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UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC WORK.

MOST English Masons who are in the habit of visiting other Lodges than their own will have been struck by the absence of uniformity in the work—are the words with which a contemporary heads some "Facts for Freemasons" in its current issue. We shall not go so far as to contradict the statement, as it is probably true in fact, but as a matter of principle it is wholly wrong. The actual words and forms of Freemasonry do perhaps vary in very minute details in various parts of the globe, but it would take more than an ordinary Mason to detect the small divergencies existing in this country, while as regards Freemasonry as a whole it is safe to say there is uniformity of working throughout the world. Lodges are to be found in all parts of the globe, and the members are one and all actuated by the desire to be happy and communicate happiness.

It may, perhaps, be considered somewhat inconsistent on our part to take the line we do on this occasion, in view of the opinions which have been expressed in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in years gone by, but we do not think such is the case. Some time back there was a controversy on the point, when certain words and forms which were rendered different in different Lodges were pointed out. Much space and argument was devoted to the consideration of such questions as the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee, and perhaps they were not out of place in a journal wholly devoted to Masonic matters, but to commence such arguments in an outside paper is, without doubt, most injudicious, and we hope all lovers of the Craft will at once put their foot on such practices. It would be quite impossible to argue points of difference one way or the other in a public print without explaining matters which are best kept secret, and it is certainly unwise to start a project that may lead to disaster; besides which, it is wholly unjustifiable to promulgate such doctrines as lack of unanimity in Masonic work, when, in reality, most of the small differences which do exist are the whims and fancies of a very small minority.

This question of uniformity touches very closely a point on which we have frequently expressed opinion. We do not regard the Master who is letter perfect in all the lectures and ceremonies of the Craft as necessarily the most desirable ruler for a Lodge, in fact some of the best Masons the world has ever known were deficient in mere words, although strong in Masonic principles; while we should not have to travel very far to discover instances proving the direct opposite. Some of the blackest sheep ever found in the fold of Freemasonry could rattle through the ritual and work the ceremonies to perfection, and made use of their knowledge to impose on the unwary.

On the lines set down by these uniformity advocates we should look for the best Masons in the workshop of such men as Edison, who could probably turn us out a machine which, commencing with the first word of the opening ceremony, should gabble through everything, up to the highest rung of the Masonic ladder, without a slip or pause for breath. Would such a machine be a good Mason? is possibly an absurd question, but less absurd than some of the doctrines laid down by "uniformity-ists," who would seem to sacrifice everything to the furtherance of their particular hobby.

The ordinary reader of the paper from which we extract the words at the head of our present remarks might not understand what was meant by uniformity of work, in the sense it is there used. He might imagine that the boasted universality of the Craft was not so much a fact as is generally supposed, and would never think that such prominence would be given in an outside publication to the discussion of such trivial matters as are really referred to, such for instance, as to decide which is correct, to say the "banner" or the "banners" of Freemasonry? We do not doubt the expediency of discussing such matters in their proper place, but can hardly regard the columns of a public paper, not particularly associated with the Craft, as being entitled to such recognition. The brethren who are so continuous in harping on this one string of uniformity are no doubt sincere in what they do, but they would show much more wisdom if they accepted the "uniform" verdict of the Craft—or at least of a large majority—that the matter is not one of such importance as to need any action at the present time. They injure their case by so continuously pushing it forward—both in season and out of season; and the amount of misapprehension they occasion goes far to counteract all the good that is ever likely to arise from their proposals. What is the good of talking of an absence of uniformity in Masonic work when every part of the world is regularly and continuously supplying instances of uniformity and united action on the part of Freemasons? At home we find a healthy rivalry between brethren and Lodges as to who shall do the most good; abroad it is the same. Here we find Freemasons establishing Educational and Annuity Funds for distressed members of the Craft; elsewhere the same is being done—indeed the work of Freemasonry is being uniformly carried on wherever we turn. One paper we open gives an account of a ball in the Metropolis, the object of which is to raise funds for Masonic benevolence; the next tells us of a lecture in the Provinces, for a similar object; going further afield, we learn that the Duke of Abercorn, as Grand Master of Ireland, presided at a concert in aid of the funds of the Irish Charities, and a large surplus is expected. If we go to India the same uniformity of desire and action is met with. At a far off railway station we learn that the

accommodation of the building was utilised for a concert to advance the welfare of a local Masonic charity fund, and yet further off we hear of an Australian Lodge proposing to start an Institution similar to the London Girls' School, to mark the jubilee of the Lodge and the introduction of Freemasonry into Victoria, and promising a donation of £100 to start with. These are points which prove the uniformity which exists in Freemasonry, and we are of opinion that much more good is likely to arise from a judicious publication of details of these proceedings than the repetition of such ideas as those referred to above, and which, we must repeat, are very much out of place in the pages where they appear.

THE PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE.

I AM now a Master Mason, but would place on record my first impressions of Freemasonry; for these, I know now, must be somewhat different from those of other Brethren. The sun's rays have not the same effect on every part of the inorganic world; they will work variously on the organic and diversified kingdom of men. They will work wonders on prepared soil, and still greater wonders on a prepared mind. There are complaints that there is no instruction by way of preparation for initiation into the "Ancient Order;" but I will make no secret of my belief that I was inwardly and providentially prepared for the step. Among the generations of men of my family, I have heard of none who were Masons, or who left the country of their birth; and yet, after my rapid course through the three degrees in the East, I saw the significance of my family motto, "Omne solum patria." This is only half of the Masonic proverb, but it points to Freemasonry in the earlier annals of my race. My people were strongly puritan in the last few generations, but out of them I made a new departure into the revived ritual of Anglo-Catholicism. Thus, at a mature age, and without promptings from my family, I was led to a wider vision of the world in the East, and of the practices of the primitive and Catholic Christians. Such was the mind which the light of Masonry first found in me on which to work. I humbly trust it was the prepared soil of the Husbandman. But what was the motive power of my candidature, and what object had I in view? Perhaps few Masons will care to answer such questions for themselves. (1). A great motive power of religion is association, and I find it a great power in Freemasonry. Yet the secrecy of the Craft impedes proselytism. Before my initiation I was struck with the reticence of two friends who were Masons. I am more struck now with the answer of one of them to my question, as to whether it would be a good thing to join. The answer was that of a Master, indeed: "It would be worth your while to consider it." The almost silent example of two good men drew me into Freemasonry. Without association with them I could not have taken the Craft on trust, as to the nature of the obligations to be imposed on me. So are good and true Masons a power among men; but the motive power with me was none the less providential. (2) Some men, perhaps, join from motives of mere curiosity. My object will have been gathered from what has been written; or, if not, it seems to me sufficient to have "considered" (in the language of the Master) the questions before me in the alternative—that of joining or not joining; and to have answered, that rejection of a course laid open, when it is apparently free from all objection, may involve danger or amount to sin. So much for impressions before joining.

It will have been seen that my mind was prepared for ritual, though I forgot to mention that one of my friends before mentioned was fond of it. I am told that some Masons rather deprecate it. Some, I see, are amused at it. I was much impressed by it, and should, I think, have been recommended to make my intended initiation a matter of prayerful preparation for entrance into a most solemn Order. Some of the ritual carried me back centuries in thought, and most of it confirmed my preconceived ideas of its value. Who that

really reads it cannot see, without reading Craft lore, that, joined with its universal symbolism, it cannot lie, in its significance of eternal verities, in relation to God and man? The near presentation of these verities, in ritual and symbol, has not ceased to make on my mind, as it did on my initiation, a deep and most helpful impression, which amounts to conviction most absolute, of the nearness and truth of the things unseen. Divinely instituted, with full knowledge of the hearts and minds and needs of men, ritual and symbol had their power among the Jews, in preparation for Christianity. The Divine mind and the heart's minds and needs of men are still the same, and the power remains. The Fraternity knows this: the Catholic churches know it, and will not throw away such strong aids to faith. They are strong aids also to reverence, obedience and order; or, at least, such were the impressions of an Entered Apprentice, whose other reflection is, that his motto before mentioned reads providentially in intercourse with Christian, Parsee and Hindu Brethren in a Lodge in the East.—*Madras Masonic Review.*

A POWER OF GOOD.

THERE are three implements placed in the hands of an operative Mason, which are to be used by him to the best advantage. These are the square, the plumb and the level, and members of the Masonic fraternity should always remember the great moral truths which they inculcate, for each emblem illustrates principles of their great brotherhood, preserved during ages, and not only promoting the best interest of the members, but of manhood at large. What hallowed reminiscences are connected with Masonry! Able scholars have written many chapters on the origin and development of the Craft, but the subject is by no means exhausted.

We are referred to that glorious period of history, when King Solomon erected the grand temple at Jerusalem, and when a large number of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons and Overseers were assigned their respective work, which they accomplished so successfully that the great edifice, when completed, "had the appearance more of the handiwork of God than that of human hands." It is asserted that without the mystic tie, the temple, that magnificent work of architecture, could not have been so successfully completed. Other writers claim for Masonry still greater antiquity. Suffice it, however, in saying, that among all the nations of the earth, and in almost every language, our brotherhood has been, and is to-day, a power of good, leading us onward and upward to a higher plane. There are no retrogressive steps perceptible in its long career, for it has ever proclaimed principles upon which the true progress of mankind is based.

The equality of the human race, as so beautifully expressed in Sacred Writ, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, is illustrated by the level. We should be united into one great brotherhood. Masonry recognises no rank or distinction, no creed or nationality. History records the strife and contention, ending very often in bloody wars, in consequence of a wrong conception as to what constituted true humanity, or what privileges man shall possess. Masonry always proclaimed tolerance and liberty, thus rendering valuable services in the progress of the human family.

Masonry honours every conscientious belief; provided, however, that the candidate who seeks admission must recognise the great I Am, the Creator and Preserver of this universe. Through our impressive ceremonies the candidates are encouraged and strengthened in every just duty. While we carefully inquire into the standing of all applicants, we must bear in mind that it is not what a man believes, but what he practices, which is the true test-point how he should be judged. We assert, however, that the candidate for Masonry requires peculiar qualifications. This is often not understood as it should be, as many Lodges, too eager of enlarging their membership, bear not in mind that it is not the quantity, but the quality which should actuate us. Those not possessed of a charitable disposition and kindness of heart should always be rejected, no matter what otherwise their qualifications may be.

