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THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School took place on the 9th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, with a large "muster" of subscribers—Lieut.-Colonel CREATON in the chair. The gallant Chairman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and other routine business having been gone through, Bro. THOMAS MASSA brought forward his motion, or rather series of motions, which, as Bro. GOVER pertinently observed, ought to be read really and truly "from bottom to top, not from top to bottom." Bro. MASSA having proposed the first in the series, and, after some delay, having found a seconder, Bro. GOVER proposed as an amendment, and Bro. CLABON seconded, "the previous question," which amendment on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously, with the exception of the mover and seconder of the original resolution. In response to several appeals, and cries of "withdraw," Bro. MASSA then gave up the subsequent motions. The discussion is now at an end. Let us, therefore, forget an "episode" which, painful in itself, could only, as Bro. CLABON well put it, have been made more painful still, and could in no way raise, but might greatly lower, Bro. MASSA's professional reputation, about which he appeared to be anxious. We can quite understand and make allowance for the honourable feelings of professional persons, be they who they may, but as we have always contended, Bro. MASSA misappreciated the action of the House Committee, and, above all, our friendly remarks. But here, we repeat, let the matter rest.

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THE meetings which thronged Freemasons' Hall on Saturday and Monday last from twelve to five, and were so intent, anxious, and excited about the Elections, the mustering of friends, and the marshalling of votes, must have suggested many thoughts to those who often, not looking below the surface of things, undervalue or fail to realize the worth and the work of our great Masonic Charities. Each election as it passes brings up more votes and voters, and if any one was sceptical as to the earnestness of Freemasons in this great cause of charity, of benevolence, of beneficence, of humanitarian kindness, of zealous endeavours to help a suffering fellow creature, they had better come up and witness the process and the progress of our Masonic elections. Others have found fault with them, others have openly said or obscurely hinted that great abuses and undignified scenes accompanied their advent, their proceedings, their results; but once for all we beg to say, that we never feel prouder of our great and common Order, than when we behold so many excellent and energetic brethren toiling in the ever pleasant and refreshing cause of Masonic good will and fraternal sympathy.

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WE have been requested to say that, as regards the recent Girls' School Elections, such was the extraneous and independent support given to the excellent cases of MARSH, PENNY, and ANSCOMBE that with the exception of a few filled up papers for the two former, the London Masonic Charity Association was not called up to fulfil its guarantee or complete its offers of aid, which, however, were "kept open" until after 2 p.m. ANSCOMBE was materially helped, though, as it turned out, unnecessarily. The Association, therefore, aided and brought to a successful issue the excellent case of SMITH, and only was short with thirty-five votes for ORRIDGE. ORRIDGE's election in October is thus rendered safe, and many other good cases will now come forward.

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THE Quarterly Court of the Boys' School took place at Freemasons' Hall on the 11th inst., and after some normal business, and the re-election of Bro. PLUCKNETT as Treasurer, Bro. MATIER brought forward his motion, which, after a short discussion, was carried by an overwhelming majority. There can be no doubt that it is a step in the right direction, and a seasonable and long-needed change. An amusing incident occurred: the ladies, who are now everywhere, had managed to introduce themselves into the "sacred recesses" of a Quarterly Court, and the gallantry of our esteemed and respected Chairman was put to a sore test, when he had, in compliance with the unanimous wish of the meeting, to request the "fair intruders" not

being Life Governors to withdraw. As regards the Election itself, we have never known an election where the voting was so keen and so energetically carried on until even two minutes to three. Each Election becomes harder and harder to arrange and carry out.

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WE understand that in the Boys' Election as in the Girls', owing also to independent and extraneous aid, the London Masonic Charity Association had very little to do for MARCH and LEWIS, though it aided CAREY, and ESTLIN, and FELLOWES a good deal. FELLOWES, unfortunately, just missed being "in," a fact greatly to be deplored.

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WE understand that the appointments to Grand Office are now all made, and from what we have heard will give general satisfaction. They seem to have been most carefully considered, and most properly apportioned. It is not deemed to be in accordance with "good form" to announce them until they are before the Craft officially. But we repeat that when the "list" is announced in Grand Lodge, we feel certain that it will be entirely approved of.

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WE hope that no technical difficulty will be allowed to stand in the way of an increase in the number of the annuitants for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The success of the last festival and the returns of the recent anniversary were so striking that it appears to us the governing body cannot do a more graceful act, per se, or give more pleasure to the whole body of the subscribers, than by liberally adding to the number to be elected. All other outgoings should be made subordinate to this most straightforward, legitimate, and befitting course of action. We are quite sure that if no increase of annuitants be made after such laudable and effective exertions on behalf of that most excellent Charity, expressions of regret will be heard that so large a margin of unsuccessful candidates must be left unattended to for another year.

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THE growth of Provincial Charitable Associations of various kinds is a fact both to be noted and commended, in that it points to much praiseworthy activity in our provincial Masonic life to-day. This has not always been the case, and "your Chronicler," therefore, refers to the "undoubted reality" gladly, and in terms of unqualified approval and gratification.

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WHAT an odd thing it is that Freemasons, who are always professing "brotherly love" and "humanitarian goodwill," cannot steer clear of "personality." It does not much matter how this outcome of individual idiosyncrasy is developed; whether it be in correspondence or controversy, whether it be in discussion of differences, Freemasons often seem to delight in avowing and proving themselves to be "most personal" among the "personal." Why this abnormal state of Masonic impropriety should exist, deponent knoweth not and cannot profess to explain. Can any kind correspondent throw any "light on this dark and mysterious puzzle?"

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WE are pleased to note signs of the continued interest taken in Masonic literature by our trans-Atlantic brethren. The *Freemasons' Repository* contains an announcement to the effect that a liberal gift of books has been recently made to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by Bro. WILLIAM SUTTON, of Salem. This library now contains over 4000 volumes, besides a rich collection of Masonic papers, documents, &c.

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As will be seen from a report in another column, some important business was transacted at the meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We are pleased to note the significant fact of a further investment of the sum of £3000, and the honorarium of one hundred guineas to Bro. TERRY, in consideration of his great zeal on behalf of the Institution. A discussion took place on a question as to the purchase of a perpetual pension to commemorate the Provincial Grand Mastership of Devon of the late Bro. the Rev. JOHN HUYSHE, which resulted in the adoption of Bro. CASE's motion, that the sum be fixed at £1200. Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART's motion to obtain an estimate for the enlargement of the hall at Croydon was carried. A vote of £50 to the widow of the late COLLECTOR, who is in abject poverty, very appropriately ended the proceedings.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and a large number of brethren were present.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. JOSHUA NUNN proposed, and Bro. CLABON seconded, the re-election of Bro. Col. Creton as Treasurer of the Institution.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. Col. CRETON acknowledged the vote.

Bros. Beesley, Pugsley, and Cumberland were elected to fill the three vacancies on the General Committee.

Scrutineers of votes for the election of the day were then appointed.

The next business was the consideration of the following motions of Bro. Thomas Massa, of which notice had been given:—

"That competition designs be invited from Freemason Architects who are Governors of the Institution for a preparatory school to be built on the newly purchased site, facing Wandsworth-road, to accommodate the children now temporarily lodged in Lyncombe House and fifty others in addition."

1st.—That the act of the House Committee in trying to get a *builder* for an additional new staircase to the infirmary, in lieu of a proper design from the architect, was as irregular as it proved abortive.

2nd.—That it would be prejudicial to erect the new staircase, without taking into consideration the other additional accommodation now required by the greatly enlarged establishment, as shown on the *competition designs* accepted by the Infirmary Committee in 1871.

3rd.—That it is unmasonic and derogatory to the Craft to "solicit" a cowan, or employ a person who is not a Freemason, to act as architect to complete a "Masonic" building, to the detriment of a brother who was appointed architect as the remuneration for supplying the design in competition; who has carried out a portion satisfactorily, and against whom no offence is alleged, that it is a slur on all Freemason architects, especially on the many who are Governors of the Institution; and the House Committee be requested to consider the subject and report to the General Committee thereon.

"That the resolution passed by the House Committee, 17th February, 1881, with regard to the architect of the Infirmary, and his letters to the Committee, is inconsistent with the facts."

Bro. MASSA,—Bro. Chairman, friends, and brethren, representing the 7600 subscribers and 1118 lodges," the project introduced by this motion would soon be in the hands of far more influential advocate than himself, and must be soon inevitably carried out, because it was required; it was not fictitious or frivolous, and the brethren would not allow it to be put down. He was not going to waste their time, but he knew he would be treated with Masonic good feeling, and with very few words he should leave the question for them to decide. The first question was, was the extension required? the second was, could it be afforded? the third was, when should it be done? the fourth was, was a non-Freemason architect to be preferred to a brother? the fifth was, was the newly-purchased ground the proper place for it? First as to the necessity. During the last ten years it had been found necessary to increase the numbers from 106 to 229. The Craft had increased in a very much larger proportion than that; but this was an average of twelve per annum, and the claims they knew must be greater every year, and the Institution of course must be prepared to meet them. In two or three years' time there would be a demand to take up at least another fifty children. The demands on the Lodge of Benevolence, and the large sums paid by that lodge, clearly pointed to this. At the last election forty-five children were admitted, and that was why there were so few candidates this time. At this election they could only take in fifteen, leaving thirteen out in the cold. In a very short time they might be sure they would have as many disappointed candidates, as in the deplorable list of boys with only twenty vacancies, and seventy-three candidates. Now, a tolerably large building, such as was required, was not built in a day, and if the preliminaries were taken into consideration at once, it would not be ready a day too soon, to be thoroughly dry and fit for the reception of its inmates. The exorbitant price given for Lyncombe House could only be justified by its being required for such a purpose, and to form a more convenient entrance to the Institution. He spoke of a proper building, not two houses knocked into one, with floors on different levels. In these days of school boards, and school buildings, no one could say Lyncombe House, where the children had to take their meals in the underground basement, or that the buildings as stated in the address, were ornaments to the neighbourhood. It would only form a very good entrance lodge. The second question was, could the expenditure be afforded? That was a matter of statistics. Ten years ago the Institution had an income of £6000 a year. The invested fund was £33,500. The average income for the last four years had been about £18,000, and there was now invested £41,500. They had expended in buying land, and in building, about £30,000; so that they had trebled that income, and only about doubled the number of children. The ordinary expenditure last year was about £7200. That would leave £8800 for extraordinary expenditure. Was it at all wise or necessary to add to their investments about £10,000 a year? The Institution could be supported by the present invested fund alone, with another fifty children in addition, for six or seven years without another penny being subscribed. Was that at all likely to be the case? If it was it ought to be shut up. There was another Institution that gave the children quite as good an education—probably the best Institution there was. The Royal Asylum of St. Anne's, with an income of about £11,000 per annum, and an invested fund of £26,000, entirely supported 335 boys and girls, and clothed and educated sixty day scholars in addition. Surely Masons might have as much faith in the Craft as the managers of St. Anne's had in a small section of the general public; because St. Anne's was only for children whose parents had moved in a superior condition. Although they had but a small section of the public to appeal to, they had, he was happy to say, a great many Masons among their subscribers. If St. Anne's could do it, surely, with our great Craft and numerous lodges, we need have no fear. Then as to the third point, as to when what he proposed was to be done. He was no advocate for doing things in a hurry; but if they sanctioned an expenditure of about £10,000 and appointed a Committee now, by the time of the Quarterly General Court in October they would be able to lay a scheme before the brethren and commence the building in the spring of 1882, and have it ready for habitation by the election in October, 1883. It did not require a very far-seeing prophet to predict that by that time there would be great need of it, for they would then have more candidates than they would be able to accommodate. His next point was—Was a non-Freemason architect to be preferred to a

brother? In his notice of motion he said that invitations should be given to Freemason architects who were Governors of the Institution for a preparatory school to be built on the newly-purchased site. There were, he thought, 30 or 400 who were Life Governors or subscribers to the Institution, and thirty or forty practised in London far superior in position to himself, and, therefore, there could be no possible necessity for going outside the Craft. It was, of course, in the power of the General Court, but of no other body, to order that the Institution should no longer be confined to the children of Masons, and that non-Masons should be eligible to serve on its Committees; but while the laws laid down that its special guardians must be members of the Craft, and it was called a Masonic Institution, it was absurd to say that the landmarks of the Order published in the Book of Constitutions should not be observed by them. It was a fundamental landmark that a brother should have the preference, except in case of urgent necessity. He did not think he should be far wrong in stating that there were a thousand architects ranged under the banner of Freemasonry. Was it then the pleasure of the Court that a non-Freemason architect was to do the proper work of Freemasonry? "Sic vos non vobis." The G.A.O.T.U. forbid. (Bro. Massa then described a ground plan he had with him.) The fifth was the newly-purchased ground, the place for the new buildings. He thought those brethren who knew the site, especially professional brethren, would say it was eminently adapted for it, being just opposite the bridge over the railway in the Wandsworth-road, a good, open, prominent situation for a façade consistent with the other buildings, and not an incongruous jumble of two houses, with floors on different levels, such as the present makeshift temporary School building, known as Lyncombe House, which could, however, be converted into what was much wanted, a lodge for the porter. All he had at present to add was that he had no professional personal interest to serve in the matter, but a sincere love for the honour and welfare of the Institution. He begged to move his first motion.

