among the Lodges represented were the Pautiles, Tunbridge Wells; the Holmesdale; South Saxon; the Pelham, Lewes; and the South-down, Haywards Heath.

At Kirby-le-Soken the funeral took place, on the 26th ult., of Bro. Wm. Finer, who had died suddenly on 22nd March. Bro. Finer had carried on business as a grocer and draper in Lower Kirby for the past thirty years. The funeral was largely attended. Bro. Finer was a P.M. of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, Walton-on-the-Naze, and a number of members of this and other Lodges in the district journeyed by rail and road to Kirby in order to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory.

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DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual meeting of the subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held, on the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter. Bro. W. Powell, a Vice-President of the Institution, presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Jones, J. Stocker, J. B. Gover Secretary, J. R. Lord Treasurer, E. T. Fulford, C. Watson, J. Griffin, J. Jerman, C. Mutton, W. H. Kelland, J. H. Higgs, W. Sweet, R. Pengelly, H. Jerman, J. R. Lisle, W. Cook, W. Allsford, T. W. Atherton, W. Fowler, W. Gregory, R. G. Bird, W. Lavers, W. H. Williams, E. H. Shorto, and W. H. Dillon Assistant Secretary.

Bro. J. R. Lord read the Treasurer's report, which showed total receipts amounting to £437 14s, which included £118 9s 11d brought forward from the previous year, £292 4s subscriptions, and £27 interest on deposits. The balance in hand at the end of 1891, after paying all liabilities, amounted to £163 12s 7d. A sum of £900 remains on deposit in the Devon and Cornwall Bank at three per cent. interest, and the total value of the fund at the present time is £1,063 12s 7d, compared with £1,018 9s 11d in the previous year. The report having been adopted, Bro. Allsford proposed the re-election of Bro. Lord as Treasurer of the Fund. He remarked that the manner in which Brother Lord had piloted the institution through difficulties and troubles until it had reached its present satisfactory position, was worthy of the highest praise. His zeal in the cause was incessant, and a better or more attentive and hard-working Treasurer they could not possibly have. Bro. Fulford, who seconded the motion, said there were no brethren in the Province who had a higher appreciation of Bro. Lord's valuable services than those at Exeter, and they all hoped that the fund would have the benefit of his trained experience for many years to come. The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. Gregory, seconded by Bro. Bird, Bro. Gover was unanimously re-elected Secretary, and both the mover and seconder bore testimony to the great personal interest which Bro. Gover had taken in the fund ever since its establishment.

Bro. Lord proposed, and Bro. Lavers seconded, the re-election of Bro. Dillon as Assistant Secretary, Bro. Lord speaking in the warmest terms of the valuable services which Bro. Dillon rendered. This motion was also unanimously passed.

Bros. E. J. Knight and W. Powell were elected as auditors; the Finance Committee was re-elected, and the Educational and General Purposes Committee was also appointed.

A motion stood on the agenda in the name of Bro. J. Moysey P.P.G.J.D., "That every subscriber of five shillings for three consecutive years, and still continued, shall be entitled to two votes at every election, instead of one." In the absence of Bro. Moysey, the proposition was brought forward by Bro. Gover, who remarked that although the alteration would probably entail much extra work upon himself and his colleagues, yet he believed it would encourage a much larger number of members to subscribe to the fund than did so at present. It was pointed out, on the other hand, that such a rule, if adopted, could not be continued to five shilling subscribers only, but would involve a rearrangement of the whole voting power in the case of Life Governors as well as of Annual Subscribers. A further objection was that the existing by-law would have to be repealed before such a motion could be entertained. In deference to the objections raised Bro. Gover withdrew the motion.

Bro. E. H. Shorto next moved, "That in future a report and financial statement be printed and circulated annually." He said he thought if this were done members of the Order would be induced to take a greater interest in the fund, because they would have before them more frequently than was at present the case the character of the work which the institution was doing. There were many who would be willing to subscribe to benevolent objects, but who needed to be reminded from time to time of their existence. The proposition met with general approval, and was unanimously agreed to.

The next business was the election of two children on the fund. There were nine candidates for the two vacancies, and of this number one candidate—a child of a deceased member of Lodge Dandas, Plymouth—had 411 votes standing to his credit from the last election, while the other, from Tiverton had 195 votes to his credit. Neither, however, was successful, the large majority of votes, 765, going to the daughter of a deceased member of St. George's Lodge, a very old supporter of the fund, of which he was a Life Governor, and 756 votes to the daughter of an Exeter brother, who had failed in business, and whose wife and children were in needy circumstances. The votes carried forward from the other candidates ranged from 546 down to 15. In view of the unusually large number of applicants to the fund it was suggested that three, and if possible four, candidates should be elected in October instead of only two.

Both before and after the meeting the visitors from a distance were most hospitably entertained by the W.M. and brethren of St. John the Baptist Lodge, under whose banner the meeting was held, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to them for their generous kindness.

Members of the Huyshe Chapter, No. 1099, held their annual election of Officers on the 5th inst., at their rooms Home Park, Stoke. The elected Officers were Comps. W. H. Pengelly Z., J. Foster H., S. J. Page J., W. H. Gillman S.E., G. H. Olver S.N., W. H. Dillon P.S., S. Yeomans 1st A.S., T. S. May 2nd A.S., W. J. Stanbury Treasurer, J. Rashbrook Janitor.

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EVERY MEMBER OWES A DUTY TO HIS LODGE.

A paper read before Pentalfa Lodge, No. 564, by Bro. Wm. H. Smythe, on Thursday evening, 15th of October 1891.

WHATEVER tends to elevate the standard of morality in any community should have the hearty support of all good men. A society or fraternity which seeks to better the condition of its members and thereby make of them lights to guide the feet of others, should have the earnest co-operation of every one who has assumed its vows. It is true that all are not endowed by nature to lead and direct the work, yet it is also equally true that each is possessed of some particular talent that may and should be cultivated and made a source of income for the person and thing to be benefited.

The humblest member upon the roll of any organisation can do something for the general good. These remarks, in a general way, apply with great force to every Freemason. Every candidate for the honours and privileges of Freemasonry has *seriously* declared that he "is prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favourable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire of knowledge and a *sincere* wish of being serviceable to his fellow creatures."