One of the principal aims of Freemasonry is to elevate its members to a higher plane, in the same manner as the

plumb is used to raise perpendiculars. It must be, indeed, a man void of feelings, who cannot be impressed as the different degrees are conferred upon him, each one instructive, edifying and proclaiming great moral truths. What meaning there is in the words, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" and how instructive is "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth!" We can ever listen profitably to similar passages of sacred Scripture. Can, therefore, the true Mason disregard the lesson which the plumb teaches so impressively? Should our intercourse with each other not become daily of a more elevating character? The true Mason cannot exclaim with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We should care for our brother's welfare in bearing with him gently, kindly and forbearingly.

Our mystic tie is full of significance. We are forcibly reminded that we "come forth as a shadow and continue not," which should impress upon our mind that this life is of a transitory nature, but that a higher destiny awaits us "in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The symbols and ceremonies of Freemasonry remind us that we are endowed with an immortal soul. Our Order tolerates no innovation, but holds fast to that which is good. As our Masonic rites and ceremonies are of the most inspiring and instructive character, and have answered its purpose so well for many centuries, we can see no reason for any change, as we claim everything that is noble and good for our brotherhood. We believe in no discrimination. The humblest citizen, as well as the mighty king and emperor, receive their obligations at the same altar.

While Freemasonry is known as a secret organisation, we could just as well publish our principal secrets before the world. Is there any good reason to lay so much stress upon the word secret? In every household there are secrets which should not be divulged to the outside world. It is, therefore, not out of place that we communicate not to the uninitiated what transpires within our walls. We have a platform on which we all can stand, for we proclaim: To love truth and virtue and walk humbly before God.

The square admonishes us to act always honourably toward our fellow man. If we all were actuated by this great moral principle, what a blessing it would be for mankind! The courts of justice, as well as other tribunals, could be dispensed with.

We, as Masons, should not be influenced by any material gain, or any other inducement, to take the advantage of our fellow man, no matter in what position we are placed, or under any pretext whatever. While it is quite easy to deceive our fellow man, we cannot the Almighty, who knows all our thoughts and actions. As the Psalmist expressed it, "Before a word is upon our mouth, Thou, O God, hast known it already."

It is to be regretted that the great principles of Masonry are not understood as they should be, even among its members. The square admonishes us at all times to regulate our actions by it. God has implanted into our bosom the principle of justice, hence it is not difficult to discern between right and wrong. Let me hope that the Craft may always be favourably known as just and honourable men, ready and foremost in every good undertaking. Let brotherly love influence all our actions. If we listen to the voice of Masonry we must become better and purer men and lift our lives above the common plane by the indwelling of the Divine.

While the adage, "Once a Mason always a Mason" holds good, it must be properly qualified. We should bear in mind that, once a Mason, there should be a continued progress, a steady advancement in reaching greater perfection in all our conduct. We have too many thus called Masons, who, when their idle curiosity of having the degrees conferred upon them has been gratified, are of the opinion that now their task is completed. These are the drones who eat the honey without the least benefit to us. There are others who are of the opinion that if they merely pay the dues, nothing else is required of them, thinking that others should do the work, but that they can reap the benefit. It is, however, an established fact that no Lodge can flourish without the activity of its members. It is requested that the meetings should be attended by every true Mason whenever it is possible. Order and decorum should prevail always, for the Officers who do not enforce it discharge not their solemn duties. It would be

far better for any Lodge to disband, if the Officers and members do not combine in making the meetings interesting, dignified and of mutual benefit to each other. It is well that Freemasonry confers ample authority upon each Worshipful Master to govern his Lodge as his sense of duty dictates to him. As the sun rules the day, so the Master should govern his Lodge with the same regularity.

We may truly assert that the prosperity of any Lodge will depend largely upon the interest which the Officers will take to discharge every duty promptly to which they have obligated themselves, but it must ever be remembered that no Lodge can prosper without the co-operation of its members. Let there now be manifested among all the members of the Fraternity earnest resolutions to promote the great interest of all, and of their respective Lodges in particular.

Let the Masonic dictionary contain no such word as fail; let there be an emulation among all who can best serve in his proper sphere to secure the steady progress of our great brotherhood. The influence of our Order should be felt everywhere. Lodges should become Banner Lodges, and establish for themselves more than a local reputation. From each Lodge room the light of Masonry should so illuminate Masons' pathways that they should never be found wanting when placed in the balance. Our intercourse with each other must ever be of the most intimate and friendly nature. The word brother must have a peculiar attraction for us, not merely in the Lodge rooms, but in our social intercourse and in all relations of life. We want to be willing to help and assist each other in time of need, correct each other's faults; in short, to promote the brother's welfare in every way possible. We want to be the staunch advocates and followers of justice, liberty and equality, as so beautifully illustrated by the square, plumb and level. Let us remember that our journey of life is of transitory nature, but a brighter destiny awaits us in the realms of eternity. Let us then as Masons build up our spiritual edifice, beautify its walls by virtue and righteousness, and furnish it acceptably when we seek admission to dwell in it for ever.—*Voice of Masonry.*

MISTAKES IN FREEMASONRY.

IT is a mistake to suppose that the Master of a Lodge can govern it with justice and equity, and creditably perform the work of the chair, without giving days and nights to the study of the duties of his station. A Master of a Lodge should be a Solon and a Bismarck combined; in short, a Solomon; ready to hear, quick to think and prompt to act. He should be both a capitalist and a labourer, born to rule and educated to work, a sovereign and a subject, a judicial and an executive officer. If he lack either judgment in decision or skill in work he is so far a failure as a Master.

It is a mistake to seek to become a Freemason in order to "win trade." The mercenary Mason is a signal failure. He does not cheat others as much as he cheats himself. The dollars-and-cents view of Masonry is a false one. He has no sense who looks for dollars in the Craft.

It is a mistake to suppose that initiation, passing and raising make a passable Mason. Only "proficiency before advancement" can do this. We have heard of a Mason not a thousand miles from where you are now, Brother reader, who spent nine years away from his Lodge without being able to visit a single Lodge in all that period, although he was surrounded by them—because he could not "work his way in." He paid his money and "took" the degrees; he was "taken in" completely in his own Lodge; but no other Lodge would take him in.

It is a mistake to suppose that a Masonic Lodge is an "entertainment" society, for amateur theatricals, or recitations, or dancing; or that it is an insurance society, with weekly benefits or funeral benefits; or a debating society, where every member can say what he pleases and "appeal from the chair" if the chair decides against him; or a male-and-female society, where men, women and children "meet upon the Level and part upon the Square." All these are gross mistakes.

It is a mistake to suppose that a Grand Master does nothing but wear "regalia" and receive "distinguished visitors" in his sanctum. If he does not have "pen paralysis" it is not because he is not always answering the thousand-and-one letters he is constantly receiving from

everybody—from District Deputy Grand Masters down to the profane—yes, the profane, who wish to know if he won't "start a Lodge in their locality so that they may join it!"

It is a mistake to suppose that it is easy to confer a degree. Try it. You may know it all, but that is only half the trouble. There is plenty of gold in the earth, but the great difficulty consists in getting it out. Knowledge is golden, and you may have it in abundance, but it needs to be issued before the Craft will accept it as currency for their wages. Golden knowledge is sometimes golden silence. In that case silver is better than gold, for "speech is silver."

It is a mistake to suppose that you can be a good Mason without being obedient. Satan was expelled from the Grand Lodge above for disobedience. The Ten Commandments of Sinai all say, in so many words or in effect, "Thou shalt" or "Thou shalt not." The truth should always be obeyed. Freemasonry is the truth.

It is a mistake to resign from your Lodge and join the family of tramps, who have no home, no brethren, no friends. An unaffiliated Mason is a self-degraded Mason. He contributes nothing to the common welfare, and it were better had he never been born as a Mason. He will go to his own place.

It is a mistake not to take and diligently read a good Masonic newspaper. No "Masonic column" in a profane newspaper can supply its place. The news in the latter is quite certain to be stale, fragmentary and unprofitable, probably gotten up by a tyro, and of course worse than useless. The best is always the cheapest—if it does cost more than the worst.

It is a mistake to visit a Lodge every night in the week, on the one hand, or never at all, on the other. These extremes meet. If you are a married man don't forget your family; if you are a Mason don't forget your Lodge, if you are a married man. King Solomon said there is a time for everything under the sun. He never forgot the Lodge, nor did he forget Mrs. Solomon.

But there is this consolation to those who make a small mistake now and then, that the brother who never made a mistake has never been made a Mason.—*Keystone.*

STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE 20th annual meeting of this Association was held at the Swan Hotel, Stafford, on Saturday, the 15th ult. The President (Bro. J. Bodenham P.G. Treasurer) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of representative and other members of Lodges. A sum of about £80 was voted from the "B" Fund, the object of which is to assist in the local education of children of deceased Freemasons in the Province of Stafford requiring such aid. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed, the President, Treasurer (Bro. M. Barker P.P.G.W.), and Secretary (Bro. T. Ryder P.P.G.W.) being re-elected. By request, Bro. J. B. Ashwell kindly undertook to assist the Secretary in getting in the North Staffordshire subscriptions to the fund. The President, while deprecating the slightest disposition to neglect the great educational Institutions, which are the glory of the Craft, warmly advocated the claims of the "B" Fund, which is doing excellent work in the Province. The President also referred to the coming appointment of a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and advised brethren not to promise their support to any candidate until the time came, when they would be put in possession of fuller information. There were, he added, at least four good candidates in the field. Some other business was transacted, including the annual ballot for life subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institutions.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN EDWARD ASHTON.

THE remains of Bro. John Edward Ashton were interred at Brooklands Cemetery, on the 20th ult. The deceased was a well known Freemason, a composer of special Masonic music, which has been adopted all over England, and was in addition a liberal supporter of Masonic Charities. At the time of his death our deceased brother was S.W. of St. David's Lodge, as also a member of the Arthur Sullivan Lodge, and the Grove Lodge, which is held at Cheshire, in the neighbourhood of which he resided. Deputations were present from each of these Lodges. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Dendy Agate, of Gorton, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 100.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Town Hall, Yarmouth, on Thursday, 20th ult., when Bro. Robinson was elevated to the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Blagg I.P.M. of the Lodge. Subsequently the banquet was served by host King, at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, and was fully attended by the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren, among whom were the Mayor, the Deputy-Mayor, and the W.M.'s of the United Friends, St. Margaret, and Apollo Lodges.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE members of this Lodge held an "At Home," on the 19th ult., at their Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport. Their refectory was tastefully fitted up as a ball-room, and their Lodge-room was transformed into a drawing-room. Music was provided by Mr. Browning, and Bro. Bosworthick was the caterer. Over seventy guests were present. Among the vocal entertainers were Messrs. Debnam, Jarvis, J. Williams, J. Leonard, J. Viggers, Soper, Miss Searle, while Mr. Alfred Searle gave violin solos. The entertainment proved an entire success, and was much enjoyed by those present.