Bro. W. HALL seconded.

Bro. GOVER moved the previous question. The motion was nothing more than a vote of censure on the Committee, in whom they all had confidence. He could not help thinking that the motion was a very inconvenient procedure, and it appeared to him that the mover was not actuated by motives for the public good alone. If he had a dispute with the Committee it was not the proper way to right himself. They could not pass this resolution without distinctly and solemnly censuring the Committee.

Bro. J. M. CLABON, in seconding the "previous question," said he came into the Court quite new to the question, but one could not help seeing that some little feeling had existed, and he asked the Quarterly Court to deal with the question as if there was no feeling whatever, and to take the resolution as it stood, and decide on its merits. He put aside the fact that Bro. Massa had acted as architect. They would all agree in this, that when the time came that it was desirable that more children of Freemasons should be educated, boarded, and lodged Masons would not be slow in doing their duty. He was quite sure when it was shown to the Fraternity that it was desirable to have twenty, thirty, fifty, or one hundred more girls in the School, it would not be long before the proper building was erected for them. But these things must be judged of by steps. If they went into statistics, they must be satisfied that the necessity existed. The enquiry should naturally come from the House Committee first of all, and then go to the General Committee, and from there to the Quarterly Court; and if the House Committee or General Committee were found wanting in that respect—if they did not take steps—the Quarterly Court would be right in taking up the matter and seeing that it was done. But until the General Committee did express an opinion, he thought it was a little premature to go into the question at all, and he was quite sure that it was premature before the question was proposed by anybody, that they should advertise for plans before they had determined whether the necessity existed. He appealed to Bro. Massa to withdraw his motion. He thought he would consult his own reputation by doing so.

The amendment of Bro. Gover was then put and carried by a large majority.

Bro. MASSA then withdrew his other motions, and said the letters he had written to the House Committee had not been heard. He brought the motions forward because he thought them necessary for his reputation. He had very great pleasure in withdrawing his motions. He did so as a Mason with perfect Masonic good feeling, and he hoped he should have Masonic good feeling shewn to him.

The brethren then proceeded to elect fifteen girls out of an approved list of twenty-eight. At the close of the poll the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Anscombe, Louisa Mary	2064	Williamson, Lelia	1376
March, Eliza Josephine	2011	Balch, Gertrude Blanche	1302
Penny, Edith Marion	1857	Wedgwood, Minnie	1264
Townsend, Emma Mary A.	1813	Foxall, Ellen Matilda	1259
Tippler, Susannah Harriet M.	1614	James, Florence	1221
Smith, Georgiana Louisa	1497	Rawle, Utinia Annie	1209
Corps, Alice Caroline	1451	Eastwood, Harriet Edith	1163
Allison, Anne Athalinda	1425		

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Orridge, Edith Mary	1125	Brown, Edith	110
Wyman, Constance Faith	1025	Nicholls, Augusta Helen	79
Deacon, Emily	819	Turner, Annie Elizabeth	45
Shrapnel, Lilian Mary S.	492	McKinney, Margaret	19
Walters, Nellie Louise	316	Fry, Martha Jane Choules	6
Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	176	Gane, Mary Larwill	2
Cleaver, Alice Gertrude	173		

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, occupied the chair.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren were called upon to decide whether a lad named Morris, one of the candidates for election was or was not, eligible. After considerable discussion it was resolved by twenty-one to seventeen, that his name must be removed, the father being in circumstances which did not justify the retention of the name.

On the motion of Bro. C. F. MATIER, seconded by Bro. CONSTABLE, Bro. George Plucknett was elected Treasurer of the Institution

Bro. C. F. MATIER, in the absence of Bro. Thomas Entwistle, Vice-President, moved to alter Law 55 of the Institution, by inserting after the word "livelihood" (at the end of law) the words "in any of which cases, except that of sudden death, the father must have been a subscribing member to a lodge for three years." In making the motion he said he had much pleasure in doing so, as he was fully convinced that some alteration of the law was necessary. Of late years there had been a great increase in the number of those who entered Masonry. A great deal of publicity had been given to the benevolence of Masonry by the reports which had appeared in both the London and provincial press, and he knew that many gentlemen had sought admission to the ranks of Masonry in consequence. He believed an alteration in the laws was necessary to keep out certain people who would join simply for the purpose of getting from it some benefit. He would give an instance of such a thing having occurred. A gentleman got himself proposed in a lodge, knowing himself to be almost in the last stage of consumption. He was initiated, and he died before he was raised to the Third Degree; but the night he was initiated he went home and said to his wife "Now, thank God, I have provided for you and your family." That brother never subscribed anything to Freemasonry but his initiation fee; there was only his promise of his first year's subscription to the lodge. The lodge afterwards subscribed for the family's relief, and the family was also assisted by Freemasonry. He was sure there were several cases of this description, besides that which had been removed from the paper. It was to put a stop to such a state of things that he brought forward this motion, and he would say no more on the subject, but simply confine himself to moving the resolution.

Bro. CONSTABLE seconded the motion.

After a few remarks from Bros. J. G. STEVENS, S. RAWSON, and C. H. WEBB.

Bro. STORR thought this was too serious a case to be decided offhand. Many of the brethren who had come to the meeting had no idea of what was coming before them, and certainly had not given the matter any consideration. As regarded men entering Masonry for mercenary purposes, he quite agreed with all that Bro. Matier had said, but he thought they ought to draw a line. They were, however, drawing that line rather too tight by this resolution, not allowing for cases of shipwreck or sudden death of any kind—not that they wanted a coroner's jury to decide that the case was eligible or not. If a brother had subscribed to Masonry two years, and was then called suddenly away, that was a case for consideration. He regretted that the case of Morris had been declared ineligible for the Institution, as though the father was alive, his living a seafaring life was very precarious as a means of subsistence. He begged to move "That the matter be adjourned for the present."

Bro. C. H. WEBB, who had supported Bro. Matier's motion, seconded the amendment.

Bro. W. ROEBUCK proposed, as an amendment to Bro. Matier's resolution, that the words should be "except in the case of paralysis or sudden death, from shipwreck or any other cause, the father must have been a subscribing member to a lodge for three years."

Bro. S. RAWSON seconded the amendment.

Bro. WOODFORD opposed the amendment of Bro. Storr. The subject was one which was so easily understood, and so practical in itself, that, with due submission to Bro. Storr, there was no necessity for an adjournment. They all understood the question. Those of them who had taken great interest in the Masonic Charities knew that there were a large number of cases where people just came into Masonry and then left it, and died out of it, some years afterwards, and their widows or children came upon it for relief. There were cases of men who had been out of Masonry two, three, four, five, nine, and ten years coming upon the Craft for support, who had been liberally paying their own lodge subscriptions all the while. In his opinion Bro. Matier had properly moved this resolution, and he believed they would all be rendering good service to the true cause of Masonic charity if they voted for the resolution at once, and did not adjourn it.

Bro. Storr's amendment was put, and lost by a large majority.

Bro. Roebuck's amendment was then brought on, and seconded by Bro. Rawson.

Bro. BURCH did not like this constant tinkering with the rules.

Bro. Roebuck's amendment, adopted by Bro. Matier, was put and carried.

Bro. A. J. DUFFY FILER proposed to alter Law 72, authorising a grant of money by the General Committee to a boy having left the Institution by increasing the maximum amount from £20 to £40. He said the Girls' School had made this alteration, and he had no doubt that many brethren present would be willing to follow the same course. It sometimes happened that there were exceptionally deserving cases when children were going out into the world where the £40 would be the means of providing a foundation on which ultimate success would be built.

Bro. STORR seconded the motion, and was even in favour of giving a larger sum.

The motion was carried.

Bro. ROEBUCK moved, in accordance with the resolution of the General Committee on the recommendation of the House and Building Committee, "That the House and Building Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £700 in the enlargement of the gymnasium, &c., rendered necessary by the increase of the number of boys from 100 to 215." The number of boys, he said, had more than doubled since the gymnasium was built, and the House Committee felt it was very necessary that the gymnasium should be enlarged. They had obtained estimates, and they hoped that before the festival in June it would be ready.

Bro. J. G. CHANCELLOR seconded the motion.

The motion was carried, and

The CHAIRMAN said he most heartily concurred in the vote.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the brethren proceeded to elect twenty boys.

At the declaration of the poll, the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Allan, Alexander 1712	Webb, Charles Edward 1530
March, George Archibald 1676	Conway, Walter 1522
Cairney, Frederick William 1665	Tanner, Frederick Thomas 1454
Lucas, William Walter 1656	Williams, William Isaac 1451
Wooltons, Walter Herbert 1644	Lucas, Edmund Charles 1445
Rocke, Ernest Charles 1623	Lewis, Alfred Lucas 1431
Wilson, William Leslie 1612	Bloomfield, John 1423
Whitely, Louis Lawton 1575	Wicks, Grantley 1385
Bladon, Frederick Rowley 1570	Estlin, Charles Nathaniel 1365
Tink, Henry James 1562	Carey, Stephen Darcy 1356

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Fellows, Arthur 1311	Ball, Edward Thomas... .. 163
Wortley, George 1253	Liversedge, Charles Percy 147
Gurney, Charles Aubrey 1225	Long, Joseph William 144
Lee, Sidney Edward 1134	Fowke, Alexander William 122
Mott, Pierce Henry 1113	Thompson, Clement William 113
Ecclestone, Henry Arthur 1087	Willett, George Cross 100
Jordison, Hugh Lloyd 950	Escott, Chas. Leopold 94
Hill, George William King 887	Read, John 68
Kirby, Alfred 821	Pudney, Frederick 61
Stanford, William Bryant 765	Crabb, Tom Walcot 49
Clark, Frederick Arthur 667	Cummings, Charles Brown 35
Watson, William Renwick 631	Jones, Geoffrey Stewart 32
Neville, Frederick John 528	Collinson, James 27
Langdon, James 526	Sowdon, Sidney 26
Taylor, George William 442	Laing, Henry Lawson 22
Gunnell, William Pearse 371	Humphrey, John 21
Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom 355	Hill, Reginald Augustus Lowder 3
Ashdown, Arthur Durham 352	Pratt, Robert Williamson 2
Crane, Henry Samuel James 335	Sanderson, Charles Jesse 2
Booth, Frederic 326	Windross, John Benjamin 2
Jones, Cleophas Crofton Ben. 321	Farrar, Ethelbert 1
Stewart, Charles Edward 293	Cook, Frederick John 1
Field, Charles Samuel Ventris 286	Foot, William Robert Deacon 0
Burgess, Harold Thomas 274	Bottomley, Albert William 0
Crow, Charlie John 249	Lewis, Oswald Edward Withdrawn
Skelton, Frederick Francis 243	Gosden, Walter Henry "
Sisley, Walter John 188	Morris, Henry Edward "
Jones, William Vincent Beilby 169	Legge, Vernon Guest "

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

There is a "point" which deserves attention and elucidation, on which we are doing a good deal of "sheepwalking." It is this—what is the real connexion between the ritual of the "Operative Guilds," and that of the "Speculative Masons." In England, if the evidence of the Sloane MS. may be relied on, or if that represents the Operative Guild rituals, there is great resemblance; but I apprehend that such is not the case generally.

In Germany, where the operative organization of the "Steinmetzen" was at one time fully developed and legally recognized, under Imperial Charters and sanctions, there seems to be no connexion whatever between the "Bauhütten" and the Speculative Lodges.

All present German Freemasonry comes from England or Scotland, most probably the former, and at the beginning of the Eighteenth Century all indigenous Freemasonry seems to have died out, the "Steinmetzen Bauhütten" were either dormant or decayed, silent or extinct, and there does not appear to be the slightest trace historically of any Masonic work, or life on an operative basis.

From the English Revival of 1717, however, Germany seems to have drawn its new form of Masonry, and all Masonic teaching and symbolism, ritual and work.

I am aware that Bro. Findel, in his "History of Freemasonry," claims a Benedictine origin for a ceremonial he states was in use among the Steinmetzen Lodges, and which certainly very much resembles modern Masonry. But the question has often been asked, where did Bro. Findel obtain his authority? and the question is still unanswered. I am aware of no evidence of any actual "Steinmetzen Ritual" which will bear investigation.

If this be so as regards Germany, the argument for continuity is greatly weakened.

I believe that a German brother did publish some years back a sort of sketch of the ritual of the "Steinmetzen," but there was nothing Masonic in it, if I remember rightly. There is a pamphlet relative to the reception of "Maurer Gesellen," Mason Apprentices, published at Hamburg, but there is equally nothing Masonic in it. If any correspondent can give me a clue to any such works or evidences I shall be greatly obliged, but so far as I have been able at present to realize the German evidence on the subject, despite the high authority of Bro. Findel, the connexion and continuity of pre and post 1717 Masonry in Germany is a creation of the imagination rather than of fact.

