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OUR THIRTY-THIRD VOLUME.

OUR readers can hardly appreciate the feelings with which we greet them on the present occasion, when we have the pleasure of introducing our Thirty-third Volume to the notice of the Craft. We to-day start with a number which has been long recognised as an important one in connection with the degrees of Masonry throughout the world. We have arrived at the highest point known in the system popular in this country, and hope that in each of the thirty-two stages we have so far passed through we have done something to entitle us to yet further advancement. So let it be with our thirty-third degree. We cannot go on keeping pace with the established grades of Masonry, but we hope we shall long be able to keep adding to our own grades, and that as year by year the opportunity presents itself of addressing a few words to our readers on the commencement of another section we may have increased reasons for rejoicing, and an enlarged number of supporters to speak to. We are much indebted to all who have worked with us, or who have supported us in years gone by, and hope our doings in the future may be so satisfactory as to ensure increased encouragement and patronage from those for whose wants it will be our constant endeavour to cater.

A YEAR'S BENEVOLENCE.

THE year 1890, which has come to a conclusion during the week, has been a successful one for the great charity funds of English Freemasonry, while it will always serve to mark a great turning point in the matter of Masonic Benevolence in the sister Constitution of Scotland. It is only possible to form an idea of what is being done to-day in this direction by comparing the returns of the present with those of former years, but matters have so altered in this respect that any comparisons based on such lines are nearly, if not wholly, illusory. A few years back the sums contributed to the three great Central Institutions of English Freemasonry represented nearly the whole amount spent in this direction, now there are so many Provincial Funds and Local Organisations, that a considerable allowance has to be made for sums contributed independent of the London Charities for similar work. It would be very difficult to estimate the extent of these Local Funds, because at present so many of them are in a somewhat experimental stage, but an addition of at least 10 or 15 per cent. to the totals of the London Institu-

tions might, we think, fairly be made without exceeding or even reaching the income of the various Provincial Charity Funds for the year. But until we can get definite details on this point it will perhaps be as well to omit consideration of such contributions from our annual summaries, as estimated statements on such matters must of necessity be very unsatisfactory.

During the year just completed the three London Institutions have received between them a total of £55,541 19s 2d, an amount which compares most favourably with the returns of the past, showing an increase of upwards of £7,000 over the total of 1889. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on this occasion takes the first place, with receipts amounting to £21,763 19s 1d, then follows the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with £21,305 13s 4d, and last comes the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with a return of £12,472 6s 9d. The high position secured during the year by the Girls' School arises from the fact that a sum of £5,000 is included in the receipts of that Institution during 1890, as received from the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, for an "easement," that sum having been arranged as compensation for ground required for the purposes of the company. Of course this is a legitimate item to include in the returns, but it is of so exceptional a character as to really rob the Institution of any credit which might attach to it, from the fact of its receipts being a few pounds above those of the Benevolent Institution. It is to that Fund first honours are due for the year 1890, and we are very pleased indeed to see this particular Institution has been so well supported. It has so many special features to recommend it, as compared with the Educational Charities, that we rejoice to see it leading in the matter of income—as it really does this year, for the £5,000 on the Girls' total is more a matter of capital account than ordinary income, although it is the custom with the Masonic Institutions to ignore such matters as capital or amounts invested in their own land and buildings in making up their balance-sheets.

When we say the Benevolent Institution has so many special features to recommend it we refer to the special way in which its benefits are distributed. With the two Schools there must always be different opinions as to the way in which funds are expended, whether this item is necessary or that judicious, whether too much is being spent on the education of the children, too much on their dress, or too much on food; but with the Benevolent it is simply a question of paying an equal sum to each annuitant, who is at liberty to do just what he or she pleases with the money, and it is no concern of the subscribers whether it is spent in rent, food or raiment, so long as the recipients are considered worthy of receiving it, and so conduct themselves as to bring no disgrace on the Fund from which they draw a large portion of their supplies. We recognise the impossibility of carry-

ing on the work of the two Schools on anything like a similar basis, but that does not detract from the benefits of the system which is possible in connection with the Old People's Fund.

Besides the three Institutions here referred to, there is, as usual, the total grants of the Board of Benevolence to be included in our Summary for the Year, and these amount to a total of £7,732, a sum showing an appreciable falling off as compared with the last two years, a result not only politic, but absolutely necessary in view of the very heavy drains made during recent years on the invested funds of this account.

We now append particulars of the several totals, and express a wish that the year just started upon may be as successful for each as the one to which these figures refer—not only so, but that in every case an improvement may result, and increased prosperity mark the future of the various Funds.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donation from Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Donation from Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Donations and Subscriptions	12123	0	10
Balance Life Presentation (Harlech)			
Centenary	275	0	0
One Admission by Purchase	178	10	0
Admission by Annual Payment	150	0	0
Dividends	2232	4	0
Interest on Deposit	106	10	9
Receipts for Musical Instruction	221	0	6
Sale of Old Pianos and Old Materials	42	0	0
Sale of Books of Subscribers	1	3	0
Received from L.B. & S.C.R. (as per Agreement)	5000	0	0
Window Memorials	1274	0	0
	21763	19	1

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	15074	10	0
Dividends	2882	12	11
Interest on cash at call	98	10	5
Grand Lodge	1600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Legacy (on account)	1500	0	0
	21305	13	4

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	11596	2	0
United Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends	538	14	8
Music Fees	70	6	0
Miscellaneous	106	14	1
	12472	6	9

The Board of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	£	s	d
January	36	775	0	0
February	34	920	0	0
March	32	650	0	0
April	37	800	0	0
May	25	555	0	0
June	20	600	0	0
July	25	575	0	0
August	6	125	0	0
September	17	360	0	0
October	37	872	0	0
November	34	925	0	0
December	27	575	0	0
	330	£7732	0	0

ROYAL MASONIC RITE.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF ITS HISTORY.

ACCORDING to traditional and documentary evidence in possession of the Union Sovereign Sanctuary of the Royal Masonic Rite, Masonry had its origin in Egypt. All ancient Masonry is entirely Egyptian. All who take the higher degrees have convincing proof that many centuries before Christ Egypt practised Masonic work. Men of Tyre received their education by initiation into Egyptian Masonry. Hiram of Tyre gave Solomon, King of Israel, authority to establish and work the lower degrees. Masonic degrees were worked by the Colleges of Builders at Rome 715 B.C., and Masonry in Great Britain was derived from these Colleges. In A.D. 926, King Athelstane gave to British Masons a Constitution, now called the Charter of York, authorising the working and conferring of the lower or symbolic degrees. Edward III. revised this Constitution in A.D. 1350. In A.D. 1314, Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, gave Masons the right to work certain degrees, and in 1685 the Knights of St. Andrew were worked by authority claiming to have been derived from James Third, King of Scotland. In 1754, twenty-five degrees, under the name of The Rite of Strict Observance, were worked at Paris, France, by Jesuit priests. In 1758, twenty-five degrees, under the name of the Emperors of the East and West, were worked at Lyons, France, by Jesuit priests. In 1789, twenty-five degrees, under the title of a Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret Rite of Perfection, were worked at Bordeaux, France, by questionable authority. It is claimed that from these twenty-five degrees the so-called Scottish Rite of thirty-three degrees was arranged at Charleston, S.C., in 1801, but by what authority no one has ever been able to ascertain. It is a well-known fact that philosophers, kings, and priests, prior to 1750, were generally instructed in Egyptian Masonry (Egyptian Mysteries); therefore, it will be seen how easy it was for this class of men to establish new Rites from the old mysteries. But all Masonic degrees came, directly or indirectly, from Egypt, and the 96 degrees of the Royal Masonic Rite include all ancient Masonic work. The most direct transmission of the entire 96 degrees of Masonry from Egypt to Europe occurred about 1766, after which, for several years, a portion of the degrees were worked under different names in various countries. The first recorded work by Egyptian Rite Masons of high degree in the U.S.A. was the establishment of Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, at Providence, R.I., in 1793, Thomas W. Morse 28 degree, Peleg Clarke 28 degree, and Moses Seixas 45 degree, Deputy Inspector-General of all Masonry in Rhode Island, officiating. These facts are now to be seen on the Records of Providence Chapter. Ninety degrees, under the name of Rite Mizraim, were established under a self-constituted Grand Body, at Milan, Italy, in 1806. The degrees of this so-called Rite were introduced into the United States in 1862. Ninety-six degrees, under the name of "The Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis," were established at Montauban, France, under a self-constituted Grand Body, in 1814. This Sovereign Sanctuary was transferred to Paris in 1838, and established the first body of the Rite in the United States in 1856. In 1865 a few of the members in New York claimed to have reduced the degrees of the Rite of Memphis to 33 degrees, under the name of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, in consequence of which differences arose, and, in addition, three Sovereign Sanctuaries of the 96 degree were finally organised in the United States—two of these united in 1883. In 1884, a careful organise anew, by a convention which was held in Boston, 8th Dec. 1884, in response to a summons, properly prepared and mailed to every person known to have received the 30, 33, 90, 95 or 96 degree of these respective Rites or bodies. At this convention all working bodies in the United States were represented; 1,007 members were present, representing twenty-four States of the Union, and since the convention nearly all the working bodies have ratified its action. It was unanimously voted that the proposed union was very desirable; that the first 3 degrees (Craft Masonry) be left to its control, and thorough investigation made concerning the origin of the charters of these different Sanctuaries, and it was thought best to the Craft Lodges and Craft Grand Lodges, and that, as representatives of all the working bodies in the U.S. of the three Rites, they ignore all former Charters, and constitute and proclaim themselves the Union Sovereign Sanctuary of the Royal Masonic Rite,

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controlling all degrees above the 3rd, heretofore known as Egyptian Masonry—viz., 4th to the 33rd, 4th to 90th, and 4th to 96th. A constitution was unanimously adopted and Officers elected. Nearly all the Officers are Knights Templar, and a large majority are members of the A. and A. or Scottish Rite. Of the entire membership (over 16,000) nearly all are Knights Templar. Our Sovereign Sanctuary is now not only recognised by every regular Sovereign Sanctuary of the world, but also by the Imperial Confederation of Rites of the world. The Royal Masonic Rite has no fight with any other Rite of Masonry. It does not in any way interfere with or confer the degrees of any other Rite of Masonry, but adheres strictly to its motto—"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"—and, so far as is known, there is now no opposition to this Rite from any respectable source.—*Masonic World.*

PRIVATE BUSINESS DOES NOT EXCUSE.