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

THE last of the Southampton installations for the present year took place at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when Bro. Simeon Dacombe, the retiring S.W., was placed in the chair of the above Lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Lashmore. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. C. J. Appleford I.P.M., F. A. Dunsford S.W., A. Hewitt J.W., J. Lemon P.M. Treasurer, W. Bowyer P.M. Secretary, H. C. Ashdown S.D., W. Bates J.D., E. Geyton P.M. D.C., W. Paul I.G., A. F. Gutteridge and R. R. Linthorne Stewards, and W. Vare Tyler. The installation banquet was well served by Bro. Biggs. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding for the Province, referred to his recent presence in London, at the installation of the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, saying that the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, granted a dispensation permitting the ceremony to be performed under such novel circumstances. Responding as the Installing Master, Bro. H. Lashmore said the minutes of the Southampton Lodge recorded a gathering under similar circumstances, which took place in days when dispensations were lightly treated, and not often asked for. The W.M. elect being ill on St. John's Day, the brethren adjourned from the Masonic Hall, Bugle Street, Southampton to his private residence, and having installed him there, returned to the hall and finished their business. The health of the W.M. was cordially drank, and many hearty good wishes were tendered him for a pleasant and successful year of office.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

ON Tuesday, the 18th ult., the brethren celebrated their annual festival, when Bro. W. H. Rose was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. A. W. Walker. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors from various Lodges in the Province. The usual banquet was afterwards held, at the Talbot Hotel, the W.M. presiding.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 679.

THE annual installation ceremony took place, at the Masonic Hall, Aberdeen, on Saturday afternoon, the 1st inst., there being a far larger attendance of the Craft than on any similar occasion for many years past. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. was amongst those present. Bro. George Abraham was the Worshipful Master elect, and the ceremony of installation was well carried out by Bro. E. M. Hann, the retiring Worshipful Master. After the Lodge had been formally closed, an adjournment was made to the Black Lion Hotel, where Host Williams provided a choice banquet, excellently served. At the post prandial proceedings Brother G. Abraham W.M. presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

TOWNLEY PARKER LODGE, No. 1083.

THE regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Grand Hotel, Manchester. Present:—Bros. G. E. Wand W.M., R. Armitage S.W., John Taylor Treasurer, Jas. Simister, George Parker S.D., Wm. Birkbeck J.D., Robert Liagard I.G., Wm. Hayland D.C., C. F. Hyde Steward, Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. H. Hassall P.M., J. Goldsmith P.M., T. Smaley, W. Lowe, J. Chalmers, H. C. Matthews, Claud Stephenson, W. L. B. Hirst, and J. L. Doneger. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Mossman 815, J. McEwen 815, Thomas W. Foxcroft 1077, T. Gillibrand S.W. 152, and R. R. Lisenden (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened at 5.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Turner, and he was unanimously elected, and subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Hassall P.M. The Lodge was raised to the second degree, and Bro. Hirst being present, and desirous of taking his third degree, was interrogated as to his proficiency in the second by the W.M., received the test of merit, and retired. The Lodge was then raised to the third degree, and the chair taken by Bro. W. Hayland P.M. D.C., who raised Bro. Hirst to the sublime degree of a M.M. The W.M. (Bro. Wand) then resumed his duties, and lowered the Lodge by virtue to the first degree, when Bro. Bowes (who had been ballotted for at the last meeting) was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most satisfactory

manner, considering it was the first attempt after his installation. Previous to the Lodge being closed, Bro. Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.C. gave notice of motion that the sum of £20 be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at nine o'clock. The brethren afterwards supped together, and when the usual preliminary toasts had been proposed, the health of the newly initiated brethren, the newly raised brother, the Visitors, and the W.M. were heartily drank and acknowledged, a very pleasant though brief time being spent.

PHENIX LODGE, No. 904.

ON the 27th ult., Brother John Gibbs was installed Worshipful Master, the proceedings taking place in the Masonic Hall, Rotherham. The following appointments were made:—Bros. F. Cleaves S.W., Joseph France J.W., J. E. Wordsworth Treasurer, Marriott Le Tall Secretary, G. A. Illston Assistant Secretary, Wm. H. Sheldon S.D., Alfred Robinson J.D., R. J. Bullenshaw D.C., T. B. Henderson I.G., D. Pagett and E. I. Hubbard Stewards, John Stokes Organist, and James Chester Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, the company numbering over 50. The visitors included Bros. W. Watson, Wilson P.G.C. Rutland, H. G. E. Green P.G.S. West Yorkshire, Rev. T. W. Turnbull P.G. Chaplain, J. Shaw, J. Robertshaw, and H. J. Garnett.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1098.

ON Thursday, the 13th ult., the installation of Brother J. J. Williams as W.M. took place. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Brother C. Lloyd Phillips. The following Officers were then appointed by the Worshipful Master Bro. J. J. Williams:—Bros. J. P. Fowler I.P.M., W. H. Richards S.W., Benjamin Phillips J.W., Rev. Thomas Theophilus Chaplain, C. Widdowson Treasurer, Thomas Morgan Secretary, N. L. Wilputher S.D., D. L. Davies J.D., W. North I.G., I. J. David Organist, W. Griffith W.S., Thomas Davies D.C., James Johnston and J. L. Herbert Stewards, Edward Barnard Tyler. All other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the whole of the brethren, together with other influential Masons, who were unable to attend the installation ceremony, retired to the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Curtis.

MID SUSSEX LODGE, No. 1141.

THE annual installation ceremony and banquet in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday, the 17th ult., at the King's Head, Horsham. Bro. G. B. Simpson was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. C. J. Corder. The other newly-appointed Officers were Bros. C. J. King I.P.M., E. D. Sapey S.W., J. G. Buttant J.W., the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan Chaplain, R. Henwood Secretary, R. Gallier S.D., E. Smith J.D., W. H. B. Lintott Director of Ceremonies, T. Kirsapp I.G., J. Williams Organist, W. S. Fieldsend Steward, and W. Randall Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, the Worshipful Master presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened with songs.

PRINCE ARTHUR LODGE, No. 1570.

ON the 18th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, Bro. W. M'Gaughey was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The visitors present included Bros. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. of England, H. H. Smith P.P.G.D.C., J. N. Patterson P.G.D.D.C., Walter C. Erwin P.P.A.G.S., C. S. Dean P.G.J.D. of Cheshire, J. S. Willings P.G.J.D., J. T. Callow P.P.G.T., H. M. Molyneux P.P.G.D.C., J. O. Mallabar W.M. 673, J. Bowyer W.M. 657, J. G. Hallwood W.M. 1505, J. B. Parker I.P.M., W. B. Sweetman I.P.M. 1505, D. Hopkin P.M. 600 West Yorkshire, W. Bennett P.M. 1570, and W. Unsworth P.M. 1086. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bros. P. R. Barrow and T. Senar, the ceremony of installation being efficiently performed by Bro. Robert Foote. After being installed, Bro. M'Gaughey proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. P. Barrow I.P.M., Arthur J. J. Bamford, C.C., S.W. (by proxy), James Greenlees I.W., Robert Foote Treasurer, Frank Simpson Secretary, John Caldwell S.D., William Myers J.D., Moses Greenlees I.G., J. Doran Organist, John Scott, James Martin, T. W. Callow Stewards, and W. H. Ball Tyler. The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, served under the direction of Brother James Casey the House Steward, who is himself a Past Master of the Prince Arthur Lodge. Bro. Bamford, who is on the Continent, and consequently unable to attend to be invested, has presented the Lodge with a very handsome set of Officers' clothing. The newly-installed W.M. Bro. M'Gaughey has also presented a Worshipful Master's silver chain and badge, and Bro. Barrow the retiring W.M. has contributed a set of Deacons' wands.

DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., was very numerously attended, the brethren present largely representing the musical and dramatic professions. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, and he was supported by Bros. Henry Round I.P.M., J. B. Mackenzie P.M., O. W. Sanderson P.M., Jos. Fineberg S.W., J. H. Light J.W., H. Heard Secretary, Andrew Mein S.D., A. E. Workman J.D., Eaton Betty I.G., Barry Stuart S. Steward, George D. Clarence Assistant Steward, J. Heginbotham, H. Round jun. Organist, Edward Graham Steward, and Wm. H. Ball Tyler. The members who mustered were Bros. Jno. Farrell, Harris Fineberg, Fred. D. Panchard (Harris), D. Kennedy Rutherford, Haslett Kyle, G. E. Garlick, Samuel King, Eustace Baxter, Henry