It is well to recall and carefully consider that and similar declarations made by us in our passage through the solemn ceremonies of our Fraternity.

It is profitable to us to place ourselves upon the witness stand and propound many pertinent questions, and by so doing awaken a consciousness of our many shortcomings, thus revealing to ourselves the weak and flickering light we are carrying in the grand Masonic procession. A self-examination of this sort will result not only in good to the individual, but will be of great benefit to the Lodge.

"Duty is with us always." The duties of a Freemason are many, and a large number of them are exacting, compulsory, and cannot with safety be ignored. It should not only be the pleasure, but it is the imperative duty of every member of the Masonic Fraternity to give of his time, money and talents to the promotion of his Lodge. Many members think that when they have paid the pittance required by the Lodge for annual dues, that they have discharged their duties to Masonry. Such men are not Masons. Such men have not penetrated the outer crust of the shell that contains the kernel of Freemasonry. They have never undergone the self-examination suggested at the outset of this paper. But then, those who pay dues promptly—discharge their duty without murmuring—are one degree higher in the scale of Masonry, even though that be the only duty performed by them, than the one who pays grudgingly, and wants the secretary to come to his place of business to get even that; in other words, asks another to help him discharge the only duty he ever performs to his Lodge. Such Masons sometimes cause secretaries to think, if not use, language that would not sound well in polite society. Thus is harm done by the failure of one brother to cheerfully perform the least of one of his many duties—the payment of his dues. "If any will not work neither shall he eat."

Non-attendance upon Lodge meetings is a growing evil. Every member should attend, and it is his duty to do so whenever he can without injury to himself or his family.

Excuses for non-attendance are often frivolous and weak, and each member offending in this direction should begin the work of reformation now. I might suggest some of the causes and the corresponding remedies, but these will doubtless suggest themselves to every thinking Mason present. I will, however, venture to say that the failure to perform the duty of attending Lodge is caused in many instances by carelessness, thoughtlessness, and selfishness, while the little bump of egotism keeps others away.

As I remarked in the outset, all are not qualified to lead and direct the work—and it may here be appropriately stated that the Lodge as a whole is best qualified to select the leader, and its judgment should have the support of every member. A stone selected by the combined wisdom of the Lodge is better fitted for the building than one passed upon by a single member, the merits of which he alone has knowledge of.

The duty of submitting to the will of the Lodge is of paramount importance to its welfare, as well as to the welfare and happiness of the individual members thereof.

The careless and thoughtless Mason must necessarily lose sight of every duty he owes to his Lodge. The thought has often suggested itself to me that many men never give Freemasonry a thought; that they have passed through our ceremonies without acquiring any inspiration from what they have seen and heard—the beautiful lessons have no charm for them, and that they care nothing for Freemasonry or the Lodge *only* in so far as it may advertise them as belonging to an organisation *respectable* and *honourable*. Such men are seldom seen in the Lodge-room, and *never* at the bedside of a sick brother. They know nothing of its symbols, history or traditions. They are unable to visit a sister Lodge because of a lack of knowledge necessary to make themselves known as Masons, but in public parades of the Lodge they may generally be found in the front rank, and at Masonic banquets they can neither be equalled nor excelled. Their Masonic capacity upon occasions of this sort can only be measured by the quantity or quality of the feed. The mental feast which usually follows the banquet has no charms for them; they prefer to, and usually do, retire to a convenient corner to smoke and spin stale and chestnutty yarns. Their minds are never taxed with the sublime lessons taught in the Lodge. Their sleep is never disturbed by thoughts of its welfare. They never long for the time to come when they may clasp the hand of fraternal friendship upon the checkered floor.

It is hard to point out and comment upon all the specific duties of the individual Mason in the short time allotted to me. Thus far I have only spoken in a general way, and will content myself by a specific notice of the Officers and Past Masters of a Lodge. It is the imperative duty of every Officer, from Worshipful Master to Tyler, to attend all the meetings of his Lodge. Each Officer solemnly swears "that I will, to the utmost of my knowledge and ability, discharge the duties of the office with which I am now about to be invested," "So help me God." That promise is a solemn one, and when carefully considered does not admit of trivial excuses for failure to comply with its requirements. Before an Officer absents himself from the meetings of his Lodge, he should weigh well and truly the reasons that he expects to justify his act. He owes it to himself, his conscience and his Lodge to so adjust his affairs as to enable him to fulfil the duties which he has voluntarily proposed to perform. It is true that an Officer may have and often does have valid excuses for failure to perform duties; but when his failure is protracted and becomes chronic, he can discharge his whole duty by tendering his resignation. By so doing, he places the Lodge in a position to remedy the matter to its advantage, but the necessity for this last step should be resorted to only when every other resource has been exhausted. Therefore, brethren, it is your duty to discharge your official duties promptly, faithfully and intelligently. By so doing you do credit to yourself and honour to the Lodge.

It has always appeared to me that one who has been honoured with the office of Worshipful Master owes more to the Lodge than any other member. He is and has been its chosen ruler and leader, and even after he retires from that high office is looked to for advice and assistance. His presence at Lodge is an incentive to good work by those upon whom the duties of office bearing is involved. He can and does lighten the burdens if he is possessed of a willing and helpful disposition. His presence is ever helpful and encouraging, and he stultifies himself when he retires from office and from the *first* begins and keeps up an exasperating absence from the Lodge. Past Masters who retire from office and cease from that time forth to attend Lodge perhaps are of the class who have by methods un-Masonic acquired the right to be called a Past Master. The Past Master who has acquired that honourable title for meritorious work in subordinate offices will nearly always be found at Lodge at the stated meetings thereof, and especially so will he be found there when there is work to do. I have no patience with the Past Master who delights to boast of the fact, and still advertises by his absence his failure to perform duties incumbent upon him by reason of the fact that his Lodge once honoured him.

Such men are not true Masons. They are of the kind who have entered the Lodge because it advertises them—and it may be said that in a measure they have their reward—but the truth must be said—energetic, pushing, thinking Masons who love Freemasonry for what it is and for what it does for humanity, early learn to put a proper estimate upon all such narrow, contracted, selfish Masons.