I am not, however, sure that all available sources of information in Germany are yet exhausted or even explored, but it has yet to be demonstrated that there is any connexion as between the "Steinmetzen" and Speculative Masonry in Germany. The same argument applies to France.

Bro. Gould's interesting remarks in the last *Freemason* deserve the best thanks of all Masonic students. I think he has most clearly disproved the statement of the "veracious" Thomas Grinsell, the commentary of Dermott, and the still more paraphrastic statement of Oliver. For at p. 6, "Revelations of a Square," we find these words, "Dr. Desaguliers having intimated his intention of renovating the Order, soon found himself supported by a party of active and zealous brethren, whose names merit preservation. They were Bros. Sayer, Payne, Lamball, Elliott, Gofston, Cordwell, De Noyer, Vraden, King, Morrice, Calvert, Ware, Lumley, and Madden.

These included the Masters and Wardens of the four existing lodges at the Goose and Gridiron, the Crown, the Apple Tree, and the Rummer and Grapes, &c." This statement is certainly incorrect, and represents too painfully the grave incorrectness of Oliver. None of these names occur in the early history of Freemasonry, except Sayer, Payne, Desaguliers, Anderson, Lamball, Cordwell, Morrice, and Ware, and not altogether, and I have no doubt that Bro. Gould has hit on the right explanation of the true origin of this statement. It is truly Masonic "sheepwalking." Some of the names are not so far, I believe, identified at all.

I heartily agree with Bro. Gould, that we must still pause before we decide as to the question of the antiquity of the Degrees. It is, as he says, a most difficult and a most puzzling question. My only fear has been that we were going on too fast, and that just as before we accepted Oliver, &c., too easily, now we seemed disposed to doubt and question everything.

But the value of such an enquiry is very great, and as long as we are only clearing the way, all is well. I have, however, seen statements that there is no evidence of any charges before 1717, and that our present system seems to have emerged between 1717 and 1723.

It is to this statement, or suggestion, that I respectfully demur.

There is evidence surely of a co-existent Masonry, with "Degrees," in 1717, and as we know that "lodges" did exist from 1646, there is presumptive evidence of a "ritual" of some kind.

I, for one, welcome all such discussions, and as no one admires more than I do the clear and able statements of Bro. Gould, or feels more grateful for his careful researches, I trust that we may be favoured with many more communications invaluable to all Masonic students.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

PATRONS:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,
M.W.G.M.—PRESIDENT.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, April 9, 1881, Col. J. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election by ballot of Fifteen Girls into the Institution, from a list of Twenty-eight Approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected:

No. on List.	Names	Votes.	No. on Poll.
24.	Anscombe, Louisa Mary	2064	1
21.	March, Eliza Josephine	2011	2
15.	Penny, Edith Marion	1857	3
11.	Townsend, Emma Mary A.	1813	4
13.	Tippier, Susannah Harriet M.	1614	5
17.	Smith, Georgiana Louisa	1497	6
20.	Corps, Alice Caroline	1451	7
9.	Allison, Annie Athalinda	1425	8
10.	Williamson, Lelia	1376	9
27.	Balch, Gertrude Blanche	1302	10
26.	Wedgwood, Minnie	1264	11
12.	Foxall, Ellen Matilda	1259	12
25.	James, Florence	1221	13
28.	Rawle, Utinia Annie	1209	14
19.	Eastwood, Harriet Edith	1163	15

The Votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next Election, if eligible. Lists showing the Votes polled for Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates may be obtained at the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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PATRON:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., M.W.G.M.

At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1881, Bro. Henry Smith, V. Patron (P.P. G.W. and Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorkshire), in the Chair, a Ballot took place for the Election of Twenty Boys, from an approved list of Seventy-six Candidates, reduced by three withdrawals to Seventy-three. The following were declared to be

No.	SUCCESSFUL.	Votes.
1.	Allan, Alexander	1712
2.	March, George Archibald	1676
3.	Cainey, Frederick Wm.	1665
4.	Lucas, Wm. Walter	1656
5.	Woolons, Walter Herbert	1644
6.	Rocke, Ernest Charles	1623
7.	Wilson, Wm. Leslie	1612
8.	Whiteley, Lewis Lawton	1575
9.	Bladon, Fredk. Rowley	1570
10.	Pink, Henry James	1562
11.	Webb, Charles Edward	1530
12.	Conway, Walter	1522
13.	Tanner, Fredk. Thomas	1454
14.	William, Wm. Isaacs	1451
15.	Lucas, Edward Charles	1445
16.	Lewis, Alfred Lucas	1431
17.	Bloomfield, John	1423
18.	Wick, Grantly	1385
*19.	Estlin, Chas. Nathl	1365
*20.	Carey, Stephen Darcey	1356

* Subject to investigation.

Lists of candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in October next.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
Vice-Patron, P.G. Std., Secretary.

11th April, 1881.

The Eighty-Third Anniversary Festival will be held on Wednesday, June 20th, 1881, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Durham, in the Chair. The services of Brethren as Representative Stewards of Provinces or Lodges are respectfully and earnestly solicited.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Governors, and Subscribers.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
I am truly thankful to say that through your instrumentality my son,

CHARLES NATHANIEL ESTLIN,

was elected on Monday last to the benefits of the above excellent Institution; and I take the earliest opportunity to express to you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for placing my boy in that extremely advantageous position, and remain, your grateful servant,

ELIZA ESTLIN.

Tudor Villa, Wandsworth Common,
April 12th, 1881.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—APRIL ELECTION.

MRS. PENNY desires to return her grateful thanks for the support given during the case of her daughter, EDITH MARION PENNY, which will entitle the child to the inestimable benefits of the Institution, she having been placed third on the poll.

WOKING COLLEGE, WOKING, SURREY.

Head Master, the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, late Head Master of the Royal Naval School, New Cross, and formerly Head Master of King Edward's School, Edinburgh.

Second Master, the Rev. A. J. MINTON, M.A., late Scholar of Syd. Coll., Cambridge.

In the Upper School boys are prepared for the Universities, Army, and Professional Examinations. There is a Special Class for boys destined for Commercial Life. In the Lower School boys are prepared for the Navy and for the Public Schools.

There are three Resident Masters; detached infirmary; large playfields; good bathing; workshops and gardens or boys. Situation very healthy—on Bagshot Sand. Terms moderate and inclusive. Prospectus and report on application.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1881.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "Der Long Islaender," "New York Dispatch," "Citizen," "Grand Lodge Records of Connecticut," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Orient," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Broad Arrow," "Brighton Gazette," "Cox's Monthly Legal Circular," "The West London Advertiser," "La Acacia," "Hull Packet," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," "Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Yorkshire Gazette," "The Freemason's Repository."

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me, through the medium of your paper, on behalf of Mrs. March, most sincerely to thank those subscribers to the two Masonic Institutions who so liberally supported the claims of her two children, and thereby enabling her to secure their election.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

FRANK RICHARDSON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On behalf of Mrs. Allan kindly permit me to thank, most heartily, the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for their generous support on Saturday last in electing her son to the benefits of the Institution.

I am, yours faithfully, and fraternally,

H. WILKINSON.

LIBRARIES OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly furnish me with the number of any lodges which are known to possess libraries of Masonic literature.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. B. WOODWARD,

Secretary 897.

[Perhaps some of our provincial brethren will furnish the information asked for.—ED. F.M.]

Reviews.

HISTOIRE DU TRIBUNAL REVOLUTIONNAIRE DE PARIS. Par H. WALLON. Hachette et Cie., 79, Boulevard Saint Germain, Paris.

The well known and able writer, M. Wallon, "Member of the Institute," has published three volumes of this most sad and painful, if authentic and startling, history. He has had access to all the official registers still preserved, and has found in his careful search for evidences and facts, curious "memoranda" of eye-witnesses of the "Reign of Terror," contemporary accounts of fearful crimes and appalling cruelties. In an earlier generation it was the fashion to decry Mr. Croker's account of the French Revolution as one-sided, and unfair, exaggerated, and over coloured. Mr. Wallon's array of simple, if shocking, "realities," however, not only supports the conclusions of Mr. Croker, but points out that even his impassioned language and painful illustrations of horrors pall beneath the terrible "coup d'œil" into the very life of the "implacable Commune," which these three volumes give us with such extraordinary power, accuracy, and actuality. The Revolutionary Tribunal took its rise from a hasty decree of the Chamber of the 12th August, 1792, to form a court martial to judge the Swiss officers and soldiers who defended loyally the palace on August 10th, 1792. But on the 14th of August, 1792, the Assembly, many of the members objecting to a military court, practically annulled the former decree and constituted a new tribunal, which was to be composed of forty-eight members from each section, to take the said crimes into their consideration. On the 15th August, 1792, another decree takes away any power of appeal to the "Court of Cassation" and makes the judgement of this new court final in all cases. And on the 17th August, 1792, a fresh

decree, which altering all the former decrees, orders the sections to nominate each one "elector," the eldest being the president, who shall at once proceed to the "nomination" of the members of a "Criminal Tribunal," with powers to take all crimes into their cognizance, to consist of eight judges, eight assistant judges, two public accusers, four registrars, eight assistant registrars, and two "national commissioners," nominated by the executive power. This tribunal was to be divided into two courts, to sit simultaneously, and also to elect the juries. It was before this tribunal, presided over by Osselin, Lavau, Hermann, Dumas, Coffinhal, &c., that that "regime of blood" began, which at this distance of time it is all but impossible for "civilized humanity" to realize, and which, had it not been for the horrors committed a few years back, even in the happily short lived reign of a Parisian Commune, which reproduced a "reign of terror," would almost seem to be a foolish myth. For as we turn over Mr. Wallon's, we must say, "awful pages," lucid and startling as they are, at the same time, in the facts they establish, and the results they manifest, we see how, like the old mythological fable, the French Republic, under the "evil spirit" of the "Commune," "devoured its own children" in turn. We say nothing of the martyred King and of the heroic Queen; we say nothing of the gentle and angelic Princess Elizabeth, of whom Fouquier Tinville himself said to Dumas—let us hope feelingly—"it must be confessed she has made no complaint;" we do not even allude to that long list of noble old men, stately ladies, pleasant youths, and graceful maidens, pitilessly condemned to the guillotine on "absurd pretences;" for all this, with the latent savagery and open recklessness of the hour, might have been expected, perhaps, in the throes and excesses of a rampant Revolution. But the "Revolution" proceeded to destroy even its own children—Hebert, Danton, Henriot, Camille Desmoulins, the Girondins, Lavoisier, Madame Roland, &c.—countless poor men and poor women, of all ranks, ages, and conditions, who all professed to be Republicans, and all these, like the shifting atoms of a kaleidoscope, come and go, inscribed in burning letters on the "red pages" of the Revolutionary Tribunal. Mr. Wallon stops with the third volume just before the fall of Robespierre, who will in turn, and Fouquier Tinville with him, come before their own tribunal. Cruel irony of fate, stern Nemesis of injured and offended justice! The only feeling we have as we read these pages is absolute horror, ineffable disgust, at cruelties and cowardice, and injustice and iniquity without a parallel, as far as we know, in the history of nations. But then, as Freemasons, we hate and detest all injustice, intolerance, oppression, and illegality when and where, by whomsoever committed. We always regret one fact, that many who survived the fall of Robespierre, but were equally cruel and criminal with him, were afterwards received into favour, their wickedness forgotten, the horror of their conduct annealed. Some of us may have read in other days, "Les Mysteres de la Bastille," by Clemence Robert, and they will be sorry to hear that poor "Latude," who escaped, as they will bear in mind, in such thrilling adventures from the Bastille of old, was only reserved for the revolutionary tribunal, and the guillotine. But here we lay down a weary pen, weary with recounting, however shortly, the weakness and wickedness of nations, the follies and the crimes which mark the anarchy ever of social revolutions.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

DR. PLOT.

By a tiresome typographical error, and, to say the truth, too, by a little editorial oversight, Plot's first edition of 1667 is printed uniformly 1767. Those who have studied that question will have seen that there was an "erratum" here. M.S.

LONG LIVERS.

I fully concur in all Bro. Whythead says so well on this book, as I have all along felt, and felt strongly, that we must in all fairness give full meaning to the writer's words, and that they certainly tend in a Rosicrucian or Hermetic direction, and are not covered by Craft Masonry, or even the Royal Arch. To one passage I think it, however, well, for fear of a mistake, to draw Bro. Whythead's attention, though it is just possible that he does not intend to convey what his words would seem to imply. Eugenius Philalethes was not Thomas Vaughan, the Mystic, who himself had assumed the name of Philalethes, which name the writer of Long Livers adopted. I am not aware, however, that the elder Vaughan (Philalethes) mentions the "Freemasons," as he was purely an Hermetic writer. If Bro. Whythead can give us a reference to any such passage, he will confer a great favour on all Masonic Students. M. S.