Perry, Robert Bradford, A. Abramoff, D. Adamson, W. Addiss, R. Bolas, Jno. B. Curtis, and Lewis Peake. Amongst the visitors were Harry Kirkpatrick, T. H. Annett, W. Hankinson, Arthur Linaker, John R. Gildersleeve, B. Burgess, H. Dwyer, T. E. Chambers, James McKinnell, Joseph Sykes, D. Matthews, John H. Maccann, Charles Guff, James Keet, Robert Alfred Pullan, Isaac De Frece, Edward Pugh, Charles E. Humphreys, Thomas Carr, R. Yelland jun., and J. J. Clarke. Messrs. T. Travitt and J. Banks were initiated, and Bro. Kyle was raised to the M.M. degree. After the transaction of some routine business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where dinner was served, after which a choice programme was given by Bros. Abramoff, Maccann, Heginbotham, Betty, Baxter, Clarence, Stuart, Burt, Savage, H. Round jun., and Workman.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE annual installation meeting of the brethren, postponed from last month, was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult. The preliminary meeting was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. B. Isworth. The Lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in good style by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road. The W.M. Brother W. S. Isworth presided. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the Officers of the Grand Lodge Present and Past, to which Bro. Kuhe P.G.O. responded. The toast of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Connaught was given by the W.M., who also proposed the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate General, P.G. Steward, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. In responding for the latter toast Bro. C. J. Corder P.P.S.G.W. remarked that it was thirty years since he was appointed a Provincial Officer, and he supposed he should be regarded as a fossil and liable to be placed in the large case prepared for Masonic relics. However, he and the other Past Provincial Officers were at all times prepared to assist the Present Officers whenever their services were required. Bro. J. Stude P.P.J.G.W. also acknowledged the toast. He had been a Provincial Officer, he said, for twenty years, but was not prepared to be put in the case for relics. He had spent many pleasant hours in Freemasonry and was pleased to find his old friend and neighbour occupying the position of W.M. He hoped that he (Bro. Isworth) would have health and strength to discharge his duties with satisfaction and honour to the Lodge. Bro. W. Balchin Prov. G.D. of C., in responding for the present Officers, said that he could not claim to have been thirty years in office, having only been born at the time Bro. Corder was honoured with Provincial Grand Office. He and the other Provincial Officers recently appointed would, however, do their utmost to assist in the work of the Province and in maintaining its high honour. The I.P.M. Bro. H. Edwards then proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The toast, he said, had usually been termed the toast of the evening. He would, however, call it the toast of the year, and trusted that Bro. Isworth would experience health and happiness during his year of office. In happy and eulogistic terms he spoke of Bro. Isworth's zeal, which he had shown in the discharge of the duties of the various offices through which he had passed in the Lodge, and had the greatest confidence in predicting a very happy year under the W.M.'s rule. Bro. Isworth, who was enthusiastically received on rising to respond, said he failed to find words to express his gratitude to the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received him. He would do his best to carry out the duties of his office and to retain the confidence of the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. W. Kuhe proposed the Visitors, to which Bros. F. W. White, J. B. Tweed, and W. Gill responded. Bros. W. Kuhe and H. R. Edwards acknowledged the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. T. Garrett that of the Initiates, and Bros. D. T. Bostel and F. E. Sawyer that of the Officers of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought the gathering to a close. During the evening a pleasing programme of music, arranged by Bro. G. Cole P.P.G.O., was admirably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, Bros. H. G. Collins, E. Broadbridge, and G. Cole, the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe. Bro. F. W. Hollands gave an excellent recitation, and Bro. W. Kuhe delighted the brethren with a pianoforte solo.

ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 1676.

THE members entertained Bro. F. Fox to dinner at the Royal Exchange Hotel, Grey-street, Newcastle, on the 27th ult., to wish him a cordial farewell on his approaching voyage to Australia. Bro. Scott W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. E. Clark I.P.M., Cummings Dir. of Cera., A. Hepburn, Cook, Lowens S.W., Spittle, &c. Bro. Scott, in proposing the health of Bro. Fox, referred to the esteem and respect in which their guest was held by the members of the Lodge, and presented to him a Master Mason's jewel bearing the following inscription:—

"St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-on-Tyne, presented by the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge to Bro. Francis Fox, as a mark of their esteem and regard, 27th February 1890."

Bros. Clark, Cummings, Hepburn, Lowens, Cole and Richardson all spoke to the toast, which was enthusiastically honoured. Bro. Fox suitably responded, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasant and agreeable manner.

SAINT LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1766.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening, the 5th instant, Bro. H. J. Thrower W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. L. Stean P.M. and eight other Past Masters, Bros. L. A. Harrison S.W., W. Beasley J.W., and the Officers of the Lodge. The ordinary business of the Lodge was transacted, and Bros. Bishop and Jacobs were raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. A communication had been forwarded to Bro. W. H. Brand P.M., asking him to

reconsider his resignation of the office of Treasurer. Bro. Brand now replied, that although he was unable to alter his decision, he should continue to entertain the most cordial feelings towards the brethren. It was decided to record the letter upon the minutes of the Lodge. Bro. B. Nicholson was unanimously elected to the vacant office, and duly invested by the W.M. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Cox I.P.M., who had acted as Treasurer since the last audit. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A VERY pleasant evening was spent at Ladbroke Hall, on Friday evening, the 7th ult., when the brethren were privileged to invite not only their lady friends, but gentlemen who had not been admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry. About eighty brethren and friends availed themselves of the opportunity of enjoying a thoroughly good banquet, served in excellent style by the Messrs. Linscott, followed by a musical melange of no mean order. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual Loyal, Patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly given from the chair, and suitably acknowledged. Then followed the musical portion of the evening's proceedings. After a short interval, the well known farce "Box and Cox" was introduced to the audience, admirably rendered by "Box" Mr. Minto, "Cox" Bro. Barclay, and "Mrs. Bounser" Miss Jessie Barclay. The toast of the Ladies was given by the W.M., and suitably responded to by Bro. P. M. Read, who recited "The Fireman's Wedding," in his usual faultless manner; Bro. Heath proposed the Visitors. The evening's proceedings concluded with some comic singing, well given by Bro. Wiggins. Altogether a most successful evening has again to be recorded, to which the ladies once more added their testimony. Amongst the lady vocalists Miss Greta Williams and Miss Florence Wright rendered excellent service, and the expressions were general that the Ladies Banquet might become a recognised institution in connection with this Lodge.

ETHELDREDA LODGE, No. 2107.

ON Thursday evening, the 20th ult., the members of the Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107, assembled at the White Hart Hotel, Newmarket, in large numbers, several visiting brethren being present. The principal business of the evening was the installation of Bro. Thos. Jennings jun. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the Prov. Grand Senior Warden Bro. B. Chennell.

RAVENSCROFT LODGE, No. 2331.

THIS successful young Lodge, the latest addition to the Province of Hertfordshire, held its first ordinary meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Saturday last. The business on the agenda was the passing of six brethren and the initiation of five candidates for Freemasonry. The W.M. Bro. J. Thom presided, and the other Officers present were Bros. Fraser S.W., J. Hudson J.W., G. Arnold acting I.P.M. and Secretary, D. Baker Treasurer, Bintliffe S.D., Gunn J.D., Wright I.G., Cronin and Powell Directors of Ceremonies, Catchpole Steward, and Goddard Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Powdrell W.M. 2271, Mitchell P.M. 1743, W. B. Parsons D.C. 2206, and Stiles 704. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the meeting of the recent consecration and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. Richardson, Curry, Fearis, Leach, Wood, and J. Gammon were duly passed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Wallace, Smith, Dingle, Sargent, and McQuown, and resulted unanimously in their favour. Being in attendance these gentlemen were duly initiated into the ancient mysteries. The names of several candidates for initiation and affiliation were proposed, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form, &c. The brethren subsequently met in the banquet room, where mine host Phillips had provided a substantial meal. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally given and duly honoured. In response to the toast of the W.M., Bro. Thom expressed his thanks to the brethren for having provided him with so much work. They had that night received into Freemasonry five gentlemen, who he was sure would fully uphold the glorious principles of the Order. These latter initiates made their number of members 28: not at all bad for the first regular meeting of the Lodge. However, he (the W.M.) would be very pleased to go on at the same rate throughout his year of office, and without wishing to aspire to too much, he asked the brethren to do their best to assist him to make their Lodge in every way worthy of the Province of Herts. The toast of the Initiates was given in very happy terms by the W.M. Each of the newly made brethren responded, expressing his admiration of the beautiful ceremony. The Visitors received a most cordial welcome; the toast was replied to by Bros. Dr. Powdrell and Mitchell, both brethren allying in very complimentary terms to the excellent working of the Lodge. Bros. Baker and Arnold responded for the Treasurer and Secretary. In proposing the Officers, the W.M. stated how fortunate he was in possessing such an efficient body of assistants, each of whom, from their S.W.—who was at the present time W.M. of the Hendon Lodge—to the Steward knew the duties thoroughly well. Brothers Fraser and Hudson replied for the toast. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. A most enjoyable evening had been spent by all present, the humorous songs of Bros. Charles and J. Gammon, and of Bro. Stiles causing much amusement. From the zealous manner in which the Ravenscroft Lodge is being carried on, there is but little doubt that No. 2331 will soon be one of the strongest and best Lodges under Colonel Halsey's genial sway.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the St. James's Restaurant, S.W. (Piccadilly entrance), on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Bullon W.M., Bayfield S.W., Shaw J.W., Bolter S.D., Rymer J.D., Brownawood I.G., Farwig Preceptor, Blum Treasurer, Jones

Secretary, Woods, Cater, Hill, Haslett, Cursons, Taylor, Blythe, Rymer, Kirk, Matthews. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st section of the 1st lecture, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Taylor candidate. Bro. Cater worked the 4th, Bro. Woods the 5th, and Bro. Preceptor the 6th section of the 1st lecture. Bro. Wolter 1791 was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Bayfield appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned to Monday next, at the hour of eight.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—At the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 27th ult., when there were present:—Bros. G. H. Foan W.M., F. M. Noakes S.W., W. Lincoln J.W., W. Higgins S.D., W. Brindley Preceptor, W. Hancock acting as Secretary, W. Unwin J.D., T. C. Searg Orgauist, Homer Price I.G., T. C. Weeks Tyler, J. Gluckstein, A. Jessurum, C. W. Fromholtz, James Rowe, C. O. Burgess, H. Matthews, C. L. Berry, G. A. Bergholtz, R. C. Cursons, and F. W. Buxton. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Burgess and Rowe candidates respectively. The Preceptor worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. F. M. Noakes S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the third ceremony will be rehearsed. The W.M. announced, on behalf of Bro. Sam Hewett (the W.M. of the Mother Lodge), that it had been unanimously voted to form a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge, and if any member of the Lodge of Instruction wished to join the Chapter the Secretary (Bro. G. Reynolds I.P.M.) would be glad to receive their names. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE General Committee met on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, in the chair. There were present Bros. George Corble, J. Glass, J. E. Le Feuvre, Albert Escott, Robt. W. Bourne, George Everett, H. Bevir, James Brett, C. H. Watts, David D. Mercer, Stanley J. Attenborough, George E. Langley, J. S. Cumberland, William Smith, W. Masters, F. Egerton Bennett, H. Massey, James Blyth, George Motion, Joseph D. Langton, W. H. Saunders, G. P. Gillard, William Stiles, W. A. Scurrah, Edward Hobbs, and F. Binckes (Secretary). After preliminaries, the following reports of the Head Master were read to the brethren:—