Finally, brethren, each for himself must answer the

question—am I fully doing my duty as a Mason? Do I perform my official vow as an officer? As an humble member am I cultivating the talent given to me? Do I visit the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted? Do I allow slight excuses to keep me from attending the Lodge? Do I assist the officers in every way possible, or do I simply pay my dues, and by so doing acquit my conscience of any misgivings that may chase across it? These, and many more questions must be answered, each for himself? I have not the time, neither is it expected, that I should do so.

But remember, brethren, that "many persons are deluded by their vague suppositions that our mysteries are merely nominal; that the practices established among us are frivolous; and that our ceremonies might be adopted or waived at pleasure. On this false foundation we have found them hurrying through *all* the degrees, without adverting to the propriety of one step they pursue, or possessing a single qualification requisite for advancement. Passing through the usual formalities, they have accepted offices and assumed the government of Lodges, equally unacquainted with the rules of the institution they profess to support, or the nature of the trust reposed in them. The consequence is obvious; wherever such practices have been allowed, anarchy and confusion have ensued, and the substance has been lost in the shadow."

"Unless prudent actions shall distinguish our title to the honours of Masonry, and regular deportment display the influence and ability of our rules, the world in general will not easily be led to reconcile our proceedings with the tenets of our profession."—*Masonic Advocate*.

THE GREAT FIRE AT THE GOOD HOPE LODGE.

THE destruction of the properties of the Good Hope Lodge by fire on Sunday afternoon is still a fruitful theme of public discussion. The ruins were visited by a large number of persons yesterday, and many photographers, amateur and professional, have taken views of the Exhibition Building wreck, and of the interior of the Masonic Temple and Native Affairs.

Yesterday also Mr. Bellew had a staff of men employed searching amongst the debris for traces of Mrs. Potter's jewels, which included the magnificent string of pearls worn on but few occasions here, but to no purpose, and it is extremely doubtful whether anything will be recovered.

Much speculation exists as to the cause of the outbreak. Mr. Crosby will commence an inquiry into this to-day, and it is hoped that the incendiary, if there be one, may be discovered. Mr. G. C. Silberbauer will watch the case for the Good Hope Lodge, and we understand that the investigation will be a very searching one.

Some misconception appears to prevail respecting the safety of the original Charter granted to the Good Hope Lodge. A report that the document had perished in the fire gained currency, but we are happy to state that this is not so. A Charter belonging to the Lodge was destroyed, but it was not the Charter, which is in safe custody.

The Southern Cross Lodge was not so fortunate. Charter, banner officers' jewels, working tools, and a pair of silver charity boxes, which Bro. Bruce Sellar W.M. presented to the Lodge only last week, have all gone. The loss of the Charter is a more serious matter than would at first sight appear. The Lodge is unable to work without a Charter, and nothing further can be done until authority shall have been received from Scotland. Application for a new Charter will be forwarded by to-day's mail, and authority to work will probably be transmitted by cable a month hence. The Officers of the Lodge have received many expressions of sympathy for the loss they have sustained. The British Lodge have placed their temple at the brethren's disposal, and the Carnarvon have proffered assistance in the way of regalia.

Members of the Masonic Craft are notified that the ceremony of installing the W.M. and investing the Officers of the Southern Cross Lodge, fixed for the 26th instant, is postponed sine die.

—*Cape Times*, 24th February 1892.

The members of the Lodge de Goede Hoop, whose beautiful Temple was destroyed in the late disastrous fire, are still anxiously considering the steps to be taken in the matter of providing another habitation. It is probable that the outer walls of the Temple will be retained, and that it will not be necessary therefore entirely to rebuild. The fittings are, of course, entirely gone, and must be replaced as the Lodge may be able to do so. Meanwhile the insurance difficulties have been settled. Both the Goede Trouw and the British Lodges have kindly placed their temples at the disposal of their distressed sister Lodge during the rebuilding, and the Lodge will shortly meet in one or other of them for the despatch of pressing business.—*Cape Argus*.

Monday, the 25th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition (the twenty-seventh) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

MARK MASONRY.

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DRIFELT LODGE, No. 291.

THE installation ceremony was performed on Wednesday, the 6th inst., by Bro. Col. R. J. Smith Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. Rennard W.M., Gray I.P.M., Kirby S.W., Creaser J.W., Wetwan M.O., Gage S.O., Moore J.O., Elgey Treasurer, Potts Secretary, Downes S.D., Clarke J.D., Wilson I.G., Featherstone Tyler.

Brother F. C. Boles, of Baraset, Stratford-on-Avon, a former Master of the Ogmores Lodge, has given £50 towards the building fund of the new Masonic Hall at Bridgend, to be opened in July next. Bro. J. Blandy Jenkins and Bro. A. J. Williams, M.P., are also donors to the same fund.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. The Secretary reported the deaths of four widow annuitants; also that one male annuitant had resigned his annuity in consequence of having inherited some property. The usual Committee was appointed to prepare the annual report.

Bro. George Cutter has placed a very handsome framed lithograph picture of the Masonic Temple in his front office in a permanent state of brilliant illumination, with the legend upon it, that "Simplex conveys the juice." This is not only in the model, but in the original, through which some sixty-five miles of Simplex wander. This, according to Bro. Cutter, the electrical specialist of the West, is the insulation that never fails, and it produces a similar effect on the light.—*Electrical Engineer*.

As everybody expected, Bro. Robert Grey has been elected unanimously to succeed the late Mr. G. B. Gregory as Treasurer of the Foundling Hospital. Needless is it to say that in the Masonic world—where the President of the Board of Benevolence is one of the most popular of Grand Officers—the appointment has given great satisfaction. Not merely as president, but in his private capacity does Brother Grey practise the special Masonic virtue of charity, and many a five-pound note has been paid out of his own pocket to help a poor and distressed Mason. Brother Grey, who is an old Merchant Taylor, is a member and Past Master of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, and, as such, had the honour of being selected to initiate the Duke of Connaught into Masonry. His office of Treasurer carries with it a delightful house in the Foundling, the institution so well known to all Londoners, at the top of Lamb's Conduit-street, where, from estates producing something like nine thousand a year, nearly five hundred children, "illegitimate children of women previously respectable," are maintained. The Sunday morning service is not so fashionable now as it once was, but with the children's voices is always interesting and delightful.—*Evening News and Post*.