A GREAT mistake is made, now and then, by some Masonic Grand Officer, in supposing that private business affairs excuse him from the non-performance of his official duties and obligations. This is especially objectionable when a Grand Master, or Grand High Priest, or Grand Commander, makes it a reason for neglecting official visitation of constituent bodies, and for declining other duties of his exalted station. When a Mason accepts such a station, it is his duty to make all private business matters secondary to the work of his office, and if he does not he fails to fulfil his official obligation, and also exerts a pernicious influence on the Craft, the force of example being very effective for evil as well as good. The first officer of the body in the jurisdiction, acting as if his duties were of slight importance and to be readily neglected, thereby teaches that constituent officers and brethren may lightly esteem their duties, and perform or neglect them just as mere convenience may permit; aye, more, teaches that the Institution itself may be lightly regarded, and neglected at will by all its officers and other members. This being true, let us have no more private business excuses for neglect of official Masonic duties.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The Prince of Wales has granted a warrant for the formation of a new Lodge at Chester for the new north-western military district. The consecration, we understand, will take place towards the end of January. The brethren requested the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Horatio Lloyd, to name the new Lodge, and he, in deference to their wishes, named it "The Clarence," intimating that he considered that name would be specially appropriate, as his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence would probably be the future Earl of Chester, and possibly at some period Grand Master of the Order. Many of the Military Brethren being already members of the Lodge of Independence, No. 721, Chester, have requested the retiring W. M. of that Lodge, Bro. H. Finchett, to be the first Master of the Clarence Lodge, and he has signified his assent. We understand the other Lodges in Chester have very favourably received the announcement of the new Lodge, and are doing all in their power to further its interest, being fully convinced that there is great need for it, especially for the accommodation of Military Brethren, of whom there are a considerable number. We believe Bros. Salmon, Matthews, Jones and Knowles will act as Past Masters, and Bros. Litherland, Captain Cooper, Sergeant-Majors McKay and Goodwin, will probably first fill the principal offices. We can only add that we heartily wish the young offspring success. The matter had been on the tapis for some years, but thanks to the manner in which Bro. I. M. Jones introduced the subject at a meeting of the Independence Lodge a couple of months ago, and the spirit in which his remarks were taken up, objections which had been considered insuperable have been overcome, and the new Lodge will soon be a fait accompli. The Clarence will, we understand, hold their meetings at the Masonic Hall, Foregate-street.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE announcement that Lodge St. John of Melrose has resolved by an overwhelming majority to relinquish its independence and become obedient to Grand Lodge will be hailed with acclamation by the Craft under the Scottish Constitution. Melrose St. John will, in consideration of documentary evidence of its antiquity, take precedence on the roll of Grand Lodge immediately after the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, with the No. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, in terms of the conditions agreed upon by both parties. The Melrose records date in almost unbroken sequence from 26th December 1674. Mother Kilwinning resigned its independence in 1808. Glasgow St. John No. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ joined the Grand Lodge in 1850. There are now no independent Lodges existing in Scotland. The union of Grand Lodge and the Melrose Lodge will be formally ratified in the first week of February. The negotiations which have been so successful were, on the part of Grand Lodge, conducted by Dr. Middleton, Stow; Mr. Elliot of Wolfelee, General J. J. Boswell, and Mr. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary.

ST. STEPHEN'S LODGE, No. 224 (S.C.)

AT the fortnightly meeting of the above Lodge, held on the 17th ult., at Callen, the following brethren were appointed office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Broz. Smith R.V.M., Young P.M., Clark D.M., Gillan S.M., M. Calder S.W., Russell J.W., Reid S.D., Duncan J.D., Cruickshank I.G., Innes O.G., Thow Chaplain, Calder Secretary, M'Connachie Treasurer, Fairweather Organist, Wallace Bible Bearer, Strathdee Standard Bearer, Sutherland, Webster, Guthrie, Ross, Angus, and J. Cruickshank Stowards. The Lodge continues to be as popular as ever. A great many have been initiated this session. The annual torch-light procession and entertainment was to be held this, as in former years, on St. Stephen's night.

The following information has been issued by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland:—The half of the free income of G.L. for year ending 28th November last amounts to about £1300, of which sum £650 will be at disposal of the Board for payment of annuities in the year 1891. A similar sum falls to be capitalised. Of the £1129 at the disposal of the Board for the year 1890, the sum of £580 was paid in annuities. The salaries and working expenses for the year amounted to £51. Balance, £498. Probable amount available in 1891 for the payment of existing annuities and the granting of others, £1148.

It has been enacted that, "with the exception of the offices of Grand Scribe E. and Grand Janitor, each holder of Grand office in Supreme Grand Chapter (Scotland) shall vacate his office after a tenure of two years, but he shall be eligible for immediate election to any other Grand office, or for election to the same Grand office after the expiry of one year from the date of conferring same, in which case the tenure of office shall be for two years." In a law to the same purpose, Grand Lodge exempts the office of Grand Master from the rule, but in Supreme Chapter the First Grand Principal is put on the same footing as other Officers, and must now vacate office at the end of the two years.—*Glasgow Evening News.*

It may be within the recollection of some of our readers that Mr. F. Wootton Isaacson, M.P., during the last Session of Parliament, asked the Home Secretary whether at the meetings of Masonic Lodges and of Friendly Societies, on licensed premises, when only members of the societies are present, piano playing and singing are forbidden. Mr. Matthews was hardly in a position to give a satisfactory answer, but said that the police do not in practice interfere unless there is proof of actual disorderly conduct. We are now informed that it is the intention of Mr. Isaacson to bring in a short Bill "to amend the law relating to meetings of Masonic and other Friendly Societies in licensed houses," which the Government have promised to support.

On the evening of Friday, the 19th ult., Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his lecture before a large audience at the Masonic Hall, Derby.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS will be found the best friend to persons afflicted with ulcerations, bad legs, sores, abscesses, fistulas and other painful and complicated complaints. Printed and very plain directions for the application of the Ointment are wrapped round each pot. Holloway's alterative Pills should be taken throughout the progress of the cure, to maintain the blood in a state of perfect purity, and to prevent the health of the whole body being jeopardised by the local ailments; bad legs, old age's grievances, are thus readily cured, without confining the patient in bed, or withdrawing from him or her the nutritious diet and generous support so imperatively demanded, when weakening diseases attack advanced years or constitutions evincing premature decrepitude.

REFRESHMENT AFTER LABOUR.

A CONTEMPORARY has lately busied itself with the extravagant expenditure by some Lodges of New South Wales on banquets. So sumptuous have been the entertainments, that brethren, on entering the supper-room, must have fancied themselves at the Tempter's feast, and beheld:—

A table richly spread, in regal mode,
With dishes piled, and meats of noblest sort
And savour.

Our esteemed contemporary records "an emphatic protest against profusion in the shape of soups, poultry, choice hams, entrées, sweetmeats, and jellies." The *menu* reads so appetisingly that we envy the editor the self-denying spirit which enabled him to mortify his flesh and pen his protest. "Soups," quoth he—such delicacies remind us of dinners at "rich men's tables, with the savoury soup and messes steaming up the nostrils, and moistening the lips of the guests with desire and a distracted choice." Has it not also been truly written of roast porkling:—"The strong man may fatten on him, and the weakling refuseth not his mild jaices?" Even so, of those "choice hams" may we not reverently indite that a Grand Master might wax portly on the toothsome morsels, and a newly initiated brother suffer no indigestion from the tenuous slices steeped in dry champagne? But Masonic Lodges cannot escape the fate which attends individuals; extravagance entails bankruptcy. Lodges, noted for their unbounded hospitality, have suffered occlusion, and been obliged to practice for years "self-denial and rigid economy"; and their disasters point the moral on which the writer enlarges. Our contemporary, while deprecating luxury, has no desire to substitute a Lenten fast. He only advocates judicious reform, and suggests that frugal suppers afford as much real enjoyment as Sybaritic repasts. "But sociability," he writes, "need not infer profusion. A pleasant time may be passed over a slight and moderate refection"; and he traces with sure and steady finger the vice, which he condemns, up to its true source—payment of the cost out of the *Lodge funds*, instead of the pockets of the revellers. "The humiliating truth . . . is simply this:—A large proportion of our members have become so inured and habituated to be regaled *free of cost*, that they, at length, consider it an absolute injustice to be called upon to expend any sum, however trifling, for entertainment. It is not by any means that they despise the banquet, supper, or whatever form the celebration may assume, but they believe in the bottom of their hearts *that they ought to have it free*. . . . It would be in the very best interests of the Order if all suppers were made self-supporting, and no refreshments, except those of the very simplest character, were paid for out of the Lodge chest." We agree, save as to the writer's exception, in favour of paying for even simple refreshments out of the Lodge chest; and, save as to the seat which he assigns to the brethren's creed, that they ought to sup free of personal expense. We hold a robust opinion, which earthquakes cannot shake, that the belief mentioned resides, not in the lowest abyss of the brethren's hearts—for fatty degeneration has long since expelled it thence—but in the more sensitive region of their stomachs, where gout, indigestion, and dyspepsia reign supreme, and consecrate their best energies to avenging the disregard of Masonic principles. The South Australian Lodges cannot justly be accused of banqueting luxuriously. Their suppers are usually characterised by that "Spartan style of simplicity" to which our contemporary aspires. Neither in quantity nor quality do the viands leave anything to be desired, and yet the average cost per head is not excessive. We feel proudly certain that no Lodge in South Australia has courted financial ruin by the costliness of its entertainments, and we share our contemporary's opinion that entertainments of *some kind* there must be. "The pleasures of social intercourse at the supper-table cannot be foregone, and . . . within certain limits such entertainments are reasonable and justifiable. . . . It is impossible to burk recognition of the circumstance that the refreshment-room is a large factor in the evening's enjoyment, and a lever of the very first magnitude in promoting a numerous and punctual attendance." We go further, and think that these meetings afford unique opportunities for interchanging opinions and discussing subjects possessing an interest in common for all Lodges. The facilities for friendly chat and the