The first was a report of the 17th January, and it stated that he has selected the following gentlemen as Assistant Masters, and requests the Provisional Committee to ratify the appointments: Mr. J. J. Shakspeare, Mr. J. H. Freeman, Mr. A. E. Salter, Mr. B. Hartland, Mr. S. Elford, and Mr. A. J. Shirley. The report proceeds: "I may add with reference to the above gentlemen that I have very strong recommendations of them from private friends. I believe them to be men of the highest character and disciplinarians. I strongly recommend them to the Committee. The total salary promised them is £430, which is £70 less than the amount allotted by the Committee. Of course one post is still vacant. In the place of the serjeant who has left I beg to recommend a serjeant of the Grenadier Guards. He is one of the army instructors in gymnastics, a total abstainer, and strongly recommended by his colonel and other officers in the regiment. He will be in receipt of a pension (I believe) on his retirement from the army." As to the Mistresses the Head Master reported, "I am in correspondence with several ladies, but have not at present any one to recommend. But I trust that a few days will enable me to select three ladies. In this connection may I bring before the Committee the fact that Miss Cotton is the sole survivor of the late Head Master's staff. She did not send in her resignation with the rest, and will naturally return in due course. May I respectfully ask if this is the wish of the Committee? I find that a certain sum has hitherto been voted for periodicals for the use of the Masters and boys. May I apply for a grant of this year of £12? It will be necessary to expend a small sum in printing (a) school rolls, (b) forms for the weekly reports, and (c) a report book of the work and conduct of the boys, to present to the Committee each month. I estimate that the total cost of this will be considerably under £2. Would the Committee be so good as to direct where I shall get this work done? A few school books will be wanted also for the Cambridge Local Examinations. Is there an appointed school stationer who supplies these at the proper rate of discount? (These books are the special French and Latin authors set for this year.) The Head Master went on to say that in the School list there were the names of boys "educated out of the establishment." He had no information at all concerning them. Was it part of his duty to examine and report on such boys, at stated periods? The report then pointed out the want of certain accommodation in class rooms, that the Head Master had no class room at all, and that six class rooms were required, each holding 36 boys, besides a large reading room. This large reading room was wanted for the use of the boys after school hours, on wet days, and winter evenings to read in, write letters in, play chess, draughts, and other quiet games in. He laid great stress on the existence of this reading room, because he felt sure that care of the boys in out-of-school hours would save them from all kinds of disorder and evil habits. He had talked over the matter of the class rooms with the Sanitary and Works Committee, and he thought he might say

that they would agree with the statements he had put forward. He trusted that the Provisional Committee would not delay in providing them with sufficient class rooms; but in a few weeks' time, when he had been at work in the building, he should probably be better able to help in the discussion of the matter. He might add that with the question of class rooms was associated the arrangements for cleaning boots. The present room was very unsatisfactory; it was far away out of doors, and, beyond a small stove, there was no arrangement for drying the boots. He felt that he ought to bring these matters at once before the Committee for consideration. In conclusion, the Head Master said—"Will you permit me to thank you for the great honour you have done me in electing me as your Head Master, and to assure you that I will not spare myself in any way if only I can carry out your wishes, and make this a school of which every Mason will be proud." Another report, of the 31st January, stated that the Head Master had arranged with three ladies to teach and supervise the boys in the Preparatory Department, and respectfully requested the Committee to confirm the appointments. The ladies were Miss Waller, Miss Shakespeare (no relation to the Mr. Shakespeare on the staff), and Miss Meacock. The Head Master said he had agreed to give £50 a year to each of these ladies, though it was more than the sum allotted by the Committee, yet it was the minimum sum for ladies of skill and experience, and he might add that he was yet a good deal below the total sum allowed for the whole staff, as he was doing with one master less, and should save on the drawing and drill arrangements. He begged to ask for leave to engage a carpenter at a weekly salary of not more than 30s. He wanted to use him to teach the younger boys in the evenings, and in the day time some of the older boys who had not much chance of success in any public examination in books. He believed (judging from the amount of repairs and alterations wanting to be done) that a carpenter would pay his own way in the building. But a large part of his wages could be at once provided for out of the wages of the assistant porter. He did not think that they required two house porters, and in any case he would ask for leave to dismiss one of them in due course. The playing field was quite insufficient for the games of the boys. He would suggest, therefore, that a part, at all events, of the ground now devoted to kitchen garden in the front field be turfed over and added to the field. He asked for this now as it would soon be too late in the season to put turf down. A good deal of turf could be got from the edge of the upper field, and, if they began at once, most of the laying could be done by their own gardeners. Three footballs formed the stock of material for winter games. Might he ask for £10 to be spent gradually, as it was wanted to provide material for out-door and in-door games. The Head Master then appealed to the Committee or their friends for puzzles, draughts, dominoes, and other games that their children had grown out of to give to the small boys of the Institution. Dealing with the Head Master's house, the report went on to say: "There seems, unfortunately, no chance of the Head Master's house being ready for some time. The repairs have not yet been begun, owing to the work at the infirmary. There seems, then, nothing for it but that I should reside for some time in the main building. I cannot say that I like this arrangement, but considering the circumstances of the School, it seems the only thing to do." The last paragraph of the report states that the medical officer recommended the re-engagement of the trained nurse who had already served in the infirmary for three months. He (the medical officer) thought highly of her. The engagement would be a weekly one, and at the former rate of £40 a year. The report of the 21st February stated that there were 243 names on the list, of these 12 were absent, from various causes, leaving 231 actually present at School. Seventeen new boys arrived that day. The whole number is divided into nine forms, six in the main building, and three in the preparatory. Owing to the late arrival of the new boys, he had not been able to print a school roll in forms, but he hoped to forward a copy in the course of a few days to each member of the Committee. A time table of work was appended to the report. It was (the Head Master said) anything but perfect; he hoped to make it much more "modern" in its range after Midsummer. There were 37 boys learning the piano, under Mr. Dutton. Edward Tilderly had been appointed carpenter, at a salary of 30s per week, on a monthly engagement. As the Committee had wished, he had interviewed the Drawing Master, Mr. Silvester, and he did not recommend that he should be retained after Midsummer. There was a silver cornet presented to the Institution. The instrument was missing, and he had twice applied to the late bandmaster, but had received no answer. The Head Master asked the Committee to instruct him as to the next step in the matter. He begged to acknowledge the gift of tale books from Bro. Langton, and a box of games from Bro. A. E. Austen, of South Africa, through Bro. Langton. I am sincerely obliged for these gifts, and have already found them very useful and much appreciated by the boys. Furniture was required for the Assistant Master's sitting room, the late occupant having damaged or destroyed a great deal, and there was a good deal wanted in the infirmary. They suffered a good deal of inconvenience, and lost a good deal of time, through the arrangements for the return of the boys at the beginning of terms. He asked would it not be better for the circular which arranged the time for return, and which should give a good deal of other information, to be issued from the Institution? The report then went on as follows: "I should like to bring the case of a boy named Richardson before the Committee. He stammers dreadfully, and cannot take much part in form work. He is so defective in other respects that he has to sleep in the infirmary. He is fortunately leaving at Midsummer, but I question very much if he ought ever to have been allowed to enter this Institution. Surely he is a fit case to be educated outside the Institution. I have had forwarded to me Mr. Cooper's valuation of the books and stationery, with a list of both. It is very misleading, in this respect—it values the books in the library and store at £1298. I presume he means they cost that sum.

The actual value of the books is very small indeed, because—I., a large number are thoroughly antiquated, and (educationally) are so much waste paper—they have not been used for years; II., of many only single copies, or very few copies exist; III., there are such numbers of systems in each subject as to make it impossible to use the majority of them; IV., in many cases there are a few copies of quite new books, which have apparently never been introduced into the School at all, and we can find no used copies of the same works; V., some are utterly unfit (and must always have been unfit), for use in such a School as this. I should recommend the Committee to nominate some of their number to investigate the whole matter—to get rid of the clearly useless books, to try and exchange or sell those in good condition which we shall not use. It is clear that we must use up as far as possible the books we have got, even if our teaching suffers a little from it; weed out the multitude of systems, so as to avoid adding to bad stock, and gradually to work towards a single system in each subject running throughout the School. But clearly the first step is to get rid of the undoubtedly worthless stock which fills our shelves, in some places eight deep, and gathers dirt of all kinds. Of course there are hundreds and hundreds of good books—French, German, Latin, and English authors, &c.—which should be carefully preserved, as no doubt they will one day be used again. I beg to ask for payment of a bill to Schoolbred's, as stated in the accompanying account book. I hope the Committee will forgive the irregularity of my ordering the articles without leave. But I am sure the Committee will understand that the case was urgent, and that owing to the freshness of my arrival here, I could not foresee the want. The bills are for brooms for the boys to sweep the playgrounds with, nail and clothes brushes, and waste-paper baskets for the class rooms. There is a bill for sundry articles used by the engineer. I trust that the additional class rooms will be put in hand as soon as possible, as the School is suffering a good deal from the want of them. The bath room and the lavatories up and down stairs are, I believe, under present consideration. The tailor has delivered the new suits, but a large number have been returned for alterations, a not surprising result, seeing that the measurements were taken six months ago. The new boys will require a suit of clothes each. Would it be possible for them to have these under the new contract, so as to start the change in style of clothes, and avoid getting any more of the present suits? I have said nothing about the condition of the boys or the general arrangements of the Institution. There are many matters which I am considering, for there are many bad practices and arrangements. I am sure the Committee would prefer me to wait quietly, and improve these slowly, after I have thoroughly investigated the whole system. I make these remarks only to show that I am quite aware of grievous faults, such as, amongst boys, waste at meals and of clothes; and, amongst the staff, waste of gas, waste of water, and waste of labour, and to say that it will take a considerable time to effect much change in these things. In the same way, to excite a better tone amongst the boys, to reduce the listlessness in play and work, the fear (which has led to a general untruthfulness), the slovenliness of manners and dress—all this will take a long time and hard work. I do not expect any great results for a couple of years, but I hope we shall show some improvement every month. My staff of Masters and Mistresses have worked splendidly so far, and they all seem excellent teachers and disciplinarians.