DR. DESAGULIERS.

When and where was Dr. Desaguliers made a Mason? Oliver, in the "Revelations of a Square," p. 5, tells us in the "old lodge at the Goose and Gridiron," now called the "Lodge of Antiquity." Is he correct?

ANTIQUARIUS.

ORIGIN OF THE TERM WORSHIPFUL MASTER. Rebold, in his general History of Freemasonry, under the head of "Masonic Corporations in Britain," thus accounts for the origin of the term *Worshipful Master*. (He is writing of a period about the close of the sixth century.) He says:

"In accordance with the teachings of their founder, the Benedictine monks worked more than they prayed. Austin himself, the apostle of England and first Archbishop of Canterbury, was no less celebrated for his knowledge of architecture than for his other powers of mind and varied attainments; and it was he who, at this time, began to rebuild and re-establish the ancient Masonic corporations, now reduced, it may well be believed, to a very small number—indeed, entirely inadequate for those immense constructions projected by the new apostles of Christianity. It was in this manner that at this time, in England as upon the continent, the lodges became attached to the convents, and were more or less governed by monks, according as the leading architects were monks or lay brethren; and from this fact arose the condition that lodges held their meetings almost exclusively in the convents, where, if an Abbot was proposed as Master Warden of a lodge, they addressed him

as *Worshipful Brother* or *Worshipful Master*, thus establishing a mode of address which has descended even to our own day as the usual one in speaking to or of the first officer within a lodge.

The above paragraph, which appeared in our contemporary the *New York Despatch*, seems to call for notice in our columns. The theory that the term "Worshipful Master" is of monastic origin is, I apprehend, utterly far, fetched and untenable. The term is in all probability derived from the Guild System—strictly speaking it is comparatively modern in respect of its Masonic usage.

MASONIC STUDENT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Freemasons of West Yorkshire was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 6th inst., at Bradford, under the banner of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1018. About 250 brethren were present. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, presided. After the usual opening ceremony,

Sir H. EDWARDS, in addressing the brethren, said that the charity report announced that the amount raised by this province, exclusive of Stewards' fees, was £3560, and adding the fees of the 166 Stewards, it reached £3906 10s., whilst there are still one or two lists to come in. Every lodge in the province had contributed thereto. He thanked the Stewards from his province for their noble and generous exertions, as well as the charity members of every one of the sixty-six lodges for their efforts to render his presidency of the festival of the 23rd February a decided success. He congratulated the other 224 Stewards from London and the other provinces on responding to the appeal in so magnificent a manner as to make the total amount—£14,262 14s.—the largest sum ever announced in the Freemasons' Hall on behalf of the Charity. He congratulated the Craft on the announcement that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold would open the Masonic Hall in Nottingham on the 29th June this year, under the Grand Mastership of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, and he had no doubt that West Yorkshire would be represented on that occasion. To mark his appreciation of the great services of Bros. Tomlinson and Wordsworth, the former of whom, to his great regret, retired from the Chairmanship of the Charity Committee, he conferred on them the Provincial Grand Wardens' chairs.

Bro. TEW, D.P.G.M., also addressed the brethren with some wholesome advice on the affairs of the province.

After the roll of lodges had been called, and other routine business gone through, the appointment of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with as follows:—

- Bro. W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P., P.M.
154 ... Prov. G.S.W.
John Wordsworth, P.M. 1019 ... Prov. G.J.W.
Robert C. Wilford, M.A., P.M.
1514 ... Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. Percy F. J. Pearce, M.A., J.W. 275 ... Prov. G. Chap.
Captain E. Hemingway (elected), P.M. 1214 ... Prov. G. Treas.
Captain E. T. Clark, P.M. 910 ... Prov. G. Reg.
Henry Smith, P.M. 387 ... Prov. G. Sec.
W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001 ... Prov. G.S.D.
Arthur Heron, P.M. 208 ... Prov. G.J.D.
G. W. Hawksley, P.M. 139 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
Geo. Newton, P.M. 1513 ... Prov. G.D.C.
James Powell, P.M. 1301 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
Rawson Kelley, P.M. 750 ... Prov. G.S.B.
J. Needham Pickering, P.M. 1221 ... Prov. G. Org.
Thomas Barber, P.M. 652 ... Prov. G. Purs.
Joseph Crowther, P.M. 1645 ... Prov. G.A. Purs.
Dr. W. R. Thomas, P.M.
1239 ...
W. H. Pawson, P.M. 206 ...
Alfred Stephenson, P.M. 1648 ...
C. T. Rhodes, P.M. 448 ...
Thomas Crossley, P.M. 1311 ...
Charles Gott, P.M. 302 ...
Joshua Lee, P.M. 290 ...
Jonas Sheard, 208 ...

The next meeting was appointed for Dewsbury.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at Maryport, on Friday, the 5th inst., at 2.30 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., who is at present on the continent for the benefit of Lady Bective's health, his lordship deputed his Grand Senior Warden, W. Bro. George J. McKay, P.M. 129, Kendal, to take the chair.

The minutes of Grand Lodge held at Kendal on September 10th, 1880, were read and confirmed. Before commencing the regular business of Prov. G. Lodge, the acting Prov. G.M., W. Bro. Geo. J. McKay, said he very much regretted the circumstances under which it was his privilege to occupy the chair of Prov. G. Lodge for three reasons—first, the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Bective; second, the lamented death of the late R.W.D.P.G.M., Col. John Whitwell, M.P., Past Grand Warden of England; and thirdly, that so unworthy a representative of the R.W.P.G.M. should be called upon to take the chair.

The acting P.G.M., W. Bro. McKay, then moved the following resolution, which was cordially agreed to: "That it is with feelings of deep regret with which the brethren of this Prov. G. Lodge have learnt the cause of the enforced absence of our R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., through ill health of the Countess of Bective. It is our earnest and sincere hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may speedily restore the health of Lady Bective, and that we may soon have the gratification of welcoming our R.W.P.G.M. amongst us, in the prayer of the Freemasons of Cumberland and Westmorland, assembled together in P.G.L. this 5th day of April, 1881. That above resolution be entered in the minutes, and a copy sent to our Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master." The acting Prov. Grand Master next alluded to the death of the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and in the course of his remarks said: Brethren,— Since we met in Prov. Grand Lodge held at Kendal last

autumn, our late Right Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Col. John Whitwell, M.P., has been removed from amongst us by the unrelenting hand of death, leaving not only a void in this Prov. Grand Lodge but in many other institutions with which his name has been long and honourably associated, and whose memory will ever be loved and revered. In no province has there been a more faithful, assiduous, and enthusiastic brother, whose best services were always at the disposal of the Craft. Brethren, I feel his mantle is still with us, to guide, to influence, and to direct us. In the words of the poet he was one of those brethren whom

"To live in hearts we leave behind Is not to die."

Whoever our Right Worshipful Grand Master may appoint as his Deputy, that brother will assume the important office with a consciousness that his predecessor was one of the worthiest and brightest exponents of the principles of the Craft. Worshipful Bro. McKay concluded with the following resolution: "That the members of this Prov. Grand Lodge desire to place on record their deep and profound regret at the loss sustained by the decease of our late beloved Right Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Col. John Whitwell, M.P., Past Grand Warden of England, and their fervent hope that the example of so bright an ornament to Freemasonry may stimulate younger members of the Craft to follow in the footsteps of such a distinguished, genial, and zealous Mason. That above resolution be entered on the minutes of this Provincial Grand Lodge and a copy sent to the daughter of our late worthy and distinguished brother, with an assurance of our deep and heartfelt sympathy."

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The annual convocation of the Prov. G. Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held on Friday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maryport, under the banner of Nicholson Chapter, No. 371. The Earl of Bective, M.P., M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent, being abroad, Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., presided, supported by Comps. J. Barr, P.Z. 119, P.G.J., as P.G.H.; J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371, P.G.S.N., as P.G.J.; G. J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.S.E.; J. Slack, P.Z. 310, P.G.P.S.; W. F. Lamony, P.Z. 119, P.G. First A.S.; W. Sandwith, P.Z. 119, P.G. Second A.S.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.G. Treas.; P. de E. Collin, Z. 371, P.G. Sword Bearer; R. J. Nelson, Z. 129, P.G. Standard Bearer; T. Mandle, H. 371, P.G.D.C.; W. Armstrong, J. 371, P.G. Steward; G. Dalrymple, J. 119, P.G. Stwd.; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327; J. Pearson, P.Z. 327; E. Tyson, Z. 119; J. Gardiner, P.Z. 327 and 371; and others.

After the minutes of the last convocation, held at Carlisle, had been confirmed, the officers for the year were invested as follows:

- Comp. G. J. McKay, 129 ... Prov. G.J.
R. J. Nelson, 129 ... Prov. G.S.E.
J. McKelvie, 119 ... Prov. G.S.N.
P. de Collin, 371 ... Prov. G.P.S.
J. A. Wheatley, 310 ... Prov. G. 1st A.S.
J. Pearson, 327 ... Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
G. W. Kenworthy, 119 ... Prov. G. Treas.
J. Gardiner, 371 ... Prov. G. Reg.
T. Mandle, 371 ... Prov. G. Swd. B.
T. McMechan, 327 ... Prov. G. Std. B.
W. Armstrong, 371 ... Prov. G.D.C.
J. Smith, 371 ... Prov. G. Org.
J. Messenger, 371 ... Prov. G. Jan.
Bell, 129 ... Prov. G. Stwd.
T. Atkinson, 119 ... Prov. G. Stwd.

The accounts for the year were produced and passed, after which a resolution of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to the daughter of the late M.E. Comp. Colonel Whitwell, P.Z. 129, P.G.H. The Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 412, Longtown, not having been working for some years past, it was resolved that the warrant be forthwith surrendered to Grand Chapter. This was all the business, and the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF A NEW CHURCH AT EGREMONT.

Tuesday, the 5th inst., was a red letter day in the history of the ancient Cumberland town of Egremont, the occasion being the laying of the corner stones of a new parish church, one with Masonic rites. In Cumberland such interesting ceremonies have been few and far between, inasmuch as the event at Egremont is but the third of the kind. Though Masonic lodges existed in Cumberland from the year 1740, a province was not formed till 1771, when the first Provincial Grand Master was Henry Ellison, an Egremont gentleman. Not till 1823, however, was the first ceremony in connection with the laying of the stone of a place of worship with Masonic rites, this being the chapel in the county gaol, Bro. George Blamire at that time occupying the chief position in the province. The second instance was in 1856, on the occasion of the foundation stone of Westnewton Church being laid.

The Freemasons of Cumberland and Westmorland, however, have frequently taken part in such ceremonies, other than ecclesiastical edifices. The earliest record of this kind, connected with the two counties, is in the year 1773, when the Union Lodge, at Kendal, was represented at the laying of the first stone of Rokeby Bridge, over the river Tees. Reverting to Mr. Blamire and the Cumberland Freemasons, in 1818 they assisted in "driving the last pile" of a bridge over the Sark, near Gretna, the line of demarcation of England and Scotland. Then we have, in 1830, Sir James Graham laying the foundation-stone of the Cumberland Infirmary with Masonic honours; whilst, five years later, the great statesman and his Cumberland brethren, on the invitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumfriesshire, crossed the borders to lay the first stone of the obelisk, on Langholm Hill, raised in memory of General Sir John Malcolm, K.C.B. Of recent years, an event, to be long remembered, was that in connection with the Royal Albert Asylum, at Lancaster; and the more interesting was it from the fact that most of the Cumberland and Westmorland lodges became subscribers to the noble institution for a period of twenty-five years. The announcement, therefore, that the Freemasons would assist in the important work at Egremont created the liveliest interest. Originally, we believe, it was intended that

the Earl of Bective, M.P., the Grand Master of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, should be invited to perform the ceremony, but as his lordship could not be present, through being abroad with Lady Bective, who is in delicate health, the brethren of Kenlis Lodge, Egremont, happily conceived the idea of inviting Bro. Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow, a Past Master of the Lodge, and a Craftsman of the highest rank in the province, to fill the place of the Provincial Grand Master. Invitations were thereupon sent to all the lodges in the Province to be present; and, as will be seen below, the gathering proved one of the most important, numerically speaking, in the annals of Border Masonry, not even excepting a provincial meeting. The weather was in every way favourable, a spring sun adding greatly to the effectiveness of the display, and the little town was arrayed in its gayest, in the shape of banners, &c. Shortly after one o'clock, the brethren of Kenlis Lodge, with the visitors from other lodges, assembled in the Oddfellows' Hall, to a number little short of a couple of hundred, and, after partaking of refreshment, Bro. Robson, W.M., assisted by his officers, opened a "lodge of emergency" in form. The following members of the lodge were present:—Bros. J. J. Robson, W.M.; J. F. Kirkconel, S.W.; J. J. Wilson, J.W.; J. Muncaster, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D.; E. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. Baxter, P.M.; Rev. W. E. Strickland, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. B. Armes, Chap., P.G. Chap.; E. Chapman, Treas.; R. Tyson, Sec.; Dr. Braithwaite, S.D.; W. L. Towerson, D.C.; W. Sharp, Org.; J. Black, I.G.; J. Lewthwaite and W. Woosman, Stewards; S. Braithwaite, Tyler; E. Bromley, J. Rowe, Jonas Lindow, J. Jackson, J. Fearon, T. Swainson, B. Grey, Dr. Calderwood, J. Woodburn, J. Robertson, J. Borrowdale, J. Dyson, J. Leech, R. Lamb, T. Vincent, T. Bell, J. Urr, J. Stout, J. Doloughan, H. Ashby, W. Armstrong, T. Sewell, J. Reay, W. J. Blythe, F. Whittle, J. Dickinson, and J. Weeks.