pleasure of the evening would be much enhanced if speechifying (save on Installation nights) was summarily suppressed. Every Past Master who glances back on his career marvels that he ever survived his term of office. A brother who has not yet filled the chair cannot form the least notion of the misery of being compelled, perhaps twelve times in the year, to utter platitudes which, if embodied in a school-boy's theme, would have caused the writer's dull conception to be quickened by a weal-raising process applied below his dorsal vertebra. And yet the subjects of a W. Master's discourses do not afford a chance of introducing a change; he might as well try to vary a constant quantity. The Queen—God bless her—has reigned so long and so perfectly that the most original Master cannot find any new virtue to ascribe to her. The Grand Officers are so uniformly and monotonously good that a startling crime or two committed, not in their individual but in their official characters, by a few of them, would impart an unknown piquancy to the addresses at the supper-tables, and relieve many worthy Masters from the embarrassment of having nothing to say. So wearisome has become the necessity of iteration, and so insuperable the difficulty of avoiding it, that—*horresco referens*—many-tongued rumour whispers that, on a pedestal behind the Master's chair in the refreshment-room, there is to be placed a phonograph, into which will be spoken the series of well-known speeches used in proposing toasts, and which the automaton will deliver with inimitable grace and freshness at proper intervals during the evening, to the infinite comfort of the Masters. Though such vital reforms, however, as the conversion of the Grand Officers into criminals, for the benefit of the Worshipful Masters, can scarcely be achieved on the hither side of the millennium, improvements in minor matters may perchance be accomplished. While we believe that the average cost per head of Lodge suppers in South Australia is not excessive, we also think that the aggregate amount spent in entertainments is too great, and we feel sure that such expenditure cripples the power of Lodges to promote the serious work of the Craft. Appeals for charity often pass unheeded when the supper bills have to be paid, and not many Lodges would care to expose to public examination their accounts because they would reveal that the sums contributed to the succour of distress contrast too sharply with the cost of eating and drinking. In truth, as our Contemporary urges, suppers should be made self-supporting, or nearly so. We understand that, in the best Lodges within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom, every member of the Lodge who attends a banquet pays a considerable sum for himself, and a still larger sum for every guest whom he invites. *Lodge* guests, as distinguished from those invited by individual members, may be paid for out of the coffers of the Lodge; but *Lodge* guests are few, and the promiscuous invitations to all and sundry—

Nay, gentlemen, prepare not to be gone;
We have a trifling foolish banquet towards—

which are universal in South Australia are elsewhere aliko unexpected and unknown. If in New South Wales the members of Lodges claim free suppers as a right, in Adelaide many of the *visiting* brethren also appear to claim the same right. Masters of Lodges, fearing to give umbrage, invite all brethren who happen to be present when labour ends, and nearly all visitors accept the invitation as cordially as it is given. Hence supper-tables are crowded with guests (sometimes more numerous than the hosts) whom a vicious custom has coerced the Masters to invite, and the finances of Lodges are burdened with the costs of entertaining guests whose numbers can never be foreseen. Banquets cannot be well arranged while such a system prevails. If provision is made for a large number, and so many do not attend, there is wasteful extravagance, for the caterer must be paid for the full number. If, on the contrary, a moderate number only are provided for, and the attendance happens to be numerous, the hapless stewards are suddenly required to perform a miracle. In a graver sense, too, the prevailing practice of promiscuous invitations operates injuriously. We are persuaded that many brethren of delicate feeling abstain from visiting sister Lodges, because they dread to give offence by not accepting the hospitality which they know will be proffered, and dread yet more the humiliation of being suspected of coming for the sake of the refreshment. If it were once thoroughly understood that Worshipful Masters would not violate any inter-Lodge comity if they omitted

general invitations, and that all guests whom Lodges or their members desire to entertain will receive special invitations beforehand, we think the highest interests of the Order would be advanced. This is a subject in handling which it becomes difficult for any individual to take the initiative. That useful Association of Masters and Wardens would be a pre-eminently suitable body to discuss it, and the Association would augment its services to the Order by pressing forward the consideration of the subject. A conference of the W. Masters of the city and suburban Lodges would also afford an admirable opportunity and means for arriving at an understanding in common upon a matter which nearly concerns them all, and we suggest that the W.M. of No. 1 Lodge, as senior Lodge in the jurisdiction, might convene such a conference. After the suggestion has been made in these columns none could deem his action invidious; and such an act on his part would be in Masonry what patriotism is in public affairs—an act of self-devotion. Whatever course may be pursued, we trust that some method will be adopted, and that quickly, of ending a practice which often amounts to an abuse of hospitality, and of making Lodge suppers self-supporting.

—South Australian Freemason.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE members of this, the senior Lodge in South Devon, held their annual meeting on Saturday, 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. There was a very large attendance. W. Bro. F. Wreford, the W.M., presided. The re-election of W. Bro. R. Pengelly P.P.S.A.D.C., as representative of the Committee of Petitions, of Bro. John Hicks as Charity Steward, and the vote of five guineas to the Devon Educational Fund, to constitute W. Bro. Wreford a life governor of that charity, were confirmed. The W.M.-elect (W. Bro. J. H. Evans) was installed by W. Bro. Geo. Sercombe, who was assisted by a large Board of Installed Masters. The Officers invested were:—Bros. F. Wreford I.P.M., W. L. D. Collings S.W., J. Hicks J.W., V. Bird Chap., R. Pengelly Treas., J. B. Gover Sec., G. R. Stenlake assistant Secretary, J. Goad S.D., J. Carr J.D., M. Jacobs D.C., W. Holloway A.D.C., G. E. Sercombe Organist, J. Barton I.G., J. Cory, A. G. Collings, G. Leach, and G. W. Vincent Stewards, W. H. Phillips Tyler. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon presented the Lodge with a handsomely bound volume containing reprints of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, and Wilson's manuscript, constituting the first volume of Kenning's archaeological library. He received the cordial thanks of the brethren. W. Bro. Grover, on behalf of Mr. R. G. Edmonds, registrar of the Stonehouse County Court, presented the Lodge with some valuable antique Masonic jewels, formerly the property of Mr. Edmond's father, for many years a highly respected legal practitioner of Plymouth and coroner for the borough. The late Mr. John Edmonds was also a zealous member of the Masonic order, a member of the St. John Lodge (then known as 122), and in 1832 Grand Registrar of the Province, under the then Lord Ebrington P.G.M., grandfather of the present P.G.M. of Devonshire. The Lodge thankfully accepted the jewels.

IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78.

THE installation of Bro. Robert Hilton took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, at the Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, on Friday, 26th December, when there were present:—Bros. T. Entwistle W.M., Robert Hilton S.W., T. Lawton J.W., H. Heywood P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, Thos. Smethurst Secretary, Peter Lawton P.M. D. of C., W. H. Withington P.M., John Garlick P.M., R. Birtles P.M., H. Mallalieu, J. Nield, A. Lord, R. Harrison, W. Dunkerley, S. Brown, Thos. Hawkins, W. H. Harlon, and J. Taylor. Visitors—H. Schofield P.M. 1011, E. Heymoor 337, J. Crompton 203, W. B. Russell P.M. 1219, J. Hilton W.M. 1868, E. Mayall 1868, G. Jackson P.M. W.M. 1077, Geo. Redfern 1993, John Kay P.M. 266, and R. R. Lisonden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened at 3.30, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Peter Lawton P.M. presided for the purpose of installing Bro. Robert Hilton into the chair of K.S., which was completed with all due rite and ceremony. Bro. T. Entwistle P.M. addressed and invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Tom Lawton S.W., Thos. Smethurst J.W., H. Heywood P.M. P.G.S.D. Treasurer, S. Hall Secretary, W. Dunkerley S.D., Geo. Garlick J.D., Peter Lawton P.M. D. of C., Sam Brown I.G., W. H. Harlon Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by Bro. Harvey Heywood P.M., to the Wardens by D. Garlick P.M., and to the Brethren by R. Birtles P.M. The Lodge business over the brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, the preparing and serving of which reflected the highest credit on the worthy host and his wife. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. E. Mayall, of Unity Lodge, Oldham, sang, in lieu of God Save the Queen, a new patriotic song, called "May the Queen live for ever," which was well received. Bro. Peter Lawton proposed, in eulogistic terms, the health of the Worshipful Master Bro. Robert Hilton, and it goes without saying that the toast was received with enthusiasm and heartily drunk by all present, after which Bro. Harlon sang "Here's to his health in a song," and Bro.

Hilton replied in appropriate language. At this stage Bro. Lisonden gave, by special desire, the ever popular "Kissing Cup's Race," and then Bro. Harvey Heywood proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Peter Lawton. P.M. Bro. Heywood spoke in high terms of praise of Bro. Lawton's long and absolutely indispensable services to the Lodge, and of the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that day and on six previous occasions. Bro. Lawton had thrown his heart and soul into Freemasonry since his first connection with it sixteen years ago, and had worked hard not only in his own Lodge but outside, to promote the welfare of the Craft, but especially to bring forward all deserving necessitous cases of charity for prompt relief. As charity representative he had been indefatigable in his attendance at the respective meetings, and had earned for himself the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Bro. Heywood's remarks were loudly applauded, and Bro. Lawton's health heartily drunk, after which our worthy Brother responded, and Bro. Dunkerley sang "The Englishman." The health of the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Entwistle, was proposed in glowing terms by Bro. Robert Hilton, and a handsome gold presentation Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of London, was presented to him, and afterwards handed round to the assembled company, by who it was much admired. Bro. Entwistle expressed his sincere thanks for the jewel, and for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed. Bro. E. Mayall here sang "Clara Nolan's Ball," which was much enjoyed. Other toasts were proposed, including The Officers, The Visitors, The Masonic Charities, &c., and a most enjoyable evening terminated shortly before eleven o'clock.

LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, when a large number of brethren were present. The ancient ceremony was performed by Bro. W. H. Young, the retiring W.M., assisted by W. H. Robinson. After the installation, the W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—W. H. Young I.P.M., Dr. Adams S.W., W. B. Roberts J.W., Rev. Thomas Rigby Chaplain, T. Grime Treasurer, W. H. Robinson Secretary, H. F. Greenough S.D., C. H. Ward J.D., R. H. Pearson I.G., W. James Organist, and J. H. Galloway Tyler. Among the visitors present were Bros. Robinson Prov. G.D.C., T. E. Gibson P.Prov. Treasurer of Cheshire, D. W. Finney P.Prov. G.D.C., W. Shillcock W.M. Gilbert Greenall Lodge, Alexander P.M. Temple Lodge Liverpool, &c. After the installation about 40 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided in the Lodge room by Bro. T. O. Speakman, of the Saracen's Head, Wilderspool. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a musical programme of more than average merit was contributed by the Rev. T. Rigby, Messrs. R. H. Pearson, W. H. Young, Ward, James, and Tauranac.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

BRO. J. OLDFIELD has been installed as W.M. The installing Officers were W. Bros. E. March P.P.G.O., H. Welch P.P.G. Purs., E. J. Knight P.P.G. Purs., W. Allsford and J. Leonard 202. The Officers invested were Bros. G. Bray I.P.M., H. Holman S.W., G. Hancock J.W., J. Lark Chaplain, H. Welch Treasurer, J. D. Saddy Secretary, W. G. Coombe S.D., S. Martin J.D., W. Corry D.C., G. Collins A.D.C., J. A. Tilley Organist, M. Axworthy I.G., T. Angear, A. Proome, S. Woodland, and A. J. Honey Stewards, T. Shears Tyler. W. Bro. H. Welch was re-elected the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions and as Charity Steward. Five guineas were voted to the Devon Educational Fund, two guineas to the Royal Albert Hospital, and £1 each to the blanket, coal, and soup societies. A handsome framed list of the Masters of the Lodge, from 1771 to 1890, was presented to the Lodge by W. Bro. Allsford.

LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and Visitors. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Charles Williams S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony appertaining to which was ably performed by the outgoing Worshipful Master Bro. T. Rymer Jarvis Provincial Grand Senior Deacon. The Officers for the year were appointed, as under:—Bros. F. H. Meggy Senior Warden, A. J. Pitts Junior Warden, The Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, Arthur Mead Treasurer, J. P. Lewin Secretary, S. B. Baker Senior Deacon, E. J. Wick Junior Deacon, Andrew Durrant Dir. of Ceremonies, F. P. Suthery Organist, F. H. Coppin Inner Guard, T. S. Sarel Tyler, De Bariatto and R. Cook Stewards. The Worshipful Master was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. It was announced by the Secretary that the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, a very old P.M. of the Lodge, and one who had when in good health been a more active member, had expressed a wish to resign his membership. A suggestion that he should be elected an honorary member was unanimously agreed to. The Worshipful Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for the able way in which he had performed the installation ceremony. It was the first time, he believed, for several years since the work had been done by a member of their own Lodge, and he felt particularly indebted to Bro. Jarvis for the trouble he had taken to perfect himself in the work. Bro. Meggy S.W. seconded the motion, but hoped that one of the Past Masters would propose some more tangible form of recognition than a mere resolution. Bro. J. S. Brown P.M. gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that a Past Master's jewel should be given to Bro. Jarvis, from the Lodge Funds, if they would allow it; and if they would not, then it should be done by subscriptions amongst the members. Notice was also given of a motion to purchase new collars for the Officers. About 40 brethren afterwards sat down to a

banquet, at the White Hart Hotel, excellently served by Bro. A. M. Hipkins. The toast list was interspersed with songs by Bros. W. J. Upton, E. Gowers, A. C. Durrant, W. Tanner, E. Mott, G. Sargent and E. J. Wick. The guests included Bros. Geo. Cooper, T. J. Ralling, Rev. Thomas Lloyd, Edmund Gowers, F. George Green, G. F. Smith, W. J. Harvey, J. Ashdown, J. French Bromhead, F. Landon.

LODGE OF RELIEF, No. 42.

THE annual festival of St. John and installation of the W.M. was held at the Grey Mare Hotel, Bury, on the 29th ult., when Bro. W. Meadowcroft was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Masters were Bros. J. Redfern P.M. P.P.G.P. and Thomas Rigby P.M. The following Officers were invested:—Brothers J. R. Barton I.P.M. H. Arrowsmith S.W., S. Cox J.W., J. W. Mackie Chaplain, Thos. Carter P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, T. Rigby P.M. Treasurer, P. Allen S.D., J. Whowell J.D., Nuttall Inner Guard, Brown and R. Grogson Stewards, and J. Thomson Tyler.

HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., Bro. J. Henderson was installed in the chair of King Solomon. The Installing Officer was Bro. G. Wilson P.M. P.P.G.D., and the imposing ceremony was satisfactorily performed, Bro. Wilson being tendered a vote of thanks for his services. Subsequently the newly installed W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Matthews I.P.M., G. Latus S.W., W. C. Bradley J.W., D. J. O'Donoghue Chaplain, T. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, W. Tesseymen P.M. Treasurer Benevolent and Pension Fund, M. Kemp P.M. Treasurer Sinking Fund, W. D. Keyworth P.M. Treasurer and Almoner Poor Fund, M. Haberland P.M. Lec. M., T. G. Milner Hon. Sec., B. S. Oates Assistant Sec., H. Usher S.D., G. Panton J.D., J. Hargreaves Dir. of Cera., J. R. Stringer Organist, W. W. Fletcher Librarian, Dr. F. Wilson I.G., J. Milestone Steward, Chapman, Hargreaves, Shaw, Haberland, Morrill, and Glassman Assistant Stewards. There was a large attendance of brethren of the Lodge, and the following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. T. Foley, J. Edgar, F. J. Brodrick, G. Lamb, M. C. Peck, J. M. Towler, J. M. Bell, S. P. Brekke, G. H. Metcalfe, T. B. Redfern, G. Leigh, J. Snowdon, F. Winter, E. P. Harmer, Haigh, A. J. Peacock, E. Goodridge, R. Hodgson, E. Goodridge, and H. Brooks. Subsequently, the customary banquet was held, and afterwards the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who presided. Bro. M. C. Peck P.G. Sec. Std. Bearer Eag. responded for the Grand Rulers, and Bro. S. Rutter P.G.S.D. for the Provincial Grand Rulers. Bro. H. Toozes P.M. proposed the W.M. of the Humber Lodge, and the newly appointed Officers, and observed that Bro. Henderson, he believed, would do honour to the Lodge, and to Freemasonry in general. He also complimented the Officers on their appointment. The W.M., who was received with applause, said, in responding, that he was an untried and young Mason, and he felt very proud to be placed in the chair of the Humber Lodge, which was one of the largest and wealthiest in the kingdom. He could only say that while he held the position he would do the best he could to further the interests of Freemasons in general and of the Humber Lodge in particular. He trusted that he could rely on the hearty support of his brethren. With regard to his Officers, he had had very few appointments to make, and a host of brethren whom he should have liked to put into office, but if there were any disappointed ones their turn would come if they persevered. He hoped the selection he had made would be agreeable to the members of the Lodge, and he hoped that all would unitedly work together to further the interests of the Humber Lodge. The S.W. and J.W. also responded. The W.M. then proposed the retiring W.M. and his Officers. Bro. Matthews had had a successful year of office, and his genial disposition had endeared him to a great many members of the Lodge. The retiring W.M. had also been well supported by his Officers. Bro. Matthews replied, and, after alluding to the responsibility of the W.M.'s position, said he was pleased to say that he had been admirably assisted by his Officers. Bro. Roach also responded in feeling terms. The W.M. submitted the Health of the Installing Officer, to which Bro. G. Wilson responded. Bro. M. C. Peck, in proposing the Founders of the Humber Lodge, observed that whilst celebrating the time honoured Festival of St. John, and offering their felicitations to the newly installed Worshipful Master, he must be permitted to refer to the origin of the Lodge, and in imagination conduct the brethren to the humble hostelry where it first saw light. Like many other great institutions, that Lodge commenced in a very small way, and the scanty record (which he read) of its first meeting, held at the Fleeco Inn, in the Market-place, on the 16th March 1809, was interesting and instructive, when contrasted with the position which the Lodge had now attained as the largest and most opulent under the English Constitution. All honour, then, to those worthy Masons of old who laid the solid foundation upon which had been reared such a noble edifice. Well might those present, who reaped the benefit of their prudence and wisdom, annually pay a tribute of respect to their names, and dedicate a libation to the immortal memory of the founders of the Humber Lodge. The toast was honoured in solemn silence. Brother J. H. Green gave the Past Masters, Trustees, and Treasurers of the Humber Lodge, which was acknowledged by P.M.'s Walton, Beavers and Keyworth. Bro. Corris appropriately submitted the Sister Lodges, which was responded to by several representatives. Brother Tesseymen P.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, and Bro. O'Donoghue P.M. replied. Other toasts followed, and the evening was agreeably spent, Brother J. H. Stringer P.P.G.O. presided at the pianoforte, and songs were sung and recitations given by a number of the brethren.

FOUNDATION LODGE, No. 82.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., the annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, when there was a large assembly of the Craft to witness the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. Col. Rogers. The ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by the retiring W.M. Bro. Drew, assisted by the Deputy Provincial G. Master Bro. Vassar-Smith and Bros. the Baron de Ferrieres P.G.D., Winterboham Prov. G. Secretary, Porcher P. Prov. G. Registrar, Smith P. Prov. G.S.W., and Baylis Prov. G.D. The newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Taylor S.W., Dolson J.W., Rev. W. S. Fallon Chaplain, Porcher P.M. Treas., Ticehurst P.M. Secretary, Rev. P. Hattersley Smith P.M. Prov. Grand Chaplain Dir. of Cera., Tickell S.D., Brereton J.D., Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin I.G., Matthews Organist, Atkins Steward.

RICHMOND LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire, Bro. A. T. Rogers was the installing Master, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. S. W. Closs Worshipful Master, J. H. Scholes I.P.M., the Rev. J. E. Torbett S.W., R. Murray J.W., H. Proctor P.M. Treasurer, R. Spence jun. Secretary, E. V. Schofield S.D., F. Gilling J.D., T. C. Denham P.M. D.C., A. Barber Organist, E. S. Closs I.G., J. Skzen and J. C. Watson Stewards, and W. Grieves Tyler. A banquet afterwards took place.

LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

THERE was a large attendance of brethren at the annual meeting of this Lodge, at Barnstaple, Bro. F. J. Codd was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installing Master being Bro. G. C. Davie P.M. P.G.S. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. A. F. Seldon I.P.M., Sir William Williams Bart. S.W., T. W. Pearce J.W., the Rev. T. Russell, M.A., P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Chaplain, J. Brower P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, H. C. Guppy P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Secretary, W. G. Crang S.D., R. Harper J.D., J. H. Seldon P.M. D. of C., R. P. Morrison P.M. P.P.G.D. of C. Almoner; H. J. Edwards P.M. Organist, H. Brooks I.G., J. Smyth Senior Steward, W. J. Joint Junior Steward, A. Bate and H. J. Hancock Tylers. Subsequently the installation banquet was held at the Golden Lion Hotel.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 277.