The annual Masonic social gathering in connection with the Lodge of Peace took place on Friday, the 18th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Meltham. Thirty couples were present, and went through a rather lengthy but well-arranged programme of dances, interspersed with songs, and recitations at intervals. A quadrille band was present, under the leadership of Mr. Joe Sykes, pianist. Mr. Brook Garside officiated as M.C. Appropriate refreshments were provided, the greatest good humour prevailed, and the company passed a very pleasant time.

The annual series of Shakespearian Memorial performances, at Stratford-on-Avon, have again this year, for the fifth time, been undertaken by Mr. F. R. Benson, and will consist of eight representations of Shakespearian Plays, including a most interesting revival of "Timon of Athens," a tragedy that has not been seen on the boards since Phelps produced it at Sadler's Wells about twenty-five years ago. The performances commence on Monday, 18th April, and will be as follows:—Monday, 18th, and Tuesday, 19th, "A Midsummer Night's Dream;" Wednesday, 20th, "Julius Cæsar;" Thursday, 21st, "Twelfth Night;" Friday, 22nd, and Saturday, 23rd (Shakespeare's Birthday), "Timon of Athens." There will be also two matinées, one of "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" on Monday, 18th, and one of "Timon of Athens" on Saturday, 23rd. Special trains will be run from London on Friday, the 15th, and Friday, the 22nd. There will also be special trains from Northampton, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, and surrounding districts.

St. Helen's Lodge of Instruction, No. 531.—The annual banquet was held recently at the Victoria Hotel, West Hartlepool, when about forty guests were present, presided over by Bro. Johnson P.M. Preceptor, supported by Bros. Hunter P.M., Simpson P.M., Metcalfe P.M., Shaw P.M., Hookaday P.M., Vickers I.P.M., &c.

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SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,
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V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron (P.G. Treasurer), in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY BOYS from an approved
List of thirty-seven Candidates, the following being declared successful, subject
to a scrutiny demanded by two of the unsuccessful Candidates:—

| No. on Poll. | Name. | No. of Votes. | No. on Poll. | Name. | No. of Votes. |
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| 1 | Mayfield, R. J. | 3490 | 11 | Elms, W. H. | 2587 |
| 2 | Step s. G. F. E. | 3556 | 12 | Watson, G. | 2498 |
| 3 | Staw, A. P. | 2863 | 13 | Prinn, H. S. | 2478 |
| 4 | Bunt, H. C. | 2836 | 14 | Parker, C. F. | 2449 |
| 5 | Budibent, L. | 2793 | 15 | Buck, H. M. | 2407 |
| 6 | Niven, J. R. B. | 2692 | 16 | Brown, C. R. | 2392 |
| 7 | Fitzwater, B. W. | 2685 | 17 | Kelland, A. J. | 2380 |
| 8 | Exley, G. S. S. | 2679 | 18 | Franeke, R. G. | 2365 |
| 9 | Culpin, H. D. | 2671 | 19 | Austin, H. W. | 2392 |
| 10 | Godfrey, W. E. | 2662 | 20 | Smart, F. R. | 2175 |

Full particulars of the Poll may be had on application at the Office.

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 8th April 1892.

THE NINETY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be
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A CASE FOR CONSIDERATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall be obliged if you will give space for the discussion of a subject which I consider to be of general importance and interest. I allude to the case of W. G. B. Kent, a candidate at last week's election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who is returned as unsuccessful, on a last application, with 1958 votes polled on his behalf. Before proceeding further I may say I have no personal interest in this case, the qualifications of which are wholly unknown to me, and I desire publicity for my sentiments on public grounds only, and because I believe that the general body of supporters of our Charities are, like myself, anxious to temper their administration of the laws of the Institutions with mercy, so far as it can consistently be done without showing an undue preference in certain cases. It would perhaps be best, however, to say that I have on more than one occasion been a visitor at the Merchant Navy Lodge—with which the lad's father was associated, and wherein I believe he was initiated—and it is because I have been struck with the apparent genuineness of its members that I am more than ever determined to ask if something cannot be done on their behalf in the particularly unfortunate circumstances surrounding this case.

Since I noticed the position in which the lad is placed I have spoken of it to some of my acquaintance, and from one of them I secured the card of appeal sent out on the boy's behalf. From this I find that the case was strongly recommended by the Masters, Past Masters and Brethren of the Merchant Navy Lodge, and also of the Stanhope Lodge. Certain it is that some one must have worked hard on the boy's behalf, or it would not have been possible to secure 1958 votes on a first application. I think this fact alone proves that the case is a deserving one; but, most unfortunately, the 1958 votes secured were 218 short of the number needed to secure election, and—unless something of a very exceptional character can be accomplished on this lad's behalf—the 1958 votes will have been wasted and the lad will be excluded from the Institution!

Brother Editor, will an appeal through your columns to my fellow supporters of the Masonic Charities be of any service in this case? Can we stand by and see worthy members of worthy Lodges working hard to secure a lad's election; polling 1958 votes on a first and last application all in vain? The laws of the Institution say, yes! Reason and equity say, no! I would ask is there no power to bring these opposing opinions into harmony, or no power to do justice in the cause of Masonic benevolence? I would ask the brethren who are interested in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—and the Masonic Charities generally—not to steel their hearts behind the principle of what is actually right, as laid down in the laws, but to see if it is not possible in this case to temper their justice with mercy. I am aware that such a proceeding would create a very dangerous precedent, but, on the other hand, there are many subscribers to our Charities who would be willing to concede a little licence to the last application cases, provided it were evident they had a considerable number of supporters, I should never ask for all last application cases to be admitted, no matter what support they received, but I do ask for consideration for a case for which 1958 votes are recorded at one election, that number unfortunately being short of the total required to secure a place in the School.

I am aware the laws of the Institution apply particularly to this case—the boy is above the age, and cannot be admitted—but surely our laws can be suspended in exceptional cases (and no one will deny this is an exceptional case) provided that common justice appears to warrant special action.