During the discussion that ensued consequent on these reports, Bro. Cumberland raised the question as to the Head Master ordering articles without the authority of the Committee, and then as to two new boys not being up to the required standard. The Chairman explained that the articles ordered by the Head Master were absolutely necessary; among them were brushes. Bro. Cumberland said it was the system he objected to. Bro. Binckes said, with regard to the two boys who were not up to the required standard, one was from the Isle of Man, and one was from West Yorkshire. The information of what standard was requisite was sent to their friends, and the answer was returned,—the boys were not able to comply with the requirements. Bro. Cumberland said he objected to the present system. Answers had to be given before a child was placed on the list that they were qualified; they were not qualified if they were not up to the standard which these boys could not reach after they had been elected. Bro. C. H. Webb suggested that other boys should be taken in place of these two. Bro. Binckes said that in the case of the boy from the Isle of Man, the Lodge was going to send him up for the 21st March; they resented the interference of the mother. One boy was placed on the list for October, and £5 was granted for outfit to a boy who has left the Institution. Bro. Masters wanted to know what was going to be done about the missing silver cornet? That was not the first thing that was missing. He thought some action ought to be taken. Bro. Binckes said the cornet had been in the bandmaster's charge, along with the other instruments. He had written a sharp letter to the bandmaster that day, telling him that if the cornet was not forthcoming he must prepare for some action being taken. Brother Scurrah said he had presented a cornet, which cost £5; that was missing too. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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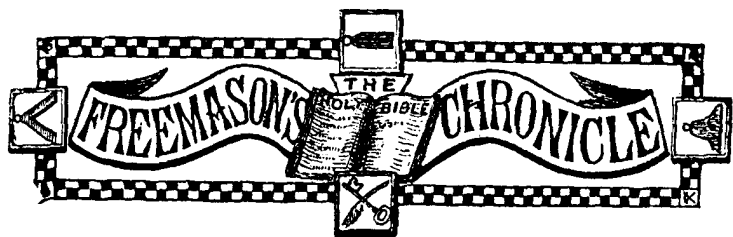
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SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 61.

THE annual meeting in connection with this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, on the 21st ult. Comp. Francis Fleming was duly installed as First Principal, John Taylor Simpson as Second Principal, Herbert Crossley Third Principal, Councillor Frederick Whiteley Treasurer, Robert M. Kerr Scribe E., Fred Horton Principal Sojourner. The Installing Masters were, Companions Wm. Gaukroger, J. W. Balme, S. H. Holdsworth, and T. I. Walker. A large number of visiting Companions from Bradford and elsewhere attended the ceremony.

EVERTON CHAPTER, No. 823.

THE annual installation meeting of the Principals and Officers was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. After the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, Companions T. Delemere was installed M.E.Z., R. W. Gow H., and William Maddox J. In consequence of the death of Colonel Turner P.Z. P.P.G.T., and the indisposition of Companion J. W. Ballard P.Z. P.P.G.P., the Senior Vice-Principals of the Everton Chapter, the duties of installing the Principal were undertaken by Companion William Goodacre, who was ably assisted by Companion S. G. Sinclair, who undertook portions of the ceremony. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Companions as Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. J. Bennett S.E., R. Warriner P.Z. Treasurer (re-elected for the seventh time), E. Evans S.N., E. Kite P.S., J. Parry A.S. Before the Chapter was closed a pleasing presentation was made to the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. D. Davies by Comp. T. Delemere, on behalf of the Everton Chapter, who expressed at the same time the very high estimation in which Companion Davies was held by all those who knew him throughout the Province, as a thoroughly consistent and hard-working Mason. During the evening the Treasurer announced that the sum of £10 10s had been handed over to the local Masonic Charities, thus testifying to the very prosperous condition of the funds of the Chapter. Among the visitors present were Comps. S. G. Sinclair P.Z. 32, G. J. W. Goodacre, E. Segar P.Z. 32, R. T. Brittain M.E.Z. 1086, and J. Molloy 249. During the evening the Companions sat down to a banquet, provided by Companion Casey; after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 28th ult., there were present, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, Companions F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, G. L. Moore Z., T. Grumant H., Hill J., Stone S.E., Osterstock S.N., G. Powell P.Z. 1185 P.S., Fleck, Addington P.Z., Goodwin, Voisey P.Z. Treas., and H. Martin. A conclave of third Principals was formed, and the installation ceremony was rehearsed. The Companions were admitted, and the minutes were read and signed. Comp. Goodwin 1185 was elected a member. Comp. Grumant was elected Z. for next meeting. It was resolved that the annual supper should be held on the 28th inst. President, Comp. T. Grumant P.Z.; Vice-President, Comp. R. J. Voisey P.Z. S.E. 1639 Treasurer. Tickets 4s, to be obtained of the S.E. Comp. C. H. Stone, 17 Soames Street, Peckham.

A brass memorial plate has recently been erected in St. John's Church, Devizes, to our late Bro. William Nott. The plate is handsomely and artistically designed, having in its four corners emblems of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, and Royal Ark Mariner degrees respectively. It has a tessellated border, which at the top forms an arch or canopy. The following is the inscription:—

In loving memory of Bro. William Nott P.M., who died 11th March 1889, aged 54 years. He was for 25 years a member, and 17 years the Secretary of his Lodge. By his devoted services in aid of the Benevolent Institutions, and also by his public and private life, he constantly exhibited the Masonic virtues of Charity and Truth. Erected by the members of the Wiltshire of Fidelity and other brethren.

The brass was supplied by Bro. W. Burt, of Devizes, and the work executed by Messrs. Singer, of Frome.

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MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LODGE, No. 404.

A NEW Lodge of Mark Masons was consecrated at Penzance, on the 25th ult. The Lodge is called St. John the Baptist, No. 404. There was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 78 P.G.M. Cornwall, and T. Chirgwin 78 D.P.G.M. Cornwall. The day's proceedings commenced at eleven o'clock, when ten brethren were advanced to the degree, the work being done by Bro. W. K. Baker. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at one o'clock, by Sir Charles Sawle, with Bros. T. Chirgwin, E. M. Cock, C. Truscott acting as J.W., and F. Crouch 18th degree, acting as Director of Ceremonies. The four consecrating vessels, containing the corn, wine, oil, and salt, were carried by Bros. T. Chirgwin, Colonel Michell, and E. M. Cock. The Rev. Bro. Geard acted as Provincial Chaplain, and used the silver censer belonging to St. George's Chapter, Exeter, kindly lent for the occasion. The Lodge room presented a very unique appearance, with the banners of Cornwall, the new Lodge, and the new Mark furniture and collars. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and St. John the Baptist Lodge opened for the first time by Bro. Baker, who at once proceeded to instal the first Master Bro. Major J. J. Ross 18th deg., carrying out the work in his usual able manner. The W.M. then appointed the Officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. Wellington Dale S.W., F. Rodda J.W., G. Mockridge M.O., W. Colenso S.O., B. Shakerley J.O., M. Sampson S.D., R. P. Couch J.D., P. T. Chirgwin Secretary, J. M. Cornish D.C., J. H. Rowe I.G., R. White jun. Organist, J. E. Rogers Tyler, W. A. Gerry Treasurer. A finely embroidered silk banner was presented to the Lodge by Bro. R. P. Couch, being the work of his mother and sisters; it was indeed a work of art. The Lodge was then closed, after many expressions of goodwill from those present. The whole of the day's proceedings were thoroughly well carried out, and speak well for the future of the Lodge. In Bro. Ross the brethren will have a Master well skilled in the Masonic art. The banquet was afterwards held at the Western Hotel, and was presided over by the new Master, who was ably supported by about 50 brethren. The health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Worshipful Master, and other toasts peculiar to such occasions were duly given.

PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

THE installation of Bro. Joseph Newbery as Worshipful Master took place on Friday, the 14th ult., at the Temperance Hall, Newbury. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Maurice Wheeler. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the various Officers of the Lodge. The brethren unanimously elected as an honorary member of the Lodge Bro. T. J. Pulley, who has rendered valuable service to Mark Masonry, as Provincial Grand Secretary for Berks and Oxon. At the close of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Chequers' Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. Mees. The W.M. Bro. Newbery took the chair.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 48.

THE members held their annual meeting on the 19th ult., at Stonehouse. The W.M. elect Bro. T. Geach was installed. Bro. C. Marshall was the installing Officer, and carried out the ceremony with much ability, supported by Bro. E. Aitken Davies 96 P.G.J.W., J. H. Blackoll P.G. Inspector of Works, T. Worledge 48, J. Bartlett 48, R. Brickwood 383, as the Board of Installed Masters. The Officers invested were Bros. T. Worledge I.P.M., W. H. Williams S.W., N. Radmore J.W., J. E. Davis M.O., W. J. Rowe S.O., J. Harvey J.O., F. J. Price Treasurer, C. Marshall Secretary, J. Eadacott S.D., J. Mitchell J.D., J. Dawe Registrar of Marks, G. Andrews D.C., R. Badstone I.G., J. Bartlett Tyler.

The Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, No. 1707, holds very successful meetings at Bro. Mayo's, the Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, every Monday evening, at eight o'clock. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are cordially invited.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., Bro. F. Liversidge was elected W.M. of the John o' Gaunt Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 172. Bro. F. Baines P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Scott Tyler.

The Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, has removed its quarters, and will in future hold its meetings at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7 o'clock each Thursday evening.

We are glad to be able to record that the 18 pupils sent up from the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the Cambridge examination have all passed. The result was as follows:—5 Second Class, 5 Third Class, and 8 satisfied examiners.

An old Masonic Charter, for a Lodge at Kingborne, has just been discovered, after having been lost for half a century. It is dated 1764, when the Earl of Kellie was Grand Master of Scotland.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided; Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, as Past Grand Master; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ordo Powlett, P.P.G.W., as S.G.W.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. for Suffolk as J.G.W. After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 4th December 1889 had been read and confirmed, the Grand Secretary said it would be in the recollection of Grand Lodge, that, at the meeting of September last, a vote of congratulation was passed on the occasion of the marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Louise of Wales with his Grace the Duke of Fife. Owing to the illness of the artist who was employed to engrave and illuminate that address, it was unfortunately somewhat delayed in its presentation, and, therefore, the acknowledgment from the M.W. G.M. was only received a few days after the meeting of Grand Lodge. With the permission of the M.W. G.M. in the chair, he would now read the gracious reply from the M.W. G.M. to that address—

Sandringham, Norfolk, 9th December 1889.

To Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

SIR,—I am directed by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of a loyal and fraternal address from the United Grand Lodge of England, and, in reply, to request you to be so good as to express to its members his Royal Highness's best thanks for their kind wishes on the occasion of the marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Louise of Wales with his Grace the Duke of Fife, Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire.