THE 102nd annual festival was held at the Freemasons' Hall, 1 Union Street, Oldham, on Wednesday, 24th ult. The Installing Master was Bro. H. L. Hollingworth P.M., and the following brethren were invested for the ensuing year:—Bro. John Chadwick sen. W.M., Thos. H. Smothurst I.P.M., Rev. J. O. Jelly S.W., J. R. Harries-Jones J.W., Charles Watson P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Bailey Secretary, John Chadwick jun. S.D., Joseph C. Varley J.D., H. L. Hollingworth P.M. P.P.G.T. Dir. of Cera., Joseph Clifton P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, Alfred J. Hinton Librarian, A. E. Campbell I.G., John Graves jun., Alfred Knott, Joseph E. Whitehead, and G. H. Brudacek Stewards, Charles A. Green Tyler. A good number afterwards sat down to an excellent repast. Songs and glories were interspersed during the evening, by Bros. M. Stafford P.M., C. Blacow, R. L. Whittaker, and J. D. Smith. The pianist was Bro. J. Clifton.

ALFRED LODGE, No. 306.

BRO. J. Cooper Malcolm P.M. P.P.G. Registrar has just been installed W.M. for the second time of this Lodge, at Leeds. The newly-installed Officers are the Rev. Claude A. Lambert, B.A., S.W., D. Wedderpoon J.W., J. Dyson P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, Wm. Towers Secretary, A. Neill S.D., J. F. Towers J.D., Geo. Darley I.G., S. E. Seamer P.M. Dir. of Cera., Fleckton Organist, C. Fenton and E. Harlow Stewards, S. Barrand Tyler, J. Thrippleton Prov. Charity Steward. Bro. Malcolm celebrated his second term of office by a largely attended and most successful at home, which was participated in by members of most of the Leeds Lodges.

INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 361.

THE members celebrated the annual festival of St. John on the 26th ult., at Hyde. The home of the Lodge is the Norfolk Arms Hotel, but the gathering on this occasion was held in the Hyde Town Hall. It was, as Brother C. Swainson mentioned during the afternoon, the first time a Masonic ceremony had taken place in the building, and the first time that a member of the Hyde Town Council had been installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge named. Not only was the occasion exceptional in these particulars, but there was also a large attendance of Provincial Officers, including Bro. John Clayton P.G.J.W., S. N. Brooks P.G.D.D.C., R. Andrew P.P.G.S.D., J. E. Steward P.P.G.J.D., Wm. Booth P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire, Captain Lingard P.G.J.W., Walter H. Vaughan P.P.G. Registrar, Thos. Milton P.P.G.S.B. East Lancashire. Bro. Peter Higginbottom S.W. the W.M. elect was duly raised to the chief chair of the Lodge, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. S. R. Brooke P.M. P.G.D.D.C., with the assistance of Brothers Bailey and Roberts. The following brethren were invested as Officers for the year:—Bros. Hervey Smith I.P.M., G. W. Sideboham S.W., G. Brooks J.W., T. E. Mason P.M. P.P.G.T. Treasurer, S. N. Brooks P.M. P.G.D.D.C. Secretary, Charles Swainson S.D., Charles Walden J.D., Richard Griffiths I.G., John Roberts P.M. Tyler, R. Ancock and T. Selgwick Stewards. In the evening there was the customary banquet, presided over by the new W.M.

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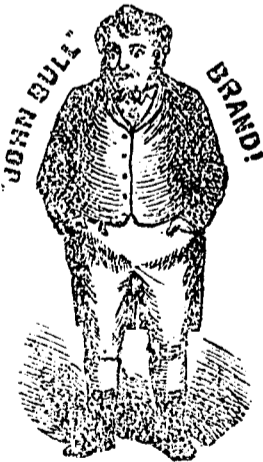
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Bro. GOLDSMITH was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was while holding this office, and three days after the election of his successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and was, at all times, a hard worker in Masonry. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Reporting Staff of the Press Association, and in that capacity was well known to all Journalists in the United Kingdom. The under-mentioned Brethren strongly recommend the case of his son, the above-named candidate:—

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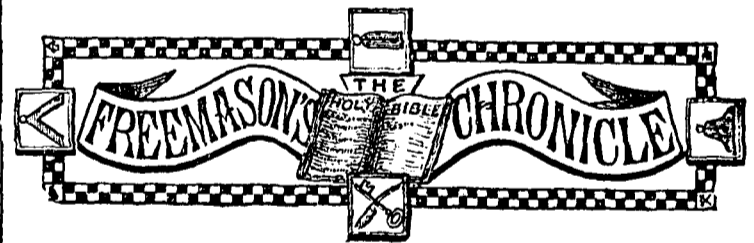
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SATURDAY, 3rd JANUARY 1891.

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Re GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in your next issue to make a few remarks with reference to a letter signed "A PROVINCIAL P.M." which appeared in the CHRONICLE on the 20th December, re above.

The writer of that letter says that the Grand Treasurer should be a sound man. What that means I don't know. He then goes on to say that "he ought to be of good report, true and trusty, &c., &c." I presume it is to be inferred that I unfortunately do not possess these qualifications. That will be for the Brethren to decide when the time comes round again for the Election.

I pass with contempt the other portions of "A PROVINCIAL P.M.'s" letter, but with this remark—that it seems to me a great pity that some Brethren are so prone to attribute motives to others.

By-the-bye, Brother Editor, I have my doubts about the Brother signing himself "A PROVINCIAL P.M." being what he says he is, because, if my memory serves me aright, the Lodge in which he is at

present W.M. was only consecrated early in the year 1890, in the province of Herts.

I understand "A PROVINCIAL P.M." has already let it be widely known that he intends being nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer for 1892.

Good luck to him, and compliments of the season to you.

Yours very fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,

A Past Prov. Grand Warden.

3 Cedars-road, Beckenham, Kent.

31st December 1890.

ANOTHER CONVENTION OF ANTI-MASONIC CRANKS IN THE HUB.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Last year I sent you the proceedings of a new anti-Masonic convention held in Boston. I now send you extracts from the *Boston Herald* giving an account of three out of four meetings held by the same organisation this week. The Press displayed no sympathy for the organisation; for, out of four Boston papers I consulted, two of them had but brief notices of the convention, one paper did not notice it at all, and the *Boston Herald* did not favour it *very much*. It seems to me that the would-be agitators, who are unknown probably outside of their respective churches, are seeking for notoriety in new fields. The resolutions they passed at the said convention, will not furnish either instruction or *very much* amusement to your readers. But still, it is worth knowing what the professed greatest enemies of Freemasonry have to say against it. For that reason and that reason alone, I hope you will reprint the extracts herewith enclosed.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 19th December 1890.

AGAINST SECRET SOCIETIES.

A GAINST Oath-Bound Lodges was the rallying sentiment of the New England Christian Association which began its annual convention at Park-street Congregational Church.

The meeting began at 7 o'clock with devotional exercises, led by Rev. I. Hyatt of New Hampshire. At 7:30 President A. J. Conant of Connecticut gave a brief address of welcome, adding a word concerning the purpose of the society, which is, in brief, to wipe Freemasonry off the face of the earth.

Among their horses of anti-Masonic agitation were present, and from among their number William F. Davis, of Chelsea, lately imprisoned for preaching on the Common, was called to the platform, and spoke on "Romanism and Freemasonry."

At least, that was the theme announced. The address contained a good many epigrammatic and striking statements that served to entertain the audience for more than an hour. He said, among other things:

"If there is anybody in the steel trap of Freemasonry here to-night, I hope the strings may be loosened and they may escape.

"I know there are some here who have already declared their independence, but there are others who do not know Freemasonry, and so think well of it.

"They argue this way: My father was a good man; he was a Mason; therefore Masonry is a good thing.

"What is that argument worth? Gen. Grant was a good man; he had a cancer; does it follow that cancer is a good thing?

"Perhaps the cancer is a blessing. If we must have the smoking, it is well to have the cancer to show its evil effects.

"So, if we must have the secret societies, conspiring to derange business, manipulate politics, and defeat the cause of justice, it is well to have a Cronin affair; to see a preacher murdered by Masons before he could deliver a sermon against them; to see Italians plying their daggers in secret vengeance.

"When a man is put in jail for preaching the Gospel, God knows how to open the gates and let him out, as he did for Peter; or to open the gates and let people in to minister to him, as in the case of a man imprisoned for preaching on the Common here in Boston. And he knows how to break down the men who put him there, as you will remember.

"You can't be free by calling yourself 'free' and 'accepted' Masons. Free? Free from what? From liberty to tell the truth. Masons begin blindfolded, and continue in the same manner to the end.

"There are the worst infidels in Harvard of any place in the country, because they know more there. If any Baptist minister is cast out of his own church for heresy, he is received at Harvard with open arms, and set to teaching the Bible and Hebrew. Nowhere is the divinity of Christ attacked so subtly as at Cambridge."

He arraigned the *Herald* as an enemy of Phillips Brooks, because, in November 1887, it described a Masonic celebration at Trinity Church.

"No minister can be a Mason," he said, "without loss of spiritual power. Some good ministers are Masons, and some good ministers have dyspepsia, but that doesn't recommend either."

The speaker read from the "Voice of Masonry," July 6, 1876, p. 387, to prove that Masonry recognized no laws but those of its own creating. In that it resembled Romanism.

Rev. O. P. Gifford, who was expected to follow, was unable to be present, and the discussion ended.

President Conant announced the following committees of the convention: On finance, A. A. Hoyt, A. M. Paul, Z. Graves; on resolutions, J. P. Stoddard, Lincoln, I. Hyatt; on nominations, S. C.

Kimball, Waldo Graves, and P. B. Brown; on enrolment, James French, Edwin Kimball, and Mrs. D. Power.

There will be three sessions to-day—at 9 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.

GRANGE RITUAL CONDEMNED.

THERE was a large attendance present when the third session of the third annual convention of the New England Christian Association began at two o'clock, on the 16th ult, with a devotional service conducted by Mr. A. N. Paul, of Providence.

Rev. L. W. Frink, of West Boylston, was the first speaker, and his subject was "The Grange and the Country Churches."

The Grange, he said, was doubtless started for a laudable purpose, but, in reality, the Grange rejects the fundamental principles of the Bible, while it proposes to bring about the same results by purely earthly methods.

I have no objection to the literary exercises of the Grange, but I have the most decided objections to its ritual, with its too wide scope, that will allow avowed infidels to become members. I am told that this is not a religious institution, but that it is simply for the advance of agricultural purposes. If it is not a religious institution, why has it a religious ritual, including even a burial service? And, if not a religious institution, Christians have no right to belong to it.