May I humbly suggest that the laws of the Boys' School be so far suspended as to allow of this lad going forward as a candidate at the next election with the 1958 votes polled on his behalf last Friday duly carried forward? If this could be arranged I venture to think it would be difficult to discover who would be the ultimate sufferer by the concession. I am certain the Institution would not lose, for the brethren who are able to secure 1958 votes for a first application must have some power in the Craft, and that power would, without doubt, be exercised in support of the principle which made a special departure on behalf of their candidate.

Brethren of the East End of London, this is a case in which you are interested. You are powerful in connection with the Charities!

Will you use your influence in helping to secure the concession I have suggested on behalf of your old members?

I am, yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

LANCASHIRE TRIBUTE TO BEN BRIERLEY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your readers will doubtless be interested to know the progress that has so far been made in the proposed Lancashire Tribute to Ben Brierley.

At a public meeting held in the Mayor's Parlour, on 1st March, Alderman Bosdin T. Leech (Mayor of Manchester) in the chair, the following Resolution, moved by A. Emmott, Esq. (Mayor of Oldham) and seconded by Councillor Joshua Hampson, was carried unanimously:

"That this meeting cordially approves of the suggestion that steps should be taken to raise at once a Fund sufficient to mark the sense of the high estimation in which Ben Brierley is held by the people of Lancashire, and which shall serve as a tribute of their respect for him and their admiration for the services which he has rendered to literature."

Mr. Brierley is now in his 67th year, and after his recent serious indisposition, of two years' duration, which has resulted in partial paralysis, it is not to be expected that he can do much more work as an author or as a public entertainer. The thousands who have been amused, cheered, and helped by his writings will, it is felt, gladly avail themselves of an opportunity of showing their appreciation of this fine exponent of the Lancashire character.

Many promises have been received, and already over £250 has been paid in to the Hon. Treasurer. These include subscriptions from the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G.; Viscount Cranbourne, M.P.; Sir W. H. Houldsworth, Bart, M.P.; Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.; Sir Ughtred Kay Shuttleworth, Bart., M.P.; Herbert Phillips, Esq.; Benjamin Armitage, Esq. (Chomlea); Robert Leake, Esq., M.P.; J. M. Maclean, Esq., M.P.; The Mayors of Manchester, Oldham, and Middleton; Henry Irving, Esq.; Henry Dunckley, Esq.; Frederick Shields, Esq.; George Milner, Esq., J.P.; W. E. A. Axon, Esq.; W. H. Bailey, Esq.; Colonel Le Gendre Starkie; John Grantham, Esq.; Thomas Newbigging, Esq.; Thomas Kay, Esq.; Thomas Lings, Esq.; Henry Slatter, Esq., J.P.; and Harry Thornber, Esq.

The subscriptions range from a shilling to ten guineas. So far the movement has been chiefly confined to Manchester, but it is of course desirable that it should be shared in by the whole County, and the adjacent portions of Cheshire and Derbyshire, which are so closely identified by industrial and residential ties with the district described in Mr. Brierley's writings. The Committee have ventured to ask the Mayors of each Lancashire town to receive Subscriptions, and would be glad to hear from any volunteers to form local committees for the extension of the Fund.

We trust that we may count upon your active co-operation in the effort to raise an amount which shall at least be sufficient to ensure that the remaining years of Mr. Brierley and his wife shall be free from anxiety.

Yours truly,

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POPE, FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, AND MASONS.

To the Editor of the Speaker.

SIR,—I am sorry that my letter appears to your Roman Catholic correspondent to betray some confusion of thought, for his letter appears to me to betray some want of acquaintance with the subject. He asks what I mean by calling the Catholic Benefit Society "one of 'the affiliated orders?'" And he states that "the society is in no way 'affiliated' to the Church." "The affiliated orders" is a phrase which has a well-known and definite meaning in connection with friendly societies, for which I would refer your correspondent to the famous Blue Book on the friendly societies which preceded Sir Stafford Northcote's legislation, or to the book of the Rev. Frome Wilkinson.

It appears from the letter of your Roman Catholic correspondent that a Roman Catholic who becomes an English Freemason is denied the sacraments of the Church—a fact which must seem monstrous to all who know what English Freemasonry is. I cannot but repeat the hope, with which I began the correspondence, that the Roman Catholic Church will see its way to allow its members in Great Britain to become British Freemasons, to allow its members generally to become Good Templars, and to make it clearly understood that the prohibition against joining secret societies does not apply to the friendly societies of the United Kingdom having secret signs and passwords, although it does, unfortunately, apply by direct injunction to the same societies in Australia.

Your correspondent attaches a special importance to the difficulty that Roman Catholics make the sign of the Cross before and after prayer. Although not a Roman Catholic, I have often in the course of my life and travels, attended minor services of the Roman Catholic Church—as, for example, at the Oratory on Sunday afternoon. It is possible that a majority of those who have sat near me may not have been Roman Catholics; but it has seemed to me that at such services the making of the sign of the Cross has been perhaps, on the whole, less common among the men than it is in High Anglican or "English Catholic" Churches.

The House of Commons, when I was last a member of it, in 1886, contained a large number of Roman Catholic members, who attended

prayers there daily with their colleagues of the Church of England and of the Protestant Nonconformist Churches, and certainly they did not obviously or ostentatiously cross themselves before and after prayer. But admitting that it is the duty of Catholics to make the sign of the Cross, and admitting, for the sake of argument, that in the rites of the Masons and Good Templars there may be prayer to Almighty God, would British Lodges object to Roman Catholic members making quietly and simply the distinctive sign of their form of Christianity? I doubt it.

Yours very truly,

3rd April 1892.

CHARLES W. DILKE.

To the Editor of the Speaker.

SIR,—I have no wish to prolong the discussion between Sir Charles Dilke and Mr. C. Diamond; but as the latter calls in question several statements contained in the brief letter I sent on the question, and which were given at greater length by Sir Charles Dilke, a few plain facts may help to clear the air.

The Good Templars are undoubtedly on a different footing to friendly societies; but, then, Sir Charles Dilke is perfectly clear on this point. That "some Roman Catholics" are members of the secret orders is an exact definition of a fact. To go beyond this, as Mr. Diamond would have us, "gives an entirely erroneous impression of the facts."