I am Sir, your obedient Servant,

(Signed) FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

Bro. Sir E. Lechmere moved, and Bro. Thomas W. Tew seconded a motion, that the reply be entered on the minutes. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, then said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I rise in pursuance of the nomination I had the privilege to make at the previous meeting of this Grand Lodge, to move that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, be elected our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. I apprehend, Sir, that this Grand Lodge will go with me when I say that it is our desire to elect as the head of our Fraternity the most popular member of that Fraternity. I will not hesitate to say that in the person of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales we have not only the most popular member of our Order, but the most popular gentleman in all Her Majesty's dominions. One of our writers has described an ideal Prince as "he who meditates the noblest purposes, such as may benefit the public weal and closer knit the ties of social man in blessed concord and sweet sympathy." I venture to think that that description of an ideal Prince is a grand portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, whom I have now the greatest pride and pleasure of moving to be our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Aird, M.P., seconded the motion, which was put and carried amidst loud cheers. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then proclaimed by Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C., as duly elected M.W.G.M. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England for the year ensuing. The next business was the election of Grand Treasurer, but as there was no other candidate proposed but Brother Augustus Glossop Harris P.M. 2127, Bro. Beach declared Bro. Augustus Harris elected. The report of the Board of Benevolence, as given by us last week, was taken as read; the recommendations for grants were confirmed, and on motion duly made and seconded, the report was ordered to be entered on the minutes. On the motion of Col. Clerke, the report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1889, was confirmed. Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS.

THE annual assembly of the Grand Conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16a Great Queen Street, W.C., on Monday, the 3rd inst. Baron de Ferrieres M.E.G. Viceroy and Deputy Grand Commander of St. John presided, and was supported by Sir Knights E. H. Thiellay G.J. Gen., C. F. Hogard G. Recorder, Dr. W. R. Wood-

man P.G.V. Grand Treasurer, J. G. Marsh P.G.S. Gen. and P.G.A., Capt. T. C. Walls G.A. Deputy Int. Gen. Middx., John Mason P.G. Gen., Thos. Cabitt P.G.S. Gen., G. Powell P.G.S. Gen., Belgrave Ninnis Junior Gen., H. H. Shirley, H. C. Heard, C. E. Keyser P.A. Almoner, H. J. Lardner P.G.S.B., H. J. Penfold Dist. Int. Gen. Kent, Geo. R. Cobham G. Herald, A. W. Bateman Dist. G. Recorder Kent, W. G. Lemon P.S. 122, M. Haynes West Lancs., T. Graham Robinson, W. Lake, Nelson Prower, J. K. M. Pierrott, and W. W. Lee. The Grand Conclave having been opened, Baron de Ferrieres said that before they proceeded to business he had an unpleasant duty to perform in informing the Sir Knights that their M.I. Grand Sovereign, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, could not attend on account of illness, and had therefore authorised him to act in his absence. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the annual report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted, including a recommendation that, as the Grand Sovereign was to preside at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of ten guineas should be placed on his list. Sir Knight Dr. Woodman Grand Treasurer proposed Sir Knight Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., for re-election as M.I. Grand Sovereign, observing that Sir Francis had ruled over them for many years in peace and harmony, and he hoped he would continue to do so for many years to come. Sir Knight Marsh seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation. Sir Knight W. G. Lemon, in moving that the Baron de Ferrieres be re-elected to the position of Grand Viceroy, said they knew his energy and zeal in everything he undertook, his high character, and the esteem in which he was held, and therefore the name Baron de Ferrieres had but to be mentioned to procure their unanimous suffrages. Sir Knight Dr. Woodman G. Treasurer seconded the motion, and testified to the active and zealous desire of Baron de Ferrieres to do his duty in every office he filled. The proposition was carried *nem con*, and the Grand Herald proclaimed Baron de Ferrieres Grand Viceroy for the ensuing year. Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres sincerely thanked the Sir Knights for the great compliment paid him in re-electing him to the office of Grand Viceroy. Sir Knight Dr. Woodman was re-elected Grand Treasurer. The following were appointed members of the Grand Council:—

The Earl of Euston	...	G. Sen. General
Capt. T. C. Walls	...	G. Jun. General
Rev. S. Maude	...	} G. High Prelates
Rev. A. W. Oxford	...	
J. S. Cumberland	...	G. High Chancellor
W. R. Woodman, M.D.	...	G. Treasurer
C. F. Hogard	...	G. Recorder
Lewthwaite	...	G. High Almoner
Dr. Mickley	...	G. Chamberlain
C. H. Driver	...	G. Architect
W. G. Lemon	...	G. Marshall
H. H. Shirley	...	G. Orator
J. Moon	...	G. Historiographer

The following were appointed members of the Senate:—

H. J. Lardner	...	G. Preceptor
H. Venn	...	G. Examiner
C. E. Keyser	...	G. Prefect
R. Berridge	...	G. Sub-Prefect
A. H. Bateman	...	G. Vice-Chancellor
George Reading	...	G. Assist. Recorder

Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres was appointed by the M.I. Grand Sovereign President of the Executive Committee, and Sir Knight J. Lewis Thomas a member. The following Sir Knights were nominated and declared duly elected Grand Senators, and were appointed to office as under:—

Fred Graves	...	G. Sub-Almoner
H. C. Heard	...	G. Inspector of Regalia
H. Penfold	...	} G. Standard Bearers
B. Ninnis	...	
A. Williams	...	G. Sword Bearer
G. R. Cobham	...	G. Organist
J. A. Gartley	...	G. Preceptor
W. O. Robinson	...	G. Vice-Chamberlain
T. Le Sallieur	...	G. Assist. Marshal
W. Lake	...	} G. Heralds
J. H. Thompson	...	
Roberts	...	G. Director of Cera

Sir Knight Gilbert was re-elected G. Sentinel. The Executive Committee was appointed as under:—Sir Knights C. F. Matier, J. Mason, T. C. Walls, W. G. Lemon, and G. Powell; and the following were elected to the Grand High Almoner's Committee: Sir Knights Dr. Woodman, H. H. Shirley, and H. Venn. A notice of motion by Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis, seconded by Sir Knight Penfold, respecting the rank of Intendant Generals, was, after discussion, referred to the Executive Committee. Sir Knight Bateman D.G. Recorder Kent moved a notice of motion respecting the increased publicity of the Annual meeting of the I.G. Conclave, and it was resolved that it be left to the Grand Recorder to send a sufficient number of summonses to the Recorders, for transmission to individual members likely to attend. Another motion by Sir Knight Bateman, with reference to the mode of election to the electoral offices in Grand Senate, was discussed, and it was understood that the substance of the motion should be brought before the Executive Committee. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Knight George Keating for his kindness in allowing the use of a room for the office of Grand Recorder. Numerous apologies for non-attendance were received, and the Grand Conclave was closed in Imperial form. A banquet was subsequently held at Freemasons' Tavern.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Prince of Wales's.—The success achieved by the comic opera "Dorothy," has doubtless induced theatrical managers to look at home, in preference to importing further musical novelties. In this direction the public cannot but be the gainers, while the patronage of native talent will tend to develop the genius of our young musicians. It is therefore a matter for congratulation that Mr. Horace Ledger's latest production has been so favourably received, and we see no reason why "Marjorie" should not rival her elder sister. The libretto is written by Messrs. Lewis Clifton and Joseph J. Dilley, and narrates a simple but effective plot, that is highly interesting. The date is laid in 1217, during one of those occasional little wars between England and France with which the history of that period teems. Marjorie is the daughter of Sir Simon Striveling, an impoverished knight, and is beloved by Wilfred, son of Gosric, a vassal of the Earl of Chestermere. The Earl is smitten with Marjorie's charms, and when Wilfred interferes he is told that, being a serf, he cannot marry a knight's daughter. At this juncture the Earl of Pembroke sends word that the foe has landed, and calls his followers to arms. Wilfred is attached as henchman to Sir Simon, and executes such daring deeds of valour as to win his spurs on the field of battle. The Earl has imprisoned Marjorie in his castle, because she will not wed him, but she is rescued by Wilfred, and the Earl eventually consoles himself with Gosric's niece Cicely, who has enveigled him into marrying her. Mr. Walter Slaughter has composed some exceedingly tuneful music, that exactly suits the quaint simplicity of the story, and many of the numbers will probably keep their popularity long after the opera has run its course. Wilfred's song, "Dear little maid I love so well," the theme of which pervades the opera from the overture to the final chorus; the drinking song and chorus for the Earl; "Happy Dreams" solo; the "Battle Prayer" and the chorus "England our own once again," and the "Suing Duet" are most worthy of mention. Mr. Hayden Coffin is seen and heard to great advantage as the Earl, and Mr. Joseph Tapley is an excellent representative of Wilfred. Miss Camille D'Arville admirably sustains the part of Marjorie, and sings the music in an artistic manner. Miss Phyllis Broughton makes a lively Cicely, her duet and dance with Mr. Coffin in the second act being several times encored. Mr. Harry Monkhouse is most amusing as Gosric, and Madame Amadi, Mr. Henry Ashley, Mr. F. Wood and Mr. Albert James effectively sustain the remaining characters. The scenery is in Mr. T. E. Ryan's best style, and the costumes of the period are faithfully reproduced, while a word of praise must be given to the chorus for their perfect rendering of the numbers allotted to them.

Lyceum.—The crowded audiences that nightly assemble to witness the performance of "The Dead Heart" sufficiently demonstrate the correctness of Mr. Henry Irving's judgment in reviving this old drama, by Watts Phillips, originally produced in November 1859. The piece will this evening be played for the 137th time, and to judge by the public appreciation there appears no reason why it should not continue to occupy the stage until the worthy manager proceeds on his summer tour. Successive performances have but mellowed Mr. Irving's admirable representation of Robert Landry, especially in the Bastille scene, where his facial expression is a perfect study. Not a word does he speak, yet the gradual working of his mind is perfectly comprehensible until it reaches the dawn of consciousness. Then the name of Catherine fills his soul with new life, he feels that he is free, and, ignorant of what has transpired during his seclusion, appears to regard the past as a frightful nightmare, and drags his enfeebled body to meet his lost love. This is certainly the perfection of acting, and justly merits the applause bestowed. Again, in the duel with the Abbé Latour (splendidly played by Mr. Bancroft), the details are given with such minuteness that the attention of the spectator is enthralled by the actor to such an extent that it is almost a relief when the act of vengeance is completed. The explanation of Catherine, under the shadow of the guillotine, brings about another artistic scene. The dead heart begins to warm with pity, the old love awakens in it a new life, and finally it throbs with a purer existence as the feelings of distrust are dispelled. Mr. Irving has in his time played many parts, but no character in his repertoire has been performed with greater care or a firmer grasp of the physiological conditions. The contrast between the gay, light-heartedness of Catherine Duval in the prologue, and the bitter anguish of the widowed Countess in the last act, is delightfully portrayed by Miss Ellen Terry, who makes the most of the opportunities offered. No true lover of the drama should miss this fine performance, and many will be inclined, like ourselves, to pay a second visit, when the mind would not be so distracted by the admirable stage arrangements, and therefore be better able to note the details, some of which we have referred to above.