The Master tells the candidate that the obligations of the Grange will not conflict with his religious, moral or social obligations. If that Master is not a Christian, what does he know of social, moral or religious obligations?

The ritual of the Grange says these teachings (the teachings of the Grange) are the loftiest that can be presented to man. How about the teachings of our Lord's word? "The Grange," so say its members, "is striving with other sacred organisations for the elevation of mankind." For Christian people to belong to the Grange is to rob themselves of spirituality, to dull the Christian perceptions, to weaken the Church itself, and to place in the path leading thereto one of the greatest of stumbling blocks.

I know of no person who is a member of a Grange or any other secret organisation who is a good church member.

In his address, the subject of which was "Ye Have Robbed God," Rev. E. M. Darst said: A man cannot exchange the Lodge for his religion. The Christian Church is a positive system in distinction to a moral system. Using the word of God for any other than a Christian purpose is robbing God. Not every man makes his Lodge his religion, but most men permit the Lodge to satisfy as far as it is capable of doing the demand of his religious nature; such a man is robbing not only God, but himself. The Christian religion is centred in the Christ. The Christian religion is the only God-given system, and its Christ is a Christ of authority.

A plea for these secret institutions is that they are taken from the Bible, but I would like to ask if there is one of them that is sanctioned by the command of God. If not, they are adapting to their own ends what is really God's; they are stealing from him, plagiarising his rules. There is only one way in which a man may escape from his sins, and that is not through the Lodge, but through the pardon of God, sought with humility.

The charity of the Lodge is a mere business arrangement, a giving because a return is expected. The Church of the living God is not a clubhouse nor an insurance organisation, but it is the divine cause that is benefitting all humanity.

Men who belong to the Lodge are robbing God pecuniarily, giving to the Lodge what belongs to God and to his fellow-men. A man owes to his children a scientific and a spiritual education, and the Lodge robs him of the means to meet these obligations. If you are a Christian you can't afford to go into Lodges; if not, you can't afford it, for you should spend every moment in trying to become one.

Rev. Hezekiah Davis spoke very earnestly on the relationship robed man sustains toward God, and the antagonism of the Lodge to this relationship. The redemption that is provided for us through Jesus Christ includes the whole man. The Lodge member is only a half-and-half man if he is a church member; half for the Lodge and half for Christ. "All Israel," said the speaker, "is met in Christ; hence I have no need of the Lodge."

Mr. Perry, of Thompson, Ct., who has been connected with the judicial court, told of his own experience concerning the influence of Masonry on the law and judicial workings.

Just before the close of the session, Rev. Mr. Hyatt presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, Freemasonry transforms amusement into sin, politics into treason, benevolence into selfishness, brotherly love into conspiracy, and worship into formalism; and

Whereas the so-called minor secret orders, of whatever name, partake more or less of the same nature, and are used as feeders to the higher orders; therefore,

Resolved, that we are opposed to them all, and in a Christian way will seek to show our fellow-men their true character.

Resolved, that we urge all within them to renounce them, with such confession as the nature of their connections with them may require.

Resolved, that we will earnestly persuade those outside of them, especially the youth, never to unite with them.

Resolved, that it is our conviction that we need to seek earnestly to promote a deep and fervent spirituality as the motive power in our reform work; that an entire consecration to God and implicit faith in His word is the only true basis of actual reform.

Resolutions of thanks were voted the Press, the committee and janitor of Park-street Church, the musicians and all who had extended hospitality to the members of the convention.

Although the rain was falling in torrents at the time of commencing the evening session, there was a large attendance. The first half-hour—from 7 until 7:30—was devoted to a service of prayer, conducted by Rev. Dr. James M. Gray, with congregational singing, led by Mr. F. W. Mellen. In the unavoidable absence of Rev. A. J.

Gordon, a short address was made by Dr. Gray, who said he would as willingly commit an open crime as be a member of a secret organisation.

Rev. Roland D. Grant, in his own quiet and decisive way, spoke in a kindly manner of the social dangers attendant upon secret organisations, illustrating his remarks with quotations from the Masonic ritual and its own published history.

Rev. Mr. Stoddard explained the degrees of Masonry as indicated on its chart.

Rev. F. O. Cunningham said if a man desires to join a Masonic Lodge he had better join that grandest Lodge of all—the Church. Masonry and Romanism have too much in common for Masonry to stand the test when the time of trial comes; how do you know they will not join forces? It is a day of loose ideas in religion, and under this condition of things the Church has no right to cater to the world. To-day we are to reiterate the old cry, "Who is on the Lord's side?" We must remember that our citizenship is in heaven, and that Christ is our King.

Mrs. Flagg spoke of the necessity of a regular publication for women connected with this work, and said that the one edited by herself and Mrs. Stoddard is the only anti-secret society paper in the world published by women.

The convention closed with the singing of the doxology.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Louis Tussaud's Exhibition.—In the convenient hall lately occupied by the Stanley Exhibition, at the upper end of Regent-street, close to Oxford-circus, Mr. Louis Tussaud, a great grandson of the celebrated Madame Tussaud, has opened a waxwork show upon entirely original lines. The figures are grouped together in a series of scenes, some of which are picturesque, others dramatic, and all interesting. As an example we may mention the Cabinet Council at Downing-street, wherein are personated the Marquis of Salisbury, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the First Lord of the Treasury, Lord Halsbury, Viscount Cross, Mr. Matthews, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and Mr. Henry Chaplin, while Mr. Ritchie is addressing the meeting; a room at Sandringham, containing a group of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their family; the racecourse at Epsom, with Archer up; a scene from "Faust," with portraits of Irving and Ellen Terry; and a little farther on is Charles Wyndham, dressed as David Garrick in a costume specially lent for the occasion. Upstairs there are scenes that will be the children's delight, as they represent the well-known stories of Jack the Giant Killer, Dick Whittington, Red Riding Hood, Blue Beard, Beauty and the Beast, &c.; while for those who care for such subjects, there are scenes of the recent Hampstead tragedy, with casts taken from the faces of the victims. A very capable orchestra, under the direction of Signor Delevanti, discourses sweet music at intervals throughout the day, to which visitors may listen and enjoy during their peregrinations round the gallery. Great care has been taken with the costumes, so that all the personages represented appear as in life, and the exhibition as a whole is a decided advance in cirloplastic art. All the modelling is by Louis Tussaud, the scenes are painted by Leolyn Hart, the decorations are by D. Cooper and Sons, of Windsor, the furniture by Anthony Bell, of Kensington, the costumes by J. Simmons and Sons, D. Nicholson and Co., and Montagne Sutherland, the electric lighting is by T. H. White, and the animals and birds are mounted by E. Gerard, of Camden Town.

Mr. Fitzgerald Molloy contributes to the first number in the new year of *Cassell's Saturday Journal* a complete sensational story called "The Robbery of Rosa Raywithe." In the same number a new modern serial story called "Serjeant Van's Chase" is commenced, illustrated by J. Finnemore. "What is Done at the Foreign Office" is the title of a special article, with illustrations. "The Strange Doings of Dr. Trax" form the subject of Mr. Hall Richardson's series of articles which are now appearing in *Cassell's Saturday Journal*.

"The Haunted Man," by Charles Dickens, published on the 7th of January, forms the first volume of the new issue of "Cassell's National Library." This issue will consist of the most popular volumes of the series, with additional books which have not hitherto appeared in the library.

With the New Year the London *Daily Chronicle* makes a new departure. On 1st January and every Wednesday morning after, it will issue a Literary Supplement, which, in addition to reviews of books and periodicals, and brightly written notes on current events in the world of letters, science, and art, will contain an instalment of a serial story by some popular author. Mr. William Black leads off with a spirited and picturesque romance, entitled, "Donald Ross of Heimra," for which the sole right of publication in this country has been secured by the *Daily Chronicle* proprietors. These enterprising gentlemen, we learn, have gone to an enormous expense in putting down an entirely new plant of type and machinery in order to meet the increasing demand for their journal. The new *Daily Chronicle* machines, it is stated, are capable of turning out the papers, all cut, folded, counted in quires, and with the supplement neatly pasted in.

PITMAN'S SHORTHAND AND THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.—The secretary of the Midland Railway Company has written to Messrs. Isaac Pitman and Sons on the adoption of their system of shorthand by the company, as follows:—"It is perfectly true that we endeavour as far as possible to diffuse a knowledge and an efficiency of shorthand writing among those employed by this company, and it will at once occur to any one that it would be inexpedient to do otherwise than teach the same style throughout. Yours is the system we adopt. (Signed) J. Williams." The secretary of the company has also intimated that not only is Pitman's system of shorthand adopted, but it is exclusively taught by the company.

DOUGLAS ISLE OF MAN.