The following is a list of deputations from sister lodges: Sun Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven: Bros. H. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Robertson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Bewlay, S.W.; J. Casson, Sec.; M. Golithy, S.D.; R. Moore, I.G.; S. Blenkhorn, J. Atkinson, W. Holloway, R. Miller, J. W. Miles, W. G. Johns, A. Wilkinson, G. M'Adam, J. Ashworth, W. F. Hunter, J. Moffat, J. Richardson, J. Welsh, C. Mossop, and J. Dalzell. Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle: Bros. W. Blaylock, W.M.; W. Reid, J.D.; J. Bewley, I.G.; and J. Metcalfe. Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Thompson, W.M.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Weatherston, S.D.; and F. Harrison.

Lewis Lodge, No. 873, Whitehaven: Bros. C. J. Dalton, W.M.; T. Giessal, S.W.; E. Rose, P.M.; J. Spittal, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works; J. M. Salisbury, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; F. Hodgson, P.M.; R. Twentymann, Sec.; J. M'Gill, S.D.; J. Angus, J.D.; H. Burns, Steward; A. M'Gill, M. Smith, J. Nixon, G. F. Nicholson, J. I. Braithwaite, J. Townson, J. Robinson, J. T. Ray, A. Hardie, J. Lewthwaite, H. Woolcock, T. Moor, and J. M'Gowan.

Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington: Bros. J. J. Coverdale, W.M.; J. I. Beattie, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; P. D. E. Collin, P.M., P.G.S.D.; J. A. Salkeld, P.M.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M., P.G. Asst. Chap.; N. Topping, S.W.; G. B. M'ullen, J.W.; A. Osbaldeston, I.G.; R. Thomas, J. Troughear, D. Reece, R. Makemson, E. G. Burrows, J. Harding, J. Johnson, J. Jenkinson, J. P. Burnett, and J. Thwaite.

Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth: Bros. T. C. Robinson, W.M.; W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; F. Bird, P.M.; J. Towers, J.D.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; F. Smith, Stwd.; J. Hewson, Tyler; and I. Evening.

Solway Lodge, No. 1220, Silloth: Bro. J. Wales, W.M. Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390, Millom: Bros. J. Dodd, W.M.; W. Bradley, S.W.; J. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Bell, P.M., P.G. Asst. D.C.; J. E. Henderson, J. Jackson, J. W. Casson, and T. J. Lewthwaite.

Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, Harrington: Bros. J. Scott, W.M.; W. Carlyle, P.M.; Dr. Dick, P.M.; J. Tallentire, J. Scott, S. Bethell, J. Mayhew, H. Wynn, and T. Bradbury.

Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington: Bros. G. Dalrymple, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. Martin, P.M.; Dr. Lacey, S.W.; J. Hunter, J. Lowden, R. Wilson, J. Dickinson, W. Harvey, J. Merritt, W. Foster, F. T. Allatt, and J. Banks.

Visitors from other provinces: Bros. J. Maxwell and A. Fletcher, 1021; J. Sutherland, P.M. 561; W. M. Airth, 40; J. Mills, 252; A. Crawford, 427; J. Harper, 157; E. W. Cooke, 731; Stithurst, W.M. 94; R. H. Cooke, 1350; C. J. Fryer, Royal Arch Lodge, Cork; A. C. H. Waginrube, 23; E. Bromley, 104; and T. L. Banks, the architect.

The only business, and a substantial one it proved, was to make a collection in aid of the new church building fund. The amount realised reached the handsome total of £142, which Bro. ROBSON announced was to be applied in some appropriate manner so as to identify the Freemasons with the sacred edifice. The brethren were then marshalled in procession by Bro. W. L. Towerson, D.C., kindly assisted by Bro. T. Mandle, P.M. 371, P.G.D.C., and marched to the site of the church.

The Main-street, through which the procession passed, was crowded on both sides, and it is certain the little town never wore so animated an aspect. Most of the lodges were headed by their banners, whilst the long line of sombre-clothed Masons, relieved with the light blue and silver of Craft lodges, or the purple and gold of Provincial Officers, combined to render the effect most striking. Arrived within a short distance of the scene of the day's proceedings, the line opened out, and the rear of the procession passed through to the site of the stone to be laid with the rites and honours peculiar to the "Mystic Tie." The first stone was laid in the usual manner by Mr. Thomas Hartley, of Armthwaite Hall, the money deposited on the stone amounting to £102.

Then the Masonic portion of the ceremony commenced, with the following prayer by Bro. Rev. W. E. STRICKLAND, vicar of the parish, P.M. Kenlis Lodge, P.P.G. Chaplain: We supplicate Thy blessing, O Almighty God and Great Architect of the Universe, in this undertaking. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handiwork; and grant that this our labour begun, continued, and ended in Thee may be established for ever more to the honour and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

Bro. ROBSON, W.M., next requested Bro. Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow to lay the corner stone, and, in compliance thereto, he delivered the following customary address: Be it known unto you, that we, being lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, although not ourselves operative Masons, have, from time immemorial, been associated with the erection of buildings raised for the benefit of mankind and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us secrets concealed from those who are not Masons; but they are lawful and honourable, and are not opposed to the laws either of God or man. They were entrusted to Masons in ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them down to our posterity. We are assembled here in the presence of you all to erect a house for the worship and praise of the Most High; and I pray that God will bless it.

A hymn was next sung. After the cement had been spread on the lower stone, a handsome silver trowel was handed to Bro. Burns-Lindow, which was inscribed as follows: "Presented to Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow, Esq., of Irton Hall, on the occasion of his laying a stone with Masonic rites in the north-east corner of Egremont New Parish Church. April 5th, 1881."

The stone having been slowly lowered on its last resting-place, under the superintendence of Bro. Smith, the builder, Bro. BURNS-LINDOW then, addressing Bro. Robson, W.M., inquired, "Have you applied the square to the parts of the stone that should be squared?" Bro. ROBSON, having "squared" the work, replied, "I have so applied it, worshipful sir, and find it to be true." He next asked Bro. Kirkconel, S.W., "Have you applied the level to the stone?" Bro. KIRKCONEL answered, "I have done so, worshipful sir, and find it to be well founded." Bro. BURNS-LINDOW now questioned Bro. J. J. Wilson, J.W., "Have you applied the plumb to the several edges of the stone?" when the reply was "I have done so, worshipful sir, and find the stone perfect and trustworthy."

Bro. Lindow then tapped the stone thrice with a polished oaken mallet, on which was an engraved silver plate recording: "Oak, being date 1698, taken from the roof of the ancient parish church of Egremont, used in laying a stone in the north-east corner of the chancel of the new parish church, by Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow, Esq., of Irton Hall, April 5, 1881."

The Secretary of Kenlis Lodge, Bro. TYSON, next read the inscription on a brass plate, to be fixed to the stone, as follows: "This corner-stone was laid with Masonic rites, on behalf of the Kenlis Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1267, Egremont, by Brother Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow, a Past Master of the lodge, and Provincial Grand Senior Warden of this province, April 5, A.D. 1881, A.L. 5881."

The cornucopia, containing corn, was then handed to Bro. Burns-Lindow, who said: "I scatter corn upon this stone as an emblem of abundance and plenty." Next pouring wine on the stone, he resumed:—"I pour wine upon this stone as the symbol of strength and gladness;" and finally, with the ever of oil, said, "I sprinkle this stone with oil, the emblem of peace and harmony."

Bro. Rev. W. E. STRICKLAND then delivered the dedication prayer as follows:

Almighty and Everlasting God, we beseech Thee to let Thy blessing rest upon this stone which we have laid this day in the faithful fear of Thy Holy Name. Grant that the superstructure to be raised thereon may be perfect in its parts and to the honour and glory and praise of Thee. May the foundation of this house be holiness ever unto the Lord; may its walls be salvation and its gates praise; and grant that whosoever comes here to worship may be so led and guided by the precepts of Thy Holy Law that, passing safely through the intricacies and trials of this mortal life, he may enter at last into the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Grant this for Thy great name's sake. Amen.

The architect, Bro. T. L. Banks, was presented to Bro. Burns-Lindow, who, after inspecting his plans returned them, together with the tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work. After this Bro. Chapman, Treasurer of Kenlis Lodge, placed upon the stone a light blue silk bag containing the money subscribed by the brethren in the lodge-room. Bro. Rev. W. E. STRICKLAND then pronounced the benediction as follows:—

Unto God's gracious mercy and direction we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be gracious and merciful unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace now and for evermore.

Finally, the hundredth psalm was sung.

This concluded the Masonic ceremony, which was performed by Bro. Burns-Lindow in a most workmanlike manner. The proceedings, from first to last, were witnessed with the deepest interest by the large assemblage; and certainly every credit is due to the officers and brethren or Kenlis Lodge for their admirably-perfected arrangements. On the conclusion of the work, the Freemasons again formed in procession, and returned to the Oddfellows' Hall, where, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Burns-Lindow, by the brethren of Kenlis Lodge, for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day. In reply, Bro. Burns-Lindow assured the brethren that he considered it a proud honour to be privileged to take so important a part as he had in the proceedings; and he further assured them that that day would never fade from his memory. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the representatives of the visiting lodges, the lodge was closed in due form.

Subsequently a public luncheon was held in the Co-operative Hall, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. W. H. Strickland, vicar of Egremont.

The Building Exhibition, now being held at the Agricultural Hall, will remain open until the 19th inst.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—An infallible remedy for bad legs and all kinds of wounds. The surprising sale of these invaluable medicines in every part of the civilised world is the most convincing proof of their efficacy. They speedily cure bad legs, old wounds, scrofula, and diseases of the skin. Thousands of persons suffering from these dreadful maladies have been cured by them after every other means had failed; and it is a fact beyond all doubt that there is no case, however obstinate or long standing, but may be quickly relieved and ultimately cured by these wonderful medicines. Their united action is irresistible; more need not be said in praise of these celebrated Pills. Let those who doubt their excellence give them a trial.—[ADVT.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Tuesday, the 29th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Morrison, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Rumball, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Clark, S.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Kendall, W.S.; Fromholtz, D.C.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Mallett, P.M.; C. Darry, P.M.; and Cobham, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Robins, 25; Wright, 813; Shearan, 1070; Veal, 1306; Sollis, 1531; Sly, 1625, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., in a most able and impressive manner, performed the ceremonies of passing and raising.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice. "The W.M." was given in a few brief but well-chosen sentences by the I.P.M. This toast having been warmly drunk, the W.M. made a modest response. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the Faith Lodge upon receiving visits that evening from several very well-known Masons. He believed that the practice of visiting various lodges was highly to be commended, because it gave brethren an opportunity of not only studying the "working," but of cementing the bonds of Masonic brotherhood. This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Robins, Veal, and others, replied. In the course of their respective speeches they each congratulated the lodge upon the excellent "working" of the W.M., which they said could not be surpassed. "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of the I.P.M., followed. Bro. Rumball having replied, the toast of "The Officers" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bros. Stuart, Walls, and Clark. Previous to the Tyler being called upon to discharge his duty, "The Health of Bro. Shearan," who had largely contributed to the amusement of the brethren by his artistic, instrumental, and vocal selections, was enthusiastically drunk.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last, the 11th inst., under the Mastership of Bro. George Kenning. There were also present Bros. A. Brookman, S.W.; Rev. Dr. P.H. Ernest Brette, P.M., J.W.; Anderton, Jolliffe, Jones, Benskin, Webb, and Hudson. Visitors: Bros. Barnes, William Preston Lodge, and De Lucca, Temple Lodge. Bros. Webb and Hudson received the Third Degree. A distressed brother from Nottingham was relieved with the sum of two guineas, supplemented by Bro. De Lucca with one guinea. The brethren dined together.

MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Bro. Johannes Bergmann, Worshipful Master, presided, and there were present Bros. Nelson Reed, P.M., Sec.; David Rankin Still, P.M.; Walter William Medcalf, I.P.M.; Henry Gustavus Buss, Thomas Henry Wiles, James Jackson Avey, Carl Schmidt, S.W. and W.M. elect; William John Hugo Klotgen, Richard Aneurin Morgan, J.W.; George Coppard, George Lewis, D.C.; Henry Halifax Wells, S.D.; Henry Warden, J.D.; Philip Alpete, Charles William Meiter, Org.; Charles Horatio Flaek, Albert Rolande Cartwright, William Henry Downey, Emile Clavel, Edwin Moore, George de Sylla Zucco, Philipp Feick, Henry Yelf Kelleway, John Peacock, Henry White, Frank Vereat Roberts, Charles Gould Heyman; and the following honorary members of the lodge: V.W. Bro. Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Sir John B. Monckton, President of Board of General Purposes; and W. Bro. James Terry, P. Prov. J.G.W. Herts.

