



NEW BUILDING FOR THE MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, OPENED ON SATURDAY LAST.—SEE PAGE 47.

MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ON Saturday the new and spacious school-house, just erected in Lordship-lane, Tottenham, for the education of the sons of decayed or deceased Freemasons, was opened with much ceremony. Until about nine or ten years ago these boys were scattered over the country in the care of their friends, who sent them to edgible schools in their several neighbourhoods and charged the committees with the expense. It thus happened that the institution was very little known in the order, and was a myth to the public at large. They saw the girls' school in St. George's-in-the-Fields, subsequently in Wandsworth, and the asylum for the old men and widows at Croydon, and, having tangible proof of their existence, liberally contributed to their funds. Such being the case, the friends of the institution put their shoulders to the wheel, and purchased the old Manor House, Lordship-lane, as a place in which to lodge and educate the objects of their solicitude. The progress made by the boys when collected into one school was so gratifying that it inspired the governors with fresh confidence. They increased the

number of their pupils and enlarged the curriculum of their education, and were in consequence still more liberally supported by the grand lodge and the craft in general. Thus, then, the institution, when once made known, went on flourishing, until at last the Manor House became too small for its requirements. The trustees and governors therefore, determined to build a new school-house, from the designs of Brother Stephen Barton Wilson, fitted up with all the modern requirements of such an establishment—class-rooms, dormitories, lavatories, &c.—and capable of accommodating from 150 to 200 boys and the necessary staff of officers. They accordingly purchased a site immediately adjoining their old tenement, and about two years ago the Earl of Zetland, grand master of the order, laid the cornerstone of the structure, with full masonic honours. Since then the work has gone on with great spirit; and the building being now completed, the brethren on Saturday met in special grand lodge, and a procession, headed by the stewards carrying their wands of office, having been formed under the direction of the G.D.C., the brethren walked in regular order from the place where they had assembled to the new building. The grand master, attended by his grand wardens, chaplains, registrar, &c., entered the edifice, and having invoked upon the undertaking the continual blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., declared it opened for the purposes of the charity, the new organ, erected by Messrs. Gray and Davison, pealing forth solemn music. As a sum of £10,000 is still required to defray the expenses of the building, some

of the wives, daughters, and sons of members of the order, who had undertaken to make a collection towards the accumulation of that amount, deposited in the hands of the treasurer a pile of purses containing the result of their labours. This was followed by a *déjeuner à la fourchette* and a great variety of outdoor amusements.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF NELSON'S SHIP, THE VICTORY.

THE *Victory*, Nelson's flagship in the Battle of Trafalgar, hallowed by the memory of his death, is still extant, as a hulk, in Portsmouth Harbour; while her model, in the Naval Gallery of the South Kensington Museum, formed the subject of one of our Illustrations in the Number of this Journal for March 11. On Wednesday week the centenary festival of this famous ship, which was launched at Chatham, in July, 1765, was celebrated by her present commander, Captain Francis Scott, C.B., with a ball, which he gave, on the upper deck, to a party of some four hundred guests, including Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, with Lady Seymour, and the chiefs of the various departments in the dockyard, with their families, besides many of the naval officers and of the neighbouring gentry. The upper deck, as shown in our Illustration, was covered in with a sort of awning and tastefully decorated with the flags of all nations, and with festoons of evergreens around the masts,