Criterion.—The present revival of Byron's entertaining comedy "Our Boys" has proved so successful that we may expect it to remain in the bill for some time to come. There is so much genuine fun and humour in the piece that it is not to be wondered at that playgoers are always ready to welcome a revival of the old comedy. In the present case the acting is all that could be wished for. Mr. David James, being at liberty, is once more the Middlewick. This actor has played the part so often that nothing need now be said in reference to it, except that Mr. James is as good as ever as the old butlerman. Mr. Elwood is polished as Sir Geoffrey Champneys, and Miss Brunton is capital as his sister. Mr. Leonard Boyne and Mr. E. W. Gardiner, as Charles Middlewick and Talbot Champneys respectively, act with consistency, and gain the sympathy of their audience. Miss Francis is the Violet Melrose, while Miss Olga Brandon is charming as Mary Melrose. Belinda is in the hands of Miss E. Vining, who gets every bit out of the part that is possible. We heartily recommend the present revival of "Our Boys."

Toole's.—Now that the popular comedian Mr. J. L. Toole has said farewell to London, Mr. Fred Horner has availed himself of the opportunity to again place his successful comedy "The Bungalow" in the evening bill. This will, we feel sure, prove to be a wise plan, for the piece has caused so much fun and amusement in the past that it will doubtless continue to do so again. Messrs. F. Kaye, Charles Glenney, Yorke Stephens, Compton Coutts, with the Misses Helen Forsyth, Marie Illington, Vane Featherstone, Cicely Richards, Sophie Larkin, and Mrs. Rousby interpret the piece in a bright and smart fashion, with the result that the fun is fast and furious throughout. A new play, entitled "Isalda," by Mr. Fred Horner, precedes the piece of the evening, and meets with the approval of the early comers. In this Mr. Bassett Roe distinguishes himself by sound acting, as the villain, while Miss Vane Featherstone and Mr. Matthew Brodie score well as Isalda and her lover respectively. We can heartily recommend our readers to patronise the present bill at the little theatre in King William-street.

Opera Comique.—The company that is now appearing in the ever popular comic opera "Les Cloches de Corneville" is one that fails to do justice to the piece. When we say this, we must make one or two exceptions. It is all very well for a young manager to engage a popular artiste or two, and then give the other parts to inexperienced actors or actresses, but we are afraid they will hardly suit the tastes of the present London playgoer. Every thing has been done in the way of mounting, chorus, and orchestra, but this will not make a success. It is pleasant to be able to record that Mr. Shiel Barry resumes his old part of the miser, and scores as well as of yore, while Mr. Chas. Ashford is exceedingly amusing in his original character of Gobo. Mr. Paulton gets all the fun he can out of the part of the Bailie, and at times is very amusing. Miss Helen Capet is vivacious as Germaine, but we would warn this young lady that if she wishes to succeed at the West End she must tone her style. Of the others we can but say little in their favour. Mr. H. Gittus Lonsdale, the new manager of the Opera Comique, appears as Henri Marquis de Corneville, but fails to interest the audience, while Mr. L. Cadwaladr would do well to study stage action, more especially his walk, which is more of a run on his toes. Miss Irene Verona at times sings prettily as Serpolette, and Miss Florence Lonsdale is a vivacious Christopher. In conclusion, a word of praise is due to Mr. W. F. Glover, whose orchestra is capital.

Globe.—The success that Mr. F. R. Benson has achieved with the revival of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" remains unabated, and crowded audiences are still the rule. This is not to be wondered at when we take into consideration with what care the revival has been staged. The music is made a special feature of, and the rendering of the different pieces, by Mr. Boggetti's orchestra, is excellent. Special praise must be accorded for the way in which Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and the same composer's "Fairies March" are given. One or two changes in the cast have been made since the first night, principal among these being Miss Dorothy Dene, who has taken Miss Kate Rorke's place, as Helena. Miss Dene gets through the task admirably, her rendering of the part being all that is required.

We are glad to be able to record that Mr. Robert Buchanan's "Clarissa" has "caught on" at the Vaudeville. Mr. Thomas Thorne and his admirable company have now settled down to their parts, with a result that a long run may be anticipated.

Miss Vera Beringer will appear in the dual rôle of Tom Canty and Edward VI. in the forthcoming production of Mrs. Oscar Beringer's version of Mark Twain's story "The Prince and the Pauper," to be given at a series of matinées, commencing on the 9th April, at the Gaiety.

The British Merchant Navy employs three hundred thousand seamen, and, besides these, there are of necessity tens of thousands who, having spent their best years afloat, are no longer able to go to sea. It is on behalf of these worn out and disabled men that an urgent appeal is now being made. The "Home" of the Royal Alfred Merchant Seamen's Institution, at Belvedere, shelters about one hundred of them. It is only half full. The Committee desire to inform the public that the want of funds alone prevents it from being filled, and the number of out-pensioners from being increased. The claim of the sailor comes home to all of us; we are dependent on him for much of our comfort, for many of our luxuries, and for most of our necessities; and the nation especially is dependent upon him for its prosperity in times of peace, and for its security in time of war. The pension is One Pound per month; there are only 200 recipients at present, not for lack of eligible and most deserving objects, for they may be counted by hundreds, or even by thousands; nor does the evil end here, for the competition for admission is so great that the average age at which they are admitted to the Home is not less than seventy years. Our well known Bro. W. H. Saunders is doing good work on behalf of this Institution, and as Deputation Secretary has already been successful in establishing some influential branches. The Institution is worthy of support by all who may be charitably disposed. The offices are at 58 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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Saturday, 8th March.

- 108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176 Cavendish, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1688 Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928 Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2029 King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.A. 1928 Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Maltham
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1423 Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield
R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

Monday, 10th March.

- 5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
222 St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria Street
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1386 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1657 Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate St.
1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2012 Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2030 The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster
R.A. 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104 Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.C. 53 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.
40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75 Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104 St. John, Ashton House, Greek St., Stockport
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
262 Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411 Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
431 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
502 Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
797 Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury
893 Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook
949 Williamson, St. Stephen Sch., Monkwearmouth
1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1069 United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn St., Birmingham
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592 Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656 Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1691 Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 148 Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154 Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
R.A. 306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall St., Leeds
R.A. 377 Hope and Charity, M.H., Kidderminster
R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422 All Saints, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 1258 Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool
M.M. Egerton, Royal Rock, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
M.M. 171 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
K.T. 5 Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 58 Hugh de Payens, Old Bull, Blackburn
R.C. Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale

Tuesday, 11th March.

- 46 Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
96 Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City
235 Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hotel
933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269 Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Akeley
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668 Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
K.T.D. Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.C. 71 Bayard, 33 Golden Square, W.
93 Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro

- 184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Old Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
241 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
418 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
503 Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726 Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hot, Staff.
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St., Gosport
1120 St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250 Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Warrington
1314 Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1347 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465 Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509 Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon
1678 Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713 Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
R.A. 43 Fortitude, Great Western, Birmingham
R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A. 253 Justice, Masonic Hall, Derby
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Keighley
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324 Reason, Wellington Inn, Staleybridge
R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540 Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660 King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate
R.A. 691 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Northumberland
R.A. 1055 Derby, Masonic Rooms, Cheetham
M.M. 6 Adams, Victoria Hall, Sheerness
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 75 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 162 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 12th March.

- Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 4
11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13 Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, Woolwich
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth
147 Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1610 Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1694 Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., Chelsea
1718 Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1936 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak
2272 Rye, Peckham Public Hall, Peckham
R.A. 1290 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305 St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot, W.C.
M.M. 284 High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot, Tottenham
54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
148 Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191 St. John, Knowles Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225 St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch
281 Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Church St., Lancs.
283 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
493 Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567 Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615 St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales, Erith
625 Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666 Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton
852 Zetland, Albert Hotel, Salford
854 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
1064 Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1342 Walker, Hope and Anchor, Byker, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot, Ormskirk
1424 Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton
1434 Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1582 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton
R.A. 24 De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 251 Loyalty and Virtue, F.M.H., Barnstaple
R.A. 320 Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 703 Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709 Leinster, Bank Street Hall, Ayr, Scotland
R.A. 193 Saye and Sele, Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Berwick

Thursday, 13th March.

- 19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
239 Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.
534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657 Canonbury, Alofton, Aldersgate Street
809 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.
879 Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
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1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1612 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha, Notting Hill
1708 Plucknet, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley

- 1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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268 Derby Allcroft, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
R.A. 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
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R.A. 551 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney

- 35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Spalding
477 Mersey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
516 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool
915 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wollington Quay
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale
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1416 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
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1087 Beaudesort, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121 Wear Valley, M.H., Bishop Auckland
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R.A. 993 Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
M.M. 198 Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
K.T. 4 Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

Saturday, 15th March.

- 715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
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1597 Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

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- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
199 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Ecclestone, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 730
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 10th March.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
518 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730

1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
 1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
 1445 Prince Leopold, 272 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
 1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 11th March.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 8
 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 183 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 406 Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Newcastle, 7
 463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7:45
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8
 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
 1325 Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer St, Liverpool, 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
 1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
 1639 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1948 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

Wednesday, 12th March.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30

72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
 223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd., 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1475 Peckham, 618 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1791 Creston, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersen Park Road, 7:30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 13th March.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
 704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 8:30
 1553 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30

1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1995 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Deptford, 8
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

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Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
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 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
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 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

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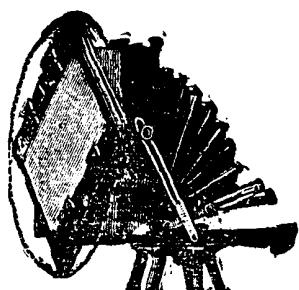
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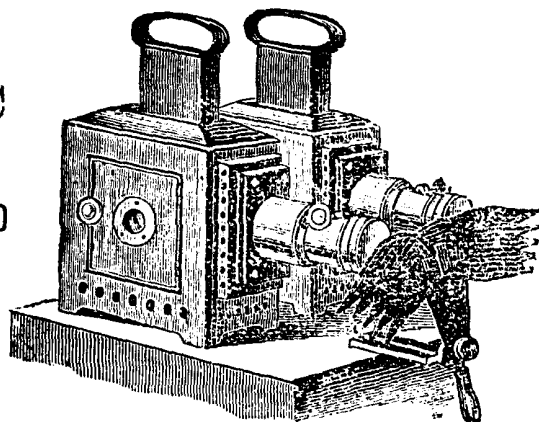
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