Visitors: Bros. R. L. Sindall, P.M. 1293, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. R. Ellis, P.M. 809, P.P.G.S.B. Cambridge; J. Cuthush, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; Karl Bergmann, W.M. 238; J. Hamer, W.M. 1426; S. Gamman, 206; J. M. Hodden, 217; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; T. Cunningham, P.M. 754; J. Slade Brown, P.M. 1056; Edward Terry, P.M. 1310; W. J. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; G. Briggs, P.M. 1572; A. J. Roberts, P.M. 1702; A. W. Wells, S.W. 299; A. Brookman, S.W. 1667; C. Warren, J.W. 238; H. Saunders, 1437; W. Goodyear, J.D. 1708; A. Watkins, I.G. 277; A. Pearce, I.G. 1572; A. Hartmann, Treas. 238; W. L. Cox, 19; W. W. Rust, 28; S. Greenfield, 45; J. Comfort, 60; G. Hartmann, 238; M. Muller, 238; W. F. Lotz, 238; C. Wilson, 538; A. Schlaepfer, 538; G. Rawlinson, 754; C. Dollmann, 792; H. Warden, sen., 715; D. Ormond, 827; T. Hart, 1161; G. Jackson, 1287; C. Fisher, 1489; C. Sturge, 1572; F. Wilcocks, 1572; J. Claricoats, 1572; W. Jennings, 1586; H. Sturgeon, 1613; G. Harlow, 1613; H. Clemens, 1662; Mark Hart, 1161; Robt. Nicholson, S.W. 1566; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason).

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 15th of February and of the emergency meeting on the 12th of March were read and confirmed; and Bro. Charles G. Heyman was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Bergmann then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. F. L. Carl Schmidt, which ceremony was performed in the most able and impressive manner; and the following brethren were appointed as officers for the year: Bros. Johannes Bergmann, I.P.M.; R. A. Morgan, S.W.; H. H. Wells, J.W.; J. J. Avery, Treas.; Nelson Reed, P.M., Sec.; H. Warden, S.D.; G. Lewis, J.D.; A. R. Cartwright, D. of C.; W. E. Downey, Org.; and C. W. Meiter, I.G.

The report of the Audit Committee having been presented, and a favourable balance-sheet read by the Secretary, Bro. Medcalf's motion that the sum of five guineas be given from their Benevolent Fund was unanimously carried. Bro. Nelson Reed then, on behalf of the retiring W.M., Bro. Bergmann, presented to the W.M. for the use of the lodge a very handsome ivory maul. In a few well-chosen words Bro. Reed alluded to the eminent services of the donor, and expressed a hope that the handsome gavel that had just been handed to the W.M. would for ever remind the members of the Mizpah Lodge of his successful term of office. Bro. H. G. Buss, who from the first has ably filled the office of Secretary, having expressed a desire to retire from that position, Bro. Nelson Reed, the first

W.M., and one of the founders, was appointed in his place, the brethren, amid the regret of losing the services of such a distinguished Mason as Bro. Buss, signifying unmistakably their pleasure at his place being filled by such an efficient successor. After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors present the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed of the choicest description. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said that theirs was of necessity a Royal Art from its connection with Her Majesty, whom they were all proud to honour. The toast of "The M.W.G.M." followed, and Bro. Bergmann remarked that he was beloved and honoured among Masons, not only on account of his birth and high position, but because he applied himself to his Masonic duties. He was sure that all the brethren would rejoice with him that H.R.H. had returned from his long journey, and painful mission, in safety and good health. The toast of "The Grand Officers" was next given. They had present that evening members of Grand Lodge in the persons of Bros. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Sir John Monckton, Pres. of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, each of whom they prided themselves on being able to call members of the Mizpah Lodge. He called on Bros. Simpson and Sir John Monckton to respond. Bro. Simpson, in reply, said it was very difficult to collect one's thoughts for anything in the shape of a speech after such a very humorous song as they had just listened to, but he was consoled by the fact that he had a "better half" in Bro. Sir John Monckton, on whom he could throw the burden of the reply. The W.M. had so briefly, but eloquently, alluded to Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, that he could not do better than aim at his brevity, and simply endorse the high and just terms in which he had spoken of those two noble brothers. After several months of absence from Masonic or other gatherings, owing to severe domestic affliction, he deemed himself happy and fortunate in being present at the installation that day, not merely because he was present at the birth of the lodge, or recognised the faces of so many excellent Masons and friends around him, nor yet because the W.M. had been good enough to honour him with the collar of Chaplain of the Mizpah Lodge, but above all because of the genuine pleasure, and real comfort, he had derived from hearing their beautiful installation ceremony so accurately, so impressively, and so solemnly rendered by the P.M., Bro. Bergmann—rendered in a manner which he had never heard surpassed for the last thirty years. It was to him not only an intellectual treat, but a heartfelt solace, and had proved to him more than ever that Masonry, when earnestly and eloquently interpreted, could bring consolation to the burthened heart, as well as instruct the mind and elevate the soul. The outer world did not give Masonry sufficient credit as one of the great educational forces of the day. But it was so. To take a single point. Sitting as they were in the midst of that great centre of commerce, what more significant lesson could be conveyed than that contained in the moral of the skirret, the pencil, and the compasses—in fact, three Masonic R.'s—Rectitude, Responsibility, Reward. How happy would it be if those engaged in any position of trust would bear in mind those three cardinal points. He prayed every true Mason would do so—remembering that the straight path was the only safe one; the account of Stewardship would one day have to be rendered, and a glorious reward be surely looked for by the good and faithful servant. He asked them to forgive their Chaplain thus early venturing on what might appear grave counsel to himself and to them, but they should put some of the blame on their W.M., who so kindly appointed him to that office, and thus tempted him to speak. Bro. Sir John Monckton said that their excellent and gifted Bro. Edward Terry had rattled off a long list of all the complaints he knew; but he was wrong for once, as he had omitted one that he suffered from at that moment, and that was having to follow such an eloquent brother as their Chaplain in response to the same toast. Bro. Simpson had spoken so well that he could add but little to it. He had been for four years an honorary member of the lodge, in fact, since its consecration by the late Bro. John Hervey, of whom no man could speak without respect; he had taken an humble share in the work of consecration, and was glad to find it in so short a time in such a position. His love for Masonry had not diminished, and he never visited a lodge where he saw more signs of brotherly love and harmony than in the Mizpah Lodge. The beautiful ceremony of installation had been perfectly rendered; and he congratulated the members on having such a working brother among them as Bro. Bergmann. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said the pleasure he had in proposing that toast was greatly increased by the fact that they had been intimate friends before either were Masons. Bro. Schmidt was one of the founders of the lodge, had filled all the offices, and was now in the one in which he ought to be. He had always done his duty earnestly and efficiently, and he wished him all possible happiness during his year of office. Bro. Schmidt, in reply, said that Bro. Bergmann had spoken in such eulogistic terms of him that he could hardly find words to reply. It was true he had tried to do his duty, although he might have done better. Bro. Bergmann had alluded to their long acquaintance before they became Masons, and it was a pleasant surprise when, by accident, they discovered they were both Masons. Had they made known their intentions to each other, no doubt they would have endeavoured to join the same lodge. He trusted that during his year of office he should be actuated by the same desire to do his duty as when he was appointed, a few days after being raised, as Inner Guard. Bro. Nelson Reed rather prided himself on selecting his officers with the view of their becoming good Masters, and he was proud that he had been the first one to put the collar round his neck. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Bergmann." He said that in the time of the Romans on the eve of every important undertaking the people were called together, and by the flight of birds, especially the raven, they presaged the success or failure of the enterprise; they predicted, by what they knew of his energy and ability in the offices he had already filled, that they could expect great things of him, and he had far surpassed their most sanguine anticipations. All present must have been impressed with the seriousness and pathos which he had thrown into the ceremony just performed—no man could have done it better. Bro. Bergmann had alluded to their long friendship, and it gave him peculiar pleasure to present him, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel. He had no hesitation in saying that such a presentation was never made to a worthier man or Mason. A silver salver, which ha

been subscribed for by a few friends was also handed to him. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Johanns Bergmann, W.M., by several members of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, in recognition of his valuable services since the foundation of the lodge, March, 12th, 1881." Bro. Bergmann, in reply, said that he found it very difficult to return thanks after the terms in which the W.M. had alluded to his services. He had no doubt that both Bro. Schmidt and Bro. Simpson meant all they said, but he felt he might have done better. That Bro. Simpson should have been so touched was quite natural—to go through their beautiful ritual was a solace to the distressed, and they could not fail to find comfort from it. When he took office he had great diffidence as to whether he should fulfil the requirements of a Master of the Mizpah, but he had tried to keep up to the standard required, and felt pleased at handing over his rule to so worthy a successor. He thanked them heartily for the handsome jewel that they had given him. Nothing could bind him more closely to Masonry, but the jewel would always remind him of his pleasant year of office in the Mizpah. The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the W.M. He said they had a goodly muster, upwards of fifty, a most pleasing list for a W.M. to read. It proved that the Mizpah bore a good name. Bro. Jennings, he was sure, always did his best for them by providing a good dinner, and he trusted they would all take away with them a pleasant memory of that evening. He hoped they would come again, for it was seldom one visited a lodge without communicating and receiving pleasing impressions and instruction. Bro. Karl Bergmann, Past Master of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, was the first to reply. He said that they were all aware that both the P.M. and W.M. belonged to the German nationality, but they had always endeavoured to show that Masonry was cosmopolitan. He was glad to be present at such a successful gathering. Bro. Hamer, W.M. Great City Lodge, expressed the great pleasure he felt at visiting the Mizpah Lodge, and witnessing the very excellent working they had seen that day, and he was glad to find Bro. J. R. Simpson once more among them. He thought the lodge had a prosperous future before it, and congratulated them on possessing so excellent a Master. Bro. Whittaker also replied. He said, although surprised at being called on, they could not have chosen a brother who felt more interest in the lodge. He had been a constant visitor, and derived much pleasure and instruction therefrom. The ceremonies had been worked in the most perfect manner, although the Present and Immediate Past Masters were not Englishmen, and had consequently laboured under disadvantages in rendering the English ritual. He would compliment the members on the account read out of the Benevolent Fund, although the lodge contributed a considerable amount to the great Masonic Charities. Bro. Brown and others also responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." It was, he said, a home toast—near and dear to them; they were but a young lodge, but they possessed four worthy Past Masters. Bro. Reed, as the first W.M., had perpetuated the motto "Memor et Fidelis." Bro. Still was not very still in Masonry, but, on the contrary, most active. Bro. Medcalf was well known to all of them, too, for his Masonic ardour and urbanity. Bro. Nelson Reed, in reply, said it was at all times a pleasure to him to return thanks as a Past Master of the Mizpah Lodge. They had honoured him by selecting him as first W.M., and his duties had always been a work of love. Knowing, as he did, what good Masters had succeeded him he had reason to congratulate the lodge. They had given each year £10 to one of the charitable Institutions, and he had Bro. Terry's authority for saying that if every lodge would only give £5 a year, the work of the Secretaries would be rendered much easier, and a substantial addition to the subscription list would be the result. It could not be too often repeated that charity was the foundation of all Masonry. Bros. Still, Medcalf, and Bergmann, also responded. Other toasts followed, that of "The Masonic Charities" responded to in eloquent terms by Bro. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "Officers," concluding with the Tyler's toast. We should not omit to mention that the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bro. Edward Terry, and others. A solo on the zither was also charmingly rendered.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when there was a full attendance. Bro. C. F. Barham, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. T. Barr, I.P.M.; L. Stean, P.M.; E. Benjamin, S.W.; J. A. Jones, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, Treas.; J. Cox, Sec.; A. A. Clement, S.D.; J. Funston, J.D.; E. Walker, I.G.; F. Matthews, D.C.; G. C. Young, Org.; R. Drysdale and H. J. Thrower, Stewards; C. T. Speight, Tyler. In addition to about twenty members, there were the following visiting brethren: Bros. Major John Dunbar, 487; W. S. Gedge, 228; G. J. Freeman, 1613; W. H. Gimmingham, 1707; S. Smither, 193; L. Dyer, 1366; C. Steel, 1365; and E. P. Phillips, 1017.

The lodge having been opened in the several Degrees, Bros. J. Barratt and R. H. Drysdale were raised to the Degree of M.M. Mr. Samuel Fennell having been duly approved, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The ceremonies were admirably and impressively worked by the W.M. and his officers. The distinguishing characteristic of Masonry was exemplified in the voting and raising of upwards of £20 for a brother who has met with misfortune. Some further business was also transacted, and the lodge was adjourned.