In Ireland the orders, instead of being strong, are very weak; and, so far as I am aware, only the Manchester Unity and the Foresters are represented at all, the former by a few hundred out of 700,000 members, the latter by a couple of thousand. The reason for the greater number of Foresters has been accounted for by their "wearing of the green." The Forestry of Australia is, so far as anything is known of it at home, precisely similar in character with that of the Mother Country; there is no such thing as an "unwritten code."

Sir C. Dilke is correct in including the Catholic Benefit Society among the affiliated orders, as almost any friendly society blue book would have informed Mr. Diamond; and the relations between that body and the Roman Catholic Church are somewhat closer than those between the Government and the "United Kingdom Alliance." If Mr. Diamond had asked for information he might have easily obtained it from the secretary of the Catholic Benefit Society. The society has been specially blessed by Pope Leo XIII., and is under the patronage of Archbishops, Bishops, and other dignitaries of the Roman Communion. Such close relations do not exist, I believe, between the Government and the "United Kingdom Alliance." In a letter from the late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster "sanctioning" the Catholic Benefit Society, the following expression occurs:—"And if any of my people desire to introduce it into this diocese, I hereby give my assent." This shows that "permission" was thought necessary even with regard to membership in an order avowedly confined to members of the Roman Catholic Church. Your correspondent's account, therefore, of the status of this society is entirely erroneous.

Much might be said as to Freemasons; but, with all respect to the editor of the *Speaker*, other Masons will agree with the present writer that this part of the question cannot be discussed with profit in the columns of the public press.

Yours faithfully,

J. FROME WILKINSON.

Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, has consented, with the assistance of the Provincial Grand Officers, to lay the north-east corner-stone of the Randle Holme Porch of St. Mary's Church, Chester, on Monday next. The porch, as the name indicates, is being erected in memory of Randle Holme, the distinguished historian and Freemason of the 17th century, who is buried in the old chancel of St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, adjoining Chester Castle. An especial Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in the County Buildings at the Castle, at two o'clock, when the R.W. P.G.M. will address the meeting on the order of the proceedings. A procession of brethren will then be formed to St. Mary's Church, where a short service will be held. Lord Egerton will lay the stone with full Masonic honours, after which the brethren, in reversed order, will return to the castle to close the especial Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. George Browne D.C. will officiate, with the assistance of Bro. John Lewis D.D.C. and Bro. Meir A.D.C. As all Masons in the Province are invited, it is believed that there will be a very large gathering.

Out of thirty-eight candidates for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the last contest, one was elected from the Province of North Wales, viz., James Robert Bruce Niven, of Ben Nevis, Colwyn Bay, son of the late James Niven, commercial traveller, member of Segontium Lodge, 606, and Madoc Lodge, 1508. Although this was the first application the candidate secured the sixth place on the list, and polled 2690 votes. The North Wales Province also succeeded in admitting Ethel Annie Isard into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the candidate being twelfth on the list and securing 2641 votes.—*Liverpool Courier*.

Considerable anxiety is felt as to the success of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, coming as it does, so soon after the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which realised over £62,000.—*Western Morning News*.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF UNANIMITY, No. 287.

A MEETING was held at Mrs. Robertson's, White Lion Hotel, Stockport, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. John Smith W.M., Roberts P.P.G.J.W. S.W., Jas. Cookson P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, Howard S.D., Hudson P.P.G.S. J.D., Brooke I.G.; P.M.'s Leigh P.P.G.S., Blakehurst, Booth P.P.G.D., McClelland, Lancaster, Dawson, Rigby, Alfred Taylor, and Wakefield P.P.G.S.; Bros. Jagger, Preston, J. A. Cookson, and Hewett; Visitors—Cheetham P.M. 993 P.P.G.J.D. E.L., Peak P.M. 993, J. C. Armitage 322, Sharples 2359, Ihlson W.M. 295, Turner P.M. 1011, Hayes 104, Mortimer 2109, Fitzsimmons 1083, and Lisenden P.M. 317 P.P.G.S. The Lodge was opened in due form at 6 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The summons announced a candidate for raising, but he did not put in an appearance, and there being no other business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. After supper the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. Fitzsimmons, who is a fine reciter, gave two pieces in masterly fashion, which were highly appreciated. Others who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were Bro. Sharples, Edmondson, C. Turner, and Lisenden.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317.

A MEETING took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Thursday, the 7th inst. Present—Bros. Staton W.M., Read S.W., Chesworth P.M. acting J.W., Wm. Garside Secretary, Jackson S.D., Bashell J.D., Allen I.G., Bladon P.M. R.P.G.A.D.C. Dir. of C.; P.M.'s Walmsley, Lisenden, John Garside and Vultchhoff; Bros. Marsh, Brocklehurst, Rottmayer, Guest, Simcock, Grimshaw, and others. Visitor—Bros. Wm. Hardcastle P.M. 1773. The Lodge was opened at seven o'clock and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. Hardcastle P.M. 1773, and being announced favourable, he was ushered into the Lodge and presented by the Deacons to the W.M., who received him very cordially, and heartily welcomed him as a member of the Affability Lodge. There being no ceremonies to perform the W.M. announced that Bro. P.M. Lisenden would deliver a lecture on the first tracing board, which was listened to with great attention. Votes of condolence were ordered to be sent to Bro. Fred Spencer J.W. on the death of his wife, and to Bro. P.M. Dawson on the death of his youngest child. Great sympathy was universally expressed for both brethren in their bereavement, both being much respected and esteemed. There being no farther business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

GUNDULPH LODGE, No. 1050.

THE members celebrated the Festival of St. John's Day, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Chatham, when there was a large attendance of members. Brother Ashton S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Wyatt I.P.M., Russell S.W., Brice jun. J.W., Rev. C. H. Fielding Chaplain, Fry Treasurer, Barrell Secretary, Nash S.D., Hodge J.D., Bagshaw I.G., Dunn Dir. of Cers., Oldroyd Organist, Morris and Mason Stewards, Broadbridge Almoner, Oram Tyler, and Barrell Charity Delegate. A pleasant part of the ceremony was the presentation of a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. Wyatt. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, the party adjourned to the King's Head, where a banquet was held. Brother Ashton presided, and was supported by Bros. Alderman Davies, Madison, Fielding, M.A., Warne, Watson, and Lieut. Powell W.M. 2404.