TWO very interesting Masonic ceremonies have been held recently in connection with the two oldest Lodges in Douglas. The installation of the new Master for the year in the "Father of English Masonry in the Island" was celebrated a week or two ago, when Bro. T. E. Radcliffe, who had served the office of Senior Warden for the past twelve months, was installed by Bro. J. Lawton, the retiring chief, who was assisted in an admirable performance of the difficult ceremony by Bro. H. Brearley P.M. Prov. G.L.W. During the same evening Bro. S. Webb P.M. Prov. S.G.W. raised two candidates to the third degree. There was a fair attendance of brethren, and Bro. Lawton was cordially thanked for his services. Bro. F. C. Poulter W.M. Tynwald Lodge, and Bro. F. W. Watson Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge, accompanied on the organ. Bro. G. C. Heron P. Prov. D.G.M. was elected to represent the Athol Lodge on the Board of General Purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge. As now arranged, the following are the Officers of the Athol Lodge:—Bro. T. E. Radcliff W.M., J. Lawton I.P.M., W. H. Wyld S.W., H. Hambleton J.W., G. C. Heron P.M. P.P.D.G.M. Treasurer, T. Cabbon Secretary, H. Brearley P.M. P.G.S.D. D.C., M. McAllister S.D., J. Cain J.D., J. Kelly I.G., F. Kneen S.S., and J. Lanaghan Tyler. The brethren, with their guests, afterwards dined together at the Granville Hotel, where Bro. and Mrs. Nattan placed before them a bill of fare which it would be very difficult to beat. The viands being well selected and excellently cooked, the dinner was rendered extremely enjoyable by the perfect service rendered. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were rendered, and several brethren sang songs. Bro. F. C. Poulter was a distinctly efficient accompanist, and the vocalists were Bros. M. W. Corran P.M. Prov. G.S.B., H. Webb, Nelson Bowes, W. H. Wyld, H. Hambleton, and S. Webb. Two interesting ceremonies were performed during the evening by the presentation of two jewels, both of perfect design, the work of Bro. W. H. Wyld, jeweller, of Prospect Hill, Douglas. Bro. Lawton was presented with a gold P.M.'s jewel, "as a token of esteem and Masonic proficiency," and Bro. Hambleton received a jewel, with the pens in saltire, for "having fulfilled the duties of Secretary to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge." The installation in connection with the Tynwald Lodge was performed efficiently by Bro. F. C. Poulter. The newly installed Master was Bro. J. A. Brown P.M. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who thus, for the third time, has been elected by his brethren to rule over the Lodge of which he is the sole surviving founder. There was a very large attendance of brethren. The Lodge received two new brothers, the initiation ceremony being performed by Bro. E. J. Bowman P.M. P.D.C., and a large number of other propositions were made. Bro. P. A. Killey P.M. was chosen to represent the Lodge at the Councils of the Province, and Bro. T. Whiteside S.W. was elected Provincial Grand Steward. The new W.M. invested his Officers for the year 1891 as follows:—Bro. F. C. Poulter I.P.M., Thomas Whiteside S.W., G. H. Home J.W., A. W. Brearley P.M. Treasurer, R. Swinerton P.M. P.Z. Secretary, F. C. Poulter I.P.M. D.C., B. Bennett S.D., M. Carine J.D., S. S. White I.G., James Lay S.S., James Cua J.S., Nelson Bowes Organist, and J. Gerry Tyler. After labour the Lodge adjourned to dinner at the Granville Hotel. Here, after dinner, an enjoyable evening was spent, the toast list being interspersed with songs, Bros. F. W. Watson and F. C. Poulter presiding at the piano; it should be stated the latter presided at the organ during the ceremonies in Lodge. During the evening songs were given by the W.M., and by Bros. J. C. Bradshaw P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B., R. Swinerton P.M. Prov. G.D.C., Nelson Bowes, C. Barber, and W. Kissack P.M. Prov. G.S.B. The retiring W.M. Bro. Poulter, who has made an excellent ruler of the Lodge, and who has for years rendered yeoman's service in the conduct of the musical ceremonies, was awarded a P.M.'s gold jewel as some recognition of what he had done, and when the jewel was pinned on to his coat he was greeted with a hearty round of applause. The jewel was the work of Bro. Robert Swinerton, jeweller, Victoria-street.

ST. MAUGHOLD LODGE, No. 1075.

THE annual installation meeting in connection with this Lodge was held at Ramsey, and resulted in one of the most successful gatherings since the Lodge was formed a quarter of a century ago. There was a large assembly of Past Masters, including Bros. G. C. Heron, W. Laughlin, J. M. Cruickshank, W. L. Wild, J. Craine; and Bros. T. Allen, C. B. Nelson, P. Sanderson, W. Cannell, E. C. Kerr, &c. In addition to the rally of the old bulwarks of the Lodge, there was a numerous gathering of the Officers and brethren, and the meeting was characterised throughout by the excellence of the working and the harmonious feeling that prevailed. The duty of installing Bro. W. H. Taubman, the W.M. elect, had been entrusted to Bro. P. M. C. Kermod P.M., and he performed this interesting ceremony and delivered the lectures in a manner that elicited the warm approval and commendation of those present, who are experts in the art. After the W.M. had been installed in the chair of K.S., he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. J. M. Cruickshank I.P.M., A. Kitto S.W., W. H. Kitto J.W., P. M. C. Kermod P.M. Treasurer, E. M. LaMothe Secretary, Rev. W. Morris Chaplain, J. Cameron S.D., E. Wilson J.D., Rev. A. S. Newton I.G., J. Craine P.M. Organist, E. C. Kerr P.M. D.C., F. Taylor and R. B. Gill Stewards, and W. Callister Tyler. At the conclusion of the work of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, where, together with the invited guests, they dined together. The dinner was admirably prepared, and served in a manner for which this hotel has become famous—in fact, it was the general remark that the catering if possible had exceeded that of past years. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the newly-installed Master, Bro. W. H. Taubman, receiving special notice from Bro. Cruickshank, to whom the duty had been allotted, and who referred in eulogistic terms to

the valuable services that the W.M. had rendered the Lodge in the various offices that he had occupied, before he arrived at the honourable one of being a "ruler in the Craft." The toast of the immediate Past Master Bro. J. M. Cruickshank was entrusted to Bro. Saunderson P.M., and at the conclusion of his remarks, which were throughout highly complimentary to the retiring Master, he presented, from the members, a handsome gold jewel of a Past Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, as mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services. Full Masonic and musical honours greeted this toast; and Bro. Cruickshank, who apparently did not expect this mark of his brethren's approval of his work, very feelingly replied to the good wishes that had been expressed. The toast of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. E. C. Kerr P.M.; that of the Officers of 1075 by Bro. the Rev. W. Morris P.M. The Past Masters by Bro. A. Kitto. The Visitors and Sister Lodges by Bro. W. L. Wild; the Hostess by Bro. T. Allen P.M.; and the "Tyler's Toast," most expressively sang by Bro. J. J. Corlett P.M., concluded a most pleasant gathering. In the course of his reply to the Sister Lodges, Bro. G. C. Heron, referred to the enterprise that the brethren of the Lodge of St. Maughold had shown, not only in endeavouring to produce thoroughly good Masonic working, but in the establishment of a Club, in connection with the Lodge; which, being at once of a social and Masonic character provided the members and their visitors with those means of friendly intercourse that were so desirable in small communities, such as theirs was. He trusted that ere long, their brethren in the South would have founded such a club, which, he was persuaded would conduce to the cementing of friendship and the advancement of Freemasonry.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450.

AT the annual meeting held at Hayle, on Thursday, the 18th ult., Bro. Thomas Mudgo was installed W.M. by the retiring W.M. Bro. James Richards, assisted by Bros. W. Wagner P.M. and James Pool. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—James Richards I.P.M., Joseph G. Osborne S.W., J. W. Wilkinson J.W., C. R. D. Carter Chaplain, F. Harvey P.P.S.W. Treasurer, W. Wagner P.M. Secretary, H. Tredinnick S.D., J. M. Nicholls J.D., James Pool P.M. D.C., W. J. Harry Organist, J. Jamieson I.G., James Martin and H. Pool Stewards, and J. Bray Tyler.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 1042.

THE installation of this Lodge took place on the 18th ult. in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the Fraternity of Leeds and district. The Masonic Hall in Great George Street was the meeting place. Bro. Thompson acted as Installing Master, and very well did he go through this interesting ceremony. The newly-installed Master (Bro. John I. Booth) invested his Officers, as follow:—H. Cowbrough sen. I.P.M., Thos. Thorp S.W., J. W. Blackburn J.W., H. Cowbrough jun. Treasurer, J. B. Mayes Secretary, A. Atkinson S.D., R. J. Smith J.D., Thompson P.M. Dir. of Cers., Crosby P.M. Organist, Thos. Sutton I.G., S. Barrand Tyler, R. Waide and A. J. Dobson Stewards. At the subsequent banquet a long list of toasts was duly honoured, and a happy and harmonious evening was spent.

SCARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1214.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was celebrated at the Station Hotel, Butey, on the 23rd ult. Bro. J. Kenworthy Blakoy was placed in the chair of K.S. by Bros. Fawcett P.M., Hemmingway P.M., and Cantrill P.M. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. L. W. Taylor I.P.M., Jno. Hy. Bromley S.W., Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A., Prov. G. Chaplain J.W., E. Hemmingway P.P.G. Treasurer Treasurer, Thos. Cantrill P.M. Secretary, Hemmingway P.M. S.D., Critchley P.M. J.D., Fawcett P.M. Dir. of Cers., Oldroyd P.M. I.G., Ineson Tyler. At the subsequent banquet the Masonic toasts met with hearty response, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THIS flourishing Lodge met on Monday, the 15th ult., at the "Ship and Turtle," Leadenhall Street, under the presidency of Bro. B. Da Costa W.M., who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Do Casseres S.W., C. Nash Fox J.W., Freideberg P.M. Secretary, A. Jacobs S.D., C. Eschwago J.D., Abraham Cohen I.G., A. Da Costa I.P.M., P.M.'s W. Musto and Harry Marks. There were also present Bros. H. Hart, W. Hart, P. Rosenthal, D. Shute, Harberd, Costerton, Wilson, Rhodes, J. Solomon, H. Jacobs, J. Buckner, S. Crown, Van Flymen, Scott, &c. The Lodge was opened promptly, the business of the evening being the initiation and the passing ceremonies. For initiation there were two candidates, and for advancement to the second degree, three initiates presented themselves; and having properly responded to the inquiries of the W.M., they were duly advanced to the position of Fellow Craft; both of the ceremonies being conducted with great smartness, the W.M.'s knowledge of the ritual being such as to avert even occasional hesitation. After the little formal business which Bro. Freideberg had to submit, the Lodge adjourned, and over light refreshment the usual toasts were honoured. They included "The Health of the W.M.," and in connection with this, recognition was made of the accuracy and completeness of his working. Reference was also made to the importance of the Lodge of Instruction by Bro. L. Da Costa, who intimated that the same was held every Monday evening, at Bro. Musto's, the "White Horse," White Horse-lane, Mile End; and as the proceedings were so expeditiously arranged as to terminate by 8:30 p.m., a number of the brethren proceeded to the Lodge of Instruction.