After an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several of the speeches referred to the advantages of the Craft both in England and when travelling in all parts of the world, one of the visitors having been a member of the lodge during the Crimean war, and since that time in India, Malta, Corfu, and other places. The evening was a pleasant one in all its stages.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 12th ult., when there were present Bros. T. C. Corpe, W.M.; J. W. Brooke, I.P.M.; Dr. W. G. Bott, S.W.; G. F. Smith, jun., J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas.; A. Williams, Asst. Hon. Sec.; A. Stokes, S.D.; Dr. J. C. Wilkins, J.D.; G. F. Smith, D.C.; Capt. W. Furse, W.S.; G. W. Rowe, Tyler. Members: Bros. Marcus, Jenkins, Jakins, Hayton, Cattermole, Quoadt, Keith-Frith,

Holmes, and Cox. Visitors: Bros. A. J. Bellis, 1297; R. S. Pearce, 1194; J. Da Silva, S.W. 205; J. Round, 101; L. Lazarus, P.M. 188; and E. J. F. Bell, 1319.

After the lodge had been opened, and the summons convening the meeting read, a ballot was taken for the following gentlemen, Mr. Frederick Gent and Mr. Jonah Da Silva, for initiation, which proving unanimous in their favour, they together with Mr. H. S. Treg, Mus. Bac. (previously balloted for) were duly initiated. A ballot was then duly taken for Bro. C. H. Cox, of Joppa Lodge, 188, as joining member, which was also unanimous.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner provided by Bro. Best, and a most enjoyable musical evening was spent, Bros. Smith, J.W., Bell, Marcus, and Cattermole, contributing largely to the success of the evening.

The lodge also met for the dispatch of business on the 31st ult., when the officers present were Bros. T. C. Corpe, W.M.; J. W. Brooke, I.P.M.; Dr. G. W. Bott, S.W.; G. F. Smith, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas.; A. Stokes, S.D.; Dr. J. C. Wilkins, J.D.; G. F. Smith, D.C.; Capt. W. Furse, W.S.; and R. Goddard, P.M., Tyler. Members: Bros. Cattermole, Auerbach, Jakins, Cox, Gent, Da Silva, and Miller. Visitor: Bro. Hill, 1658.

The minutes of the regular meeting in February and the minutes of the emergency meeting of March 12th were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Robert Hindson Miller for initiation, which was unanimous in his favour, and the candidate being in attendance, he was duly initiated. The W.M. delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board. Bro. Capt. Furse proposed Mr. Albert Thomas Baschinski for initiation at the next meeting. The proposed change of the regular day of meeting having been confirmed, and approved by the Grand Secretary, the lodge will in future meet on the second Saturday in the months of September to April inclusive.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 7th inst. The brethren having taken their seats at a quarter to eight, the procession of officers entered, consisting of Bros. C. Radway, W.M.; Dr. Hopkins, I.P.M.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; T. Wilton, P.M. and D. of C.; Peel Floyd, P.M.; Moutrie, P.M.; Braham, P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., as S.W.; Mercer, J.W.; Murlis, Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; Reynolds, as J.D.; W. Peach, I.G.; Gregory and Brown, as Stewards; T. L. Baldwin, Org.; and Bigwood, Tyler. Bro. Glover, 906, was present as a visitor, and at a later period, Bros. S. Mitchell, P.M., and C. Wilkinson, Past J.W., arrived.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Bartlett and Pinner were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins, by request of the W.M. The W.M. again took his chair, and thanked the I.P.M. for the services he had so efficiently rendered under difficulties arising from indisposition. The Director of Ceremonies then offered kind and fraternal expressions on behalf of the members to Bro. Dr. Hopkins, at the same time presenting for his acceptance a beautifully-executed and illuminated document on vellum, handsomely framed, as he intimated when at the installation meeting on February 3rd, he placed on his breast a gold centenary jewel as a token of the regard in which he was held by the lodge. The I.P.M. gave a brief but feeling acknowledgment, soliciting the indulgence of the brethren on account of the labour he had gone through, and his recent illness, which had rendered his presence on this occasion uncertain. The following is a copy of the document: "To commemorate the presentation in full lodge of a gold centenary jewel of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, to Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P. Prov. G.S.W. for Warwickshire, P.M. 41, 43, 958, and P.Z., on his vacating the W.M.'s chair, 3rd February, 1881, in brotherly recognition of his great Masonic abilities, and his untiring interest in the welfare of No. 41, and more especially in his exhaustive researches relating to the great antiquity of this lodge, and also in testimony of the truly fraternal spirit marking his year of Mastership." Signed by twelve Past Masters, the W.M., and all his officers, two Past Wardens, and other members. The W.M. read notes of apology for non-attendance from the S.W. and J.D., owing to absence from Bath. Several private matters, of no interest out of the lodge, were discussed, and the proceedings were brought to a close at ten o'clock in harmony and brotherly love.

BRIGHTON.—Royal York Lodge (No. 315).—On Tuesday the 5th inst., at the close of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Marine Hotel (Bro. Payne's) for the purpose of doing honour to Bro. Thomas Packham, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, who has just discharged a most satisfactory year of office. Bro. Payne provided a repast of a most sumptuous character, and the proceedings were of a very pleasing nature. Bro. George Nash, Worshipful Master of the lodge, presided, having on his right the guest of the evening. Bro. Gibson, S.W., occupied the vice-chair, and the brethren present included Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. James Curtis, Prov. G.S.; Bros. Stride, Sandeman, C. Hudson, G. R. Lockyer, G. S. Godfree, G. R. Godfree, Thacker, Anderson, Kirkham, Hollands, H. Payne, Ridge, R. Nye, Crook, and others. Bro. S. Pearce, Prov. G. Deacon of Hants, and Sheriff of Southampton, was also present on the invitation of Bro. James Curtis. The toast of "The Health of the Guest" of the evening was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Nash, was warmly received, and sympathetically acknowledged.

ROCK FERRY.—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).—There are few lodges in the province of Cheshire, over which Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. rules so generally, which have so deservedly secured an excellent reputation as the Rock Lodge, No. 1289, both with respect to its working and the excellent quality of its membership. The finest Masonic spirit marked the monthly meeting of the members of the lodge at the Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, on the banks of the Mersey, on Friday evening, the 8th inst., under the excellent Mastership of Bro. Henry Jones, whose working gave satisfaction to members and visitors alike. He was ably supported by his officers in giving the First Degree to Dr. Young and the Second to Bro. Croman; and in the course of the after supper proceedings several excellent songs and recitations were given by Bros. Dean, J.W., Lee, 1675, the S.W.; and S. Forrest, jun. Various toasts were given, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent by all who were present,

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at six p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. S. Davison, W.M.; E. A. Head, S.W.; W. Rudge, J.W.; John G. Horsey, I.P.M.; G. Mitchell, Sec.; C. Firbank, J.D.; W. Pile, A. Belchley, J. Cooper, M. Ovenden, W. H. Brown, G. Berry, G. Histed, H. Histed, and G. W. Holmes. Visitor: Bro. Thos. Smith, 1096.

Lodge having been opened, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. John G. Horsey, I.P.M., who raised Bros. G. and H. Histed to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. thereupon resumed his chair, and Mr. E. G. Turner was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. Among those present were Comps. W. Mann, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, H.; H. Higgins, J.; George Everett, I.P.Z., Treas.; J. Terry, P.Z., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (hon. member); G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Speedy, P.S.; Webb, 1st Asst.; Köhler, 2nd Asst.; and Daly, Janitor. Comp. Gimmingham, of the Stockwell Chapter, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Terry, who had kindly responded to the invitation of being present to instal the Three Principals, at once assumed the chair, and proceeded to carry out that onerous duty. The Principals inducted were Comps. Walls, Higgins, and Speedy. The other officers for the year ensuing are Comps. Mann, I.P.Z.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Webb, S.N.; G. Everett, Treas.; Köhler, P.S.; Appleton, 1st Asst.; Cooper, 2nd Asst.; Marsden, D.C.; and Daly, Janitor. After a vote of thanks had been passed to the Installing Officer, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The preliminary toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Mann. The First Principal having replied, then gave "The Installing Officer." This toast having been warmly received, Bro. Terry made a humorous response. "The Visitor" was acknowledged by Comp. Gimmingham. "The Past Principals" followed. After speaking upon the merits of the two excellent companions who had preceded him in the chair, the M.E.Z. presented Comp. Mann, the I.P.Z., with a very handsome jewel. Comps. Mann and Everett having replied, "The Second and Third Principals" and "The Officers" came next. The first toast was acknowledged by Comps. Higgins and Speedy; and the latter by Comps. G. Everett, jun., Webb, Köhler, Appleton, and Marsden.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Constable in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, James Brett, G. Bolton, J. A. Farnfield, Charles John Perceval, John G. Stevens, J. M. Case, William Stephens, Henry Smith, Henry Cox, James Kench, Raynham W. Stewart, John M. Stedwell, Julius Quitmann, C. G. Dilley, Thomas Cubitt, John Henry Leggott, George Penn, Frederick Adlard, Edgar Bowyer, Richard Hervé Giraud, W. Hilton, C. H. Webb, L. Stean, Charles Atkins, J. Willing, jun., James Terry, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. TERRY, the Secretary, reported the death of five annuitants, four males and one female, after receiving annuities to the total amount of over £1400.

The Warden's Report was read, and the following is an abstract of the Finance Committee's Report, which was also read:

Finance Committee's Report from 1st of January to 31st March, 1881.

MALE FUND.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st Dec., 1880	...	946	15	5			
Subsequent Receipts, Dividends, &c.	...	5430	19	0			
Disbursements	...	6377	14	5			
		1642	19	5	4734	15	0
WIDOWS' FUND.							
Balance 31st Dec., 1880	...	577	14	5			
Subsequent Receipts	...	4273	17	0			
Disbursements	...	4851	12	3			
		1508	6	2	3343	6	1
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.							
Balance 31st Dec., 1880	...	36	14	8			
Half Year's Dividend	...	14	11	3			
Disbursements	...	51	5	11			
		16	9	7	34	16	4
					8112	17	5
Cash at Bankers	...	8062	17	5			
Secretary's Petty Cash	...	50	0	0			
					8112	17	5

The Finance Committee beg to recommend that the sum of £1500, New Three per Cents. Reduced, be purchased on account of the Male Fund, and £1500, New Three per Cents. Reduced, on account of the Female Fund, and that in consideration of the great zeal displayed by Bro. Terry, not only as Secretary of the Institution, but also at the last festival, when the sum of upwards of £14,300 was realised, the Committee recommend that the sum of 100 guineas be presented to him.

Bro. TERRY said that the amount of the sum announced at last festival was the largest that had been announced since the Institution was founded. £9057 had been collected since the festival. (Cheers.)

On the question of investing, as recommended by the Finance Committee, Bro. TERRY, in reply to Bro. J. M.

CASE, said that after £3000 had been invested, there would remain £5200 at the bankers; but next month he would have to pay £2400 in annuities.

It was then resolved to invest the two sums of £1500 in Reduced Threes, and place £3000 on deposit.

On the motion of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, seconded by Bro. W. STEPHENS, the recommendation of the Finance Committee to present Bro. Terry with the sum of £105, was carried unanimously.

Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, and W. Hale were appointed the Committee to draw up the annual report.

A letter was read from Bro. J. E. Curtis, enquiring what would be the amount of the donation to the Institution necessary to purchase a perpetual presentation to commemorate the Provincial Grand Mastership of Devon of the late Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS thought the question required some consideration, and ought to be referred to an actuary to find the present value of a perpetual annuity of £40, as that was the amount of the annuity granted by this Institution to an aged brother.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD suggested that it would be better to adopt the same figure as the Boys' and Girls' Schools set as the value of a perpetual presentation, viz., 1000 guineas, and would move that a letter be written to the Provincial Grand Secretary of Devon naming that sum.

Bro. WILLIAM STEPHENS seconded the motion.

Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D., moved as an amendment that the sum be £1200.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, while seconding the amendment, thought it should be intimated to the province that this would be only for an annuity of £40. The Institution formerly gave only £20, and that got raised by degrees to £40. It might be at some time or other that it would be increased still further, and in that case the £1200 would not cover it.

Bro. R. H. GIRAUD, P.G.D., believed that whether the annuity was to be £32 or £40, only such a sum would be accepted as would produce £40 a year in the Funds, and he would move to this effect.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., said that the 1000 guineas' perpetual presentations in the Boys' and Girls' Schools were a loss to the Institutions, and that they were better without them.

Bro. LEGGOTT was sure £1200 would not be enough. He would second the motion of Bro. Giraud—that it should be such a sum as would produce £40 a year in the Funds.

Bro. DILLEY enquired whether the province could present any candidate, because as soon as one candidate died they might put on another.

Bro. JAMES TERRY said the candidate must first go the regular course required of all candidates, and the Institution could never pay two annuities the same annuity in one quarter. If one candidate died immediately after receiving his March annuity, a candidate in his place could not receive the annuity till June.