LONGLEAT LODGE, No. 1478.

ON the 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Warminster, Bro. James Low was installed as Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Harwood, of the Elias de Derham Lodge, Salisbury, in the absence of the Earl of Radnor P.G.M. of Wilts. A banquet subsequently took place, at the Bath Arms Hotel.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

A MEETING took place at Mrs. Toulmin's, Western Hotel, Moss Side, on Monday, the 11th instant, when amongst those present were Bros. Blears W.M., Morris S.W., Long J.W., Barslem P.M. Treasurer, Land Secretary, Ramsay Knight J.D. acting S.D., David Johnson P.M. D.C., Renshaw I.G.; P.M.'s Gillman P.P.G.D., Biggs, and Kershaw; Bros. H. S. Johnson, A. R. Johnson, Dewsbury, Seanor, Lees, Yeadoon, Hampson, Dove, and others; Visitors—Rathbone P.M. 581, &c. The brethren met as is customary to tea, after which the Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Dewsbury and Lees being present to take the second degree, were interrogated as to their proficiency in the first, and having satisfactorily answered, withdrew. Bro. Dewsbury was subsequently passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Kershaw P.M., and Bro. Lees by the W.M., and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form.

COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166.

THE annual meeting was held at Calstock, on Monday, 4th inst., when Bro. Alford W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Pearce P.M. 557. The following brethren were then invested:—Bros. Samuel I.P.M., Bone S.W., Grills J.W., James Secretary, Down P.M. Treas., Coulter S.D., Bowhay J.D., Smale I.G., Northam Dir. of Cers.,

Heyden Senior Steward, Lucas Junior Steward, Prout Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to Bro. Darbar's, Ashburton Hotel, and partook of an excellent banquet. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily received, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were rendered by Bros. Turner and Lakeman 557, Coath, Hammersley, Sowden and Prout 2166; Bro. Dymond 557, presiding at the piano. Formed in 1887, this Lodge now numbers thirty-three members. To the brethren who took the initiative in getting the Lodge established it must be very gratifying to see such satisfactory progress.

ORDE-POWLETT LODGE, No. 2391.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., the annual festival and installation was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Middlesborough, when the Worshipful Master (Bro. Watson) was re-installed. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G. Warden of England and Deputy Provincial Grand Master performed the ceremony, and a large gathering of brethren was present. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follows:—Bros. Wilkison I.P.M., Holloway P.M. S.W., Poole J.W., Dent P.M. Treasurer, Shepherd Secretary, Holland S.D., Johnson J.D., Williams I.G., Gibbs P.M. Dir. of Cers., Stewart Organist, Collingwood and Forbes Stewards, Ingram P.M. Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held in the Old Fellows' Hall, the Worshipful Master presiding. Bro. Lambert, of the Erimus Hotel, was the caterer.

GALEN LODGE, No. 2394.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday evening, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The Lodge was consecrated twelve months ago, and was established for the convenience of gentlemen engaged in pharmacy. Bro. Paul, a Past Grand Steward, was chosen for the first Worshipful Master. The Lodge has proved a great success, and during its first year it has made a considerable contribution to the Masonic Charities. In the presence of a large assemblage of brethren connected with pharmacy, Dr. Paul first initiated a gentleman into Freemasonry, and afterwards installed Bro. Roach as Master for the ensuing year. The Officers appointed for the year were Bros. Lancaster, Hodgkin, Mackey, Morrison, Mathews, Patchett, Rogerson, Haskins, Maitland, Bascombe, and Harrison. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Paul in recognition of his services to the Lodge during the first year of its existence.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held, at the Brighton Pavilion, on the 11th inst. Companion Lieutenant-General Randolph, Grand Superintendent, was unable to be present, having met with an accident early in the afternoon. The Chapter was therefore opened by Comp. Dr. Alfred King, assisted by Comp. Richard Clowes H., and Comp. Bransby Roberts J. The roll of the Chapters in the Province and the statistics having been read, Comp. Dr. Alfred King alluded in feeling terms to the accident which had befallen their Grand Superintendent, and proposed a vote of sympathy with their esteemed Companion. This was seconded by Comp. R. Clowes and carried unanimously. The acting Grand Superintendent then invested the Provincial Grand Officers as follows:—

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The Chapter having been closed, the Companions sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand H., Comp. W. E. Morrison, Mayor of Eastbourne. The customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. The musical programme was sustained by Miss Maud Bond and Miss Day, the duties of accompanist being in the able hands of Comp. W. N. Roe Prov. Grand Organist.

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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, 16th April.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1641 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2041 West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Plumstead
R.A. 142 St. Thomas, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572 Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Tootington
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill
R.A. 2096 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

Monday, 18th April.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1508 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1694 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.A. 1368 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 2060 La France, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stopnag
M.M. 239 Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 131 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.
77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbech
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
111 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pior, Dover
1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1673 Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
2208 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bourne-mouth.
2280 Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.
2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields.
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shore Hydro pathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2373 Hardwick, Star Hotel, Chesterfield
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
R.A. 296 Loyalty, F.M.H., Surrey St., Sheffield
R.A. 428 Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

Tuesday, 19th April.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Faling
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden
2195 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
R.A. 1017 Montefiore, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
R.A. 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Mechanic's Institute, Hanley
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
687 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
990 Bute, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
1006 Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2339 Mistletoe, White Hart Hotel, Manningtree
2351 Ermine, County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln
2390 Exmoor, Town Hall, Minehead
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 456 Dove, Town Hall, Uthxeter
R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Sarum Hill, Gt. Grimsby
R.A. 792 Oliver, M.H., Osborne St., Basingstoke
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sanington
M.M. 380 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

Wednesday, 20th April.