AVON LODGE, No. 1633.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Chorlton-upon-Medlock, and as usual a large amount of business was gone through. The brethren met at 3:30, and amongst

those present were:—Bros. Charles Swinn W.M., W. A. Farrington S.W., J. T. Kenworthy J.W., Wm. Brown P.M. Sec., J. J. Wells J.D., A. Jacobson I.G., Past Masters W. T. Allitt, Geo. Macfarlane, S. D. McKellen P.P.G.S.D., Wm. Craven, Thos. Cavanah, A. F. Forrest and E. G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, Bros. B. Howard Org., Herman Mason, Wm. Profit, J. E. Greenwood, Robt. Aitchinson, H. R. Box, H. B. Dresser, C. H. Arnold, Phillip Fitzsimons, J. R. Vermont, G. de Juan Battaglia, Chas. Reid, Percy Howard, F. Carter, G. Aaronson and J. C. Walker. Visitors—N. Donham 269 Blackburn, W. G. Husband 1663, F. Thomas 2389, C. E. Towell S.W. 2389 and G. C. Williams P.M. 152. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jaques, and declared unanimously in his favour. Mr. Jaques was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., after which Bro. Geo. Macfarlane P.M. passed Bro. Percy Howard to the degree of F.C., and the W.M. Bro. Charles Swinn raised Bro. Fitzsimons to the sublime degree of a M.M. This was a fair amount of work before tea, after which Bro. Charles Swinn raised Bros. C. H. Arnold and H. B. Dresser, and the Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and this being the night for electing a W.M. for the ensuing year the choice of the brethren fell unanimously on the S.W. Bro. W. A. Farrington, who duly returned thanks for the honour. Bro. A. B. Whittaker P.M. was again elected Treasurer and Bro. Cantillon Tyler. Bros. Lyon and Jacobson were appointed auditors of the Treasurer's accounts. A vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to Mr. F. Green, brother of Bro. R. E. Green, one of the oldest members of the Avon Lodge; also to Bro. Henry Bracewell, over the death of his wife. There being no further business, "hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9:25. At the social board the health of the initiate, the newly-passed and raised brethren, were proposed and responded to. The Visitors was responded to by Bros. Pitt Hardacre and R. R. Lisenden, and the former Brother delighted his hearers with a clever rendering of his brother-in-law's (Harry Nicholls) composition, "The Villain of the Piece." A very brief but pleasant time was spent.

BALL AT BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE second annual Masonic ball in aid of the Durham Charity Fund took place in the Town Hall, Bishop Auckland, on the 19th ult., under the auspices of the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121; it was a very gay and enjoyable facion, at which the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren appeared in full-dress clothing and insignia of their Masonic rank. The room was very elegantly embellished with shields of the Bishop of Durham, Sir Wm. Eden, and others; a selection of lodge banners, including the handsome colours from the Provincial Lodge, mirrors in gilt casements, foliage plants from Auckland Castle, also an interesting assemblage of Lodge emblems, and so on. Mr. Edward Hinde catered at the refreshment buffet.

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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, 3rd January.

- General Committee Boys' School, M.H., 4
1623 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1453 Truth, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester

Monday, 5th January.

- 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
144 St. Luke, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
189 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1924 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
R.A. 29 Old King's Arms, Freemason's Tav, W.C.
M.M. 139 Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W. C.

- 37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
133 Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
361 Harmony & Industry, Bank Bldgs, Over Darwon
395 Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hot, Camb.
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597 St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009 Shakspeare, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050 Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1103 Royal Wharfedale, Private Rooms, Otley
1180 Forward, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 Do Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380 Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1519 Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, near Acerrington
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer Street, Swansea
1578 Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd
1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1798 Zion, Masonic Rooms, King St., Manchester
2094 Elthorne and Middx., Town Hall, Hounslow
2163 Jersey, Coffee Tavern, Southall
R.A. 262 Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M. 37 Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke

Tuesday, 6th January.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
166 Union, Criterion, W.
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
R.A. 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav, E.C.
M.M. 1 St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

- 70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham
158 Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
393 St. David, Masons' Hall, Berwick
493 Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558 Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
791 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
817 Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
948 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton Buzzard
974 Pentapla, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Hall, Cockermouth
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H., Manchester
2144 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322 Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1436 Square & Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1388 St. Elth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1670 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
1750 Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
993 Wolsley, Town Hall Buildings, Manchester
12032 The Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
R.A. 293 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 519 St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
M.M. 60 United Serv., Assembly Rooms, Chatham

Wednesday, 7th January.

- 1299 Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1797 Eleanor, Anderson's Hotel Fleet Street, E.C.
R.A. 15 Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 1225 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 71 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
137 Unity, M.H., Market Place, Poole
299 Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Rochdale
326 Norma, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
327 Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.

- 417 Faith and Unity, M.H., Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Rumsgate
471 Silberman, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
611 Lodge of the Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester
678 E. Eilesmere, Church Hor, Kersley, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
902 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013 Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1910 Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
1085 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
1091 Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167 Alnwick, M.H., Clayport Street, Alnwick
1206 Cinque Ports, Bull Hotel, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-Street
1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind St., Swansea
1335 Lindsay, 29 King Street, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh
1353 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
131 St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuo Brook, L'pool
1736 St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
1812 St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards-on-Sea
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth-
2042 Apollo, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
R.A. 300 Perseverance, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyn e
R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 376 Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, M.H. Ipswich
R.A. 1125 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Tiverton
M.M. 36 Furness, Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 8th January.

- 91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
239 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
203 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.
531 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657 Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate Street
860 Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.
879 Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Ha, Notting Hill
1708 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1937 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
2033 University of London, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2169 Derby Allcroft, Athenaeum Camden Road, N.
R.A. 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
R.A. 140 St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 538 Vano, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 619 Bendon, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.C. 42 St. George, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 35 Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97 Palatine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
146 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
213 Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Spalding
477 Morsey, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
549 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Seaford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739 Temperance, Masonic Rooms, Birmingham
781 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
786 Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool
945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
991 Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay
1035 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy
1055 Derby, Bedford Street, Chesham, Mauchester
1098 St. George, Temperance Hotel, Tredgar
1144 Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1147 St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
1369 Bala, Plasgog Hotel, Bala
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
1533 Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1782 Maecan, Swan, Colleshill
1911 De La Prié, Masonic Hall, Northampton
R.A. 220 Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston
R.A. 599 Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Scockport
R.A. 613 Bridson, Masonic Hall Southport
R.A. 807 Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 818 Philanthropic, Mas. Hall, Abergavenny
R.A. 889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M. St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
M.M. 16 Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's St., Devonport
M.M. 145 Constantine, George Hotel, Colechester

Friday, 9th January.

- 157 Belford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177 Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2009 Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square
2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 33 Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
K.T.D. Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
602 Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, W. Bromwich
815 Blair, Town Hall, Helms
945 Hartington, Harrington Hotel, Eastbourne
111 Wear Valley, May and Hill, Bishop Auckland
R.A. 996 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Leyon
K.T.D. 4 Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T.D. 126 De Waverley, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Saturday, 10th January.

- 176 Cavendish, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1325 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1633 Paxton, Barry M.H., Camberwell
1745 Perseverance, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
1540 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2929 King Solomon, 3a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 211 Brunswick, Windsor Castle, King St.
2003 Prudence, Masonic Hall, E.C.

- 5406 Northern Counties, F.M.H., Newcastle
2095 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1293 Bartlett, Metro Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. B Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 3rd January.

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

Monday, 5th January.

- 22 Loughborough, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., 7
171 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Beixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 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, 6th January.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel Croydon, 8.
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
709 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
829 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sileup, 7
869 Dilhousio, Middleton Arms, Dulston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Moa Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Gaays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Chantry Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgum, Three Sages, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 143 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1634 Browning, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav. N., 8
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 7th January.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubile, Mire, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
224 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
534 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Live pool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
729 Panmure, Balfour Hotel, Balfour, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
992 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1047 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1299 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Foxtoth, 149 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1576 Peckham, 519 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Horsea, Hull
1501 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Waltham-stow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1892 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, 1100 Street, Wallington-stow
2206 Howdon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8

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 New Road
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
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 Road, N., 8
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 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
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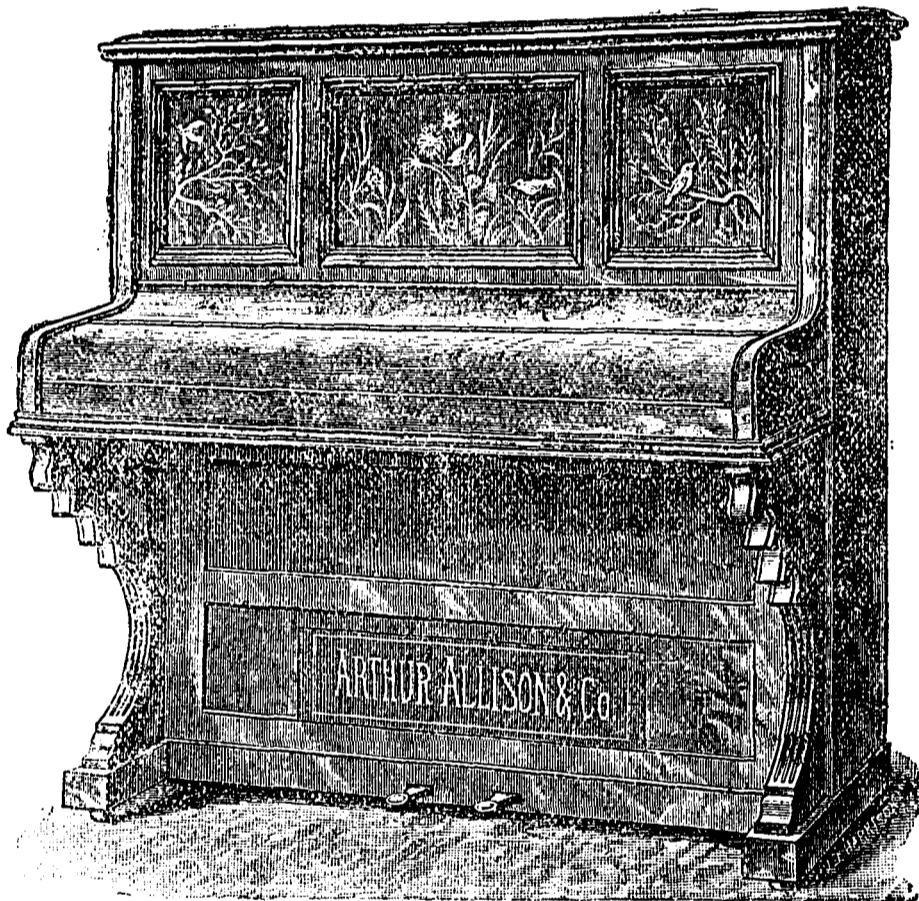


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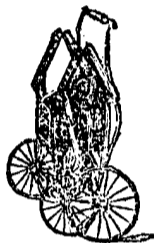
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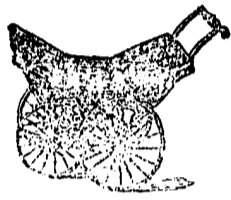
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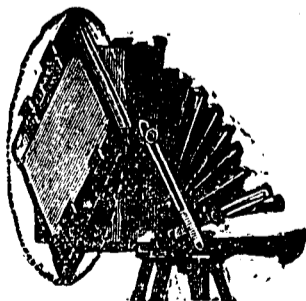
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