There being a larger show of hands for Bro. Case's amendment than for the motion, the amendment was put as an original motion, and Bro. Giraud withdrew his amendment.

Bro. WILLIAM STEPHENS proposed an amendment in the terms of Bro. Giraud's amendment.

Bro. JAMES WILLING seconded; and this amendment was carried.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART proposed "That the House Committee be instructed to obtain an estimate for the enlargement of the present hall, and providing proper accommodation for the same." He said it did not require many words. The accommodation for visitors at the Institution was perfectly inadequate, and without any purchase of land the hall could be so enlarged as to give the necessary accommodation. The entertainments at the Institution, he was quite sure, greatly benefited the Institution, and it would be a great pity if the visitors were not made as comfortable as possible.

Bro. H. SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, seconded the motion. Generally he was opposed to any expense, but he believed in this case the money would be well laid out and an increase in the value of their present property, which was a great consideration. All that they wanted was that the money should be well spent. In this case, he thought, the expenditure would be most judicious.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS asked whether the alteration would involve a structural alteration in the building.

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART said no.

Bro. J. S. STEVENS agreed with Bro. H. Smith and would endorse what had been said as to the necessity for some alteration in the building at Croydon. It might be said perhaps that they should enlarge the building for the use of the inhabitants, but whether that was a sound argument or not he would not stop to enquire; but certainly it was required for visitors who went there with the lady members and their families. If the ladies found the accommodation good they opened their hearts and purses, but if they were "cabin'd, cribb'd, confin'd" in the rooms it would have a contrary effect.

Bro. LEGGOTT thought plans should be got, and estimates which could be submitted to a Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said this was already provided for in Bro. Stewart's motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. TERRY read the letter of Bro. H. Smith acknowledging the compliment paid him at last meeting, when in recognition of his services in raising more than £3000 from West Yorkshire at the last festival of this Institution, he was presented with an illuminated address and an honorary Vice-Presidency of the Institution.

On the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, seconded by Bro. S. RAWSON, the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. TERRY brought before the Committee the case of Mrs. Knill, widow of the late collector of the Institution, who died two months ago, leaving her and one child in a state of abject poverty.

On the motion of Bro. STEWART, seconded by Bro. CASE, the Committee granted Mrs. Knill an immediate payment of £50.

Bro. TERRY said he would draw the cheque, and send it that evening.

The Committee then adjourned.

The entire edition (3500 copies) of the second volume of the "Life of the late Bishop Wilberforce" was sold by Mr. Murray on the day of publication.

Masonic Tidings.

Commander Lord Charles Beresford, as the Worshipful Master elect of the new Masonic lodge at Portsmouth, in which the army and navy are expected to be well represented, is now carrying out the arrangements preliminary to its inauguration. The warrant for the lodge, which is to be named after Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, General in Command of the Southern District, having been already received, the ceremony of consecration will in all probability be attended by the Prince of Wales, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar is shortly to be initiated.

Bro. Frank Richardson, Senior Grand Deacon, was amongst those presented at the Levée held last Tuesday week.

Prince Leopold, K.G., presided at a meeting of the Committee for Promoting the Proposed Special Loan Exhibition of Spanish and Portuguese Ornamental Art, held at the South Kensington Museum on Saturday, the 9th inst., at which Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild and Mr. C. Schreiber, M.P., were also present.

Bro. Sir W. A. Rose and Co., of Upper Thames-street, have been awarded, by the Commissioners of the Melbourne Exhibition, a first-class medal for the excellence and purity of their oils, paints, and varnishes, as exhibited by them.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.—The Triennial Convocation of the Prince Masons of Ireland will be held at the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Friday, the 22nd inst., at six o'clock p.m. Bro. the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., President of the Order, will preside. A report as to the progress and present position of the Order in Ireland will be presented to Grand Chapter. The banquet will take place at seven o'clock. All duly vouched members of the Rose Croix Degree are admissible.

Bro. Frederick Sawyer has failed in his appeal from the judgment of Mr. Baron Pollock, in an action against the Crystal Palace Company, to recover £1600 for a fortnight's rent of the refreshment-rooms at the Crystal Palace, which he had paid under pressure; and two other sums alleged to be due for a deficiency of ice and missing refreshment tickets.

Mr. Birch, A.R.A., will exhibit a bust of Bro. Alderman Sir Francis W. Truscott at the Academy.

Bro. Justice Cave and Dr. Tristram were presented to the Prince of Wales at the Levée on Tuesday week by the Lord Chancellor, the former on his appointment to the Bench, and the latter on being made a Q.C.

Bro. Alderman W. Hickman, D. Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, has been recently elected President of the Southampton Chamber of Commerce.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, when Bro. H. B. Jones was duly placed in the position of W.M.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Joseph Pottle, No. 862, which sad event took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., after only two weeks' illness, from rapid consumption. The funeral of the deceased brother took place at Tooting Cemetery on Thursday.

Mr. Frank Holt's portrait of Bro. the Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire, will be exhibited at the Royal Academy, and that of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. of Kent, by the same artist, will be exhibited at the Grosvenor Gallery.

Bro. Walter Gooch is, we regret to hear, still confined to his room by severe indisposition.

Bros. John and Richard Douglass will produce at the Standard Theatre, on Monday next, "Poor Relations," a dramatic version of "Jane Eyre." Mr. Leonard Boyne and Miss Bella Pateman are specially engaged for the principal parts.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, No. 917.—A most successful meeting of this lodge was held under the presidency of Bro. J. F. Van Raalte, W.M., at Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday last. The proceedings will be fully reported in our next.

The anniversary dinner of the Great City Lodge of Instruction will be held under the presidency of Bro. Blackie, P.M. 1426, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, the 28th inst. Tickets, price three shillings, may be obtained of Bro. C. F. Goodenough, at the College, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham.

Bro. J. Faulkner was installed W.M. of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday last, the duties of Installing Master being very ably performed by Bro. J. W. Baldwin. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A MASONIC PATRIARCH.—Bro. John Wiggin-ton, the oldest Freemason in England, died on Friday, the 8th inst., at the age of 91. Initiated in 1818, in the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, he soon attained the rank of P.M., and was the father of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in which also he passed the Chair. On his jubilee of Masonry he resigned the Treasurership of the latter lodge—having held it for thirty years—and was presented with a magnificent jewel and illuminated address. Past Grand Senior Warden for Berkshire, he was closely identified with all Masonic works, and greatly assisted in establishing the Masonic Hall at Windsor, continuing his connection with Masonry to the last. He was also the oldest companion in the Royal Arch. He was interred at Eton on Thursday.

Bro. S. East, jun., C.C., is one of the Stewards at the next annual festival in aid of the funds of the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on May 6th.

Bro. W. S. Gover, C.C., is the Treasurer for the fund being raised to assist the defence of Mr. Lister.

Bros. Sir John Bennett, Henry Irving, and J. L. Toole are among those in the list of patrons of the Grand Bazaar, which is to be held in the Duke of Wellington's Riding School, Knightsbridge, on June 8th, 9th, and 10th, in aid of St. John's Hospital, Leicester-square.

Bro. Edward Terry, the comedian, is a candidate for a seat on the Barnes Board of Guardians.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters belonging to the jurisdiction of Kentucky were present at the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of that State. Such an attendance on the part of those who have received high honours gives evidence of interest and activity most commendable.

At the last meeting of the St. James's Lodge, Enfield, on the 26th ult., the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning in consequence of the death of Bro. J. H. Jaffa, the Immediate Past Master of the lodge. A resolution was passed to the effect that a vote of condolence should be sent to the family on behalf of the members of the lodge. A toast to his memory was also drunk in solemn silence at the banquet.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania at its recent quarterly convocation evinced its appreciation of the valuable services of Comp. Thompson, late Grand Secretary, and Comp. J. Alexander Simpson, Assistant Grand Secretary, by presenting to each of them an elegant testimonial. To Comp. Thompson was given a massive silver box, elaborately ornamented in gold with the various emblems of Capitular Masonry, and to Comp. Simpson a magnificent gold watch. The *Keystone* contains an extended account of the presentations.

The Provisional General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, U.S.A., having been approved by nine State Grand Councils, is now a regularly established Body. Bro. J. H. Drummond is at the head of the new organisation.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the Tottenham and Upper Edmonton District Association on Friday, the 8th inst., held at the Lecture Hall, Tottenham, in aid of the London City Mission.

Bro. G. A. Sala has returned from St. Peter's-burg.

Bros. H. S. Goodall and Wm. Stephens were elected Overseers for the parish of Hackney by the Vestry at their last meeting—the former for Stoke Newington and the latter for Clapton—and duly received their appointments at the hands of the presiding magistrate, Mr. Barstow, at Worship-street Police Court, on Wednesday, the 6th inst.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for the county of Cornwall, on the nomination of the Lord-Lieutenant, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

Bro. J. W. Benson, of Ludgate-hill, has been commissioned to furnish a clock and peal of bells for the Cavagnari Memorial Tower, to be erected at Kohat, the chief place of the district which Sir L. Cavagnari administered as Deputy-Commissioner for eleven years.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom and Ladies Wilbraham left Portland-place, on Tuesday last, for Ormskirk.

Bro. H. A. Isaacs, C.C. (master), the Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Loriners' Company, have issued invitations to a banquet at the Albion, on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

General Tidings.

Mrs. Horace Marshall on Wednesday, the 6th inst., laid the corner-stone of the new mission hall at Turnham Green, and at the same time Mr. Horace Marshall, jun., raised a marble tablet in the memory of Robert Raikes in the schools.

An old friend of mine, a *bon vivant* of wide experience, writes to condemn in the strongest possible terms the notion ventilated in the *World* a fortnight ago, that the undergraduates of "Dawdling College" could enjoy the wines therein named at the prices quoted. "A Château Lafite at 4s. 6d.," he says, "is probably a Médoc or a Pauillac of last year; and as for 'a Geldermann' at 5s., if your correspondent means a bottle of Deutz and Geldermann's Gold Lack of '74, that incomparable champagne which real connoisseurs are now preferring to the better-known brand of Pommery or Perrier, I should be glad to be told of any wine merchant who could retail it at less than 85s. or 90s. a dozen." I can quite indorse my friend's testimony as to the excellence of Gold Lack, and to its present price.—*The World*.

The Prince of Wales having to be present at the wedding festivities at Vienna on May 10th, has desired that the festival dinner of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women shall be postponed from 9th to the 24th May, in order that he may be present.

Miss Marriott has arranged with Miss Bateman to occupy the New Sadler's Wells Theatre for a few weeks in the autumn, when she purposes to produce Mr. Wills' new play, and to appear in several of her favourite characters.

The total of the subscriptions and donations announced at the dinner of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association, on Friday, the 8th inst., was £1789.

The proprietor of the *Illustrated London News* has, it is stated, paid 3000 guineas for the picture of "Cinderella," which Mr. Millais has painted for him, and which is to be shown at the Academy Exhibition.

On Easter Monday the general post or morning delivery will be made throughout London and its suburbs. The only other deliveries will be as follows: In the eastern central district at 10 a.m.; in the other town districts at 1.45, 6, and 8 p.m.; in the suburbs at 9 a.m. The usual midnight or early morning collection for the day mail despatches will be made throughout London, and other collections as follows: In the eastern central district at 8.45 a.m.; in the other town districts at 11.45 a.m. and 9 p.m.; in the suburbs at about 10 a.m. The General Post Office and the various district and branch offices, with few exceptions, will be open during the usual hours for the registration of letters, sale of stamps, and for telegraph business. The receiving offices in the eastern central district will be entirely closed, as well as nearly all those in the other town districts, including the nearest suburbs.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, April 23, 1881.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 205, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
- " 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Ho., W.Hmsth.
- Metropolitan Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
- Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
- King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, APRIL 18.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1505, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- K. T. Precept, 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
- West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
- British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
- Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
- St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
- Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
- " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdge.
- " 1605, New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace, N.
- Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.

- Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 1216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
- Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
- Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
- St. Marybone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas-st., Borough, at 8.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

- Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
- " Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-sq.
- " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st., Hot.
- Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
- United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
- Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.
- Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
- Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
- " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav.
- " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
- " 109, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
- " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
- " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
- " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
- " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- Mark Bon Accord, 2, Red-Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.

- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
- Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge.
- Chap. 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
- K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
- Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
- Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
- Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot.
- Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 23, 1881.

MONDAY, APRIL 18.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool (Installation).
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
- " 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard.
- " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So. N. Hill-st., L'pool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson, N. Urmston.
- De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Fleetwood.
- " 1209, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
- " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

- Chap. 680, Sifton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

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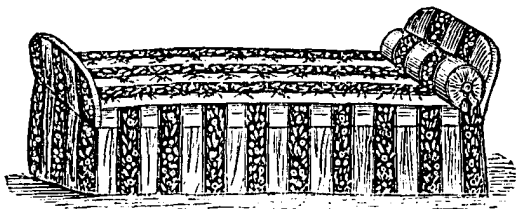
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