General Committee Grand Chapter, F.M.H., 4
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. E.C.
190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
700 Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead
989 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150 Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H., W.C.
1319 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681 Londesborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
2266 Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham
2409 Woodgrange, Princess Alice, Forest Gate
R.A. 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 2190 Savage Club, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.C. 44 Bard of Avon, 33 Goltion Square

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
137 Amity, Masonic Hall Market Street, Poole
176 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Leadport
428 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
637 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
681 Faith, Church Inn, Openshaw
692 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
693 Isea, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
753 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Ruacorn
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffild
1088 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Free Hall, Manchester
1246 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301 Brighouse, Masonic Room, Brighouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501 Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starke, Railway Hotel, Raamsbottom
1071 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barnmouth, Wales
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's H
North Camp, Farnborough
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic
Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse
2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield
R.A. 76 Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester
R.A. 240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, S. Shields
R.A. 323 Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344 Beauty, Bull's Head, Reddiffe
R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371 Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Maryford
R.A. 417 Faith and Unity, M.H., Dorchester
R.A. 539 Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High St., Wasall
R.A. 731 Truth, Masonic Hall, Derby
R.A. 1323 Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansoa
R.A. 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 123 Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
M.M. 135 Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Alnwick

Thursday, 21st April.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersoa, at 4
6 Friendship, Criterion, Piccadilly
23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
55 Constitution Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1716 All Saints, 117 High Street, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
R.A. 9 Albion, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
263 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
609 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Beckenham
663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, M.H., Devizes
1011 Richmond, Old Boar's Head, Manchester
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby,
near Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northallerton

1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
2265 Hallamshire, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Assembly Rooms, Southwell, Notts
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
2316 Princes, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Bldgs., Southport
2341 Clemeacy, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
2352 Universities, Masonic Hall, Durham
R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
R.A. 327 St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339 Regularity, Crown Hotel, Penrith
R.A. 548 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
R.A. 913 Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
R.A. 1924 Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Dorby
R.A. 2099 St. George's, Mas. Rooms, Herve Bay
R.A. 2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 22nd April.

197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
589 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
1601 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. John, F.M.H., Grainger Street, Newcastle
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039 Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John St., Sunderland
2415 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Shildon
R.A. 630 Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1089 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
K.T. 135 Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

Saturday, 23rd April.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
R.C. 42 St. George, 33 Golden Square, W.
1293 Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Rosherville Hot., Gravesend
1871 Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Houslow
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
2333 Broxbourne, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne
R.A. 1551 Ewell, Sun Hotel, Kingston

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 16th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav., Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 18th April.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
243 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1797 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street,
Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 19th April.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Ephraim, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound
Hotel, Croydon, 8
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1416 Mount Edgumbe, Three Sags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1549 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton

Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 20th April.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 730
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
 223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 730
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 802 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 830
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 730
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 730
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 730
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Horvey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 830
 1791 Creator, Wheatsheaf, Shephard's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 730
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8

R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 730
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 21st April.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 730
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 730
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 730
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 630
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 745
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1632 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1635 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 730
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 730
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
 1998 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 22nd April.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6

General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1195 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 730
 1223 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 730
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
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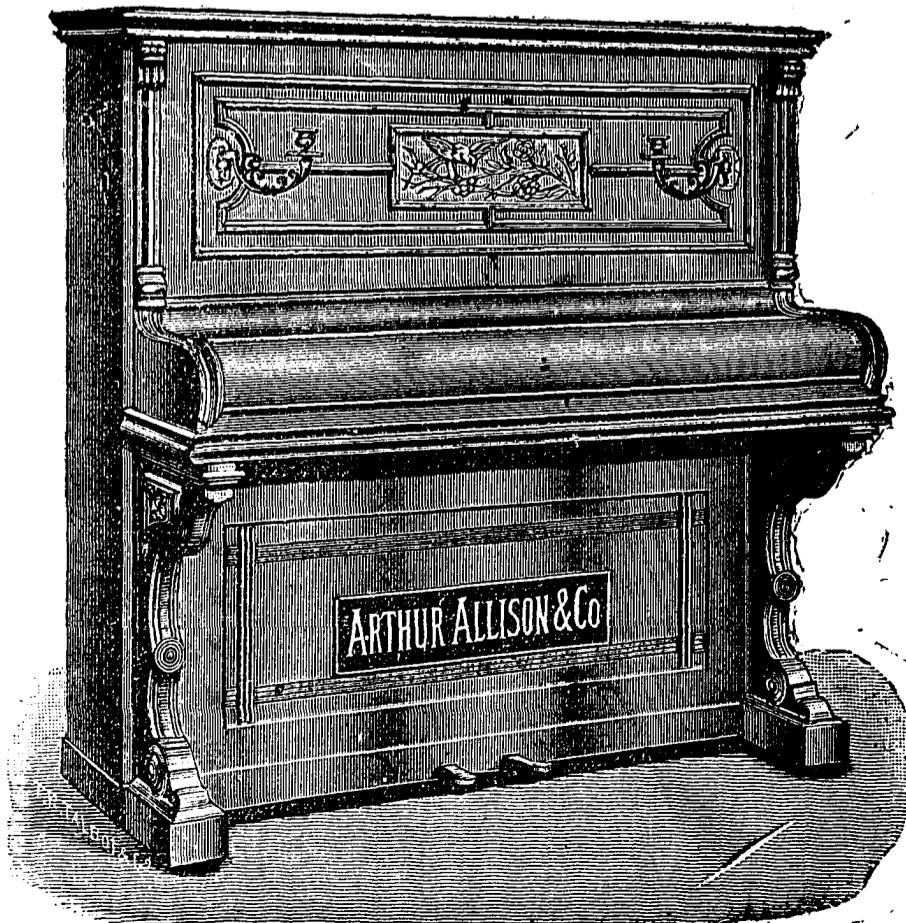
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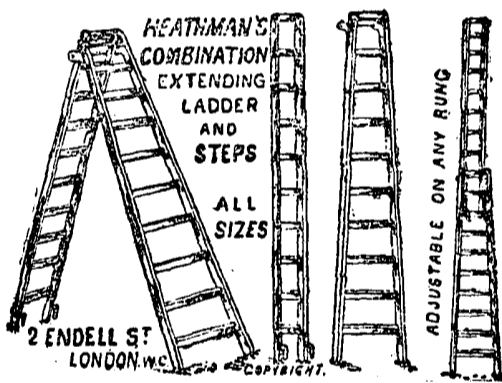
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